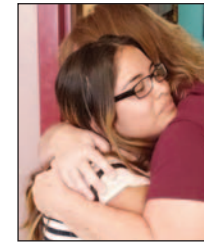


NMSU short film at Cannes
Page B15



THE LAS CRUCES Bulletin



Senior graduates despite struggles
Page A3

\$1.00 • © 2016 LAS CRUCES BULLETIN

LOCAL NEWS AND ENTERTAINMENT SINCE 1969 • WWW.LASCRUCESBULLETIN.COM • FRIDAY, MAY 20, 2016

VOLUME 48 • NUMBER 61

MEMORIAL DAY SALE
8 YEARS NO INTEREST*

TEMPUR-PEDIC

*Min. \$1,999, + 20% down pmt., OAC
See store for details.

ASHLEY FURNITURE Homestore
3299 Del Rey Blvd. Las Cruces
575.523.3933

For first time ever, votes can be cast on Memorial Day

Bulletin report

For the first time ever, the Doña Ana County Clerk's office will be open on the Memorial Day holiday, Monday, May 30, so people can vote early in the 2016 primary election.

Memorial Day voting will take place from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the county government center, 845 N. Motel Blvd.

"The election officials working the polls and our staff decided that it would be a great idea to promote voting as a way to memorialize those who made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedoms," said Chief Deputy County Clerk Scott Krahling. "Voting is a fundamental part of being American and the least we can do is honor those who gave their lives by being active citizens and voting," he said.

SEE **VOTE**, PAGE A9

Commencement smiles



BULLETIN PHOTO BY CHRISTOPHER BELARDE

Doña Ana Community College professor in business and marketing, Susan Williams, hugs a student in celebration of the 2016 DACC Commencement, Thursday, May 12. For more photos, see Page A11.

Council approves update in impact fees

By Mike Cook
Las Cruces Bulletin

By a 6-1 vote, the Las Cruces City Council approved a resolution granting updates to the city's public safety development impact fees and capital improvement plan.

Councillor Ceil Levatino was the sole vote against the resolution.

The vote will mean a fee increase for some home owners and some business owners. The fees are "one-time payments used to fund capital improvements necessitated by additional housing units and nonresidential buildings," according to the draft Public Safety Development Fee Update document prepared for the city by TischlerBise, Inc., a fiscal, economic and planning consulting firm located in Bethesda, Maryland and Bradenton, Florida.

The fees, which help pay for police and fire department equipment, buildings and property, are set based

SEE **FEES**, PAGE A9



WHAT'S INSIDE

Opinions..... A4	Sports A29-A31	Brain Games B11	Legals/ Classifieds B23-B28
Coming Up..... A33	Arts & Entertainment... B2-B16	Religion..... B17	Health & Well Being .. B29-B32
Business..... A25-A28	Sudoku..... B10	Homes B19	

Now thru May

Sports Physicals \$20

MMC Family Medicine Center

For an Appointment
Call 521-5370
Mon-Fri, 8 am - 5 pm

Extended Walk-in Hours
on Mon & Thu until 7:30 pm

Don Roser at Terrace (on the NW corner of the MMC campus)

Family HealthCare Center
PICACHO

For an Appointment
Call 532-4427
Mon-Fri, 8 am - 6 pm

Walk-ins always welcome

3030 W. Picacho (on the side of Citizens Bank)



Content brought to you by:

Doña Ana County 'Your Partner in Progress'



La Mesa clinic set

A May 25 community outreach meeting in La Mesa has been slated to help residents with getting assistance from local, state and federal government agencies.

The La Mesa Mobile Constituent Services Outreach Clinic will be offered from 3-4 p.m. Wednesday, May 25, at the La Mesa Catholic Church Hall at 333 E. Josephine St. A representative from Rep. Steve Pearce's Las Cruces field office has been invited to attend.

Office Manager Liz Reed and her staff are coordinating with the southern New Mexico congressional delegation to ensure that each outreach event offers the maximum capability to address a broad range of needs and issues.

"The purpose of these meetings is to make government more accessible for constituents, especially those who reside in rural areas," Reed said.

For more information, contact the Doña Ana County Community and Constituent Services Office at (575) 525-5989.



GRADUATES!

The Doña Ana County Fire Academy will graduate seven new firefighters at a 6 p.m. ceremony today in the Commission Chambers of the Doña Ana County Government Center. Left to right are: Thomas Ontiveros, Joseph Rodriguez, Alex Bawza, Joshua Duran, Jay Lujan, Oscar Encina, Capt. Celso Enciso (instructor) and Kimberly Porras. Speaking to the graduates will be La Mesa Volunteer Fire District Chief Thomas Ontiveros, Sr. whose son is one of the graduates. He is expected to touch on highlights from his long tenure as a volunteer firefighter and district officer, and the changes he's seen along the way.

PHOTO: Chris Pinney

Ellins announces statewide voter-info security enhancement

Thanks to funding by the Doña Ana County Clerk's Office and the Bernalillo County Clerk's Office, voter information statewide is now exponentially more secure than ever before.

Employees of county clerks' offices in each of New Mexico's 33 counties now require formal access permissions to view sensitive voter information – including dates of birth and Social Security numbers – from the New Mexico Secretary of State's website.

"The Secretary of State's Office did not have the funds required to implement this security enhancement, so I authorized funding for half of the pur-

chase, and my colleague in Bernalillo County – Clerk Maggie Toulouse Oliver – authorized funding from her budget for the other half," said Doña Ana County Clerk Lynn Ellins. "With this final step in place, the risk of unlawful access to protected personal data has been reduced as close to zero as possible."

In other news related to the Doña Ana County Clerk's Office, the Doña Ana County Bureau of Elections has facilitated 2,368 new voter registrations within Doña Ana County since May 1, according to Chief Deputy County Clerk Scott A. Krahlung.

JOIN US ON SOCIAL MEDIA!



May 20, 2016

Visit our Award-Winning Website at www.donaanacounty.org or Contact Us at (575) 647-7200



BULLETIN PHOTO BY MIKE COOK

Joana Vazquez hugs Rio Grande Preparatory Institute Principal Kathie Davis.

Rio Grande Prep senior graduates despite struggles

By Mike Cook
Las Cruces Bulletin

“I never thought I could graduate,” Rio Grande Preparatory Institute (RGPI) senior Joana Vazquez said last week. But on Wednesday, May 18, she joined 159 other 2016 RGPI graduating seniors at the Pan American Center as they accepted their diplomas and turned their tassels.

Vazquez, 19, is a single mother

who spent much of her childhood in group homes and foster care. Now, she lives in her own apartment with her two and a half-year-old son, Jordan, and is making plans to attend nursing school at Doña Ana Community College.

“What motivated me was my son,” Vazquez said. “I feel like I’m growing up with him. I want to show him that if I can do it, he can do it,” she said.

Born in Mexico into a very poor family, Vazquez and her sister came to the United States with their parents when they were very young. After their mother died and their father was unable to care for them and returned to Mexico, the sisters were placed in foster care in Santa Fe.

Vazquez didn’t get along with her

SEE SENIOR, PAGE A7

Apply for an
Energy Saving Rebate!*

Rebates Available for **El Paso Electric** New Mexico Residential Customers!

Evaporative Cooling Rebates

\$300 or \$700 rebate on new qualifying units.

Refrigerated Cooling Rebates

\$250 - \$700 rebate on new qualifying units.

Visit epesaver.com for eligible units and application forms.

Questions? 575-523-3533

*Must be an El Paso Electric residential customer in the New Mexico service territory to participate. Limit of 1 rebate per household, first come – first served. Eligible units must be purchased and installed in current program year.

Get connected at
epelectric.com



**THANK YOU
LAS CRUCES AND
DONA ANA COUNTY**

**NATIONAL ASSOCIATION
OF LETTER CARRIERS**

**Stamp
Out
Hunger**

FOOD DRIVE

**Brought in
30,000 Lbs. of Food**

**We are grateful to the
Letter Carriers #2905, Rural
Letter Carriers, United Way
of Southwest New Mexico,
Roadrunner Food Bank,
El Paso Electric & the volunteers
for this year’s success.**



From the publisher

BY RICHARD COLTHARP

The summer sendoff

NMSU, students, make Las Cruces what it is

The afternoon of Friday, May 13, I had meetings on the New Mexico State University campus, and afterward at a couple of businesses nearby.

It was the last day of classes and the day before graduation.

Not many students were around, but those who were greeted each other with big hugs and smiles.

Some of these students, whether they knew it or not, were saying goodbye for the last time. Some of them may never see each other again. Others, particularly those couples who meet at college and later get married, may see each other daily for the next 50 years.

Some had family in tow, showing them around one last time the campus from which they would graduate the next day.

It's easy to take for granted what NMSU means to Las Cruces culturally and economically, but it's easy to say we

wouldn't be the same without the students and what they bring to our city.

Looking at the university's direct and indirect impacts, NMSU and its local branch, Doña Ana Community College, are responsible for 1 in every 5 jobs in Doña Ana County.

Spending produced by the university directly and indirectly has an impact of more than \$500 million, according to past NMSU economic studies.

Businesses all over Las Cruces feel the difference when the spring semester ends and students depart. Ones closer to campus often feel the pinch the most.

Toucan Market, situated in Pan Am Plaza across the street from campus, does a lot of business with students. Every May, when classes end, Toucan feels the difference.

"It's a little bit of a dip, but we expect it, and plan for it every summer,"

Toucan Market store director Rob Baur said.

Vince Vaccaro, owner of Lorenzo's Pan Am also feels the crunch.

"We get a lot of business from students, when they come in for dates, or with their parents," Vaccaro said. "But indirectly, we get a lot of business from the professors and the staff."

Vaccaro estimates the students represent about 11 percent of his business, and the staff and faculty another 20 percent.

Can he weather the storm of a 31 percent drop-off over the summer?

"We have for 32 years," Vaccaro said.

The other crimp businesses feel is the loss of employees. Many will tell you their best and hardest working employees are college students. Losing good employees can be as hard or harder on businesses than losing good customers.

Some will tell you they

EDITORIAL CARTOON



like it when the students are gone. It's quieter, and the traffic is so much lighter, especially around campus.

For me, though, the traffic is a small price to pay for all the benefits we receive from the students and the university.

World class plays, concerts and lectures take place at the university all

the time. The art community both on and off campus feeds off the youth and creativity of our students and the college spirit.

NCAA athletics provide a great opportunity to watch sports and socialize with our friends and family.

Students and faculty from all over the world

enrich our diversity.

Plus, there's that intangible buzz from the college students, faculty and atmosphere.

In a post on Facebook, State Rep. Bill McCamley, an NMSU grad, recently put it this way: "Living in a university town, the week after finals always feels a little lonely ..."

We want to hear from you

The Las Cruces Bulletin invites readers to submit letters, preferably by email to editor@lascrucesbulletin.com. They can be sent in by fax at 575-526-4621. Letters also can be mailed or dropped off at 1740 A Calle de Mercado, Las Cruces, 88005. Letters should not exceed 200 words and must include the writer's name, address and telephone number for verification. Anonymous letters will not be published. Letters may be edited for length or content.

THE LAS CRUCES **Bulletin**

2012 "General Excellence" Award
National Newspaper Association - Second Place

2012 "Business of the Year" Las Cruces Hispanic Chamber of Commerce
2011 "General Excellence" Award New Mexico Press Association
2010 "Community Arts Award" Doña Ana Arts Council
2009 "Small Business of the Year" Las Cruces Hispanic Chamber of Commerce
2008 "Spirit of Service Award" New Mexico State University Foundation
2007 "VIVA Award" N.M. Association of Commerce and Industry

PUBLISHER
Richard Coltharp

ADVERTISING SALES
Claire Frohs
Melissa Antencio
Pam Rossi
Elaine Sasnow

LEGALS/CLASSIFIED
Jamie Pfannenstiel

CIRCULATION
Teresa Tolonen, Manager

EDITORS
Tracy Roy, Content Director
Brook Stockberger,
Bulletin Managing Editor
Elva Osterreich,
Special Projects

GRAPHIC DESIGNERS
Rhonda Barrick
Jessica Stephens
Melanie Smith
Stacey Neal

**REPORTERS,
CONTRIBUTORS &
PHOTOGRAPHERS**
Susan Ouder Kirk
Christophe Chino
Dawn Franco
Alta LeCompte
Christopher Belarde
Orlando Santana



COPYRIGHT: The entire contents of The Las Cruces Bulletin are copyright 2016 by Las Cruces Bulletin. No portion may be reproduced in whole or in part by any means including electronic retrieval systems without the written permission of the publisher. DISTRIBUTION: The Las Cruces Bulletin is complimentary at advertised locations in Las Cruces, limited to one copy per reader; \$1 per copy elsewhere. Previous issues of The Las Cruces Bulletin may be purchased at the Bulletin office at 1740-A Calle de Mercado, Las Cruces, NM 88005, at a cost of \$1 for any issue from the past four weeks or \$3 each for issues up to two years old. The Las Cruces Bulletin may be distributed only by Las Cruces Bulletin's authorized independent contractors or authorized distributors. No person may, without prior written permission of the Las Cruces Bulletin, take more than one copy of each Bulletin issue. Subscriptions available: \$54 per year in Las Cruces or \$125 per year through the U.S. Postal Service.

Education could improve with nontraditional offerings

When I make suggestions to public schools I usually get two rejections: one for that idea and another for whatever I think of next. It doesn't stop me. In fact, here are two rejected ideas from the last few years.

The simpler one is to add table tennis to public schools. While teaching at Albuquerque High School in the 1970s, we started an afterschool table tennis team which had about 70 regular members. The rules had to be followed but there were no academic requirements.

Students could play table tennis in a sixteen-team league. At the time, I was a tournament table tennis player so I was good, having learned the game at age seven in Japan.

Here's the pitch to my local school district: it

Michael Swickard
In My Opinion



doesn't require language, gender, size or ethnic origins. But it does require that participants not drink alcohol or take drugs. The eye/hand requirements are such that participants cannot play when impaired.

I found with the team at Albuquerque High that those students were very competitive but for behavior or grades or lack of sufficient ability could not compete in more traditional high school sports. In table tennis they found something they could master fairly well in a few months and then could compete with others in their same skill level.

It kept kids in high school. Years later when I

tried to get my local school district to start it in elementary school and continue through high school, I was told it wasn't football so forget it.

Another idea. Back in the 1950s as a small child I was living at Kirtland Air Force Base in Albuquerque. I witnessed the Air Force Thunderbirds come over at about 500 feet and several hundred miles an hour.

As I looked up with five-year-old eyes I thought,

and still do, flying is wonderful. Then I was able to get deeper into this realm when America decided to put men on the moon. John Glenn orbited the Earth three times. I built models of Mercury, Gemini and Apollo craft and breathlessly followed.

One of my suggestions a

few years ago to my local school district is that they start building the dream of flying for students. Consider that we, as a nation, are running out of private pilots because young people are not going into aviation as they have in the past.

SEE SWICKARD, PAGE A6

BaxterBlack

ON THE EDGE OF COMMON SENSE

First dance



I danced with another woman tonight
My wife didn't seem to mind.
We took to the floor like a pair of swans
That fate forever entwined.

Leaving our wake through the dancers who flowed
Like notes in search of a song
We tested our two step, tried out a waltz
and laughed when something went wrong!

I led and she followed, trusting each step,
Spurred by the beat of the band
Like birds taking wing the very first time,
It helps...to hold someone's hand.

Although I had known this woman before
I'd thought of her as a child
But there on the dance floor, arm 'round her waist,
I found my heart was beguiled.

For her a window had opened. I was there,
I'm eternally glad.
The rest of my life I'll remember
The first night she danced with her dad.

www.baxterblack.com

VOTE
MAKE A DIFFERENCE

2016 PRIMARY ELECTION

Must Be Registered as Either Republican or Democrat

ABSENTEE BALLOT MAY 10 - JUNE 3, 2016

You can request an absentee ballot until June 3, 2016.

Our office will begin mailing them out on May 10, 2016.

Ballots must be received in our office by June 7, 2016 at 7:00pm.

ELECCIONES PRIMARIAS 2016

Debes Estar Registrado Como Republicano o Demócrata

BOLETA PARA AUSENTES
10 de mayo - 3 de junio, 2016

Puedes solicitar una boleta para ausentes hasta el 3 de junio de 2016.

Nuestra dependencia comenzará a enviarlas por correo el 10 de mayo de 2016.

Las boletas deberán haberse recibido en la dependencia para el 7 de junio a las 7:00pm.

**EVERY
VOTE
COUNTS.**

DOÑA ANA COUNTY
BUREAU OF
ELECTIONS



**CADA
VOTO
CUENTA.**

845 N. Motel Blvd., Las Cruces, NM 88007 (575) 647-7428 DACElections.com

SWICKARD FROM PAGE A5

This last weekend members of an experimental aircraft association took several students up flying, which is great. What I have pitched a couple times and got rejected was to introduce flight simulator software with inexpensive yoke and pedals to fourth grade students who are interested.

Microsoft make a flight simulator that teaches flying nicely. The yoke and rudder pedals are cheap so there is not much investment in each classroom.

If students start in fourth grade, by sixth grade they can join Civil Air Patrol where they will learn lots about aviation and probably get some rides in airplanes. By eighth grade they can solo in a glider and get a glider license to fly. Finally, by the time they are sixteen they can get a pilot's license. Wow! Almost before they get a license to drive they can be flying.

A former squadron commander of Civil Air Patrol liked the idea and thought that he and his colleagues would be glad to help teachers learn the flight simulator and how to help students learn from the program.

The people in the public schools rejected this because flying is not on the accountability tests so it would take students away from doing better on tests. Really? Right now many students are bored out of their minds with the mania for testing: learn an answer, give an answer, learn an answer, etc.

How would it change a generation of students who want to experience flight? It would be a motivator to learn math and other concepts that flying use. Further, no one who flies sees the Earth the same as they did before they flew.

Both table tennis and flying would add lots of sizzle to the school day for interested students but are rejected as activities for not being on the accountability tests. Perhaps practical, interesting things should be.

Email: drswickard@comcast.net - Swickard's new novel about New Mexico, Hideaway Hills, is now available at Amazon.com



COURTESY PHOTO

Renay Scott, president of Doña Ana Community College, receives a \$23,000 check from Ivan Jaime, Union Pacific Director of Public Affairs for Texas and New Mexico. The grant will be used to help develop the workforce in southern Doña Ana County through DACC's Sunland Park Center.

DACC receives Union Pacific grant

Bulletin report

Union Pacific recently gave a \$23,000 grant to Doña Ana Community College to help develop the workforce in southern Doña Ana County

through the Doña Ana Community College (DACC) Sunland Park Center.

"Through the generous funding of Union Pacific Foundation our students and the communities of southern Doña Ana County continue to benefit," DACC President Renay Scott said. "Our Sunland Park Center faculty and staff are looking forward to continuing their work with the community to help students and others gain the necessary skills to advance in their career or to gain employment." The funds will support

two initiatives, a computer learning station laboratory and job training programs.

The computer learning station laboratory will be used by students and those taking job skills enhancement programs. Training programs are offered for those wanting to improve their skills and those seeking employment. Career service training, career choice assessment, soft skills, and computer skills are all offered in workshops. Workforce training programs are open to the

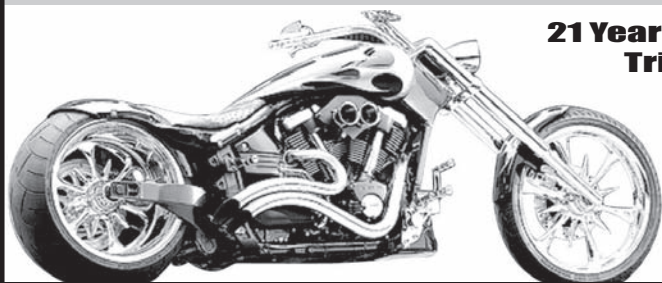
entire community including DACC students.

"The DACC Sunland Park Center provides meaningful services that positively impact lives," said Ivan Jaime, Union Pacific Director - Public Affairs for Texas and New Mexico. "An integral part of Union Pacific's success is the work we do to enhance quality of life in the communities where our employees live and work."

Sunland Park is the southern-most educational center of the community college and is closest to the Union Pacific Santa Teresa Terminal. The Center continues to provide workforce development skills to job seekers and education for students. The Union Pacific Santa Teresa Terminal is a \$400 million state-of-the-art facility. The facility has become a strategic focal point for rail shipments in the southwestern United States.

Law offices of Kenneth G. Egan

MOTORCYCLE ACCIDENTS



**21 Years Experience
Trial Work**



Free Consultation

575-523-2222

1111 E. Lohman
(Next to Pep Boys)

Visit us at

www.eganlawoffices.com

Vote for

Bill D. Standridge



County Commission
District 5

"The change we need"

575-489-7375

bill4commissioner@gmail.com

Paid for by the Friends of Bill
- Tim Zagorski, Treasurer

SENIOR FROM PAGE A3

adoptive mother, so she was placed in foster care in Las Cruces, while her sister, now 14, remained in Santa Fe.

Joana became pregnant and went through a tough time shortly after her son was born. "I wasn't very stable," she said, and Jordan's father was able to gain custody of their son for a short time. "I didn't see my son for three months," she said.

By then a student at RGPI, Vazquez borrowed \$40 from RGPI Principal Kathie Davis, consulted a lawyer and regained custody of her son.

Now, Vazquez spends as much time as she can with him, taking care to dress him each morning and talk to him about the colors he's wearing that day; and she reads to him every day.

Jordan's favorite book is "The World," Vazquez said. "He almost knows the whole book," she said. "He's very smart." Jordan also loves reading about trains. "I buy him a book every time I go to the store because I didn't

have that," she said.

Joana remembers other ways she was neglected at her son's age, and said, "I want to make it better for him."

Vasquez gets up at 6 a.m. each morning so she and Jordan can catch the city bus - going to day care (which Vazquez tells him is "your school") and mom going to RGPI, and soon DACC.

Vazquez said she has received a lot of support from Davis and the other staff at RGPI. "You get more one-on-one time" at the school, Vazquez said. She has maintained a 3.0 grade point average, and her favorite subject is math. "I like fixing problems," she said.

"I am proud that Joana is one of RGPI's graduates," RGPI Principal Kathie Davis said. "The amount of grit this young woman has demonstrated in her young life is inspirational. I rejoice that I



VASQUEZ

'The amount of grit this young woman has demonstrated in her young life is inspirational.'

KATHIE DAVIS

RGPI principal

had the opportunity to work with her. She is on to bigger and better things," Davis said.

Vazquez believes everything in her life has happened for a reason, even the death of her birth

mother. She is grateful to be a U.S. citizen and to be able to provide better care and support for her son. "I don't want people to feel sorry for me," she said.

"Everybody struggles, of course," Vazquez said. "Mine are a little bit bigger. I never lost focus." Vazquez said she could "complain about how bad my life is (but) if I don't better myself, it's always

going to be like this," she said.

Vazquez said she does wish she could afford to buy a car so she and Jordan wouldn't have to get up so early to ride the bus. She also hopes to own a home one day.

"I can't wait to look back at all this when I'm a nurse and say, 'Wow. Look what I did. Look where I came from,'" she said.

"I joined the Memorial team because of their commitment to the community and their integrity."

John Ramirez, M.D.
General Surgery

I Choose Memorial

Dr. Ramirez is a highly respected surgeon who has been in private practice in Las Cruces for more than 30 years. In May, he became a part of General Surgery Associates. We are honored to welcome Dr. Ramirez to the Memorial team.

GENERAL SURGERY ASSOCIATES

Memorial HealthPlex
2735 Northrise Drive
Las Cruces

575-522-0329 MMCLC.org

VOLUNTEER DRIVERS NEEDED

The Disabled American Veterans Chapter 38 needs volunteer drivers to transport disabled Veterans to VA Health Care locations in Las Cruces, El Paso and Albuquerque.

Qualifications:

- A valid New Mexico drivers license
- Ability to pass a New Mexico Dept. of Transportation health screening
- U.S. citizenship
- Over 21 years of age
- Drivers needed whenever you're available to help our Veterans: one day a week, one day a month. Thank you!

Please contact John Devere, Commander
575-640-8865
John.Devere@yahoo.com

DAV Chapter 38 • 1950 Calle Del Norte, Mesilla, NM 88046

City says 'goodbye' to manager, fire chief

By Mike Cook
Las Cruces Bulletin

The Las Cruces City Council's Monday, May 16, meeting was Robert Garza's last regular council meeting as city manager and Travis Brown's last as city fire chief.



GARZA

Garza is retiring after 30 years with the city, including the last six years as city manager. He served six years before that as assistant city manager. Garza's last work day is Friday, May 27.

Brown also is retiring at the end of May. He has been with the city fire department for 27 years and has been fire chief since May 2010.

"Thanks for everything, Robert," Mayor Ken Miyagishima said. "We come up with ideas but you guys

come up with ways to get it done. It's just a tough day for us," he said. "We're losing a couple of our top administrators. Chief

Brown also is retiring. You've done great things with your department and our city and our residents have benefited from it," Miyagishima said to Brown. "Thank you for your years of service."

"We will look at a great future. We will continue to provide wonderful things for our community. You have provided a wonderful foundation," Mayor Pro-Tem Greg Smith said.

"I feel incredibly spoiled to have spent my first six months on city council with Robert and Travis," said Councillor Jack Eakman. "I thank you very much. These are huge

shoes to be filled in our city," he said. Eakman encouraged newly appointed Interim City Manager Daniel Avila and incoming Fire Chief Eric Enriquez to "take that challenge and run with it."

"Every time I have gone to talk to Robert, he has found a solution," Councillor Olga Pedroza said. To both Garza and Brown she said, "We thank you for your service."

"Thank you Chief Brown, you have been an absolute delight to work with," said Councillor Ceil Levatino. "You are totally professional. Your successor has big shoes to fill. As far as Robert is concerned, I don't even want to go there because I'm going to start crying. You have been amazing to work with and I'm going to miss you a lot," she said.

"We'll miss both you, Chief and Mr. Garza," said

Councillor Gill Sorg.

Councillor Kasandra Gandara said it was an honor to work with Garza. "I am very grateful for your direction and your leadership. Thank you for your service and for your leadership as well," she said to Brown.

"I appreciate all the mentoring you have given me," Avila said to Garza. "I do have your cell number."

"You are the best boss I have ever had," city Utilities Department Director Dr. Jorge Garcia said to Garza. Garcia said he and Garza have worked together for 25 years at the city. Garcia also said it "was great working with the chief," in reference to Brown.

Police Chief Jaime Montoya said Garza and Brown are "cut from that same mold." Since becoming police chief a year and a-half ago, Montoya said, "Mr. Garza had great confidence in me and I hope I haven't let him down. I will miss Travis

Council approves Avila as acting manager

By Mike Cook
Las Cruces Bulletin

By a unanimous vote, Las Cruces Mayor Ken Miyagishima and members of the city council approved the appointment of current Assistant City Manager and Chief Operating Officer (COO) Daniel Avila as acting city manager. The action was taken at the council's Monday, May 16 regular meeting.



AVILA

Avila will replace Robert Garza, whose last working day with the city will be Friday, May 27. Garza is retiring after six years as city manager and a total of 30 years with the city.

Avila's appointment as interim city manager is for a period of 90 days, Garza said, and can be extended for up to six months, as the city continues its search for a perma-

nent replacement for Garza.

A native of El Paso, Avila was named Las Cruces assistant city manager and COO in June 2015. He previously worked as the vice president of Operations and Engineering for El Paso Water Utilities, where he also served as the chief technical officer, project administration manager and construction manager, said Garza in a 2015 city newsletter. "Avila's experience also includes work with the Federal Aviation Administration in California and El Paso, as well as the Texas Department of Transportation, and the City of El Paso's Engineering Design Section and Street Department. He has extensive experience with managing large projects, planning and development facilitation, engineering design, and construction management and these skills will serve us well," Garza said in the newsletter.

"While Daniel has only been with the City of Las Cruces for one year, he has acclimated very well and is well positioned to assist the city council with maintaining the on-going business of running this organization," Garza said. "His background in engineering and management in a variety of local, state and federal agencies makes him highly qualified to take the reins and help with the transition of city management."

As assistant city manager and COO, Avila earns a salary of \$117,000. He will receive a 10 percent pay increase while serving as interim city manager, raising his salary temporarily to \$128,700, Garza said. Avila did not apply for the city manager's full-time, regular position.

SEE **GOODBYE**, PAGE A9

SAVVY Caregiver

An educational program for family
and friends of a person with Alzheimer's

Presented by:



Casa Bella Memory Care

alzheimer's 
association

The Savvy Caregiver Class meets once a week
for seven consecutive weeks.

April 4th—May 16th 1:30pm—3:30pm
Space is limited—Call today to register

575-647-3868



It is farming season again. If running irrigation systems off of electric or propane engines this season has you worried about rising costs, choose to use natural gas. Cutting your fueling costs by as much as 50% offers you a better bottom line, and Zia Natural Gas Company will run new gas service to your wellhead for free in most cases. Ask around and see for yourself we offer the natural gas advantage farmers need to cut costs and save time.

As always, Zia personnel are available 24/7
for all natural gas emergencies.
Call (575) 526-4GAS (4427)
if you have a natural gas emergency.



ZIA NATURAL GAS COMPANY
New Mexico's Natural Choice

575-526-4427 • 1-800-453-5546
3700 W. Picacho Ave • Las Cruces
www.ziagas.com

FEES FROM PAGE A1

on the level of service provided on a cost-per-person basis, said Las Cruces Fire Chief Travis Brown.

Brown said all city impact fees have to be updated at least every five years as mandated by the New Mexico Development Fee Act. He said the fees are assessed only on new houses and commercial properties and on additions to commercial properties which are adding square footage. The new fees will take effect July 1.

“Currently, residential development fees are imposed by dwelling type,” according to the TischlerBise report. Under the updated fee schedule, they will be assessed based on dwelling size as measured by square feet of living space, the report said. Fees for commercial properties are based on the type of property per 1,000 square feet of building, except for lodging.

For single-family homes of 900 square feet or less, the impact fee will drop from its current level of \$466 to \$337, a decrease of \$129. For all other homes, the fees increase, including from \$466 to \$552 for a home of 901 to 1,300 square feet and up

from \$639 to \$887 for a home of 2,101 square feet or more. Those fees increase from a low of \$73 to a high of \$248.

For commercial properties, the fee per room for hotels and motels will drop from \$313 to \$202, a decrease of \$111. For the other six categories, fees will increase, including from \$26 to \$90 for a mini-warehouse and from \$735 to \$1,014 for a commercial/retail property. Impact fee increases for commercial properties range from a low of \$33 to a high of \$279.

TischlerBise’s city population analysis allocated “seventy-two percent of public safety capital costs to residential development and 28 percent to nonresidential (commercial) development.”

Brown said the new rates were proposed after public input was received in nearly 30 public meetings. “Most recently, we had not had significant participation by stakeholders,” he said. While some opposition to the rate increases has been expressed, he said, most people “felt the increases were reasonable.”

Brown said about \$1.6 million in public safety impact fees have been collected in the city since January 2012. He said about \$430,000 of that money purchased a new

fire engine, \$50,000 paid TischlerBise for its fee analysis research and report and the remaining funds went to construction of the city’s new East Mesa Public Safety Complex.

Impact fees must be used for infrastructure – buildings, equipment and property, Brown said.

“In five years we have increased and improved our level of service,” Brown said. “There is a higher cost to a higher level of service.”

He said land-use assumptions adopted in December 2015 to establish the level of service and infrastructure needed to meet public safety demands in the coming years indicate a 1.52 percent growth in residential homes in the city in the next 10 years. Brown said the impact fees are expected to raise about \$10 million over the next 10 years, based on growth projections.

“The percentages just seem high to me,” said Councillor Ceil Levatino, the only council member to vote against the new fees. Levatino is a real estate agent by trade. “I would be most comfortable at this point keeping them where they are, at least for six months. Let’s see how it goes,” Levatino said, saying she was concerned

“not just about builders and developers. My concern is also subcontractors.”

Realtor Steve Montanez, the only member of the public to speak about the impact fees at the council meeting, said the proposed fees were “kind of aggressive,” and said he doesn’t see the city growing “at the rate set by the land use assumptions used” in the TischlerBise analysis. Montanez also said “public safety is completely necessary.”

There has been little opposition to the proposed rate increases because local residents “recognize the number one service that we as government have to provide is their safety,” said Mayor Ken Miyagishima. When it comes to public safety, I think it’s fair to say that’s job one.” Rates for most homeowners, he said, would only increase by about 51 cents a month on a 30-year mortgage.

“My vote is going to keep our community safe,” Councillor Olga Pedroza said. “If it costs 51 cents a month extra, it’s money well spent,” she said.

To see the full TischlerBise report, visit http://las-cruces.granicus.com/MetaViewer.php?view_id=2&event_id=214&meta_id=68579.

VOTE FROM PAGE A1

Krahling said the clerk’s office has processed more than 1,000 new voter registrations in the week leading up to the May 10 registration deadline. “I’m excited that so many people are ready to vote, especially the 300-plus voters we registered in local high schools,” he said.

Krahling is the only Democrat running for county clerk in the 2016 primary. He will face Maria E. Rodriguez, the only Republican on the ballot, in the November general election.

For more information about the primary election, including early and absentee voting, call the county clerk’s office at 647-7428 and visit <https://donaanacounty.org/elections>.

Vote early at the Doña Ana County Government Center, 845 N. Motel Blvd.

Voters can also visit Alternate voting locations starting Saturday, May 21. These locations will be open each day except Sun-

Registration numbers

Registered voters as of 5/18/16: 106,581

New registrations since 5/3/2016: 1,761

New registered voters 18 and under since 5/3/16: 440

The registration books closed on 5/10/16 at 5 p.m.

days and Mondays. The hours of operation are Tuesday through Saturday 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

- Anthony Elementary School, 600 N. Fourth St. in Anthony, New Mexico

- Doña Ana Community College Chaparral Learning Center, 755 Prescott Anthony Drive in Chaparral

- Doña Ana Community College Hatch Learning Center, 219 East Hill St. in Hatch

- Doña Ana Community College Sunland Park Center, 3365 McNutt Road in Sunland Park

- Doña Ana County Government Center, 845 N. Motel Blvd. in Las Cruces

- Sonoma Elementary School, 4201 Northrise St. in Las Cruces

- Thomas Branigan Memorial Library, 200 E. Picacho Ave. in Las Cruces.

Forty voting convenience centers will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on primary election day, Tuesday, June 7. Visit www.dacelections.com for voting locations.

GOODBYE FROM PAGE A8

as my sidekick here on the dais. Of course, Robert, you’re a great man. Anybody you talk to in the city will say that. You both will be sorely missed,” Montoya said.

“Robert, I’d like to thank you for all you’ve done for me,” City Clerk Linda Lewis said. “I’ve been working with you for 11 years. Chief Brown, you will be greatly missed, especially on the Veterans Advisory Board.”

“Mr. Garza has been a tremendous individual to work for,” Brown said. I am very grateful that I had the opportunity to spend most of my career working for Robert. The opportunity I have had to represent the men and women of the Las Cruces Fire Department is some-

thing I am very grateful for. It has been a privilege to serve them and to serve the community,” he said.

“The work that I’ve done with the city has been so very, very rewarding,” Garza said. “To the council: Thank you for trusting us, for being visionary, for looking ahead. I think you do it exceptionally well. You’re all very careful, methodical. Incremental change is what makes us great.” Even though he and Brown and more than 200 other city employees are retiring at the end of May, Garza said there are “a whole bunch of great people still here. “You’ve got the best team possible to executive your wishes, your dreams, your ideas, your visions,” he said to the council. “Just tap them. These guys are incredible. They impress me every day.”

EVENT CENTER



- Special Events
- Catering
- Restaurant
- Las Cruces, NM

f Grapevine Plaza Event Center
3900 W. Picacho Blvd., home of Picacho Peak Brewing Co.
For more information and bookings call 575-312-3070 • grapevineplaza@gmail.com



Helen's Reflexology

“Step into a balanced life”

Reflexology for the feet, hands and face by appointment only:

575-640-0545

m.mborhardt@yahoo.com

NMSU graduation a big day on campus



PHOTOS COURTESY OF JANE MOORMAN

Some of the 1,600 or so students who attended the NMSU commencement ceremony look on anxiously as they wait for their names to be called.



Recently graduated students of New Mexico State University pose for a selfie with school President Garrey Carruthers after commencement ceremonies Saturday, May 14, at the Pan American Center. About 1,600 of the 2,000 students graduating from NMSU were in attendance with family and friends.




Proud family members hold up a sign to cheer on their favorite graduate during the ceremony.



Newly graduated NMSU students are showered with confetti at the Pan Am Center.

UPCOMING EVENTS SPONSORED BY LAS CRUCES FOR BERNIE



- Sat, May 21, Noon
Family picnic
Apodaca Park
- Sat, May 28, 11:00
March and Rally
University Avenue
Start at Gomez Park
S. Espina St. & Milton
- Sat, June 4, 9-12
March and Rally
Klein Park

Please join us! Visit www.facebook.com/lascrucesforbernie for more information.

Vote in the June 7 Democratic primary!

Paid for by Las Cruces for BERNIE and not authorized by any candidate or candidate's committee.

ESTATE SALE COMPANY
Call for a free consultation



Rio Grande Estate Sales, LLC
Joe Soebbing
575-993-1699
riograndeestatesales@gmail.com
riograndeestatesales.com

- Irrigation Repair
- Licensed Irrigator
- Certified Backflow Tester

Las Cruces
irrigationrepair
Lance Harkey, owner • lance@lirrigationrepair.com
575-649-7843 • lirrigationrepair.com

Grad night celebration for DACC students



Wearing cords made of US currency, Doña Ana Community College graduate TeAndre Carter smiles enthusiastically before his announcement of completing a degree in creative media technology.



Celebrating his recent completion in culinary arts, Otto Allen holds a scroll high above his head.

BULLETIN PHOTOS BY CHRISTOPHER BELARDE



While marching to Pomp and Circumstance, soon-to-be graduates Estrella Lozano of Gadsden's Alta Vista High School and Christina Campos of DACC take their seat during the DACC 2016 Commencement Ceremony at the Pan American Center.



Smiling wide with pride, Eileen Gonzales Walks across the stage as her accomplishments at DACC are announced.

ADDICTION RECOVERY CENTER SETTING THE STANDARD FOR PSYCHIATRIC & ADDICTION SERVICES



Mesilla Valley Hospital offers the following services for adults struggling with drug & alcohol addiction and co-occurring mental health conditions:

- Inpatient Addiction Recovery Center
- Partial Hospitalization Program (PHP)
- Intensive Outpatient Program (IOP)

Treatment for addiction is a phone call away & recovery is possible!

We are available 24/7 and walk-ins are always welcome. We accept TRICARE®, Medicare, and most insurance plans.

TRICARE® is a registered trademark of the Department of Defense, Defense Health Agency. All rights reserved.

MESILLA VALLEY HOSPITAL
mesillavalleyhospital.com

If you or a loved one needs help, please call 575.382.3500.
3751 Del Rey Blvd.
Las Cruces, NM 88012

DEMENTIA CARE

Connecting in a way that works for the individual

Caring for residents with conditions that affect thinking and memory is a special privilege. Genesis HealthCare is committed to providing a safe, caring, therapeutic and supportive environment which enhances emotional and spiritual wellness and overall life satisfaction to persons living with Alzheimer's disease or related dementias.



Specialized care delivered with warmth and understanding.

 The Village at Northrise
Desert Willow II

2884 N. Roadrunner Parkway | Las Cruces, NM 88011
Phone: 575 522-1110 | www.geneshcc.com

Genesis CareLine at 866-745-CARE | www.geneshcc.com





NEW AMERICA SCHOOL

GRADUATING CLASS OF 2016

Laura A. Acosta-Rodriguez
 Irwin I. Adame
 Raul A. Aguilera
 Manuel A. Aguirre
 Pedro I. Alarcon
 Alicia G. Aragon
 Alexandra Armendariz
 Anndrea Armendariz
 Alyssa L. Avalos
 Carlos E. Aviles De Los Rios
 Areli Baca
 Crystal M. Barrett
 Christopher A. Calzada
 Luis O. Castro
 Stacey D. Chavez
 Crissy A. Davis
 Paulette A. Duenez
 Federico Esquivel
 Kimberly E. Fowler
 Jolene Gallegos

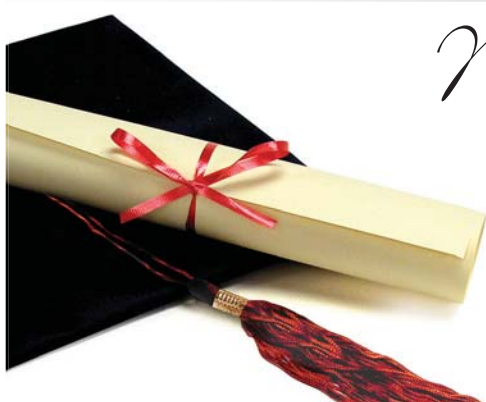
Silda S. Garcia
 Raegene R. Garza
 Andres R. Gonzales
 Laura L. Gonzalez
 Yvette Gonzalez
 Billy R. Hamilton
 Alisha M. Harwood
 Nancy V. Hernandez
 Jonathan Hidalgo
 Amber B. Holguin
 Nora Jacquez
 Yvonne Jimenez
 Fabian J. Lopez
 Brenda I. Luna-Quevedo
 Salvador J. Marquez
 Andy Mendez
 Steve Mendez
 Alejandro Mendoza
 Audriana I. Meza
 Bryan R. Moctezuma

Luz M. Moralez
 Jacob Morin
 Maria I. Morones
 Angie Ochoa
 Christopher D. Olivas
 Jason T. Ortiz
 Orlando A. Palma
 Christopher Perrone
 Alejandro Quezada
 Jessica Ramirez
 Luis R. Ramirez
 Perla V. Reyes
 Samuel Reyes
 Sintia S. Reyes-Collins
 Lorenzo G. Rios
 Emmanuel Rivera
 Hector I. Ruiz
 Edgar D. Salas
 Rodrigo Salas
 Cindy Sanchez

Stephanie M. Sanchez
 Lizzeth J. Sandoval
 Elizabeth Santistevan
 Alessia D. Session-Hall
 Deidra D. Sharpe
 Stephanie M. Tablon
 Edi A. Torres
 Guadalupe Vaca
 Dorothy M. Villa
 Liz S. Villa
 Villa Maira
 Andrew J. Villalba
 Wendy M. Wiczorek
 Abriana M. Williams

December 17, 2015 Graduates
 Josie Bame
 Brenda Barajas
 Christopher Contreras
 Sonia Contreras

Vanessa Diaz
 Dina Gallegos
 Eric Gibson
 Elizabeth Gutierrez
 Cristina Medina
 Orlando Mendez
 Viridiana Montoya
 Oscar Moreno
 Desiree Ortega
 Fabian Rodriguez
 Rayleen Rodriguez
 Roberto Romero
 Marissa Saiz
 Dekota Tom
 Kimberly Torres
 Christopher Trujillo
 Tyrome Williams



New Beginnings Start Here

We are proud to offer our students the opportunity to maximize their potential and live the American dream by offering:

- Day Classes: Students Ages 14-18
- Night Classes: Students Ages 18+
- 9Th Grade Academy
- Aprenda Ingles Gratis
- 24 credits Required to Graduate
- Credit Recovery
- Community Service Learning
- ENLACE
- Dual Credit Program
- Mariachi Program



New America School - Las Cruces • 207 S. Main • www.NewAmericaSchoolNM.org • 527-9085

Volunteer extraordinaire continues to impact Las Cruces

By Mike Cook
Las Cruces Bulletin

This is the second of a two-part story. The first part was published Friday, May 13.

Las Cruces supporter and volunteer Heather Pollard made an indelible mark on Las Cruces organizations such as the Dona Ana Arts Council (DAAC) and the Las Cruces Public Schools, as well as many more. She served as the executive director for DAAC for 20 years, and shaped a vast amount of events still popular today.

When Pollard retired from DAAC (she would return later to lead it for two more years, and continues as a member of the DAAC emeritus committee), she became executive director of Las Cruces Downtown, which has evolved today into the Downtown Las Cruces Partnership.

"Heather has been the 'captain' of the ship regarding downtown," Miyagishima said. "No matter what political winds or stumbling blocks we have faced, she has always been there with her optimism and words of encouragement for us to continue onward and upward."

Today, Pollard is president of the Amador Hotel Foundation, working with the city and a dedicated group of volunteers to preserve one of Las Cruces' most historic downtown landmarks. The city, the foundation and developer Max Bower are renovating the hotel, which has been vacant since 2006, and surrounding properties. "My dream is to have that building operational within five years," Pollard said.

"The south end of Main Street was really not included in the first set of

plans that we had and now we're working on the second set of plans after 10 or 12 years," she said. "To me, the Amador is the gateway to Main Street and it's really important to me because I would not really want to take on another major project in my life. I think it's my last hurrah."

Pollard worked with Tony-winning playwright Mark Medoff and many others to create American Southwest Theatre Company (ASTC), the nonprofit that has benefitted the New Mexico State University Theatre Arts Department for the past 30 years. "We were really busy raising money for that," Pollard said.

"She is in my pantheon of uniquely caring and driven people," Medoff said. "The artistic landscape of Las Cruces would not have grown to what it is today without Heather Pollard. Her dedication to a panoply of arts and artists for the almost 40 years I've been honored to know her and to call upon her for advice and support is almost unrivaled in my experience."

Pollard's volunteer work has also included La Casa domestic violence services of Las

Cruces. La Casa's shelter was in a small house on Idaho Avenue some years ago, Pollard remembers. Then-first lady of New Mexico Alice King toured the site during a visit to Las Cruces, and said to Pollard and other La Casa board members, "Girls, girls, this will never do."

As King helped get state funding for a larger shelter, Pollard and other board members, along with Senator Papen, traveled to a meeting of the New Mexico National Guard in Rio Rancho to secure the sale of the old armory on Walnut Street to the city for use as a women's shelter.

Former State Sen. Mary Jane Garcia, D-Doña Ana, carried a funding bill, with support from former State Rep. J. Paul Taylor, D-Doña Ana. La Casa now operates under a 99-year lease with the city at what is the state's largest domestic violence shelter.

"Looking back," that was pretty amazing," Pollard said, "a group of women (18 of them) working together" to make the new shelter a reality.

About that time, Pollard was asked to join the board of the Mesilla Valley Hospice Foundation, which she called "a core group of community people." Pollard served on the board for six years, and was actively involved in the conversion of do-

nated office space into what is now the La Posada assisted living facility on Montana Avenue.

When the hospice found itself in budget trouble, Pollard and others formed the Legacy Circle, which raised \$1 million to "pay off five banks' holding notes," she said. The hospice is so important because it "helps people in their final stages of life; and, more importantly, it helps their families," Pollard said. "There is a spiritual quality" to the nurses at hospice, she said, that "helps usher people to the next stage."

Out of the Legacy Circle came an even smaller group of volunteers, including Pollard, who founded the Emporium, which sells donated antiques and collectibles, with 100 percent of the proceeds (about \$6,000 a month) going to hospice. The Emporium opened last June 30 at 106 S. Water St. in a building owned by former Las Cruces Mayor Ruben Smith, who worked with Pollard on downtown revitalization. "He's been very generous to us," Pollard said.

"Heather Pollard is an amazing woman with a big heart," said Hospice Foundation Executive Director Lorraine Padilla. "Her guidance and dedi-

cation to Mesilla Valley Hospice and our community is a true inspiration. We love her."

Pollard, a dog lover, also served on the board of the Doña Ana County Humane Society, helping to get that organization back on its feet financially and reducing the number of cats and dogs being euthanized.

She also has served as a committee member of City of Las Cruces Historic Preservation, co-chair of the Pioneer Park/Alameda District Neighborhood, as a member of the Friends of Thomas Branigan Memorial Library and as volunteer with Jardin De Los Ninos' thrift store. Pollard was on the art selection committee for the new federal courthouse, and also was part of a group that bought trees and even helped plant them in front of Court Youth Center.

"None of it was done just by me," said Pollard, as she named dozens of people, living and dead, who have joined her on boards and committees dedicated to improving the community.

"People do love Las Cruces," she said. "Our city is headed in a good direction. Culturally, we're just doing great. Artistically, we rival El Paso; we rival Santa Fe

potentially with the performing arts."

Today, at age 72, Pollard is still active in the community she loves. In addition to serving as president of the Amador Hotel Foundation, she is chairman of the Dean's Council for the NMSU College of Arts and Sciences and is a member of the downtown plaza grand opening committee.

Her "wonderful husband of 52 years," Warren, now a retired Army colonel, spent 14 years teaching engineering at NMSU, then volunteered for Habitat for Humanity, helping to build 30 homes in the Las Cruces area.

"With each of these efforts, Heather has taken no prisoners and influenced great numbers of supporters to help these causes and truly make a difference for our community," Garza said.

Pollard "qualifies as a 'force of nature,'" Diven said. She is "a unique lady who retains her capacity for youthful delight," he said. "We always laugh when we talk."

Pollard summed up her philosophy of life by paraphrasing a quote by minister and theologian John Wesley: "Do as much as you can as often as you can whenever you can."



POLLARD



We Sell Pecans!

Stop in for FREE SAMPLING

The Truck Farm
SWEETHOTS.COM • 523-1447
M-F 8-6 • SAT 9-5 • 645 S. Alameda



New Digs

Clothing Exchange

575-525-5640 • 1021 E. Amador, Suite B

Hours: Mon-Sat 11-7
Closed Sunday

Past 10 Pin Bowling Alley and next door to Party World



Pulling for Hillary

Mayor Ken Miyagishima encouraged people attending the Clinton campaign headquarters opening to "work hard and make sure we have another Clinton in the White House."

BULLETIN PHOTOS BY MIKE COOK



State Rep. Bill McCamley, D-Doña Ana, told nearly about 75 people gathered at the Clinton campaign office opening that the choice between Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump is clear.



Former state Sen. Mary Jane Garcia carries Hillary Clinton for President yard signs out of the new Hillary for New Mexico office in Las Cruces, which opened Tuesday, May 17 at 114 S. Water St. in downtown Las Cruces.

Casey Carpet

OF LAS CRUCES, INC.

SERVING SOUTHERN NEW MEXICO FOR OVER 30 YEARS

ROOMFUL of SAVINGS Event

Save Big in Each and Every Room with Sale Pricing on Select Tigressá® SoftStyle, Tigressá® Cherish and Tigressá® H2O™ Carpet!



Tigressá
cherish

★★★★★
CINNIA
Textured Multi-Color
Super stylish and exceptionally durable

Was \$7.77 Now \$5.02 Sq. Ft.
SAVE \$495
Per 12' x 15' Room*

Plus, Big Savings on Hard Surface Floors!

★★★★★
DOWNS H2O LUXURY VINYL TILE
Durable and easy maintenance vinyl plank flooring

WAS \$5.99 NOW **\$4.39** Sq. Ft.

FINANCING AVAILABLE!

1515 W. AMADOR
523-9595

MON. - FRI. 8 A.M. - 6 P.M. • SAT. 9 A.M. - 5 P.M.
WWW.CASEYCARPETOFLASCRCES.COM



"We stand behind our products and services to ensure you a confident, worry-free, and enjoyable shopping experience. For total peace of mind, shop Casey Carpet."

**Gina Hoffman Schweinebraten
Vice President
Casey Carpet of Las Cruces, Inc.**

*Discounts shown are based on 12' x 15' room. Discounts apply to materials only on select items; cushion, labor, and installation charges are additional. Offers cannot be combined. All offers are for retail only; no contract/commercial. Prior orders exempt. See store for details on all offers and warranties. Offer expires 6/26/16. Participating stores only. Not all merchandise is available in all stores. Photos are representational only. Actual merchandise may not exactly match photos shown. Prices shown are for materials only; cushion, labor and installation charges are additional. Although we make every effort to ensure that our advertising is accurate, we cannot be held liable for typographical errors or misprints. Financing provided by Synchrony Bank. See store for details. Subject to credit approval. FAME-39084. 02/16



Haciendas at
GRACE VILLAGE
Discover the Difference

2015 BEST OF SOUTHWEST LAS CRUCES
HEALTHCARE

Alzheimers & Dementia Care
*No one talks about it.
We specialize in it.*

2802 Corte Dios
Las Cruces, NM 88011
www.GraceVillageLC.com
(575) 524-1020

4-H livestock schools will be held in June

By Jane Moorman
For the Bulletin

The enthusiastic response to the 4-H Junior Livestock School offered regionally last year has prompted New Mexico State University's Cooperative Extension Service to offer two schools this summer.

"To be more cost-effective, Extension agents on the Small Farm and Ranch Task Force held the first regional junior livestock school last year in Santa Fe," said Craig Painter, state 4-H agriculture and natural resources agent. "It was such a success, we've expanded to a second region this year."

The two-day schools will be held in Abiquiu for the northern region on Friday and Saturday, June 17 and 18, and Truth or Consequences for the southern region on Friday and Saturday, June 24 and 25. Registration deadline is June 1 for both locations.

"I chose to host the school to give our 4-H members in Sierra County and the southern region the opportunity to participate a school closer to home," said Joshua Boyd, Sierra County Extension agent. "Hopefully, having it here will help families with the travel time and costs."

The northern region school is moving to Abiquiu.

"We are happy to host the livestock school in our facilities here in Abiquiu," said Marcella Talamante, Rio Arriba County Extension 4-H agent. "We have a lot of 4-H members doing livestock projects. This will give them an opportunity to learn how to raise their animals and show them during judging competition."

Four livestock categories will be taught at each school. Youth will only be able to participate in one category with up to two animals. Each species



A 4-H member with his pygmy goat waits for instruction on showmanship during a 4-H junior livestock school. New Mexico State University Cooperative Extension Service will host two regional 4-H livestock schools this year. The northern region will be June 17-18 in Abiquiu and the southern region will be June 24-25 in Truth or Consequences.

NMSU PHOTO BY JANE MOORMAN

track will have a maximum of 30 youth.

Abiquiu will offer the categories of swine, lamb, meat goat and dairy goat, while Sierra County will have steers, swine, lamb and meat goat.

The youth will learn about showmanship, feed and nutrition, fitting tech-

niques, show preparation and much more.

Registration fee is \$50 for each participant. For more information, contact Boyd at 575-894-2375 for the southern region school, and Talamante at 505-685-4523 for the northern region school.

NMSU student wins Fulbright award to study parrot species

By Kristie Garcia
For the Bulletin

New Mexico State University biology graduate student Grace Smith Vidaurre will spend nine months in 2017 studying native populations of a parrot species in Uruguay as a result of being awarded the prestigious Fulbright U.S. Student Award. Uruguay awards only two research Fulbright grants each year.

Established in 1946, the Fulbright Scholar Program is designed to increase mutual understanding between the people of the United States and the people of other countries. Smith Vidaurre will represent the United States as a cultural ambassador while in Uruguay.

"When I realized I was awarded the Fulbright, I was in disbelief, but I was also extremely excited," Smith Vidaurre said. "This is a project that rep-

resents the crux of what I've been working toward for years. The award will help me establish field sites of my own and collect the samples I'd like to collect."

The parrots she is researching are also known as monk parakeets, which Smith Vidaurre said have been exported to many countries all over the world for the global pet trade.

"For my project, I'm specifically looking at genetic changes and behavioral changes that are

perhaps making the parrots more successful invaders," she said. "I'll also be looking for signatures of the fact that they're adapting to these new environments that they've been able to invade."

Tim Wright, associate professor of animal behavior and evolution in the NMSU Department of Biology, is Smith Vidaurre's adviser.

"Grace is a stellar student who has conceived a cutting-edge project aimed at understanding

the evolutionary changes that occur when animal populations invade new habitats like urban environments," Wright said. "Her Fulbright award is the culmination of several years of hard work collecting pilot data and building the international collaborations that will make her period in Uruguay a success. Furthermore, Grace has extensive experience abroad

that will make her an effective ambassador for New Mexico State University and the United States."

Part of the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs within the United States Department of State, the Fulbright Scholar Program awards approximately 1,600 grants to students in the U.S. annually. The program operates in over

155 countries.

Smith Vidaurre's genomic research is supported in part from a pilot award from the National Center for Genome Resources as part of a larger Institutional Development Award from the National Institute of General Medical Sciences of the National Institutes of Health, as well as by private donations from Michael and Susan Achey.



**ACCEPTING
NEW PATIENTS!**

GERIATRIC MEDICINE
INTERNAL MEDICINE

*Primary Care
for Older Adults*

(575) 532-5455
1106 Centre Ct.
www.swcoa.com

SOUTHWEST
CENTER ON AGING

WellSpring ...a New Thought Center
Spirituality for the 21st Century

SUNDAY EVENT

**Moving to Columbus Conference
Center on June 12th at 11am.
901 Avenida De Mesilla (behind
America's Best Motel off Hickory)**



Rev. Carol Carnes
World Renowned New
Thought Author and Teacher

Classes & Office remain at 140 Taylor Rd.
For More information Call- 575-524-2375 or
visit our website at www.wellspringnow.com

Small class with big heart

Collin Milligan, left, Sasha Smith and Dominick Cordova pose for a photo after going through their graduation ceremony with Las Cruces Catholic School Thursday, May 12. The three made up the graduating senior class.



BULLETIN PHOTO BY CHRISTOPHE BELARDE



Your Diamond Store and More!



Find the Perfect Gift for the One You Love

- Beautiful Forever Roses
- One-of-a-kind Diamond Heart Necklaces
- Citizen Watches
- Reflection Beads

At Baquera Jewelers you will find exceptional quality, value and service!

575-652-4084



East on Lohman
Left on Roadrunner
Left into the Sonoma Ranch Plaza

“A Financial Professional With Integrity”
Elect
Eric L. Rodriguez
County Treasurer

- Dona Ana County Chief Deputy Treasurer
- 10 Years Banking Experience
- Relationship Management
- Senior Lending Officer
- Cash Operations Supervisor
- Bachelor of Business Admin. - NMSU
- MBA Candidate - NMHU

“Rodriguez...has the strongest qualifications in terms of pertinent education and experience.”

— Endorsement by The Sun News Editorial Board

Rodriguez4treasurer@gmail.com • [Rodriguez4treasurer@facebook.com](https://www.facebook.com/Rodriguez4treasurer)

Paid for by committee to elect Eric L. Rodriguez, Carolyn M. Telles, Treasurer

Read the entire Bulletin at
www.lascrucesbulletin.com

CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2016



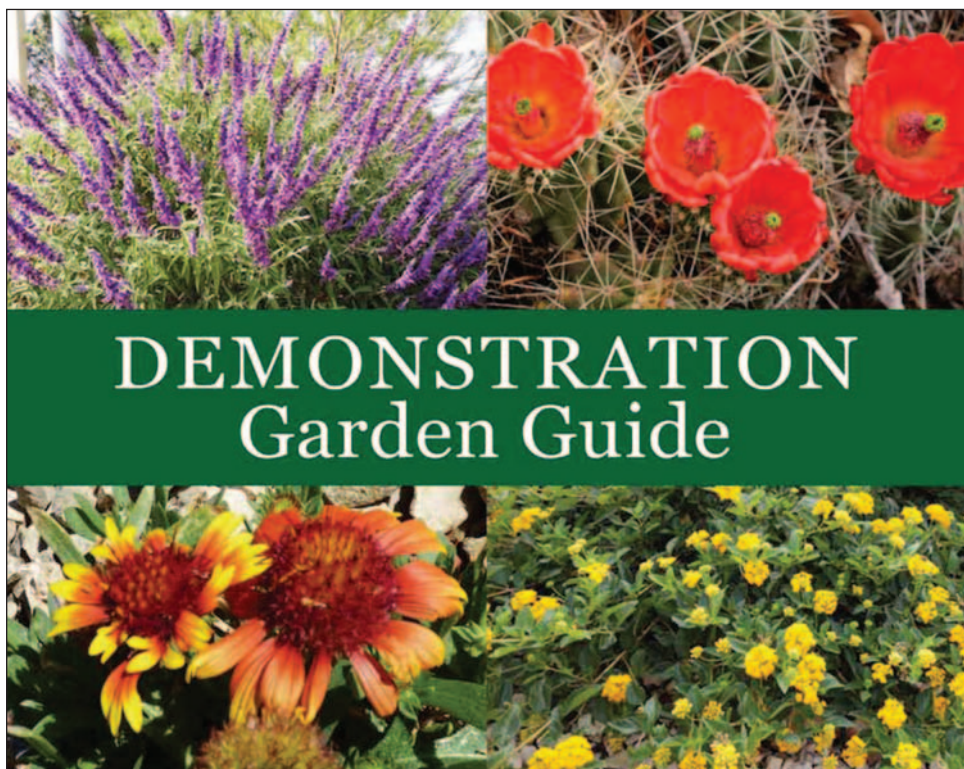
MY SCHOOL. MY CARD.
 MY BANK.



Member FDIC EQUAL HOUSING LENDER

www.citizenslc.com 575-647-4100

At the spring stroll, copies of the Demonstration Garden Guide will be provided without charge to guests, or the Guide can be downloaded at www.las-cruces.org/DemoGarden.



LCU invites public to stroll through the garden

By Suzanne Michaels
For the Bulletin

Las Cruces Utilities (LCU) welcomes members of the public to a new tradition: the “spring stroll” through the living Demonstration Garden at LCU Administration office, 680 N. Motel Blvd. LCU invites people to meet native, thriving plantings they may not have known about.

“A spring stroll through our garden can open your eyes to plants that do really well in our area, while using only moderate amounts of water,” said Water Conservation Coordinator Rhonda Diaz. “The Garden Demonstration Guide describes more than 60 different species so you can grow your own thriving garden, using very little water, by tapping into a wide variety of plants that thrive in our southern New Mexico desert.”

A stroll through the garden is scheduled for 9 to 11 a.m., Wednesday, May 25 and receive:

- A free copy of the Demonstration Garden Guide



- An introduction and demonstration using free Class “A” Compost to create healthy soil and reduce outdoor water use
- Donuts and coffee

One of the collaborators on the Garden Guide, John M. White, curator of the Chihuahuan Desert Garden at the University of Texas at El Paso, said, “You can probably save up to 40 percent on your water bill versus a yard full of grass. It just depends on what extent you go to. If you use more of the true natives, you can probably get by with very little water, so you can cut back on water usage.”

More information on conserving water is available at www.las-cruces.org/waterconservation.

You can reach Las Cruces Utilities at 528-3500 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Las Cruces Utilities provides GAS – WATER – WASTEWATER – SOLID

The LCU living Demonstration Garden at 680 N. Motel Blvd. welcomes visitors to a lush array of plants that are native to or thrive in our southern New Mexico desert.

WASTE services to approximately 100,000 Las Cruces residents.

TOGETHER

Building Your Child's Development

ACCEPTING NEW REFERRALS

- Speech-Language Therapy
- Physical Therapy
- Occupational Therapy

No Waiting list

Call for an appointment
(575) 647-3773

Esperanza
CHILDREN'S THERAPY

In collaboration with Aprendamos

www.EsperanzaChildrensTherapy.com

Don't miss this tasty fundraiser!

Thursday, June 2, 2016 at the Las Cruces Convention Center
6:00 pm to 9:00 pm
Tickets are \$40 or \$400 for a Table (10 tickets)
Call 649-5676 or 647-1600
Entertainment/Silent Auction

Restaurants interested in participating call phone numbers above for more information!

Blessing the fields, trees and water at the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum the procession of about 275 people makes the stop for the first communion girls to toss rose petals into the acequia as the water is released into the fields.

PHOTOS BY ELVA K. ÖSTERREICH



Blessing of the fields



The Rev. Alejandro Reyes, administrator of Our Lord of Mercy Catholic Church in Hatch, leads a joyous procession to bless the creatures, machinery and fields at the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum Friday, May 13.



Members of Tortugas Pueblo participate in the 2016 Blessing of the Field May 13 at the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum. The men kicked off the event with a Native American blessing ceremony to the four directions, led the procession through the fields and animal pens on the museum lands, and drummed and sang at the end of the event.

Southern NM

WINE FESTIVAL

LAS CRUCES

Memorial Day Weekend
May 28-30

16 New Mexico Wineries

Plus music by:

- Latin Funckion
- Cody Joe Hodges
- Nosotros
- The Bel Airs & Tracy Nelson
- Eli James Band
- Guitar Slim

Southern New Mexico
State Fairgrounds

FREE SHUTTLE FROM MESILLA VALLEY MALL

www.NMWINE.org

NEW MEXICO *True*

SPRINGHILL SUITES
 Marriott

NEW MEXICO
Wine & Grape Growers Association

THE
EMPORIUM

Antiques Collectibles Furniture Jewelry Gifts

DONATE SHOP SUPPORT

Mesilla Valley Hospice
106 S. Water St. • 575-202-7351
W - F 10am-4pm Sat 10am-2pm • Like us on facebook

CANNABIS CARDS

New enrollments or Renewals

Certifying All 21 Qualifying Conditions

on May 21st in Las Cruces.

CannaCardsNM.com

[505-247-3223](tel:505-247-3223)

Students from Christian academies across Las Cruces get portions of blessed bread following the Blessing of the Fields Friday, May 13. The bread was freshly baked and shared with all the guests during the event.



Young participants in the Blessing of the Fields raise their voices, singing "Fathers and mothers, sisters and brothers, I love you, I love you," during the blessing of cattle and horses portion of the Blessing of the Fields. "Come holy cows, you will be holy," quipped the Rev. Alejandro Reyes quoting former Las Cruces Dioceses Bishop Ricardo Ramirez.

ANTIQUE & ESTATE JEWELRY • WATCHES • \$5 WATCH BATTERIES EVERY DAY

Congratulations Class of 2016!
Select a gift of Jewelry that your Graduate will treasure forever!

Mendez JEWELERS Full Service Jewelers • 524-RUDY(7839)
Tuesday - Friday • 10 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. • Saturday 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Pueblo Plaza Center • 1100 S. Main, Suite 114

QUINONES Since 1973
design build

Stylish!

Strategies for a bathroom upgrade! Call us today!!

ACCREDITED BUSINESS
LIC#54879
575.524.4646
info@quinoneshomes.com
www.quinoneshomes.com

luna sol media design

FREE Seminar • Q&A with the Doctor

MEMORIAL *Cares*

Dr. Sunny Dr. Adler Dr. Willis

Colon Cancer Prevention vs. Treatment Your Choice

An informative session on Colorectal Cancer and how to avoid it.

Thursday, June 23, 2016
5:30-7:00 PM
Memorial Medical Center West Annex – Conference Room A

Presented by _____

Dr. Joseph Sunny, Gastroenterologist, Digestive Disease Consultants
Preventive care and colonoscopies

Dr. William Adler, a UNM Comprehensive Cancer Center physician, Director of MMC Cancer Center Medical Oncology, specializing in hematology and oncology

Dr. Gregory Willis, Radiation Oncologist, MMC Cancer Center
Radiation therapy treatment

Sandwiches and refreshments will be served.

All are welcome. Seating is limited. Please RSVP to our 24-hour reservation line 800-424-DOCS (3627)

Memorial Medical Center

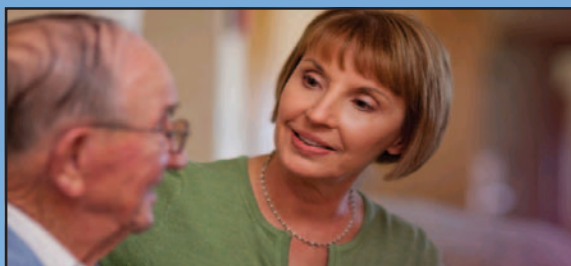
ACR ACCREDITED PROGRAM
Commission on Cancer ACCREDITED PROGRAM
A QUALITY PROGRAM OF THE AMERICAN COLLEGE OF SURGEONS

ONLINE DIRECTORY

Visit LasCrucesBulletin.com to see these advertisers with live links to their website:



No login
No fees
Free archives



We're by your side so your loved one can stay at home.

575-522-7133
HomeInstead.com/138



Quickly.

Same-day OB/Gyn appointments often available. Call 575-522-4767.

Sarah Bienenfeld, M.D.
OB/Gyn

We specialize in Group Health Insurance and Employee Benefits

HUB International

575-647-0009
530 N Telshor Suite D, Las Cruces, NM 88011

www.hubnm.com

Las Cruces' ONLY Harley-Davidson Dealer

1-10 @ AVE de MESILLA
575.541.1440 or 866.789.7077
www.barnettslascruceshd.com

Barnett's Las Cruces Harley-Davidson

SEE THE VELOZ DIFFERENCE

VELOZ HOMES

WWW.VELOZHOMES.COM

NMSU | DOÑA ANA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Think 41 flavors, Think DACC...

41 different associate degrees that will lead to a better life!

DACC offers a sweet future! Discover yours now!

For more information call (575) 527-7599. <http://dacc.nmsu.edu>

BERNINA Sewing and Design

Bernina Sewing Machines, Sales, Services, Quilt Shop, Classes and Supplies

Quilt Sampler
FEATURED SHOP 2015

Alzheimer's & Dementia are our business. Our only business.

Arbors of Del Rey
Assisted Living Community & Respite Care

15 loving years providing a holistic approach dedicated solely to this special population

Drop in or call to schedule a visit • 575-382-5200
3731 Del Rey Blvd., Las Cruces, NM 88012
www.vistaliving.com

THE LAS CRUCES

Bulletin

FIND US ON

facebook

THE NEWS YOU WANT. HOWEVER YOU WANT IT.

To advertise your business in this Online Directory and on LasCrucesBulletin.com

Call 575-524-8061

Join mayor on Bike Ride May 21

By Mike Cook
Las Cruces Bulletin

The celebration of National Bike Month in Las Cruces culminates with the Mayor's Bike Ride beginning at city hall, 700 N. Main St., at 10 a.m. on Saturday, May 21. Bike riders are welcome to join the mayor for the 4.6-mile route.

"I'm looking forward to riding this year," Miyagishima said in a city news release. "Bicycling is a great activity and I'm very proud of our community's status with the League of American Bicyclists that awarded Las Cruces bronze-level recognition as a Bicycle Friendly Community last year," he said.

"It's an easy, low-speed, family friendly ride around," George Pearson of the League of American Bicyclists said about the Mayor's Bike Ride. Pearson is chairman of the Mesilla Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization's Bicycle Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee and a board member of the local bicycle advocacy group, Velo Cruces, a co-sponsor of the Mayor's Bike Ride.

The ride is on city streets and is not recommended for children under 12 years of age unless they are in a trailer, tandem or trail-a-bike, and helmets are required for all riders, according to the city news release.

Miyagishima and members of the Las Cruces City Council issued a proclamation earlier this month declaring May as National Bicycling Month in Las Cruces. A number of biking activities have been held throughout the month.

May 3 through 6 was National Bike to School Days, and was celebrated at 19 Las Cruces Public School's elementaries (more than three quarters of all elementary schools in the state that participated), said LCPS Safe Routes to Schools Coordinator Ashleigh Curry.



COURTESY PHOTOS BY ASHLEIGH CURRY

Las Cruces Public Schools students participate in Bike Month activities throughout the city.

"We were joined by State Rep. Bill McCamley, D- Doña Ana; former City Councillor Nathan Small (who is running for New Mexico House District 36), City Councillors Gill Sorg and Cassandra Gandara; and State Sen. Bill Soules, D- Doña Ana.

Bike to school activities began with the Family Bike Fiesta on April 30, as LCPS teamed up with KidFit and the Junior League, Curry said. "Over 300 kids attended the event. We gave away 130 helmets in the first hour. We fixed over 100 bicycles in the morning," Curry said, with help from members of local Optimist clubs, Outdoor Adventures, the New Mexico State University swim team and community volunteers.

Las Cruces Police Department Codes Enforcement held a bike rodeo, which included "pedal-powered smoothies, bike wash, art station and (helping kids) 'learn to ride a bike without training wheels,'" she said.

Activities during the month also included a Ride of Silence on May 18 in Mesilla. The event honors cyclists who have been killed or injured while biking on public roadways. The event began in Dallas in 2003. Other activities included a bike blessing and a bike swap.

National Bike Month was started in 1956 by the League of American Bicyclists.

For more information, contact Pearson, at george@nmbikeed.org.

A map of the Mayor's Bike Ride route, which includes the Mesquite and Alameda historic neighborhoods, can be found at <https://ridewithgps.com/routes/13456268> or www.las-cruces.org (keyword search "Mayor's Bike Ride 2016"). Also visit <http://www.las-cruces.org/live/bike-walk-hike> and www.velocruces.org. You can learn more about LCPS' Safe Routes to Schools program at www.facebook.com/lcsrts. Also visit <http://bikeleague.org/bikemonth>.



MERAZ PAINTING INC.
ELASTOMERIC STUCCO COATING
ELASTOMERIC ROOF COATING
SPECIAL STAIN & EPOXY CONCRETE COATING

10-year Guarantee

575.649.8193 • 575.382.5824
www.merazpainting.com

Call for FREE Estimates

5% off when you mention this ad!

Alzheimer's and Dementia are our business. Our only business.

Arbors of Del Rey

Assisted Living Community & Respite Care



18 loving years providing a holistic approach dedicated solely to this special population



EEDEN
ALTERNATIVE®

www.edenalt.org



Drop in or call to schedule a visit • 575-382-5200

3731 Del Rey Boulevard • Las Cruces, NM 88012

www.vistaliving.com

Veterans appreciation dinner is June 18

Bulletin report

El Caldito Soup Kitchen will host its 14th annual Veterans Appreciation Dinner from 1 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, June 18 at El Caldito, which is part of the Mesilla Valley Community of Hope, located at 999 W. Amador Ave., behind Horse 'n Hound, said Gabe Anaya, the soup kitchen's interim president.

The Oñate High School Navy JROTC color guard will perform a flag ceremony at the dinner, and will help serve the brisket dinner.

Anaya said El Caldito is contacting as many local veterans as possible to encour-



PHOTO COURTESY OF ANN POLARMO

White Sands Missile Range Commanding Officer Brigadier General Timothy R. Coffin, talks to a veteran at last year's El Caldito veterans dinner.

age them to attend the dinner.

For more information, contact Anaya

at 312-1916 or Scott Murray at 642-0888. Visit <https://elcaldito.wordpress.com/>.

POLICE REPORTS



GARCIA

Reward offered for info on missing LC man

Las Cruces Crime Stoppers is offering a \$1,000 reward for information that helps police locate a 28-year-old man who has not been seen by family in

a month.

Jesse Robert Garcia was last seen by relatives on the morning of Sunday, April 17. He was last known to be staying at a residence near the area of Cortez Drive and Davis Road on the city's East Mesa.

Garcia is 5-feet-8-inches tall and weighs approximately 160 pounds. He has short black hair and brown eyes, and may be sporting a goatee or beard. He has tattoos on both forearms.

Anyone with information on Garcia's whereabouts is asked to call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or send a tip by text message to CRIMES (274637), keyword LCTIPS.

The Crime Stoppers number and text messaging services are operational 24 hours a day and you do not have to give your name to collect a reward.

Man suspected of wielding knife, threatening mom

A 20-year-old man sus-

pected of brandishing a kitchen knife, and threatening his mother with it, was arrested by police.

Jose Francisco Arriaga, of the 300 block of Jasper Drive, is charged with one count of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon. The charge is a fourth-degree felony.

Shortly after 7 p.m. on Monday, May 16, Las Cruces Police were dispatched to a mobile home at 850

Holly Drive, and the report of a man who wielded a knife and threatened his mother.

Officers learned that Arriaga got into an argument with his 44-year-old mother, armed himself with a kitchen knife and threatened her with it. He then fled the home while still armed with the knife.

A responding officer tracked Arriaga to a nearby mobile home and learned that the suspect was attempting to hide inside a shower. Arriaga ran from that mobile home and briefly tried to elude officers before he was detained.

No injuries were reported during the incident.

Arriaga was discovered to have five outstanding bench warrants for his arrest. He's currently being held on those warrants at the Dona Ana County Detention Center.



ARRIAGA

41 Career Flavors

Discover your favorite flavor at DACC!

FLAVOR OF THE WEEK: Pre-Business

"DACC was an excellent starting point in my higher education process. With its smaller classes and the professors' passion, it helped me to prepare, and to know what to expect from college-level courses. I was involved with Students in Free Enterprise, the business club, which helped me make friends and connections with employers."



Chuck Sours
DACC and NMSU
Business Graduate

Find out all DACC has to offer. Call 575-528-7000 today, or visit us on the Web: <http://dacc.nmsu.edu>



DOÑA ANA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

ATTENTION

THE NEW MEXICO PECAN GROWERS ASSOCIATION PUBLIC NOTIFICATION FOR AGRICULTURAL BURNING

The New Mexico Pecan Growers Association is notifying the citizens of the Mesilla Valley of planned increases in agricultural burning between the months of Jan. and June. During this time of the year, the pecan growers of New Mexico burn agricultural waste from their operations, which can result in increased levels of smoke. If you have any questions regarding smoke from agricultural burning, please call the New Mexico Environment Department of Air Quality Bureau at 1-800-224-7009.



Love is not abuse.

Please call our confidential hotline for help and information regarding any abuse or violence that may be impacting your life.
24-hour hotline.

526-9513 • 800-376-2272
Non-Emergencies: 526-2819

Programs for Domestic Violence Victims & Offenders

UkeFest offers chance to learn to play ukulele

Bulletin report

The Las Cruces Ukes will host its second Annual Las Cruces UkeFest Saturday, May 28, at St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 225 W. Griggs in downtown Las Cruces.

This year, the guest instructor and concert headliner is Jim D'Ville, who has traveled the world teaching people to play ukulele by ear without having to rely on sheet music.

Aspiring ukulele players can sign up for "Ukulele Basics", a one-hour introduction to the instrument, taught by the Las Cruces Ukes' Chief Musical Officer, Bob Hull. He has played string instruments for more than four decades and he is also a certified luthier, or instrument technician. Hull's workshop on ukulele basics is intended for the complete novice or someone adding ukulele to their musical experience.

He said he believes getting started correctly will aid in enjoyment of the music; he teaches tuning, posture, fretting, strumming, and the first simple chords. New players can then transition into the weekly club rehearsals and future workshops without being overwhelmed. The basics workshop begins at 4 p.m., costs \$10, and loaner ukuleles are available upon request.

D'Ville will teach "Play Ukulele By Ear 1" at 1 p.m. and "Play Ukulele By Ear 2" at 2:30 p.m. Participants may choose to attend one workshop for \$20 or both for \$35. D'Ville is a music educator and facilitator. He has taught his workshops in the United States, Canada, Australia and the Caribbean. D'Ville is the author of the "lay Ukulele By Ear" DVD series and hosts Play Ukulele By Ear website, www.PlayUkuleleByEar.com.

D'Ville says, "Everyone

should take my first class (Play Ukulele By Ear 1). It deals with the basic emotional understanding of the three most important chords in popular music, the I-IV-V, by ear. It changes the way folks approach the art of listening to chord changes."

The UkeFest will also include a concert, with the Las Cruces Ukes warming up the audience for D'Ville. The concert is \$10 or \$5 for workshop attendees and begins at 6 p.m. Come early for the concert and enjoy a meal from The Backyard food truck, which will start serving options such as a green chile and cheese stuffed burger, fried catfish, shrimp salad with avocado, and a Southwest Philly at 4:30 p. m.

In addition, Hubbard's Music will be on hand throughout the day with a special assortment of ukuleles available for purchase. Even if you aren't attending UkeFest, you are welcome to come by to shop for ukuleles, music books, tuners, and more.

Thanks to Kala Brand

Ukuleles, a variety of drawing prizes will be offered, including a ukulele, tuners, and other items. Ohana is also a sponsor.

To reserve a spot, email lascrucesuskes@gmail.com or call 405-7133. More information is online at www.lascrucesuskes.blogspot.com.



The Las Cruces Ukes will host its second Annual Las Cruces UkeFest Saturday, May 28.

COURTESY PHOTO



GREEN CHILE

CHEESE

WONTONS

Peppers
Inside the Double Eagle

2355 Calle De Guadalupe
On the Plaza
Historic Old Mesilla
(575) 523-6700

All New 2016 Models have Arrived!

icomfort

Now with Triple Action Gel Memory Foam

Pressure Relieving Comfort

Added Support

Temperature Regulation

18-month financing interest-free! *OAC

Experience Serta's Most Advanced Sleep System – Ever!

icomfort

Advanced memory foam mattress featuring Triple Action gel memory foam.

icomfort

HYBRID

Unique combination of Triple Action gel memory foam and an advanced coil support system.

	Flat Set Price	Motion Perfect® II Adjustable Set Price
Savani III Plush Queen Size	\$1799	\$3779
F300 Plush Queen Size	\$2199	\$4179
F500 Plush Queen Size	\$2699	\$4679

	Flat Set Price	Motion Perfect® II Adjustable Set Price
Discover Plush Queen Size	\$1399	\$3379
Visionaire Plush Queen Size	\$1799	\$3779
500Q Pillowtop Queen Size	\$2699	\$4679

FREE*

Local Delivery | Set Up & Removal | Bed Frame

10 year warranty

IN-HOME 120 DAY TRIAL!

So Comfortable, You'll Never Count These Guys Again.™

101 E Lohman Ave.

575.526.6691

www.ikardsfurniture.com

Queen Sets Start at \$499

Your mattress experts since 1940

The Best Buy Seal and other licensed materials are registered certification marks and trademarks of Consumers Digest Communications, LLC used under license. For award information, visit ConsumersDigest.com.
 Warrant Certified Inc. does not in any way endorse any business, brand, product and/or service, but instead reports the collective opinion and judgment of female customers. Visit www.womenschoiceaward.com to learn more.
 *Policies are set by local retailer. See store for details. Excludes delivery and set up fees. Other charges may apply. Offer does not apply to Serta® Adjustable Foundations, iComfort Pillows and other iComfort accessories.
 *with purchase of any iComfort set

University Art Gallery receives NEA award

By Dana Beasley
For the Bulletin

The University Art Gallery at New Mexico State University will receive a \$15,000 Art Works award from The National Endowment for the Arts for their interdisciplinary exhibition, "GEOMAGIC: Art, Science and the Zuhl Collection."

"Viewers will see both actual fossil remains and an artists' interpretations of these fossils," said Jeffrey Brown, associate dean for research in the College of Arts and Sciences. "This collaborative project will bring together the best artistic and scientific practices in the College of Arts and Sciences."

The gallery was selected from more than 1,700 applicants to receive funding as part of an \$82 million grant from the NEA to fund local arts projects and partnerships nationwide.

In the exhibition premiering this fall, curators Marisa Sage, director of the gallery, and Tiffany Santos, director of the Zuhl Collection at

NMSU, will showcase contemporary art alongside natural specimens from the Zuhl Collection, such as fossils and minerals.

"This is the only project awarded in New Mexico in the Visual Arts discipline/field," Sage said. "Tiffany Santos and I have curated 'GEOMAGIC' to draw parallels between artistic practice as seen in an artist's studio, and scientific processes as witnessed in laboratories and excavation.

"By juxtaposing natural specimens from the Zuhl Collection alongside select works by 10 internationally recognized artists, we hope to show our community and region that collaborations between the arts and sciences can yield new knowledge, outcomes and perspectives."

The Zuhl collection consists of about 1,800 pieces of petrified wood as well as other fossils and minerals donated to NMSU by Herb and Joan Zuhl, who retired to Las Cruces after spending 30 years collecting and sell-

ing petrified wood as a business. The pieces range in age from 30 million to 200 million years old, some weighing as much as 2,500 pounds.

"The arts are all around us, enhancing our lives in ways both subtle and obvious, expected and unexpected," said NEA Chairman Jane Chu. "Supporting projects like the one from the University Art Gallery at NMSU offers more opportunities to engage in the arts every day."

The NEA Art Works category supports the creation and presentation of both new and existing work, as well as lifelong learning and public engagement with the arts.

"GEOMAGIC" and its educational programming are intended to reach the science, contemporary art and educational communities at regional and national levels, Sage explained. Public programs for the exhibition will include a panel, bi-weekly lectures by scientists and artists,



COURTESY PHOTO

Emily Nachison's "Metonic Transfiguration," made using cast glass, stainless steel and silver solder, will be on display as part of the NMSU University Art Gallery's upcoming exhibition, "GEOMAGIC: Art, Science and the Zuhl Collection." The National Endowment for the Arts recently awarded this show an Art Works award of \$15,000.

a student exhibition and educational workshops.

NMSU geography professor Jack Wright sees the collection as an important bridge between science and art.

"The pieces encourage us to cast aside concrete ideas about geo-reality," Wright explained. "The artists in this show invite us to see what lies beneath, to slice below the surface and delve into the environmental and spiritual challenges all around us. For the natural environment to survive, we must create generations of artist-scholar-

ars such as these; a tribe of environmental expressionists equally at home in a lab and a studio."

Featured artists will include Christine Gray, Jason Middlebrook, Megan Harrison, Amy Brener, Laura Moriarty, Katie Paterson, Emily Nachison, Christine Nguyen, Andrew Yang and Ryan Thompson. Each artist within their practice utilizes various mediums that resemble, echo and mimic the geological to explore our ever-evolving scientific and technological landscape.

To join the Twitter conversation about this an-

nouncement, use #NEA-Spring16. For more information on projects included in the NEA grant announcement, go to www.arts.gov.

If approved by voters in November, \$22.5 million is planned for a new visual arts facility to replace D.W. Williams Hall, a 78-year-old former gymnasium that currently houses NMSU's Department of Art and the University Art Gallery. The funding is part of General Obligation Bond C for higher education projects. No tax increases are associated with these bonds.



Ride with
the #1 car
insurer in
NEW MEXICO

Mike Apodaca, Agent
1100 South Main, Suite 101
Las Cruces, NM 88005
Bus: 575-526-2409
www.mikeapodaca.com

With competitive rates and personal service, it's no wonder more drivers trust State Farm®.

Like a good neighbor, State Farm is there®.
CALL FOR A QUOTE 24/7.



State Farm

State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Company
State Farm Indemnity Company
Bloomington, IL

1001142.1

EDUCATION BRIEFS

'Food for Thought' fundraiser

Las Cruces Academy is hosting a community event and fundraiser,



Lakeside Storage

Spring Specials

10x15 \$50/mo
(reg. \$70)

*Offer Expires Soon!
New Customers Only*

RV & Boat Storage
(16x30) \$25/mo
(reg. \$35)

PLEASE CALL 527-2525 OR VISIT US AT
2525 LAKESIDE DR. • MON-FRI NOON-5PM

"Food for Thought," an evening of dinner, wine, music, silent auction and conversation with any of 12 interesting people in the arts, sciences, business, government, agriculture, and more at 6 p.m., Wednesday, June 1, at 1755 Avenida de Mercado. Tickets are \$50, and half is tax-deductible, due to Las Cruces Academy's status as a public charity (501(c)(3)).

Tickets are available at the door, by calling or emailing Vince at 571-2269 or vince@lascrucesacademy.org.

www.lascrucesacademy.org, from Academy parents or online at Eventbrite. Table may be chosen when tickets are purchased. Details and a map are available at LasCrucesAcademy.org/FFT.

NMSU budget available online

In an effort to keep the NMSU campus community informed about the university's budget reduction and restructuring efforts, a website has been launched: <http://budget-update.nmsu.edu>.

Farmers face deepening drought in southern New Mexico

Bulletin report

The El Nino weather pattern that brought snow to the northern mountains in winter 2015-16 is fizzling out and there's more drought ahead for southern New Mexico, hydrologist Phil King told the board of the Elephant Butte Irrigation District at its May meeting.

"The monsoon tends to do better in El Nino years," King said in a later inter-

view. "But the time we get to the monsoon, the El Nino will definitely be in neutral."

Although the National Weather Service's climate prediction center forecast for May through July shows slightly above average, King said he's not excited by that outlook.

"May and June are typically pretty

dry anyhow," he said.

"I see a deepening drought in the next two to three years."

The agriculture sector is responding in a variety of ways to the prospect of a diminishing water supply, King said.

"I see a lot more fallowed land," he said. "That's the way a lot of farmers are responding to the persistence of the

drought. That will have repercussion across the local economy. Drought is painful, but you can't pump yourself out of it forever."

On the other hand, significant new acreage is being planted in pecan trees,

SEE **FARMS**, PAGE A26

Franco's tortillas roll despite some complications

By **Alta LeCompte**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Gov. Susana Martinez in June 2014 announced California-based tortilla producer Franco Whole Foods LLC would expand its operations into Las Cruces, bringing 160 new jobs with an average salary of \$37,000 plus benefits.

Under a white tent erected by Mesilla Valley Economic Development Alliance at the future home of the tortilla company at 845 W. Amador Ave., Martinez and other state and local dignitaries took the podium to tout Franco's arrival.

Today that building, a former warehouse vacant for years, remains vacant.

In spite of difficulties with its future headquarters, however, Franco Whole Foods has been creating jobs since summer 2015 at a location on South Main Street.

"Everybody thinks the Amador Avenue building is our company," said Mike Franco, who relocated from California to oversee the company's expansion into Las Cruces. "It's not."

Franco Whole Foods currently employs 66, and continues to project employing 160 when the Amador plant comes online.

"The South Main street location was supposed to be our testing facility," Franco said. "We had always planned for R & D there. But we had orders on hand so we had to do something."

Franco said the 16,000-square-foot facility is adequate to meet current demand, but will likely not be later this year.

Meanwhile, the Amador Avenue location awaits the remodeling needed to bring it online as a factory for un-



FILE PHOTO

Franco Whole Foods LLC President Gus Franco speaks at the June 2014 announcement the company would expand from California to Las Cruces.

cooked tortillas, which the Franco family company markets nationally to Whole Foods, Costco and others.

The Amador Avenue building encompasses 40,000 square feet and needs a much pricier renovation than Franco initially believed.

"Amador is a huge, bare warehouse with no electricity, no plumbing, no toilets, nothing," he said.

Franco said the current estimate of \$4.2 million to fix the building is twice what had

been budgeted.

Work on the roof is under way, while the company is putting to-

gether funding to complete the renovations, he said.

At the ceremony in 2014, The New Mexico Economic Development Department announced it would contribute \$75,000 in Local Economic Development Act (LEDA) funds to help offset costs of upgrading their warehouse to meet the needs of manufacturing tortillas and food safety standards.

Franco Whole Foods would also qualify for JTIP, which assists companies by reimbursing 50 percent of wages while training New Mexico workers for new positions.

The City of Las Cruces also would complement training dollars

SEE **TORTILLAS**, PAGE A26

Enjoy the Wine Festival May 28-30 and LEAVE THE DRIVING TO US!

Our Wine Festival package includes:

- double or king suite
- complimentary shuttle to and from wine festival
- two tickets to the Southern NM wine festival
- complimentary hot breakfast
- \$139 plus taxes per night

Packages can be reserved by calling 575-541-8887

SPRINGHILL SUITES®
Marriott

1611 Hickory Loop • Las Cruces, NM 88005
www.marriott.com/lruss

History of Tesla seeking incentives is one of double dealing

Let me tell you a story about intrigue and double dealing — a story that involves billionaires as well as hapless government officials. It is the story of the billion dollar incentive package provided by Nevada to Tesla Motors.

Think back to 2013. Eon Musk, the charismatic billionaire owner of Tesla, announced that Tesla would build a huge lithium battery production facility, dubbed Gigafactory 1.

To determine the future location of the proposed plant, Musk created a “bake off” among five states — Nevada, Arizona, Texas and New Mexico with California added later — with the state offering the best package to get the factory.

From the start, outside observers believed that Nevada was the only logical location for Gigafactory 1. The bake off, in fact, was nothing

Chris Erickson
State of the Economy



more than a thinly disguised attempt to extract concessions from Nevada. After all, Nevada is the home of the nation’s only lithium mine and Reno is just over the border from Fremont, the location of Tesla’s main manufacturing plant.

The bake off, in fact, worked.

Tesla was able to extract an unprecedented package from Nevada valued at \$1.25 billion.

The package included a payment of \$12,500 to Tesla for each of the first 6,000 employees hired, a \$725 million abatement on sales taxes and another \$332 million property tax rebate.

Nevada Gov. Brian Sandoval touted the plant as hav-

ing a value of \$100 billion over 20 years for his state. Thus Sandoval argued that the \$1.25 billion package was a good investment.

Sandoval was wrong.

Just to be clear — Nevada paid more than a billion dollars to attract a factory that was always going to be located in Nevada.

Moreover, Sandoval’s estimate of \$100 billion over 20 years is almost certainly overly optimistic. In fact, as is well known, in a bidding war, the winner is often overly optimistic, which explains why the winning bidder was willing to over pay.

As a 27 percent shareholder, the Nevada package, in effect, gave \$338 million wind-

fall to Eon Musk. Such a massive transfer from taxpayers into a billionaire’s pocket shocks the mind. One can’t help but think about the working stiff’s paying taxes to

finance fat payments to plutocrat Musk.

Playing one state against another is not a new skill for Musk. In 2007, Musk and then New Mexico

‘With this type of track record, you wonder why New Mexico continues to deal with Musk. Have we no pride?’

Gov. Bill Richardson announced that Tesla would build its first U.S. auto-assembly plant in Albuquerque. New Mexico had outbid Arizona with a package with \$20 million, including a cash “signing bonus.”

After the announcement — but before the plant could be built — California made a

richer offer, valued at \$90 million. Tesla promptly abandoned New Mexico.

With this type of track record, you wonder why New Mexico continues to deal with Musk. Have we no pride?

Pulling back from the specific deals and looking more generally, attracting businesses by offering business incentives is not useful strategy. Far better is to lower overall tax rates to promote expansion by existing businesses.

Christopher A. Erickson, Ph.D., is a professor of economics at New Mexico State University. He teaches economic development courses, in which he rails against business incentives. This column is based on his recent testimony before the New Mexico Legislative Finance Committee. The opinions expressed may not be shared by the regents and administration of NMSU. Erickson can be reached at chrerick@nmsu.edu.

Refi Your Ride



It’s fast and easy to refinance your vehicle loan at White Sands FCU.

- Delay your first payment up to three months
- Automatically deduct your loan payment from your account each month
- Skip up to two of your payments each year
- Terms up to 7 years
- Rates as low as 2.65% APR*

2755 N. Main ♦ 2190 E. Lohman
647-4500 ♦ wsfcu.org

* APR: Annual Percentage Rate. This rate includes the Loyalty Plus discount. Loans subject to credit approval. Rates and terms subject to change without notice.

WHITE SANDS
FEDERAL CREDIT UNION

Equal Housing Lender
Federally Insured by National Credit Union Administration

TORTILLAS

FROM PAGE A25

through its Wage+ Program.

Franco said he collaborates regularly with the New Mexico Workforce Connection and Doña Ana Community College to staff his facility.

“We have a great workforce here,” he said.

Franco Whole Foods was founded by Angel Franco in El Paso. In the 1980s his sons Gus and Mike Franco launched a tortilla manufacturing business in San Diego. Gus developed the uncooked flour tortilla recipe in 1993.

Alta LeCompte can be reached at lecompte.alta@gmail.com or 343-7478.

SAVE THE DATE

THU 5/26

4 p.m. Meet the Doña Ana County Candidates, Hotel Encanto de Las Cruces, 705 S. Telshor Blvd. For more information, call the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce, 524-1968.

5:30 to 7 p.m. Business After Hours, Hotel Encanto de Las Cruces, 705 S. Telshor Blvd. For more information, call the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce, 524-1968.

THU 6/9

5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Part one of a three part WESST series on the business plan and how to write it. Springhill Suites, 1611 Hickory Loop. Cost: \$40 for the series. Register online at www.wesst.org or by calling Alicia Garcia, 541-1583, or emailing agarcia@wesst.org.

THU 6/16

2 to 4 p.m. Steps to Starting Your Business, Small Business Development Center, Doña Ana Community College Workforce Center, 2345 E. Nevada Ave., Room 101. Free. For more information, call 527-7676 or visit www.nmsbdc.org/lascruces.

5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Part two of a three part WESST series on the business plan and how to write it. Springhill Suites, 1611 Hickory Loop. Register online at www.wesst.org or by calling Alicia Garcia, 541-1583 or emailing agarcia@wesst.org

THU 6/23

2 to 4 p.m. Pasos para Iniciar su Negocio. Identifique cuales son los pasos a seguir antes de iniciar su negocio. For more information, call 527-7676 or visit www.nmsbdc.org/lascruces.

5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Part three of a three part WESST series on the business plan and how to write it. Springhill Suites, 1611 Hickory Loop. Register online at www.wesst.org or by calling Alicia Garcia, 541-1583 or emailing agarcia@wesst.org.

FARMS FROM PAGE A25

which are heavy water users.

“There are some very brave out there in the boonies who must know something I don’t know,” said King, who is a professor of engineering at New Mexico State University and EBID’s hydrology consultant.

Irrigation season to start

Elephant Butte Irrigation District (EBID) began its 2016 irrigation season in the Hatch Valley on April 15. Now it’s time to begin in the central and south areas of the Mesilla Valley.

As of the EBID board meeting May 1, an official allotment of 10 inches per acre was approved. Farm Rate Account water orders for the central and south areas may be placed beginning May 16.

EBID has announced the release date will be May 30 for the Leasburg Canal, Eastside Canal and Westside canals. Diversions will start about May 31 or June 1.

The final allotment for the 2016 irrigation season will be determined at the June 8 EBID board meeting.

“It’s too early to determine yet but

we are hopeful.” Gary Esslinger, EBID manager said.

Snow fails to restock reservoirs

King said the winter’s substantial snowfall in the mountains has not been the windfall Mesilla Valley growers had hoped it would be.

He said the watershed has been so dry and warn that the snow runoff “is just no showing up.”

“All the optimism back in December an January proved a bit naive,” he said.

As a result, he said he anticipates a final EBID irrigation allotment for the current growing season of 12 inches for the Hatch and Mesilla Valleys.

King said when the Elephant Butte and Caballo reservoir water storage dips below 400,000 acre feet, the Rio Grande Compact kicks in and upstate New Mexico and Colorado may not capture new water.

He said that provision went into effect in mid-April and the reservoirs currently are holding about 376,000 acre-feet of water.

Updates can be found throughout the irrigation season on the EBID website at www.ebid-nm.org or by calling the offices at 524-8003.

Governor’s conference



PHOTO BY ELVA K. ÖSTERREICH

Participants in The 2016 New Mexico True Governor’s Conference on Hospitality and Tourism held in Las Cruces gather at Hotel Encanto, May 16. The event kicked off Monday evening with a welcome reception featuring country music icon Bri Bagwell. Almost 400 people came together in Las Cruces from across New Mexico to participate. Community leaders in the hospitality and tourism business had the opportunity to spend a week in Las Cruces, learning about the city and taking in some inspirational talks and hands-on training at the Las Cruces Convention Center.

Local ‘sharks’ back VR Health Journeys

Bulletin report

A student-run company that brings virtual reality equipment into health-care facilities to improve patients’ quality of life was a big winner at the New Mexico State University’s recent Shark Tank funding competition.

Five companies run by NMSU student entrepreneurs pitched to four local investors at the Aggie Shark Tank in hopes of taking their businesses to the next level. Participating “sharks” were Lou Sisbarro, Sisbarro Dealerships; Royal Jones, Mesilla Valley Transportation, Dino Cervantes, Cervantes Enterprises; and Mickey Clute, real estate developer.

The investors committed about \$80,000 to help the companies, including a \$30,000 investment for a 20

percent share in the virtual reality company, VR Health Journeys. The company also won cash prizes for being both the shark favorite and crowd favorite at the competition held April 22 at the Las Cruces Convention Center.

Steve Eiserling, cofounder of VR Health Journeys, said the company brings Virtual Reality Equipment into health care facilities to help improve the quality of life for patients.

“It also started with basically just wanting to help people that are in palliative care try to get out of their environments because they are stuck in it,” Eiserling said. “And so we use virtual reality equipment to bring experiences to them so they can get out and express themselves, and we found along the terms as we’re doing this

there is also a benefit in pain relief. ...”

Personal as well as financial goals drive the founders of VR Health Journeys.

Billy Welsh, co-founder, has cerebral palsy and wanted to find a way to help friends and loved ones in long-term care facilities.

“I realize that there is a lot of boredom,” Welsh said. “And it get really depressing because you’re stuck in a room, especially when you’re a kid. You want to go out and play, but you can’t. ... So, we’re offering people a solution to let people use state of the art virtual reality, so that they can see the world beyond their room or the bed that their confined to.”

Beto Pallares, one of the sharks who invested in the company, said this is one of the most innovative

uses for virtual reality he’s seen.

“What I found really exciting is the ability to link the aspect of virtual reality to a real, known market,” Pallares said. “And this case it’s the therapeutic market, whether it’s for older people, or people in therapies — and I found that to be really novel and a really good thing to invest in.”

Pallares is an El Paso-based venture investor who is working with Arrowhead to develop funding opportunities. He also is cofounder and former partner in Cottonwood Technologies, a New Mexico-based seed and early-stage investment fund.

“If you want to create a culture of innovation,” Pallares said. “You have to support the people who are going out to the edge and

saying I have this idea, and I need to validate it in this way or that way. We can’t just assume that the only technology we have access to is what we buy from Amazon, or what we go to Best Buy for — we have to invest in our own innovation.”

Billy Welsh is excited to see the impact that VR Health Journeys can have.

“My goal is honestly to get this in every hospital all over the world,” Welsh

said. “To change the face of the medical industry is viewed, to get people off of prescription drugs, to make life a little bit more fun.”

The businesses that gave their pitches at the Aggie Shark Tank ranged from sports equipment to retro gaming to health technology. All five companies received some type of assistance, whether money, time or business connections.

MOONBOW

ALTERATIONS • GIFT SHOP
We can make your clothes fit.

NFL items have arrived.
225 E. Idaho #32 in La Mission Plaza

Hours: Tues thru Fri - 10AM - 6PM
Saturday : 10AM - 2PM
Phone Number: 527-1411

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Enterprise adviser to address HTC

Paul Furth, the John Kaichiro and Tome Miyaguchi Nakayama Professorship for Teaching Excellence in New Mexico State University's College of Engineering and enterprise adviser with the Arrowhead Center, will speak at this month's High Tech Consortium (HTC) of Southern New Mexico membership meeting, 5 to 6:30 p.m. Friday, May 20, at the Sonoma Ranch Golf Course Banquet Room, 1274 Golf Club Road.

Furth will discuss his role at the Arrowhead Center in assisting researchers, start-ups and entrepreneurs commercialize technologies.

HTC membership meetings are open to the public.

Anyone interested in growing technology in southern New Mexico is encouraged to attend.

The cost of meeting attendance (no meal) is \$5; meeting attendance with meal is \$20 — check or cash preferred.

For more information, call Terry Jack at 522-3868 or Paul Deason at 644-8427.

SunPower by Positive Energy Solar ranked top NM installer

The New Mexico Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department (EMNRD) has announced that in 2015, private citizens invested more than \$31 million in rooftop solar — and SunPower by Positive Energy Solar installed more systems than any other company in the state.

SunPower by Positive Energy Solar installed almost 28 percent of the systems installed in 2015, according to a release.

"New Mexico residents are investing their hard-earned money into solar, which has brought our state thousands of jobs, revenue and opportunities," said Regina Wheeler, CEO of SunPower by Positive Energy Solar. "Solar power is becoming cost competitive with traditional electricity sources in many geographies across the country, and with the New Mexico Solar Market Development Tax Credit available through 2016, more homeowners can save on energy costs while improving the environment."

EMNRD estimates that the residential state tax credit funds will be fully allocated by July 29. For more information, visit www.positiveenergysolar.com.

PNM investments are driving economic development initiatives

By Agnes Noonan
President, WESST

PNM and the PNM Resources Foundation contribute more than \$3 million to New Mexico nonprofits and community partners each year to support economic, educational and environmental initiatives in the communities the company serves.

One of its core partnerships is with WESST, a non-profit small-business development organization committed to cultivating entrepreneurship throughout the state through training, consulting, incubation and lending.

"Through our economic vitality giving efforts, we focus on economic-development collaborations, support of local chambers (of commerce) and providing assistance to low-income-qualified families through programs that increase their energy efficiency options and reduce their utility bills," said Amy M. Miller, director of community, environment and local government for PNM. "We consider WESST to be one of the best partners we have in the economic-development arena."



NOONAN

The Toolkit

Creating jobs and businesses is critical in New Mexico, Miller said, and PNM likes what WESST is doing to bring economic stability and higher living standards to the state's diverse communities.

As part of its Job Growth Initiative, PNM helped WESST launch the Technology Toolkit, a program that helps New Mexico entrepreneurs effectively use technology in their businesses and provides streamlined, low-interest loans of \$500 to \$5,000 for tech purchases such as hardware, software and Web development.

"PNM understands the vision that WESST has to provide entrepreneurs with access to learning and loans that help them incorporate technology tools into their businesses," said Julianna Silva, managing director of the WESST Enterprise Center, one of 7 certified small business incubators in New Mexico. "These resources are so pivotal in today's ever-changing digital landscape and play a key role in how New Mexico entrepreneurs start and grow their businesses."

Toolkit workshops offer intensive



training and consulting in online marketing, low-cost tech and financial applications and business uses for tablets like the iPad. Sample classes include break-even and cash flow analysis using custom Excel models, selling online using ETSY, mobile tools for marketing and productivity and QuickBooks basics.

"WESST is able to help New Mexico entrepreneurs use technology wisely to grow sustainable businesses," Silva said, "and the support of PNM has amplified our capacity to offer these important resources to small businesses in New Mexico. PNM has always been a tremendous partner in our work to advance economic development in the state."

Mutual admiration

PNM's collaboration with WESST goes back to the organization's creation: Two of WESST's three founders were PNM employees, and PNM employees and company officers continue their involvement with WESST.

Besides PNM's organizational support, Miller said, "some of us provide personal contributions to the organization (and) two of our officers also continue to be active in board and committee work to further WESST's mission in New Mexico," Miller said. "WESST has a proven track record in creating a wide array of support to help entrepreneurs succeed in all parts of New Mexico. This is so critical when it comes to improving the economic health of our state."

In 2015, WESST provided training, consulting, incubation and financial services to 3,025 New Mexicans from its offices in Albuquerque, Roswell, Rio Rancho, Santa Fe, Farmington and Las Cruces. WESST clients employed more than 1,470 people, created 238 new jobs and generated more than \$88 million in annual revenues.

For more information about the WESST Technology Toolkit, visit <https://www.wesst.org/business-training/wesst-technology-toolkit/>.

Finance New Mexico assists individuals and businesses with obtaining skills and funding resources for their business or idea. To learn more, go to www.FinanceNewMexico.org.

GRADUATION'S ALMOST HERE... Congratulate the graduates!

Be true to your school, celebrate your favorite grad, or congratulate them all in the pages of the Las Cruces Bulletin! Spread your message of luck and goodwill to more than 60,000 readers of the pages of the Bulletin.

The year's first graduation is for Doña Ana Community College May 12 and the season lasts through the Mesilla Valley Christian Schools graduation May 27.

Contact your
marketing representative
at the Las Cruces Bulletin,
524-8061, today!

THE LAS CRUCES
Bulletin

Send sports news to: sports@lascrucesbulletin.com

Hawks, Knights win titles on the diamond

Bulletin report

The Centennial High School baseball and softball teams both grabbed 5A state championships at the NMAA tournaments in Albuquerque.

The Hawk baseball squad took down Belen, Los Alamos and St. Pius X in the tourna-

ment before getting past Goddard 5-4 in the state championship showdown.

In 6A action, Las Cruces won its first game 2-1 against Sandia but then fell 5-1 to Rio Rancho.

Mayfield lost its first game to La Cueva 2-1.

On the softball fields, the

Hawks had to play two games against Aztec in the finals, but overcame an initial 6-1 loss to beat Aztec 1-0 and snare the state crown.

Centennial beat Valencia, Miyamjura and Piedra Vista to set up the showdown with Aztec, which had lost earlier and need-

ed to beat the Hawks twice to win the title.

In 6A softball, the Oñate Knights topped Cleveland twice, 11-1 and 11-3, to win the state championship. On their way to the finals, the Knights beat Las Cruces 4-3 and then topped La Cueva.

Las Cruces nearly made it back to a rematch with the Knights as the Bulldawgs advanced in the consolation bracket before falling 7-3 to Cleveland. Las Cruces made it to Albuquerque by beating Mayfield 13-11 in a play-in game.

Knight time in Duke City



COURTESY PHOTO

Oñate High School track athlete Jennifer Rameriz celebrates her state championships in the 6A 100 hurdles and 300 hurdles at the state championship meet Saturday, May 14 in Albuquerque. Yemisi Oroinyin won both the girls shot put and discus. Also for the Knights, Thomas Salas won the title in the boys 3,200-meter run.

NMSU's Baker returns for senior season

Bulletin report

Ian Baker of the New Mexico State men's basketball announced he will return to the team and play out his senior year in Las Cruces.

"Getting to work out and receive feedback from the NBA was an incredible experience," Baker said. "It is going to make me a better player, and serve me well down the road. My heart is with this team



BAKER

and I am really excited about this year. I am ready to give it all I have so that we can accomplish amazing things. We have everything in place to have a special season."

Baker, a Washington, D.C., native declared for the NBA Draft back on April 18, but did not hire an agent – allowing him to test the waters and

return to the Aggies should he decide to.

The 6-0 guard was a First-Team All-WAC selection this past season after averaging 13.8 points, 4.6 rebounds, 3.7 assists and 1.1 steals. Baker was also named to the WAC All-Defensive Team and All-WAC Tournament Team.

"Ian is one of the most unheralded

SEE **BAKER**, PAGE A31

NMSU inks Oñate star McCants

Bulletin report

He's about 6-foot-7 and averaged a double-double of about 20 points and 12 rebounds for the Oñate High basketball team in the 2015-16 season.

Johnny McCants' high school season ended in the state semifinals, but southern New Mexico hoops fans will continue to be able to watch him play. The Las Cruces has decided to stay in town and play for New Mexico State University.



COURTESY PHOTO BY JIM THOMPSON /
ALBUQUERQUE JOURNAL

Oñate's Johnny McCants will next play for NMSU.

18 helpful tips from your 'golf shrink,' Dr. Golf

Welcome to the second installment of our "think like a shrink" series aimed at providing information and strategies for you to shrink your handicap - being the best golfer you can be. In this case I'm the shrink. These are a condensed set of 18 tips to help you do things right.

1. Book a golf lesson with a PGA pro every so often. Have the pro look at and video both your swing and your putting in order to give you honest helpful feedback and suggestions.

2. Carry several new golf gloves in your bag. When one glove gets soggy let it dry and put on a fresh, dry one so your hands don't slip. Check out sales and buy in bulk.

3. Use a chalk line and a string line for putting practice. For those pesky putts from four to eight feet you need your eyes directly over the ball and the putter going straight back and through. Unfortunately, the HURP has been ruled non-conforming. Sorry.

4. Get your eyes checked every 24 to 36 months by an optometrist or ophthalmologist, especially if you are over 45. As we get older vision often becomes a problem. Had Ben Hogan's aging eyes been better no telling how

**Charlie
Blanchard**
Golf Doctor



many more majors he would have won.

5. Add at least 15 more yards to your drive. Of course this is golf's Holy Grail, but you can't score unless you get your drive in position to attack the green. Refer to tip no. 1 above.

6. When you buy new clubs have them fitted. The latest clubs have a lot of variations, like loft, lie angle, shaft length, stiffness and more. Fitting helps with balls and putters also.

7. Use a laser rangefinder or GPS device or both. They provide your distance and speed play.

8. Devote half your practice time to putting and chipping, since half your strokes are there.

9. For chip shots near the green, keep the ball low and running. Leave the flop shots to the big-money pros. Consider using a hybrid to run the ball up if you're on shorter grass.

10. Take a break from Facebook and read some great classic golf books. More on this later.

11. Replace your long irons with hybrids. Unless you are a legitimate scratch handicap you shouldn't carry anything stronger than a 5 iron (even 6) in your bag. Hybrids are a whole lot easier to hit, and go longer and higher, for swing speeds under 100.

12. Spend some time practicing with alignment sticks made of clubs on the ground when on the range. Two sticks, placed like rails, will help aim your feet, hips, eyes, arms and shoulders.

13. Keep track of your stats. Most amateurs only look at score. If you're serious about golf you should know your numbers. Chart your fairways hit, GIRs, up-and-down saves, putts and so on. You will find this highlights your strengths and will direct your practice effort.

14. Pack light when taking a golf trip. Airlines charge for golf clubs, except for Southwest. I keep a nice set of golf clubs with family members so I don't have to drag them around for visits there. Pack things like rainwear, caps and shoes in your golf bag, and secure the clubs in a rolling travel bag with an extendable Club Glove Stiff Arm for protection.

15. If you are a business executive

organize (and pay for) a corporate golf outing with a cursory meeting. Take your company employees and sales force out for a day of golf; even a member-guest affair, whether locally or at a resort. Do it with class and it will go a long way to keeping your key employees and even your clients happy and impressed.

16. Buy an adjustable driver if your clubs are still in the dark ages. The ever-quicken pace of technology means clubs get outdated in only a few years. You can change the loft, face angle and launch trajectory with a simple manufacturer's tool.

17. Dress like you're a golfer and belong on the golf course. No jeans, t-shirts or flip-flops.

18. There are 34 Rules of golf in the USGA book. I have one extra - "rule 35": Have fun.

THE LAS CRUCES
Bulletin

Read the entire Bulletin at
www.lascrucesbulletin.com



DEALER DAYS HAVE LANDED!

CHAIN SAWS STARTING AT \$159⁹⁵ | BLOWERS STARTING AT \$139⁹⁵ | TRIMMERS STARTING AT \$129⁹⁵

Deming

Sun Valley Do It Best Hardware
1700 S. Columbus
505-544-3004
SunValleyInc.biz

Hatch

Sun Valley Do It Best Hardware
703 W. Hall
575-267-4381
SunValleyInc.biz

Las Cruces

Power Center
2000 North Telshor Blvd
575-522-1050
ThePowerCenter.us

Mesilla Park

Sun Valley Do It Best Hardware
3567 S Main St
575-647-3648
SunValleyInc.biz

Silver City

Sun Valley Do It Best Hardware
1401 Silver Heights Blvd
575-538-3291
SunValleyInc.biz

Truth or Consequences

Sun Valley Inc.
400 East Smith Avenue
575-894-5111
SunValleyInc.biz

#1 Selling Brand of Gasoline-Powered Handheld Outdoor Power Equipment in America
"Number one selling brand" is based on syndicated Irwin Broh Research as well as independent consumer research of 2009-2015 U.S. sales and market share data for the gasoline-powered handheld outdoor power equipment category combined sales to consumers and commercial landscapers.

STIHLdealers.com

KM 56 RC-E
KOMBISYSTEM
One Powerhead.
Multiple Attachments.

\$199⁹⁵

Powerhead Only

★★★★★

"At least 2x more powerful than either of the electric blowers I've owned that claimed higher wind speeds."

- user RC371

Attachments sold separately.

STIHL
Easy 2 Start
POWER ASSISTED START



FREE

STIHL HP ULTRA OIL*

(6-pack of 2.6 oz. bottles)
WITH PURCHASE OF
SELECT STIHL PRODUCTS



*A \$15.54 IMS-SRP value.
Offer valid through 5/29/16 with purchase of FS 40 C-E, FS 50 C-E, FS 56 RC-E, FS 56 C-E or KM 56 RC-E at participating dealers while supplies last.

Check out this review and others on the product pages at STIHLdealers.com.

All prices are IMS-SRP. Available at participating dealers while supplies last. © 2016 STIHL IMS16-622-132681-3

Texas Wesleyan University honors former LCHS softballer

By **Barbara Boxleitner**
Special to Las Cruces Bulletin

Bailey Terry has been recognized for her softball play.

The Texas Wesleyan University freshman was named to the all-Sooner Athletic Conference first team.

Typically third or fourth in the order, the Las Cruces High School graduate led the team with a .385 batting average, five home runs and 37 runs batted in. Her 15-game hitting streak led the team.

The third baseman had a .920 fielding percentage in 174 chances.

Terry received the Lewis and Dorothy Peak 3D (Desire, Dedication and Determination) Award at the school's

April athletics banquet.

More softball

Eastern New Mexico University's Audrey Velasquez has been named as the second baseman on the all-Lone Star Conference second team. The former Bulldawg also received a conference Golden Glove Award. She hit .361 in starting all 55 games and had three home runs and 26 RBIs. She had a .988 fielding percentage in 245 chances.

Mesa Community College infielder Valerie Macias hit .293 in 55 games. The freshman from Ocate High was second on the squad with five home runs and 40 RBIs.

Alexis Dotson batted .288 through 53

games for University of Arizona. Out of Las Cruces High, the outfielder had two home runs and 20 RBIs.

Sophomore infielder Katalina Padilla hit .142 in 42 games for Nyack College. She played for the Bulldawgs.

Women's outdoor track and field

Patricia Medina of New Mexico State University placed 10th in the long jump at the University of Texas El Paso Invitational. The freshman, who is from Mayfield High, also has competed in the triple jump.

New Mexico State senior Leah Englehart, a past Bulldawg, was ninth in the 800-meter run at the UTEP Invitational.

Ocate alumna Yemisi Oroyinyin was sixth in the shot put for New Mexico

State at the Ross Black Open.

Las Cruces product Kimberly Salinas placed second in the javelin throw for New Mexico State at the Ross Black Open.

Men's golf

New Mexico State's Isaac Merry shot a 230 (76-79-75) at the Western Athletic Conference Championship. He is out of Ocate.

New Mexico State teammate Davis Chung carded a 228 (78-73-77) at the WAC tournament. The freshman competed for Las Cruces.

Send updates about area athletes to Barbara Boxleitner at bboxleitner@outlook.com.

NM State softball concludes season in WAC tourney

Bulletin report

After six scoreless innings, the NM State softball team fell 1-0 to CSU Bakersfield in the championship game of the Western Athletic Conference Tournament at Logan Field in Seattle. With this loss, the Aggies have concluded the 2016 season with a 38-21 record.

The Aggies had four hits and left six runners on base. Emma Adams went 1-for-2 with two putouts and an assist. Karysta Donisthorpe pitched 7.0 innings and collected four strikeouts in 26 batters faced. Through her three games this weekend, the redshirt senior racked up 25 strikeouts.

CSU Bakersfield (16-32) scored one run and had one RBI on three hits. Amber Mills pitched 7.0 innings and had four strikeouts in 26 batters faced.

CSU Bakersfield put runners on base in the top of the first inning. Julea Cavazos singled to left field and advanced to second on an Aggie error.

Cavazos advanced to third as Alex Simmons hit a sacrifice bunt. Adams then caught a foul ball inches from the netting behind home plate for the second out. Selena Gonzalez was walked to put runners on the corners, but Karysta Donisthorpe collected her first strikeout of the game to end the inning.

BAKER

FROM PAGE B29

top players we have had since I arrived here," said head men's basket-

ball coach, Paul Weir. "He has sacrificed many personal goals for the greater good of the team. I believe our schematic changes offensively are going to allow him to

thrive and for him to go down as an all-time Aggie great. That is an exceptionally high standard, but one I think Ian can meet with extraordinary work ethic and passion."

Las Cruces Bulletin Proud Sponsor of our "Pet of the Week"



This handsome fellow is known as Jax. He has been with us for almost 2 years! This wonderful boy is very tired of living in a kennel, and would love some room to run! He is a great companion, and if you're looking for an active friend, come down and see him today! We're sure that as soon as you meet him, you'll be in love!!

**Animal Services Center
of the Mesilla Valley**
3551 Bataan Memorial West

Help sponsor an
adoptable animal!

To sponsor call:

524-8061

To adopt call:

382-0018

or visit

petango.com/ascmv

The Las Cruces Bulletin

840 N. Telshor Blvd., Ste. E • www.lascrucesbulletin.com

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

SPONSORED BY:
THE LAS CRUCES
Bulletin

Catherine Taylor is a 14-year-old freshman at Centennial High School. She is a varsity runner on the Lady Hawks cross country and track teams. Taylor qualified for state in cross country and qualified for state in track in the 3,200 (two-mile). She is friendly, determined, hard-working and outgoing. She is an excellent student, with a 4.0 GPA. Taylor plays flute and piccolo for the symphony orchestra, played flute for the all-state symphonic band, loves reading, the outdoors, photography and time with family and friends.



Adrian Acosta is an 18-year-old senior at Centennial High School. He plays linebacker for the Hawks football team and throws javelin, discus and shotput on the track and field team. Acosta is a two-time state qualifier for throwing the shotput. He is a natural leader who motivates and encourages others. Acosta is dedicated, positive and hard-working on the field and in the classroom, with a 3.0 GPA. He is a Royal Rangers youth leader commander at Las Cruces First Assemblies of God Church and is planning to attend New Mexico State University and study criminal justice and R.O.T.C. Acosta enjoys hanging out with family.



CENTENNIAL HIGH SCHOOL

Schultz named CEO at Mesilla Valley Hospital

Bulletin report

Diana Schultz has joined Mesilla Valley Hospital as its new chief executive officer. The medical facility reports Schultz brings more than ten years of hospital CEO experience from Corpus Christi, Texas and El Paso, along with a background in social services and human resource administration.

"I am grateful for the opportunity to take the leadership role at Mesilla Valley Hospital, where we will continue to provide compassionate and specialized care to those in need of mental health and substance abuse treatment," Schultz said via a release.

Mesilla Valley Hospital is a psychiatric hospital offering a wide range of psychiatric and addiction services for adolescents and adults.

As CEO, Schultz will head up Mesilla Valley's medical and leadership teams and will provide overall direction and guidance of hospital operations. As the top administrator, Schultz is responsible for cultivating a culture focused most importantly on patient care, safety and satisfaction, along with ensuring the hospital

maintains financial health and stability.

"Mesilla Valley Hospital is an established leader in behavioral healthcare in the community," Schultz said. "And, we will continue providing exceptional care, while focusing on new initiatives to remain a leader in our field."



SCHULTZ

Schultz is very active in professional organizations and is currently the President for the Southwest Healthcare Executives Association, an independent chapter of the American College of Healthcare Executives. She has been honored with the Healthcare Administration Leadership Award, the Las Estrellas Award and the Corpus Christi Under 40 Award. She holds a masters of public administration from Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi and a bachelor of arts in psychology from Our Lady of the Lake University in San Antonio, Texas.

More information about the hospital can be found online at mesillavalleyhospital.com.

IN THE NEWS

DAV Chapter 38 seeks volunteer drivers

The Disabled American Veterans Chapter 38 needs volunteer drivers to transport disabled veterans to VA health care locations in Las Cruces, El Paso and Albuquerque. Qualifications: valid New Mexico driver's license; valid motor vehicle liability insurance; ability to pass a NM Dept. of Transportation health screening; U.S. citizenship; over 21 years of age. Contact John Devery at 640-8865.

Criminal justice honor society wins top awards

Last year, New Mexico State University's criminal justice honor society, Alpha Chi Alpha, won first place at the Alpha Phi Sigma National Conference for their analysis of a mock crime scene.

This year, they created their own. The grim display — which featured an NMSU criminal justice alumnus playing dead on a cold, hotel bathroom floor— was created for the Crime Scene Investigation portion of this year's conference, held from March 29-April 2 in Denver.

DACC student receives honor society scholarship

Breanna Garcia, a student at Doña Ana Community College, has been awarded a scholarship from an international business honor society. She is the Region 6 awardee from Kappa Beta Delta.

Garcia, a business major, has earned Crimson Scholar status for her academic achievements. She participates in community service projects and is part of a competitive dance studio.

Garcia overcame bullying early in

life and participates in dance to show the bullies how wrong they were about her.

"I wanted to show them I was capable of making something of myself and prove them wrong," Garcia said.

Kappa Beta Delta is an international honor society that encourages and recognizes scholarship and accomplishment among students of business, management and administration pursuing associate degrees, according to Alison Roberts, Kappa Beta Delta staff liaison.

Facilities and Services announces award winners

Five employees with with New Mexico State University Facilities and Services have been honored with the 2015 Strickland Award. Charles Strickland served as NMSU's Physical Plant director for 45 years, from 1911 through 1956. In honor of his long service to NMSU, the Strickland Award was created to recognize individuals who have rendered exceptional service to the organization that is now Facilities and Services. This year's recipients are Orlando Flores, grounds supervisor; Louis Huber, deputy fire chief; Joaquin Gonzalez, Facilities and Services accounting; Jack Kirby, assistant director of environmental health and safety; and Orasa Vaught, design project manager.

Heidi Frohnapfel, design project manager, was given the AVP Award, which is given out every year to one recipient at the discretion of the Associate Vice President of Facilities and Services Glen Haubold. The AVP Award recognizes an employee for a significant achievement or collection of outstanding work representative of the Facilities and Services' values, goals, and mission.

INVEST IN YOURSELF

\$99 A MONTH AND SO DOWN*

ON AN H-D STREET™ 500.

THIS INVESTMENT PAYS OFF NOW.

OFFER ENDS JUNE 30, 2016.

IRON 883™
\$27 PER MONTH AND SO DOWN

H-D STREET 500
\$99 PER MONTH AND SO DOWN

H-D STREET 750
\$83 PER MONTH AND SO DOWN

I-10 @ AVE de MESILLA
575.541.1440 or 866.789.7077
www.barnettslascruceshd.com

*Financing offer available only on new H-D Street™ and Street™ motorcycles financed through Equus Bank and is subject to credit approval. Not all applicants will qualify as the Annual Percentage Rate (APR) will vary based on the applicant's good credit performance and the terms of the loan. Financing offer is available only for up to a 72 month term. For example, a 2016 Street™ 500 motorcycle is valued at \$3,299.00 with an MSRP of \$3,299.00. \$99 down payment and amount financed of \$3,200.00. 72 month repayment term, and 30% APR results in monthly payments of \$112.50. A 2016 Street™ 750 motorcycle is valued at \$3,299.00 with an MSRP of \$3,299.00. \$83 down payment and amount financed of \$3,216.00. 72 month repayment term, and 30% APR results in monthly payments of \$109.84. In these examples, customer is responsible for applicable taxes, title, licensing fees and any other fees or charges at the time of sale. APR is calculated according to the simple interest method. Not valid in conjunction with other offers. Customer must take delivery by June 30, 2016. Other terms, conditions, and restrictions may apply. Dealer participation may vary. Financing offer is subject to change in consultation of Equus Bank. See your Harley-Davidson® Retailer for details.

Quality Window Tinting

Automotive • Residential • Commercial

Quality Service
at Affordable Prices

3001 HARRELSON
LAS CRUCES, NM 88005

DANNY OLIVAREZ
(575) 640-1610

THE LAS CRUCES

Bulletin

Read the entire
Bulletin at
www.lascruces-bulletin.com

Coming Up

Model Railroad Club meeting

Southern New Mexico N Scalers Model Railroad Club monthly meeting and model railroad running day is the third Saturday of each month from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the club layout at the Southern New Mexico Fair Grounds (located in the White Quonset Hut.) Enter from the far west gate. The next meeting is Saturday, May 21. For information, call Mike Fifer at 526-8834.

Singing Out concert May 21

Singing Out Las Cruces, a LGBT and allies community chorus celebrates "Five Years of Song" at 7 p.m., Saturday, May 21, and at 3 p.m., Sunday, May 22, in the Good Samaritan Auditorium, 3011 Buena Vida Circle. Silent auction and refreshments available. Tickets: \$10. For information, visit singingoutlas-cruces.org.

Free movies in the park continue

The City of Las Cruces Parks and Recreation Department and Pick Quik stores of Las Cruces announce the free 2016 Movies in the Park program. Movies begin at 7 p.m. (or dusk) each Saturday at Young Park, 1905 E. Nevada Ave. May 21: "Pixels;" May 28: "Point Break."

Family Game Day May 21 at Branigan Library

Thomas Branigan Memorial Library hosts an afternoon of fun and games from 1 to 5 p.m., Saturday, May 21, at 200 E. Picacho Ave. Open to

all ages. Participants play games provided or bring their own. For more information on this and other events at the library, contact the Reference Department at 528-4005 or library.reference@las-cruces.org.

Proposal writing workshop at Branigan Library

Thomas Branigan Library is hosting a series of grant foundation classes for adults, held at Branigan Library, 200 E. Picacho Ave. The next workshop is Introduction to Proposal Writing, from 1 to 2 p.m., Monday, May 23. Learn the key components of a proposal to a foundation. Register by phone at 541-2393 or email at kpartin@las-cruces.org.

Astronomy Society meeting

From 7 to 9 p.m., Friday, May 27, at Doña Ana Community College main campus room 141 of the Technical Building, the public is invited to the monthly meeting of the Astronomical Society of Las Cruces which includes a presentation on stellar evolution by Alex Woronow. Door prizes. Free. See website for directions. For information, contact aslc-nm.org or president@aslc-nm.org.

'Munch and Learn' event at Farm Bureau

Farm Bureau Financial Services, 2220 N. Telshor Blvd., is hosting two 'Munch and Learn' community events at 11 a.m. and 3:30 p.m., Monday, May 30, to answer questions about insurance. Lunch is provided at 11 a.m., and a snack is offered at 3 p.m. Door prizes

and drawings. For information, email alan.ramirez@fbfs.com or call 644-4274.

AARP workshop on caregiver resources

Las Cruces AARP Chapter 1230 and the New Mexico Direct Caregiver Coalition offer a workshop on Caregiver Resources at 10 a.m., Tuesday, June 14, at Senior Circle, 3948 E. Lohman Ave. For information, call Dave at 317-385-8874.

Las Cruces AARP general meeting June 15

AARP Chapter 1230 will meet at 2 p.m., Wednesday, June 15, at Senior Circle, 3948 E. Lohman Ave., for a presentation by Councilman Greg Smith on "Update of Downtown Renovation." This is the last meeting before summer break; we return in September. Please bring a dry good to donate. For information call Dave at 317-385-8874.

'Blast from the Past' discussions

Take a walk down memory lane when Stan Blitz and Jim Gibson lead discussions about the movies, music, television and stars of the 1950s and 60s from 2 to 3 p.m., every Friday at MountainView Senior Circle, 4311 E. Lohman Ave. For information call 522-0503.

MS group meets 1st Thursday

Group meets from 4:30 to 6 p.m. the first Thursday of every month in the Social Center Creative Arts Room, Good Samaritan Society Las Cruces Village, 3011 Buena Vida Circle for emotional support and MS education. Date, time, location are subject to change: call,

email or text before attending at 373-5130 or las-crucesmselfhelp@gmail.com.

Las Cruces Civitan Club Meeting

The Las Cruces Civitan Club meets monthly at on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month. Second Tuesday meeting starts at noon; fourth Tuesday meeting starts at 6 p.m. at Los Compas Restaurant, 1120 Commerce Drive. For information, call 649-0165.

Business builders group meets Wednesdays

Elite Business Builders BNI Group meets from 8:30 to 10 a.m., Wednesdays at Picacho Country Club, 6861 Via Campestre. Open networking, questions and answers. For

information and to be a guest call Cheryl 524-1201 or 520-730-4456.

Las Cruces Shrine meets on 2nd Monday

The Las Cruces Shrine meets the second Monday of each month at 1150 W. Brown. All Shriners are invited to attend. For information and times, call 526-8396.

Toastmaster Club meets Wednesdays

Las Cruces Toastmasters Club meetings are held at NMSU from 7 to 8 p.m. every Wednesday; at Good Samaritan, Community Center, Kiva Room, 3011 Buena Vida Circle. For information, call 640-8951 or email las-crucestoastmasters@gmail.com, or visit the Toastmasters Interna-

tional website at www.toastmasters.org.

Story time, discounted shopping

Tutti Bambini hosts a children's story time at 10:45 a.m., Wednesdays at 300 El Molino Street. Attendees can shop for children's clothes at half price. For information, call 526-9752.

Computer course June 4

Participants can learn to use computers, the components and how to operate them, with a beginner's course covering email, the internet and Microsoft Office. Students should bring a USB flash drive. The course is offered from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, June 4 or June 11 at DACC Workforce Center, Room 106. Cost for either session is \$33.

RUNNING FOR OFFICE?

TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE BULLETIN TO LET THE VOTERS KNOW WHERE YOU STAND.

MULTIPLE ADVERTISING PACKAGES AVAILABLE – SOMETHING FOR EVERY BUDGET!

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL 524.8061

NMSU alumna named Grant County Agent

By Kristie Garcia
For the Bulletin

In a way, Jessica Swapp is back home. The Luna, New Mexico, native was recently named agriculture/4-H agent at New Mexico State University's Grant County Cooperative Extension Service. Her office is located in Silver City, New Mexico, approximately 100 miles south of where she grew up.

"It's all home for me," Swapp said. "I'm very excited to be here in this position at Grant County Extension. It's taken me a long time, and it's been a lot of hard work to get the education and the experience needed to get into the agricultural field."

Swapp will oversee the 4-H program and will also work closely with the agricultural community.

"This is a huge job," Grant County Cooperative Extension Service Director Judy O'Loughlin said. "It's very important that we keep our 4-H programs going, and Jessica is going to be perfect to fill in that gap for the agricultural community, which encompasses ranchers, farmers, backyard gardeners and the master gardener program."

Swapp earned a bachelor's degree in agricultural business and economics from NMSU in 2009 and a master's degree in agricultural leadership, education and communications from Texas A&M University in 2015.

Having an agricultural business de-



NMSU PHOTO BY KRISTIE GARCIA

Jessica Swapp began her job as the New Mexico State University Grant County Cooperative Extension Service agriculture and 4-H agent on May 2.

gree has helped Swapp understand the economics of the industry, and she said it will benefit her as she works with producers.

"Obviously, economics and business is a big deal for farmers and ranchers,"

Swapp said. "I have to stay informed about what's going on in that world, specifically regarding factors that will impact producers financially."

When she is not working with producers, her focus is 4-H. As she reminisced

about growing up with 4-H, it was evident Swapp is intent on having an impact on children's lives.

"My goal is to light that passion inside of them, like I have, and that's how I got it – through programs like 4-H," she said. "I look forward to working with kids and teaching them about agriculture and getting them involved in agriculture. I want them to stay in agriculture."

One of the immediate priorities for Swapp is the Grant County 4-H Hunting Team. The team recently won the state competition and will be working on raising money to travel to Nebraska for the national competition at the end of June.

She also hopes to start a livestock judging team for Grant County 4-H.

"I was on the livestock judging team at NMSU, which I really enjoyed," Swapp said. "That experience will fuel into what I do now, which is helping kids."

And helping the youth is what Swapp strives for. "I'm hoping to recruit more kids into 4-H," she said. "It's my job to make sure that they are involved in things in which they are specifically interested. Even if we haven't ever done those types of projects before, it's my job to facilitate that."

For more information on the Grant County Cooperative Extension Service, call 575-388-1559 or email grant@nmsu.edu.


New Mexico Primary Care Group, P.C.
Multi-Specialty
Primary Care, Rheumatology, Endocrinology and Nephrology
We are welcoming new patients.
We accept Medicare, Medicaid, Tricare, Centennial Care and most private insurances.
MAIN: 2919 Hillrise Drive • 575-521-8500
SPECIALIST: 2909 Hillrise Drive • 575-522-3070
FAMILY AND PEDIATRICS: 2405 S Telshor Blvd • 575-532-1001

Hurlburt Home Repair & Construction
dba Hurlburt Construction

New Remodel Renovation

Contact Miguel (575) 635-9331
or Eric (575) 636-4774

Hablamos Español
We are fully licensed, bonded and insured

Specialties

- Site Preparation and Concrete
- Framing and Finish Carpentry
- Remodel/Renovate Kitchens and Bathrooms
- Add a Porch or Garage
- Complete restoration of any property for sale or rent
- Construction Management and Building Code Compliance



**2 Unique Hospitals. 2 Distinct Specialties.
1 Convenient Location.**




For the ninth consecutive year, Rehabilitation Hospital of Southern New Mexico has been ranked in the Top 10% of 774 inpatient rehabilitation facilities. RHSNM was cited for care that is effective, efficient, timely and patient-centered.

At our state-of-the-art facility, we treat and care for patients who have suffered functional deficits from traumatic events such as amputations, stroke or any other debilitating illness or injury.

 **REHABILITATION HOSPITAL**
OF SOUTHERN NEW MEXICO

We are passionate patient caregivers.

RHSNM.ernesthealth.com
4441 East Lohman Ave. • Las Cruces, NM • ph: 575.521.6400

 **ADVANCED CARE HOSPITAL**
OF SOUTHERN NEW MEXICO

ACHSNM.ernesthealth.com
4451 East Lohman Ave. • Las Cruces, NM • ph: 575.521.6600

Student group raises cancer awareness, supports survivors

By **Adriana M. Chavez**
For the Bulletin

A student organization at New Mexico State University has raised hundreds of dollars over the past year to raise cancer awareness and provide support to those who have survived the potentially deadly disease.

But along with raising money, members of the Voice Against Cancer student organization at NMSU have often found themselves providing emotional support to those who have fought the disease, or those with a loved one stricken with cancer.

Voice Against Cancer president Vijaya Kumar Pandey, a computer science student graduating with his master's degree this Saturday, said the organization has about 20 active members who are involved with fundraising and manning a table every month at Corbett Center. The organization's table features information on a different cancer every month.

"Cancer impacts all of us," Pandey said. "It may impact us today or tomorrow. It's a very unpredictable disease."

Over the past year, the organization has raised close to \$700. Some of the money is donated during the organization's participation in the annual American Cancer Society Relay for Life. Each year, the organization identifies a cause to support locally and internationally. This year, members chose pediatric can-

'A lot of investment is needed for cancer research. If we continue to support that research along with the patients, then hopefully one day we will win the battle against cancer.'

CYNTHIA KRATZKE

Department of Public Health Sciences in the College of Health and Social Services, faculty adviser

cer patients, and raised money for patients at the University of New Mexico Children's Hospital in Albuquerque, and a children's hospital in Juárez. In the past, the organization raised money for cervical cancer screenings in Nepal and Tanzania.

Members of the student organization have also visited Nepal and Tanzania to get a firsthand look at how the money they raised is helping people in those countries. On April 30, two members visited the Juárez children's hospital and gave out gifts to about 80 patients. And the organization donated \$200 to AggieTHON, another student organization that raises money for the Children's Miracle Network.

In the past, members have also raised money to buy supplies for cancer patients in need and sent holiday cards to patients. Pandey said that while members man the table every month, peo-

ple often stop by to talk about their experiences with cancer, whether as a survivor or as someone who knows someone else with the disease.

"They'll see us tabling and share their feelings," Pandey said. "It makes us happy because we're showing support to survivors and the people fighting against cancer."

Students of any major can become members of the organization, which meets monthly.

"A lot of investment is needed for cancer research," said Cynthia Kratzke, associate professor in the Department of Public Health Sciences in the College of Health and Social Services and faculty adviser for the organization. "If we continue to support that research along with the patients, then hopefully one day we will win the battle against cancer."

For more information about Voice Against Cancer, visit <http://web.nmsu.edu/~4cancer/about.php>.



NMSU students involved in the Voice Against Cancer student organization recently raised nearly \$700 to help local and international causes.

COURTESY PHOTO



Southwest Center on Aging Welcomes Jose Mendez, M.D.

Dr Mendez received his MD at the Universidad de Guadalajara in Guadalajara, Mexico. He completed an Internal Medicine Residency at the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center at El Paso, TX. Dr Mendez is Board Certified in Internal Medicine since 2010 and is an active member of the American College of Physicians.

For an appointment with Dr. Mendez
Call **575-532-5455**

1106 Centre Court Las Cruces, NM 88011



SOUTHWEST CENTER ON AGING

SWCOA.com

TJ "TAMRA JEAN" DIAZ

June 15, 1960 to May 11, 2016

After a courageous ten-year battle with stage 4 cancer, TJ (Tamra Jean) Diaz shed her broken body and stepped into the loving arms of her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ on Wednesday, May 11. TJ was born on

June 15, 1960 in Clovis, NM to Thomas and Dorothy Wilcox. Although she spent most of her childhood in Hobbs, NM, she loved all things ocean, beach and, especially, all things Hawaii. She inherited a love for adventure, camping and the outdoors from her family, which she shared with her children and anyone who would tag along on her annual "TJ's Camping Trip." As a teenager, she learned to pilot both

glider and powered planes and was, at the time, the youngest person in New Mexico to fly solo.

After graduating from Hobbs High School, TJ attended New Mexico State University where she met the love of her life, Dennis Diaz, and on December 19, 1981 they married. Together they became missionaries with Campus Crusade for Christ. In 1984 they changed their focus to local church youth ministry. In 1993, they returned to Las Cruces, to serve at Mesilla Park Community (Baptist) Church. While Dennis pastored the church, TJ did everything else – sing, children and youth ministry, greet, janitorial and anything else that needed to be done. Her passion, however, was always working with teenagers. Young people were drawn to her like a magnet, and countless lives have been touched and changed by TJ's love, encouragement, counsel and prayers. As



DIAZ

many have said, "Miss TJ is the kindest, nicest, most joyful person I have ever met. When I grow up, I want to be just like her."

TJ was, and will forever be, an amazing mother to her three children, Jessica, Ryan and Tiffany. She devoted her life to nurturing, teaching and demonstrating God's love to them – which is now deeply implanted into each of their hearts. Perhaps more than anything else, it was her love for her family and her desire and determination to successfully launch her children into adulthood that drove her to endure painful and exhausting cancer treatments to remain on this earth for eight years longer than she was originally given to live. After witnessing her youngest daughter's graduation from NMSU in a private ceremony at her home, only three days later she passed.

Although her fight with cancer was difficult, TJ never complained. She never lived a single day without purpose, a room-brightening smile and a deep joy that infected everyone she came in contact with. Her example has brought hope and

strength to many - literally to people all over the world who are suffering their own difficulties - especially those suffering from cancer.

TJ's kindness, love, courage and joy cannot be understood apart from her faith in and relationship with Jesus Christ. As a teenager she chose to trust Christ's death on the cross as payment for her sins, and His resurrection from the dead as His promise of eternal life, and made the determined decision to live the rest of her life to thank and honor Him. Which she did. One of the greatest proofs and evidences for a real and loving God, is the real, intimate, daily relationship TJ had with Jesus Christ. She spent her life making God and His love real and visible for others to see. She was "Jesus with skin on."

TJ is and will be sorely missed, but her family and friends rejoice that she is has overcome, she has won her battle with cancer, she is now well in heaven with the Jesus she loved and served and with her loved ones who have died in Christ.

TJ is survived by her adoring family - husband, Dennis Diaz;

daughter Jessica and her husband DC Dixon; son, Ryan; and daughter Tiffany - all of Las Cruces, NM; mother – Dorothy Wilcox; sister – Tanya; sister -Tina and her husband, Dave Southward; brother – Tommy Wilcox and his soon-to-be wife, Miranda; Niece – Breana Wilcox; Nephews - Mike Southward, Chad Diaz; Pets – her dog, Baby and her duck, Booger.

TJ is preceded in death by father – Thomas Wilcox; maternal grandparents – William "Bill" and Ramelle (Mama Mel) Mosely, paternal grandparents – Chandler and Dora "Ova" Wilcox.

All are invited to a memorial/celebration service for TJ on Sunday, May 22 at 3:00 pm, in the new home of Mesilla Park Community Church at 1040 El Paseo (the old Kmart building). Attendees are asked to wear brightly colored and/or Hawaiian clothing. In lieu of flowers, it was TJ's desire that contributions be given to the Legacy Building fund of Mesilla Park Community Church to help complete the remodel of the new building. Contributions can be given online at www.getrealchurch.org/tj-legacy.

THE LAS CRUCES Bulletin ...at your fingertips in print and ONLINE!

Check out the entire Bulletin,

its archives and our annual publications in e-edition at

www.lascrucesbulletin.com



Life is Good in Las Cruces

© 2016 LAS CRUCES BULLETIN

FRIDAY, MAY 20, 2016

B1

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT



And the winner is ...
Theatre Arts Dept.
presents awards
B6

HOMES & SW LIVING



Desert View Homes
recognized nationally
B20

HEALTH & WELL BEING



NMSU offers fitness tips
for the summer
B29

INDEX

Events Calendar B9
Sudoku B10
Brain Games B11
Movies B12
Galleries & Openings.....B9-10
Religion.....B17
Legals/Classifieds B23-28
Pet and People B21
Healthy Happenings B30

What's a kid to do this summer? see page B2



PHOTO COURTESY OF DAAC VOLUNTEER EMMITT BOOHER

Students participating in Opera Storytellers summer camp opera, "Mermoiselle — A Swampera," wrote and produced the entire show, as they will do with a brand new show this year.

Summer fun

Arts Council offers visual arts, theatre, opera for students

By Mike Cook
Las Cruces Bulletin

If you have a child interested in painting, drawing and other visual arts; in performing on stage as an actor and/or singer; or in learning to build sets, make costumes and design sound and lighting systems, the Doña Ana Arts Council (DAAC) has three programs to choose from this summer.

The fun begins with DAAC's annual Career Art Path visual-arts immersion program, followed by the Missoula Children's Theatre program and Opera Storytellers summer camp.

Career Art Path

Career Art Path (CAP) will be held 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. each day, from Monday, June 13, through Friday, June 24, at Alma d'arte Charter High School, 402 W. Court Ave., said DAAC Executive Director Kathleen Albers. There will be a live performance that will be open to the public at 1 p.m. on June 24.

Tuition is \$100 per student, and the program is limited to 40 students. Partial scholarships are avail-



PHOTO COURTESY OF DAAC VOLUNTEER EMMITT BOOHER

Missoula Children's Theatre put on the production of "Red Riding Hood" last year. This year's show is "The Jungle Book."

able based on financial need thanks to long-time financial support for the program from Marian and Jordan Wolle, Albers said. Friday, May 20, is the tentative registration deadline, although it likely will be extended, she said.

A recommendation from the student's art teacher is required to enroll Albers said. Visit the email below to find a form the art teach-

er can fill out, along with an application form.

CAP, now in its 30th year, is designed for students who will be entering the fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth grades next school year. It will include "hands on experience in many fields, which may include ceramics, painting, sculpture and print making," according to a DAAC flyer. In addition to art projects,

the two-week program will also feature "field trips ... to local galleries, museums and theaters," according to DAAC's Facebook page.

Professionals participating in this year's program will include artists, art teachers, art gallery owners and New Mexico State University Theatre Arts Department Resident Scenic and Lighting Designer Jim Billings.

To register online, visit <http://daarts.org/cap-2016/>.

Missoula Children's Theatre

Open auditions for DAAC's annual Missoula Children's Theatre (MCT) will be held from 10 a.m. to noon on Monday, June 27, and must be attended the entire two hours for anyone interested in participating in the program.

MCT will begin June 27 and continue through Sat-

urday, July 2. Hours each day will be 10 a.m. to noon and 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. Sixty to 70 children in grades one through 12 will be cast in this year's production of "The Jungle Book," Albers said.

The show will have public performances at 7 p.m. on Friday, July 1, and 11 a.m. on Saturday, July 2. It will be rehearsed and performed at Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main St., on the downtown mall.

The cost is \$60 per student and \$20 for each additional child in the same family, Albers said. Partial scholarships are available based on financial need.

MCT students also will be able to participate in three additional workshops at no charge that will include learning how to apply theatrical makeup and putting on a musical, she said.

The program, which DAAC has brought to Las

Cruces for more than 20 years, is staffed by recent theatre arts and musical theatre graduates from across the country. The production includes costumes, scenery, props and makeup.

For more information, visit <http://daarts.org/missoula-2016/> and <http://mctinc.org/>.

Opera Storytellers Summer Camp

Albers said she decided to add Opera Storytellers summer camp (OS) to DAAC's educational programming because she wanted to offer students in the performing arts the equivalent of what CAP offers them in the visual arts.

The camp, expanded for its second year in Las Cruces, is presented by DAAC in partnership with the Santa Fe Opera. It will be held from 9 a.m. to 3:30

SEE CAMPS, PAGE B3

**FRESH.
LOCAL.
ORGANIC.**

CELEBRATING 40 YEARS AS YOUR
COMMUNITY-OWNED GROCER.



1300 EL PASEO ROAD, LAS CRUCES • 8A-9P M-SAT, 9A-6P SUN
575.523.0436 • WWW.MOUNTAINVIEWMARKET.COOP

CAMPS

FROM PAGE B2

p.m. on weekdays from Monday, July 11, through Friday, July 22.

Along with NMSU's Resident Scenic and Lighting Designer Jim Billings; composer John Carlo Pierce, who is the director of opera for the NMSU Department of Music; and NMSU Music Department Concert Choir director and graduate assistant Christa Frederickson will serve as course instructors.

Up to 30 students in grades three through eight will be accepted into this year's program and will compose, stage and perform their own 20- to 30-minute opera, Albers said. They will even produce the program for the show. Becca Holmesburg will again serve as the opera's director. It will be performed publicly at 3 p.m. on Friday, July 22.

Tuition is \$300 per student, with scholarships available based on financial need. Sunday, July 10, is the registration deadline.

To register online, visit <http://daarts.org/opera-camp-2016/>.

Career Art Path, Missoula Children's Theatre and Opera Storytellers summer camp are among "the best things we do for our younger generation," Albers said.

"I really enjoy seeing the transformation that occurs in these students over the course of a week or two, said DAAC Development Coordinator Katy Milligan," who has oversight of the student programs. "We are very lucky in this community to have art programs like these for our students and I am proud to be associated with these three camps."

DAAC is seeking sponsors to help underwrite the costs of the three programs and to provide scholarships for students with financial need.



COURTESY OF THE DOÑA ANA ARTS COUNCIL

CAP is designed for students who will be entering the fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth grades next school year. It will include "hands on experience in many fields, which may include ceramics, painting, sculpture and print making," according to a DAAC flyer.

For more information call DACC at 523-6403 or daarts.org. Visit www.daarts.org on any of the programs, email development@DAArts.org.

SUMMER ART PROGRAMS (Grades K-12)
Call (575) 523-6403 for Registration or go online at www.DAArts.org



Career Art Path
June 13-24, 2016



Missoula Children's Theatre
June 27-July 2, 2016



Santa Fe Opera Storytellers
July 11-23, 2016

UPCOMING PERFORMANCES

RIO GRANDE

Missoula Children's Theatre Workshop
June 27-July 2, 2016 • Daily

Opera Storytellers Camp with the Santa Fe Opera
July 11-22, 2016
Daily: 8:30am-2:30pm

Esteban
July 24, 2016 • 6pm



Tickets available at www.RioGrandeTheatre.com or call (575) 523-6403
Located at 211 N. Main St. • Las Cruces, New Mexico



DOWNTOWN
It's Really happening

UPCOMING EVENTS

FRI MAY 20 • 10:30 A.M.	BRANIGAN LIBRARY
Rhythm Roundup-Music/Dance ages 2-5	
FRI MAY 20 • 3:30 P.M.	BRANIGAN LIBRARY
Library Lab-Stories/Activities ages 6-10	
SAT MAY 21 • 1:00 P.M.	BRANIGAN LIBRARY
Team Anime ages 12-18	
SAT MAY 21 • 2:00 P.M.	BRANIGAN LIBRARY
Family Game Day	
MON MAY 23 • 1:00 P.M.	BRANIGAN LIBRARY
Intro to Grant Proposal Writing	
TUE MAY 24 • 10:30 A.M.	BRANIGAN LIBRARY
Read to Me-Storytime ages 1-3	
TUE+THU MAY 24+26 • 4:00 P.M.	BRANIGAN LIBRARY
Teen Game Night-Games ages 12-18	
TUE MAY 24 • 6:30 P.M.	RIO GRANDE THEATRE
EOT: <i>Al Chance</i>	
WED+THU MAY 25+26 • 10:00 A.M.	BRANIGAN LIBRARY
Toddler Time-Storytime ages 3-5	
WED MAY 25 • 11:00 A.M.	BRANIGAN LIBRARY
Mother Goose Time—Activities for Infants	
TUE JUNE 7 • 6:30 P.M.	RIO GRANDE THEATRE
EOT: <i>Yolanda Martinez</i>	

ONGOING EVENTS:

- Downtown Art RAMBLE - 1st Friday of the Month 5-7pm
- Las Cruces Farmers & Crafts Market - Wed. and Sat. Morn.

SPONSORED BY:  **BRANIGAN LIBRARY**

© City of Las Cruces

Costuming a labor of love and creativity

By Mike Cook
Las Cruces Bulletin

The Explorers Club, which continues through Sunday, May 30 at Black Box Theater Downtown, includes several original costumes made by the show's costumers, Robert "Bobcat" Young and Emily Romero.

Young, a Las Cruces hair stylist, made the green dress worn by "Countess Glamorgan" (Marissa Bond) in the play from scratch, and also made jackets and some of the pants for several of the male characters. Young said he spent more than 50 hours making costumes for the show.

Romero made the parka worn by Explorer Harry Percy "Eric Brekke" in the show and also made several male characters' vests.

Young has been involved with local theater "on and off" since 1982, beginning with "The Fantastics" at Las Cruces Community Theater (LCCT). The son of a local tailor, he started making his own Halloween costumes at age 10, always going as a cat.

Young has helped do costumes, makeup and hairstyles for recent productions of "Marilee and Baby Lamb: The Assassination of an American Goddess," "Ruthless," "My Big Gay Italian Wedding," "Shrek, the Musical," "I Custer" and "Mercy Seat." He also was the narrator for one of the plays in LCCT's One-Act Play Festival earlier this month, and he plays Axel in LCCT's upcoming play "The Nerd." Young also produces and performs in drag shows and is a stand-up comic.

Making Bond's green gown was "a lot of work and really fun," Young said. "I just like doing stuff I've never done before."

Romero, originally from Santa Fe, has a BA in theater arts from New Mexico State University. She has worked on "Shrek" and "Beauty and the Beast," and was head designer for "Sleeping Beauty."

"The costumes in 'The Explorers Club' are not just peri-



Marissa Bond, as countess Glamorgan in *The Explorers Club*, models the dress hand made for her by Robert "Bobcat" Young.

od clothing – they are expressions of the characters' social status and personality, a kind of living scenery," said Algeron D'Ammassa, who directed the play. "Some of the actors were actively involved in dressing their characters and contributed to the process; many of the other costumes were designed and built by hand over a period of months. Bobcat effortlessly combined a collabo-

rative process with a coherent design, and he put in hours and hours of hand-labor cutting and sewing. He also collaborated with an NMSU costuming student. And this is a man who works full-time," D'Ammassa said.

"Bobcat is an artist. I met him when we both worked on Mark Medoff's 'Marilee and Baby Lamb' at the Rio Grande last year," D'Ammassa said.

"When he said he wanted to work on one of my productions I was thrilled. Really and truly, if I got handed a grant today, I would use it to employ Bobcat as a resident designer and give him a staff person or two. He's got the stuff.

"Very often, in local non-professional theater we are working on a tight budget and costumes are selected and pulled from whatever the theaters



Costume designer "Bobcat" (center), smiles for the camera with cast members from *The Explorers Club* in the dressing room at the Black Box Theatre.

have in stock, most of which is simply donated clothing," he said. "More often than not actors are asked to bring their own clothing. Designing and building costumes specific for your production's style and the actors is time and labor intensive. A professional theater might have a warehouse of costumes, a resident designer, and a staff to modify, repair, or build costumes. You simply can't demand that quality on a volunteer basis. That's the paradox of community theater: we want to do professional quality work, but we can't pay people to work on it full-time, because if we paid people we would have to charge more. If enough people are willing to pay \$20 or \$30 for an evening of quality theater there is lots we could do here."

The Explorers Club continues at Black Box Theater, 430 N. Downtown Mall, on Thursday, May 19 at 7 p.m.; on Friday, May 20 and Saturdays, May 21 and 28 and at 8 p.m.; and on Sundays, May 22 and 29 at 2:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$12 regular admission, \$10 for students and senior citizens over age 65 and \$8 for all tickets on Thursday night.

For tickets and more information, visit www.no-strings.org, call 523-1223 or email ceil@zianet.com.

PHOTOS BY MIKE COOK

New Horizons Band offers free concert May 21

By Mike Cook
Las Cruces Bulletin

Las Cruces' New Horizons Band will hold its second concert of 2016—its “Mary Poppins, Brahms and Key” concert—at 3 p.m. Saturday, May 21, in the music building (Atkinson Recital Hall), 1075 N. Horseshoe, on the New Mexico State University campus.

There is no charge to attend the concert.

The band is directed by John Schutz, who spent more than 40 years with Las Cruces Public Schools as a middle- and high school band director and as coordinator of fine arts before his retirement in 2014. The band's associate director is Judy Bethmann, a retired LCPS music teacher.

The program will include performances of “The Star-Spangled Banner,” by Francis Scott Key; “Bainbridge Fair,” by Claude T. Smith; “A Classical Overture,” by Clare Grundman; “A Scottish Sunrise”; favorite tunes from the musical “Mary Poppins,” by Robert B. and Richard M. Sherman, based on the books by Mary Travers; “Blessed Are They,” from the requiem by Johannes Brahms, arranged by Barbara Buehlman; and “Gerona,” a Spanish paso doble, or march, by Santiago Lopez.

New Horizons Band was started nationally by Roy Ernst at the Eastman School of Music at the University of Rochester in Rochester, NY in 1991. There are more than 130 New Horizons Bands across the nation. Former NMSU Music Department Director r. William Clark started the Las Cruces New Horizons Band in 1995. It is a nonprofit comprised entirely of volunteers.

New members are welcome and no musical experience is required.



For more information, contact Nora at 649-1465 or ndyaryan68@gmail.com. Visit www.la-tierra.net/nhband/ and <http://newhorizonsmusic.org/new-horizons-groups/new-mexico-new-horizons/>.



BULLETIN PHOTO BY MIKE COOK
John Schutz, director of The News Horizons Band, will lead the group in a performance at 3 p.m. Saturday, May 21, on the New Mexico State University campus.

Musicians with the Las Cruces New Horizons Band prepare for their second spring concert scheduled for May 21.

NEW HORIZONS BAND CONCERT

WHEN: 3 p.m. Saturday, May 21

WHERE: Atkinson Recital Hall (the music building), 1075 N. Horseshoe, New Mexico State University campus

COST: Free

WEBSITE: www.la-tierra.net/nhband/ and <http://newhorizonsmusic.org/new-horizons-groups/new-mexico-new-horizons/>.

Outdoor Patio

La Posta

de Mesilla

Famed for Mexican Food & Steaks Since 1939

Love it!

Located on the Plaza in Historic Old Mesilla

Open 7 Days a Week 11 a.m. for Lunch & Dinner

Open for Breakfast 8am-11am Saturday & Sunday

575-524-3524 [f](https://www.facebook.com/laposta) [i](https://www.instagram.com/laposta) [y](https://www.youtube.com/laposta)

www.laposta-de-mesilla.com

Pix Quick PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT PRESENTS

MOVIES in the PARK

FREE MOVIES

All movies at Young Park 1905 E. Nevada Ave. 7:00 p.m. or at Dusk!

MAY

21

28

JUNE

4

11

Reminder: City policy prohibits pets on City of Las Cruces facilities during special events. Locations, movies and dates are subject to changes!

City of Las Cruces
PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE
THE LAS CRUCES **Bulletin**



New Mexico State University Theatre Arts major Cameron Lang was named the winner of the Theatre Arts Department's Hershel Zohn Award.

Theatre Arts Department honors students, volunteers

By Mike Cook
Las Cruces Bulletin

New Mexico State University Theatre Arts major Cameron Lang was named the winner of the Theatre Arts Department's Hershel Zohn Award, Tuesday, May 10, as the department and its supporting nonprofit, the American Southwest Theatre Company (ASTC), honored students for the 2015-16 school year.

The Hershel Zohn Award honors the department's outstanding senior. Lang will graduate in December. The award is named in honor of the founder of the department.

"My plan is to move to New York once I've graduated to pursue a career in musical theater," Lang said. "Being the recipient of the Hershel Zohn outstanding senior award was really a huge honor. There were so many amazing seniors to choose from and the fact that I was selected is so incredible and I am so grateful," he said.

There was a tie in the voting for the winner of the Ruth Cantrell award for best leading performance by an actor. Sharing the award were Josh Horton for his "Orsino" in "Twelfth Night" and Connor Schultz, who portrayed the creature in "Frankenstein." Cantrell is a former theater arts professor and department head.

There was also a tie in the voting for best supporting performance, between Perigrynn "Peri" Fox for her performance as "Tillie" in "The Effects of Gamma Rays on Man-in-the-Moon Marigolds" and Isaac Lucero for his performance as "Feste" in "Twelfth Night."

There also were two winners of the award for best stage manager or crew member: Madison Miller, wardrobe supervisor, and Aidan Viscarra, house manager.

The award for best designer went to Isaac Lucero and Joey Rodriguez, who wrote original music for "Twelfth Night."

The Bravo award for scholarship went to theater arts graduating senior Austin Parrish. The Bravo award for service went to



Connor Schultz, above, and Josh Horton tied as the winner of the Ruth Cantrell award for best leading performance by an actor.

ASTC board member Roanna St. Clair and the Alma d'arte Charter High School culinary program. The Bravo award for leadership went to Theatre Arts Department Professor Tom Smith. The Bravo Award for Advocacy went to The-



Perigrynn "Peri" Fox, above, tied for best supporting performance with Isaac Lucero.

atre Arts Department Assistant Professor Megan McQueen.

McQueen, Deborah Storm, and board Vice President Denise Welsh were honored as ASTC outstanding board members of the year.

Theatre Arts Department scholarships were awarded to 16 students for the coming school year, and the department and ASTC recognized 18 seniors who will graduate in May or in December.



Josh Horton, above, and Connor Schultz, tied as the winner of the Ruth Cantrell award for best leading performance by an actor.

Lakeside Storage

STORAGE **Spring Specials**

10x15 \$50/mo (reg. \$70) Offer Expires Soon! New Customers Only

RV & Boat Storage (16x30) \$25/mo (reg. \$35)

PLEASE CALL 527-2525 OR VISIT US AT 2525 LAKESIDE DR. • MON-FRI NOON-5PM

MY PLACE JEWELL STORE & STUDIO

575-639-1616 • 132-B WYATT

SoapRocks®

A hybrid vegetable glycerin soap infused with added extracts of earth:

For that dry winter skin
Treasures sure to please • Birthday & Special Occasion
Gift Certificates Are Always a Perfect Choice
Scarfs • Vintage Clothes • Jewelry • Sarias
Create your own unique or bohem style

Open Tues. - Thurs. 1 - 4:30 p.m. • Wed & Fri 1 - 5:00 p.m. or by appointment Saturday
575-639-1616 • www.MyPlaceJewell.com • mail4jewell@yahoo.com

Fountain Theatre

2469 Calle de Guadalupe in Mesilla
575.524.8287 www.mesillavalleyfilm.org

May 20 - May 26
The Man Who Knew Infinity
Growing up poor in Madras, India, Srinivasa Ramanujan Iyengar earns admittance to Cambridge University during WWI, where he becomes a pioneer in mathematical theories with the guidance of his professor, G.H. Hardy. Starring Dev Patel and Jeremy Irons.
**Thursday May 26 1:30 matinee; no evening show

May 27 - June 2
Sweet Bean
In Japanese w subtitles
A Japanese baker hires a 76-year-old woman and soon learns that she has a wonderful recipe for sweet red bean paste -- which she claims comes from her communion with nature.
**No matinee Saturday May 28

Nightly 7:30 Saturday matinee 1:30 Sunday matinee 2:30
Digital Cinema! Like us on Facebook!

Longtime theater educator leaving NMSU

By Mike Cook
Las Cruces Bulletin

Tom Smith has resigned his position as professor in the New Mexico State University Theatre Arts Department and will leave Las Cruces in June to begin a job at Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma, Washington, where he will teach acting, script analysis, improvisation, theater management and other courses, Smith said.

For Smith, a native of Redmond, Washington, it will be a return home to many friends and family members.

Smith came to NMSU in 1998 as a freelance director through the American Southwest Theatre Company's (ASTC) guest artist program. He joined the NMSU theater arts faculty in 1999 and remained with the department for 17 years.

Smith, who earned an MFA in directing from the University of Missouri in 1994, has taught many theater classes at NMSU. He also served as Theatre Arts Department head for six years and was on the ASTC board for 13 years, including seven as artistic director and six as managing director.

"Beginning in 1999, I have respected the work

Tom Smith has done for our theatre community on and off campus," Theatre Arts Assistant Professor Megan McQueen said. "His contributions as a playwright, actor, director and educator have had an enormously positive impact on Las Cruces. I am honored to count him among my mentors, as so many do."

"Tom Smith has had a positive and lasting effect in every aspect of theatre arts and ASTC," said retired NMSU Language Professor and former Theatre Arts Department Head Richard Rundell. "He is a gifted actor, a skilled director, an inspired playwright, an insightful administrator, a dedicated teacher, a tireless advocate, and the spirit behind the new Center for the Arts facility. Tom is the real deal, and he will be very difficult to replace."

Smith is also a nationally and internationally recognized playwright. His works include "A Christmas Carol," "Drinking Habits" and "Drinking Habits 2," "What Comes Around..." "Aunt Raini," "The Odyssey," "Dangerous," "small things every day" and almost two dozen others.

His new play, "Anna's Mother," had its first public reading at Black Box Theatre in Las Cruces earlier this month. His other new play, "Drinking Habits 2: Caught in the Act," will be produced by Las Cruces Community Theatre in 2017.

Two of Smith's short plays, "End of the Meal" and "My Days are Filled with Numbers" will be published in August by Smith and Kraus in "105 Five-Minute Plays for Study and Performance."

Smith's plays have been produced in New York, San Francisco, Chicago and most other major cities in the United States, as well as in Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Germany, Ireland, Latvia, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Romania, South Africa, Sweden, Switzerland and the United Kingdom. They have been translated into six different languages.

Smith received an NMSU regents professorship in January 2016, which is the highest honor university faculty can receive. He also is the recipient of the Robert J. Pickering Award for Excellence in Playwriting, the Playworks Award, the Orlin R. Corey Outstanding Regional Playwright Award

and a Seattle Footlights Award.

Smith also won a Social Justice Award for his work with the GLBTQ community, and worked for many years with Southern New Mexico Pride. He collaborated with Las Cruces Green Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Carrie Hamblen and artist Bob Diven to commission and construct the art bus shelter in front of city hall.

Smith is the author of "The Other Blocking: Teaching and Performing Improvisation," which just had a second edition and printing.

"Las Cruces has a thriving arts community and I've had the great fortune of working at many of the venues in town," Smith said. "I've also had remarkable collaborators throughout my years here: people like Jim Billings, Deb Brunson, Genni McMahon, Megan McQueen, Bob Diven, Matt Reynolds, Debra Knapp and scores of others. I've spent a wonderful 17 years in Las Cruces. I've met amazing people, seen the city grow with rapid speed, and enjoyed the most beautiful sunsets in the world. I will miss it all," he said.



Tom Smith, theater arts department head and professor in the College of Arts and Sciences, left, works with a student on the main stage at the Hershel Zohn Theatre on campus.

NMSU PHOTO
BY DARREN PHILLIPS



ALTERATIONS

New Location!

Hems, Zippers, Weddings,
Pillows from Needlework.

(575) 642-3106

www.polyolith.com/nipntuck

Summer Hours
Tuesday & Thursday 10-6
Sunday by appointment!

4750 Nopalito Rd.
Las Cruces, NM • 88011



Hwy 70 E to Dunn Dr. exit
turn right on Dunn Dr.
Left on Shannon Rd. Right
on Nopalito Rd.

BURGER NOOK

Great Burgers

\$4⁷⁰

Cheeseburgers
35¢ extra

Now Accepting Credit Cards!

1204 E. Madrid, 3/10 mile east of Solano

Limit 12 • Coupon Expires 5/26/2016

Tue.-Fri. 10-6 p.m. • Open Sat. 10-5 p.m. • Closed Sunday & Monday • 523-9806

NEWS THAT MATTERS



KRWG

90.7 FM

npr

www.krwg.org

NEWS THAT MATTERS EVERY WEEKDAY

5am - 9am

Noon - 2pm

4pm - 7pm

Morning Edition

Here & Now

All Things Considered

Theatre Department announces 2016-17 season

By Mike Cook
Las Cruces Bulletin

The New Mexico State University Theatre Arts Department will open its 2016-17 season with Carlo Goldoni's "The Servant of Two Masters," a comedy that will run Sept. 23 through Oct. 2.

That will be followed by the department's own musical, "A Christmas Carol," written by NMSU Theatre Arts Professor Tom Smith, which will run Nov. 18 through Dec. 4.

A new play from the depart-

ment's High Desert Play Development program, "Truth/Dare," written by Tori Keenan-Zelt, will be performed Feb. 24 through March 5.

The final show of the season will be the musical "Urinetown," which will run April 28 through May 7.

Season tickets are \$56 for adults and \$50 for senior citizens, students and NMSU faculty and staff. Coupon books with eight tickets redeemable in any combination for any performances are \$105. In addition to cost savings, season sub-

scribers also receive invitations to special events, receive priority reserved seating, and get to vote for annual acting awards.

Season tickets are available at the ASNMSU Center for the Arts Box office from noon to 4 p.m. Monday through, through Ticketmaster, by calling 646-4515 or 646-1420, or by visiting www.nmsutheatre.com/boxoffice.php.

The NMSU Center for the Arts is located at 1000 E. University Ave., at the corner of University and Espina Street.

Camino Real statues return to Downtown

By Mike Cook
Las Cruces Bulletin

Remember the statues that used to be on the Downtown mall? After about three years in storage, they have come back to life in a special Camino Real trail memorial layout along the walkway between Las Cruces City Hall, 700 N. Main St., and Thomas Branigan Memorial Library, 200 E. Picacho Ave.

“This is symbolic of the trail itself,” said former City Parks and Recreation Department Director Mark Johnston, who retired April 29, shortly after the layout was completed. “It takes you through time itself, almost prehistoric to modern day,” he said in a video created by the city about the project.

“The Camino Real statues were previously spread along the ‘yellow brick road’ that used to meander through the downtown mall, before Main Street was put back in,” City Manager Robert Garza said. “The statues were made possible through a joint powers agreement between the city and New Mexico Arts. The project was part of a ‘Cultural Corridor – Public Art on Scenic Highways Project,’” he said.

The sculptures were made in the mid-1990s by Tom Askman, a professor of art at Eastern Washington University, Garza said.

“The statues were intended to provide visitors a glance at the history of farming and agriculture along the Camino Real and how that relates to the historical routes that traverse our culturally rich community,” he said. “We are very pleased to return this art to the downtown area where the pieces are contextually placed to help tell their story.”

The layout also includes plant material and a “urethane product that looks like water,” Johnston said.

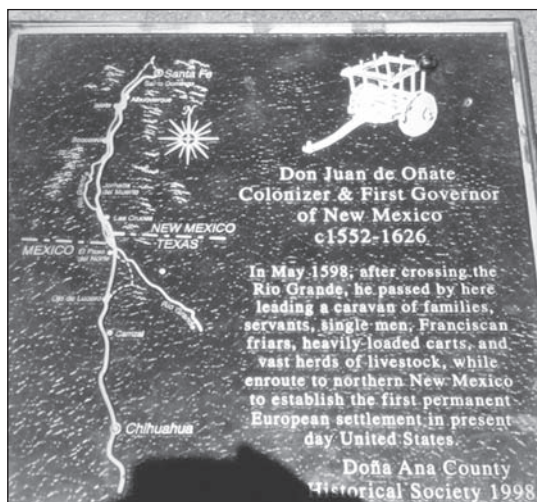
El Camino Real del Tierra Adentro (The Royal Road of the Interior Lands), “is the earliest Euro-American trade route in the United States,” according to http://www.blm.gov/nm/st/en/prog/recreation/el_camino_real_de.html. “Linking Spain’s colonial capital at Mexico City to its northern frontier in distant New Mexico, the route spans three centuries, two countries, and 1,600 miles. It was part of Spain’s Camino Real Intercontinental—a global network of roads and maritime routes.”

You can see Johnston’s video about the statues at <https://www.facebook.com/CityofLasCruces/videos/1046825978688790/>



BULLETIN PHOTOS BY MIKE COOK

Statues Downtown intended to provide visitors a glance at the history of farming and agriculture along the Camino Real will return to public viewing.



Galleries & Openings

NEW MEXICO STATE UNIVERSITY ART GALLERY The digital arts exhibition “An Ocean Trapped Behind a Wall” will open May 26 and will run through July 23 at the New Mexico State University Art Gallery. Through experimentation with the architecture of storytelling, the artists in this powerful show perform existential inquiries about the notions of truth and experience as we advance further and further into the digital age. “An Ocean Trapped Behind a Wall” is a group exhibition guest curated by artists Jessica Hankey and Erin Colleen Johnson, and it features film and video works by emerging and established artists such as David Kelly, Jose Carlos Teixeira and Patty Chang, among others.

NEW MEXICO STATE UNIVERSITY ART GALLERY presents its 2016 MFA Exhibition, “Subjects to Change.” The exhibit features work from three Masters of Fine Arts candidates: Katy Stuckel, a sculptor of gypsum and rust; Cassandra Dixon, an illustrator who forms writhing textile body parts; and Andrea Luella Gohl, an installation artist who warps the conventional uses of furniture and hosiery. The common thread between them is their exploration and use of unexpected media which, under their watch, becomes highly charged fabric that evokes social commentary on diverse areas of modern-day life. Stuckel, Dixon and Gohl push the boundaries of their respective practices to tackle controversial issues, namely environmentalism, self-image and intimacy.

The NMSU University Art Gallery is located inside D.W. Williams Hall, at the intersection of University Avenue and Solano Drive. Regular gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. For more information, visit <http://uag.nmsu.edu> or call 646-2545.

TOMBAUGH GALLERY presents “Pushing the Edge,” featuring more than 20 fiber artists from the Mesilla Valley Weavers. The theme, “Pushing the Edge” reflects the evolving nature of the group over recent years. The Mesilla Valley Weavers have changed from a tradition-

Submissions

If you have an announcement you'd like to see in Galleries & Openings, please send it to brook@lascrucesbulletin.com.

al “weavers-only” group to a community which welcomes textile artists of all types and embraces non-traditional methods and designs. This exhibit is an opportunity to challenge our members to create new works and grow artistically, either by thought-provoking designs or exploration of new techniques.

One special feature of the exhibit will be a fashion show of colorful wearable art as Mesilla Valley members will display fiber arts of their creation. The fashion show items will be new and different from the art in the exhibit.

Tombaugh Gallery is located inside the Unitarian Universalist Church of Las Cruces, 2000 S. Solano Drive. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday through Friday and by appointment. For more information, call 522-7281.

BRANIGAN CULTURAL CENTER presents the New Mexico Watercolor Society-Southern Chapter spring 2016 juried member show, “Our Living Culture.” Comprised of watercolor paintings by more than 20 artists, “Our Living Culture” showcases the various styles of the talented members of the New Mexico Watercolor Society-Southern Chapter. The exhibit invites viewers to enjoy an assortment of realist and abstract paintings, which showcases the diversity of watercolor as a medium. “Our Living Culture” will remain on display through Saturday, May 21.

Also on display is “**Barbara Hubbard: Bringing Nashville to Las Cruces,**” an exhibit celebrating the achievements of Las Cruces’ own nationally recognized entertainment promoter, Barbara Hubbard. The exhibit will feature photographs that document Hubbard’s achievements as a nationally-recognized music promoter and philanthropist. Also on display will be early photographs of some of the many country music stars with

whom Hubbard worked with and developed relationships with over the years. “Bringing Nashville to Las Cruces” will remain on display through Saturday, May 21.

Also on display is “**PictoGraff: The Art of WarPrayer**” comprised of aerosol and acrylic on canvas and panels by “Arrow-soul” artists iLash, Release, Woar2, Dwayno Insano, Logan Howard and Saba. Through their individual styles, the artists express the need for humans to protect and respect each other’s stories, traditions, cultures and languages, as well as the lands and waters, of our world. “PictoGraff” will remain on display through Saturday, May 21.

The center also presents “**Visions of Our Monument,**” which features paintings and drawings inspired during Freyermuth’s term as Artist-In-Residence for the Organ Mountain Desert Peaks (OMDP) National Monument. Freyermuth’s work explores the importance of our local ecosystem, the cultural significance of the land for the people who live here, and the complex personal relationship that each individual has to the land that surrounds them. Her dramatic portraits evoke these connections of people and place within the surreal desert landscapes of the Monument. “Visions of Our Monument” will remain on display through Saturday, June 4.

Branigan Cultural Center is located at 501 N. Main St. Gallery hours are 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. For more information, call 541-2154.

NEW MEXICO FARM & RANCH HERITAGE MUSEUM presents “What’s the Buzz? Why Honey Bees Matter,” which explores the amazing history of humans keeping honey bees for food and other bee products and the critical role bees play in pollinating about a third of the plants we ultimately consume as our food. The interactive exhibit also takes a look at bees in culture and religion, migration history, the physiology and anatomy of bees, and the future of honey bees and their connection to agriculture. Puzzles on bee body types, pollination and the waggle dance are among the interactive activities that are part of the exhibit. “What’s the Buzz?” will be on display through June 18, 2017.

The museum in its north corridor “**In a Nutshell: Growing Nuts in New Mexico,**” an exhibit centered on nuts grown here in the Land of Enchantment. Few crops are more diverse and individually tied culturally and economically to the various geographic areas of New Mexico’s bountiful nut crops. Each of the state’s top nuts – piñon, peanuts, pecans and pistachios – has its own story to tell about how and why it is grown and harvested. The exhibit covers everything from the definition of a nut to its health benefits. In between is a fascinating look at the history, research and uses as well as growing and harvesting techniques. “In a Nutshell” will remain on display through Sept. 25.

The museum also presents “**The Light Never Dies: Landscape Astrophotography of Wayne Suggs.**” Living in the Southwest is a paradise for a landscape photographer like Las Cruces Wayne Suggs. He was introduced to the wonders of nature at an early age by parents who knew the importance of having a relationship with the Great Outdoors. They bought him a Nikon camera when he was 14, and 40 years later, he’s still capturing and sharing the wonderment of our Southwest landscape. “The Light Never Dies” will remain on display through July.

The New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum is located at 4100 Dripping Springs Road. Regular hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. Regular museum admission is \$5 adults, \$4 senior citizens, \$3 children ages 4 to 17, \$2 active U.S. military and veterans and free for children age 3 and younger. For more information, visit www.nmfarmandranchmuseum.org or call 522-4100.

NEW MEXICO STATE UNIVERSITY MUSEUM, located inside Kent Hall, presents “Itaa Katsi: Our Life,” an exhibition of Hopi art. Featuring nearly 80 works from the permanent collection, this show includes art by Spencer Nutima (Hopi, Old Oraibi), Linda Lomahaftewa (Hopi (Shungopavi)-Choctaw), Ramson Lomatewama (Hopi, Hotevilla) and Jessica Lomatewama (Hopi, Hotevilla). In this exhibition, the museum is honored to share Hopi art with visitors in many forms: as gourd rattles, prints

SEE GALLERIES, PAGE B10

Events Calendar

SUN. 5/22

11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. **Classic Jazz Brunch with instrumental and vocalist Jazzman Ross**, Le Rendez-vous Café & French Pastry, 2701 W. Picacho Ave. No cover. Call 527-0098.

3 p.m. **Rafferty & Rhodes piano concert: Two Pianos – Eight Hands** at University United Methodist Church, 2000 S. Locust St. Call 527-8220.

TUE. 5/24

7 to 9 p.m. **Jazz Jam live** at Picacho Peak Brewing Co., 3900 W. Picacho Ave. No Cover. Call 680-6394.

SAT. 5/28

9 p.m. **Triple Play plays easy listening with a kick** live at The Pecan Grill & Brewery, 500 S. Telshore. No cover.

SUN. 5/29

11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. **Classic Jazz Brunch with instrumental and vocalist Jazzman Ross**, Le Rendez-vous Café & French Pastry, 2701 W. Picacho Ave. No cover. Call 527-0098.

Submissions

If you have an announcement you'd like to see in the calendar, please send to brook@lascrucesbulletin.com.

THE LAS CRUCES Bulletin

Read the entire Bulletin at www.lascrucesbulletin.com

- Custom Landscape & Irrigation Design
- Extra Efficient Watering System & Xeriscaping
- Contractor Bidding Service Included
- Installation Inspection Available

Harkey
landscape & irrigation
Design
575-649-7843 • lirrigationrepair.com

GALLERIES FROM PAGE B9

on paper, katsina dolls (katsin tihu), silverwork, wicker and coiled plaques (flat basket forms), headdresses (kopatsoki), clay ceramic vessels and hand-blown glass figures, among others. Curated by Michelle Lanteri with Spencer Nutima, Lead Advisor, and Anna Marie Strankman, Curator of Collections and Exhibits. "Itaa Katsi" will remain on long-term display through Dec. 17.

The New Mexico State University Museum is located inside Kent Hall on the NMSU campus, at 1280 E. University Ave. Hours are noon to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. For more information, call 646-5161 or visit <http://univmuseum.nmsu.edu> for more information.

DESERT ROOTS ARTISTS' MARKET AND GALLERY features works by local artists and a cozy café area.

Desert Roots Artists' Market and Gallery is located at 1001 S. Solano Drive. Hours are 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday, 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday. For more information, call 652-7366.

DOÑA ANA COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER presents "The Artistic Earth," an exhibit features more than 100 pieces of new, original artwork created by students from Las Cruces Public Schools and Gadsden Independent School District in the center's first-floor corridor. The exhibit includes drawings, paintings, photography, etchings and more.

The student art exhibit complements the permanent art collection held inside the center, featuring 41 original acrylics and oils by Joyce T. Macrorie, several historical photographs and landscapes, art from students attending J. Paul Taylor Academy and Hatch Valley Public Schools and more.

The Doña Ana County Government Center

is located at 845 N. Motel Blvd. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information, call 647-7210.

CROSSROADS COMMUNITY SUPPORTED HEALTHCARE MARKET is located at 130 S. Main St. For hours and more information, call 312-6569 or visit www.crossroadsacupuncture.com.

LAS CRUCES COMMUNITY THEATRE is located at 313 N. Main St. For hours, show times and more information, call 312-9892.

LAS CRUCES RAILROAD MUSEUM is located at 351 N. Mesilla St. Hours are 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Thursday through Sunday. For more information, call 547-4480.

LULU FINE ART GALLERY is located at 1800 Avenida de Mesilla. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday. For more information, call 523-4747 or email luluelements@gmail.com.

M. PHILLIP'S GALLERY is located at 221 N. Main St. Regular hours are 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday and 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday. For more information, call 525-1367 or visit www.mphillipsgallery.com.

ADOBE PATIO GALLERY is located at 1765 Avenida de Mesilla. Gallery hours are 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. For more information, call 532-9310.

FIREBIRD RISING FINE ART GALLERY is located at 330 W. Mountain Ave. Regular gallery hours are 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday through Sunday and by appointment. For more information, call 303-2434.

MAIN STREET BISTRO & ALE HOUSE is located at 139 N. Main St. Hours are 11 a.m.

to 9 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. For more information, call 524-5977.

CAFÉ DE MESILLA is located at 2190 Avenida de Mesilla. Hours are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily. For more information, call 524-0000.

AA STUDIOS is located 2645 Doña Ana Road. Gallery hours are held the second week-end of the month and by appointment. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call 520-8752.

THETHEATREGALLERY is located inside the lobby of the Black Box Theatre, 430 N. Main St. The gallery is open one hour before show times Friday and Saturday evenings and Sunday afternoons. For more information, call 523-1223.

QUILLIN-STEPHENS GALLERY is located behind COAS Books at 317 N. Main St. Regular hours are 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday and Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and by appointment. For more information, call 312-1064.

CUTTER GALLERY is located at 2640 El Paseo Road. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday. For more information, call 541-0658.

CAMINO TATTOO AND FINE ART GALLERY presents

Camino Tattoo and Fine Art Gallery is located at 501 E. Hadley Ave. Regular hours are noon to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. For more information, call 523-1012 or visit <http://caminotattooostudio.com>.

LAS CRUCES MUSEUM OF ART

Las Cruces Museum of Art is located at 491 N. Main St. Gallery hours are 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. For more information, call 541-2137.

Submit art for library card design contest

Bulletin report

Thomas Branigan Memorial Library (TBML), 200 E. Picacho Ave., invites entries for the "2016 Design the Library Card Contest". The contest will be divided into two parts. Children of 5 to 17 will design a youth card. Contestants 18 years of age and older will compete to have their artwork displayed on adult library cards. Anyone living within Doña Ana County is invited to participate in the competition.

The Library will accept entries at the front desk until May 31 during normal business hours. All entries will be judged by staff at the Las Cruces Museum of Art and 10 finalists – five adult and five children – will be chosen. The finalists' entries will then be voted on by the public.

Public voting will be held at the library June 20-30. The winner of the adult card contest will receive a \$150 gift card and have their artwork displayed on the new adult library cards.

Sudoku

Complete the grids below so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusively. It is a game of logic, not math, and there is only one solution per puzzle. Have fun and exercise the gray matter. Tips and computer program at www.sudoku.com

BEGINNER

6	8			5		9		2
		1	2	9	4			3
9			3				1	
	9					1	2	
8	6			4			3	5
	3	7						8
	4				5			8
2			9	3	7	6		
5		6		2			9	1

CHALLENGER

8					1	9		
7	3				9	1	6	
				4			3	
				1	8	6	4	
	4	1	2	3				
	5			8				
	1	9	4				5	3
		7	9					2

EXPERT

			4		5	1		
					9	4		2
	6		3					
	9	7			6			
		2		1		8		
			2			9	4	
				9		3		
1		4	6					
		9	1		2			

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

BEGINNER

8	5	7	9	2	4	6	3	1
9	6	2	1	3	8	7	5	4
1	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	2
5	7	9	4	8	1	3	2	6
4	8	6	2	7	3	9	1	5
3	2	1	6	5	9	4	8	7
6	4	5	3	9	2	1	7	8
2	9	8	7	1	6	5	4	3
7	1	3	8	4	5	2	6	9

CHALLENGER

8	9	7	3	6	5	4	1	2
2	6	3	8	4	1	5	7	9
5	1	4	9	2	7	3	8	6
1	4	9	6	5	8	7	2	3
3	8	5	4	7	2	9	6	1
6	7	2	1	3	9	8	4	5
7	2	8	5	9	6	1	3	4
9	3	1	2	8	4	6	5	7
4	5	6	7	1	3	2	9	8

EXPERT

3	1	6	4	5	9	2	7	8
9	2	5	8	3	7	4	1	6
8	7	4	1	6	2	9	3	5
1	5	9	7	8	3	6	4	2
6	4	2	9	1	5	3	8	7
7	8	3	6	2	4	1	5	9
2	9	8	3	7	1	5	6	4
5	6	1	2	4	8	7	9	3
4	3	7	5	9	6	8	2	1

AtTheMovies

Coming soon on DVD *May 24*

How to Be Single

Rated: R
Genre: Comedy
Director: Christian Ditter

Risen

Rated: PG-13
Genre: Adventure, drama, mystery
Director: Kevin Reynolds

Zoolander 2

Rated: PG-13
Starring: Comedy
Director: Ben Stiller

The Finest Hours

Rated: PG-13
Genre: Action, Drama, Thriller
Director: Craig Gillespie

Top-grossing *May 13-15*

- | | |
|---|--|
| 1 Captain America: Civil War (Week No. 2) \$72,637,142 | 6 Zootopia (Week No. 11) \$2,825,734 |
| 2 The Jungle Book (Week No. 5) \$17,115,708 | 7 The Huntsman: Winter's War (Week No. 4) \$3,629,825 |
| 3 Money Monster (Week No. 1) \$14,788,157 | 8 Keanu (Week No. 3) \$1,924,383 |
| 4 The Darkness (Week No. 1) \$4,950,859 | 9 Barbershop: The Next Cut (Week No. 4) \$1,668,455 |
| 5 Mother's Day (Week No. 3) \$3,287,342 | 10 The Boss (Week No. 5) \$1,197,715 |

Picking the Flicks



Movie information from www.rottentomatoes.com. Movie reel based on a 5-point scale.

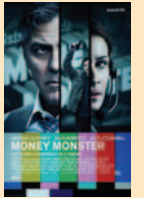
Keanu

Rated: R
Plot Overview: Two friends hatch a scheme to retrieve a stolen kitten by posing as street gang dealers.
Starring: Keegan-Michael Key, Jordan Peele
Director: Peter Atencio



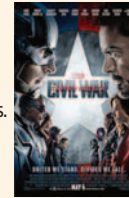
Money Monster

Rated: R
Plot Overview: Financial TV host Lee Gates and his producer Patty are put in an extreme situation when an irate investor takes over their studio.
Starring: George Clooney, Julia Roberts
Director: Jodie Foster



Captain America: Civil War

Rated: PG-13
Plot Overview: A new status quo deeply divides members of the Avengers. Captain America believes superheroes should remain free to defend humanity.
Starring: Chris Evans, Robert Downey Jr.



My Big Fat Greek Wedding 2

Rated: PG-13
Plot Overview: A Portokalos family secret brings the tribe together again for an even bigger – and Greeker – wedding.
Starring: Nia Vardalos, John Corbett
Director: Kirk Jones



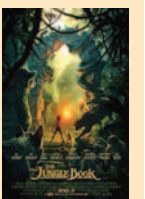
Mother's Day

Rated: PG-13
Plot Overview: Three generations of one family come together for a week leading up to Mother's Day.
Starring: Jennifer Aniston, Kate Hudson
Director: Garry Marshall



The Jungle Book

Rated: PG
Plot Overview: Mowgli the man-cub flees the jungle after the tiger Shere Khan poses a threat, guided by Baloo the bear and Bagheera the panther.
Starring: Neel Sethi, Bill Murray
Director: Jon Favreau



The Boss

Rated: PG-13
Plot Overview: Sent to prison for insider trading, a titan of industry attempts to rebrand herself as America's sweetheart.
Starring: Melissa McCarthy, Kristen Bell
Director: Ben Falcone



Miracles from Heaven

Rated: PG
Plot Overview: A young girl suffering from a rare digestive disorder finds herself miraculously cured after surviving a terrible accident.
Starring: Jennifer Garner, Kylie Rogers
Director: Patricia Riggen



The Huntsman: Winter's War

Rated: PG-13
Plot Overview: As Ravenna and Freya go to war, Eric and Sara, members of the Huntsman army, must conceal their love and combat the evil of Ravenna.
Starring: Chris Hemsworth, Charlize Theron



Criminal

Rated: R
Plot Overview: A dead CIA operative's memories and skills are implanted into a death-row inmate in hopes of stopping a diabolical plot.
Starring: Kevin Costner, Ryan Reynolds
Director: Ariel Vromen



Barbershop: The Next Cut

Rated: PG-13
Plot Overview: As the neighborhood takes a turn for the worse, Calvin's Barbershop crew comes together to produce some much-needed change.
Starring: Ice Cube, Regina Hall
Director: Malcolm D. Lee



The Angry Birds Movie

Rated: PG
Plot Overview: When an island populated by happy, flightless birds is visited by mysterious green piggies, it's up to three unlikely outcasts to figure out what is going on.
Starring: Josh Gad, Jason Sudeikis
Director: Clay Kaytis, Fergal Reilly
OPENS FRIDAY, MAY 20



The Nice Guys

Rated: R
Plot Overview: A mismatched pair of private eyes investigate the apparent suicide of a fading porn star in 1970s Los Angeles.
Starring: Russell Crowe, Ryan Gosling
Director: Shane Black
OPENS FRIDAY, MAY 20



Neighbors 2

Rated: R
Plot Overview: After a sorority moves in next door, Mac and Kelly have to ask for help from their former enemy, Teddy.
Starring: Seth Rogen, Rose Byrne, Zak Efron
Director: Nicholas Stoller
OPENS FRIDAY, MAY 20



SHOW TIMES GOOD FRI. 05/20 THRU THURS. 05/26 LIKE US ON facebook		STARTING FRI. 5/27 ALICE WONDERLAND 2 X-MEN		 IL TROVATORE SUN. 06/19 @ 12PM TUES. 06/21 @ 7PM CINEPORT 10	
		2811 TELSHOR BLVD.		REGISTER AT ALLENTHEATRESINC.COM FOR EMAIL INFO AND SPECIALS PLEASE BE COURTEOUS TO YOUR FOLLOW PATRONS. TURN OFF YOUR CELL BEFORE ENTERING THE AUDITORIUM.	
THE ANGRY BIRDS MOVIE SHOWING IN 2D: DAILY 12:30 2:50 7:30 SHOWING IN 3D: 5:10 9:45 (PG) NO PASS OR DISCOUNT		THE ANGRY BIRDS MOVIE SHOWING IN 2D: DAILY 11:30 1:45 4:05 6:30 8:50 (PG) NO PASS OR DISCOUNT		CAPTAIN AMERICA: CIVIL WAR SHOWING IN 3D: DAILY 2:45 6:05 9:30 SAT-SUN 11:30 SHOWING IN 2D: DAILY 3:30 6:40 10:00 SAT-SUN 12:00 (PG13) NO PASS OF ANY KIND	
MOTHER'S DAY DAILY 11:20 2:00 4:40 7:20 10:00 (PG13)		HUNTSMAN: WINTER'S WAR DAILY 12:35 3:50 6:25 9:00 (PG13)		KEANU DAILY 2:15 7:05 9:30 SAT-SUN 11:55 (R)	
the MICE GUYS DAILY 11:30 2:10 4:50 7:30 10:10 (R) NO PASS OR DISCOUNT		the JUNGLE BOOK SHOWING IN 2D: DAILY 11:30 2:25 5:00 7:30 (PG) SHOWING IN 3D: 10:00 NO PASS OF ANY KIND		BARBERSHOP: THE NEXT CUT DAILY 2:15 4:45 7:20 9:55 SAT-SUN 11:40 (PG13)	
CAPTAIN AMERICA: CIVIL WAR SHOWING IN 3D: DAILY 12:00 3:30 6:45 10:00 NO PASS OF ANY KIND SHOWING IN 2D: DAILY 11:15 2:30 6:05 9:30 (PG13)		NEIGHBORS DAILY 12:00 2:30 5:00 7:15 9:30 (R) NO PASS OR DISCOUNT		THE BOSS DAILY 2:15 4:45 7:15 SAT-SUN 11:50 (R)	
the MICE GUYS DAILY 2:00 4:40 7:20 9:45 10:00 SAT-SUN 11:20 (R) NO PASS OR DISCOUNT		MONEY MONSTER DAILY 2:40 5:00 7:20 9:40 SAT-SUN 12:20 (PG13) NO PASS OR DISCOUNT		THE DARKNESS DAILY 2:25 5:15 7:30 10:00 SAT-SUN 11:50 (PG13) NO PASS OR DISCOUNT	
the MICE GUYS DAILY 2:00 4:40 7:20 9:45 10:00 SAT-SUN 11:20 (R) NO PASS OR DISCOUNT		NEIGHBORS DAILY 12:30 3:40 6:30 9:15 (R) NO PASS OR DISCOUNT		THE ANGRY BIRDS MOVIE SHOWING IN 2D: DAILY 2:50 4:35 7:30 SAT-SUN 12:30 (PG) SHOWING IN 3D: 5:10 9:45 NO PASS OF ANY KIND	
HUMP DAY Film Club EVERY WEDNESDAY AT 2:00 & 7:00 ALL SEATS \$5.50 THE LIGHT BENEATH THEIR FEET		VIDEO 4 1005 S. EL PASEO ALL SEATS ALL TIMES \$3.50		BRING THIS COUPON TO THE VIDEO 4 AND SEE THE MOVIE OF YOUR CHOICE FOR ONLY \$1.50/PERSON GOOD FOR UP TO 5 PEOPLE WED. & THURS ONLY!! VIDEO 4 1005 S. EL PASEO	

Math genius biopic feels droll

By Jeff Berg
For the Bulletin

“The Man Who Knew Infinity” takes an interesting but rather dull, predictable look at mathematician Srinivasa Ramanujan, who is played by “Slumdog Millionaire’s” Dev Patel. This portraiture, mixed with the obscurity of his mathematical formulas and hypotheses tossed at a general viewing audience, makes this outing seem ponderous and slight. But though the details of Ramanujan’s works were foreign to me, the film introduced me to the importance of his work in numbers.

There is a helpful epilogue explaining how Ramanujan’s 100-year-old concepts are critical in today’s study of black holes which might have worked better as an intertitle before the film.

Anyway, the film was adapted from Robert Kanigel’s book, “The Man Who Knew Infinity: A Life of the Genius Ramanujan,” and is mostly a look at the relationship between the wunderkind Ramanujan and his mentor at Cambridge University, G.H. Hardy, played strongly by Jeremy Irons.

Ramanujan received some formal schooling, but he was from a poor Brahmin family in Madras and his remarkable mathematical abilities were self-taught, and he later explains to Hardy, an atheist, that “they are expressions of God.”

Hardy was the first to accept Ramanujan’s genius and arranged for him to come from India to study in England.

However, it didn’t take long for Hardy to become exasperated by Ramanujan’s lack of proofs for this theories, something that is apparently required for acceptance of same. This back and forth between pure mathematical declaration and the Western world’s need for meticulous corroboration provides the base of the movie.

This, along with issues of class and out and out racism prevented the geniuses of the British Empire from seeing Ramanujan as an equal for many years.

About half way through the picture, World War I starts, disrupting the campus along with everything else, as young men and professors join the army and army hospitals are soon in abundance on the college grounds.

The disrupted marriage of Ramanujan supplies a weak sub story, as his wife endlessly pines away for him back in India, she not knowing that the dozens of letters he has written have been secreted away by his mother.

Later, Ramanujan is taken ill and it is discovered that he has TB, which, in 1920 ended his life at age 32, about a year after he returned to his wife.

Math movies aren’t always for the few that under-



Dev Patel, right, plays math genius Srinivasa Ramanujan and Jeremy Irons, left, embodies Ramanujan’s mentor G.H. Hardy in “The Man Who Knew Infinity,” which opens at the Fountain Theatre in Mesilla Friday, May 20.

stand math. Pictures such as “A Beautiful Mind”, “The Theory of Everything” and “The Imitation Game” are proof of that. But “The Man Who Knew Infinity” is not up to par with those pictures. Director Matt Brown’s work is a mechanical high-point

reel, featuring halfhearted performances beyond Irons and displaying a dull cinematic method. Although the movie’s 108 minutes are not an infinity, the drollness of this work makes it seem a lot longer at times.

RUNNING FOR OFFICE?

TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE BULLETIN TO LET THE VOTERS KNOW WHERE YOU STAND.

MULTIPLE ADVERTISING PACKAGES AVAILABLE
— SOMETHING FOR EVERY BUDGET!

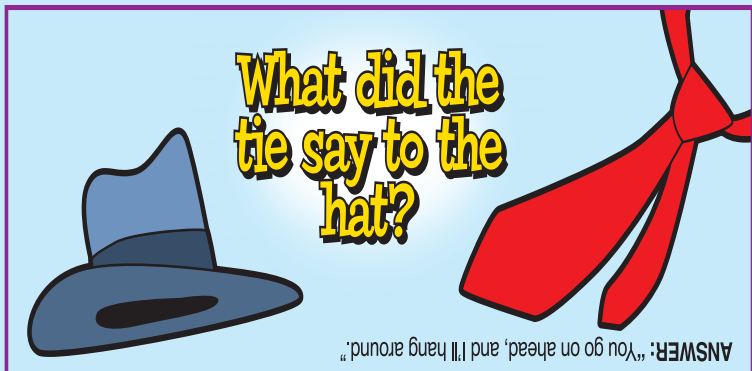
FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL 524.8061

Kid Scoop Sponsored by:

For Sponsorship Opportunities
Call
575.680.1844

THE LAS CRUCES
Bulletin
1740-A Calle de Mercado
Las Cruces, NM 88005
575.524.8061
lascrucesbulletin.com

Making a Difference Together
Esperanza
CHILDREN'S THERAPY
(575) 647-3773 • Fax: (575) 647-3777
1681 Hickory Loop • Las Cruces, NM
www.esperanzachildrentherapy.com



Kid Scoop

THE AWARD-WINNING PRINT & ONLINE FAMILY FEATURE



© 2016 by Vicki Whiting, Editor Jeff Schinkel, Graphics Vol. 32, No. 25

Let the summer fun begin!

This summer, the eyes of the world will turn to Rio de Janeiro in Brazil for the Olympic Games and the Paralympic Games, officially known as the Games of the XXXI Olympiad.

Don't let your brain get flabby this summer. Read Kid Scoop each week to give your mind and imagination a real workout as we celebrate this big international sports event. Complete each page and share the fun with friends and family members, too.



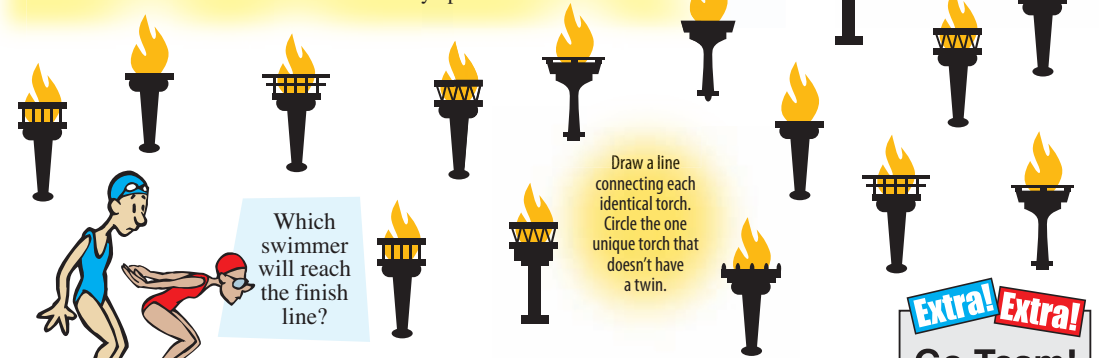
Follow That Torch!

On April 21, 2016 the Olympic torch was lit in Greece. The torch stays lit as it travels the world. First it took a short trip around Greece, the birthplace of the Olympics. Then it went to Switzerland, where the International Olympic Committee offices are located. After that the torch was flown to the Brazilian capital, Brasilia, to start a 95-day journey throughout the country that is host of the 2016 Summer Games.

The torch will be passed from hand to hand by 12,000 relay runners through every state in Brazil.

Ninety percent of Brazil's 204 million inhabitants will be reached on this route before it ends its journey at the Opening Ceremonies in Rio de Janeiro.

You can follow the route of the Olympic Torch. Each time you read 10 column inches of the newspaper, color in a circle along the route of the Olympic Torch.



Which swimmer will reach the finish line?

Draw a line connecting each identical torch. Circle the one unique torch that doesn't have a twin.

Extra! Extra!

Go Team!

Look at the names of different teams in the sports pages of your newspaper. Imagine there are teams for each subject you study in school. Make a list of team names for a reading team, science team, math team, etc.

Standards Link: Research: Use the newspaper to locate information.

Go for the Gold!

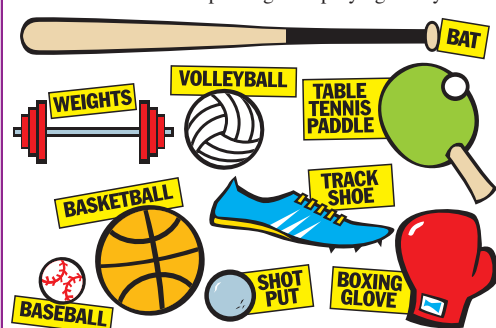
Each time you read a book this summer, color in a letter on one of the medals below. Can you read 13 books and go for the gold?



Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Students read and understand grade-level appropriate material.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Look at each piece of sports equipment below for one minute. Then cover this box with your hand. Can you name all of the items without peeking? Keep trying until you do!

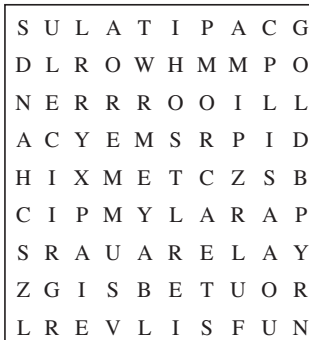


Standards Link: Oral Language: Use descriptive words, memory recall.

Double Double Word Search

PARALYMPIC Find the words in the puzzle. Then look for each word in this week's Kid Scoop stories and activities.

- CAPITAL
- BRAZIL
- SUMMER
- SILVER
- TORCH
- RELAY
- GAMES
- WORLD
- ROUTE
- GOLD
- HOST
- HAND
- TRIP
- SIX



Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

Talking Pictures

Select a photo of sports stars or famous people in the newspaper. Pretend these people can talk to one another. Write a conversation for them. Put the words in "bubbles" to make the picture look like a comic strip panel.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

Write On!

Best Book of the Summer

What book do you recommend other kids read this summer? Have fun describing the details but don't give away the ending.

Kid Scoop Together:

World Flags

During the Olympics, you'll see the flags of many different countries. How many of the ones below do you recognize? Do the math to check your answers.

- 7 + 7 + 7 = BRAZIL
- 6 + 5 + 2 = CANADA
- 3 + 3 + 4 = CHILE
- 4 + 5 + 7 = INDIA
- 7 + 2 + 5 = IRELAND
- 8 + 8 + 2 = ZAMBIA



18 =



14 =



13 =



10 =



21 =



16 =



Craig Tate, left, and Israel Hall star in "Buffalo," a short film by NMSU CMI graduate Julian Alexander. The film will premiere this month as part of the 2016 Cannes Film Festival Short Film Corner.

COURTESY PHOTO

NMSU short film to premiere at Cannes

By Dana Beasley
Or the Bulletin

An undergraduate thesis film created through New Mexico State University's Creative Media Institute will premiere this month as part of the 2016 Cannes Film Festival Short Film Corner.

Written and directed by NMSU alumnus Julian Alexander, "Buffalo" is the first CMI production to premiere at Cannes – one of the most prestigious film festivals in the world. The film stars actors Craig Tate ("12 Years a Slave" and "The Butler") and Israel Hall.

For Alexander, a 2014 graduate of the Creative Media Institute in the College of Arts and Sciences, the childhood tales his father shared of Buffalo Soldiers helped to inspire the 20-minute fictional drama set in post-Civil War New Mexico.

The story follows a Buffalo Soldier who, while on special assignment escorting hunters through Apache territory, forms an unlikely friendship with his white officer. On their journey, the soldier is forced to confront a painful chapter of his past as a slave on a Southern plantation.



COURTESY PHOTO

NMSU Creative Media Institute alumnus Julian Alexander, left, on the set of his short film, "Buffalo." The film will premiere at the Cannes Film Festival this month.

"As they travel together, they learn to overlook their differences in order to protect each other," Alexander said. "The film's about letting go."

Though the film takes place more than 100 years ago, Alexander explained that its racial dynamics are still relevant in today's society.

"This film is so contemporary, and I guess that's why people may be relating to it so much,"

he said. "It's based in 1877, but it's so current – it's the same dynamic with authority, especially with black folks and white authority, where racial tension might still be prevalent."

Ilana Lapid, assistant professor in NMSU's Creative Media Institute, supervised the project.

"Julian is a remarkable young filmmaker with a generous spirit and boundless enthusiasm,"

Lapid said. "He is committed to making films that matter to him and to the world."

According to Lapid, Alexander spent weeks honing his screenplay into a "poignant story engaging race, history and human connections that transcend boundaries."

"The film serves as a great example to our current CMI students that with a good story, clear vision, dedicated team and strong work ethic, you can make great things happen," she said.

"At CMI, we strive to give our students the tools and skills to enter into their chosen path in the film industry, and also encourage them to tell stories that matter to them. I encourage my students to lead from the heart."

With production elements involving horses, a herd of buffalo and the only white buffalo in the state, Lapid said this project would have proved challenging for professional filmmakers.

The team, including producer and fellow CMI alumnus Keagan Karnes, also worked with various historical organizations and Native American groups on campus prior to filming on-location in Cubero, New Mexico,

near Grants.

"All of these people really believed in the script and in the words that I wrote, which is crazy and I still can't believe it, honestly," Alexander said. "It's such an amazing experience to have."

Alexander plans to attend the film's premiere during the Cannes Film Festival Short Film Corner, May 16-22. Joining him will be Karnes and the film's director of photography, Andrew Griego, all of whom attended Las Cruces High School together and have maintained a close friendship for nearly a decade.

"Everybody is feeling great," Alexander said. "It's so amazing to be able to do something like this with your best friends."

Alexander is now studying for a Master of Arts in filmmaking from Leeds Beckett University in the United Kingdom. He is currently preparing to direct his thesis film, "Leo," about the relationship between a human smuggler and the Syrian migrants he is transporting through Italy.

For more information on "Buffalo," visit <http://www.buffaloshortfilm.com>.

Annual Memorial Day Candlelight Ceremony in need of sponsors

Bulletin report

Members of the Veterans Memorial Wall Committee will host the 5th Annual Candlelight Ceremony on Memorial Day at 8 p.m., Monday, May 30 at Veterans Park, 2651 Roadrunner Parkway.

The community is invited

to the candlelight ceremony, co-sponsored by the City of Las Cruces, to commemorate the 203 members of our armed forces from Doña Ana County listed on the Veterans Wall as killed in action from World I, World War II, Korea, Vietnam and Operation Enduring Freedom.

During the ceremony, as the name of each casualty is announced, sponsors place a lit candle in their memory on top of the wall. The highest number of casualties listed on the wall, 127, are from World War II, and approximately 40 more sponsors are needed. The containers and

the candles are provided by the Veterans Memorial Wall Committee.

“Consider making this ceremony a family event, like the Luis Garcia family who signed up last year with seven family members. Emilio, the youngest, a mid-level student, started it

by signing up first,” said Archuleta, committee chair.

Anyone who volunteered last year will be contacted by the committee. Interested sponsors may contact Archuleta at 524-7873, or email darchuleta611412@aol.com. You must register before May 27 to participate.

Pic Quik Presents
2016 Music in the Park Series
Mayor's JAZZ FEST

— JAZZ —
MCKINLEY, MARTIN & SNYDOR
LOS ANGELES, CA

**SUNDAY
MAY 29
6 p.m.**
Main Street
Downtown

— Pic Quik —
MUSIC IN THE PARK SERIES
EVERY SUNDAY AT 7 P.M.
JUNE 5 – AUGUST 7, 2016
Young Park and Apodaca Park
Dates, entertainers, locations and show times are subject to change without notice. Pets are prohibited by City policy at special events held on City of Las Cruces property.

— AND —
NOTE WORKS
EL PASO, TX/
LAS CRUCES

THE LAS CRUCES **Bulletin**

City of Las Cruces
www.las-cruces.org

Press Women host novelist, poet Castillo

Las Cruces Press Women present New York Times Notable Book of the Year novelist and poet Ana Castillo at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 28 at Good Samaritan Society – Las Cruces Village, 3011 Buena Vida Circle, in the auditorium. The talk is free to the public.

According to a press release, Castillo will discuss her new book

“Black Dove: Mamá, Mi’jo, and Me,” as well as what it means to be a Mexican-American woman, feminist and



CASTILLO

single mother in a world that does not often feel like home. Castillo is a distinguished poet, novelist, short story writer, essayist, editor, playwright, translator and independent scholar.

Her work has been the subject of numerous

scholarly investigations and publications. Some of her best-selling titles include “So Far From God,” “The Guardians” and “Peel My Love like an Onion.” Her novel, “Sapogonia: An anti-romance in 3/8 meter” was a New York Times Notable Book of the Year. She has been profiled and interviewed on National Public Radio and the History Channel and was a radio-essayist with NPR in Chicago, the release stated.

Castillo is editor of “La Tolteca,” an arts and literary magazine dedicated to the advancement of a world without borders and censorship. Books will be available for purchase at the event. To learn more about Ana Castillo, visit www.anacastillo.com. To learn more about Las Cruces Press Women, visit lascrucespresswomen.org

Voted #1 in Las Cruces
Initial Service
\$59.99 +tax
Interior/Exterior Treatment
Program Pricing from \$39.99 +tax

575-635-7237

Wednesday June 1st 6 PM

Food for Thought

DINNER & DISCUSSION

SILENT AUCTION

LAS CRUCES ACADEMY

Join us for dinner & discussions at 12 tables with interesting local thought leaders in the arts, business, medicine & more.

\$50.00 per person - Tickets available online or At LCA
For details visit lascrucesacademy.org/FFT Or Call 575-571-2269

Community event & fundraiser for the Las Cruces Academy

Local primary election candidates to participate in forum

Bulletin report

Local candidates who will be on the ballot in the June 7 primary will be invited to participate in two candidate

forums scheduled for 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, May 17 and Tuesday, May 24, at Temple Beth-El, 3980 Sonoma Springs Ave.

On Tuesday, May 17, voters can hear from candidates for House District 35, Senate District 36, District Attorney for the 3rd Judicial District, and

County Treasurer.

On Tuesday, May 24, candidates for the Doña Ana County Commission in Districts 4 and 5 have been invited.

For information, contact Ned Rubin, chair of the Temple Beth-El Social Action Committee at 414-331-3405.

RELIGION LISTINGS

Unitarian Church roundtable discussions

The Roundtable Discussion Group meets from 9 to 10 a.m. every Sunday at the Unitarian Church, 2000 S. Solano. Sunday, May 22 Elisa Sanchez hosts a discussion on the Dakota proverb: "We will be known forever by the tracks we leave." This is not a presentation, rather a discussion about our culture and its legacy: Who are we? What makes us American? On Sunday, May 29, Pat Temple speaks on hoarding. All roundtables take place in the church sanctuary.

For information, email roundtable@uuchurchlc.org.

Cross of Christ dinner and movie night May 21

Cross of Christ Lutheran Church kicks off the summer with dinner and a movie at 5 p.m., Saturday, May 21 at 2540 El Paseo Drive. Hamburgers, hots dogs and all fixings provided, followed by a viewing and discussion of the drama "Courageous." All are invited to this event and to regular morning services at 10 a.m. every Sunday. For more information, visit www.crossofchristlc.com or call 649-5458 or 915-740-7714.

Presiding bishop to pay pastoral visit

The Most Rev. Mark Elliot Newman, OC, presiding bishop of the Catholic Apostolic Church of Antioch, will pay a pastoral visit to Las Cruces from Saturday, May 21 through Monday, May 23. The bishop will ordain Las Cruces resident Ronald Catherson to the sacred order of the diaconate at 2 p.m., Sunday, May 22 at First Christian Church, 1809 El Paseo Road.

All are welcome to attend.

Spiritual group discussion at Funky Karma

Eckankar, religion of sound and light of God, is a practical spiritual teaching which can be used to better understand the ordinary and miraculous events in our lives.

Eckankar will host a spiritual discussion from 11 a.m.-noon on Saturday, May 28 on the topic, "Journey of Soul." The events take place at Funky Karma, 3207 S. Main St.

For more information, call 654-0071.

Cowboys for Christ

At 7:30 p.m. on the second Tuesday of every month, this non-denominational outreach organization meets for those involved in livestock and agriculture. For meeting place information, call 571-6367 or email cfc.lcnm@yahoo.com.

International Association for Near-Death Studies

A peer to peer group for understanding your near-death experience meets at 1:30 p.m. the third Monday of every month at Unitarian Universalist Church great room, 2000 S. Solano Drive. For information, call 928-897-0933.

Course in Miracles at Tesoro Integrative Health Center

From 10 to 11:30 a.m. on Saturdays at 1605 S. Main St. is a complete self-study spiritual thought system with Edward Alvarez. A \$5 donation is suggested. For information, call 541-5660.

Holy Family National Catholic Church daily Mass and Liturgy of the Hours

At 10 a.m. Tuesday through Friday is Liturgy of the Hours-Morning Prayer in the St. Francis Chapel. Evening prayer is at 5:15 p.m. with Mass at 5:30. Open to all at 702 Parker Road. For information, call 644-5025.

Men's prayer meeting at Heart of the World

Join us at 7 a.m. on Saturday mornings at the church for our weekly men's prayer meeting. Manny Howie leads the prayer. Men, we hope to see you there. Located at 1605 S. Valley Dr. 523-1113.

Seventh Day Adventist worship service

Worship service at 9:30 a.m.; Sabbath School at 11 a.m. Bible study at 6 p.m. on Wednesday at 240 Three Crosses. For information, call 526-5623.

Men's prayer breakfast at First Baptist Church

Join us from 7 to 9 a.m. every Tuesday for a breakfast in the fellowship hall. For information, call 524-3691.

Non-denomination service on Sunday

The New Agape Christian Church, at the Dream Center, 6th and Wilson Streets, offers a scriptural, theological, historical and scientific look at the Prophets at 5:45 p.m., Sundays. Agape is an all-people's church; everyone welcome. Children's church provided; for information, call Pastor Herb at 650-3915.

Divine Mercy Chaplet and Adoration

At 7 p.m. on the last Friday of every month at Holy Cross Church, 1327 N. Miranda St. All are welcome. For information, call 523-0167.

Peace Lutheran Church prayer groups

Centering Prayer meets at 9 a.m. on Saturdays for 20 to 30 minutes. Women Gather for Prayer meets from 4 to 5 p.m. Peace Lutheran is located at 1701 E. Missouri. Call the church office for location: 522-7119.

Fusion Youth Fellowship at Morning Star United Methodist Church

Join the youth's small group for music, family events and workshops from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. every Wednesday at 2941 Morningstar Dr. For information, call 521-3770.

Trinity Lutheran welcomes young worshippers

You are invited to join Trinity Lutheran at 9 a.m. for the regular Sunday worship with Holy Communion at the church at 2900 Elks Dr. Children and families are encouraged and welcome. Sunday school for children and youth is also held at 10:30 a.m. each Sunday. In a child-friendly environment, children meet and worship God through songs, prayer and Bible stories. All are welcome to join. Please call 523-4232 for information or visit the church's website: www.trinitylutheranlc.org.

Church Bingo

Bingo is offered 7 p.m. every Monday and Tuesday in the multipurpose room at Holy Cross School, 1327 N. Miranda St. (doors open at 5:30.) All games can be played for \$5. For information, call 646-5860. At 7 p.m. every Thursday night is Bingo at Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish in Tortugas. Doors open at 5:30. Food, fun, prizes.

WORSHIP SERVICES

Advertise Your Worship Services Today!
Call 524-8061 To Be Included

Baha'i Faith


The Baha'i Information & Reading Center
All faiths welcome

Interspiritual Devotional
 Sundays 10:30 to 11 a.m.
 Adult Spiritual Discussion
 11 a.m. to Noon
 Book Club
 Wednesday, 6 p.m.
 Please call for more info.
"All the prophets of God proclaim the same Faith"

525 E. Lohman
575.522.0467

Baptist

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
 LAS CRUCES, NM



SUNDAY
 Bible Study 9 & 10:45 am
 Morning Worship 9 & 10:45 am

WEDNESDAY
 Students & Youth 6:00 pm
 Adult Connections 6:15 pm

CHILD CARE AVAILABLE

106 South Miranda
 Downtown Las Cruces
524-3691
 www.fbclascruces.com


Catholic-Independent

Holy Family American
 National Catholic Church
A Catholic Community Where All Are Welcome

Service Times
 Mass
 Saturday 5:30 pm
 Sunday 10:30 am
 Morning Prayer
 Tue.-Fri. 9 am
 Evening Prayer
 Tue.-Fri. 5:15 pm

Clergy: Frs. Jim Lehman
 & Louie Amezaga
575-644-5025
 702 Parker Road • Las Cruces, NM 88005
 www.holyfamilyncc.com

Catholic - Roman



THE ROMAN CATHOLIC
 DIOCESE OF LAS CRUCES

VIEW ALL LISTINGS OF
 CATHOLIC CHURCHES
 ON OUR WEBSITE

WWW.DIOCESEOFLASCRUCES.ORG

Christian

First Church of Christ, Scientist

Sunday:
 Service & Sunday School
 10 a.m.
 Wednesday:
 Testimonies 7 p.m.

All are WELCOME!

325 West Mountain Ave.
 Las Cruces, NM
 575-523-5063

The NEW
One Way Life Center


Ministers Ralph & Norma Molina
 Engl. Worship Sun. 11 a.m.
 Bible Study Wed. 7 p.m.

916 Chaparro
 Las Cruces
 575-233-2413

Full Gospel • Christ Centered
 Everyone Welcome

Disciples of Christ/ United Church of Christ

Disciples of Christ and United Church of Christ



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

An Open and Affirming Church working in our Community for Civil, Human and Religious Rights in the name of Jesus the Christ.

Sunday Worship 10:15 am

1809 El Paseo 524-3245

Episcopal

ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
"Digging deep wells so others may drink."



Rector: The Rev. Canon Scott A. Ruthven

Weekday Services
 Tuesday - 9:30 AM - Morning Prayer
 Thursday - Noon - Holy Eucharist

Sunday Services
 8:30 AM - Rite 1
 10:30 AM - Rite 2

518 N. Alameda Blvd.
 526-6333
 www.SaintAndrewsLC.org

St. James' Episcopal Church

Biblically
 Orthodox Traditional
 Anglican Worship

Sunday:
 8 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
 Wednesday: 10 a.m.

www.stjameslascruces.org

102 St. James Avenue • 526-2389
 Corner of University & S. Main

Jewish

TEMPLE BETH-EL OF LAS CRUCES

OURS IS A DIVERSE AND GROWING JEWISH COMMUNITY

FRIDAY SERVICES VARY, PLEASE CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR THIS WEEK'S TIME

SHABBAT MORNING SERVICES AT 10:15 AM

WWW.TBELC.ORG
 3980 SONOMA SPRINGS AVE.
 575-524-3380

RABBI LAWRENCE P. KAROL
 MEMBER OF UNION FOR REFORM JUDAISM

Lutheran


TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH-ELCA

Sunday Worship
 9:00 am
 Sunday School
 10:30 am
 2900 Elks Drive
 575.523.4232

www.trinitylutheranlc.org

All are welcome!

Messianic



What does it mean to be Jesus (Yeshua) was Jewish!

Join us at
134 S. Main St. (Griggs & Main)
Service Sat. 1PM
Bible Study Sat 4PM

Join us to learn about your Hebrew Roots.
 Everyone is welcome!
 866-874-7250
 etz-chayim.org

ST. PAUL'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
 Transforming the World from the Heart of Las Cruces

225 W. Griggs Ave.
 Downtown on the corner of Alameda & Griggs • 526-6689 for information

Rev. Eduardo Rivera, Senior Pastor

Traditional Worship	8:15 a.m.
Unplugged Contemporary Worship	9:30 a.m.
Traditional Worship	10:45 a.m.

www.lascrucesmethodistchurch.com

Methodist

Morning Star United Methodist Church
 521-3770
 2941 Morning Star Dr. at Roadrunner Pkwy.
 www.mstarlc.church

There's a place for you at Morning Star!

Worship
 Saturdays 5:33pm
 Contemporary
 Sundays
 8:15am Blended
 9:45am Contemporary
 11:15am Traditional

Rev. Travis Bennett

UNIVERSITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Pastor: Rev. Pam Rowley

Sunday Worship Services
 Traditional — 8:30 a.m.
 Informal — 11:00 a.m.

Classes for all — 9:45 a.m.

4 blocks north of NMSU
 2000 S. Locust
 (575) 522-8220
 www.UUMCLasCruces.org

New Thought

Think about it . . .
There's a Power for Good in the Universe and You can use it.

THREE INCLUSIVE SPIRITUAL COMMUNITIES ARE AVAILABLE TO YOU.



Sunday Celebration
 10:30am
 Rev. Bonnie Smith
 575 N. Main St.
 575-523-4847



Sunday Celebration
 10:30am
 Rev. Terry Lund
 125 Wyatt Drive
 unityoflascruces.org




Sunday Celebration
 11:00am
 Rev. Carol Carnes
 140 Taylor Road
 wellspringnow.com

El Calvario United Methodist Church

Worship 11 a.m.
 Adult Sunday School, 10:00-10:45,
 Visioning and Discipleship, 9:45-10:30,
 Agape Free Market, 1st Tuesday of every month

Where everyone is welcome. Donde todos son bienvenidos.

Rev. Nema Rivers-LeCuyer



300 N. Campo
 575-524-1230
 575-652-1188
 nemadean@outlook.com
 P.O. Box 2842
 Las Cruces, NM 88004

"Come and see..."
 "Venga y vea..."

Non Denominational

Southern New Mexico Church of God

Sabbath Services
 Interactive Bible Study
 Saturdays 1 p.m.
 1701 E. Missouri

Hear us Sunday mornings
 8 a.m. on 1450 AM KOBE

See us Sunday mornings
 10:30 a.m. on Comcast
 Cable Channel 98

We observe all of God's Holy Days and accept Jesus Christ as our savior.

650-7359

Confidential private counseling also available.

Advertise Your Worship Services Today!
Call 524-8061 To Be Included

Pentecostal

CALVARY CHRISTIAN CENTER

We are fundamental by belief, Pentecostal by experience. If you are looking for enthusiastic worship and uncompromised preaching of the Word of God, we invite you to come worship. All are welcome.

Pastor Mark Jordan

Worship services 10:30 a.m. Sundays at 4211 Elks Drive.
 For more information, call 575-640-1822

Advertise Your Worship Services Today!
Call 524-8061 To Be Included

Presbyterian

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Faith and Fellowship
 Worship: 8:45 am

Sunday School: 9 am

Traditional Worship
 Service: 10:30

English, Spanish, and Korean congregations

200 E. Boutz Road, Las Cruces
 www.fpc.lc
 (575) 526-5559

A glass act

Bulletin report

A stroll through home decorating stores this spring is a testament to the popularity of stained glass, a centuries-old art form.

According to Jennifer Kopf, blogger and publisher of Town and County Living online magazine, “The art of stained glass is rising in popularity and it’s not hard to see why. Beautiful colored glass is held together by lead to create amazing pieces of art for the home... The art of stained glass initially took off in Europe during the 12th century, while the movement began in America when William Jay Bolton made a window for a New York church in 1843.”

“Adding a unique piece of stained glass is a colorful way to brighten any room, and is especially striking in a window or door frame where it can catch sunlight,” said Laura Worl of Michigan City Design.



PHOTOS BY SUSIE OUDERKIRK

Pictured above, this show stopper, “Ladytree Love,” by The Hammered Sisters, adorns a window at Lulu Elements for Living, 1800 Avenida de Mesilla, Suite A.

May Yard of the Month



PHOTOS BY SUSIE OUDERKIRK

The High Range Neighborhood Association Yard of the Month belongs to Bert and Ann Berkson on Durango Court.

BEFORE YOU DIG!

811
Know what's below.
Call before you dig.

Did you know that gas, water, and utility lines have a huge network that is hidden safely away underground? Digging or excavation of any kind could interrupt those services if you don't call 8-1-1 first. Worse yet damage to utility lines can pose a danger to you, your family, and the community. BE SAFE, make a free call, dial 8-1-1 from any phone, anytime BEFORE starting any digging projects. We will come out to mark the utility lines in your area. It's fast, it's free, it's 8-1-1. Naturally the smart decision.

As always, Zia personnel are available 24/7 for all natural gas emergencies. Call (575) 526-4GAS (4427) if you have a natural gas emergency.

ZIA NATURAL GAS COMPANY
New Mexico's Natural Choice

575-526-4427 • 1-800-453-5546
3700 W. Picacho Ave • Las Cruces
www.ziagas.com

We've Got your Windows Covered!

Spring CREST
CUSTOM DRAPERIES
Since 1976

Visit our Showroom to see complete selection of Custom Window coverings, Shutters and Bedding

2310 N. Temple • 526-2880
www.SpringCrestNM.com

Desert View Homes recognized nationally

Bulletin report

Desert View Homes has, for the third consecutive year, been named one of the nation's top 100 new home builders by Builder Magazine. Locally owned since 1990, Desert View Homes was also named as one of the top 10 fastest growing privately owned new homebuilders in the U.S. Citing growth in home closings of over 26 percent for 2015 over 2014, the View family of home building companies ranks as the eight fastest-growing privately held home building companies according to Builder Magazine.

"We're pleased that we've been named one of the nation's top 100 new home builders every year since 2009. These accomplishments are something we are very proud of," said Randy O'Leary, president of Desert View Homes. "As a team, we are committed to reaching our goals and to ensure our homes are built on time. But our real motivation is to build a reputation as a solid foundation within the communities we build in and to provide our new home families with a home and community that they will be proud to call home," he said.

Recognized as the 67th largest new homebuilder, Desert View Homes offers new homes locally in Las Cruces and El Paso, Texas,



throughout southern Colorado as Aspen View Homes, and across northern Colorado as Horizon View Homes.

According to Director of Corporate Marketing Shelley La Judice, "Desert View Homes prides itself on servicing the

first-time and move-up homebuyers of the desert southwest. From energy saving construction to stylish exteriors to

trending interiors, Desert View Homes is dedicated to providing the best new home warranty and customer service in

the industry."

La Judice can be reached at 719-339-1219 or slajudice@desertviewhomes.com.

Basic home repair, auto maintenance classes coming to DACC

Bulletin report

Hole in the wall? Running toilet? Broken screen? Need to change the locks on your door or safely hang pictures? Learn this and more to deal with the more common and basic home and apartment repairs with the Doña Ana Community College (DACC) Community Education courses "Basic Home Main-

tenance" and "Basic Plumbing." The home maintenance class meets from 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, June 8, or Wednesday, June 22, and basic plumbing is from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Saturday, June 11 or Saturday, June 25. The cost for either of these classes is \$19 per person.

The DACC Community Education course "Powder Puff Mechanic" will be held from 8:30 to 10 a.m. Sat-

urday, June 11, or Saturday, June 25. The cost is \$19. Review basic maintenance procedures and how to prevent potential problems when driving your vehicle. Change a flat tire, check oil and tire pressure. Gain a better understanding of your car and how to address problems before getting stranded. For more information or to sign up, email commed@dacc.nmsu.edu or call 527-7527.

Spay/neuter operation benefits 120 companion pets

By Kelly Barker
For the Bulletin

As the sun rose over the Organ Mountains on the weekend of April 23, cars and trucks of all makes and models pulled into a parking lot of PetSmart. As the vehicle doors opened excited dogs spilled out onto the asphalt. They came in all sizes. They were young and old. Some were yappy, others in silent repose, as they peered around at the growing assortment of members from their species.

The canines and felines were there to take part in Operation Spot-NM, an event for Spay-Neuter-Microchip-Vaccination. This first of its kind, it was a collaboration of the Humane Society of Southern New Mexico, PetSmart and the animal advocacy 501(c)3 Uncaged Paws.

At 7 a.m., the PetSmart doors opened to people and pets in support of the goal of Stopping Pet Overpopulation Today (SPOT).

The companion animal pet overpopulation is epi-

demic in many states in the U.S. New Mexico is among the states with the highest numbers of animals who are homeless and abandoned and they often end up in government-run shelters where they are euthanized, paid for by local tax dollars.

According to statistics, a pair of unsterilized dogs and their offspring can produce 67,000 puppies within 6 years. A pair of unsterilized cats can produce over 360,000 kittens over 6 years. These pets are not responsible for these numbers, but they bear the burden. Only humans can prevent unwanted litters but because of Operation SPOT, this was the day to end the breeding cycle for these lucky furry family members.

For two days, the Las Cruces community came together in support of SPOT, from the talented and dedicated veterinary staff to the 20 volunteers who became kennel cleaners, runners and caregivers.

Sponsors included Ashley Furniture, Albertsons (N. Main), Domino's (N. Main), Dunkin Donuts (N.

Main), Out of the Blue Graphics, Peter Piper Pizza (S. Main), Insta-Copy and Rio Grande Estate Sales.

By 7 p.m. on Saturday, just 24 hours after it began, 66 female and 43 male canines ended their reproductive cycles. Eleven felines said goodbye to kitten season. Because of the vision, commitment and work of many, 120 companion pets will live healthier lives.

The Humane Society of Southern New Mexico provided 100 percent of the funding for the 120 spay-neuter surgeries to Doña Ana County. PetSmart provided the former Banfield Hospital space for Operation SPOT-NM.

To learn more about the future of Operation Spot-NM and how you can participate visit www.OperationSpot-NM.org.

Kelly Barker is the founder of the animal advocacy charity Uncaged Paws. Uncaged Paws' mission is to focus on implementing positive sustainable solutions to the pet overpopulation through change management.

Gallery teams with animal charity for silent auction

Bulletin report

ACTion Programs for Animals joins with Quillin-Stephens Gallery to present a silent auction to benefit ACTion for Animals food pantry during the June Downtown Art Ramble from 5 to 7 p.m., Friday, June 3 and at the gallery from 9 a.m. to noon, Saturday, June 4 (during the Farmers and Crafts Market) at 317 N. Main St.

Hand-painted folk art-style bird houses will be available for viewing, bids and a chance to meet the artists and a few four-legged special guests. All proceeds from the silent auction go directly to ACTion for Animals.

PETS OF THE WEEK



This handsome fellow is known as Jax. He has been with us for almost two years. This wonderful brown and black two-year-old boy is very tired of living in a kennel, and would love some room to run. He is a great companion, and if you're looking for an active friend, come down and see him today.

We're sure that as

soon as you meet him, you'll be in love. Hours of Operation: noon to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday; noon to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday at 3551 Bataan Memorial West. For information, call 382-0018.



2016 Life is Good in Las Cruces
Community Guide coming soon!

RESERVE YOUR AD SPACE NOW!
CALL 575.524.8061 TODAY!

THE LAS CRUCES
Bulletin

Life is
Good
in Las Cruces



1740-A CALLE DE MERCADO, LAS CRUCES, NM 88007 • 575.524.8061 • WWW.LASCRCESBULLETIN.COM

A stable plan

Organization can make the difference between wasted time and efficiency; between safety and injury or illness. The stable yard needs to be designed around the unique needs and idiosyncrasies of the equine nature. Since horses are often escape artists and reactive beings, all fences and buildings need to have safety features.

Smooth walls and highly visible fences without sharp features are a must. Gates should close without gaps that could catch a hoof. Horses should be fed in a natural grazing position from tubs that keep the feed from mixing with sand. Since we are in the desert and sand is often ingested no matter how we plan, the feeding of psyllium in bran mash-



**Katharine
Lark Chrisley**
Stable Woman

es is a wise monthly practice.

By planning a schedule for the stable yard, you can have the

horse(s) set for the day in a minimal amount of time. We feed first thing in the morning and fly spray each horse, put on fly masks, do any treatments or medications, top up water tubs, do body checks for any injuries then have our own breakfast.

Next is the mucking and turning out of horses for exercise. We notice consistency of manure. This is an important indicator of health in horses. If there is less manure than usual, we immediately check for dehydration by pinching skin on the horse's neck – it should not stand up. We will feed an extra wet bran mash right away and add electrolytes to the feed. Water consumption is always noticed and noted.

Once a week we scrub water tubs clean, put odor neutralizing powder on urine spots, add dirt to low spots and check fences. Many of our fences are of electric tape and we check for a charge all along the line. Here in such dry weather, a “dead” electric fence can be as simple as a ground not working and soaking the ground rod with water can fix the problem.

Storage of feed must be inaccessible to the horses (fenced off or in a secure building). If a horse eats his fill of hard feed, he can die of colic or he can founder. Either are disasters that are preventable.

As summer arrives, we field wash all the horses' winter blankets and pack them away covered in powdered rosemary to repel bugs and mildew.



Girths, saddle pads and the like need washing. We use Dr. Bonners castle soap because it leaves no chemical residue. We soak feed bowls in water with a bit of bluing – just a squirt into a tub disinfects safely and is biodegradable.

We are working right now on the organization of the rooms we use. Tack needs to be put away properly and objects set fair to avoid tripping someone. It is an ongoing process to keep everyone safe. This is a good time to check equipment and have re-

pairs made.

We spray the tack room with oil of peppermint to repel mice; spray neem oil around the feed room to repel ants (neem oil is safe enough to use as toothpaste, I also use it in my kitchen). Pulling weeds and gathering stones from arenas are also ongoing tasks to keep the horses safe and sound.

With a schedule and some dedication, the stable can run smoothly and you will find more time for riding when the tasks become habit.

Livestock board announces new equine microchip database

Bulletin report

The New Mexico Livestock Board has acted on a request to create a statewide equine microchip database that will store information on horse owners and their horses. Ac-

ording to Acting State Veterinarian Alexandra Eckhoff, “This database is available only to New Mexico-accredited veterinarians and can be accessed through the Livestock Board website by clicking on ‘Ani-

mal Health’ and then on ‘Equine Microchip Registry.’ As more veterinarians add information, the database will grow.”

This database is available to all veterinarians in New Mexico, so

those who work primarily with other species and occasionally with horses may wish to call the NMLB and become registered, Eckhoff said. Call 505-841-6161 to update personal contact information.



Classifieds

c/o Legal Process
Network P.O. Box 51526
Albuquerque, NM 87181
505-417-4113

1 NM-14-641043-JUD
IDSPub #0107127

5/13/2016 5/20/2016
5/27/2016 6/3/2016

Help Wanted Full-Time

FULL-TIME BARBER, COSMETOLOGIST

High Commission,
Retail Commission
Excellent Tips
Cut Gallery
1226 S. Solano Dr.

Rayos De Luz Home Health esta buscando una trabajadora en Hatch, NM
Requisitos: concinar y limpiar casa. 7 dias a la semana 14 horas, \$8.50 la hora 575-523-0057

Auctions

Advertise your auction in 24 New Mexico newspapers for only \$100. Your 25-word classified ad will reach more than 148,500 readers. Call this newspaper for more details. Or log onto www.nmpress.org for a list of participating newspapers.

Garage, Yard & Estate Sales

Temple Beth-El Rummage Sale
Sunday, May 22,
7 AM-1 PM
3980 Sonoma Springs Ave.

Big Rummage Sale!

Church, multi family. Baby and Children, Tools, Kitchen, Household, Books, Some Furniture, and ? Free Coffee.
Trinity Lutheran Church,
2900 Elks,
Sat. 5/21
7:30 am-12:30 pm.
No Early Sales!

Trucking Opportunities

25 DRIVER TRAINEES NEEDED! Become a driver for Stevens Transport! NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED! New drivers earn \$800 per week! PAID CDL TRAINING! 1-888-528-8864 drive4stevens.com



Schools / Instructional

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANTS ARE NEEDED AGAIN! Train ONLINE for a new career working in a variety of settings! Get the skills you need now! Call for a free info kit! HS Diploma/GED & PC/Internet needed!
1-877-649-3155

Unfurnished Homes



\$133,500
3347 Majestic Shadow Way

Fully remodeled 3 bedroom, 2 full bathroom, 1220 square foot home. New 12x24 tile flooring throughout. New granite counter tops in kitchen and bathrooms. Beautiful new glass kitchen back splash. Lg living area with high ceilings. Freshly painted. Centrally located near shopping, hospitals, and restaurants in the Telshor area.

Call (575) 635-8408

Land & Lots for Sale

For Sale by owner. 1120 acres in Deming, NM overlooking the mountain-Sunshine are. \$ 9,000 per acer. Negotiable. Contact Vickie- 575-541 7466.

Miscellaneous

SOCIAL SECURITY DISABILITY BENEFITS. Unable to work? Denied benefits? We Can Help! WIN or Pay Nothing! Contact Bill Gordon & Associates at 1-800-591-5109 to start your application today!

Protect Your Home with Alarm Advisors - Your Home Security Advocate. Compare Providers in Your Area. This Month, Get a \$100 Visa Gift Card With a New System! Call 1-800-561-0424

Safe Step Walk-In Tub Alert for Seniors. Bathroom falls can be fatal. Approved by Arthritis Foundation. Therapeutic Jets. Less Than 4 Inch Step-In. Wide Door. Anti-Slip Floors. American Made. Installation Included. Call 800-296-0427 for \$750 Off.

Xarelto users have you had complications due to internal bleeding (after January 2012)? If so, you MAY be due financial compensation. If you don't have an attorney, CALL Injuryfone today!
1-800-481-3510

Protect your home with fully customizable security and 24/7 monitoring right from your smartphone. Receive up to \$1500 in equipment, free (restrictions apply). Call 1-800-404-5176

Switch to DIRECTV and get a \$100 Gift Card. FREE Whole-Home Genie HD/DVR upgrade. Starting at \$19.99/mo. New Customers Only. Don't settle for cable. Call Now 1-800-599-1651

Sell your structured settlement or annuity payments for CASH NOW. You don't have to wait for your future payments any longer! Call 1-800-614-1524

Attention Small Businesses: Simplify Your Payroll & Taxes with Paychex! New customers receive one month of payroll processing free! Receive a Free Quote! Call 800-399-2104

Life Alert. 24/7. One press of a button sends help FAST! Medical, Fire, Burglar. Even if you can't reach a phone! FREE Brochure. CALL 800-644-2630

THRILL DAD with 100% guaranteed, delivered-to-the-door Omaha Steaks! SAVE 69% PLUS 4 FREE Burgers - The Favorite Gift - ONLY \$49.99. ORDER Today 1-800-413-9102 use code mbdad24 or www.OmahaSteaks.com/49377FJK

Stop OVERPAYING for your prescriptions! Save up to 93%! Call our licensed Canadian and International pharmacy service to compare prices and get \$15.00 off your first prescription and FREE Shipping. 1-800-661-3783

Materials Testing Technician-Soils, Concrete, Asphalt, Full-time, Clean Driving Recorded Required, Must Be Able to Pass Drug Test, Mail or Drip Off Resume with References to ATMI, 1630 Hickory Loop Ste. G, Las Cruces, NM 88005. NO PHONE CALLS.

Got Knee Pain? Back Pain? Shoulder Pain? Get a pain-relieving brace -little or NO cost to you. Medicare Patients Call Health Hotline Now! 1-800-918-6159

Computer problems - viruses, lost data, hardware or software issues? Contact Geeks On Site! 24/7 Service. Friendly Repair Experts. Macs and PCs. Call for FREE diagnosis. 1-800-993-6072

DONATE YOUR CAR, TRUCK OR BOAT TO HERITAGE FOR THE BLIND. Free 3 Day Vacation, Tax Deductible, Free Towing, All Paperwork Taken Care Of. CALL 1-800-948-7239

DISH TV 190 channels Highspeed Internet Only \$49.95/mo! Ask about a 3 year price guarantee & get Netflix included for 1 year! Call Today 1-800-315-7043

Protect Yourself From Unsafe Banks! DONT BANK ON IT! Free book reveals 20 modern banking dangers, such as; cybercriminals, money-hungry politicians and Too-Big-To-Fail bankers. 800-351-3840

VIAGRA and CIALIS USERS! Cut your drug costs! SAVE \$\$\$! 50 Pills for \$99.00. FREE Shipping! 100% Guaranteed and Discreet. CALL 1-800-956-1792

THE LAS CRUCES ...at your fingertips in print and

Bulletin ONLINE!

Check out the entire Bulletin, its archives and our annual publications in e-edition at

www.lascrucesbulletin.com

ice fee
office
wner.
ct. 122

OWNER
urchase
area is
types.
ivision
isting
sq. ft.
district
area is
ished.

ORHOOD
rooms
garage
design
or plan
ocation
yle of
ustom
try.

APPEAL
arden
paint.
s living
eilings
choice
new.
ciency
urchase
munity

REAL ESTATE



Advertise Your Real Estate
15 lines + 15 weeks
plus photo = \$50
Get Your Property Seen
Get Your Property Sold
All Additional Lines \$1 Each
Without Changes

Contact Jamie at 575-524-8065
or jamie@lascrucesbulletin.com

offer a
consist
newly
service

HOME F
4 Bed
maste
tche

MOL
5 Be
Inter.
space
luxur
Desi
Infor
Call (

Spring Cleaning Garage Sale Special

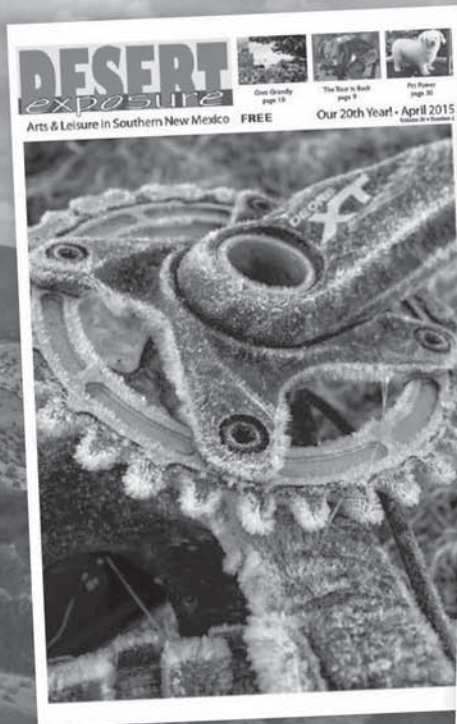
**Let The Bulletin
Help Sell Your
Unwanted Items.**

**4 Lines Free For the First Week
Additional Lines \$1 + Tax**

**Contact Jamie @ 575-524-8065
or jamie@lascrucesbulletin.com**

DESERT exposure

Art & Leisure in Southern New Mexico



THE LAS CRUCES
Bulletin

1740-A, Calle de Mercado
Mesilla, NM 88046
575-524-8061

NMSU grad to attend Harvard Medical

By Shelby N. Herrera
For the Bulletin

As the spring semester comes to a close at New Mexico State University, so does graduate Tyler Chavez's time at NMSU and his time at Harvard Medical School begins.

Chavez graduated from NMSU with a bachelor's degree in genetics and biotechnology, with minors in biology, biochemistry and molecular biology. This degree integrates advanced coursework in biology, biochemistry, chemistry, genetics and mathematics, making it one of the most rigorous of



CHAVEZ

the undergraduate programs in the biological sciences department at NMSU. Yet, Chavez managed to maintain a 4.0 GPA throughout college.

"I was born and raised right here in Las Cruces, so it seems as if I was destined to be an Aggie since day one," Chavez said.

"Based on my interaction with numerous other students during my 20-plus years as a university professor, I would rate Tyler in the top one percent of undergraduates in terms of academic performance, critical thinking and analysis skills, maturity and motivation/ambition," said academic adviser Ian Ray, professor in the Department of Plant and Environmental Sciences in the College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences.

In August, Chavez will begin attending Harvard Medical School for an opportunity to take classes, learn clinical skills, and complete various rotations at the Harvard affiliated hospitals in Boston.



NMSU PHOTO BY DARREN PHILLIPS

NMSU kinesiology students run 40-yard sprints on the track as part of a Principles of Strength and Conditioning laboratory exercise. The class and lab component are taught by NMSU instructor Shon Meyer.

NMSU offers summer fitness tips

By Adriana M. Chavez
For the Bulletin

Friends and family of Amanda Concha, a kinesiology student at New Mexico State University, often seek her out for advice on workout tips and sports-related injuries.

But once February rolls around, the questions become less frequent, typically because they start to veer away from their New Year's resolutions, Concha said.

"What I see is burnouts. I understand that with the new year you're excited to get these new year's resolutions done, but you do have to take it gradually, especially if your body is not used to it," Concha said. "You got to take baby steps. People have a tendency to jump into it and their body goes into shock and they don't want to do it anymore."

According to *PTDirect.com*, 44 percent of gym members go to the gym less than once a week by the sixth month of their membership. However, more people are

looking to take advantage of the warm spring months to gear up for summer clothing and swimsuits.

Concha is enrolled in the Principles of Strength and Conditioning lab at NMSU, which teaches performance standards and parameters based on the National Strength and Conditioning Association's guidelines. Students in the lab and lecture portions of the class are exposed to real-world experiences that gives them a leg up over other kinesiology students across the state, said course instructor Shon Meyer.

"We encourage practical, hands-on experience so that they can apply that not only to their curriculum but a real-world setting when they graduate and go into the workforce," Meyer said. "It's not just sitting them inside of a classroom, inside of four walls, talking at them and spewing out information. We try to get them involved as much as possible."

That experience helps Meyer's students feel comfortable when they're approached by friends and relatives for advice on working out and getting fit.

"I love the human body, I love learning about it and I love being able to answer questions when people come to be about anything about the body," Concha said. "I'm always there for my dad, my peers and my siblings. I always ask them, 'What do you want? What are you looking for? I don't care what your friend wants, what do you want?'"

Her advice? "Generally I'll base it off of their goals, their ideas and what they're capable of. I tell them first they have to start off slow but stay committed so that it's long term and you can make it a lifestyle."

Brycson King, an NMSU kinesiology major and another student of Meyer's said he also fields plenty of questions from friends asking for workout tips. King suggests

sticking to a routine and finding a workout partner who is more active.

"The best way is to have a friend to push you through it, someone who you know is active and will really help you," King said. "It's a difficult thing, either they (fellow students) got homework or they also works jobs, other times it could be complacency. I'll see that and if I'm around I'll try to push them through it."

King said he also notices his friends are sometimes frustrated with their lack of results from a workout routine, so they often give up.

"People are different. Some people might see an increase (in muscle) pretty fast, and it also depends on their workout," King said. "I tell them that if this workout doesn't work, then maybe they can try something else. Even if you're burnt out just try something totally new, something to try to change it up, but definitely stick with it and you'll see results at the end."

My Place Jewell is a space for many things

By Susie Ouder Kirk
Las Cruces Bulletin

Las Cruces Susan Jewell owns My Place Jewell Store and Studio, a space at 132-B Wyatt Drive that acts as a studio and dance space (with mirrors), sells vintage and ethnic clothing, belly dancing costumes and accessories, jewelry and knick knacks, and offers a big mix of cool classes open to the community.

In addition to art classes, My Place Jewell offers drumming, yoga, three kinds of belly dance, monina (aerobic dance), hula hoop, spinning, weaving, sewing, crochet and knitting. From time to time, instructor Tawnya Bass teaches a burlesque class, which emphasizes that all women can be proud of their bodies, and can enjoy the freedom of sensual dance.

Classes take place seven days a week. A typical Wednesday starts with a 9 to 10 a.m. Monia dance class, followed at 10:30 a.m. by yoga, relaxation, restoration and astanga vibha. A private Monina session is from 11:30 to 12:30, and Painting with Huber is from 1 to 3:30 p.m.

A Stretch Slow class is offered from 4:30-5 p.m., beginning hula hoop is from 5 to 5:30 p.m. and belly dance is from 5:30 to 6 p.m. with Jewell. The three classes with Jewell are \$2 each, or all three can be taken for \$4. The evening finishes up with Sativa from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

My Place Jewell can be reached at 639-1616.

Open wide! This whimsical mirror welcomes browsers to the shop at My Place Jewell Store and Studio, a combination of many things and, according to the website, "a store where you can find this and that."



PHOTO BY
SUSIE OUDERKIRK

Support for Food Security Program



COURTESY PHOTO

Ivan Jaime, public affairs department at Union Pacific, was in Las Cruces in early May to meet with Casa de Peregrinos' Executive Director Lorenzo Alba, Jr., to present him with a check for \$10,000 in support of the Food Security Program in Doña Ana County. The new partnership will support programs to feed the hungry in the Las Cruces area.

HEALTHY HAPPENINGS

Ice Cream Social for Alzheimer's Association

Alzheimer's Association Ice Cream Social from 4 to 6 p.m., Friday, May 20, at Arbors of Del Rey, 3731 Del Rey Blvd. Sign up for the upcoming walk to end Alzheimer's set for September 24 at Young Park. For information, call 382-5200.

Non-religious support group testing the waters

A Las Cruces resident is interested in starting a non-religious 40- to 60-year-old divorce/widow support group. If interested, please email: lascrucessdivorcegroup-thoughts@mail.com.

Bike and Chowder bicycle club sets summer rides

This informal recreational bicycle club meets to ride every Sunday, Tuesday, Thursday

and Saturday morning. All rides start in Mesilla at the Plaza. Starting times vary with the season. The only requirement is a helmet. Free. (Just meet and ride). See the website: bikeandchowder.org for information.

Cancer support group meets twice a month


Cancer Care, a support group for those dealing with cancer, (patients, survivors, caregivers, family and friends) meets from 6:30 to 8 p.m., the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at University United Methodist Church, 2000 S. Locust St. For more information or to register, con-

tact Betty Harris at 524-3994 or the church office at 522-8220.


Hearing Loss Association meets May 21

Las Cruces Chapter of the Hearing Loss Association of America will meet at 1:30 p.m., Saturday, May 21, at Grace Bible Church, 2801 Missouri Avenue, Suite 14, to hear about cochlear implants, an alternative to hearing aids. The meeting features a hearing loop and ASL interpreter.

For more information, contact David Uribe at 915-5591 with a text message.




Artemis




Latifah



Jean




Kittens




**800 W. Picacho,
Las Cruces, NM**

Open Tues/Thurs/Sat from 12 to 5
and by appointment at 575-644-0505



Foxy & Sparky



Mercedes

SEE HEALTHY, PAGE 32

In today's high tech life, 'keep calm and read on'

I find myself saying "Alexa" quite often these days. I know no one by that name. And even though it creeps me out, I am approaching transition to another form of life, what I like to think of as my own personal technological "singularity," meaning, in this case, the moment when technological enhancements will morph my mere pre-tech human existence into a new species all together.

Perhaps I am getting ahead of myself, after all, the only things Alexa (an Amazon Echo that comes in a box) does for me right now is set timers and turn on KRWG FM (which she mispronounces as "KRWG-for-tune-in" Isn't that cute!). And she doesn't even recognize Romalia, the Roomba vacuum cleaner. Romalia turns herself on at 11 a.m. each day and makes her own route around the house before returning to her charging station (except for when she barricades herself in the laundry room and does who-knows-what with the mop).

Of course, the reason they don't



Rorie Measure
The Reading Solution

communicate with each other is my fault. They are enslaved to a life of isolation because their current master is not yet smart enough to introduce them. That can only happen when my tech savvy biological progeny come home for a visit. You might say that a small singularity has already occurred in the next generation.

Which brings me to recognizing the change in the way I read books. As much as I love old fashioned paper and ink books, I am doing most of my reading on electronic devices. A sign of our times is that everywhere I look, other people are doing the same thing.

Not that apps can completely replace a brick and mortar library for me. Recently, I stopped by Branigan for an audio story for a long drive. Being read to is one of my selfish pleasures. Once

upon a time that required finding someone to do the reading aloud. Not so with audio books. Oh, you may be thinking, going to the library is so last century. Yes, I know there are apps for that with hundreds of thousands of choices. The advantage of going to the audio books section of the library is that the selection is limited and requires me to make a forced choice. There, in person, I must consider a finite number of different authors and titles. Recently, I chose "1Q 84" by Haruki Murakami. I had heard of the author and was intrigued by the parallel universe structure. If I had seen it in its three volume printed glory I would have been dissuaded by its length. But, CDs all look alike so I didn't self-censor and enjoyed a tumultuous trip to a Japanese fantasyland while driving through Texas.

Speaking of Branigan Library, the children's section sports state of the art, kid friendly computer stations that are entertaining, educational and very popular with the beginning reading set.

Accessibility to children's literature is evolving in other ways too. Few parents would even consider taking a little one on a trip or into a restaurant without some kind of electronic entertainment. "Open eBooks" is a new internet application (app) that makes books available for free to low-income children by allowing libraries, schools, hospitals, and shelters to download thousands of books to mobile devices. Current estimates of personal electronics usage suggest that 85 percent of families living below the poverty line with children aged between 6 and 13 own a tablet or smartphone.

Just as our reading devices change so too do our conversations. My friends of the pre-electronics generation are now regularly consulting their smart phones in face to face encounters. Their conversations are enhanced with access to facts on the spot; just another example of how quickly technological advancement is changing the human condition. Keep calm and read on.

USDA app offers tips for reducing food waste, illness

Bulletin report

Did you know United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) has an internet application (app) that can help you save money and help the environment? Or that there are some simple steps you can take in the kitchen to help you serve safer food and help you reduce resource use and utility bills? This spring, the USDA's Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) is issuing recommendations to help consumers reduce foodborne illness, resource use and unnecessary spending.

The USDA's Economic Research Service (ERS) estimates that 133 billion pounds of food in the available food supply goes uneaten each year. The estimated value of this food loss is \$161 billion using retail prices. Simple actions such as cleaning your oven, allowing your refrigerator to properly circulate air, and downloading the free FoodKeeper app can help you

reduce your risk of foodborne illness, your impact on the environment, and the cost of your bills.

The FoodKeeper

The birthdate of a family member may stick in your mind, but are you able to remember when you bought all the items in your refrigerator? Every year, billions of pounds of food go to waste in the U.S. because consumers are not sure of its quality or safety. Last year, USDA launched the FoodKeeper app to help combat this cause of waste. The FoodKeeper is available for Apple and Android devices and allows users to set up automatic notifications when foods and beverages are nearing the end of their recommended storage date.

By helping users understand how items should be stored in the refrigerator, freezer, and pantry, the application empowers consumers

to choose storage methods that extend the shelf life of their items. It offers valuable advice about more than 400 food and beverage items, including various types of baby food, dairy products, eggs, meat, poultry, produce, seafood, and more. Cooking advice is also offered to ensure users prepare products in ways that eliminate foodborne bacteria.

Your refrigerator

Your refrigerator is your first line of defense in the fight against foodborne illness. Keeping items below 40 °F reduces the growth of illness causing pathogens and helps to keep items fresher, longer. But if your refrigerator is over packed, it can cause problems for both your health and your wallet.

An over-packed refrigerator cannot properly circulate air, meaning some storage zones may not be keeping proper temperature. If food is

not stored at the proper temperature, it can increase your risk of illness and cause your refrigerator's motor to run constantly, increasing utility bills.

Don't stack foods tightly or cover refrigerator shelves with any material that prevents air circulation from quickly and evenly cooling stored items. Leave at least an inch on all sides of items for cold air to circulate around them, and be sure not to block air vents. To check the temperature of your fridge, place an appliance thermometer at its warmest location, generally the middle of the door and wait 5 to 8 hours. If the temperature is above 40 °F, adjust the temperature control down. Check again after 5 to 8 hours, and repeat as necessary until your refrigerator is at a safe temperature.

Lastly, your kitchen is a high-traffic area where dust accumulates quickly. The front grill of your refrigerator

should be kept free of dust and lint to permit free airflow to the unit's condenser.

Cooking

Cooking food to a safe internal temperature is the only way to destroy bacteria and other pathogens that can cause foodborne illness.

- Whole cuts of beef, pork, lamb and veal should be cooked to 145 °F. For safety and quality, allow meat to rest for at least three minutes before carving or consuming.

- Ground beef, pork, lamb, and veal should be cooked to 160 °F.

- All poultry should be cooked to 165 °F.

In addition to offering health benefits, using a food thermometer can prevent overcooking. When using the oven or burners, make sure heating surfaces are clear of food debris. This will ensure an even distribution of energy for optimal heating, also reducing energy costs.



Congratulations & Graduates!

The Las Cruces Board of Education and Superintendent Stan Rounds congratulate the 2016 graduates of Arrowhead Park Early College High School, Centennial High, Las Cruces High, Mayfield High, Oñate High and Rio Grande Preparatory Institute. We salute their achievements and wish them well as they take their next steps as college and vocational students, employees, and outstanding citizens within our community. Good Luck Graduates ... You make us proud!



Going above and beyond for every student, every day

Board of Education
(Front row): Barbara Hall, Secretary; Chuck Davis, Vice President; Maria A. Flores, President
(Back row): Maury Castro, Member; Ed Frank, Member; Superintendent Stan Rounds;

www.lcps.k12.nm.us • facebook.com/LCPublicSchools

HEALTHY

FROM PAGE B30

Parkinson's Support Group meets third Tuesday

The Parkinson's disease Support Group of Southern New Mexico (PDSGSNM) meets the third Tuesday of each month at 10 a.m. at the Senior Circle, 4311 E. Lohman.

MS Support/Education group meets first Thursday

Are you seeking an MS (Multiple Sclerosis) group in Las Cruces open to all people affected by MS? Then this new group is for you. Join us from 4:30 to 6 p.m. the first Thursday of every month in the Social Center Creative Arts Room at Good Samaritan Society Las Cruces Village, 3011 Buena Vida Circle for emotional support and MS education. Date, time and location are subject to change: call, email or text before attending your first meeting at 373-5130 or lascrucesmselfhelp@gmail.com.

Tai Chi class at Parks and Rec

The Parks & Recreation Department Tai Chi classes are 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Monday/Wednesday or Tuesday/Thursday and are open to adults. Cost: \$30 for a 4-week session, \$15 for those 60 and older. Limited space available on a first-come, first-served basis. For information, call 541-2455.

Meditation classes at Tesoro

Zen Buddhist meditation and study group with Rev. K. Hilbert is 6 p.m. Thursdays at 1605 S. Main

St. Walk-ins welcome. \$7 drop-in or 5 classes for \$30 or 10 classes for \$60. For information, call 541-5660.

Breastfeeding support group

Mama's Milk Club Breastfeeding Support Group meets 10 to 11:30 a.m. every Friday at Memorial Medical Center, 2450 S. Telshor Blvd., West Annex, Piñon A meeting room. Refreshments are provided. There is no charge for attending. For more information, call 521-5393.

Parks and Recreation Department Zumba class

The City of Las Cruces Parks & Recreation Department new Zumba class at the Las Cruces Regional Aquatic Center, 1401 E. Hadley Ave. takes place every Saturday from 9 to 10 a.m. Zumba combines traditional Latin dance styles, including salsa, mambo, cha-cha, cumbia and merengue, as well as hip-hop, belly dancing moves and may include traditional group fitness moves, such as pushups, bicep curls, crunches and hi-low aerobic combinations. For more information, contact the Aquatic Center at 541-2782.

Zumba at Mountain View Senior Circle

Zumba takes the "work" out of workout. A mix of Latin and World rhythms mixed with low and high intensity moves provides an enjoyable total workout to energize your body and give you a serious helping of awesome!

Classes are at 3 p.m., Monday, Wednesday and Friday at Mountain View Senior Circle, 3948

Lohman Ave., Suite 1. Call for information: 522-0503.

Overeaters Anonymous

Overeaters Anonymous is a fellowship of those individuals who, through shared experience, strength and hope, are recovering from a compulsive relationship with food.

Local meetings are at noon on Wednesdays in the library of St. James Episcopal Church, 1102 St. James Ave.; and Saturdays at 9:30 a.m. at Peace Lutheran Church, 1701 E. Missouri Ave.

For information visit www.oa.org or call Barbara at 405-0128 or Wayne at 647-5684.

Sexual Compulsives Anonymous

Sexual Compulsives Anonymous is a 12-step fellowship of men and women who share their experience, strength and hope with each other, that they may solve their common problem and help each other recover from sexual compulsion. We release our addiction to internet porn, unhealthy addictive relationships, and anyone or anything that keeps us from healthy, loving relationships.

Meetings are 7 p.m., Mondays at Sierra Vista Community Church, 514 N. Telshor (behind the T Mobile building). For information visit www.sca-recovery.org or call 526-9535.

Yoga at the Center for Spiritual Living

Yoga classes meet from 9 to 10 a.m., Mondays and from 4 to 5 p.m., Wednesdays at 575 N. Main St. \$5. For information, call 523-4847.