

# **Caribou County Sheriff's Office Safety in the Community**

## **Senior Citizen Safety**

### **R. U. O. K.**

Caribou County has what is referred to as the "R.U.O.K." Program going at this time, it has been very successful so far. This program is funded and run by the Caribou Memorial Hospital Auxiliary (Pink Ladies) with the Assistance of the Caribou County Sheriff's Office.

The Pink Ladies under the direction of Carol Lynn Rigby and Janiece Hildreth earned most of the funds to purchase the program and computer, which was setup in the Sheriff's Dispatch. The computer automatically calls people who need a little extra help in order to stay independently in their own residences. When the person receives that phone call they hear a recorded message and the computer then knows that person is okay. If there is no answer the computer will call back twice. After the third call the Sheriff's Dispatcher gets an "alert" from the computer, along with the person's name and address and other pertinent information. The dispatcher then advises the person responsible at the Pink Ladies or Carol Lynn Rigby and they arrange for family or a responsible party to check on the person. This is a wonderful service to our citizens in the area. It extends the time which they can live at home alone. And their loved ones can have a little peace of mind knowing they will be checked on at least once a day.

**This SERVICE IS ENTIRELY FREE!!!**

If you have a need for this service, feel free to contact **Carol Lynn Rigby at 547-3831** or our office any time **at 547-2561** and we will pass your message on to the appropriate place.