



2017

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THE LAS CRUCES
Bulletin

HOLIDAY EVENTS & SHOPPING

Las Cruces Public Schools events:

• 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Dec. 15 and 16; 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 17: Las Cruces High

School Theatre Department performance, "Hiding in the Open," LCHS performing arts center, 1750 El Paseo Road. Info: 575-527-9400.

• 9 a.m., Friday, Dec. 15: Desert Hills Elementary School first-grade performance of "Bring on The Snow." DHES, 280 N. Roadrunner Pkwy. Info: 575-527-9619.

• 7 p.m. Saturday and Sunday Dec. 16, 17: Mayfield High School Choir Winter Concert, Alma d'

Arte Charter High School, 402 W. Court Ave. 575-527-9415.

Tuesday, Dec. 19:

• 6 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 19: Mesilla Elementary School Holiday Concert, grades two, three, four. MES,

2362 Calle del Sur in Mesilla, Info: 575-527-9566.

Wednesday, Dec. 20:

• 9 a.m., Wednesday, Dec. 20: Desert Hills Elementary School kindergarten performance, "The Big Chill."

DHES, 280 N. Roadrunner Pkwy. Info: 575-527-9619.

Christmas party: 6-8:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 15, Mesilla Park Community Church, 1040 El Paseo Road. Free admission. Free hot chocolate and popcorn. Watch a Christmas movie and take a photo with Santa Claus. Info: 575-524-7658, by email at info@getrealchurch.org, or by visiting www.getrealchurch.org

Voz Vaqueros: The Singing Men of Las Cruces, established 46 years ago in 1971, presents its 40th series of Christmas Concerts at 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 15, Trinity Lutheran Church, 2900 Elks Drive; 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 16, Good Samaritan Society Auditorium, 3025 Terrace Drive. Free.

Mariachi Merry Christmas:

2-8 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 17, Palacio Bar, 2600 Avenida de Mesilla. Featuring performances by Alyssa Adriana Bustillos, Salvador Hernandez, Orlando-Antonio Jimenez, Mariachi Aguillas, Greg Rocha and deejay Rob-E. \$20 cover includes "Christmas" enchilada plate. All proceeds benefit the Las Cruces International Mariachi Conference.

Winterfest 2017: Food Truck Fiesta, DLCP Events, Leave It Local, Las Cruces, and Bravo Mic host Winterfest on Plaza de Las Cruces, 5-9 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 20. Enjoy live entertainment, food trucks, vendors for last-minute shopping with special prices for kids, canned food drive, free photo with Santa in exchange for canned goods/gloves/socks/flashlight donations. Proceeds

benefit Mesilla Valley Community of Hope.

Hospice holidays: Through Dec. 21. The Emporium antique store benefiting Mesilla Valley Hospice asks the community for antique or collectible Christmas tree ornaments to decorate its holiday tree. The store offers \$5 off any purchase of over \$10 for

donating an ornament. Bring donations to The Emporium, 106 Water St., Wednesdays-Saturdays. Info: 575-525-1235.

Campfire Christmas cookies: 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Dec. 23, New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum. The museum will teach the age-old art of making cookies using a vintage pizzelle iron from



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the 1800s using traditional cookie cutters with all the fixins and decorations ready. Regular Museum admission is required to participate in this special program, \$5 for adults, \$4 for senior citizens, and \$3 for children 5-17.

Christmas Eve in Mesilla:

Enjoy some hot chocolate and a stroll on the historic Mesilla plaza aglow on Christmas Eve with luminarias, carolers and all the magic of the holiday season. Info: Town of Mesilla, 575-524-3262

Big Daddy's Flea Market:

7 a.m.-2 p.m., Saturdays and Sundays, 5580 Bataan Memorial East, Hwy. 70 East. Info: 575-382-9404.

Blankets needed:

The Gospel Rescue Mission has a critical need for blankets. They may be donated at

either the Gospel Rescue Mission Clothing Room, 1416 S. Solano Ave., or at the mission, 1050 W. Amorador Ave. Hours are 9-11 a.m. Monday and Friday and 9-11 a.m. and 3-5 p.m. Wednesday. Info: 575-642-9619.

Farmers and crafts market:

8:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Saturdays, Plaza de Las Cruces.

La Frontera store:

La Frontera, a seller of fair-trade items made by women from the border area and Mexico, is located at Nopalito's Galeria, 326 S. Mesquite St., in Las Cruces and will be open every Saturday through Dec. 30 for holiday shopping.

Proceeds from sales go to the women who produce the products, which include oil cloth aprons and tote bags, guerilla prayer

flags, clothing and household items. Info: lafronterafairtrade@gmail.com.

Old Mesilla's Mercado:

11 a.m.-8 p.m., Fridays and 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Sundays on the historic plaza in Mesilla. Find hand-crafted jewelry, original artwork and locally grown produce.

Christmas concert:

The New Desert Harmony Singers will wrap up its 2017 holiday season with a free public concert 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 17 at St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 225 W. Griggs Ave. Donations of non-perishable food items and cash or check will be accepted to benefit Casa de Peregrinos food bank. Interested singers are welcome to attend a rehearsal. Info: Don Harlow, musical director, 575-373-1816, NDHSingers@gmail.com.



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Toys for Kids Motorcycle Parade

Riders move out of the Mesilla Valley Mall parking lot towards The Las Cruces Convention Center for the Toys for Kids Parade on Nov. 19.

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"The Grinch" and his wife, Martha Bauer, attended the Nov. 19 Toys for Tots Parade.



Jacob Eck and brother Wesley get set to ride.

The 35th annual Toys for Kids motorcycle parade took place Sunday, Nov. 19. The parade began at Mesilla Valley Mall, headed south on Don Roser Drive, west on Missouri Avenue to Solano Drive, south to University Avenue and ended at the Las Cruces Convention Center. Participants donated \$10 or more and a new toy valued at \$7 or more received a meal and a chance to win a door prize or grand prize. Donations benefitted Tresco TOTS, a nonprofit early intervention agency in southern New Mexico. It provides physical, occupational, speech and developmental therapy, among other services, to children from birth to 3 years of age who have, or are at risk for developmental delays. Toys also can be dropped off at Tresco TOTS, 2325 E. Nevada St., or Wheelsport, 105 Hanks Drive in Mesilla Park.

Toys for Tots Bicycle Ride



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From left: Toys for Tots Riders Mike Sullivan from Ziavelo cycling, Bridgette Widner, Breanna Widner, Ben Widner III and Ben Widner.



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Las Cruces Christmas Tree Lighting

The 2nd annual Christmas tree lighting ceremony illuminated Plaza de Las Cruces Saturday evening, Dec. 2.

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Holiday Open House

Santa and Mrs. Claus greet visitors at their annual stop in Las Cruces Dec. 1 by train at the Las Cruces Railroad Museum. The 13th annual Holiday Open House included live music, lights, decorated model trains, crafts and a long visit by the First Couple of Santa's workshop.

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