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Members of the Las Cruces City Council and others take to their shovels during the groundbreaking ceremony for a new city plaza on Friday, July 24, in Downtown Las Cruces near the monument for the former St. Genevieve church. Nearby drive-through lanes for Bank of the West will soon be razed as construction begins. To see more photos, turn to pages A12 and A13.

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CVB: Aerospace tourism is close to reality

By Mike Cook
Las Cruces Bulletin



SAN FILIPPO

Convention and Visitors Bureau Executive Director Philip San Filippo calls Las Cruces “the Kittyhawk of the future,” comparing it to the small town in North Carolina that became internationally famous after the Wright brothers made the world’s first controlled-power airplane flights a few miles south of there in December 1903.

San Filippo sees the same potential for Las Cruces, as Spaceport America

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Get ready to go back to school with the tax-free holiday

By Marissa Bond
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Taxes — what are they good for? Well, a lot, actually, but on an already strained budget they can be a burden, especially in families with children preparing to go back to school.

Enter the tax-free weekend.

During the New Mexico Gross Receipts Tax Holiday, held from 12:01 a.m. Friday, Aug. 7 through midnight Sunday, Aug. 9, the state suspends collection of gross receipts tax on sales of qualify-

ing items — in short, you purchase those items tax-free.

The 2005 New Mexico Legislature established a deduction from gross receipts for retail sales of tangible personal property during the first full weekend in August. When gross receipts are deductible, retailers have no need to recover tax costs from some customers.

New Mexico’s tax-free weekend coincides with Texas’, so if you can enjoy the same tax exemption in the Outlet Shoppes at El Paso or stores in the Sun City.

THE DETAILS

WHAT: NM Gross Receipts Tax Holiday

WHEN: Friday, Aug. 7 to Sunday Aug. 9

WHERE: Throughout the state

INFO: www.tax.newmexico.gov/tax-holiday.aspx

Internet, mail order and telephone sales are only deductible if the item is

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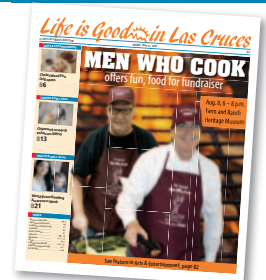
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Hot cars are deadly to children and pets

The Doña Ana County Sheriff's Department is participating in the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's campaign to make parents, caregivers and pet owners aware of how quickly children and pets can die when they are accidentally left in hot cars.

Since 1998, more than 630 children and untold companion animals in America died from heatstroke – more than half of the human deaths were 100-percent preventable and were due to children being forgotten in vehicles. In 2015, eight children in the U.S. have died from heatstroke and more than 30 died in 2014 after being left unattended in hot vehicles.

Parents, caregivers, babysitters, daycare workers, pet owners and even bystanders are the target of the "Look Before You Lock" campaign.

The educational outreach effort outlines how heatstroke death and injuries often occur after a child gets into an unlocked vehicle to play without a parent or caregiver's knowledge.

Other incidents occur when a person who is not used to transporting a child or pet as part of their daily routine inadvertently forgets a sleeping infant in a rear-

facing seat that is placed in the back of the vehicle.

When outside temperatures are in the low 80s, temperatures inside a vehicle can reach deadly levels in only 10 minutes, even with a window rolled down to two inches. According to health experts, children's and pets' bodies overheat easily.

NHTSA is urging parents, caregivers and pet owners to take the following precautions to prevent heatstroke incidents from happening:

1) Never leave a child or companion animal unattended in a vehicle – even if the windows are partially open or the engine is on.

2) Make a habit of looking in the vehicle – front and back – before locking your car and walking away.

3) Ask your childcare provider to call if the child is late or absent.

4) Do things that serve as a reminder that a child or pet is in the vehicle, such as placing a purse or briefcase in the back seat to ensure no child or companion animal is accidentally left in the vehicle.

5) Teach children that a vehicle is not a play area, and store keys out of reach.

To learn more about preventing heatstroke, visit www.SaferCar.gov.



GRADUATION

These 17 cadets graduated July 23 from the seven-week Doña Ana County Detention Center Academy. Doña Ana County Manager Julia T. Brown delivered the commencement address, and Doña Ana County Probate Judge Diana Bustamante administered the oaths of service. Doña Ana County Detention Center Director Chris Barela also spoke at the event.

PHOTO: Corrie Stone-Fieldner

Give blood today from 8:30-12:30

Doña Ana County employees and the general public will have the opportunity today to give blood in honor of the late Judy Price, who died Sept. 4, 2001, after a long battle with cancer.

This is the 15th year of the Judy Price Memorial Blood Drive. Since 2001, Doña Ana County employees have donated more than 800 pints of blood in her memory.

The drive will be conducted from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the rotunda of the Doña Ana County Government Center at 845 N. Motel Blvd. All donors will be eligible to get a free sub sandwich.

Price began her employment with Doña Ana County on April 15, 1991, as director of planning. She was named acting assistant county manager in September of 1991, and held the position for four months before returning to the Planning Department.

On Dec. 13, 1995, Price was appointed acting county manager while a seven-month search for a permanent manager was underway.

The 2015 blood drive will be coordinated by Janine Divyak, who has coordinated the event since its inception. To schedule a time to donate, call (575) 525-6130.

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Noopila transitions from hockey to basketball to banking

By Brook Stockberger
Las Cruces Bulletin

Mikko Noopila probably was a terror on the boards. The 6-foot-7 native of Helsinki, Finland, used to love to lace up his skates and hit the ice to play in one of his homeland's most popular sports: hockey.

Las Cruces, though, probably best remember Noopila for his role on the hardwood.

Especially for a game in El Paso during the 1999-2000 college basketball season when he drained a pair of free throws in the final seconds to give New Mexico State University a 74-73 victory against rival University of Texas-El Paso and secure a season sweep of the Aggies' rivals.

Yes, that Mikko Noopila, the former Aggie forward who was recruited 5,500 miles to Las Cruces by former coach Neil McCarthy in 1997 and finished his college career under Hall-of-Fame coach Lou Henson in 2001.

After a professional roundball career in Germany, Noopila and his wife — southern New Mexico native and fellow NMSU graduate Mari Noopila — settled back in Las Cruces. Noopila decided to put his degree in business

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The man who used to set picks in the Pan American Center to open up shooting lanes for backcourt players — he even made the net rustle a few times himself with 422 points in 120 games — Noopila, 38, is now a branch president for First Savings Bank on Telshor Boulevard.

"I had to find a job," he said. "I hadn't had a paycheck in months."

He started at State National Bank as a credit analyst. From there he worked at Washington Federal and eventually made the move to First Savings Bank.

He earned an MBA in finance with an emphasis in marketing in 2010.

Noopila will celebrate five years with the company in December.

"It's definitely been good to me," he said.

Noopila said his favorite act is to close a deal to help someone grow the community, for a business or a house.

"A job like mine is so much more fun when the market you're in is growing," he said.

There are a lot of banks, though, for a city the size of Las Cruces, he said.

"Right now I'd say we've grown a little beyond the saturation point," Noopila said.

He said the next phase of growth will even out the market.

As for basketball, Noopila fell in love with hoops when he began to hang around with his older brother, who played the game.

"In Finland basketball has gotten big, but when I was growing up it was a marginal sport," he said. "(But) I was always bouncing a ball, follow-

ing my brother."

Playing on teams in Helsinki, he got to know McCarthy's son, Aaron, who was coaching in Europe. He said he was familiar with Las Cruces because former Aggie and current Las Cruces High School coach William Benjamin played in Finland.

Noopila visited the University of Cincinnati and NMSU. He chose the desert.

"I did not know there were so many shades of brown," he said. "What I liked, though, was that I did not have to pack any winter clothes."

Noopila and his wife have two daughters, Maija, 9, and Mila, 7.

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First Savings Bank branch president Mikko Noopila waits to greet customers in the bank's lobby at 2804 N. Telshor Blvd. Noopila played basketball for New Mexico State University and also played pro ball in Germany before he resettled in Las Cruces.

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From the publisher

BY RICHARD COLTHARP

Marching atop a list for a change

As New Mexicans, we love the beauty of our state, the big skies, the mountains and, of course, our green and red chile.

We're awfully sick and tired, though, of seeing our name at the top of all the bad lists and at the bottom of all the good lists.

How about this one? Worst in child hunger. Our child food-insecurity rate is 29.2 percent, the highest of any state in America. That means for one in every three children in New Mexico, the question "What's for dinner?" is really "Is there any dinner?"

The problem stems from our poverty rate; more than 20 percent of all individuals, and nearly 30 percent of children, struggle below the poverty line. Both are second-worst in the country, reinforcing what some say should be our state motto, "Thank God for Mississippi."

However, check out these recent awards.

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Chapter of the Year for Program: New Mexico.

Chapter of the Year for Diversity: New Mexico.

Chapter of the Year for Mission Triangle: New Mexico.

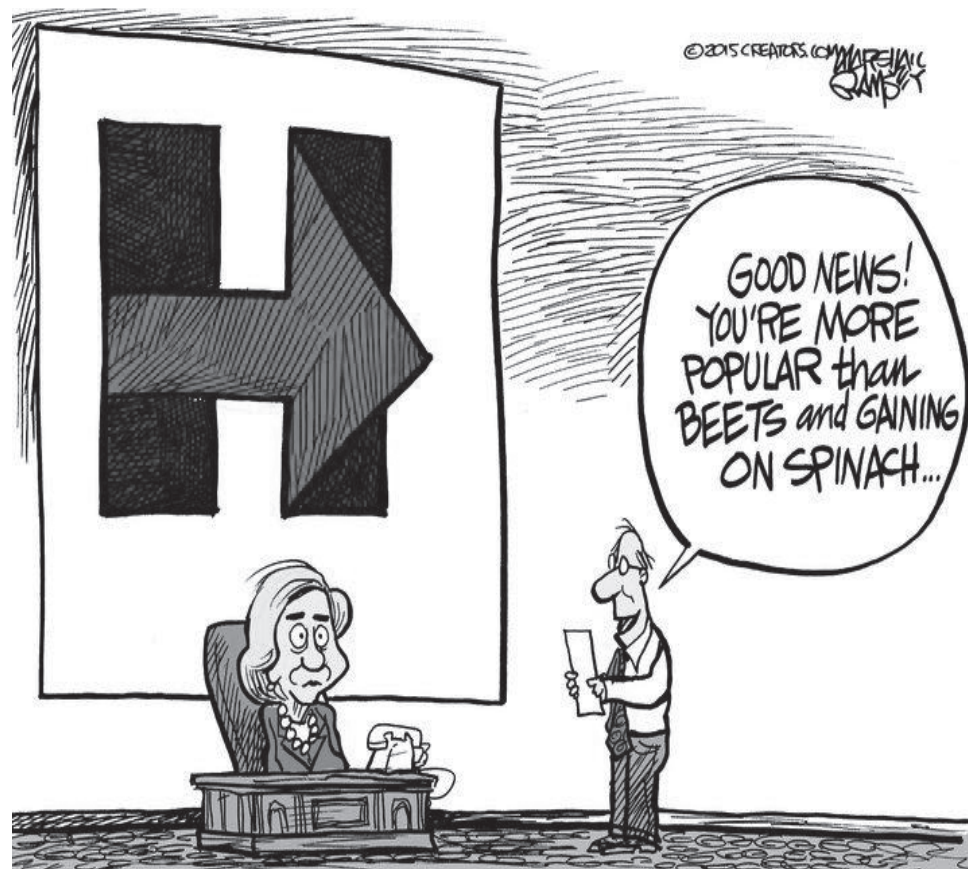
Most awards nationally: New Mexico.

We are talking about the New Mexico Chapter of the March of Dimes, which recently had its national conference in Florida.

"2014 was a banner year, thanks to each one of you and your efforts to make a difference for New Mexico babies and families," said Becky Horner, the state director of the March of Dimes and a Las Cruces. "I am so proud to be associated with such wonderful people who will leave an imprint on the future generations of New Mexicans."

The advocacy award came as a result of work that led to changes in New Mexico law to protect babies. For example, now all unborn children in the state are screened for congenital congestive heart disease. Those screenings save lives.

The statewide March of Dimes efforts are a big reason New Mexico's infant mortality rate is not at the top of the state-by-state list. The national average is 6.1 infant deaths per 1,000 births. That's a high number and one that shows we still have work to do. Finland, for example, has the lowest rate, at 2.3. New Mexico's rate of 5.6 puts it at No. 33. Mississippi's is



worst, at 9.6.

New Mexico, largely through the March of Dimes, has a heightened awareness of birth issues and the dangers of premature birth. Las Cruces is leading the way.

By now, most everyone in Las Cruces is familiar with the story of Zane Silva, who was born prematurely in 2007. Silva's father, Jeffrey, a local banker, felt compelled to do something. Jeffrey started a celebrity waiter event that has grown into one of the top 10 March of Dimes fundraisers in the entire nation, generating as much as \$37,000.

Las Cruces' High Heels for High Hopes has become one of the community's signature events, as ladies affected by birth issues try their hand (or their feet?) at modeling. The shows are incredibly well done and entertaining. Most important, they raise serious dollars for the cause.

The annual March for Babies is another high profile event that annually raises significant funds to improve the health of infants.

Kudos and thanks to all of the New Mexicans — many from Las Cruces — who have worked so diligently for this great cause.

The emcee for the event was CBS sportscaster Greg Gumbel. The awards were coming so frequently he quipped, "I've only been to New Mexico once, but now it feels like I've been four more times."

Come on back, Greg. We'll welcome you any time.

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A bright future for the city of Las Cruces

By Ken Miyagishima
For the Bulletin

Eight years ago, just before my first campaign as mayor, I wrote a column for the Las Cruces Bulletin that outlined concerns associated with rapid growth in our region. Would Las Cruces continue to be a place we enjoy living? Could we make city decision-making open and transparent? Could we build a future shaped by everyone and not just a few?

In a column four years later, after my first term in office, I was able to answer these important questions in the affirmative. A commitment to comprehensive planning, combined with reasonable development standards, brought increased order and logic to our growth as a city. Careful financial management allowed us to maintain a high level of service, even during a time of exceptional economic challenge. We made key invest-

ments in our city's future, guided by a detailed strategic plan and an unprecedented level of resident involvement in the decisions that were made.

Now, at the end of my second term of office, we are in the midst of a period of exceptional advancement for the city. A new city hall, museum complex and transit center will soon be joined downtown by a major community health fa-

cility in the old city office building. Ground has been broken on a medical school on the NMSU campus, and a ground breaking has just taken place on our new Downtown city plaza. We have a beautiful aquatic center and a rapidly expanding network of walking and bike trails. Our new Organ Mountains Desert

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Good bomb or bad bomb?

In the 1939 movie, "The Wizard of Oz," Dorothy was told by Glinda, "The Munchkins want to know, are you a Good Witch or a Bad Witch."

Until then, Dorothy and the viewing public had thought all witches were bad. But "The Wizard of Oz" revolves around good witches and bad witches.

That lesson might translate to other things in our world. Aug. 6th is the 70th anniversary of the atomic bomb over Hiroshima, Japan. It followed the July 16, 1945 detonation of a 20-kiloton nuclear device at Trinity Site, New Mexico, and was followed by the detonation of a second atomic bomb over Nagasaki, Japan.

A few days later Japan unconditionally surrendered. World War II was over. It remains the most deadly war of all time in our world. About three percent of the world's population died in the conflict and that number might be low. In raw numbers the estimate is sixty million people died.

And for the most part, the dying was over after two atomic bombs forced Japan to surrender. Especially in the last 30 years there has been a fierce debate about those actions. Usually it is an explosive argument when people discuss using two atomic bombs to end World War II.

Perhaps we should ask: Were they a good bomb or a bad bomb? Like



Michael Swickard
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witches we automatically assume all atomic bombs to be bad. Were they, are they?

Certainly they have the liability of injuring people with radiation long after the war has ended. But the official position of our country and our politicians is that injury by radiation does not matter at all. How do I know that? I am a Downwinder injured by the Trinity explosion which injured thousands of other New Mexicans, but our government and politicians are still 70 years later ignoring our injuries.

The question most people ask: Did the atomic bombs really end World War II? The day of surrender, Emperor Hirohito broadcast, "The enemy has begun to employ a new and most cruel bomb, the power of which to do damage is, indeed, incalculable, taking the toll of many innocent lives. Should we continue to fight, not only would it result in an ultimate collapse and obliteration of the Japanese nation, but also it would lead to the total extinction of human civilization."

It was very chaotic in Japan.

Some members of the Japanese military did not want to surrender but they revered the Emperor. Japan was in essence a dictatorship not of the Emperor but the military. The Emperor was truly a figurehead and General McArthur, who ran Japan in the first five years after the war's end, understood this and allowed Hirohito to have a post-war figurehead role.

For several years I lived in Japan and heard several Japanese say that they had been ordered by the military to sharpen broom handles and they were supposed to try to stab invading Americans when they landed. They were grateful the war ended for whatever reason. They did not wish to die needlessly.

Further, I drink coffee with a man who was on a troop ship to Japan and was going to make the first of two major landings. He says the reason he is still alive and had a career as a high school teacher is that the war ended suddenly. He is a supporter of the use of atomic weapons.

Seventy years later we can inspect the plans that were in effect for the invasion to end the war. Operation Olympic was to be on the southern-most Japanese island of Kyushu Nov. 1, 1945 while Operation Coronet, the invasion of main island

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Letter to the editor

Trump's candidacy helps in long run

I am writing to encourage bipartisan support of the presidential candidacy of Donald Trump. This man's candidacy can do the Republican Party and the democratic process much good if he succeeds in becoming the party's nominee for the presidency.

Trump gives unequivocal voice to the primitive passions and ideological positions of the most economically and socially conservative members of the Republican Party long denied a candidate true to their desires. He leads a revolt against a GOP establishment too paralyzed by expediency to govern responsibly. That establishment includes all of the other GOP candidates. Their silence or mealy-mouthedness in criticizing

Trump's views shows that they share his politically incorrect views and cannot repudiate them for purposes of beguiling the base in their campaigns. But, if elected, like those before them and after much ostentatious speechifying, they will abandon them to govern.

No majority thinks

that Trump, rude and crude, ignorant and arrogant, is fit to be president. If he becomes the Republican Party's nominee, dozens of its candidates face repudiation at the polls whatever their position on his positions. The result will be a disaster for the GOP in 2016. In the post-election wreckage, Republicans will have to reconstitute their agenda with policies which do not deny the facts of life — economic, educational, environmental, geo-political, legal, military, scientific, or social — or the facts of political life in which whites are a mere plurality. The first item in their effort will be to join with Democrats in a bi-partisan effort to reverse Citizens United, a SCOTUS ruling which enabled Trump to become the

ruination of the GOP. Those of us who would like a choice between reasonable Republican alternatives and reasonable Democratic policies might then have one. But Democrats must first encourage Republicans to self-decapitate themselves.

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Navy training pilots at Las Cruces airport

By Mike Cook
Las Cruces Bulletin

Forty-five United States Navy and Marine Corps student pilots began combat flight training at the Las Cruces Municipal Airport on Monday, July 27. The training will continue for the next 60 days, although some of the aviator students will be here for less time.

Francis Aviation of Las Cruces is providing fuel and ground services to the pilots and their 18 instructors and 16 planes, said Francis Aviation President Scott Andre, who was on hand Monday morning for the first day of actual flying. He was joined by Las Cruces Economic Development Coordinator Gary Camarano and City Transportation Director David Maestas.

"The Navy is always welcome here in Las Cruces," Camarano said. "Aside

from the economic impact, just having them here is great. The city supports them; the community supports them. This is our national security. This is our way of thanking them."

Most of the pilots are ensigns or second lieutenants and are just beginning combat flight training, said Navy Lt. Brandon Rohde. "These are brand new pilots," Rohde said. They are all part of the T-6 Bravo Texan wing based at the Naval Air Station at Corpus Christi, TX.

Rohde said the training in Las Cruces is the students' "primary flight school," where they "first get introduced to military flight."

When basic flight training is complete, the students will begin more advanced training in a variety of other locations before taking on specific duties as pilots of jets, helicopters and fixed-wing,

multi-engine aircraft, he said. Most of the students being trained in Las Cruces are "two to three years away from being in a flight squadron, from being fully mission deployable," Rohde said. Depending on U.S. theatres of operations in the next few years, some of the pilots being trained in Las Cruces could see actual combat flight duty overseas.

Rohde said Las Cruces was chosen for the training because "the weather's great

— dry, clear skies" — and because it is close enough to Corpus Christi "to get here relatively easily."

The pilots and instructors are staying at La Quinta while the training continues, Rohde said.

There is the possibility of additional training at the Las Cruces airport, depending on the military's need and the airport's availability. "We're always looking for a good place," Rohde said.

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Peaks National Monument is already drawing visitors from around the world.

The questions that face us now, eight years after my first column, are different, centering more on our willingness to continue forward on this positive path. Can we put aside arguments of the past to champion what we share in common, a deep love for our city and a commitment to its future? Can we reaffirm our determination to make sure Las Cruces is a great place for everyone who lives here — business owner or employee, long time resident or recent arrival, child just starting out or a person now retired?

At its most basic level a good community allows us to accomplish together what we can't do on our own: building and maintaining streets, providing water and sewer systems, and making sure we have the police, fire and emergency services to keep our neighborhoods safe. A strong community seeks out and supports economic growth and opportunity, with the kinds of jobs that allow workers to be full participants in the life of our city. A wise community

continues to invest in its people and its future, creating a better life not just for ourselves, but for everyone else.

When I look back at all that we've accomplished over the past eight years, I think of the many contributions of our engaged residents, a public-spirited council and a dedicated city staff. I think of our determination to open up the governing process and the spirited public dialogue that is an inevitable result. I think of the great strides we've made as a city, and the great things we will do together in the years ahead.

We are extremely fortunate to live in Las Cruces, in this place and time, with all of the many and varied efforts being made to improve our community. I hope we will not draw back, but will continue to invest in our future, grateful for the many advantages we enjoy as a city. I hope we will make the most of this moment and opportunity, and the confidence in our community we've worked so hard to build. In so many ways, the best is yet to come.

Ken Miyagishima is the Mayor of Las Cruces.

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City Council hears support for soundstage funding

By Mike Cook
Las Cruces Bulletin

The Las Cruces City Council heard widespread support for the construction of a soundstage at its Monday, July 27, 2015 work session.

Building the city's first commercial soundstage is one of the projects being considered by the city council as a way to create economic development opportunities in Las Cruces. The city has earmarked a portion of the three-eighths percent hold harmless gross receipts tax (HHGRT) put in place July 2014 that will result from revenue bonds that will be issued later this summer, said City Manager Robert Garza.

The amount of HHGRT funds allocated to economic development initiatives will total \$12 to \$13 million this fiscal year, said Garza and City Economic Development Coordinator Gary Camarano.

'Provide an income stream'

HHGRT are funds the city is now collecting as the result of raising the gross receipts tax (GRT) last summer by 0.375 percent from 7.5625 per-

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ROBERT GARZA

City manager

cent to a new 7.9375 percent, Garza said. Doña Ana County has since raised the GRT by another 0.375 or three-eighths percent, taking the new tax rate to the current 8.3125 percent, he said. These increases were allowed to be implemented due to a new law enacted by the New Mexico Legislature in 2013.

The city had previously relied on guaranteed hold harmless distributions made available by the state to offset revenue lost by the city since 2004, when the Legislature exempted food and some medical services from GRT collection.

The state will repeal the hold-harmless provision over 15 years, beginning this year which,

for the city, equates to a loss of more than \$600,000 this year, increasing by additional \$600,000 increments over the next 15 years until the amount of annual losses equals more than \$8 million, Garza said.

"The current challenge for the city council is to use the excess GRT available today to undertake projects that will either reduce future costs to the city or provide an income stream to help offset the losses expected," he said.

'All viable, all have merit'

Camarano said the city's Economic Development Committee has met twice to "discuss and evaluate proposals

and recommendations" of economic development projects.

In addition to the soundstage, Camarano said other proposals being considered include a combination soundstage and spec building (essentially a building shell constructed without a specific tenant in mind, but which could be quickly modified to meet a tenant's needs); expansion of the Las Cruces Convention Center; hangars at the Las Cruces Airport; increasing the city's ability to retain, expand, attract and create new business, either through economic gardening or through the state's Local Economic Development Act (LEDA) closing fund; increasing the city's ability to assist in expanding second-stage companies; providing a city business incubator and work space; and creating a city loan and small business grant program to assist with things such as website development, job training and infrastructure.

Garza said the purpose of spending HHGRT funds is "to create jobs and broaden our tax base." The proposals being consid-

ered, he said, are "all viable, all have merit."

In addition to city council members, more a dozen members of the audience spoke in favor of spending HHGRT funds to build a soundstage.

'A dynamic opportunity'

State Rep. Jeff Steinborn, D-Doña Ana, who is chairman of the Regional Film Development Advisory Committee, said film-making is a "dynamic, robust industry" in New Mexico, and building a soundstage would be "such a dynamic opportunity" for Las Cruces.

He said the film industry has generated \$1.5 billion in spending and about 15,000 jobs in the state in the last five years. Steinborn, City Councillor Gil Sorg, Las Cruces Home Builders Association (LCHBA) President Max Bower, Project Mainstreet Las Cruces Chairman Russ Smith and others recently visited Albuquerque and Santa Fe to tour soundstages.

Bower said filmmakers who would come to Las Cruces to use a soundstage will need support that they won't be able to bring with them.

"They will have to get it from our local vendors," he said. "We as an industry are behind this effort."

LCHBA CEO Steve Chavira said he also supports a soundstage in Las Cruces. As reflected in its mission statement, one of LCHBA's roles is to be "a strong leader in economic development," he said. Building a soundstage in Las Cruces would "create jobs and make ancillary services stronger."

Local set builders, developers and designers could work in Las Cruces instead of "chasing projects" in northern New Mexico and other states.

Las Cruces writer Dan Williams said Las Cruces has lost two movies this year alone because it didn't have the infrastructure to support local production.

Russ Smith, chairman of Project Mainstreet Las Cruces, said Project Mainstreet supports the soundstage proposal. He also read a letter of support for the soundstage proposal from Las Cruces Tony-winning playwright Mark Medoff, a New Mexico

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State University presidential scholar who teaches part-time at NMSU's Creative Media Institute for Film and Digital Arts (CMI).

'Share the risk, share the reward'

Steve Newby of Las Cruces Community Partners, LLC, said it was important for the city to take risks for economic development — “share the risk, share the reward,” he said. A soundstage could provide local opportunities for a host of technologies and be an important source of revitalization.

Carrie Hamblen, executive director of the Green Chamber of Las Cruces, said a soundstage in Las Cruces would represent “a very great possibility” for local businesses. Restaurants and other businesses could benefit from spending by film crews in town to make movies, and the film industry would be a great addition to

local economic development and tourism. I'm really glad we're having this conversation,” she said.

Las Cruces actor and film maker Mark Vasconcellos said there are no large soundstages operating in the Southwest between San Antonio, Texas, and Los Angeles. “We have a huge, huge opportunity to corner a billion-dollar industry that is already in our state,” he said.

Doña Ana County Commissioner Wayne Hancock said he supports the soundstage proposal. He said the city and county should work together, “so that whatever is done is done for all the residents of the county.”

'An opportunity to explore film'

Las Cruces actor David Edwards, who has appeared in 25 to 30 movies, television pilots and web series, said after the meeting, “While I am excited about the possibility of attracting films to the area — and they don't need to be blockbusters to satisfy me, small, independent films would be

great also — I am most excited about the educational possibilities. To give students of all ages an opportunity to explore film as an artistic medium as well as all those cross-curricular opportunities and applications would be such an extraordinary training ground, and help keep those trained students around to actually have paid work in their field.

“Of course, I selfishly would like have movies come here so that I might be in them or help make them but all the clean economic benefits would be nice too. The major impact would not be so much jobs — there would be some, but I believe film companies bring many of their own people, but that could change as our pool of trained professionals grows — but in the retail and service industries. Film crews buy a lot of stuff and they need places to stay and food to eat.

“We, as a community, are going to have to learn to be more film friendly, however. If a large soundstage were to be built here perhaps eventu-

ally we would come to understand that.”

Edwards, a fixture in local theatre who spent a year-and-a-half pursuing an acting career in Los Angeles, will be teaching Intro to Creative Media and the Business of Filmmaking at CMI this fall, along with Perspectives of Film at Doña Ana Community College.

Councilor Olga Pedroza said the film industry is comprised of big names “above the line” and “hundreds and hundreds of people “below the line.”

“That's what we need to keep in mind,” she said, referring to the jobs a soundstage could provide in Las Cruces. “This is an idea whose time has come.”

“I think we're headed in the right direction on this project,” said Councilor Miguel Silva.

The Economic Development Committee will make a presentation to the city council with more specific proposals at the council's Aug. 24 work session.

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The exempt items dovetail with the needs of students returning to school — clothing and shoes, computers and computer-related items and school supplies.

However, the tax-free weekend is not a carte blanche exemption. Not everything you can purchase qualifies as a

nontaxable purchase. While many merchants also absorb the tax on non-qualifying items, not all will do so. In order to keep from being surprised at the register, ask an employee about the store's policy and familiarize yourself with the items that are taxable or nontaxable.

Taxable and nontaxable items are divided by categories, and some categories have a set dollar maximum.

Clothing or shoes must be priced at less than \$100 per unit — no discount on those Manolo Blahniks (also, where did you get

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There are also very specific restrictions in place within the categories — sometimes comically specific.

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er hard drives, ink cartridges, microphones, modems, printers and paper are all nontaxable, but computer scanners are taxable. Occupational, military, scouting and school uniforms are all nontaxable, but sport uniforms? Nope. Vests? Yes, unless they are hunting or water vests. Athletic socks are nontaxable, but athletic supporters are.

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And sorry, Donald — toupees are still taxable.

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and Virgin Galactic move closer to making commercial space flight — aerospace tourism — a reality.

San Filippo came to Las Cruces three years ago from Boca Raton, Fla. with a strong background in tourism as a tour operator, hotel manager and director of International Sales and Marketing for the United States and

Latin America for the Cayman Islands Department of Tourism.

'The Silicon Valley of aerospace'

San Filippo had never been to Las Cruces before, but knew this was the place to be after reading on the Internet about Spaceport, located 45 miles north of Las Cruces,

and Virgin Galactic, the world's first commercial spaceline.

"That to me is the new wave," he said. "And the fact that it's happening here is something that I want to be a part of."

It could make Las Cruces "the Silicon Valley of aerospace," San Filippo said.

And it's going to happen sooner rather than later. "I feel confident in speak-

ing with people who know the industry," he said, "Virgin Galactic is working very hard. In the next two years, we're going to see that first flight."

When someone makes the trip to Spaceport for a commercial space flight, he or she will bring "33 to 36 people with them with disposable income," San Filippo said. It will take potential space travelers three or four days to train

for their flights; and during that time, "they will want to do different things," he said, like climb the Organ Mountains; visit the three national monuments (Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks, White Sands and Prehistoric Trackways) that are within an hour's drive of Las Cruces; sample the local cuisine at restaurants and wineries; take in the downtown farmers market; see local live musical and theatrical productions; stroll the historic plaza in Mesilla; and learn all they can about Billy the Kid.

'People are seeing the vision'

San Filippo said he is already "talking to hotels a lot about getting ready for what's about to happen. We will literally have

the eyes of the world right here." And that means the local tourism industry will have to step up customer service at restaurants, hotels, gas stations. "It's everybody," he said.

"In New Mexico, we tend to be very friendly people," said San Filippo. "That often comes across as customer service. But, customer service goes far beyond friendliness."

You have to accommodate guests' needs and wants, problem solve for them and make them feel at home, he said. "It goes far beyond that smile. They want to be accommodated. They demand certain things."

"I think people are seeing the vision," San Filippo said. "With what I see happening in the next two

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state and federal government officials to discuss topics relevant to personal and commercial spaceflight. Powered by this year's theme, "Making a Difference," noted keynote speakers and panelists will

explore the relevance and impact behind the broadening acceptance of the commercial space approach.

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or three years, we'll have a big demand for more hotels."

That will add to the approximately 3,000 rooms currently available in the city, San Filippo said. A new Comfort Suites is already nearing completion on Telshor Boulevard. There is also a new four-story hotel being built behind the Applebee's that is located on Avenida de Mesilla. And, San Filippo expects a hotel to be built soon near the Las Cruces Convention Center — "which we desperately need," he said.

'A good year'

The convention center has been an "extremely valuable" asset to Las Cruces since it opened in December 2010, San Filippo said. But, because it was built during the heart of the 2008 recession, the finished product was significantly smaller than had been called for in the original plans. Las Cruces, he said, has already lost 33,000 room nights because the convention center wasn't big enough, didn't have enough breakout rooms and didn't have a hotel nearby to accommodate everyone who inquired about it. The good news, he said, is that the convention center's kitchen is already full size, so it won't have to be expanded when the convention center eventually is enlarged.

But if space tourism is still two or more years away, how is Las Cruces

tourism doing in the meantime?

"This has been a good year," said San Filippo. There are more beds to sell, and more room nights being sold, he said: Occupancy is up about three percent. And, "We see a lot of different trends going on right now."

For example, when San Filippo became executive director of the CVB three years ago, one of the first things he did was conduct a focus group to find out what people in Albuquerque knew about Las Cruces. "They thought it was seven or eight hours away," he said. "They thought it was a border town."

The focus group also discovered that visitors from northern New Mexico would come to Las Cruces if they had a reason.

The same holds true, he said, for the "accidental tourists" who visit Las Cruces on their way between Dallas and California. "We want to give them a reason to visit, so it's not an accident," he said.

'A boon for Las Cruces'

And that was the rationale for the Las Cruces Country Musical Festival, which celebrated its third anniversary in April with an appearance on the downtown mall by superstar Kenny Rogers. It has become one of Las Cruces' signature events, San Filippo said. And, the 2016 event is already on the Internet [\[cescountrymusic.com\]\(http://cescountrymusic.com\).](http://www.lascru-</p>
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Revenue was up 43 percent for this year's festival over last year, he said, and average attendance was about 4,500 for each of the festival's two nights. "We're very pleased with the results." People came from 20 different states to attend the festival, including Florida, New York, Washington and California. It got coverage in Triple AAA Magazine and several major newspapers around the country. And, some of the star performers have helped the festival along as well; Charlie Daniels, for one, posted selfies of his performance at the 2013 festival, San Filippo said.

"It's a boon for Downtown. It's a boon for Las Cruces," San Filippo said. "Our goal is to keep it moving in the right direction." He said the festival is held on the same weekend as the New Mexico State University rodeo on purpose, so that people coming to the festival will visit not only Las Cruces restaurants, hotels and farmer's markets, but also the rodeo and other university attractions.

Joint marketing efforts

San Filippo sees more good things coming for the downtown area. "I think we're seeing some major differences there," he said, including the plaza and new apartments nearby. "You will see more businesses coming in," San Filippo said, adding that "any area that has a flourishing downtown will attract tourism."

The CVB has "a very positive relationship with NMSU," said San Filippo, who serves on the advisory board of the School of Hotel, Restaurant and Tourism Management (HRTM) in the College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences, along with being a member of the New Mexico Hospitality Association board.

When he spoke to an HRTM class last year, San Filippo told the students they were lucky. Because of the coming boom in local tourism, he said, there will be more hotels and more opportunities for good jobs.

The CVB is work with the NMSU Athletics Department on joint marketing efforts to bring more visitors to Las Cruces and put more fans in stadiums, he said. NMSU President Garrey Carruthers "has been a great advocate for Las Cruces" and a supporter of tourism, San Filippo said. "I think he sees the big picture."

The CVB is also partnering with the university on the Mark Medoff Visiting Lecture Endowment program, and it's working with the Las Cruces Symphony, the Las Cruces Downtown Association and the Las Cruces Film Festival, among others. It also works closely with the New Mexico Department of Tourism and with the Town of Mesilla and Mesilla restaurants like La Posta and the Double Eagle. Mesilla is "an attraction, a destination," San Filippo said.

'A lot of different experiences'

"The big thing in tourism right now is experientialism," he said. Visitors want an experience. Las Cruces offers many — the Walk of Flame (also known as the Green Chile Trail), which highlights some of the area's outstanding and unique Mexican-food restaurants. This area is also home to the oldest wine industry in the United States, dating back to 1564, San Filippo said. "Las Cruces offers a lot of different experiences."

Having interstates 10 and 25 and U.S. Highway 70 running through Las Cruces makes it a "good, logical place for people to stop and visit southern New Mexico, and that's how we're positioning ourselves," San Filippo said. He acknowledged that there is an "I-40 divide" separating southern New Mexico from Santa Fe, Albuquerque and Taos — the tourism of the north. "It's up to us to give people a reason to want to come down here and to see the rest of the state," he said. "That is what we have to do. Our goal is a 300-mile radius, but we have the ability to reach out a lot farther."

Spreading the word

"We have a challenge," San Filippo said. It's making sure people around the state and around the country know about the many attractions that New Mexico — and especially southern New Mexico — have to offer. "There

is a lot of things that we take for granted." Just having three national monuments is a huge benefit, San Filippo said, because many tourists tell him their goal is to visit every one in the United States. (There are 408 areas in the National Park Service system, located in New Mexico and every other state, along with the District of Columbia, American Samoa, Guam, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. There are 17 national parks and monuments, historic trails and heritage areas in New Mexico.)

Anyone who inquires about Las Cruces gets all this information and much more in the 2015/16 Las Cruces Official Visitors Guide and Vacation Planner, which is also available at visitors centers throughout the state. And, the CVB also now has its own app — Las Cruces Visitors Guide — which is available free on Android and Apple.

The CVB is also making extensive use of the internet, including social media. Check out www.lascrucescvb.org and [Facebook.com/lascrucescvb](https://www.facebook.com/lascrucescvb). The CVB has more than 8,000 friends on its Facebook page, San Filippo said, and a video about Las Cruces usually gets 50,000 to 75,000 viewers within 24 to 36 hours, he said.

The CVB has 11 employees, including the director of sales and three sales staff members who travel extensively to promote the area.

Crowd gathers for plaza's groundbreaking



Las Cruces City Councillor Greg Smith talks about the new plaza Downtown on Friday morning on Main Street.

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Mayor of Las Cruces Ken Miyagishima speaks about the Downtown plaza Friday morning during a ceremonial groundbreaking on the plaza.



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Editor's Note: This is the second part of a series on auto sales.

By Mike Cook
Las Cruces Bulletin

Chevrolets, Cadillacs and Toyotas are popular vehicles in Las Cruces, and local dealerships are growing and expanding.

Raymond Palacios, president of Bravo Chevrolet Cadillac in Las Cruces and Bravo Cadillac in El Paso, said car sales are up in both cities. "We've got a pretty nice increase here in Las Cruces," he said, adding the drop in gas prices "has a lot to do with it." When gas prices go up, Bravo sells more cars, and "when gas prices dip, we tend to sell more SUVs and trucks, and that's certainly the case this year."

Bravo Chevrolet Cadillac in Las Cruces covers

about 14 acres, of which 10 are currently utilized, Palacios said. That includes the dealership at 1601 S. Main St. and, on the other side of Main Street, Bravo Body Center, which Palacios called "the biggest and best collision center in town."

Bravo Chevrolet Cadillac has been in Las Cruces for 10 years, and "so far, we're tracking one of our best years since 2007," Palacios said. "We have gone through a lot here, so has the whole city," since the recession began in 2008. Business began improving in 2011 and has "steadily increased" since then, he said.

"We are just finishing up renovations to our facility here (in Las Cruces)," including a new showroom and new service area, Palacios said. "We're very appreciative



BULLETIN PHOTO BY MIKE COOK

Bravo Chevrolet is located at 1601 S. Main St.

of the Las Cruces community for sticking with us," and the renovations are "one way to say thank you."

In the decade he has been Bravo president, Palacios said marketing has changed a lot. His dealerships rely more on

the internet than before, and use more texts and emails to make sales. "Our consumers have changed," he said. "Millennials were not of age to buy cars 10 years ago; they are now."

Palacios lives in El Paso, but said he spends

most of his time in Las Cruces. Having dealerships in both communities has been a great benefit, he said, because even though "there is a state line between us and we have different governors, we're one big community. It's critical that we work hand in hand with each other; what's good for LC is good for El Paso, and vice versa."

Palacios supports the local chambers of commerce as well as local charities, and Bravo continues to fly the huge American flag that has been a fixture at Las Cruces Chevrolet dealerships for many years. "We certainly are proud of our country and very proud to fly her colors," said Palacios, who served in the United States Marine Corps. "The flag means a lot to me."

Visit Bravo's website at www.bravolas Cruces.com.

Vescovo Toyota of Las Cruces has experienced "just explosive growth" since 2012 when George Vescovo took over as the dealer. The dealership has been family owned in Las Cruces since 1982, and George Vescovo started with the business in 1999.

Vescovo Toyota was the fastest growing Toyota dealership in 2013-14 in a six-state region of the West that includes New Mexico, Vescovo said, "and we're continuing to grow into 2015." Vescovo Toyota, he said, has the "strongest year-over-year increase of any Toyota dealer in those states," which includes 70 Toyota dealers.

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Vescovo Toyota currently occupies a 2.3-acre site at 935 S. Valley Drive, but Vescovo said the dealership will move almost directly across Valley Drive within 60 days or so to a new location that is seven-plus acres in size, located between The Shed restaurant and Caliche's Frozen Custard.

Vescovo attributed the growth in his business to

a number of factors.

"Toyota is a great brand, we have a great product; our people — we have a tremendous team, it's very customer centered; we're very aggressive on our pricing," he said. And marketing on the internet has resulted in car sales to people living as far away as Memphis, Tenn., and also in Colorado, Arizona and "a

bunch in Texas. We sell cars all over the place and we do a lot of internet marketing," he said.

But, Vescovo said his dealership remains a hometown business. "We are very much a local family and we have all our eggs in this community basket," Vescovo said. "We are very much invested in Las Cruces."

The dealership has been a long-time supporter of Las Cruces Public

Schools' Count Me In! car giveaway, which encourages students to stay in school and attend all their classes. The dealership has donated a number of used cars which are given away to high school students at the event, which Vescovo said "we've been proud to help sponsor. It's not just me donating a

car. We all (the event sponsors) kind of pitch in to make that event a success. Our goal is to make it bigger and better."

Vescovo also supports the Las Cruces Hearts for Autism Fund Masquerade Ball fundraiser, which benefits southern New Mexico families of children with autism. His

dealership has been recognized as business of the year by the Las Cruces Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and as June 2015 business of the month by the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce.

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After Hours

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NY Life's Sumer Rose-Nolen and Adams Radio Group's John Ryan gather at Hotel Encanto de Las Cruces for the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce's Business After Hours event Thursday, July 23.



David Motes of Adams Radio Group talks about the future of Digital Communications in Hotel Encanto's Azul Patio.



Curtis Rosemond and Belia Alvarez stop and speak with guests of Hotel Encanto.



Rico Renteria of AT&T shares how he has become green by using the app Cam Card for his business card need.



ABOVE: Recently returned Las Cruces John Fachko used the Mix and Mingle time to reconnect with Las Cruces locals.



LEFT: Jozie Aviso, Adrian Guerra and Lyndsay Seiler were some of the attendees at the 2015 Las Cruces Mix and Mingle.



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Looking Back

This week in the history of the Mesilla Valley



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100yearsago

• “A.L. Patrick had two of his horses taken from Main Street Sunday night,” the Las Cruces Citizen reported. “He got the horses in El Paso Tuesday, but the saddles were missing. He went on the belated passenger that night, jumped off at the viaduct and camped there all night in the hope that the thieves would come by, when it would have meant ‘curtains’ for them. However they went only as far as the cement plant, where they left the horses minus the saddles.”

• The Citizen reported the state department of education had approved the use of the Pathoscope motion picture machine for use in New Mexico schools. “The advantages of education films in the school room for teaching pupils is far reaching; moreover, they can be made a source of great enjoyment and amusement to the parents of the pupils, especially in the rural districts where amusement is not plentiful, and make the rural schools social settlements,” the article read.

• Capt. Carl Brainard, who had been playing short for the Carlsbad baseball club, had returned to Las Cruces after being injured in a game against Roswell, the Citizen reported. “In a critical moment in the seventh inning, pitcher Jennings of the Roswell team and the fastest man on the Roswell club, attempted to steal second.

Brainard took the throw for a put out but in the collision at second Jennings’ spikes opened two gashes three inches long in the local shortstop’s left leg while Jennings’ ankle was dislocated from the force of the impact. So great was the interest in the game that both men continued to play although the blood ran freely from the deep cuts in Brainard’s leg and Jennings worked from the box with his ankle swollen to twice its normal size.”

50yearsago

• President Roosevelt signed the title of 2,089 acres of land in the Organ Mountains, secured some 27 years earlier in 1938 by resident Mr. George Quesenberry, to New Mexico State University to provide land for recreational facilities, the Aug. 5, 1965 Las Cruces Citizen reported. County Commissioners were now proposing a park and road system with the help of the Bureau of Land Management and possible labor from a Job Corps Camp to provide a road from St. Augustine Pass to the area south around Bishops Cap Mountain Peak. Plans called for a road through the “saddle” south of Organ Peak that would connect the land aforementioned on the east side of the Organs with the tract on the West side, “providing many miles of undisturbed recreation wilderness lands.” Plans were also underway to provide a road from the White Sands Missile range east to the Bishops Cap Peak area to connect with the north-south road from St. Augustine Pass.

• The Citizen ran a piece titled “Facts About Mrs. Consumer.” Among them, “she spends 13 ½ minutes in the

store and buys at least \$1.30 worth of merchandise before she leaves. Nine out of 10 times she knows what she wants to buy when she enters the store and 8 out of 10 times she gets what she came for. If she leaves without buying, which happens 2 of 10 times, it’s because she can’t find what she wants (50 percent), doesn’t like what she sees (30 percent), can’t find proper color or size (10 percent), isn’t impressed by the quality she finds (10 percent) or feels prices are too high (10 percent).”

25yearsago

• “The New Mexico Farm and Ranch Heritage Institute Foundation is initiating a statewide capital campaign to provide funds to help build a Farm and Ranch Heritage Museum,” the Aug. 1, 1990 Las Cruces Bulletin reported. The campaign’s theme was “So the Future May Know,” reflecting the institute’s mission to “preserve and communicate the historic and economic significance of the state’s farming and ranching communities.” The New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum, located at 4100 Dripping Springs Road, opened in May 1998.

• “Infighting among coaches, vindictive judgements by the judiciary committee and gross mismanagement of funds by administrators have jeopardized the future of the High Noon Soccer League, say the parents of some players who want the situation brought to light,” the Bulletin reported. Several parents voiced concerns over the league’s financial future, worrying it was nearly bankrupt, along with claims of team stacking, or recruiting of top players by some HNSL coaches.

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Coming up

NMSU Dance Program to host performances of 'Vivaldi's Four Seasons,' 'The Toy Box'

The New Mexico State University Dance Program will present performances of "Vivaldi's Four Seasons" and an original creation, "The Toy Box," which features choreography by dance director Debra Knapp, Contemporary Dance Theater director Ann Gavit, dance alumni and current dance majors. Performances will be at 2:30 and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 1, at the NMSU Center for the Arts, 1000 E. University.

The dance concert is the culminating event of the dance program's summer dance institute for students ages 11-18.

Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$10 for stu-

dents and seniors, and \$5 for children under 12. Tickets may be purchased at the NMSU dance office in the Delamater Activity Center, 1600 Stewart, Room 204. Tickets may also be purchased at the door or over the phone by calling 575-646-4079.

22nd Annual Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation Banquet

The Las Cruces Chapter of the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation will hold its annual fundraising banquet Saturday, August 1, at the Las Cruces Convention Center. Local outdoor enthusiasts who have a passion for the conservation of New Mexico's wildlife and habitat are invited to attend.

The Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation is a nonprofit wildlife organization dedicated to the conservation of elk and other wildlife and their habitats. It also has played a key role in the restoration

of wild, free-ranging Elk in 10 states and Ontario, Canada. RMEF has helped to create or improve hunter access in many states and has funded more than 3,300 hunter education projects. Founded in 1984, RMEF has grown to an organization with over 205,000 active members with more than 500 local chapters in 49 states.

The RMEF continues to hold the highest rating possible (4stars) awarded for sound fiscal management by Charity Navigator. More than ninety percent of all money raised goes to projects that further the RMEF mission and they have conserved or enhanced 6.6 million acres of wildlife habitat.

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You can get in on the fun with games,

raffles and live and silent auctions by registering to attend the banquet. For more information or to register, call Amy at 644-5342 or visit www.rmef.org.

Veterans' Theater Group performance

The Veterans' Theater Group will perform "A Day at Camp Hope," 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 4, at the Good Samaritan Society's Auditorium, 3011 Buena Vida Circle. Admission to the performance is free, but donations to benefit the Theater Group and the Community of Hope are welcome.

The play is brought to you by the Ad Hoc Committee for the Community of Hope, a committee of the Good Samaritan-Las Cruces Village Resident Council. Our mission is to keep the needs and news of the Community of Hope before our residents.

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C4CR starts 2015 fundraising campaign

Bulletin report

Cowboys for Cancer Research will start its 2015 major fundraising activities to raise funds for research in the fight against cancer with the annual golf outing.

The Cowboys for Cancer Research and NMSU Aggies are Tough Enough to Wear Pink Golf Tournament will take place at 8 a.m., Friday, Aug. 28 at the New

Mexico State University Golf Course.

C4CR is a Las Cruces based 501(c)3 nonprofit corporation and NMSU Aggies TETWP is a Las Cruces volunteer group that works with NMSU to raise breast cancer awareness and funds for C4CR.

C4CR President Lynn Arnold said that while NMSU Aggies TETWP has already had several

fundraising events in 2015, the 4th Annual Golf Tournament at NMSU Golf Course is the first major fundraising event of 2015 for C4CR.

This golf tournament has grown each of the past three years and has turned out to be one of C4CR's and NMSU Aggies TETWP's most successful fundraising events, the group reports.

Arnold said that as a result of the fundraising efforts of C4CR and NMSU Aggies TETWP in 2014, C4CR will be able to fund \$472,000 of research at NMSU and the Univer-



PHOTO PROVIDED

El Paso Electric to Cowboys for Cancer Research and NMSU Aggies Are Tough Enough to Wear Pink present a check from the groups' fundraising efforts. Pictured are: Matt Saenz, (C4CR), Peggy Feind (C4CR & NMSU TETWP), Ricco Gonzalez (El Paso Electric), Lynn Arnold (C4CR & NMSU TETWP) and Geraldine and Denny Calhoun (C4CR).

sity of New Mexico in 2015 in support of the fight against cancer.

Arnold said the fundraising efforts have led to the establishment of funded endowments which total more than \$3.6 million.



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BRIEFS

Renovation planned for Branigan Cultural Center

The Branigan Cultural Center will undergo renovation starting in August and continuing through the end of Sept. The renovation will require the BCC to be closed from Monday, Aug. 3, through Thursday, Oct. 1.

The Cultural Center will reopen to the public during the First Friday Downtown Ramble at 5 p.m. on Oct. 2. In keeping with the rules and regulations of the building being on the National Historic Register, this project is being done with permission and guidance from the New Mexico State Historic Preservation Division.

To continue service to the public, Cultural Center staff have developed a plan to continue summer operations and obligations by working and providing programs at the Museum of Art and the Museum of Nature and Science.

Before attending a BCC program, please check the website las-cruces.org/museums, and Facebook page [Facebook.com/BraniganCulturalCenter](https://www.facebook.com/BraniganCulturalCenter) or call 541-2154 for up-to-date location information.

NMSU to host agricultural conference

Beekeeping, spring vegetable production and basic organic certification will be the topics of presentations at the New Mexico Pueblo and Community Agriculture Conference 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 11, at the Route 66 Casino and Hotel west of Albuquerque on Interstate 40.

Presentations will be made on basics of organic certification, fundamentals of beekeeping and extending seasons with hoop houses and spring vegetable productions. Updates will be made by the New Mexico Livestock Board and USDA agencies.

Educational booths from various agencies and programs will provide information.

Lunch will be provided. For more information or to register, call Joseph Garcia or Tory Hougland at 505-852-0480, or Judy

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Convention center staff pose for a photo in the hallway of the facility.

Convention center doubles number of events

By **Alta LeCompte**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Although it has yet to turn a profit, in the past two years the Las Cruces Convention Center has doubled the number of conventions it hosted.

The convention center team attracted 14 conventions in fiscal year 2015, up from nine in FY14 and six in FY13.

"It's great," General Manager Rebecca Bolton said.

A number of other in-

dicators also are trending in a positive direction.

In the 2014 fiscal year, the convention center exceeded its budgeted income by \$6,153 while expenses came in at \$1,635,701 – \$44,783 under budget.

During FY 14, the con-

vention center generated its highest gross income to date – \$1.5 million.

The budgeted number of convention attendees for the year was 4,911. The actual number was more than double the target — 10,713.

The convention center

can attract more and bigger conventions if it could offer an adjacent hotel.

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Big Brother David and Little Brother Jacob at the holiday party.



Big Sister Alicia and Little Sister Jocelyn at the June Virgin Galactic Spaceport America trip.

Making a difference in the lives of 'Littles'

By Charlotte Tallman

Sometimes, all a child needs in his or her life is someone who cares. That's when Big Brothers Big Sisters makes an impact.

The goal of BBBS is to provide children facing adversity

with strong and enduring, professionally supported one-to-one relationships that change their lives for the better, forever.

A "Big" mentors and supports their "Little" through strategic relationship building. Locally, those one-to-one relationships are impacting 117 children, with 30 additional volunteers in the matching process.

"BBBS impacts the

community one child at a time," said Dawn Starostka, regional director for Doña Ana and Grant Counties in the BBBS Mountain Region.



Starostka started at BBBS on Jan. 1, and has seen an increase

from 100 children involved at the beginning of the year to 117 children. She hopes to get close to 200 children involved by the end of the year by matching volunteers to the number of children on the wait list and by offering a new program BBBS is developing in Hatch.

Starostka said when a child is involved in BBBS the interaction doesn't just impact the child, but

the whole of the community. There is often a change in the confidence, academic ability, emotional health and bigger aspirations of the child, which impacts their immediate family and improves the relationships within the family. There is also a change in the child that impacts the classroom as they pay more attention and do better in school. Through the relationships with their Littles, the Bigs learn about the life of another person, which may be very different from their own life, leading to an enriched experience for those who volunteer.

"As we have more children and volunteers in the program, the magnitude of the impact on the community increases," Starostka said. "We have more children doing better in school, staying out of trouble, dreaming big for their future. That is good for the growth of the community as a whole."

As a nonprofit, BBBS has a nonprofit endowment within the Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico and depends on the support from that endowment when financial support wavers.



Chris Lopez from Spaceport America talks with Little Brother Devin and Big Brother Justin during a June BBBS trip to the spaceport sponsored by Virgin Galactic.

"Our endowment with the CFSNM gives us stability and insurance," Starostka said. "We run a very tight ship financially, and as a sound business we try to keep our endowment growing as insurance and security for the future. Right now our fundraising is doing well and our donor base is growing."

BBBS is working on its Back 2 School Bash coming up Saturday, Aug 1. Through generous donations from the community, including Comcast, Convergys, Staples, Insta Copy, La Posta, Stephanie

Hernandez and El Paso Electric, they give each Little in the program a backpack with school supplies.

The organization also has their wildly popular sixth annual Mudd Volleyball tournament coming up on Saturday, Sept. 12 (visit www.bbbsmountainregion.org/mudd for more information).

Starostka said community support and support from the CFSNM is always important, as well as new Bigs to mentor the Littles. For more information, contact 523-9530 or Dawn.Starostka@bbb-

mountainregion.org.

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Everhart opens Berkshire office

Bulletin staff report

A familiar local name in real estate is joining forces with a familiar national name.

Terriane Everhart, previously qualifying broker at Property Consultants in Las Cruces, is now qualifying broker/partner with Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices, which will be opening its first office in southern New Mexico.

Berkshire Hathaway, of

course, is associated with an even more familiar name, Warren Buffett.

"You put Warren Buffett's name on anything and it's a hit," Everhart said. "I think it's going to be good for Las Cruces."

With the transition, Everhart will make another change, bringing her office to Downtown Las Cruces, at 424 N. Main St.

"I'm so excited to be downtown," she said.

Everhart is revamping an existing building, which will include additional space for other businesses.

Everhart is partnering with Jim Pitts, who opened the Berkshire Hathaway office in Albuquerque in May 2014.

"He has over 30 years of expertise," Everhart said of Pitts, who is the operation's president. "Being part of the Buffett team, you have access to so

many resources. People take notice where (Buffett) is located, and why."

Everhart has previously worked in both residential and commercial real estate and that will continue.

"I love working with first-time homebuyers," she said. "Guiding them through that process is fulfilling. And I love commercial, too."

Everhart also likes the



entrepreneurial aspect of the new venture. She owned her first business at 21, even before she finished her government degree at New Mexico State University.

She ran the Judge Me Not Café on Picacho Ave-

nue across from the District Courthouse.

Everhart currently employs three agents, and believes that number will grow under Berkshire Hathaway.

"You build on what you do best," she said.

Race to see who would be the best Republican candidate for president

The first Republican Presidential debate is set for Aug. 6. In anticipation, I'm running a special contest among the Republican presidential candidates who are current or former governors — candidates who have had the opportunity to manage an economy. The race is a little unfair in that it excludes candidates who are current or former senators because they haven't managed an economy. And it excludes the two businesspeople who are announced candidates.

Still that leaves a lot of candidates as there are currently 10 declared or likely Republican candidates who have "governor" on their résumé. There are another 21 candidates who have been mentioned as possibles, including Susana Martinez. Of these, another 15 are current or former governors.

Before we get started, let me specify that governors get too much credit for good economic



performance and too much blame for bad performance. Often the competitiveness of a state's economy depends on policies adopted years or decades prior to a particular governor in office. Nevertheless, while it may seem unfair to evaluate a governor based on the policies enacted by prior governor, this is the game we are playing.

Let's also specify that there are many reasons to vote for or against a candidate other than their economic policies. You might want to vote for Lindsay Graham because of his bellicose foreign policy, or for Scott Walker for his anti-union stance, or for Donald Trump for — well I'm not sure why you would want to vote for Donald Trump, but ap-

parently a lot of people do want to.

Still, surveys show that among the reasons for picking a favorite candidate, their economic policies are perennially among the most important.

Now to the contest. Let's look first at the all-important job growth numbers. I do this by calculating average growth of nonfarm wage and salary employment from the first month the candidate took office to the last month they served relative to the U.S. overall job growth rate. Thus a candidate who beats the national average gets a positive number and a candidate who does worse than the national average gets a negative number. This way, for example Rick Perry, who was in office for both the 2001 recession and the 2008 financial panic is not penalized relative to, say, Scott Walker who took office only in 2009 and has not had to cope with a na-

tional recession.

And the winner for job creation is — drum roll please — Jeb Bush of Florida. Add to this the fact he achieved these results through two terms while in charge of one of the largest states and it effort appears quite impressive. Maybe he is smarter than his brother after all. Second place goes to Rick Perry of Texas. Last place goes to Susana Martinez, although she is unlikely to become an active candidate. Last place among the current or likely candidates goes to Chris Christie of New Jersey.

What about overall economic performance. Here I used something called the State Index of Coincident Indicators, a measure of current economic activity calculated for each state by the Philadelphia Federal Reserve. Again, growth is measured relative to the national average from the first month the Governor took office to the

month they left office.

And the winner is, Rick Perry followed by Jeb Bush, reversing the order for job growth. In last place among the likely candidates is John Kasich of Ohio. Susana Martinez again comes in dead last among those mentioned as possibles.

So does this mean that I'm voting either for Rick Perry or Jeb Bush? No, as I almost always go with a third-party candidates, usually the Libertarian. I'm not sure who that will be but former New Mexico Governor Gary Johnson is a strong contender to repeat as that party's candidate.

Christopher A. Erickson, Ph.D., is a professor of economics at NMSU. He has only voted once for a major party candidates, but wishes he hadn't even that one time. The opinions expressed may not be shared by the regents or administration of NMSU. Chris can be reached at chrerick@nmsu.edu. You can email him for the spreadsheet with the calculations used in this article if you would like.

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Finley at 505-852-2668.

Young Entrepreneurs Academy eyes Las Cruces

The Young Entrepreneurs Academy is offered in more than 100 commu-

nities across the country and run as either an after-school enrichment program that meets weekly between November and May, or as an in-school credit-bearing elective.

Now the group hopes to develop interest in Las Cruces.

Startup funds are avail-

able from Sam's Club through the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation to communities interested in bringing YEA! to the area. Applications are being accepted at www.uschamberfoundation.org/yea through Aug. 31 and interested parties must engage their local chamber of commerce to apply for the funding.

Working with middle and high school students, the 30-week, hands-on program teaches students how to generate business ideas, conduct market research, write business plans, pitch to a panel of investors and launch their own real companies.

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lead to larger conventions from distant locations, Bolton said.

"A headquarters hotel is a necessity to the convention center," she said.

The lack of an adjacent hotel puts Las Cruces at a competitive disadvantage when it comes to drawing conventions to the city, Bolton said.

"When event planners comes here to Las Cruces, they love the culture, they love the temperature, they love the facilities and they love the price," she said. "But the missing component is the convenience and walk-ability."

She said three event planners from Albuquerque who met with her this month told her they have groups eager to hold their events in the City of the Crosses.

"Their first question was, 'What's up with the hotel?'" Bolton said.

"We're right on the edge," she said, adding that New Mexico State University has met with developers who are finalists in the competition to build a headquarters

hotel on NMSU land west of the convention center.

NMSU aims to attract a three-star hotel "with as much food and beverage service as possible," Bolton said. Ideally, convention attendees would have access to after-hours food and beverage service at the hotel.

She said NMSU President Garrey Carruthers has made the hotel a top priority and plans to create a visitor experience around it. In addition, city officials are committed to expanding the 55,000 square-foot convention center, although no plans have been developed, Bolton said.

"There's no point in doing one without the other," she said. "It has to be married."

Center charts progress

In addition to conventions, the Las Cruces Convention Center in FY 2014 hosted 43 meetings and seminars, the most since it opened in February 2011. Attendance at consumer shows hit an all-time high at 28,006 and special events drew

29,427 guests, according to the FY14 annual report.

In a letter introducing the annual report, Philip San Filippo, executive director of the Las Cruces Convention & Visitors Bureau, wrote that the convention center staff has done a "tremendous job" of creating positive community relationships.

"This has been a significant turnaround year for the Las Cruces Convention Center," he added.

City Manager Robert Garza praised the convention center team's revenue and expense management improvements and facility maintenance.

Commenting on how the team controls expenses, Bolton said:

"We're very organized and detail oriented, and that extends the lifetime of our equipment."

She said if staff notices something damaged, they immediately pull it off the floor and repair it.

"It makes a huge difference," she said.

One way the convention center has controlled costs and improved service is by switching internet carriers.

"We now have the fast-

est internet speeds with new wireless hotspots," Bolton said.

She looks forward to reporting on FY15 and logging another good year in FY16.

"I'm generally excited about the future — there's so much potential," she said. "Las Cruces is a gem. It's important to grow it but keep the flavor, the culture the experience — the way people shine."

Management company has new identity

Comcast Spectacor, the parent company of Global Spectrum venue services, which manages the Las Cruces Convention Center, is combining its three divisions to operate under a new, singular brand — Spectra.

In turn Spectra will consist of three divisions: Venue Management (formerly Global Spectrum), Food Services & Hospitality (formerly Ovations Food Services) and Ticketing & Fan Engagement (formerly Paciolan).

Comcast Spectacor will consist of three primary businesses: the Philadelphia Flyers, the Wells Fargo Center and the new Spectra.

Spectra in New Mexico

CONVENTIONS HELD IN LAS CRUCES FOR THE FIRST TIME IN THE 2015 FISCAL YEAR

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- Episcopal Diocese Convention
- NM Art Educators Association
- NM Mesa State Convention
- NM Search and Rescue Convention
- Hispanic Pastoral Musicians Regional Convention
- Accelerated Christian Education International Student Convention (21 countries and 400 schools were represented)

Spectra is a provider of sports and entertainment hospitality services in New Mexico.

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- Isotopes Park (Food Services & Hospitality)
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- New Mexico Stars (Ticketing & Fan Engagement)
- Lea County Events Center and Fairgrounds (Venue Man-

agement, Ticketing & Fan Engagement)

- Clovis Civic Center (Venue Management)
- Curry County Events Center & Fairgrounds (Venue Management)

These locations and events are some of Spectra's 300-plus clients at more than 400 global properties that host millions of visitors annually.

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Aggie Memorial Stadium will be the site of Fan Fest, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday Aug. 1. Along with a Kids Clinic, there will be slides and games and concessions for youths as well as tours of the New Mexico State University football facilities and opportunities for photos and autographs with Aggie players.

Time to get out and watch the Aggies

College football coaches can be a paranoid bunch.

Once, while I sat in an old, wine-colored Chevy Celebrity with a dent in the driver's side door thanks to a large, Pennsylvania White Tail buck, and watched the New Mexico State University football team practice, a trainer — or some low-level assistant-type-person — was sent over to check me out.

You see, I was a sports reporter and regularly attended NMSU practices. I knew then-head coach Tony Samuel and most of his staff, but they obviously did not recognize my seasoned car.

My conversation with the trainer or low-level assistant-type person went something like this:

"Who are you?"



Brook Stockberger

"I'm Brook. I cover the team for the newspaper."

"They wanted me to see who you were."

"I guess they can't let Texas get any advantage."

My snide little joke seemed lost on him as he turned back toward the practice field.

NMSU was about to play the Texas Longhorns that particular week and, apparently, the game could've hinged on whether Texas sent someone across state lines in a beat-up Chevy to spy on the Aggies.

FAN FEST

WHAT: Starting with a Kids Clinic, the event will also offer slides, games, concessions, tours of football facilities, autographs with players and a chance for potential season ticket buyers to try out their seats

WHEN: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 1

WHERE: Aggie Memorial Stadium

INFO: Call 646-5348

Please note the sarcasm.

Back then you could show up and watch the entire practice, yet coach Samuel still was able to put together a 7-win season and a 6-win season; he was shown the

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Gerela's Gorillas suit up for sale

By **Suzanne Elliott**
For the Bulletin



GERELA



When he saw the gorilla suit at a yard sale in suburban Pittsburgh, Matt Inverso knew he had to have it.

It was not just any run-of-the-mill gorilla suit. It was a suit worn by Bob Bubanic who started Gerela's Gorillas, a group of Pittsburgh Steelers fans from the 1970s, who would cheer on kicker Roy Gerela and jinx opposing kickers.

Gerela, a Las Cruces resident and former New Mexico State University Aggie, played for the Steelers from 1971 to 1978 and won three Super Bowls with the team. He retired from professional football in 1979.

Gerela has coached at NMSU and also at Gadsden High School. The Aggie kicker was drafted by the Houston Oilers in 1969 and joined the Steelers in 1971. He played his final year with the San Diego Chargers in 1979. Inverso, who sells items on eBay, said he was on the lookout for Pittsburgh merchandise.

"I went to a local community garage sale and noticed a gentleman had some Steelers items," Inverso said. "When I asked if he had any more, he asked me for my business card and said they were cleaning out an estate for a friend (Bubanic). They called me a week later and I went over."

Inverso said there had all kinds of Steelers items from the 1970s. Butheo said he had just one item on his mind during his return visit — the gorilla suit that Bubanic wore to the home games.

As legend had it, Bubanic and a group of friends rented the suit for \$60 and later held a raffle to buy it for \$250.

Bubanic, who has cancer, is now in a nursing home.

"When I asked if they had the gorilla suit, they told me they had just thrown it away," he said. "I asked if they would not mind getting it out of the garbage because I wanted to buy it. One day later, this treasure would have been gone."

The suit itself was in decent condition, considering how often it was worn to games. Inverso said the gorilla outfit was missing its head, which had been thrown away in the 1980s after someone had sat on it during a high school football game.

"I told them I would try and sell it for them," said Inverso, who is asking \$7,000 for the suit. "Bob is in a nursing home with cancer."

Half of the proceeds from the sale of the suit will go toward Bubanic's medical bills.

"I remember the gorilla being shown on TV at every game and the banners of Gerela's Gorillas," he said.

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door in 2004 after a 5-6 season with a 4-3 record in the Sun Belt Conference.

I joked with coach Samuel as the players headed to the locker room.

“Did you think I was scouting for Texas?”

He gave a slight smile.

“We gotta check things out,” he said.

So coaches are paranoid, but that’s understandable. Sure, nothing Texas could have seen that day would probably have made a difference in the outcome of the upcoming game. The Longhorns beat the Aggies 41-7.

Still, why take a chance. Some coaches pretty much close off their entire practice.

For NMSU fans, though, there is a decent compromise. The Aggies begin fall practice 2:50 p.m., Aug. 5.

The public is invited to watch through individual drills but then practice will be closed for team drills.

NMSU’s practice field is right next to Aggie Memorial Stadium.

Fan Fest

NMSU is trying out something new this year to introduce fans to the team. The inaugural Fan Fest, including a football Kids Clinic, is scheduled for 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 1 at

Aggie Memorial Stadium.

The event is free to the public.

The Kids Clinic will be hosted by the NMSU football coaching staff and is open to children 5 to 12. Check-in begins at 8 a.m. and the clinic is from 9 to 10:30 a.m.

The Fan Fest will start at 11 a.m. and will include a Kids Zone with inflatable slides and a bounce house, free carnival games and a concession stand. Fans will also be able to have their picture taken with any of with the seven WAC Championship Trophies, the Commissioner’s Cup and an inflatable helmet.

There will be free NM State football posters and some players will be on hand to sign autographs.

You can also join a tour of the NMSU football facilities. If you are interested in season tickets, you can try out different seats in the stadium and visit with ticketing personnel.

For more information, visit NMStateSports.com or contact the athletics marketing department at 646-5348.

Brook Stockberger may be reached at 680-1977 or brook@lascrucesbulletin.com.

Innovative new products for making weekend warriors better at putting

Over the years there have been arguments made, mainly by recreational golfers, in favor of making the width dimensions of the holes bigger. The standard hole diameter is currently 4 1/4 inches. Some overly strident, “grow-the-game” zealots have proposed a diameter of up to 15 inches, but it isn’t going to happen.

I mention this because we all need to accept the hole size the way it is and adjust our putting technique and practice methods to make more successful putts.

One of those adjustments is simply practicing putting to a smaller hole. Small-target training in sports has been proven useful with skinny bats, smaller basketball rims and throwing footballs through tires.

The newest practice aid with a reduced putting target strategy is the Dead Zero putting disk, developed by Eric Johnson, director of instruction at Oakmont Country Club in Pennsylvania. The diameter of the Dead Zero disk is 2 1/8 inches and weighs 5.5 ounces.

“The average golfer three-putts three to four times per round,” says Johnson. “And



Charlie Blanchard
Golf Doctor

eliminating those putts and making a few extra one-putts from inside eight feet can knock your score down by five or more strokes per round.”

There are actually two Dead Zero versions available — the original as described above, and a Dead Zero Pro model which features a bubble level on top indicating the fall line of the green from where it is positioned and the break of the putt up to six degrees. On the company website, www.deadzeroputting.com, the original disk is listed at \$24.95 and the pro model at \$29.95, with quantity discounts available. I see it also as a gift item.

Of course, there are other small-target training aids available to help with enhancing putting skill. I have been fond of a compact little device called the Putting Peg that you stick into the putting surface. This is particularly useful on crowded practice greens prior to

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WHEN: 8 a.m., Friday, Aug 28

WHERE: NMSU Golf Course

FEE: \$125 per person; \$500 for four-person team

INFORMATION: 642-5696

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WHEN: 8:15 a.m., Saturday, Aug 29

WHERE: Red Hawk Golf Course

FEE: \$350 for four-person team

REGISTRATION DEADLINE:

Monday, Aug. 24

INFORMATION: 496-9146

shotgun-start tournaments where hordes of golfers are putting to only a few holes. Endorsed for years by Fuzzy Zoeller, the Putting Peg has a diameter of 1 1/4 inches, and when the golf ball strikes the unit it produces the sound of a golf ball falling into the cup. One of online retailer offering the peg is www.intheholegolf.com, where it is listed for \$19.95.

When it comes to actually using prepared and real practice green cups to improve your skill, confidence and technique, there are several preferred products available. One is the aptly-named “Doc’s No. 3 Putt Putting Training Aid,” which is a cup reducer that fits into the top of a standard putting green hole and has two inner rings. You can reduce the diameter of the cup for practice to 3 1/4 inches, and then go even smaller to 2 1/2 inches. I noticed one seller offering this put-

ting aid on eBay for \$14.99.

An alternative to the multiple disc reducers is something called The Practice Cup, also available from several sellers on eBay. This is a plastic cup that fits into the real cup, complete with a green felt surface surrounding the 2 1/2-inch diameter opening. It works, but the only drawback is plucking the golf ball out of the smallish cylinder.

Another option for reducing the cup opening for practice purposes is the Skilz Putt Pocket which can be inserted in the top of the cup, reducing the hole itself to a 2 3/4-inch opening. The unit is plastic and comes with a firm base so it can be used on the green apart from an actual hole. The Skilz unit is about \$12, available from many sellers online.

I must confess something at this point, which may explain my fascination with brilliant inventions for small-target putting practice. Prior to these cup reducers and target gadgets, I used a garden tool called a bulb planter that produced a very neat 2 1/2 inch diameter miniature golf hole in the putting green. One day I was busted by a greenskeeper as I was unable to return the removed turf to its original state.

Coming soon: clever alignment training devices.

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Money invested by university pays off

By Justin Bannister
For the Bulletin

In the past year, New Mexico State University has invested \$750,000 in various programs that focus on academics, research, community engagement and other goals outlined in Vision 2020, the university's strategic plan. Since that time, those programs have not only met their objectives, but have also earned nearly \$3 million in additional external funds.

"This investment was incredibly well spent by all," said NMSU President Garrey Carruthers. "These programs help NMSU continue to be a caring community focused on our students and others we serve. We invested three-quarters of a million dollars and we more than tripled our money with additional investments from outside sources."

The money invested by NMSU comes from the President's Performance Fund, a set sum of money the university budgets for innovation and performance improvement. To be considered for the President's Performance Fund, programs must apply and be selected by the University Budget Committee. In the past year, nearly 20 projects at NMSU received funding. According to Carruthers, each program addresses specific goals outlined in the university's strategic plan.

"I chose to make sure these funds would lead to improvements in our Vision 2020 goals," Carruthers said. "Those applying for the funds had to cite specific key performance indicators they would address and they need to report on their progress regularly."

Among the programs to receive funding is the university's financial literacy program, Red to Green Money Management. It provides financial literacy services to students, including workshops



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on identity theft, credit scores and reporting, credit card use and other financial information beneficial to students.

"There's a huge need for this kind of service," said Tony Marin, NMSU's director of student affairs and project manager for Red to Green Money Management. "Many times, students don't understand the basics of budgeting and credit. We try to give them the tools to make informed decisions when it comes to their finances."

His program focuses on the Vision 2020 goal of academics and graduation and works to improve the university's enrollment, retention rate and graduation rate. It receives funding from other sources as well, including Wells Fargo.

The ability to leverage funds from multiple public and private sources has helped move these initiatives forward.

In the NMSU College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences, the Virtual Interactive Nutrition and Dietetics Lab has also received performance funding. The project provides online training simulations for students in dietetics and nutrition. It also allows students to become familiar with equipment and data collection.

"We have serious problems with obesity and diabetes in this country and we need to train students to be able to tackle these issues," said Ann Bock, a professor in NMSU's Department of Family and Consumer Sciences. She also man-

ages the Virtual Interactive Nutrition and Dietetics Labs.

"I've had students in Korea, India, Italy and other places studying abroad or in the military," she said. "This allows us to bring interactivity to the classroom and enables students to practice, no matter where they are."

Other programs funded are Read to Succeed, in the College of Education, the Clinical Simulation Lab, in the College of Health and Social Services, and Greening the NMSU Curriculum, an initiative of NMSU's Sustainability Council.

In the College of Arts and Sciences, Young Women Growing Up Thinking Computationally is the joint evolution of two successful programs that broaden participation in computing — the Young Women in Computing program at NMSU and the GUTS y Girls program at Santa Fe Institute. The three-year program seeks to identify barriers to the underrepresentation of Hispanic women in computing and devise interventions to increase and sustain their interest and participation in computer science.

Also receiving large amounts of external funding and donations are the Interactive Online Discovery Labs, in the College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences, and the Aggie Innovation Space in the College of Engineering.

"These programs not only help students, they also enhance our Carnegie Foundation Community Engagement Classification," Carruthers said. "It's part of our commitment to programs and partnerships that make an impact on the community."

The university will review programs seeking the next round of performance funding later this fall.

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Presentation on Vietnam Veterans' Memorial, Vietnam experiences

A presentation on the Vietnam Veteran's Memorial and experiences in Vietnam will be held 2 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 9, at Temple Beth El, 3980 Sonoma Springs Ave. Frances Williams, Jim Harbison, Bruce Fonnest, and Joe Martinez, will discuss the origin and purpose of the Las Cruces Vietnam Veterans' Memorial being installed at the Veterans' Memorial Park, 2651 Roadrunner Parkway.

Williams, a member of Temple Beth El, will speak from her perspective as a civilian supply system ana-

lyst and logistician while Harbison and Fonnest will speak about their military experiences. Martinez, the brainchild behind the Monument, will talk about how it all came together. All are members of the Vietnam Veterans' Memorial Committee.

The Memorial Park is located near the Temple, and members will be invited to visit the park after the presentation.

This event is sponsored by the Temple Beth-El Adult Education Committee. Refreshments will be served and donations are gratefully accepted.

Reading Art Book Club Meeting

The Reading Art Book Club will meet at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, August 12, in the Las Cruces Museum of

Art, 491 N. Main St.

The book club will have an open, group discussion on the book "Master of Shadows: The Secret Diplomatic Career of Peter Paul Rubens," by Mark Lamster. The book club will view the DVD "Rubens," from the PBS "Great Artists Series," at 2:00pm, prior to the regular meeting.

If you need an accommodation for a disability to enable you to fully participate in this event please contact the museum 48 hours prior to the event.

Reading Art Book Club meetings are free and open to the public.

Even those who haven't read the book are invited to attend. For more information or for details on book selections, contact Joy Miller at 541-2221 or jmiller@las-cruces.org.

Las Cruces Regional Medical Center at Park Ridge



An artist's rendering shows what the future Las Cruces Regional Medical Center at Park Ridge will look like. Construction on the project, located at the former site of the Las Cruces Country Club on North Main Street, is expected to start in late 2015 with an expected completion at the end of 2016. The 78,000-square foot hospital will be developed as part of a 110-acre master-planned community of housing, retail, healthcare and recreation. The regional medical center will have 32 inpatient beds, as well as a surgical facilities, cardiac cath lab, radiology and emergency room facilities as well as a pharmacy and laboratory. An adjacent medical office building is also planned.



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Las Cruces developer Bob Pofahl speaks at an open house for the future Las Cruces Regional Medical Center at Park Ridge Tuesday, July 28. Pofahl plans to develop the Park Ridge area to include townhouses and commercial businesses along with the hospital.



Clem Borkowski with ASI Capital talks to Las Cruces Realtor Lisa Tillery and others about the new medical center at Park Ridge. ASI Capital, of Colorado Springs, Colo., is part of the partnership for the Park Ridge project.

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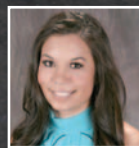
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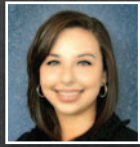
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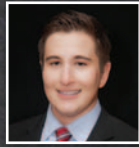
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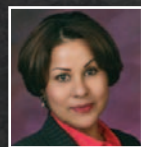
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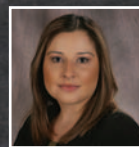
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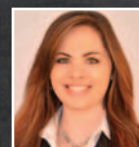
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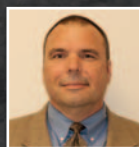
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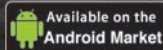
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From 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Tuesday through Friday, participants can

talk about what's going on over coffee and pastries.

Call 528-3151 for more information or for directions.

ENHANCE FITNESS

Enhance Fitness with Alex Palacios is free from 9:45 to 10:45 a.m.

Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday at the Sage Café Senior Center, 6121 Reynolds Drive.

Call 528-3151 for more information.

Enhance Fitness is also held from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday at the Munson Senior

Center, 975 S. Mesquite St.

For more information, call 528-3000.

VOYAGERS TRAVEL

Voyagers plan day and overnight trips for seniors older than 50.

Upcoming trips are as follows:

Nashville Show Trip, Sept. 26-Oct. 4, \$886 double

Costa Rica, Oct. 24-Nov. 1, \$2,399 double

Hawaii Cruise, Dec. 5-12, \$3,486 and up double.

For more information, call Helen Glover at 805-4920.

6:30 p.m. Food and sodas will be available.

For more information, call 526 9139.

Free bingo on the East Mesa every Thursday from 1 to 2 p.m. at the Sage Café Senior Center, 6121 Reynolds Drive.

For more information, call 528-3151.

DANCESPORT

New Mexico State University's DanceSport team teaches two weekly lessons from 7 to 8 p.m. and from 8 to 9 p.m. Tuesdays in the Rentfrow Gym, 3165 Williams Ave. The first class is a beginner class and is free.

The second class costs \$5 and is intermediate. For information, call 646-5704.

AEROBICS

Move to music through exercises designed to increase strength.

Classes are from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at Meerscheidt Recreation Center, 1600 E. Hadley Ave. Cost is \$2, or \$1 for those 60 or older.

BINGO

Bingo will be held at 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays and Saturdays at American Legion Post 10, 1185 E. Madrid Ave.

Doors open at 3:30 p.m. and first game is at

TRAIN DOMINOES

Come and join the fun at train dominoes Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to noon at the Sage Café, Senior Center, 6121 Reynolds Drive, on the East Mesa.

New players are welcome.

For more information, call 528-3151.

SHUFFLE BOARD

Shuffle board tournaments are held every Sunday at VFW Post 10124, 709 S. Valley Drive.

Open to all VFW members and their sponsored guests. For more information, call 525-5761.

AQUATICS FITNESS

Aquatics fitness class combines cardio with strength building and is for all ages and fitness levels. Class is from 9 to 10 a.m. Monday through Friday.

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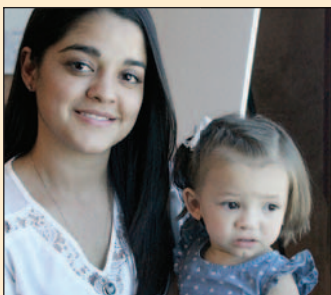
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MEN WHO COOK

offers fun, food for fundraiser

Aug. 8, 6 – 8 p.m.
Farm and Ranch
Heritage Museum



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Men Who Cook offers fun, food for fundraiser

By **Brook Stockberger**
Las Cruces Bulletin

One Saturday each August, a cacophony of sounds bounces around the tables and appliances in the kitchen.

Knives chop, blenders blend and oven doors slam, all the while jokes are traded, hands are repeatedly washed and cans are opened.

Ah, Men Who Cook has come to Las Cruces once again.

For the eighth year, the annual event, which raises money to Mesilla Valley Hospice, is scheduled for 6 to 9 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 8, at the New Mexico Farm and Ranch Heritage Museum at 4100 Dripping Springs Road.

Tickets cost \$75 per person or \$1,000 for a table of 10 and can be bought at Mesilla Valley Hospice's front desk at 299 Montana Ave.

A lot of fun

Government officials

THE DETAILS

WHAT: A fundraiser for Mesilla Valley Hospice

WHEN: 6 to 9 p.m. Aug. 8

WHERE: Farm and Ranch Heritage Museum, 4100 Dripping Springs Road

PRICE: \$75 per ticket or \$1,000 per table of 10

PURCHASE: Tickets may be purchased at MVH front desk at 299 Montana Ave.

INFO: Call 522-1232 or go online at www.mvhmenwhocook.org

and local "celebrities" will operate booths right next to business owners and retirees. Some of the men go it alone while others have helpers. In fact, in some cases, the chefs are actually the figure head and, ahem, the helper, often a wife, is actually the brains behind the operation.

Whatever the situation, the food entries are broken into multiple categories like main dish, appetizer, dessert etc. and judges elbow through the crowds to sample all the dishes on their respective

lists. Awards are handed out at the end of the evening.

Tip jars are placed at each booth and there is a prize for the chef who brings in the most love via greenbacks and change.

In the past, those on hand to sample the fare might have run across everything from chicken picatta to jicama salad. Food such as hot dogs cooked in a bourbon sauce might be served near a booth with warm peach cobbler on hand.

Creative names abound as well. Kathy's Krazy



Eva and Ken Van Winkle prep his "Tantalizing Tacos" Saturday, Aug. 9, 2014, in the Las Cruces Convention Center the afternoon before the Men Who Cook fundraising for Mesilla Valley Hospice.

meatballs were a hit in the past while Hooah's Your Papa Picnic Roast and Rev. Joe Daddy's Nash County Pulled Pork delighted attendees.

Rob Sharp with Wilson Binkley Advertising hit the ground running his first year with something called Coochi Coochi Charro Beans, a homage to "Charo" 1970s-era entertainer Maria Rosario Pilar Martinez Molina Baez of Spain who often said something akin to

"Coochi."

This year, his third, Sharp's humor is intact and he is cooking Buffalo Chicken Mac n' Cheese, "a single recipe that contains all that is man," he said.

Mesilla Valley Hospice

In its 32nd year, Mesilla Valley Hospice offers end-of-life care for those who are ill and for their families and loved ones.

State Rep. Bill McCamley has whipped a dish every year since the

event's inception.

"Hospice does one of the hardest jobs out there, McCamley said. "Their work allows people in the toughest situations to have the most grace and dignity possible. They also made my grandmother's passing much easier than it could have been."

The hospice began in late 1980 when several doctors and nurses and others determined there needed to be an organization to help those with terminal illness.

In 1993, MVH moved into its current location and has added its care facility, La Posada. The first patient was admitted in September of 1998.

More information about MVH can be found online at www.mvhospice.org. The phone number is 523-4700.

Brook Stockberger may be reached at 680-1977 or brook@lcsun-news.com.

24-hour Las Cruces Fun Hunt set for Aug. 22-23

By **Zak Hansen**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Ready, set, go!

The first-ever Las Cruces Fun Hunt, a 24-hour scavenger hunt, is set for Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 22-23, sending eight-person teams of all ages searching high and low throughout the Mesilla Valley.

Beginning from noon to 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 22, and ending between noon and 2 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 23 — exactly 24 hours later — the Las Cruces Fun Hunt is the first of its kind

in the City of the Crosses.

Event organizer Staci Mays, with Las Cruces Event Planning, said she's always been a fan of scavenger hunts, using them to spice up family gatherings, birthdays, even Christmas, at which time she said she and her family hold a Christmas light hunt.

Simply put, "It's something that always makes a party fun."

Mays has applied that logic to a much larger scale — all of Las Cruces — and players can expect

much more than finding a few simple objects; the Las Cruces Fun Hunt list numbers around 200 items.

"There's such a huge variety — anything from finding an item and bringing it back, completing a physical activity or challenge, taking a picture of a place or thing," Mays said. That could mean swiping a pen from a hotel lobby, running a mile, eating a taco with no hands, snapping a selfie at a local landmark or business — the list goes on and on.

Each item on the list has a numerical points value; quick and easy tasks will be worth a point or two, while the more difficult, demanding or time-consuming tasks will be worth much more, so players can take their pick and strategize accordingly. Mays is quick to point at that on that lengthy list, "there really is something any age and any skill set can do."

After those 24 hours are up, players head to the Nevada Avenue side of Young Park (1905 E. Neva-

da Ave.) for the Finish Line Festival from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., at which time points will be tallied, first-second- and third-place winners will be announced and prizes — and bragging rights — will be awarded.

The festival will also feature live music from Eli James Band and Chris Baker, food, arts and crafts vendors, jumping balloons and kids' activities and more. A portion of the Fun Hunt proceeds will be donated to La Casa domestic violence shelter

(www.lacasainc.org).

Early registration — due by 4 p.m. Friday, Aug. 21 — is \$150 per 8-person team; day-of registration is \$175 per team. Registration will be held from noon to 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 22, at a location to be announced. Any age may compete, but each team needs at least one member age 18 or older. For more information, visit www.lascrucesfunhunt.com, call Las Cruces Event Planning at 522-1232 or email staci@lascruceseventplanning.com.

Branigan Cultural Center closed for renovation through September

The Branigan Cultural Center, 501 N. Main St., will be undergoing some building renovation starting in August and continuing through the end of September. The renovation will require the center to be closed from Monday, Aug. 3, through Thursday, Oct. 1. The center will reopen to the public during the First Friday Downtown Art Ramble at 5 p.m. Friday, Oct. 2. In keeping with the rules and regulations of the building being on the National Historic Register, this project is being done with permission and guidance from the New Mexico State Historic Preservation Division.

To continue our service to the public, Cultural Center staff have developed a plan to continue our summer operations and obligations by working and providing programs at the Museum of Art and the Museum of Nature and Science. Before attending a BCC program, visit www.las-cruces.org/museums, the Facebook

page, [Facebook.com/braniganculturalcenter](https://www.facebook.com/braniganculturalcenter), or call 541-2154 for up-to-

date location information. The BCC thanks their patrons for their

patience and understanding during this critical project.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

FRI JULY 31 • 10:30 A.M. Branigan Library
Rhythm Roundup

FRI JULY 31 • 12:00 P.M. RIO GRANDE THEATRE
Promoting Art in Las Cruces: How the Film Industry is Revolutionizing Film and Video

TUE AUGUST 4 • 10:30 A.M. Branigan Library
Read to Me (Stories for ages 3 and up)

TUE AUGUST 4 • 2:00 P.M. Branigan Library
Beginning Zentangle

TUE AUGUST 4 • 4:00 P.M. Branigan Library
Teen Game Night (ages 12-18)

TUE AUGUST 4 • 6:30 P.M. RIO GRANDE THEATRE
Every other Tuesday: Celebrate Badger Clark!

WED+THU AUGUST 5+6 • 10:00 A.M. Branigan Library
Toddler Time: Stories for ages 1-3

WED AUGUST 5 • 11:00 A.M. Branigan Library
Mother Goose Time: Activities for Infants

THU AUGUST 6 • 4:00 P.M. Branigan Library
Team Anime (grades 5-12)

THU AUGUST 6 • 6:30 P.M. Branigan Library
Booksigning (M. Scott. Hummingbird Plants of the Southwest)

FRI AUGUST 7 • 5:00 P.M. RIO GRANDE THEATRE
Artist Reception for August (Art Ramble) Sally Quillin of Quillin-Stephens Gallery

TUE AUGUST 18 • 6:30 P.M. RIO GRANDE THEATRE
Every Other Tuesday: Megan McQueen "PASSION preview - musical theatre"



FRI+SAT AUG 21+23 • 7:30 P.M. + 3:00 P.M. RIO GRANDE THEATRE
Scaffolding Theatre Company presents "PASSION"

ONGOING EVENTS:

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Events Calendar

FRI. 7/31

Noon. Promoting Art in Las Cruces, Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main St. A free bi-monthly series presented by the Doña Ana Arts Council exploring different ways for artists and art organizations to promote themselves and their events. July's featured presenter is Keagan Karnes, a graduate of NMSU's Creative Media Institute and full-time filmmaker, on "The Internet is Revolutionizing Film and Video." Free, open to the public. Call 523-6403 or visit www.riograndetheatre.com.

4 to 7 p.m. La Frontera fair trade marketplace, Nopalito's Galería, 326 S. Mesquite St. Unique gifts hand-made by women in arts and crafts co-operatives from Mexico and the U.S. border region are available at this fair-trade store, with all proceeds going directly to the women artisans. For more information, email ceber@nmsu.edu.

7 p.m. Boba Café and Cabaret presents "Gone Girls," Boba Café, 1900 S. Espina St. Bring your pitch pipe and prepare to sing along to all your favorite music from the 20th century with "Gone Girls," as McKensi Karnes, Christa Fredrickson, Valerie Mirelez and Jamie Smith take you through the decades singing standards in four part harmony! Featuring music from Carole King, Bette Midler, the Andrews Sisters, Ella Fitzgerald, Martha and the Vandellas and more. Dinner seats at 6 p.m., showtime at 7 p.m. Tickets \$27.50, includes show, dinner and a drink. Call 647-5900 to make reservations.

7 p.m. Live music with La Maldita Union, Amaro Winery, 402 S. Melendres St. No cover. Call 527-5310.

7 to 10 p.m. Live music with Triple Jack, The Game Sports Bar and Grill, 2605 S. Espina St. No cover. Call 524-4263.

8 to 10 p.m. Live music with Chris Baker, Vintage Wines, 2461 Calle de Guadalupe. No cover. Call 523-9463.

8:30 p.m. Boba Café and Cabaret presents "Gone Girls" cocktail show, Boba Café, 1900 S. Espina St. Bring your pitch pipe and prepare to sing along to all your favorite music from the 20th century with "Gone Girls," as McKensi Karnes, Christa Fredrickson,

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9 p.m. Live music with MST Jazz Trio, Pecan Grill & Brewery, 500 S. Telshor Blvd. No cover. Call 521-1099.

SAT. 8/1

7 a.m. to noon, ACTION Program for Animals (APA) yard/rummage sale, APA Adoption Center, 800 W. Picacho Ave. All proceeds will benefit APA's rescued animals. APA rescues most of their cats, kittens, dogs and puppies from the municipal shelter in an effort to help our community reach its No Kill goal. Since 2012, APA has rescued and placed more than 1,800 animals. Call 644-0505 or email mail@apalascruces.org.

7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Big Daddy's Flea Market, 5580 Bataan Memorial East. Indoor and outdoor vendors on 20 acres. A wide variety of items will be available. Call 382-9404.

8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Farmers & Crafts Market of Las Cruces, Main Street Downtown. Wide variety of arts and crafts, food, fresh produce, unique fine art, pet adoptions and more. Free. Visit www.fcmlc.org.

9 a.m. to noon, Model Scenicking Classes, Las Cruces Railroad Museum, 351 N. Mesilla St. Are you fascinated by the miniature trees and buildings on model train layouts? Are you interested in creating a miniature garden landscape and need help making structures? Have you ever wondered how to make a mountain or paint a rock? The Las Cruces Railroad Museum will offer model scenicking classes this summer which will teach all this and more. Classes will be Aug. 1 and Aug. 8. Parents and children over the age of 10 are encouraged to attend together. Children taking the class without an adult must be at least 12 years old. Participants will complete and take home a module with track, landscaping and a rail car. Class size is limited, and registration must be completed by the Thursday before each class. Cost is \$5 per person. Call 647-4480.

9 a.m. to noon, Mountain View Market Co-op Farm volunteer day, Mountain View Market Farm, 2653 Snow Road. Interested in organic farming and local food production? Want to find out more about vermiculture, composting, laying hens, season extension and crop planning in our region? Come and volunteer at the Mountain View Market Farm in Mesilla. Free. Call 523-0436 for directions.

10 a.m. Family Science Saturday: Groundworks, Las Cruces Museum of Nature and Science, 411 N. Main St. Join the museum in August as the museum hosts the BLM Groundworks crew, a nonprofit organization that partners with local businesses to provide local youth with opportunities for personal and professional development by learning new skill sets and participating in community projects. This week's topic is spiders. All ages are welcome, from 3 to 93. Free. Call 522-3120.

10:30 a.m. Storytellers of Las Cruces, COAS Bookstores, 1101 S. Solano Drive and 317 S. Main St. This week, Louise O'Donnell will be the storyteller at the Downtown location Grits Wrangler will be the storyteller at the Solano location. COAS will give coupons for free books to all children who attend. Free. Call 524-8471.

11 a.m. to 1 p.m. FETCH! at the Farmers Market, Las Cruces Museum of Nature and Science, 411 N. Main St. Inspired by the popular TV show "FETCH! With Ruff Ruffman," stop by the FETCH! Lab and let your kids dig into science. This weekly activity exposes kids to real-world science with great hands-on activities. This week's topic is nanoscience. Free. Call 541-2137.

Noon to 5 p.m. La Frontera fair trade marketplace, Nopalito's Galería, 326 S. Mesquite St. Unique gifts hand-made by women in arts and crafts co-operatives from Mexico and the U.S. border region are available at this fair-trade store, with all proceeds going

directly to the women artisans. For more information, email ceber@nmsu.edu.

2 to 6 p.m. Live music with Laura Baroza, Sombra Antigua Winery, 430 La Viña Road, Chamberino, N.M. No cover. Call 915-241-4349.

5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Learn to play Middle Eastern rhythms, My Place Jewell, 132-B Wyatt Drive. No drum required but must call ahead for loaner drum. Cost \$2 per lesson. Call 693-1616.

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9 p.m. Live music with Dan Lambert, Pecan Grill & Brewery, 500 S. Telshor Blvd. No cover. Call 521-1099.

SUN. 8/2

7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Big Daddy's Flea Market, 5580 Bataan Memorial East. Indoor and outdoor vendors on 20 acres. A wide variety of items will be available. Call 382-9404.

10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday Farmers Market, Tractor Supply Co., 1440 W. Picacho Ave. This is a true farmers market with produce and food as the primary items, along with some arts and crafts. Free. Call 993-6521.

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2 p.m. Bluegrass, country and folk music jam, O'Donnell Hall, corner of Williams and Gregg Streets on the NMSU campus. All players are welcome. Free. Call 405-1290.

2 to 5 p.m. Live music with Steppin' Up, Rio Grande Winery, 5321 Highway 28. No cover. Call 524-3985.

2:30 to 5:30 p.m. Live music with Trifecta Jazz, Sombra Antigua Winery, 430 La Viña Road, Chamberino, N.M. No cover. Call 915-241-4349.

MON. 8/3

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AUGUST 7 - 13

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105 min.
High schooler Greg spends most of his time making parodies of classic movies with his co-worker Earl. But his outlook is forever altered after befriending Rachel who is gravely ill.
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5 to 6 p.m. Belly Dance Club, My Place Jewell, 132-B Wyatt Drive. Join one of the longest-running dance groups in the area. Open to ages 11 and older. Great low-impact exercise. Cost \$4 per lesson. Call 639-1616.

6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Argentine Tango de Las Cruces, 2251 Calle de Santiago, Mesilla. Daniel Haverporth will teach a class from 6:30 to 7:15 p.m., dances from 7:15 to 9:30 p.m. Cost \$5, NMSU students free with ID. Call 620-0377.

6:30 P.M. Every Other Tuesday: Celebrate Badger Clark with Pegie Douglas and Grits Wrangler, Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main St. Every Other Tuesday concert series presents "Celebrate Badger Clark." Scholar and musician Pegie Douglas is joined by reciter of poetry Grits Wrangler in celebration of the lift and poetry of South Dakota's first poet laureate Badger Clark. The EOT series offers a free venue for local performers to showcase their talents and promote upcoming performances at other venues. Free. Call 523-6403.

7 p.m. Doña Ana Photography Club meeting, Southwest Environmental Center, 275 N. Main St. This week, LeeAnn Meadows will present "Photographing the Doña Ana Community College Permanent Art Collection," including how to control light and reduce glare, and Ron Wolfe will present "Live Edits with Adobe PS Elements," demonstrating live edits using this software, a powerful tool to improve photos. Free. Call 522-1691 or visit www.daphoto-club.org.

WED. 8/5

8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Farmers & Crafts Market of Las Cruces, Main Street Downtown. Wide variety of arts and crafts, food, fresh produce, unique fine art, pet adoptions and more. Free. Visit www.fcmlc.org.

9 a.m. to noon, Mountain View Market Co-op Farm volunteer day, Mountain View Market Farm, 2653 Snow Road. Interested in organic farming and local food production? Want to find out more about vermiculture, composting, laying hens, season extension and crop planning in our region? Come and volunteer at the Mountain View Market Farm in Mesilla. Free. Call 523-0436 for directions.

5 to 8 p.m. Open mic, New Mexico State University Barnes & Noble, University Avenue and Jordan Road. Poetry and musicians alternate. Organized by David Rodriguez. Free. Call 646-4431.

8 to 10 p.m. Old-time fiddle music with Los Cacahuates, Spotted Dog Brewery, 2900 Avenida de Mesilla. No cover. Call 650-2729.

8 to 10 p.m. Open mic, Q's Steak, Pasta and Brewhouse, 1300 Avenida de Mesilla. No cover. Call 571-4350.

THU. 8/6

9 a.m. Grandma Mona's Science Story Time, Las Cruces Museum of Nature and Science, 411 N. Main St. Grandma Mona invites children ages 3 to 5 to the museum for Science Story Time the first Thursday of each month, to read a story relating to one of the many exhibits in the museum. This month we will read "The First Dog" by Jan Brett and "A Tree is Growing" by Arthur Dorros. Afterward, we will plant fruit and vegetable seeds to track which grow the fastest. Free. Call 522-3120.

1 to 3:30 p.m. Beg-inning to Advanced Drawing and Painting, My Place Jewell, 132-B Wyatt Drive. Watercolor, acrylic and water-soluble oil painting classes taught by art educator Wayne Carl Huber. Open enrollment starting any Thursday. Cost \$45 for four two and a half hour sessions. Call 647-5684.

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7 p.m. Big Band Dance Club, Court Youth Center, 402 W. Court Ave. The Big Band Dance Club invites you to join us to dance ballroom, country, swing and Latin styles. Beginner's group dance lesson begins at 7 p.m., dances from 8 to 10 p.m. Cost \$7 members, \$9 nonmembers. Call 526-6504.

FRI. 8/7

3 p.m. Evolved, Las Cruces Museum of Nature and Science, 411 N. Main St. Evolved is a program that makes circuits through time, discussing important points in evolution and the development of the world as it currently exists. This week, attendees will explore the story of the Mesozoic.

7 to 10 p.m. Live music, The Game Sports Bar and Grill, 2605 S. Espina St. No cover. Call 524-4263.

4 to 7 p.m. La Frontera fair trade marketplace, Nopalito's Galería, 326 S. Mesquite St. Unique gifts hand-made by women in arts and crafts co-operatives from Mexico and the U.S. border region are available at this fair-trade store, with all proceeds going directly to the women artisans. For more information, email ceber@nmsu.edu.

7 p.m. Howling Coyote Coffeehouse and open mic, Center for Spiritual Living, 575 N. Main St. The "granddaddy" of open mics in Las Cruces is open to acoustic musicians, poets, storytellers and singer-songwriters. Artist sign-up begins at 6:30 p.m. and performances begin at 7 p.m. Free. Call 525-9333.

8 to 10 p.m. Live music, Vintage Wines, 2461 Calle de Guadalupe. No cover. Call 523-9463.

9 p.m. Live music, Pecan Grill & Brewery, 500 S. Telshor Blvd. No cover. Call 521-1099.

SAT. 8/8

7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Big Daddy's Flea Market, 5580 Bataan Memorial East. Indoor and outdoor vendors on 20 acres. A wide variety of items will be available. Call 382-9404.

8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Farmers & Crafts Market of Las Cruces, Main Street Downtown. Wide variety of arts and crafts, food, fresh produce, unique fine art, pet adoptions and more. Free. Visit www.fcmlc.org.

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9 a.m. to noon, Model Scenicking Classes, Las Cruces Railroad Museum, 351 N. Mesilla St. Are you fascinated by the miniature trees and buildings on model train layouts? Are you interested in creating a miniature garden landscape and need help making structures? Have you ever wondered how to make a mountain or paint a rock? The Las Cruces Railroad Museum will offer model scenicking classes this summer which will teach all this and more. Classes will be Aug. 1 and Aug. 8. Parents and children over the age of 10 are encouraged to attend together. Children taking the class without an adult must be at least 12 years old. Participants will complete and take home a module with track, landscaping and a rail car. Class size is limited, and registration must be completed by the Thursday before each class. Cost is \$5 per person. Call 647-4480.

10 a.m. Family Science Saturday: Groundworks, Las Cruces Museum of Nature and Science, 411 N. Main St. Join the museum in August as the museum hosts the BLM Groundworks crew, a nonprofit organization that partners with local businesses to provide local youth with opportunities for personal and professional development by learning new skill sets and participating in community projects. This week's topic is bird feeders. All ages are welcome, from 3 to 93. Free. Call 522-3120.

10 a.m. to noon, Family Game Day, Las Cruces Railroad Museum, 351 N. Mesilla St. What types of games did families enjoy in the years before electronic games were invented? The Las Cruces Railroad Museum hosts Family Game Day on the second Saturday of each month. Develop hand-eye coordination with Jacks and Cup and Ball Toss, stimulate your mind with jigsaw and wooden puzzles or challenge friends to a game of Dominoes. Free. Call 647-4480.

10:30 a.m. Storytellers of Las Cruces, COAS Bookstores, 1101 S. Solano Drive and 317 S. Main St. This week, Terry Alvarez will be the storyteller at the Downtown location and Nancy Jenkins will be the storyteller at the Solano location. COAS will give coupons for free books to all children who attend. Free. Call 524-8471.

11 a.m. to 1 p.m. FETCH! at the Farmers Market, Las Cruces Museum of Nature and Science, 411 N. Main St. Inspired by the popular TV show "FETCH! With Ruff Ruffman," stop by the FETCH! Lab and let your kids dig into science. This weekly activity exposes kids to real-world science with great hands-on activities. This week's topic is "What's the Buzz." Free. Call 541-2137.

Noon to 5 p.m. La Frontera fair trade marketplace, Nopalito's Galería, 326 S. Mesquite St. Unique gifts hand-made by women in arts and crafts co-operatives from Mexico and the U.S. border region are available at this fair-trade store, with all proceeds going directly to the women artisans. For more information, email ceber@nmsu.edu.

2 to 6 p.m. Live music with Frontera Jazz, Sombra Antigua Winery, 430 La Viña Road, Chamberino, N.M. No cover. Call 915-241-4349.

4 to 10 p.m. Red, White and Blues Festival, St. Clair Winery and Bistro, 1720 Avenida de Mesilla. The Mesilla Valley Jazz and Blues Society (MVJBS) presets the second annual Red, White and Blues Festival, featuring performances from The Austin Jim Murphy four-piece band, The Muddy Hands Blues Band and the 24/7 Blues Band. Great wine and food will be available from the bistro on the lush foregarden. The MVJBS dedicated to promoting the U.S. art forms of jazz and blues music in southern New Mexico through performances and scholarships to local student musicians. Tickets are \$15 advance and \$20 at the door, available at St. Clair Winery and Bistro, Hubbard's Music-N-More and from www.mvjazzblues.net.



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Chala's slow-cooks to perfection

By Marissa Bond
The Las Cruces Bulletin

In southern New Mexico — filled as it is with so many delicious Mexican and New Mexican restaurants — it can be difficult to make a new venture stand out. Chala's Wood Fire Grill, 2790 Avenida de Mesilla, has only been open nine weeks, but its unique flavor stamp and polished finish is already gaining recognition in the community.

Chala's, under executive chef and owner Frankie Torres, is something of a family affair — manager Lorena Torres is his sister, and the restaurant is named after their grandmother.

When I visited Chala's for lunch with my husband, the little space inside the front room was full. The waitress seated us next door, in a dining

space that will formally open Wednesday, Aug. 5.

"This whole time we've been functioning out of the main area mainly as take-out, but everyone enjoyed sitting down, so we put the pedal to the metal in expanding our dining options," Lorena Torres said.

The owner has put care into creating a mood for the restaurant. The window to the kitchen is framed in reclaimed wood colored with rustic stain. The bar area — I was told they would soon be serving beer and wine — is paneled with raw barn wood. Overhead, a string of Edison bulbs are linked along wood slats. The effect is very modern rustic, both familiar and classy. The yellow hum of the Edison coils was very

THE DETAILS

WHAT: Chala's Wood Fire Grill

WHERE: 2790 Avenida de Mesilla

HOURS: 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday; 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday; closed Sunday

PHONE: 652-4143

charming, and the space seems like it would be a great choice for a special event dinner.

Our waitress offered us free chips and salsa if we checked in on Facebook, but I declined. I absolutely understand a new restaurant looking for ways to get the word out, but as a New Mexican transplant spoiled to the ubiquity of complimentary chips and salsa, I can't help but hope the social media requirement falls away as the restaurant becomes more well-known.

Later, Lorena Torres saw me taking pictures, and again offered chips if we posted them online. When I explained my Facebook aversion, she generously offered us chips on our next visit anyway.

The menu listings are mostly Mexican dishes, but include intriguing additions such as chicken and barley salad or beans and quinoa, tossed in sherry vinegar. My husband ordered a steak fajita burrito and I ordered chicken tacos before adding an impulse side order of fideo.

Our food took a while to come to us, but it was well worth the wait. The fideos were — and I say this at great personal risk to my health and happiness — very nearly as good as my mother-in-law's homemade version. The noodles were well-browned from the skillet. They did not

have chunks of tomato and onion, but a uniform deep red sauce, savory and a little spicier than I was expecting but utterly superb.

The presentation of the tacos revealed the touch of a trained chef. Soft corn tortillas fanned open, filled with pillowy nuggets of golden chicken nestled with fresh radish sprouts and blanketed by two vellum slices of radish. A stainless steel ramekin held the red chile citrus vinaigrette. Visually, it was appealing but approachable.

Far more importantly, they were delicious. The chicken was flavorful and juicy, and the vinaigrette was thicker than expected, making a nice and not-too-messy flavor complement to the tacos themselves. The whole effect was bright and well-balanced, the citrus notes invigorating the chicken while the chile made it more interesting without overpowering the savory flavor.

My husband's fajita burrito was expletive-levels of amazing. The steak was rich and tender, the red peppers cooked soft while retaining their integrity and the onions were, due to personal preference, avoided, so I cannot comment on them. But the burrito was also filled with sour cream, guacamole and cheese — all flavors I am familiar with, but somehow



Chala's Wood Fire Grill, now open at 2790 Avenida de Mesilla, stands out with flavorful dishes and fresh ingredients.

the combination exceeded the sum of their parts.

Torres said the empanadas and their fillings were all handmade, so I ordered a peach one. It took a little while to warm up, but I am so glad I ordered it — it was golden brown and scattered with coarse sugar crystals. It was a little larger and flatter than I expected, though not off-putting — the crust was crisp and just sweet enough to be interesting while not competing with the sweet tang of the peaches. In retrospect, I should have ordered two.

The only items on the menu not yet available are the cabrito tacos. Torres said they were looking for fresh goat's milk to use in making the cajeta in which they roast the cabrito — an attention to detail I think worth waiting for.

I asked if all the ingre-

dients were fresh.

"The chef that (Frankie Torres) trained under in Dallas was all about wood fire and fresh ingredients," Torres said. "They didn't have a freezer or a microwave there, and we don't have one here — and we never will."

The freshness of the ingredients is evident in the food. The dining experience was not a hurried, slapdash affair, but one to come and savor. Everything was fresh and cooked to order, which accordingly took time — but a great meal is worth the wait. Chala's is definitely worth it — in a town blessed with many delicious Mexican restaurants, Chala's has found style and flavor that stands out as uniquely its own.

Marissa Bond can be reached at marissa@lascrucesbulletin.com.

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Tequila, Tacos and Cerveza Festival



The Tequila, Tacos and Cerveza Festival drew thousands to the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum Friday, July 24.



Josh Archuleta of Las Cruces plays a game at the Vescovo booth for a chance to win prizes.



Jessi Thompson, Joe Tillman and Demetrius Rel attended the event.



Ray Gonzalez of Party Tenders was one of the many vendors at the event.

Galleries & Openings

LAST CHANCE

ART OBSCURA GALLERY presents "A Square is a Square is a Square," a collaboration with the NMSU Department of Art course Art 450, an advanced painting and drawing class offered this summer. Professor Tauna Cole-Dorn set the class theme as "small works," challenging students to produce 16 paintings or drawings each based on their own written proposals for the series. Students chose either 4" x 4" or 6" x 6" to create a body of work. Artists include Lisa Lopez, Kerry Forsythe, Monique Harrison, Joseph Valdez, Katy Neely and Ann Marie "Alexis" Gallegos. "A Square is a Square is a Square" will remain on display through the first week of August.

Art Obscura Gallery is located at 3206 Harrelson St. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday through Saturday and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday. For more information, call 494-7256.

OPENING

NOPALITO'S GALERÍA presents "Life Looks Good on You," an exhibit of multimedia artwork by Lily Walden. The show runs Aug. 1 to 31, with an opening reception scheduled for 7 to 9 p.m. Friday, Aug. 7. "Life Looks Good on You" will remain on display through Monday, Aug. 31.

Nopalito's Galería is located at 326 S. Mesquite St. Gallery hours are 4 to 7 p.m. Friday and noon to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. For more information, call 524-0003.

LULU FINE ART GALLERY presents "Reflections on the Journey," an exhibit of original photography by Renee Popovich, opening with an artist's reception from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 6. "Reflections on the Journey" will remain on display through the end of August.

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.

ONGOING

AA STUDIOS presents "Paint on Metal," a show by El Paso painter Timothy Hanlon. "Paint on Metal" will remain on display through Aug. 29.

Aa Studios is located 2645 Doña Ana Road. Gallery hours are by appointment the second weekend of the month, 5 to 8 p.m. Friday, 1 to 5 p.m. Saturday and 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call 520-8752.

ART ON EASELS GALLERY, located inside the Community Enterprise Center, features nearly 50 works by members of the Las Cruces Arts Association.

The Community Enterprise Center is located at 125 N. Main St. Art on Easels Gallery is open from 5 to 7 p.m. during each First Friday Downtown Art Ramble, as well as during the Las Cruces Farmers & Craft Market on the first and third Saturdays of the month. For more information, visit www.lascrucesarts.com.

NEW MEXICO STATE UNIVERSITY ART GALLERY presents its summer 2015 exhibit, "Re: Visioning the West," a group show curated by UAG gallery director Marisa Sage. This group show was juried by the UAG Review Board from more than 100 international applicants who applied for an open call made by the gallery for exhibition proposals. Featured artists are Jeffery DaCosta, Felice House, Dana Younger, Kathleen Scott and Millee Tibbs. "Re: Visioning the West" challenges the audience to consider our beloved West in a new light. We ask our viewers to examine the clichés and nostalgic visions of the "Old" West as myth, and consider these contemporary artists' views of the West as telling a layered story of our complex relationship with the tenet of Manifest Destiny. "Re: Visioning the West" will remain on display through Aug. 22.

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 www.uag.nmsu.edu or call 646-2545.

DOÑA ANA COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER is currently displaying more than 100 pieces of new, original artwork created by students from Las Cruces Public Schools

PLAYBILL

OPENING SOON:

Renee Popovich: Reflections of the Journey
Lulu Fine Art Gallery
1800 Avenida de Mesilla
Opens Thursday, Aug. 6

From the Ground UP XXVII
Las Cruces Museum of Art
491 N. Main St.
Opens Friday, Aug. 7

Micah Pearson: The Gateway
Big Picture Digital Image Experts
311 N. Main St.
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Paul Schranz: Entropy / Deb Johnson: Industrial Devolution
West End Art Depot
401 N. Mesilla St.
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Sally Quillin
El Paso Electric Gallery
211 N. Main St.
Opens Friday, Aug. 7

Rosario Jeremias
Mas Art
126 S. Main St.
Opens Friday, Aug. 7

Deret Roberts: Casting Shadows
Art Obscura Gallery
3206 Harrelson St.
Opens Saturday, Aug. 8

Native New Mexico: The Art of Collette Marie
New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum
4100 Dripping Springs Road
Opens Thursday, Aug. 13

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.

'A Little Chaos,' indeed

Review by Jeff Berg
For the Las Cruces Bulletin

"A Little Chaos" is a handsomely mounted costume drama that purports to tell the story of the design of part of the heralded Gardens of Versailles near Paris, but alas, falls a bit short.

It is not a "load of compost," as was suggested by a far more evil reviewer than I, and it shows promise as a director for Alan Rickman, who also co-stars as King Louis XIV.

Sabine de Barra, played by Kate Winslet, is a landscape architect in 1682 France, something that was probably mighty rare among people of her gender at the time. De Barra is a fictional character, superimposed into the film, I suspect, to try and show a woman would actually have such an opportunity to do something as important as this for the royals.

She is hired by a real-life person Andre Le Notre, who was a landscaper, although in real life he was twice the age of the actor, Matthias Schoenaerts (Oak in the recent "Far from the Madding Crowd") who portrays him here.

Anyway, Le Notre hires Sabine for the job while not really offering any real reason why, since he at first soundly rejects

was rejected for the position himself, along with a hard working crew.

While all this occurs, a subtle romance grows between Sabine and Andre, who is married to a shrew who is very similar to my first wife. There is no love in that relationship and, in fact, she is paying another man of wealth in gold doubloons to take care of her "needs" on the side.

Stanley Tucci enters the film briefly as an earl, possibly as a bit of comic relief, and I wished he'd had been able to offer even more.

Fighting constant bad weather and deadlines, Sabine continues her project, looking haggard and weary most of the time. The relationship with the handsome and smart Andre grows, while a back story, involving the death of Sabine's husband and daughter seems like an unnecessary addition to the film.

her during her first interview.

Sabine becomes a workaholic and then some with this project, enlisting little help other than that offered by one of the gentlemen who



Director Alan Rickman, left, stars in the King Louis XIV period drama "A Little Chaos" alongside Kate Winslet. "A Little Chaos" opens Friday, Aug. 31, for a weeklong run at the Fountain Theatre in Mesilla.

Rickman does a great job as King Louis, and directs some outstanding scenes in the film – the ones that last several minutes, including one where Sabine mistakes King L as a gardener as he seeks solace in a small fenced off garden area, and another where she and some ladies of leisure are given court to the King. These scenes are truly moving and memorable, but the

jump-cut editing and the sometimes-stilted storyline do detract from the movie.

Costuming is grand, bodice heaving is mighty fine and there are some pull shots Rickman does that offer small but fine looks at the characters and scenery.

"A Little Chaos" is a great film for a mind-relaxing two hours, but like so many other decent movies, it will soon be

gathering dust on the DVD shelves.

Please note new showtimes for the Fountain Theatre: 7:30 p.m. Friday through Wednesday, with matinees at 2:30 p.m. Sunday and 1:30 p.m. Thursday and Saturday. There will no longer be a Thursday evening show.

Jeff Berg can be reached at nedludd76@hotmail.com.

FILM REVIEW

GRADE

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"A Little Chaos" opens Friday, July 31, at Le Fountain Theatre in Le Mesilla. It is in English (should've been in French) and is not for the young'uns or those offended by clothed sex.

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

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

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BrainGames



Word Salsa

Circle these English words and their Spanish equivalents that appear in the grid horizontally, vertically, diagonally and backward. Encierre estas palabras en inglés y sus equivalentes en español que aparecen al revés, horizontal, vertical y diagonalmente.

A CARIBBEAN-LIKE FEEL

ENGLISH	SPANISH
BAMBOO	BAMBÚ
BEACH	PLAYA
GRASS SKIRT	FALDA DE LA HIERBA
PALM TREE	PALMERA
PARADISE	PARAÍSO
HUMID	HUMEDO
RAIN FOREST	PLUVIELVA
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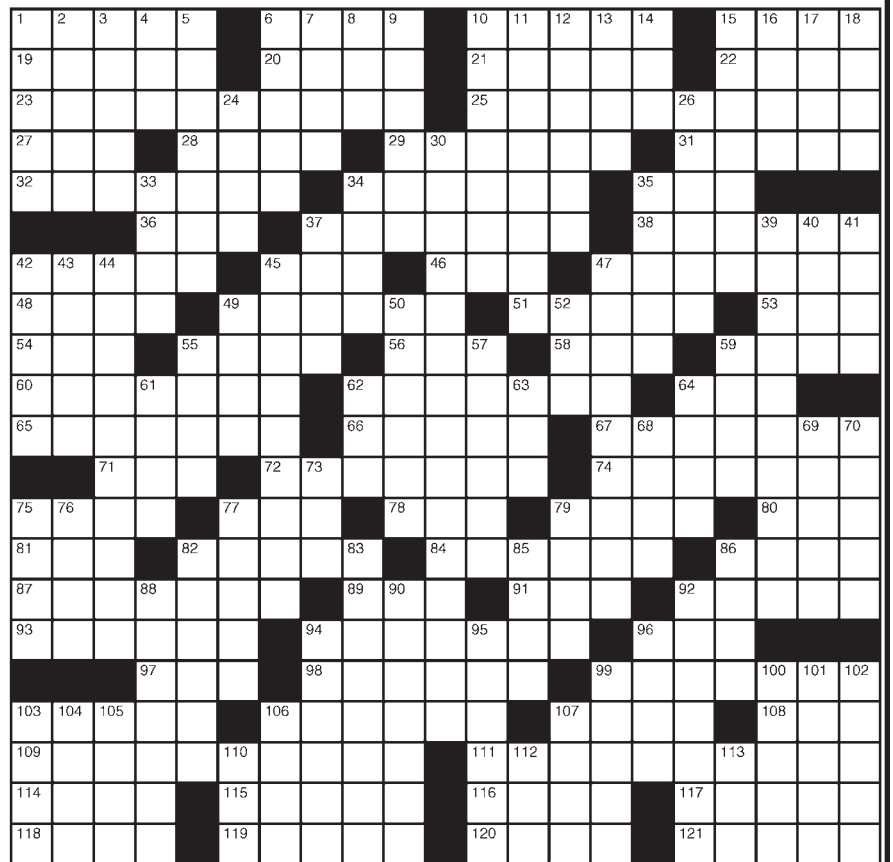
Diagramless, 21 x 21

Like a regular crossword but with an added challenge. Sleuths must also create the diagram and figure out where the numbers and black squares go.

- ACROSS**
- 1 Farm sound
 - 4 Extends
 - 10 Plant with yellow flowers usually
 - 12 Shadows
 - 13 Shelter
 - 14 Break out
 - 15 Antiseptic
 - 16 Dog command
 - 17 Equal
 - 18 Biblical suffix
 - 19 Drab
 - 23 Afternoon nap
 - 27 Neck section
 - 28 "Planet of the Apes" director, Burton
 - 29 Type of carpet
 - 31 Chichi
 - 32 St. Thomas, e.g.
 - 34 Affix
 - 35 Hollywood aka
 - 41 Puppy
 - 44 Window
 - 45 Honey maker
 - 46 Small egg
 - 47 Blockhead
 - 48 Eliminator
 - 51 Indication
 - 53 Emanate
 - 54 Deftly
 - 55 Focal points
 - 57 Allegiance
 - 58 Bellum and brum beginner
 - 60 Whirlpools
 - 64 Proclamation
 - 66 Final degree
 - 67 Finland native
 - 70 Fashion designer, Anna
 - 71 Seafarer
 - 73 Comestible
 - 77 Give work to
 - 78 Hold onto
 - 79 Fable maker
 - 80 Deadly fly
 - 81 Not used
- DOWN**
- 1 Having a neck adornment, perhaps
 - 2 Metal support for logs
 - 3 Unknown writer
 - 4 Parisian street
 - 5 Middle of the alphabet letters
 - 6 Law and Order network
 - 7 Does away with
 - 8 N. American deer
 - 9 Boil
 - 10 Monopoly piece
 - 11 Reverence
 - 13 Drink daintily
 - 20 Existed
 - 21 British doctorate
 - 22 Dough raiser
 - 24 Meanderer
 - 25 Little South American monkey
 - 26 AKA pentyl
 - 30 World geography aid
 - 31 Prefix indicating English ethnicity
 - 33 Pitchers
 - 35 Moved one way and then the other
 - 36 Humor with a twist
 - 37 Zip
 - 38 Bishop's jurisdiction
 - 39 Can be Dutch
 - 40 Under
 - 41 Wyatt's Holiday
 - 42 Eggs
 - 43 Based on instincts
 - 49 Poker card
 - 50 Fix deeply
 - 51 Satisfy
 - 52 Latin, in the same book
 - 56 Hindu title
 - 59 Planetary light obstruction
 - 61 Advertisement within a newspaper
 - 62 Musical pieces
 - 63 Branch of Islam
 - 65 Soap and candle material
 - 68 A deck
 - 69 Stick your nose in
 - 71 Arctic for one
 - 72 Prayer ending
 - 74 Man or mobile?
 - 75 Fleur-de-___
 - 76 Compass direction

AVIAN ADVENTURE

- ACROSS**
- 1 Be worthy of
 - 6 Bean paste
 - 10 Actress Oberon
 - 15 Pers. with a handle?
 - 19 Mites
 - 20 Writer Wister
 - 21 Muslim prince: var.
 - 22 Mobile starter?
 - 23 Connected in an avian manner?
 - 25 Avian dance?
 - 27 Alternative to lager
 - 28 Wire thickness units
 - 29 Eyelike window
 - 31 Works for
 - 32 False report?
 - 34 Iran's capital
 - 35 Actor Mineo
 - 36 Aloof
 - 37 Tank toppers
 - 38 Row, row, row your boat
 - 42 Rock debris
 - 45 D.C. big shot
 - 46 Wedding vow
 - 47 Kingdom founded by St. Stephen
 - 48 Univ. teacher
 - 49 Vast amounts
 - 51 Certain grasses
 - 53 Hosp. personnel
 - 54 Chit
 - 55 Junk e-mail
 - 56 Addams Family cousin
 - 58 Ques. response
 - 59 Highland tongue
 - 60 Outline
 - 62 Gather greedily
 - 64 Cpl. or sgt.
 - 65 Undersign
 - 66 Camera-ready copy
 - 67 Part of EKG
 - 71 Veteran's abbr.
 - 72 Collided
 - 74 Nurse
 - 75 Couples
 - 77 In favor of
 - 78 Part of Canada's Y.T.
 - 79 Squeal to a halt
 - 80 Majority of V
 - 81 Go up and down
 - 82 By oneself
 - 84 Swayed to and fro
 - 86 Cay or key
 - 87 Bad part of town
 - 89 Pledge
 - 91 Covered up
 - 92 ___ chloride (refrigerant)
 - 93 Extreme poverty
 - 94 Animal Planet's "___ Manor"
 - 96 FDR's Blue Eagle
 - 97 ID's on jerseys
 - 98 Passionate
 - 99 Container for a fossil fuel
 - 103 Cheap cigar
 - 106 Weasel cousin
 - 107 Pub potatoes
 - 108 One for Pierre
 - 109 Avian con game?
 - 111 Avian lawyer?
 - 114 Nabisco treat
 - 115 Spartan market
 - 116 Costello and Gehrig
 - 117 Miffed
 - 118 Twixt 12 and 20
 - 119 Staircase support
 - 120 Piece of cake
 - 121 Proofreader's marks
- DOWN**
- 1 "Call Me ___"
 - 2 Pathogenic bacteria
 - 3 Great reviews
 - 4 Anger
 - 5 Insect-eating birds
 - 6 Linen fabric
 - 7 Birds in barns
 - 8 Charge
 - 9 One causing a downfall
 - 10 Aged
 - 11 Successful mimic
 - 12 Second showings
 - 13 Birds' display areas
 - 14 Before, briefly
 - 15 Shop-at-home guide
 - 16 Hamilton's rival
 - 17 Berkshire college
 - 18 Goes bad
 - 24 Affectedly nonchalant
 - 26 Longs (for)
 - 30 Avian architect?
 - 33 Feudal estate
 - 34 Sushi choice
 - 35 Potatoes
 - 37 Abound
 - 39 Avian mimic?
 - 40 Sea eagles
 - 41 Subside, as symptoms
 - 42 Enliven, with "up"
 - 43 Sing like Bing
 - 44 Avian tournament?
 - 45 Avian guardian?
 - 47 Harassed avian-style?
 - 49 Unnamed work
 - 50 Like Miss Congeniality
 - 52 Cannes water
 - 55 Put in order
 - 57 Bullfighter
 - 59 ___ homo (Behold the man!)
 - 61 Boot tips
 - 62 Mexican Mme.
 - 63 Detachable container
 - 64 Unhip one
 - 68 Set down
 - 69 Clouded by sediment
 - 70 Architectural projection
 - 73 Howard or Ely
 - 75 Cookbook abbr.
 - 76 Game to
 - 77 Gambits
 - 79 "Laugh-In" segment
 - 82 Dry gulch
 - 83 For eternity
 - 85 Shoot the breeze
 - 86 Romance lang.
 - 88 Castle cell
 - 90 Of a parent-child
 - 92 Error removers
 - 94 Bone's pith
 - 95 Funeral tollings
 - 96 Comedic Coward
 - 99 Purse closer
 - 100 Horn for reveille
 - 101 Channel opening
 - 102 Urgent wants
 - 103 Jam or pickle
 - 104 Make weary
 - 105 Arch type
 - 106 Slight lead
 - 107 Spanish water
 - 110 Bobbsey twin
 - 112 Long time
 - 113 River island



Word Salsa

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 EROHOCWKYJLKOE
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Diagramless

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For more information, call 532-0902.

AUTUMN BAZAAR

Western Hills United Methodist Women are seeking vendors for their Autumn Bazaar, help 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, October 10, at the Stewart Family Life Center, 524-A Thunderbird Drive. The cost is \$50 per space and tables are limited.

For more information, call Sharon Gonzales at 584-2326.

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St. Mary's is looking for a pianist for Sunday services.

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Men are invited to gather from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Sundays at Wellspring Church, 140 Taylor Road, to discuss spiritual issues and the male persona. All are welcome for coffee, camaraderie and topics for guys in search of a path that works. For more information, call 647-2560.

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The Unitarian Universalist Church, 2000 S. Solano Drive, offers Modern Buddhism meditation classes, sponsored by the Kadampa Meditation Center, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. the first and third Saturday of each month in the R.S. Great Room. Classes are open to the public. A \$10 donation is suggested. For more information, call 496-4271.

BOOK STUDY

New, open, spiritual book study meets from 6 to 7:30 p.m. every other Wednesday at the Bahai'i Information Center, 525 E. Lohman Ave.

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Holy Family American Catholic Church, 702 Parker Road, presents the Liturgy of the Hours/Morning Prayer

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A Christian men's luncheon meets at noon every Tuesday at IHOP, 2900 Del Rey Blvd., for open discussion. Bring a friend. For more information, call 635-7262.

PEACE LUTHERAN PRAYER GROUPS

Peace Lutheran Church, 1701 E. Missouri Ave., offers two weekly prayer groups. Centering Prayer meets 9 a.m. Saturdays for 20 to 30 minutes and offers a chance for silent prayer and personal reflection with God. Women Gather for Prayer meets from 4 to 5 p.m. Mondays. For more information, call the church office at 522-7119.

DISCOVER THE FAITH

"Touching hearts and minds through God's unchanging Word in an ever-changing world" is what Mission Lutheran Church and School, 2752 N. Roadrunner Parkway, is all about. Come learn and study God's Word. Worship service is held 9 a.m. Sunday mornings, followed by Bible study and fellowship for all ages. For those new to the faith, there is a "Discover the Faith" class held 10 a.m. Saturday mornings. Mission Lutheran also has an accredited day school for preschool through fifth grade.

For more information, the church office may be reached at 522-0465 and the school at 532-5489.

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Rey de Reyes conducts a Spanish language worship service at 7 p.m. Thursdays, at Mission Lutheran Church, 2752 N. Roadrunner Parkway. All Spanish speakers are invited to come and worship with us. For information and questions, call 571-2310.

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The Good Samaritan Society-Las Cruces Village, 3025 Terrace Drive, presents a complete self-study spiritual thought system called A Course In Miracles from

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SATURDAY VESPERS

St. Anthony of the Desert Orthodox Mission, located at the Kendrick Chapel at 518 N. Alameda Blvd., invites visitors to Vespers 5 p.m. Saturdays. The evening service of prayer and praise is a good introduction to the biblical foundation and spirituality of Eastern Orthodox Christianity and includes a sermon, occasionally with discussion afterward.

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KELP RADIO MINISTRY

Calvary Chapel Las Cruces hosts a radio ministry 12:30 p.m. Monday through Friday on KELP 89.3 FM. The program features the ministry of Pastor Robert "Bob" Ortega Jr. as he teaches from the Word of God. For questions, comments or prayer regarding the program, call the church fellowship at 524-0985.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL THRIFT STORE

St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store, 1250 W. Picacho Ave., currently has a large selection of new gowns for special occasions for \$10. The store accepts donations of gently used clothing, household goods, appliances and furniture, which can be dropped off at the Thrift Store on Monday or Tuesday mornings, or at the Holy Cross church office.

Store hours are 9 a.m. to noon Mondays, Tuesdays and the first Saturday of each month. For more information, call 523-0167.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES VOLUNTEERS

Catholic Charities Store, 2205 S. Main St., is looking for volunteers. Helping at the store is a way to contribute to reduce poverty in our community by making available clothing and household items that can be purchased at low prices or for free through our voucher program managed by our partners. For volunteer opportunities, call 527-0500 or 523-7577.

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The Good News Thrift Store, 144 Wyatt Drive, is now accepting donations, which are tax deductible. Free pick-up is available. The store, which helps women after they leave prison, is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday. For more information, call 649-2922.

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Multi-faceted research on chipmunks enhances NMSU public education program

By **Jocelyn N. Apodaca**
For the Las Cruces Bulletin

More than just a cute and cuddly critter, the Oscura Mountain chipmunk is providing New Mexico State University Fish and Wildlife researchers with vital habitat information on an entirely unique kind of animal.

Chipmunks are found in coniferous forest habitats. In the arid environments of southern New Mexico, these forests only occur along the cool, high slopes of mountaintops. Each of the larger mountain ranges has its own unique kind of chipmunk — the Organ Mountain chipmunk, found adjacent to Las Cruces, and the Oscura Mountain chipmunk,

which occurs solely in the mountains at the north end of White Sands Missile Range.

“Southern New Mexico is a very interesting place for chipmunks,” said Jennifer Frey, an



NEW MEXICO STATE UNIVERSITY PHOTO

The Organ Mountain chipmunk can easily be spotted during a day hike through the Aguirre Springs trail and campground. It is common to catch them stockpiling seeds and nuts for their winter hibernation.

associate professor in the Department of Fish, Wildlife and Conservation Ecology at NMSU. “We have at least six different kinds of chipmunks here, and most of them don’t occur anywhere else on the planet.”

The chipmunks were able to reach the mountains of southern New Mexico during the Ice Age era when the climate was cooler and the conifer trees grew at lower elevations. The chipmunks are now trapped on their particular mountaintop is-

lands of forest.

Developing a means of observing the chipmunks and their behavior, Frey and her team of graduate researchers are using very sophisticated remote cameras to help monitor the chipmunks. The cameras, similar to the ones hunters use to track game, are fastened to an apparatus baited with peanut butter in PVC tubing. This method draws animals to the camera, and a photo is taken as the animals approach the bait.

“Gray fox, deer, black

bears, an array of birds, rats and mice have all been captured in the photos also, allowing us to learn about the wildlife in general,” Frey said.

The remote cameras will allow the researchers to monitor the chipmunks to ensure the populations remain healthy.

The habitats where these chipmunks occur are often remote and rugged. Because of this, it has been difficult for researchers to study the

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One hot meal

As a kid, Mom always prepared home cooked meals. She was great at it too — nothing extravagant, not gourmet, but always delicious. On Sundays, Mom would prepare an after-church midday dinner that required more planning and preparation. The day before, I'd catch her thumbing through favorite cookbook tomes — such as Betty's Crocker's — in search of ideas.

These days, meal planning is a luxury, especially for those who lead fast-paced lifestyles. But once in awhile, it's fun to meal-plan and to spend extra time in the kitchen to create salivating dishes for family or friends. Needless to say, those of us living in "pepperland" prefer our meals feathered and flavored with our beloved chile. This week, I offer recipes for a complete meal: an entrée, two side options and one blush-inducing sweet-heat dessert.

Maui-Style Pork Chops (Serves 6-8)

- 8 large boneless pork chops, cut 1-inch thick
- 2 teaspoons crushed celery seeds
- 1 tablespoon cracked black pepper
- 3 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 clove garlic, finely minced
- 1/2 cup brandy whisked with 1/4 teaspoon habanero powder



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- 1/4 teaspoon habanero powder
- 1/2 cup Spicy V-8 juice
- 1 mango, chopped
- 1 small papaya, chopped
- 1 cup pineapple chunks in juice

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Coat the chops with celery seeds and black pepper. Heat a skillet until a drop of water quickly sizzles away. Add the olive oil and stir to coat the pan. Braise the chops until they lightly brown on all sides. Remove the chops to a plate, add the garlic to the pan and deglaze the pan with brandy-habanero mix.

Pour deglazed sauce into a 10x13-inch casserole dish and spread to coat the bottom. Pour the tomato juice into the casserole dish, and then add the browned chops, separating them so they don't touch. Top the chops with mango, papaya, pineapple chunks and pineapple juice. Cover the casserole dish with aluminum foil and bake for two hours. Remove from the oven, place the chops on individual serving plates, top with some of the fruit and sauce and serve warm. (Adapted from Savor the Southwest by Barbara Pool Fenzl, Bay Books, 1999)

Oven Roasted Vegetables (Serves 8-10)

- 1 tablespoon unsalted butter, melted
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 tablespoon balsamic vinegar
- 2 carrots, cut into thirds
- 2 parsnips, cut into thirds
- 1/2 rutabaga, peeled and cut into chunks
- 6 small onions, 2 inches in diameter, peeled
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper to taste
- 2 small Japanese eggplants, cut in half lengthwise, then in half crosswise
- 1 zucchini, cut in half length-wise, then in thirds
- 1 yellow squash, cut in half lengthwise, then in thirds
- 1 small poblano pepper, stemmed, seeded, cut in half length-wise, then in thirds
- 1 serrano pepper, stemmed, seeded and roughly chopped
- 2 Portobello mushrooms, stems removed, caps cut in half
- 3/4 teaspoon fresh thyme leaves
- 3/4 cup tomato chunks

Preheat a heavy ovenproof skillet or roasting pan in a 400 degree oven.

In a small bowl, mix together the butter, olive oil and balsamic vinegar. In a large bowl, toss the carrots, parsnips, rutabaga and onions with half of the butter-oil

mixture. Season the vegetables with salt and pepper to taste. Place the seasoned root vegetables into the hot skillet and bake 15 minutes.

Toss the eggplants, zucchini, yellow squash, poblano pepper, serrano pepper and mushrooms in a large bowl with the rest of the butter-oil mixture. Season with salt and pepper to taste and add to the pan with the root vegetables. Roast, uncovered, in the oven until the onions are soft, about 15 more minutes.

Remove from oven and stir in the thyme and tomatoes. Serve immediately. (Adapted from Southwest Lite by Bob Wiseman, Northland Publishing, 2005)

Indian Summer Succotash (Serves 4 as a side; recipe can be doubled)

- 1 tablespoon vegetable oil
- 1/2 cup onion, minced
- 1 garlic glove, minced
- 2 strips black pepper bacon, finely chopped
- 2 cups frozen shelled edamame, thawed
- 1 cup frozen sweet corn, thawed
- 1/4 cup minced jarred roasted red pepper
- 1 jalapeño, stemmed, seeded and chopped

Add the vegetable oil to a large skillet set over medium heat. When the oil is hot, add the onion and garlic and cook, stirring occasionally, until

the vegetables soften, about five minutes.

Add the edamame, corn, roasted red pepper and jalapeño pepper and cook for another minute or two, until the vegetables are cooked through but still crisp. Season taste with salt and pepper. Serve hot or at room temperature. Cover and refrigerate leftovers.

Optional: Christen the hot-from-the-oven works with a dollop or two of whipped butter.

"Smoked" Frozen Bananas (Serves 1)

For each serving:

- 3/4 sliced banana, frozen (peel banana, slice rounds on a plate, lay the slices flat separated from one another and freeze for about 1/2 hour.
- 1 tablespoon almond butter
- Pinch sea salt or kosher salt
- Chipotle olive oil
- Ground chipotle powder

Remove banana slices from the freezer. Drizzle with chipotle olive oil and sprinkle the lot with chipotle powder.

Option: Substitute chipotle olive oil with red chile olive oil and the ground chipotle powder with cayenne pepper. Put banana slices in a bowl and top with a swirl of Cool Whip. (Adapted from *takebackthekitchen.com*)

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chipmunks living on these mountaintop islands of forest.

"We don't know a lot about them yet," Frey said. "One of the goals of my research is to understand where they occur and the kinds of habitats they need in

order to survive."

This particular study with graduate researcher Ian Perkins-Taylor began in January and will continue for two years, though Frey has been studying local populations of chipmunks for more than 10 years.

Researchers will learn a wide range of population-based data regarding the chipmunks.

"We want to be able to provide information on the certain wildlife people can expect to see and have more enjoyment when they visit the areas."

Hikers, wildlife enthu-

siasts and families camping in the Organ Mountains and other high mountains in southern New Mexico can expect to see chipmunks active during the day in the spring, summer and fall months, as they are a diurnal mammal, unlike many of the other wildlife popula-

tions of the Southwest. The chipmunks feed on nuts, seeds, insects and plant roots and live approximately two to three years.

Aiding in conservation, another goal of Frey's is to add the chipmunk to her public education program. As the curator for the NMSU

Wildlife Museum, she intends to teach children and adults throughout the Las Cruces community about the type of wildlife found in the nearby region.

For more information on the public education program, visit www.web.nmsu.edu/~jfrey/wildlifemuseum.html.

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Making it work: World Breastfeeding Week raises awareness

By Marissa Bond
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Adrianna Rigales' daughter, Elise, was born with a cleft lip and cleft palate. She was unable to latch on to nurse, but Rigales knew the importance of breastfeeding and was committed to being able to provide her daughter with breast milk.

"Having breastfed my son for two years, it was devastating to me that I couldn't breastfeed her, so the next best thing I could do for her would be to pump," Rigales said.

For 14 months, Rigales pumped 10 to 12 times within each 24 hour period in order to maintain her milk supply. In order to keep a regular schedule, Rigales needed to pump three to four times during the workday.

August 1-7 is World Breastfeeding Week, and this year's theme is "Let's Make it Work," highlighting the right for parents to breastfeed in the workplace and ensuring both parents and employers are aware of the laws in place to protect pumping in the workplace.

"When you think of breastfeeding you don't imagine your role," said Marisol Kearney, a breastfeeding workplace liaison with the New Mexico Breastfeeding Taskforce.

"But everyone in the community has a role and it's an important role, even if it is just being patient with a mother who is breastfeeding and understanding that it is natural and normal and healthy."

In New Mexico, employers must provide nursing employees with flexible break times and a clean, private space for the using the breast pump that is

near the employee's workspace but not a bathroom.

"They just need a space and it needs to be private and clean," Kearney said. "Sometimes that can look like the supply closet, and you are pumping right next to the manila folders, or it can be a space behind a screen, or a closed door with your back to it."

As an employee in Memorial Medical Center's Neonatal Intensive Care Unit, Rigales' workspace had many spaces for her to pump.

"I was lucky," Rigales said. "I don't know how it would be in a different setting, but I work in the NICU at Memorial Medical Center, so we have a breastfeeding room for our patients and we also have a breastfeeding employee space where we have a chair, like a bedside table, a TV, a bathroom in there. Enough for two people if needed, so we have an extra curtain that can be drawn, we see each other all the time anyway so we just become comfortable with it, don't see it as anything to be ashamed of."

Pumping in the workplace is important to maintaining a steady supply of milk.

"It's a supply and demand, so if you don't remove, you're not going to make more," Rigales said. "If I would have only pumped 5 times in a 24 hour period, I would not have had the supply that I do have for her."

The benefits of breast milk in comparison with formula are well-documented. Among many potential benefits, studies have found a positive correlation between breastfeeding and cognitive development. Breastfeeding

is associated with a lower risk of respiratory tract infections and may reduce the risk of Type 2 diabetes. A 2002 study in Scotland found that breastfeeding reduced the risk of obesity by 30 percent by age 3. As research continues, the list of quantifiable benefits of breastfeeding continues to grow.

The World Health Organization recommends breastfeeding exclusively for the first six months, gradually introducing other foods along with continued breastfeeding for two years and beyond.

"Moms want to do the best things for their babies," nurse and lactation consultant Kathy Douglas said. "Many moms need to work financially in order to help their household, so they shouldn't have to compromise — they shouldn't have to choose. So they are giving their baby the best possible food and they are able to continue that very well by pumping when they are away from home."

Rigales credits breastfeeding her daughter with improved health.

"Usually babies born with cleft lip and cleft palates are prone to ear infections, and since I was able to pump for her she only got one ear infection to date," Rigales said. "Her health has been really, really good, and I've been lucky that she doesn't get sick or get infections."

Douglas said a healthy baby benefits employers, too.

"If the employer can accommodate the mom in that way — and they need to, it's what the law says — the mom's going to be a really loyal employee,"

she said.

"Her baby's not going to be sick very often at all, because babies that receive formula have more illnesses, so mom's going to be a very content and satisfied employee, and won't need to take time off from work to care for a sick child, so it really benefits the employer."

"Especially if you consider if they provide insurance, there's fewer claims," Kearney said.

Several support groups in Las Cruces and surrounding areas help new and expectant mothers with questions and concerns about breastfeeding at home and in the workplace.

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. For information, call Tracy at 521-5393.

Mountain View New Parent Support Group meets 10 to 11:30 a.m. every Wednesday at Mountain View Senior Circle, 3948 Lohman Ave., Suite 1. For information, call Kimberly at 321-298-3153.

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The Mommy Life meets 10 to 11:30 a.m. the first and third Wednesday of the month at Army Community Service Building 250 in White Sands Missile Range. For information, call Marisol at 644-



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Adrianna Rigales, holding her 15-month-old daughter, Elise, used a breast pump 10 to 12 times a day for fourteen months because her daughter could not latch on to nurse. August 1-7 is World Breastfeeding Week, and this year's theme is "Let's Make it Work," raising awareness of the legal protections for breastfeeding parents in the workplace.

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For more information on breastfeeding in the workplace, visit www.womenshealth.gov or the World Breastfeeding Week website, www.worldbreastfeedingweek.org.

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Researchers, young scientists join forces

By Darrell J. Pehr
For the Las Cruces Bulletin

A premier cancer research partnership at New

Mexico State University is not only fostering extensive cancer research activity, it also is developing the

next generation of cancer scientists and a new level of outreach, primarily to underserved populations

across New Mexico.

The partnership, which has roots going back to 2002, is between NMSU and the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center in Seattle. It is in the midst of a five-year, \$9 million funding cycle from the National Cancer Institute's Comprehensive Partnerships to Advance Cancer Health Equity that will continue at least until 2018, when the supporting National Institutes of Health grants will again be up for renewal.

Regents Professor Mary O'Connell, principal investigator for the partnership at NMSU and a faculty member in the College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences' Department of Plant and Environmental Sciences, is leading a team that includes faculty researchers from the College of ACES, the College of Arts and Sciences, the College of Engineering and the College of Health and Social Services.

One of the major objectives of the partnership is a chance to build a human resource of scientists who will be dedicated to serving the underserved in New Mexico.

"We have great minds, great people, great talent here," O'Connell said. "I think NMSU does a wonderful job, more so than any other place, giving an opportunity to just about anybody. If you want to work a little bit, you can be really polished, and come out of here spectacular. What we need to do is get those people, especially those stars, those sparkled-up folks, to stay, help build the economy in the state, help build the infrastructure in the state, help improve lives in the state."

Thanks in part to the partnership, O'Connell said, that already is happening.

"I think there are a bunch of people who are very interested, committed and willing to do that," she said.

Several people who have gone through the program have decided to put their experience and education toward helping those in New Mexico who are outside the "clinical stream" – are not receiving preventive or health care services. One of them is NMSU graduate Ernesto Morales, now a Ph.D. candidate at the University of Colorado.

"If we're talking about health disparities, being from New Mexico, they're right here," Morales said in a video produced for the partnership. "If we're talking about issues of border health, we're just a few short miles away. The Fred Hutch and New Mexico State gave me the confidence to say not only do I belong, but I'm really excited about where I'm going to go from here."

During the 13-year history of the partnership, many like Morales have worked their way through the process of obtaining an education at NMSU, often supplemented by undergraduate and graduate internships as well as master's- and Ph.D.-level research opportunities, all at the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center (FHCRC).

Morales was inspired during his internship at FHCRC.

"I always felt really valued," Morales said. "Established researchers actually cared about what I had to say. I was saying things and using terminology that I had picked up here at New Mexico State."

O'Connell said the experience allows NMSU students to work in a world-class research institution where hundreds of employees are all focused on

the same agenda — to reduce the impact of cancer on people's lives.

Their time at Seattle with world-class researchers is reciprocated when post-doctoral students at FHCRC take part in teaching experiences at NMSU through a program led by NMSU Associate Professor Michele Shuster, an investigator for the partnership who leads the Integrated Teaching and Evaluation Core.

Development of new researchers is closely connected to the development of new research. Leading those efforts in this funding cycle are investigators Amanda Ashley, research assistant professor in Animal and Range Sciences, working on a pilot project to identify therapeutic targets for doxorubicin-resistant breast cancer; Ryan Ashley, assistant professor in Animal and Range Sciences, working on a project to advance understanding of hormonal contributors to breast cancer etiology and progression; and Jessica Houston, assistant professor in Chemical Engineering, working on a time-resolved flow cytometric study of cell signaling.

Kevin Lombard, associate professor of Plant and Environmental Sciences, is working on "Where Health and Horticulture Intersect: A Navajo Wellness Collaboration," and Rebecca Palacios, associate professor of Public Health Sciences, is focused on promoting health-related research on the Mexican-American population.

The NMSU team is building on accomplishments the partnership already has generated, including 95 publications, 62 awarded grants, 26 projects, one patent and 358 trainees and people who

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Healthy Happenings



DINNER AND DOCUMENTARY SERIES

The eighth event in the dinner and documentary series, "The Truth About Cancer," will be Wednesday, August 26, at Picacho Hills Country Club, 6861 Via Compestre. The optional dinner starts at 5:30 p.m., with the film, "Proven Treatment Protocols, Part 2" beginning at 6:15 p.m.

For more information, contact Laura Smart at 425-233-9082 or laura-smart@comcast.net.

GOLDEN MESA EXERCISE CLASSES

Golden Mesa, 151 N. Roadrunner Parkway, offers different levels of exercise. On Mondays, Baller-cise, concentrates on resistance exercises using inflatable balls and mylar strings. On Tuesdays. There are chair exercises and other invigorating exercises. Wednesday class is Tai Chi, a somewhat slower exercise regime, which helps to stretch muscles. Thursday classes include chair exercises and some standing, more strenuous routines, as well as pool walking, held in Golden Mesa's heated pool, for those who need to start at a slower pace and work up to a more strenuous exercise program. Friday features water aerobic classes, including polo and volleyball.

All classes are open to the public.

For more information, including class times, call 522-4219 and ask for Cheri.

SELF-DEFENSE CLASSES

A self-defense training program developed for women of all ages and abilities is offered at the Doña Ana Community College Work Center. The objectives are to enhance one's instincts as a first line of defense and the

practice of easy retainable techniques. Ages 15 and up and those with any limited physical capabilities are welcome. The class is taught by Albert Ortiz, a retired federal agent with 27 years experience. His duties included teaching at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center located in Brunswick, Ga.

For more information, call 520-307-4631.

PARKINSON'S SUPPORT GROUP

The Parkinson's Disease Support Group of Southern New Mexico meets the third Tuesday of the month at MountainView Senior Circle, 3948 E. Lohman Ave. For more information, call Sarah Stegall at 496-2550.

SEXUAL COMPULSIVES ANONYMOUS

If you struggle with the burden of lust and find only passing pleasure from your intimacies, or have difficulty sustaining on-going, meaningful relationships, Sexual Compulsives Anonymous provides an answer.

This 12-step recovery program meets 7 to 8 p.m. Mondays, at Sierra Vista Community Church, 514 N. Telshor Blvd. (behind the large T-Mobile sign). For more information, contact 526-9535 and leave a message.

DEBTORS ANONYMOUS

Debtors Anonymous meets from noon to 1 p.m. Saturdays at the Center for Spiritual Living, 575 N. Main St.

Debtors Anonymous is a fellowship of women and men who are recovering from compulsive debt, under-earning, over-spending and living in fear.

For more information, call 647-5684.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

If you drink, that's your business. If you want to stop drinking and can't, that's ours. For more information, call 527-1803.

BRAIN INJURY GROUP MEETS

The Brain Injury Group meets 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. each Friday at the Mesilla Valley Public Housing Authority, 926 S. San Pedro St.

Each meeting features games, movies, artwork, music, books, puzzles, coffee and conversation.

For more information, call Dolores Garcia at 805-1301.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP MEETS

The Southern New Mexico Bereaved Parents Support Group meets 2:30 p.m. the first Tuesday of each month at Mesilla Valley Hospice, 410 Foster Road, in the Grief Center. Parents, grandparents and siblings are invited.

For more information, call Anna Cook at 527-1193.

CANCER CARE SUPPORT GROUP

A Cancer Care support group meets from 6:30 to 8 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month at University United Methodist Church, 2000 S. Locust St. Cancer survivors, those currently being treated and anyone in the community whose life has been touched by cancer are invited.

For more information, call 524-3994 or 522-3261.

GRANDPARENTS SUPPORT GROUP

A Grandparents Raising Grandchildren support group is held from 10 a.m. to noon the second Tuesday of the month at the Munson Center, 975 S. Mesquite St.

Grandparents raising

grandchildren on a full-time basis are invited to join.

For more information, call 528-3301.

LUNCHTIME YOGA

Beginners and experienced alike are invited to a 45-minute yoga class, followed by lunch from noon to 1 p.m. Wednesdays and Fridays at Downtown Desert Yoga, 303 S. Alameda Blvd.

For more information, call 647 9642.

NEEDLE EXCHANGE AVAILABLE

The Families & Youth Inc. Needle Exchange Program, 1190 Foster Road, seeks to reduce HIV and hepatitis C by decreasing the circulation of unclean syringes and provides free information on services.

The office is open from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday. The service is confidential and no appointments are needed.

For more information, call 556-1622.

CROSSROADS CLASSES

Crossroads Accupuncture, 130 S. Main St., announces new classes: Gentle Chair Yoga from 6 to 7 p.m. Mondays, and Yoga En Español (bilingual English and Spanish) from 6 to 7 p.m. Wednesdays.

For more information, call 312-6569.

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.

There are two weekly meetings: noon Wednesdays in the library of St. James Episcopal Church, 1102 St. James Ave., and

9:30 a.m. Saturdays at Peace Lutheran Church, 1701 E. Missouri Ave.

For more information, call 571-7864.

STROKE GROUP FOR SURVIVORS

Stroke survivors and caregivers share their experiences at support group meetings at 1 p.m. the first Thursday of the month at Munson Senior Center, 975 S. Mesquite St.

For more information, call 522-2625.

SUICIDE SURVIVORS GROUP MEETS

Suicide Survivors, a free, peer-led group, is open to any adult survivor of suicide. Facilitated by the Southern New Mexico Suicide Prevention and Survivor Support Coalition, the group meets from 4:30 to 6 p.m. the first and third Monday of the month at the Center for Grief Services, 209 E. Montana Ave.

For more information, call 635-6265 or email margaret.short@lpnt.net.

RECOVERY GROUP

Art of Recovery, a support group for adults in recovery from mental illness, meets from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays at The Bridge, 2511 Chaparral St. The group matches those in need of support with volunteers.

For more information, call 522-6404 or send an email to bridge@nmsu.edu.

FREE WELL BEING WORKSHOPS

Well Being Wednesday will be held at 1 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month in the Well Being Room at the Good Samaritan Social Center Building, 3011 Buena Vida Circle. Each free workshop last about an hour. Topics of discussion will focus

on the six areas of the Well Being Wheel, which include physical, emotional, social, occupational, intellectual and spiritual health.

For more information, contact 556-2179 or prodgers@good-sam.com.

BREAST CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

The Breast Cancer Support Group of the Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico meets from 10 to 11:30 a.m. every fourth Saturday of the month at Memorial Medical Center, 2450 S. Telshor Blvd., West Annex Building.

Monthly programs vary, with information related to breast cancer and the pursuit of wellness.

No registration is required. Meetings are free and are open to all who have been touched by breast cancer.

For more information, call 524-4373.

CELEBRATE RECOVERY

Celebrate Recovery is a Christ-centered recovery program designed to help those struggling with hurts, habits and hang-ups. Examples include dependency on alcohol or drugs, pornography, low self-esteem, need to control, depression, anger, co-dependency, fear of rejection, fear of abandonment, perfectionism, broken relationships and abuse. CR maintains strict confidentiality, which promotes an atmosphere of trust and enables recovery.

Monday meetings begin at 6 p.m. at Mesilla Park Community Church, 3101 S. Main St. For more information, call Don at 650-1625.

Friday meetings begin at 6 p.m. at First Evangelical Free Church, 1435 Pecos St. For more information, call Steve at 639-3550.

PET BRIEFS

Pitbull named Pet of the Week

Say hello to the adorable and sweet Miss Priss. This beautiful 3-year-old Pitbull loves to give kisses, play fetch and go on walks. Despite the bad image of Pitbulls being a mean and aggressive breed, this little lady might possibly be the sweetest and most gentle dog here. Miss Priss has



MISS PRISS

been at our shelter for approximately nine months and was at our shelter for almost a year prior to that. Please help this wonderful girl find her forever home today — she definitely deserves a second chance.

Miss Priss is at the Animal Services Center of the Mesilla Valley, 8551 Bataan Memorial West. For more information, call the shelter at 382-0018.

Dogust August Happy Birthday Event

The Cruces Canines “Dogust August Happy Birthday” event, a people and pet social will be held from 5:30 to 8 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 6, at Andele’s Dog House, 1983 Calle del Norte. Come celebrate at this birthday party with edible cake for dogs by Si Bistro Bakery.

Everyone is invited to socialize with animal people and their furkids. Well-behaved, leashed dogs are welcome to attend. A \$5 admission fee helps animals

through Humane Society of Southern NM programs and services. Music will be provided by deejay Mike Sheppard. Dog owners are invited to dress up their pet in an outfit or with an accessory to reflect the event theme. Ribbons, door prizes and raffles are part of the event.

For more information, contact jean@hssnm.org or 522-2529.

Hot August Nights Yappy Hour

The “Hot August Nights” Yappy Hour will be held 6 to 8

p.m., Wednesday, Aug. 19, at St. Clair Winery & Bistro, 1720 Avenida de Mesilla, on the outside patio and lawn. Dress your dog for the swimsuit contest and prizes and let him or her enjoy the doggie pool party on the lawn. Wayne Sinclair will emcee music, raffle, prizes and more. Food and drink, including beer and wine, will be available from the St. Clair menu. A \$5 admission fee benefits Doña Ana County Human Society and the Spay/Neuter Action Program.

For more information, call 642-2648.

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have been mentored.

Along with the growth in research expertise and discovery, the partnership also is growing a network of health outreach opportunities. The goal for both NMSU and FHCRC is to reach underserved populations, primarily Hispanics and Native Americans.

“We share a commitment to a particular underserved population,” O’Connell said. “You might not anticipate this, but Washington State has a pretty large agricultural component. Washington’s

Yakima Valley is harvested by Hispanic farm workers, and that population has similar health disparities to the folks in New Mexico, especially the agricultural-based population.

“They are concerned about access to care, people being undocumented, people being permanent U.S. citizens and being perceived as not, language barriers, cultural concerns about cancer and what it means, health literacy, exposure to environmental pollutants, ag pol-

lutants, ag problems, things like that,” she said. “We might, on some levels, look very different, but on many, many levels, we’re not.”

Leading outreach in the southern part of New Mexico is cancer health educator Janeth Sanchez, while Eugenia Armijo serves Native American populations in the Four Corners.

NMSU’s role as a land-grant university serves the partnership well with its established network of Cooperative Extension Service offices across the state in every county.

“Janeth is working very closely with the CES offices in all the counties and going to them to conduct Cancer 101 training or doing it on a webinar so that those folks in the county offices know what our government thinks is the best information should one of the people come to them and ask about cancer,” O’Connell said. “We’re giving the NMSU CES offices high-quality content on cancer prevention and screening that is vetted by the National Cancer Institute.”

One of the ways Sanchez

gets the word out is by bringing a large, walk-through inflatable colon to health fairs and other events.

“The story that they’re told at these booths is the importance of lifelong behavior — diet, nutrition, exercise — and how to go online to get your particular risk factors assessed at NCI,” O’Connell said. “We’re doing this with any county Extension program that wants us to come.”

O’Connell says the outreach includes public libraries and is being expanded to faith-based ministries.

“Our goal is to help get this information to people who are not in the clinical stream already,” O’Connell said. “So we are not trying to develop interventions that work in the hospital waiting room or in a clinic office. We’re trying to get to the people who haven’t even gotten there yet.”

One of the screening recommendations rarely

followed is to get a colonoscopy. O’Connell said that is particularly true of Hispanic men. However, she pointed out that while a colonoscopy may be uncomfortable, the results of not detecting cancer can be far worse.

“It’s a somewhat rude screening, but dying of colon cancer is not nice; it’s not nice to you, it’s not nice to your family,” O’Connell said. “So, let’s take care of your family — go get screened.”

And while cancer rates are actually lower in New Mexico than national averages, particularly among Hispanics, mortality rates are higher, O’Connell said.

“People present with later-stage cancers. So they’re not getting care as soon as they could,” she said. “They may have unusually aggressive cancers or they may not be getting into the treatment stream early enough. So let’s take care of those people who don’t get into the treatment stream. We need to pay attention to this.”

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