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The morning sun spreads over the Las Cruces valley behind the painted water tank, created by artist Tony Pennock, on Triviz Drive. The mural depicts long-ago explorers moving through the area toward their new lives. Current residents of the Las Cruces area and beyond will be celebrating the end of one year and the beginning on a new one at midnight Friday, Dec. 31.

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Happy New Year!

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The year in review

2021: A lot more than just Covid-19

By MIKE COOK

Las Cruces Bulletin

In Las Cruces, 2021 saw the return of live theater, athletic events and many other public gatherings after a hiatus of about a year and a half. It was also a blockbuster year for filmmaking in Las Cruces, and New Mexico State University hired a new football coach, Jerry Kill.

We saw the selection of a new superintendent for Las Cruces Public Schools, as former Camino Real Middle School Principal Ralph Ramos succeeded the late Karen Trujillo. The LCPS administration building was re-named in her honor in September. LCPS Board of Education President Ray Jaramillo was re-elected in November, and Pamela Cort, who was appointed to the board in July, was elected to a full four-year term. New board member Robert Wofford was also elected, replacing Maria Flores, who is retiring after almost 13 years on the school board.

In municipal elections in November, Mayor (and Doña Ana County Commissioner) Diana Murillo-Trujillo was re-elected in Anthony, and Hatch chose a new mayor, James L. Whitlock, who succeeds former state Rep. Andy Nuñez, who was appointed mayor in 2013. Las Cruces will have its first all-female city council,



MONICA TORRES



FERNANDO MACIAS



KEN MIYAGISHIMA



GILL SORG

serving with Mayor Ken Miyagishima, who completed his record 14th year in office in 2021.

Here are thoughts about 2021 and the new year from elected officials and community leaders:

Doña Ana Community College

“The year 2021 was definitely not the year we expected,” said Doña Ana Community College President Mónica F. Torres. “It was a year in which we struggled, we grieved and with some optimism, we learned. I would be grateful if we all recognized the opportunities that art presents: to think, to feel, to imagine and re-imagine our future. My hope for 2022 is that we use our intelligence, creativity and compassion to fashion a community that supports prosperity and security for all.”

Doña Ana County

“Despite the country facing such a big public health crisis, we are heading into 2022 with optimism,” said Doña Ana County Manager Fernando R. Macias. “We have received tremendous backing that enables us to support our residents and business owners

through a difficult time. The county’s leadership remains united in our priorities that support our communities.

“In the new year, our residents can expect new, streamlined ways to access county information, more sharing of the good news of county neighbors helping neighbors, as well as an amplified voice of sharing how we continue to serve on behalf of our residents to make Doña Ana County the best place to live,” Macias said.

City of Las Cruces

“I want to thank our community for your support and perseverance in dealing with Covid-19 since March 2020,” Mayor Ken Miyagishima said. “These are truly unprecedented times, but fortunately, we have the best health care workers in our nation who work tirelessly to care for our community. My hope for 2022 is that those who are considering getting vaccinated, read about the science behind the vaccines, get the shot and help us put a stop to this virus.”

“It has been my honor to serve Las Cruces as city councilor since 2009,”

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New city council members sworn in



COURTESY PHOTOS

Becky Corran, second from right, is sworn in to her four-year term on the Las Cruces City Council.

BULLETIN REPORT

Becki Graham and Becky Corran will begin four-year terms on the Las Cruces City Council Jan. 1. Corran, accompanied by two guests, and Graham, joined by her

husband, Mike Graham, and her mother, Julia Roan, were sworn in at Las Cruces City Hall Dec. 21 by Third Judicial District Judge Conrad Perea. Yvonne Flores was sworn in for a second term. They join Mayor Pro Tempore



Becki Graham, center, is sworn in as a member of the Las Cruces City Council.

Kassandra Gandara and Councilors Tessa Abeyta-Stuve and Johana Bencomo on what will be Las Cruces' first-ever all-female city council, serving with Mayor Ken Miyagishima, who became the longest-serving mayor in the city's history in November. Graham

replaces Gabriel Vasquez, who did not seek a second term and is running for Congress. Corran replaces Gill Sorg, who served 12 years on the council and didn't run again. Instead, he was elected in November to the Doña Ana Soil and Water Conservation Board of Supervisors.

Downtown stage named after Roberto Estrada



BULLETIN FILE PHOTO

At its Dec. 20 meeting, the Las Cruces City Council voted to name the Plaza de Las Cruces stage "Roberto V. Estrada Pavilion" to honor "a local icon, philanthropist, Guinness World Record holder and founder of Roberto's Restaurant," the city said. "His contributions to the community touched the lives of many in southern New Mexico and his legacy will continue in Las Cruces. In 1980, he was approached by the Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce to contribute his cooking skills to an event known as Vaquero Days. Later, this was renamed The Whole Enchilada Fiesta, and it became an ongoing annual event that would put the community on the map, bringing worldwide recognition to Las Cruces and Downtown." Estrada died Aug. 18.

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Nuestra Gente: Get to Know the People of Las Cruces Utilities

By Cassie McClure

Nuestra Gente is a series of articles, once a month, to profile various employees at Las Cruces Utilities (LCU).



Interim Deputy Director Wastewater **Laura Montoya**

Why did you decide to join the LCU?

I joined LCU as a water quality lab technician in 2006 because I wanted to stay in my career field, and LCU is a great place to work.

I have been working in the chemistry field since 1985 to 2000 as analytical chemist for the Department of Defense at White Sands Missile Range (WSMR) at High Energy Laser Testing Facility. I quit my job to raise my son and when he entered

elementary school, I was ready to go back to work. There was a job opening at the Jorge A. Garcia Water Quality Laboratory (WQL), and I was hired in May 2006. I worked there until 2016 and worked in Pollution Prevention for five years.

What is something about you that we wouldn't know and that you'd like to share?

I never even saw a wastewater sample, much less analyzed one, until I began working with the WQL analyzing sewage. Believe me, that took a little getting used to. It was a complete 180-degree difference between the samples I was accustomed to and the samples I was now analyzing. After a couple of years of not really knowing why the analytical results of these wastewater samples were so important, I became

really interested in the theory and technology of wastewater treatment; in fact, I became fascinated by it.

So much so that I began teaching as an Adjunct Professor for Water Technology at Dona Ana Community College in 2011, and I'm still there, ten years later, teaching Water/Wastewater, Chemistry and Microbiology. Many of the students I have taught over the years are now working in the LCU Water and Wastewater lines of business.

As I look back over my 36-year chemistry career, I can honestly say that these last 15 years of working and teaching in the field of Water and Wastewater have been by far the most rewarding and humbling years of my life, second only to being a mom.



LCU Metering Infrastructure & Building Support Supervisor **Eli Duran**

Why did you decide to join the LCU?

I wanted the opportunity to work for an organization that was solid, a place that would give opportunities to grow. I've been with LCU for 13 years.

What is something about you that we wouldn't know and that you'd like to share?

I volunteer as a firefighter within the county and love doing it, especially helping others in their time of need. All the learning you need to do to keep up with daily changes is a challenge that I like.

Do you have a favorite memory or experience at LCU?

It's been a good experience to complete projects for the upkeep of the utilities buildings and see improvements that are being made.

COMING UP

Friday, Dec. 31

» Las Cruces Chile Drop. 9 p.m. to midnight at Plaza de Las Cruces, featuring The Memphis Band. Free. 575-640-8283.

Thursday, Jan. 6

» The Lesters in Concert. St. Louis' first family of Gospel music. 1:30 p.m. at Calvary Baptist Church, 1800 S. Locust St. A "love offering" will be taken for their ministry. Will also play at 7 p.m. that evening at First Baptist Church, 4201 N. Sonoma Ranch Road.

» Academy for Learning in Retirement. 10:30 a.m. ALR will offer an overview of its Spring 2022 presentations. Zoom session, free. Info: dacc.nmsu.edu/ALR, register at the Presentation Purchase Options link. Session opens at 10:00 a.m.

Thursday, Jan. 6 and Friday, Jan. 7

» "Dino Days" 10 a.m. to noon. At Museum of Nature and Science, 411 N. Main. St. Free. Take a ride back in time through special activities designed to inspire budding paleontologists. Learn about the dinosaurs that roamed New Mexico. Information: 575-522-3120 or www.las-cruces.org/museums.

Tuesday, Jan. 11

» "Brown Bag Lecture: Las Cruces Founder Pablo Melendres." Noon at Las Cruces Railroad Museum, 351 N. Mesilla St. Carlos Melendrez will share the story of his ancestor, Pablo Melendres, a peace officer and founder of the village of Doña Ana. Melendrez will also talk about Pablo's role in helping to establish Las Cruces. Information: 575-528-4344 or las-cruces.org/museums.

Wednesday, Jan. 12

» Las Cruces Native Plant Soci-

ety of New Mexico Zoom meeting. 7 p.m. Daniella Barraza, Organ Mountains park ranger, will talk about the history of the national monument. Free. Zoom link will be emailed to members. Non-members email szygint4@hotmail.com for Zoom link.

» Doña Ana County Genealogical Society meeting: 2 p.m., Roadrunner Room, Branigan Library featuring Cathy Wallace, the special projects coordinator for BillionGraves.com. Free. Also live streamed via Zoom. Instructions will be emailed to members. Non-members must email dacgslc@gmail.com requesting Zoom instructions by Jan. 10.

Sunday, Jan. 16

» Mesilla Valley Jazz & Blues Society monthly concert. 7 p.m. at the First Christian Church, 1809 El Paseo. Featured band will be Lush Life. Cost is \$5 for members, \$10 for non-members and \$1 for students.

January

» La Calvera Catrina exhibit. Large-scale skeleton sculptures at the Branigan Cultural Center, 501 N. Main. On view through Jan. 8.

» Winter Break Camp. The winter camp is for grades kindergarten through five and will be held at Meerscheidt Recreation Center, 1600 E. Hadley Ave. The dates are Jan. 3, 4, 5, 6, 7. Camp hours will be 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Breakfast and lunch will be provided. Free, but there may be a cost for any field trips. Registration: www.las-cruces.org/play and click on the registration link.

» "An Enchanted Vision: The Artistic Celebration of Farming and Ranching in New Mexico," featuring the artwork of Sue Nichols. At Farm and Ranch Heritage Museum through March 2022.

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City seeking state grant to establish new commercial air service

FROM A CITY OF LAS CRUCES NEWS RELEASE

At its Dec. 20 regular meeting, the Las Cruces City Council unanimously adopted a resolution authorizing city staff to submit a \$3.5 million grant application to the New Mexico Department of Transportation-Aviation Division (NMDOT-A) that could establish intrastate air service between Las Cruces International Airport (LCIA) and other New Mexico cities through the New Mexico Rural Service Enhancement Program



COURTESY PHOTO

Las Cruces has been without commercial air service since July 2005. A grant application seeks to change that.

(NMRSEP).

The resolution autho-

rizes the city to provide 10 percent in matching

funds, for a total request of \$3.85 million to participate in the program.

If approved by NMDOT-A, in-state flights to and from Las Cruces to Albuquerque would initially be established.

Flights out of LCIA could begin as soon as mid-2022. In time, additional flights to and from Santa Fe and other New Mexico cities could be inaugurated, depending on demand.

A request for proposals has been initiated by the city to determine a provider for flights. Proposals were due Dec. 28.

Las Cruces has been without commercial air service since July 2005.

LCIA is continuing with phase two of a passenger air service study led by DuBois & King and Airplanners. The study is in support of the city's strategic plan and LCIA goals to have daily, regional commercial flights.

If the NMDOT-A grant is awarded, city council

would be presented with a budget adjustment, probably sometime between February and April, to accept the award and budget the cash match.

The NMRSEP Act was passed by the 2021 New Mexico Legislature to promote air service to connect New Mexico communities, particularly where air service does not already exist.

Mobile kids museum gets Walmart grants

BULLETIN REPORT

Ngage New Mexico recently received support from three Las Cruces Walmart stores and the Las Cruces Sam's Club in the form of four grants of \$2,000 each from Walmart Giving to advance the preparation and launch of the ¡Vamos Niños! Mobile Children's Museum.

The museum is expected to be in operation by late 2022.

Ngage, based in Las Cruces, created the Doña Ana County prenatal to career SUCCESS Partnership education initiative in 2013. The partnership includes parents, education professionals, nonprofits, businesses, regional partners and community leaders.

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Celebrating the Cowboy Way

Today marks the last column for Baxter Black's "On the Edge of Common Sense." Black turns 77 in January, and we learned last week from his wife, Cindy Lou, he's been battling some serious health problems and will be hanging up his word processor to ride into the retirement sunset.

In the early 1990s, I lived in a one-room studio apartment in Fort Smith, Arkansas. All along one side were floor-to-ceiling windows. The wood floor would have been ideal for a basketball court if it weren't for the very low ceilings. Of course, that didn't stop me from doing dribbling drills from time to time.

During the time I was living there, my week's routine included two radio delights.

One delight was listening to the Friday morning report from baseball broadcasting legend Red Barber, who called games in

New York from 1939-1966, first with the Brooklyn Dodgers and then with the Yankees. Barber would chat with NPR host Bob Edwards about sports and a variety of other things.

The second weekly delight was the report on NPR's "Morning Edition" from a cowboy poet and large animal veterinarian named Baxter Black. You never knew what Baxter would

present from week to week. Sometimes, it would be a genuine cowboy poem. Sometimes it would be a hilarious tale of his ranching life. Other times it would be commentary of some human foible. No matter the topic, I was always entertained, and appreciated this glimpse into a life I wasn't close to at that time in my life.

Flash forward to 2010, when I joined the Las Cruces Bulletin. To my delight, one of the Bulletin's regular features was the

weekly Baxter Black column. I enjoyed him then for the same reasons I had 15-20 years earlier.

Quickly I learned Black had a big following in Las Cruces.

Part of that was geographical. Black grew up in Las Cruces, and his father was dean of New Mexico State University's agriculture college. The younger Black studied at NMSU before finishing his schooling at Colorado State.

Part of that was topical. Living in a Western state, with a lot of working farmers and ranchers, New Mexicans could relate to Black's stories.

Many of his fans, however, had never sat in a saddle or even pulled on a pair of cowboy boots. They just enjoyed his wit and the way he could weave a tale.

When I'm out and about or attending a community event, people often come up to me specifically to say how much they enjoyed Baxter Black.

That said, Black had his crit-

ics as well. Some people asked me why we ran his column. Others said he was out of touch, or out of date, or downright backwards in his thinking. In fact, I fully expect to hear negative comment about two words in his final column today. His fans, though, outnumbered the naysayers about 10 to 1.

For me, Baxter's cowboy poetry was always a treat, and a welcome diversion to life's frustrations and complications. Regardless of his topics, I almost always learned something. Yes, there were times I didn't quite find the intended humor, but there were other times I found his writings almost existential.

He's lived for many years in Arizona, fittingly, on a street called Red Chile Road.

His last two columns in the Bulletin, to me, show some of the many sides of Baxter Black.

His Christmas Eve column was a hopeful mashup of wonder, faith, science and miracles.

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Living in a place where having a horse still matters

I like living someplace where a horse matters.

There is just some country where horseback is the only way to get the job done. Places where the four-wheeler is a poor second, not to mention a noisy, track-leaving unnatural conveyance. Besides, it's hard to throw a rope from.

Helicopters can spot and scare, if that's what you need, but it's helpless when you have to doctor a calf. It is a great feel-



BAXTER BLACK
On the Edge
of Common Sense

ing to be pushing a cow out of a mesquite thicket, packing a dude down the Grand Canyon or tracking a mountain lion on a high ridge, knowing you're on the perfect tool for the job. You look at a horse different when he's on the payroll.

I like being a person to whom a horse matters.

It puts me in such good company, Robert E. Lee, Teddy Roosevelt, Rudyard Kipling, Ray Hunt, Queen Elizabeth, Jerry

Diaz, Casey Tibbs, cowboys, Mongols, Gauchos, teamsters, Lipizzaners and vaqueros of all kinds. Granted being a horse person doesn't make me easier to get along with, better at spelling or richer. It simply gives me a direct connection to one of the most ancient, mutually beneficial interspecies relationships on the planet.

Winston Churchill said, "There is something about the outside of a horse, that is good for the inside of a man."

I like being there when a

horse matters.

When you can't do the job alone; a cow in the bog, a race against time, a boulder to move, a detour to take, a mountain to cross, a crevice to leap, a war to win, a sweetheart to impress, or...when you've gone too far to walk back.

Shakespeare's King Richard III said when fate hung in the balance, "A horse! A horse! My kingdom for a horse!"

I've also come to believe that

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Time for feds to view marijuana realistically

President Biden and Congress have many pressing issues before them, but this administration, like those which have preceded it since 1970, continue to perpetuate the absurd and heinous policy of classifying cannabis as a Schedule I drug.

One of the main reasons for classifying it at the top of the narcotics schedule is the federal government's contention that marijuana has no medical benefits and is among drugs (LSD, Ecstasy, peyote and heroin) with the greatest potential for abuse. Among drugs considered a lower risk (Schedule II) are the recent headline-grabbing and deadly narcotics: methamphetamine and fentanyl!

This makes a mockery of the federal government's drug classification system.

The FDA and DEA run roughshod over the pot issue, perpetuating federal laws that conflict with state laws and hinder legitimate research into the medical benefits of cannabis.

Thirty-six states, including New Mexico, have legalized medical marijuana, touting the drug's many healing benefits in treating epilepsy, autism and other ailments. New Mexico, too, is among 15 states that have legalized the sale and consumption of cannabis, and in many cases, enacted legislation to expunge criminal records for pot "crimes" that have disproportionately impacted people of color for decades.

What is driving this continued, antiquated abuse

of federal power that lacks any credibility whatsoever? How many people have you heard of or read about who died from a marijuana overdose? Zero. How about those dying from Schedule II drug fentanyl or engaged in a ruinous meth-using lifestyle? Tens of thousands!

It's time for this administration to end this shameless, sham classification of cannabis. Last December (2020), the House passed bi-partisan legislation to do just that but the Senate never did. Biden says he supports decriminalization, but not federally legalizing pot. The War on Drugs is over. We lost. Just say "No" to this laughable system.

Rob McCorkle
Las Cruces

COWBOY

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Today's column, about horse matters, celebrates that most beautiful of animals, and how much good they can do for us humans.

Here's a great quote from his column:

"There is just some country where horseback is the only way to get the job done. Places where the four-wheeler is a poor second, not to mention a noisy, track-leaving unnatural conveyance. Besides,

it's hard to throw a rope from."

We thank you, Baxter. Thanks for your long years of veterinary service, your multi-media entertainment and helping to preserve, in both words and deed, the cowboy way.

HORSE

CONTINUED FROM 6

you either are a horse person or you aren't. Many who are, never know it because they never have the chance. It's a primitive acceptance, often mutual. A lack of fear. You see it in some children when they are first introduced to the horse. It always gives me

a sense of wonder to be there and help them make their acquaintance. I believe the horse can sense the child's innate trust. It is the beginning of a natural bond.

I count myself very lucky that I get to be a part of the wonderful world of horse sweat, soft noses, close calls and twilight on the trail.

I like living a life where

a horse matters.

Baxter Black is a cowboy poet, former large-animal veterinarian and entertainer of the agricultural masses. Learn more at www.baxterblack.com. This will be Baxter Black's last column. Because of health issues, he is heading off into the sunset on his favorite horse.

Academy for Learning in Retirement January 2022: Sports and Society

Dr. James Peach, Dr. Mónica Torres, Mr. Mario Moccia and Ms. Kathy Rudolph

The Academy for Learning in Retirement's first Spring 2022 series will be held in January and will discuss sports and society. The four presenters will discuss sports within the context of society's values, traditions, legal changes, technological and economic conditions.

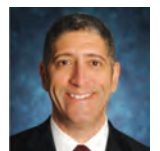
Our presenters include Dr. James Peach, Emeritus Professor of Economics, Applied Statistics and International Business, NMSU; Dr. Mónica Torres, President, Doña Ana Community College; Mr. Mario Moccia, Director of Athletics, NMSU; and Ms. Kathy Rodolph, Head Coach, Women's Softball, NMSU. This will be a Monday-Wednesday series. Registration begins on January 2, 2022. You may register at dacc.nmsu.edu/ALR. We will e-mail a Zoom link the evening before each presentation. While programs begin at 10:30 a.m., audience members may log in after 10:00 a.m.



Dr. James Peach



Dr. Mónica Torres



Mr. Mario Moccia



Ms. Kathy Rudolph

Mon. Jan. 10: Dr. Peach..... Rules of the Game

Wed. Jan. 12: Dr. Torres..... Reflections of Society: Sports in American Film and Literature

Mon. Jan. 17: Mr. Moccia..... Issues and Challenges

Wed. Jan. 19: Ms. Rodolph How do You Maintain a Championship Culture in an Ever-Changing Landscape?

The Academy for Learning in Retirement will also present a free overview session on Thursday, January 6 that will discuss all of our Spring 2022 presentations. Although the presentation begins at 10:30 a.m., you may join the meeting at 10:00 a.m. to ensure you can see and hear it.

ALR Board members will be available to assist with any Zoom issues. If you are interested in attending the free presentation, please request a Zoom link by e-mailing nmsu.alr@gmail.com and letting us know that you wish to attend.

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City celebrates 20 years of Unidad Park, begins renovations

BULLETIN REPORT

The City of Las Cruces celebrated 20 years of one of its most popular parks with a special ceremony earlier in December that included city officials, volunteers and the city's Parks and Recreation Department mascot, Ziggy.

The event, called "Honoring Our Past, Celebrating Our Future," recognized Unidad Park, 1500 E. Hadley Ave., as a "community-built structure that was erected in 2001 thanks to community donations and dozens of volunteers," the city said in a news release.

"The playground has become an icon over the years where generations of families have come to enjoy the peacefulness of the park and play on its



PHOTOS BY JENNIFER MARTINEZ, CITY OF LAS CRUCES

The Unidad Park wall featuring children's handprints will be preserved as part of the park's renovation.

distinctive features," said city Parks and Recreation Department Director Sonya Delgado.

Because the park playground is made mostly of wood, the harsh Southwest climate has deteriorated playground equipment surfaces during the past 20 years to a

point where playground safety is a fundamental concern, Delgado said in the news release.

"City personnel have tried over the years to protect and cover some surfaces that get heavy use, but that now is the time for total replacement," the city said.



City dignitaries and parks officials and advocates gathered to kick off renovations at Unidad Park, 1500 E. Hadley Ave., and to celebrate the park's place in the community over the past 20 years.

"The safety of this playground is precisely why we recommended that it be replaced with materials that will hold up better over time and meet playground industry standards," Delgado said. "That's why we're investing close to \$2 million in this park alone, paid for from the general obliga-

tion bonds that voters supported in 2018."

A splashpad will be a new feature at the park, the city said. The walls that feature tiles with children's handprints and the wood slats with names will remain as an historical part of the site, the city said.

The city's Public Works



PHOTO BY KARLA WALTON

Third Judicial District Judge James T. Martin speaks at the Unidad Park celebration.

Department is overseeing the contractors for the renovation. Activity to prepare the site for the new playground and park was scheduled to start in December. It should be complete by next summer.

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said Gill Sorg, who did not seek re-election to a fourth term this year. "Working with the city staff and my fellow councilors has been satisfying and fulfilling. We have done a lot of good these last 12 years and I have confidence they will continue to do so. The city budget is sound, allowing us to continue to serve our citizens and provide for our most vulnerable. There will be great things coming from the city government in the coming years.

"Our corner of the world has seen some interesting and grim times," Sorg said. "This year, I have been proud of our community's response to these challenges. Nevertheless, I am certain we can do better, and will do better. I look forward to doing my part but will be taking a smaller role as Supervisor No. 4 for the Doña Ana Soil and Water Conservation District. Blessed holidays and Happy New Year."

"It is humbling to have served the people of Las Cruces and District 3 over the last four years," said Gabriel Vasquez, who is giving up his council seat to run for Congress. "We have humanely navigated an asylum-seeker crisis, made record investments across District 3, have worked hard to improve public safety and have acted decisively and courageously to protect the residents of Las Cruces from a global pandemic. I am excited for the historic, new city council to continue this progress and for Councilor (Becki) Graham's innovation,



BULLETIN PHOTO BY MIKE COOK

The Doña Ana Arts Council's 50th annual Renaissance Arts Faire returned live and in person and better than ever in 2021.

ideas and leadership. As I move on to win New Mexico's 2nd Congressional District, I am excited to take the lessons I learned serving New Mexico's second largest city in a more competitive district that more closely reflects the values of New Mexico."

State Legislature

"The 2021 legislative

session was the most challenging, maybe in the history of New Mexico," said state Rep. Doreen Gallegos of Las Cruces, who is majority whip in the New Mexico House of Representatives. "As part of the House leadership team, we worked hard to ensure the safety of our fellow New Mexicans while still keeping the process

open and available to the public. I think we did a good job doing that. I am still so shocked

and saddened by the loss of life that Covid has caused in New Mexico. I lost an aunt to this terrible disease.

"Looking forward to 2022, I hope we can finally get our arms around Covid and that all New Mexicans get vaccinated so that we can get back to mostly normal life," Gallegos said. "Covid will be with us now forever. Our job is to ensure that we don't have the loss of life that we have seen for all these months.

"I will also work in 2022 to bring home as much of the once-in-a-lifetime federal dollars to my district for capital outlay projects that will improve and change the lives of our children and families. As always, I am so honored to serve District 52 and the citizens of New Mexico."

The arts

"Film Las Cruces had the best type of 2021, a



GABRIEL VASQUEZ



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GREG SMITH

successful years that we've ever had! We are looking forward to 2022 and we are working hard to make next year even more productive and prosperous as this one."

"We started 2021 busy one," said Las Cruces Associate Film Liaison Andrew Jara. "We had productions from all over the country that filmed across Dona Ana County, from turning Mesilla into a Mexican village to Bruce Willis action Downtown. The community was so welcoming that many productions told us that they couldn't wait to come back. We were able to be so successful because of the amazing help and participation of local businesses, our local crew and community support. It was very much a team effort and it led us to one of our most suc-

"We started 2021 with high optimism," said Doña Ana Arts Council (DAAC) Executive Director (and former Las Cruces City Councilor) Greg Smith. "There were vaccines, and we had proclamations from the cities of Anthony and Las Cruces, the Town of Mesilla, and Doña Ana County for designating 2021 'The Year of the Artist.' The time seemed right for celebrating survival and the shining place the arts hold in our quality of life here.

"It also seemed an appropriate way to honor the 50th year of DAAC's existence and its positive impact on our region."



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'I just had a total moment of peace'

Las Cruces man summits Africa's Mt. Kilimanjaro in triumphant second climb

By MIKE COOK
Las Cruces Bulletin

"My mind went very calm. I just had a total moment of peace."

That was Ride On Sports of Las Cruces owner David Hill's experience a couple of weeks ago as he stood atop Mount Kilimanjaro, the highest free-standing mountain in the world.

Hill and his guide, Salim, began the final part of their journey at midnight Thursday, Dec. 9, in blizzard conditions with 4 inches of snow on the ground, emerging from the clouds as they summited at sunrise in 5-degree weather.

"It was unbelievable," Hill said.

It was also a redemption.

The climb was Hill's second attempt to reach the top of the 19,341-foot stratovolcano. During his first climb, in January 2019, Hill broke his leg

at 16,000 feet and had to be piggybacked off the mountain by Salim.

"You walk off this time," Salim told Hill during the second climb.

Salim, a native Tanzanian and professional mountain guide, has climbed Kilimanjaro about 250 times, Hill said.

Hill suffered a tibial plateau fracture when he planted his leg wrong during their first climb together.

He spent four months on crutches and eight months in rehab before he could start walking and hiking again. It was a year before the 62-year-old could return to trail running. With nine pins in his leg, Hill spent the next two years in training, climbing mountains in New Mexico, Colorado, Texas, Utah and Arizona as he prepared for the conquest of the "Mountain of Greatness," as Kilimanjaro means in Kiswahili.



PHOTOS COURTESY OF DAVID HILL

David Hill, of Las Cruces, successfully made the summit of Mount Kilimanjaro on his second try.

The prep work included hiking the Needle in the Organ Mountains six times in four months, Hill

said.

"It was perfect training," he said, because the Needle is steeper than any other mountain he climbed.

Hill's return journey to Kilimanjaro was "kind of a group effort," he said. It included family and friends — Las Cruces surgeon David Doctor, Southwest Sport and Spine Center owner Denise Campbell, training partner Dustin Brandon and Hill's brother-in-law, Brad Murray.

Murray was on the 2019 climb with Hill and made it to the top but did not share any of his photos from the summit with Hill at first.



David Hill and his Mount Kilimanjaro guide, Salim, a native Tanzanian who has been a professional mountain-climbing guide for 17 years and has climbed Mount Kilimanjaro about 250 times.

"When I was ready to go, he sent me the picture," Hill said.

Hill said he has heard from a number of people in person and online who are "in awe" of his determination and triumph.

"I'm glad I've inspired some people," he said.

Hill said he started hiking at age 46.

"I looked in the mirror one day, and I was getting fat," he said.

He started trail running at age 57. He can run for six hours at a time, but always takes it slow.

"Speed and David are not equal," Hill said.

"I got out there for solitude," he said. "I act better when I come home."

Hill's love of climbing, hiking, walking, running and biking is part of the reason Hill bought a bicycle business in 1989 and later added outdoor equipment.

At Ride On Sports, 2001 E. Lohman Ave., Hill said he will help others "figure out the right thing to do" and get them the equipment they need.

Post-Kilimanjaro, Hill said he is planning to climb Mount Whitney in California in the spring and do a "rim to rim" run of the Grand Canyon in late May.

And he will keep climbing all around Las Cruces.

There are at least "30 quality hikes" from A Mountain to the Organs, the Doña Ana Mountains, the Robledos, Picacho Peak and multiple trails throughout Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks National Monument, Hill said.

"We live in the best place in the world," he said.

Visit @kilimanjarojourney on Instagram and www.rideonsports.com.



David Hill's view from atop Mount Kilimanjaro Dec. 9, 2021.

Project Linus 'blanketeers' make 4,000 blankets, quilts in 2021

By MIKE COOK

Las Cruces Bulletin

Despite canceled blanket-making sessions and meeting in parking lots because of the pandemic, Project Linus volunteers still made about 4,000 blankets in 2021.

As many as 10 members of the local chapter worked on each handmade blanket before it was given to a child in need by a Las Cruces police officer or firefighter, a Doña Ana County Sheriff's deputy or a staff member at a local hospital or any one of the 39 organizations in Las Cruces and Deming to which Project Linus donates blankets.

"Wherever you fit in, you are an integral part of this ministry of comfort to the children of our area," Project Linus coordinator Suzi Stoltzfus told chapter members earlier



Project Linus Las Cruces chapter member Kathy Treat works at her sewing machine.

this year.

Stoltzfus said the chapter has about 70 participating volunteers, including more than 20 who regularly attend chapter meetings at ThreadBear, 2205B S. Main St., when blankets are made.

They sort, sew and crochet to create an astonishing array of brilliantly colored blankets and quilts in a wide range of sizes that are then folded,

bagged and delivered and will wind up in the hands of a child, age birth to 18, in need of comfort.

Project Linus history

Stoltzfus said Project Linus started in Denver in 1995 when Karen Loucks read an article in Parade magazine about children suffering from serious illnesses. One child spoke about their beloved "blankie"



Project Linus Las Cruces chapter coordinator Suzi Stoltzfus and member Carolyn Henry with a completed quilt.

which gave them comfort through chemotherapy treatments. Karen decided to start making blankets for the Rocky Mountain children's hospital in Denver. She named her effort Project Linus, after Linus Van Pelt, the Peanuts comic strip character who is never without his security blanket.

The Las Cruces chapter of Project Linus was started in 1999, Stoltzfus said, after Linden Ranel learned about the national

organization.

Ranel "worked tirelessly for seven years to build a loyal base of blanketeers," Stoltzfus said. "We sadly lost Linden in 2020. Dayle Sillerud became our next chapter coordinator in 2006 and served until 2009, when she moved to Lubbock, Texas. Kate Coffman stepped up to help with our transition that year, and I became the coordinator in 2010."

How you can help

Project Linus needs new washable, handmade quilts, afghans and fleece blankets to give to local children who are ill, traumatized or otherwise in need, along with blanket-making materials, postage stamps and cash donations.

Its greatest need is gift cards to Jo-Ann Fabrics and Crafts.

You can drop off fabric, yarn and other donations at Sew What's New, 3961 E. Lohman Ave. No. 9, Be Sew Creative (formerly Bernina Sewing and Design Center), 1601 E. Lohman Ave.; Joann Fabrics, 1711 E. University Ave.; and Threadbear fabric store, 2205B S. Main St.

Mail donations to Susan Stoltzfus, P.O. Box 116, Mesilla Park, N.M. 88047.

Contact Stoltzfus at 575-526-3695 and sgstolt13@gmail.com.

Visit www.projectlinus.org or on Facebook.

EVERETT DEWEY EDINGTON, 91

Everett Dewey Edington, 91, of Las Cruces, New Mexico, passed away early Christmas Eve morning in the comfort of his home.

He is survived by his wife of 68 years Gwendolyn Edington; their four children Lynette Smith, Brent Edington (Claudia Edington), Ann Edington Adams (Kevin Ridd), Claudia Edington and multiple grandchildren, great grandchildren and great-great grandchildren.



EVERETT DEWEY EDINGTON

Everett was born on New Year's Eve in 1929 to Ethel Viola Whitaker and Milton Edington Sr. He grew up on the family farm that was located just outside of Duncan, Arizona with his five other siblings.

Everett's best friend growing up was his twin brother Eddie. When they were 12 years old, the community had a Fourth of July picnic where a telephone pole with axel

grease was put up and a 5-dollar bill was put on top. Eddie and Everett teamed up and got the 5 dollars, but they ruined their clothes trying to get it. When they got home, their mother made them use the money to buy new clothes.

During his childhood in Duncan, Everett said it gave him the foundation for the most important things in his life: how to work, the importance of an education, the gospel and love for his family.

Everett went on after high school to attend Gila Junior College and the

University of Arizona where he studied agriculture and animal husbandry. He was also a member of Lamb Delta Sigma and Delta Si Omega, which were two church fraternities. Everett was a devout member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

After graduating from the University of Arizona, he joined the Air Force where he met the love of his life Gwendolyn.

After only three months of dating, he knew she was the one and asked her to marry him. She said,

"Well, I guess so," and Everett said he should have known then that he would never get a direct answer to his questions. "It has made for an interesting life," he said in his history.

They were married in the Salt Lake City Temple on October 1, 1953. Throughout their life, they both went on to continue their educations and serve as missionaries in church. Everett got his Ph.D. from Penn State University and traveled the world with his wife for work.

After a few moves for his schooling, they settled in Las Cruces in 1968.

They have made this their home.

Everett loved to garden and spend time with members from church and his grandchildren. His favorite joke was to say his hands didn't match. He loved his family, community and the gospel deeply. He will be forever missed.

Funeral services for Everett were held Dec. 30 at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 3219 Venus St., in Las Cruces. Flowers can be sent to the Getz Funeral Home. There will be no graveside service at this time.

Thank you, Las Cruces!

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative of the estate. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this notice, or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned personal representative at the address listed below, or filed with the District Court of Sierra County, New Mexico, following address: 311 North Date, Truth or Consequences, NM 87901. Dated: December 21, 2021.

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NOTICE is hereby given that on December 9, 2021, John and Judy Harris, PO Box 271 Mesilla NM 88046 filed with the **STATE ENGINEER** Application No. LRG-06368-POD4, OSE File No. LRG-06368-6, for Permit to Change Location of Well within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin of the State of New Mexico by discontinuing the use of well LRG-06368-POD2, located within the NE 1/4 of projected Section 35, Township 23 South, Range 1 East (NMPM), and more specifically located where Longitude and Latitude intersect at 32° 16' 6.75" N, 106° 48' 22.02" W (WGS84), on land owned by NSC Enterprises II, LLC and by discontinu-

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ing the use of well LRG-07859-POD2, located within the NE 1/4 of projected Section 35, Township 23 South, Range 1 East (NMPM), and more specifically located where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 32° 16' 13.63" N, 106° 48' 11.47" W (WGS84) on land owned by Rancho Barro, LLC and by drilling new well LRG-06368-POD4, to a depth of 200 ft. with an 8 in casing, to be located within the SE 1/4 NE 1/4 of projected Section 35, Township 23 South, Range 1 East (NMPM), and more specifically located where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 32° 15' 57.89" N, 106° 48' 21.24" W (WGS84), on land owned by the applicants, for the continued diversion of the amount of water subject to all conditions and provisions contained in the August 22, 2011 Final Judgment and Settlement Agreement in Stream System Issue No. 101, SS-97-101, combined with surface water from the Elephant Butte Irrigation District for the irrigation of 4.19 acres of land, owned by the applicant, located within the NE 1/4 of projected Section 35, Township 23 South, Range 1 East (NMPM) as described by Subfile Order No. LRN-28-012-0324, Right A of the Third Judicial District Court, Dona Ana County, State of New Mexico.

The applicant has requested emergency authorization to drill the proposed well under NMSA, 1978, Section 72-12-23.

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To view the application and supporting documents contact the State Engineer District Office to arrange a date and time for an appointment located at 1680 Hickory Loop, Suite J, Las Cruces, NM 88005.

Any person, firm or corporation or other entity having standing to file objections or protests shall do so in writing (objection must be legible, signed, and include the writer's complete name, phone number, email address, and mailing address). The objection to the approval of the application must be based on: (1) Impairment;

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Dates: 12/31/21, 01/07/22,
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NOTICE is hereby given that on November 18, 2021, Isaiah and Suteera Baker, 3800 Valle Verde Ct. Las Cruces, NM 88007 filed with the **STATE ENGINEER** Application No. LRG-01918-POD5, OSE File No. LRG-01918-5, for Permit to Change Location of Well within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin of the State of New Mexico by drilling new well LRG-01918-POD5, to a depth of 200 ft. with an 8 in casing, to be located within the NE 1/4 SW 1/4 of projected Section 33, Township 22 South, Range 1 East (NMPM), and more specifically located where Longitude and Latitude intersect at 32° 20' 52.95" N, 106° 50' 49.61" W (WGS84), on land owned by the applicant, and by discontinuing the use of well LRG-01918, located within the SW 1/4 NW 1/4 of projected Section 33, Township 22 South, Range 1 East (NMPM), and more specifically located where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 32° 21' 3.98" N, 106° 50' 59.33" W (WGS84) and by discontinuing the use of well LRG-01918-S, located within the NE 1/4 SW 1/4 of projected Section 33, Township 22 South, Range 1 East (NMPM), and more specifically located where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 32° 21' 3.05" N, 106° 50'

54.265" W (WGS84), both on land owned by A & B Montano Farms, LLC, for the continued diversion of the amount of water subject to all conditions and provisions contained in the August 22, 2011 Final Judgment and Settlement Agreement in Stream System Issue No. 101, SS-97-101, combined with surface water from the Elephant Butte Irrigation District for the irrigation of 1.25 acres of land, owned by the applicant, located within the NE 1/4 SW 1/4 of projected Section 33, Township 22 South, Range 1 East (NMPM) as described by Subfile No. LRN-28-007-0012-A of the Lower Rio Grande Hydrographic Survey. The applicant has requested emergency authorization to drill the proposed well under NMSA, 1978, Section 72-12-23. The proposed site of new well LRG-01918-POD5 is northwest of Las Cruces, NM and is approximately 504 ft. southeast of the intersection of Chavez Rd. and Shalem Colony Trl. Dona Ana is the County affected by the diversion and in which the water has been or will be put to beneficial use. This notice is ordered to be published in the Las Cruces Bulletin. To view the application and supporting documents contact the State Engineer District Office to arrange a date and time for an appointment located at 1680 Hickory Loop, Suite J, Las Cruces, NM 88005. Any person, firm or corporation or other entity having standing to file objections or protests shall do so in writing (objection must be legible, signed, and include the writer's complete name, phone number, email address, and mailing address). The objection to the approval of the application must be based on: (1) Impairment; if impairment, you must specifically identify your water rights; and/or (2) Public Welfare/Conservation of Water; if public welfare or conservation of water within the state of New Mexico, you must show how you will be substantially and specifically affected. The written protest must be filed, in triplicate, with the State Engineer, 1680 Hickory Loop, Suite J, Las Cruces, NM 88005 on or before **February 11, 2022**. Facsimiles (faxes) will be accepted as a valid protest if the hard copy is hand-delivered or mailed and postmarked within 24-hours of the

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Dates: 12/24/21, 12/31/21,
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NOTICE is hereby given that on November 23, 2021, Alfredo Holguin, 630 Holguin Rd. Vado, NM 88072, filed with the **STATE ENGINEER** Application No. LRG-14974-1 for Permit to Change Point of Diversion within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Dona Ana County by discontinuing the use of well LRG-1246-POD4, which is located within the NW 1/4 of Sec. 20, Township 25S Range 03W NMPM, on land owned by applicant, and drilling and using replacement well LRG-14974-POD1 to be located at approximately X=1,513,386 ft, Y= 408,492 ft NMSA, Central Zone, NAD 83, on land owned by the applicant for the continued diversion of the amount of water subject to all conditions and provisions contained in the provisions August 22, 2011 Final Judgment and Settlement Agreement in Stream System Issue No. 101, SS-97-101, combined with surface water from the Elephant Butte Irrigation District for the irrigation of 9.76 acres of land, owned by the applicant, located within the NW 1/4 of said Section 20 as described by the lower Rio Grande adjudication Subfile Order No.: LRN-28-010-005A-A. The proposed well site is located approximately 1450 feet North from the intersection of Holguin Rd., and Vado Dr.. Well LRG-1246-POD4 will be plugged.

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NOTICE is hereby given that on November 30, 2021, Edward P & Corry E DeRuyter, PO Box 10, Mesquite, NM 88048, filed with the **STATE ENGINEER** Application No. LRG-4116-POD6, OSE File No. LRG-4116-A, for Permit to Temporarily Change an Existing Water Right within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin of the State of New Mexico.

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Use of well LRG-4116-A & LRG-4116-A-S, located within the SW 1/4 NE 1/4 SW 1/4 & SE 1/4 NW 1/4 SW 1/4 of Sec. 27, T25S, R03E, NMPM, on land owned by Desertland Dairy Real Estate LLC; will be supplemented, by drilling new well LRG-4116-POD6, within the SW 1/4 of said Sec. 27 and more specifically located near the intersection of X=1523463', Y=401114' on land owned by the applicant for the continued licensed diversion of up to 397.479 acre feet per annum, for dairy operations within 99.7 acres of land located within the SW 1/4 of said Sec 27. The applicant requested emergency authorization to drill the proposed well under NMSA, 1978, Section 72-12-24. All wells included proposed supplemental well and dairy facility are located at the physical address of 17900 Stern Dr. in Mesquite, NM.

To view the application and supporting documents contact the State Engineer District Office to arrange a date and time for an appointment located at 1680 Hickory Loop, Suite J, Las Cruces, NM 88005.

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substantially and specifically affected. The written protest must be filed, in triplicate, with the State Engineer, 1680 Hickory Loop, Suite J, Las Cruces, NM 88005 on or before **February 11, 2022**. Facsimiles (faxes) will be accepted as a valid protest if the hard copy is hand-delivered or mailed and postmarked within 24-hours of the facsimile. Mailing postmark will be used to validate the 24-hour period. Protests can be faxed to the Office of the State Engineer, at 575-524-6160. If no valid protest or objection is filed, the State Engineer will evaluate the application in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 72 NMSA 1978.

Dates: 12/24/21, 12/31/21, 01/07/21

NOTICE is hereby given that on November 10, 2021, Don Doak, Trustee of The Donald and Dianne Doak Revocable Trust, 350 Crawford Boulevard, Las Cruces, New Mexico, filed with the **STATE ENGINEER Application No. LRG-11109-POD4**, OSE File No. LRG-11109-2, for Permit to change an Existing Water Rights within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin of the State of New Mexico by discontinuing the use of well LRG-11109, located within NE 1/4 SW 1/4 SW 1/4 of Section 4, Township 22South, Range 1 (NMPM), and more specifically where latitude and longitude intersect at 32° 25' 11.456" N and 106° 51' 1.617" W (WGS84), on land owned by Gaye Ferguson; and drilling **n e w e l l LRG-11109-POD4**, with a 16-inch diameter casing to a depth of approximately 240 feet and will be located within the NE 1/4 SW 1/4 SW 1/4Section 4, Township 22 South, Range 1 East (NMPM), and more specifically located where latitude and longitude intersect at 32° 25' 14.401" N and 106° 51' 6.571" W (WGS84), on land owned by the applicant together with existing well LRG-11109-S located within NW 1/4 SE 1/4 SW 1/4 of Section 4, Township 22 South, Range 1 East (NMPM), and more specifically where latitude and longitude intersect at 32° 25' 14.697" N and 106° 50' 54.265" W (WGS84), on land owned by the applicant, for the continued diversion of the amount of water subject to all conditions and provisions contained in the Final Judgment and Settlement Agreement in Stream System Issue No. 101, SS-97-101, filed August 22,

2011, for the irrigation of 46.57 acres of land owned by the applicant, located within the SW 1/4 portion of Section 5, Township 22 South, Range 1 East (NMPM) and the SW 1/4 portion of Section 4, Township 22 South, Range 1 East (NMPM), as described by Subfile Order No. LRN-28-003-0066 Right A of the Third Judicial District Court, Dona Ana County, State of New Mexico. **P o s e d w e l l LRG-11109-POD4** will be located North of Dona Ana, NM and approximately 2,370 feet to the northwest of the intersection of North Dona Ana Road and Plymouth Rock Road and is approximately 4,650 feet to the east of the Rio Grande.

The applicant has requested emergency authorization to drill the proposed well under NMSA, 1978, Section 72-12-23.

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575-524-6160. If no valid protest or objection is filed, the State Engineer will evaluate the application in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 72 NMSA 1978.

Dates: 12/24, 12/31, 01/07/2022

NOTICE is hereby given that on November 22, 2021, Kevin and Angie Taylor, 1892 Tejean Trail Las Cruces, NM 88007 filed with the **STATE ENGINEER Application No. LRG-01566-POD6**, OSE File No. LRG-01566-EA, for Permit to Change Location of Well within the Lower

Rio Grande Underground Water Basin of the State of New Mexico by drilling new well LRG-01566-POD6, to a depth of 300 ft. with an 8 in. casing, to be located within the SE 1/4 NW 1/4 SE 1/4of projected Section 9, Township 22 South, Range 1 East (NMPM), and more specifically located where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 32° 24' 25.90" N, 106° 50' 30.73" W (WGS84), on land owned by the applicants, and by discontinuing the use of wells LRG-01566, LRG-01566-S, LRG-01566-S-2, LRG-01566-S-3, and LRG-01566-S-4, as described by OSE

File No. LRG-01566-EA, on land owned by multiple others, for the continued diversion of the amount of water subject to all conditions and provisions contained in the August 22, 2011 Final Judgment and Settlement Agreement in Stream System Issue No. 101, SS-97-101, combined with surface water from the Elephant Butte Irrigation District for the irrigation of 11.56 acres of land, owned by the applicant, located within the SE 1/4 of projected Section 9, Township 22 South, Range 1 East (NMPM) as described by **S u b f i l e N o . LRN-28-003-0053-A**, Right A of the Lower Rio Grande Hydrographic Survey. The applicant has requested emergency authorization to drill the proposed well under NMSA, 1978, Section 72-12-23.

The proposed site of new well LRG-01566-POD6 is north of Dona Ana, NM and is approximately 652 ft. northeast of the intersection

of Catalana Dr. and Harvey Farm Rd. Dona Ana is the County affected by the diversion and in which the water has been or will be put to beneficial use. This notice is ordered to be published in the Las Cruces Bulletin.

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DATES: 12/31/21; 01/07/22; 01/14/22

NOTICE is hereby given that on October 25, 2021, Pajaro Road LLC., P.O. Box 397, Las Cruces, NM 88004, filed with the **STATE ENGINEER Application No. LRG-00010-1 & 2**, for Permit to Drill and Use Replacement Well within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin of the State of New Mexico.

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U s e o f w e l l LRG-00010-POD2, located within the SW 1/4 NE 1/4 SE 1/4of Sec. 05, T24S, R02E, NMPM, and more specifically located at or near the intersect X= 1484178 ft and Y= 454308 ft, NMSP, Central NAD83, on land owned by applicant, will be replaced by proposed well LRG-00010-POD3 which is to be located within the SE 1/4of said Sec. 05 at the approximate intersection X= 1484216 ft and Y= 454227 ft, NMSP, Central NAD83, on land owned by the applicant for the continued diversion of the amount of water subject to all conditions and provisions contained in the August 22, 2011 Final Judgment and Settlement Agreement in Stream System Issue No. 101, SS-97-101, combined with surface water from the Elephant Butte Irrigation District, for the Irrigation of 58.16 acres, owned by the applicant, located within the SE 1/4 of the said Section 5, as described in Subfiles **Order No. LRS 28-002-0062A & LRS 28-002-0063A** of the Third Judicial District Court, Dona Ana County, State of New Mexico. The site of the **p r o p o s e d w e l l LRG-00010-POD3** is in Mesilla, NM, approximately 870 ft NW of the intersection of Pajaro Rd. and Lamar Rd. Original well LRG-00010-POD2 will be plugged. The applicant has requested emergency authorization to drill the proposed well under NMSA, 1978, Section 72-12-22.

To view the application and supporting documentation contact the State Engineer District Office to arrange a date and time for an appointment located at 1680 Hickory Loop, Suite J, Las Cruces, NM 88005. Any person, firm or corporation or other entity asserting standing to file objections or protests shall do so in writing (objection must be legible, signed, and include the writer's complete name, phone number, email address, and mailing address). If the protest does not include the complete name, phone number, email address, and mailing address, it may be deemed invalid and not accepted for filing unless

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Dates: 12/17, 12/24, 12/31, 2021

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

That the following property shall be sold at public sell or otherwise disposed of to satisfy a lien in accordance with the New Mexico Self Storage Lien Act. (48-11-1 to 48-11-9 NMSA 1987) To be held at Picacho Self Storage, 1760 West Picacho Ave., Las Cruces NM 88005, Beginning at 10 AM January 15th, 2022

The entire contents of the following storage units with last known address will be sold or otherwise dispersed.

B59, Daniel Carrigan, 1000 1/2 2nd St. Las Cruces, NM 88005. miscellaneous household Items, furniture, tools etc.

B80, Dillon Najar, 209 Jose Vega Loop Carrizozo, NM 88301. miscellaneous Items, furniture, tools etc.

Dates: 12/24, 12/31, 2021

NOTICE OF ADOPTION

The City Council of the City of Las Cruces, New Mexico, Hereby Gives Notice of Its Adoption of the Following Resolution at the **Regular City Council Meeting** Held on **December 6, 2021**:

Resolution No. 22-063: A Resolution Providing for Determination of Reasonable Notice of Meetings of the City Council and its Boards, Committees, and Commissions for Calendar Year 2022.

The City Council is informed that:

WHEREAS, the Las Cruces City Council met in a regular session at 1:00 p.m. on December 6, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Section 10-15-1(D) of the Open Meetings Act requires the Las Cruces City Council to determine annually what constitutes reasonable notice of its public meetings; and

WHEREAS, Section 10-15-1(F) of the Open Meetings Act increased the time that public bodies must make the agenda available to 72 hours prior to a meeting, except in the case of an emergency; and

WHEREAS, Section 10-15-1(F) also requires that agendas be posted on the public body's website within the specified time periods if a website is maintained.

NOW, THEREFORE, Be it Resolved by the Governing Body of the City of Las Cruces:

(I)

THAT pursuant to NMSA 1978, Section 10-15-1(A) and (B), all meetings of a quorum of the City Council of the City of Las Cruces, New Mexico, held for the purpose of formulating public policy, discussing public business, or for the purpose of taking any action within the authority delegated to the City Council, as further described in Sections III and IV of this policy, shall be made open to the public, except as otherwise provided by law. Any member of the public may attend an open meeting and listen to the deliberations and proceedings of the City Council.

(II)

THAT pursuant to NMSA 1978, Sections 10-15-1(H) and (I), the City Council upon its own motion may close a meeting to the public if the subject matter of such discussion or action is included in Subsection H of

the Open Meetings Act or if the need to close the meeting is required by other laws which specifically preserve the confidentiality of certain information that is to be considered at the closed meeting. If any meeting is closed pursuant to exclusions contained in Subsection H, such closure: (1) if made in an open meeting shall be approved by a majority vote of the quorum of the City Council and the specific statutory or other authority for such closure, and the subject to be discussed, shall be stated with reasonable specificity in a motion calling for the vote on a closed meeting, and such vote shall be taken in an open meeting with the vote of each Councilor recorded in the minutes; or (2) if called for when the City Council is not in an open meeting, such closed meeting shall not be made until public notice, appropriate under the circumstances, stating the specific provision of law authorizing the closed meeting, and stating with reasonable specificity the subject to be discussed, is given to members of the general public. Only those subjects announced or voted upon prior to closure by the City Council shall be discussed in a closed meeting. Following completion of any closed meeting, the minutes of the open meeting that was closed or in the minutes of the next open meeting if the closed meeting was separately scheduled, shall state whether the matters discussed in the closed meeting were limited only to those specified in the motion or notice for closure. Except as provided in Section 10-15-1(H) of the Open Meetings Act, any action taken as a result of discussions in the closed meeting shall be made by vote of the City Council in an open public meeting.

(III)

THAT meetings at which a quorum of the City Council discuss or adopt any proposed resolution or ordinance, or take any other formal action, are open to the public. Pursuant to NMSA 1978, Section 10-15-1(C), a councilor may participate in any open meeting called to take formal action by means of a conference telephone or other similar communication equipment. Participation by telephone or other similar communication is permitted



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With the final tally, let the debates begin

The voting results will cause discussion and debates for at least 365 days, when the results of next year's Bulletin's Best come out.

Take for example, the rankings in this year's category for Best Red Chile Enchiladas in the Life is Good in Las Cruces grouping.

Winning first place for 2022 was Chachi's restaurant. Finishing second was Matteo's, and coming in third was Si Señor. In some things, finishing third might be a disappointment, but when you live in a region that has the best chile in the world, and there are probably a hundred Mexican restaurants, finishing third is a badge of honor not unlike winning a bronze medal in the Olympics.

Interestingly, Si Señor also finished third last year, but the other two winners last year did not make the final three. For the 2021 results last year, El Sombrero took the top spot and La Posta de Mesilla finished second.

However, for each individual Las Cruces, the results might vary wildly. For some of you, the 2022 rankings were exactly the way you would pick them. For others, the 2021 rankings might be more consistent with your tastes. My prediction, though, is that the average person in the Mesilla Valley would have a completely different ranking.

Many of you could come up with a top three that wouldn't include any of the winners from the past two contests. Here's one such list: 1. Nellie's, 2. Zia Café and 3. La Nueva Casita Café. Here's another list: 1. Nopalito's, 2. Las Trancas and 3. Los Compas. The combinations are practically limitless, and that's the fun of Bulletin's Best.

If you feel like your favorite – in any of the 378 categories – was slighted, you and your friends can work to get them ranked higher in next year's contest.

A perfect example is the Blue Moon Bar & Grill. After being closed for a while, the Blue Moon reopened under new ownership in 2020, too late to collect nominations in last year's Bulletin's Best. This year, however, the Blue Moon racked up 22 awards, half of them for first place. What a difference a year makes.

Some of the selections were almost poetic.

In the year he passed away, Robert V. Estrada, the owner of Roberto's restaurant and creator of many world-record-setting "Whole Enchiladas," won first place for Best Philanthropist, recognizing all the things he did for so many years, helping out individuals, groups, teams and charity projects.

He tied for the award with another restaurant owner involved in charitable projects, Marci Dickerson.

Some of the winners were perfectly predictable.

Watching the moonrise at White Sands National Park is a thing of beauty, and the voters recognized it, as it won Best Place to Watch the Moonrise.

If you've ever seen the tequileria at La Posta de Mesilla, with at least 100 different tequilas, you'll understand the logic of their winning Best Tequila Section (bar or restaurant).

In the category of Best Men's Clothing Store, there was something less predictable. Finishing second in that category was Savers, the thrift store.

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Best Art Exhibit

Winner: Farmers & Crafts Market of Las Cruces
Second Place: Las Cruces Museum of Art
Runner Up: Blue Moon Bar & Grill

Best Art Gallery

Winner: Las Cruces Museum of Art
Second Place: Art Obscura
Runner Up: Trails End Gallery

Best Attraction

Winner: Farmers & Crafts Market of Las Cruces
Second Place: Organ Mountains Desert Peaks National Monument
Runner Up: Blue Moon Bar & Grill

Blues Band/Act

Winner: Calista Band
Second Place: CW Ayon
Runner Up: Derrick Harris Band

Best Club DJ

Winner: DJ Pervee
Second Place: DJ Rob-E
Runner Up: DJ Viyez

Best Country Band/Act

Winner: Frank Ray
Second Place: Chris Baker
Runner Up: The Yarbrough Band

Best Cultural Event

Winner: Dia de Los Muertos
Second Place: Doña Ana Arts Council Renaissance Arts Faire
Runner Up: The Las Cruces Symphony

Best Dance Club

Winner: Blue Moon Bar & Grill
Second Place: Palacios - Mesilla, NM
Runner Up: Club 30 at the Ramada

Best Entertainment Venue

Winner: Blue Moon Bar & Grill
Second Place: Amador Patio Bar Grill
Runner Up: Pan American Center

Best Family Entertainment

Winner: Farmers & Crafts Market of Las Cruces
Second Place: Mesilla Valley Maze
Runner Up: Allen Theatres

Best Female Vocalist

Winner: Bri Bagwell
Second Place: Nicole Osborn
Runner Up: Calista

Best Festival

Winner: Southern New Mexico State Fair & Rodeo
Second Place: Southern NM Wine Festival
Runner Up: Doña Ana Arts Council Renaissance Arts Faire

Best Fine Artist

Winner: Robert Highsmith
Second Place: Kathy Morrow
Runner Up: Robert Azure

Best Fundraising Event

Winner: Empty Bowls
Second Place: Toys For Tots
Runner Up: Big Brothers Big Sisters Mudd Volleyball Tournament

Best Gaming Venue

Winner: Rad Retrocade
Second Place: Zia Comics
Runner Up: Cruces Trivia God

Best House/Cover Band/Act

Winner: Caliente
Second Place: UnLyshed
Runner Up: Triple Jack

Best Jazz Band/Act

Winner: Nosotros
Second Place: Roman Chip
Runner Up: Nicole Osborn

Best Live Music Venue (Large)

Winner: Blue Moon Bar & Grill
Second Place: Amador Patio Bar Grill
Runner Up: Pan American Center

Best Live Music Venue (Medium)

Winner: Blue Moon Bar & Grill
Second Place: Amador Patio Bar Grill
Runner Up: Club 30 at the Ramada

Best Live Music Venue (Small)

Winner: Blue Moon Bar & Grill
Second Place: Little Toad Creek Brewery & Distillery
Runner Up: Vintage Wines



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Winner: Las Cruces Community Theatre
Second Place: Toad Hall Productions
Runner Up: No Strings Theatre Company

Best Live Theater Venue

Winner: Rio Grande Theatre
Second Place: Black Box Theatre
Runner Up: Las Cruces Community Theatre

Best Local Actor

Winner: Brandon Brown
Second Place: Joshua Taulbee
Second Place: Cassi Galban

Best Local Actress

Winner: Nancy Clein Tafoya
Second Place: Erin Wendorf
Runner Up: Nora Brown

Best Local Author

Winner: Denise Chavez
Second Place: David Salcido
Runner Up: Elva K. Österreich

Best Local Band

Winner: Caliente
Second Place: Death Benefits
Runner Up: Blaze the Nation

Best Local Casino

Winner: Inn of the Mountain Gods
Second Place: Sunland Park Racetrack & Casino

Best Local Clothing Designer

Winner: Organ Mountain Outfitters
Second Place: Cassi Galban
Runner Up: Saba Wear

Best Local Event

Winner: Farmers & Crafts Market of Las Cruces
Second Place: Southern NM State Fair and Rodeo
Runner Up: Big Brothers Big Sisters Mudd Volleyball Tournament

Best Local Hip Hop Artist

Winner: Rob E Duarte
Second Place: DJ SAUNA
Runner Up: Woar2

Best Male Vocalist

Winner: Karlos Saucedo
Second Place: Frank Ray
Runner Up: Chris Baker

Best Mariachi Band

Winner: Karlos Saucedo
Second Place: Mariachi Aguilas
Runner Up: Mariachi Jalisciense

Best Movie Theater

Winner: Telshor 12 - Allen Theatres
Second Place: Fountain Theatre

Best Museum

Winner: New Mexico Farm and Ranch Heritage Museum
Second Place: Museum of Nature & Science
Runner Up: Las Cruces Museum of Art

Best Musician

Winner: Samuel Brown
Second Place: Chris Baker
Runner Up: Derrick Harris

Best Nightclub Bar & Grill

Winner: Blue Moon
Second Place: Club 30 at the Ramada
Runner Up: Palacio Bar Since 1936

Best Outdoor Event

Winner: Farmers & Crafts Market of Las Cruces
Second Place: Southern New Mexico State Fair & Rodeo
Runner Up: Mesilla Valley Maze

Best Photographer (Fine Art)

Winner: Laura's Photography
Second Place: Wayne Suggs
Runner Up: Lesliesdesign

Best Place for a Kid's Birthday Party

Winner: Peter Piper Pizza
Second Place: Back Yard
Runner Up: White Sands National Park

Best Rock Band/Act

Winner: Death Benefits
Second Place: The Ghetto Blasters
Runner Up: Triple Jack

Best Spanish Band

Winner: Nosotros
Second Place: Unlyshed
Runner Up: Los latinos

Best Tourist Spot

Winner: Old Mesilla
Second Place: White Sands National Park
Runner Up: Farmers & Crafts Market of Las Cruces



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Best Auto Loan Provider Winner: White Sands Federal Credit Union

Second Place: First Light Federal CU
Runner Up: Vescovo Toyota of Las Cruces

Best Auto Service & Repair Winner: Joe's Collision Center

Second Place: Caliber Collision
Runner Up: Raven Diesel Performance

Best Cab Company Winner: Las Cruces Taxi

Second Place: RID's Customs LLC.
Runner Up: Neto Boys Full Service And Self Service Carwash

Best Mechanic Winner: Jesus Avalos (AAMCO)

Second Place: Baird's Automotive
Runner Up: RID's Customs LLC.

Best Mobile Car Wash Winner: Victory Lane Mobile Detailing & Ceramic Coating

Second Place: Three Crosses Mobile Detailing
Runner Up: Neto Boys Full Service and Self Service Carwash

Best New Car Dealership Winner: Borman Autoplex

Second Place: Vescovo Toyota of Las Cruces
Runner Up: Viva Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram Fiat of Las Cruces

Best Off-Road Vehicle Dealer Winner: Las Cruces Motorsports

Best Oil Change

Winner: Aguirre Auto Service
Second Place: Viva Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram Fiat of Las Cruces
Runner Up: Baird's Automotive

Best RV Sales and Service Winner: Holiday World of Las Cruces

Second Place: Bogart's Service Center
Runner Up: All About Service



Best Place to Buy A Used Car Winner: Viva Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram Fiat of Las Cruces

Second Place: Big O Tires
Runner Up: Martin Tire Company

Best Used Car Dealership Winner: Borman Used Select

Second Place: Viva Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram Fiat of Las Cruces
Runner Up: Vescovo Toyota of Las Cruces

BUSINESS & FINANCE

Best Accounting Firm Winner: Beasley, Mitchell, & Co.

Second Place: Kelly Tax & Accounting Services
Runner Up: Bagwell James C CPA

Best Administrative Assistant Winner: Monique Tellez, Las Cruces Abstract & Title

Second Place: Elisabeth Ondelacy, HTM Inc. Security Specialty Training
Runner Up: Janice Jones, Memorial Medical Center

Best Bank Winner: Citizens Bank of Las Cruces

Second Place: FirstLight Federal Credit Union
Runner Up: Pioneer Bank

Best Bookkeeping/Tax Service Winner: Ramirez Accounting Services

Second Place: Beasley, Mitchell, & Co.
Runner Up: Kelly Tax & Accounting Services

Best Boss Winner: Gerald Perez

Second Place: Angela Garcia
Runner Up: Saul Montenegro

Best Financial Institution Winner: Citizens Bank of Las Cruces

Second Place: Edward Jones - Financial Advisor: Christopher L Dulany, CFP
Runner Up: Edward Jones Financial Advisor Tim Gilliam
Runner Up: FirstLight Federal Credit Union

Best Financial Planner Winner: Christopher Dulany

Second Place: Brandon Bagwell
Runner Up: Beasley, Mitchell and Company LLP

Best Local Credit Union Winner: White Sands Federal Credit Union

Second Place: FirstLight Federal Credit Union
Runner Up: Nusenda Credit Union

Best Locally Owned Business Winner: Becks Coffee House

Second Place: Co-Lab Artisans Loft
Runner Up: Otero Entertainment

Best Mortgage/Home Loan Provider Winner: Mann Mortgage

Second Place: Citizens Bank of Las Cruces
Runner Up: FirstLight Federal Credit Union

Best new business (opened 2019-20) Winner: Mobile Notary Public by LV

Second Place: Aim Fitmeals LLC
Runner Up: Co-Lab Artisans Loft

Best Place to Work Winner: New Mexico Cardiac Care

Second Place: Memorial Medical Center
Runner Up: HTM, Inc, Security Specialty Training

Best Print Shop Winner: Insta-Copy Imaging

Second Place: ABC Printing
Runner Up: DC Screen Printing



COMMUNITY

Best Apartment Community**Winner: Copperstone Apartments**Second Place: High Range Village Apartments
Second Place: Sun Ridge Village Apartments
Runner Up: Tuscany Villa Apartments**Best Church****Winner: St. Momentum Church Las Cruces**Second Place: St. Albert the Great Newman Center
Runner Up: Cathedral of the Immaculate Heart of Mary**Best City Councilor****Winner: Gabe Vasquez**Second Place: Tessa Abeyta Stuve
Runner Up: Kasandra Gandara**Best Community Activist****Winner: Marci Dickerson**Second Place: Angelica Rubio
Runner Up: Jason Estrada**Best County Commissioner****Winner: Manny Sanchez**

Second Place: Shannon Reynolds

Best Hotel**Winner: Hotel Encanto de Las Cruces**Second Place: Hampton Inn & Suites Las Cruces I-10
Runner Up: Hacienda de Mesilla**Best Local Athlete****Winner: Austin Trout**Second Place: Greg "Goyo" Martinez
Runner Up: Jaraya Diaz**Best Local Cause****Winner: Action Programs for Animals (APA)**Second Place: Casa de Peregrinos
Runner Up: Mesilla Valley Hospice**Best Local Hero****Winner: MMC COVID-19 Units**Second Place: Adrian De La Garza
Runner Up: COVID Medical Providers**Best Local Legislator****Winner: Carrie Hamblen**Second Place: Jeff Steinborn
Runner Up: Angelica Rubio**Best Local Newspaper Columnist****Winner: Mike Cook**Second Place: Algernon D'Amassa
Runner Up: Damien Willis**Best Local Newspaper Reporter****Winner: Mike Cook**Second Place: Jason Estrada
Runner Up: Algernon D'Amassa**Best Local Personality****Winner: Pistol Pete**Second Place: Barbara Hubbard
Runner Up: Billy Bob Ray (AKA Ray Lucero)**Best Local Radio Personality****Winner: Jackie Marquez-Wilkinson**Second Place: Donna Dollar
Runner Up: Magic Mic**Best Local Radio Station****Winner: KRWG Public Media**Second Place: KVLC 101 Gold
Runner Up: Hot 103**Best Local Sports Team****Winner: NMSU Aggies****Men's Basketball**
Second Place: Las Cruces High School Bulldawgs**Best Local Twitter Feed****Winner: Zia Comics**Second Place: Algernon D'Amassa
Runner Up: LCHS Football**Best Local Website****Winner:****Everything Las Cruces**Second Place: Las Cruces Memory Lane
Runner Up: Memorial Medical Center**Best Neighborhood****Winner: Sonoma Ranch**Second Place: Mesquite Historical District
Runner Up: Mesilla Park

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COMMUNITY

Best Nonprofit Organization

Winner: Mesilla Valley Hospice
 Second Place: Jardin de los Ninos
 Runner Up: Casa de Peregrinos

Best Philanthropist

Winner: Roberto Estrada
Winner: Marci Dickerson
 Runner Up: Ammu Devasthali
 Runner Up: Heather Pollard

Best Talk/ News Radio Station

Winner: KRWG Public Media
 Second Place: KGRT-FM
 Runner Up: NPR



EATING & DRINKING

Best 24-Hour Restaurant

Winner: Whataburger
 Second Place: Village Inn
 Runner Up: IHOP

Best Bagels

Winner: Venice Beach Bagels
 Second Place: Einstein Bros. Bagels
 Runner Up: Milagro Coffee y Espresso

Best Bakery

Winner: Indulgence Bakery & Cafe
 Second Place: Bosa Donuts & Burritos
 Runner Up: Lujan Bakery

Best Barbecue Restaurant

Winner: Ranchway BBQ & Mexican Food
 Second Place: Jim Bob's BBQ
 Runner Up: Rudy's "Country Store" and Bar-B-Q

Best Bartender (Name & Workplace)

Winner: Victoria De La O at Blue Moon Bar & Grill
 Second Place: Skye Rivera at Blue Moon Bar and Grill
 Runner Up: Bobby at Spotted Dog

Best Bed & Breakfast

Winner: Hacienda de Mesilla
 Second Place: Lundeen Inn of The Arts
 Runner Up: Josefina's Old Gate

Best Beer Selection (bar, brewery or restaurant)

Winner: Spotted Dog Brewery
 Second Place: Icebox Brewing Company
 Runner Up: Blue Moon Bar & Grill

Best Beer Selection (retail store)

Winner: Kelly Liquors
 Second Place: Spotted Dog Brewery
 Runner Up: Toucan Market

Best Breakfast (retail store)

Winner: The Shed
 Second Place: A Bite Of Belgium
 Runner Up: Weck's

Best Brew Pub

Winner: Spotted Dog Brewery
 Second Place: Icebox Brewing Company
 Runner Up: High Desert Brewing Co.

Best Buffet

Winner: Cattle Baron
 Second Place: Golden Corral Buffet & Grill
 Runner Up: Double Eagle

Best Business Lunch

Winner: D.H. Lescombes Winery & Bistro
 Second Place: Cattle Baron
 Runner Up: Spotted Dog Brewery

Best Catering

Winner: Matteo's Mexican Food
 Second Place: Saul Montenegro
 Runner Up: Roberto's Mexican Food

Best Cheap Meal

Winner: Aim Fitmeals LLC
 Second Place: Andele's Dog House
 Runner Up: La Nueva Casita Café

Best Chef (Name & Workplace)

Winner: Milo Rubio - Spotted Dog Brewery
 Second Place: Chef Chris Baca - Aim Fitmeals
 Runner Up: Saul Montenegro - The Village At Northrise

Best Chicken Nuggets

Winner: Chick-fil-A
 Second Place: Raising Cane's Chicken Fingers
 Runner Up: Grandy's

Best Chicken Sandwich

Winner: Chick-fil-A
 Second Place: Indulgence Bakery & Cafe
 Runner Up: Hacienda de Mesilla

Best Chicken Strips or Tenders

Winner: Raising Cane's Chicken Fingers
 Second Place: Chick-fil-A
 Runner Up: Dairy Queen

Best Chicken Wings

Winner: Wingstop
 Second Place: Spotted Dog Brewery
 Runner Up: Roadrunner Pizza

Best Chinese Restaurant

Winner: Thai Delight
 Second Place: Wok N World
 Runner Up: Teriyaki Chicken House

Best Cocktails

Winner: Double Eagle
 Second Place: Dry Point Distillers
 Runner Up: La Posta De Mesilla

Best Coffeehouse

Winner: Becks Coffee House
 Second Place: The Bean Cafe
 Runner Up: Milagro Coffee y Espresso

Best Deli

Winner: Corner Deli
 Second Place: McAlister's Deli
 Runner Up: Jason's Deli

Best Desserts

Winner: Caliche's Frozen Custard
 Second Place: Indulgence Bakery & Cafe
 Runner Up: Le Rendez-vous Cafe

Best Distillery

Winner: Dry Point Distillers
 Second Place: Little Toad Creek Brewery & Distillery Las Cruces
 Runner Up: Icebox Brewing Company

Best Dive Bar

Winner: Blue Moon Bar & Grill
 Second Place: El Patio Bar
 Runner Up: Palacio Bar Since 1936

Best Donuts

Winner: Bosa Donuts & Burritos
 Second Place: Leo's Bakery
 Runner Up: Dunkin' Donuts

Best Fajitas

Winner: Andele Restaurant
 Second Place: Chachi's Restaurant
 Runner Up: La Posta De Mesilla

Best Family Restaurant

Winner: Andele's Dog House
 Second Place: La Posta De Mesilla
 Runner Up: Si Señor Restaurant

Best Food Truck

Winner: Green Chile Paddy Wagon
 Second Place: El Guapo Taco
 Runner Up: Lalo's Sonora Style Dogs

Best French Fries

Winner: Spotted Dog Brewery
 Second Place: Five Guys
 Runner Up: McDonald's

Best French Restaurant

Winner: Le Rendez-vous Café
 Second Place: Indulgence Bakery & Cafe
 Runner Up: Dion's

EATING & DRINKING

Best Fried Chicken

Winner: Raising Cane's
Chicken Fingers
Second Place: Church's
Chicken
Runner Up: KFC

Best Greek Restaurant

Winner: Tiffany's Pizza
& Deli Coffee
Second Place: Santorini
Restaurant
Runner Up: Xanthe's Greek
Grill food truck

Best Hamburger

Winner: Sparky's
Second Place: Day's
Hamburgers
Runner Up: Burger Nook

Best Happy Hour

Winner: Sonic
Second Place: Blue Moon
Bar & Grill
Runner Up: Little Toad Creek
Brewery & Distillery Las Cruces

Best Hot Dog

Winner: Caliche's
Second Place: Lalo's Sonora
Style Dogs
Runner Up: Andele's Dog House

Best Italian Restaurant

Winner: Lorenzo's Italian
Restaurant
Second Place: Pastaggio's
Italian Restaurant
Runner Up: Luna Rossa Winery
& Pizzeria

Best Japanese Restaurant

Winner: Sakura
Japanese House
Second Place: Aqua Reef
Runner Up: Mix Pacific Rim
Cuisine

Best Kid-Friendly Restaurant

Winner: Peter Piper Pizza
Second Place: Chick-fil-A
Runner Up: Chuck E. Cheese

Best Late Night Bar

Winner: Blue Moon
Bar & Grill
Second Place: Amador LIVE
Runner Up: El Patio Bar

Best Liquor Store

Winner: Kelly Liquors
Second Place: Walgreens
Runner Up: Elephant Ranch

Best Local Winery

Winner: D.H. Lescombes
Winery & Bistro
Second Place: Luna Rossa
Winery and Pizzeria
Runner Up: Amaro Winery LLC

Best Locally Owned Restaurant

Winner: Andele Restaurant
Second Place: A Bite Of
Belgium
Runner Up: Spotted Dog
Brewery

Best Margarita

Winner: La Posta
de Mesilla
Second Place: Cha Chi's
Restaurant
Runner Up: Double Eagle

Best Martini

Winner: Double Eagle
Second Place: Dry Point
Distillers
Runner Up: Blue Moon
Bar & Grill

Best Mexican Restaurant

Winner: Andele Restaurant
Second Place: La Nueva
Casita Café
Runner Up: Matteo's
Mexican Food

Best Nachos

Winner: High Desert
Brewing Co.
Second Place: El Guapo Taco
Runner Up: The Game
Sports Bar & Grill

Best New Bar (opened 2019-20)

Winner: Blue Moon
Bar & Grill
Second Place: The Boneyard
Cantina
Runner Up: Amador LIVE

Best New Restaurant (opened 2019-20)

Winner: Aim Fitmeals LLC
Second Place: Weck's
Runner Up: Willow + Blaine

Best Outdoor Patio

Winner: D.H. Lescombes
Winery & Bistro
Second Place: Blue Moon
Bar & Grill
Runner Up: Spotted Dog
Brewery

Best Pizza

Winner: NYP Slice House Pizza
Second Place: Dion's
Runner Up: Luna Rossa Winery
& Pizzeria

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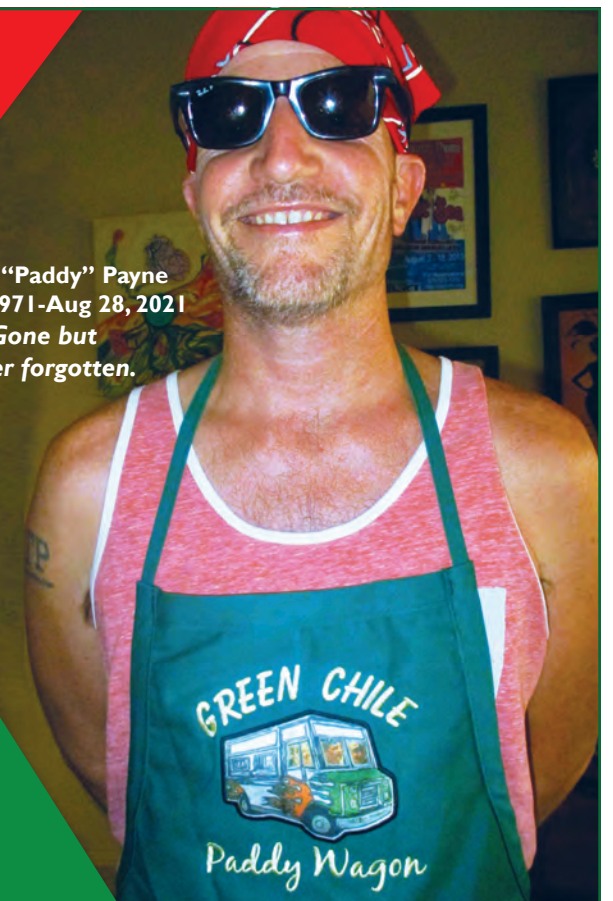
*Thank you for voting the
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and for honoring Paddy's memory in this very kind way.

**Green Chile Paddy Wagon will be reopening soon
under new ownership/management, but with
Paddy's recipes and menu. Stayed tuned!**



Patrick "Paddy" Payne
Dec 28, 1971-Aug 28, 2021
*Gone but
never forgotten.*



EATING & DRINKING

Best Pub Food

Winner: Spotted Dog Brewery
 Second Place: High Desert Brewing Co.
 Runner Up: The Game II - Sports Grill

Best Restaurant Server (Name & Workplace)

Winner: Victoria De La O at Blue Moon
 Second Place: Dani at Spotted Dog
 Runner Up: Ismael at Andele's

Best Romantic Restaurant

Winner: D.H. Lescombes Winery & Bistro
 Second Place: Hacienda de Mesilla
 Runner Up: Double Eagle

Best Salad

Winner: Dion's
 Second Place: Cattle Baron
 Runner Up: Roadrunner Pizza

Best Seafood Restaurant

Winner: Delicias Del Mar
 Second Place: Red Lobster
 Runner Up: Hacienda de Mesilla

Best Smoothies

Winner: Keva Juice
 Second Place: Caliche's Frozen Custard
 Runner Up: Sassy Grass Juice Bar and Lounge

Best Soup

Winner: Boba Cafe
 Second Place: Indulgence Bakery & Cafe
 Runner Up: Cattle Baron

Best Sports Bar

Winner: Farley's
 Second Place: The Game II - Sports Grill
 Runner Up: The Game Sports Bar and Grill

Best Steakhouse

Winner: Texas Roadhouse
 Second Place: Cattle Baron
 Runner Up: Double Eagle

Best Sub/Sandwich

Winner: Corner Deli
 Second Place: Dion's
 Second Place: Roadrunner Pizza

Best Sunday Brunch

Winner: The Shed
 Second Place: A Bite of Belgium
 Runner Up: Salud! de Mesilla

Best Sushi

Winner: Aqua Reef
 Second Place: Sakura Japanese House
 Runner Up: Sushi Freak

Best Take Out

Winner: Si Señor Express
 Second Place: Aim Fitmeals LLC
 Runner Up: Blake's Lotaburger

Best Tapas

Winner: Salud de Mesilla
 Second Place: Blue Moon Bar & Grill
 Runner Up: The Boneyard Cantina

Best Tequila Selection (Bar or Restaurant)

Winner: La Posta De Mesilla
 Second Place: Double Eagle
 Runner Up: Blue Moon Bar & Grill

Best Thai / Vietnamese

Winner: Thai Delight
 Second Place: Renoo's Thai Time
 Runner Up: Pho a dong

Best Upscale Bar

Winner: Double Eagle
 Second Place: Hacienda de Mesilla
 Runner Up: 575 Cruces Crafted Cocktails

Best Vegetarian Selection

Winner: Sprouts Farmers Market
 Second Place: Aim Fitmeals LLC
 Runner Up: Habanero's Fresh Mex

Best Wine Bar

Winner: D.H. Lescombes Winery & Bistro
 Second Place: Luna Rossa Winery & Pizzeria
 Runner Up: Salud! de Mesilla

Best Wine Selection (bar, winery or restaurant)

Winner: D.H. Lescombes Winery & Bistro
 Second Place: Salud! de Mesilla
 Runner Up: Blue Moon Bar & Grill

Best Wine Selection (retail store)

Winner: Toucan Market
 Second Place: Kelly Liquors
 Runner Up: Albertsons

Best Wine Shop

Winner: D.H. Lescombes Winery & Bistro
 Second Place: Toucan Market
 Runner Up: Kelly Liquors

Ice Cream or Frozen Desserts

Winner: Caliche's Frozen Custard
 Second Place: The Paleta Bar Las Cruces
 Runner Up: El Guapo Taco

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EDUCATION

Best DACC Instructor

Winner: Olivia Seppi
Second Place:
Monica Mojica
Runner Up: Ingrid Wilson

Best Elementary School Principal

Winner: Cherie M. Love
Second Place:
Dr. Lou Ellen Kay
Runner Up: DeAnna
Balderrama

Best Elementary School Teacher

Winner: Ana Bruner
Second Place: Arielle Lane
Runner Up: Katie Gurule

Best High School Boys Team Coach

Winner: David Nunez
Second Place: Coach
Mike Bradley Mayfield
Runner Up: William
Benjamin Las Cruces
High Boys Basketball

Best High School Girls Team Coach

Winner: David Nunez
Second Place: Ray Diaz -
OMHS Softball
Runner Up: Jessica
Covington

Best High School Principal

**Winner: Mr. Schapekahn
(Organ Mountain HS)**
Second Place:
Mrs. Hendee (Centennial)
Runner Up: Michelle Ronga

Best High School Teacher

Winner: Jeff Waugh
Winner: Melissa Armenta
Runner Up: Greg Mallory
Runner Up: Eric Luschei
"Mr"

Best Middle School Boys Team Coach

Winner: Roy Dial- Hatch
Second Place: Paul Gasse
Runner Up: Clarence
Woods



Best Middle School Girls Team Coach

Winner: David Nunez
Second Place: Kari Reyes
Runner Up: Vanessa
Dabovich

Best Middle School Principal

Winner: Lou Ellen Kay
Second Place:
Adrian Galaz
Runner Up:
Robert Estrada

Best Middle School Teacher

**Winner: Elizabeth
Brasher**
Second Place:
Christopher Love
Runner Up: Cristina
Abeyta

Best NMSU Instructor

Winner: Sarah Balizan
Second Place:
Olivia Seppi

Best Preschool Early Learning and Childcare Center

Second Place:
Alpha Schools
Runner Up: Living Hope
Montessori

Best Private School Winner: Las Cruces Academy

Second Place: Las Cruces
Catholic School
Runner Up: Mesilla Valley
Christian School

Best Public Elementary School Winner: Desert Hills Elementary School

Second Place: Doña Ana
Elementary School
Runner Up: Monte Vista
Elementary School

Best Public High School Winner: Organ Mountain High School

Second Place: Las Cruces
High School
Runner Up: Centennial
High School

Best Public Middle School Winner: Camino Real Middle School

Second Place:
Vista Middle School
Runner Up:
Sierra Middle School

Best School Board Member Winner: Ray Jaramillo

Second Place: Maria Flores
Runner Up: Teresa Tenorio



A Social Enterprise

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HEALTH & WELLBEING

Best Acupuncturist Winner: Masaaki Nakano, DOM

Second Place: Crossroads Acupuncture with Ryan Bemis, DOM
Runner Up: Rio Grande Hematology and Oncology

Best Assisted Living Facility Winner: Mesilla Valley Hospice

Second Place: La Posada Assisted Living
Runner Up: The Village at Northrise - Morningside

Best Audiologist Winner: Expert Hearing Care, LLC

Second Place: Celestial Hearing Solutions
Runner Up: Livingston Hearing Aid Center

Best Cancer Center Winner: Memorial Cancer Center

Second Place: Rio Grande Hematology and Oncology

Best Cardiologist Winner: Udit Bhatnagar, MD, FACC

Second Place: Dr. Luis R. Colato, MD
Runner Up: Dr. Craig F Cannon, MD

Best Chiropractor Winner: Dr. Jonathan Smith

Second Place: Dr. Ryan Gutierrez, Family First Chiropractic, PC
Runner Up: Lane S. Bauer, DC

Best Cosmetic Dermatologist Winner: Andrew Ondo, MD

Second Place: James Kerner, MD, PhD
Runner Up: Anne Woodling

Best Cosmetic Surgeon Winner: Jaime Aburto

Second Place: Dr. Scott A. Martin
Runner Up: Memorial Medical Center

Best Day Spa Winner: The Spa Downtown

Second Place: B-Well Regenerative Medicine & Wellness Clinic
Runner Up: GetAway Massage and Spa

Best Dental Hygienist Winner: Jené Marketto

Second Place: Gail Frost @ Dr. Borham's office
Runner Up: Martha @ Dr Mabry's office

Best Dentist Winner: Dr. Wael Borham DDS

Second Place: Gentle Care Dentistry
Runner Up: Dr. Warren

Best Dermatologist Winner: Dr. Andrew Ondo, MD

Second Place: James Kerner, MD, PhD
Runner Up: Ryan Holcomb

Best Eye Clinic Winner: Eyes of the Southwest

Second Place: Advanced Visioncare
Runner Up: Seacat Optometry

Best Fitness Center/Gym Winner: Resilient Fitness

Second Place: Fitness One
Runner Up: Bionic Barbell

Best Gastroenterologist Winner: Jean-Pierre Reinhold

Second Place: Dr. Prasad V. Podila, MD
Runner Up: Ayappa Mysore

Best Health Food Store Winner: Sprouts

Second Place: Toucan Market
Runner Up: Natural Grocers

Best Hearing Aid Practice Winner: Expert Hearing Care

Second Place: Hear on Earth
Runner Up: Livingston Hearing Aid Center

Best Hearing Care Providers Winner: Expert Hearing Care

Second Place: Memorial ENT
Runner Up: Advanced Hearing Care LLC

Best Hospital Winner: Memorial Medical Center

Second Place: MountainView Regional Medical Center
Runner Up: Rehabilitation Hospital of Southern New Mexico

Best In-Home Elder Care Services Winner: ActiKare Responsive In Home Care of Las Cruces

Second Place: Mesilla Valley Hospice
Runner Up: Tender Care Home Health & Hospice

Best Laser Eye Center Winner: Eyes of the Southwest

Best Massage Shop Winner: The Fifth Element Arts & Healing Center

Second Place: GetAway Massage and Spa
Runner Up: Ruby Sun

Best Massage Therapist Winner: Cristina Lugo

Second Place: Rose Leduc
Runner Up: Sabrina Steklachick

Best Medical Clinic Winner: Memorial Family HealthCare North Main

Second Place: New Mexico Cardiac Care
Runner Up: Memorial Cancer Center

Best Medical Group Winner: Memorial Physician Practices

Second Place: La Clinica de Familia
Runner Up: New Mexico Primary Care Group, P.C.

Best Medical Spa Winner: B-Well Regenerative Medicine & Wellness Clinic

Second Place: Rustic Glamour
Runner Up: Innovative Aesthetics

Best Mental Health Facility Winner: A New Hope Therapy Center

Second Place: Memorial Medical Center
Runner Up: Zia Recovery Center

Best Nurse Winner: Karl Ngoye - MMC

Second Place: Memorial Medical Center Perioperative Clinic
Runner Up: MMC NICU Team

Best Oncologist Winner: Jason Call, MD, Memorial Cancer Center

Second Place: Dr. Ramadevi Medavarapu, MD
Runner Up: Parikshit Padhi, MD

Best Orthodontist Winner: Jensen Orthodontics

Second Place: Dr. Keith Coombs
Runner Up: Dr. J. Brad Aday, DDS

Best Orthopedist Winner: Robert Schwartz

Second Place: George Harrington, MD
Runner Up: Jonathon Struempfl, MD

Best Pediatrician Winner: Heather Owens

Second Place: Maria Crawley, MD
Runner Up: Jana Williams, MD

Best Personal Trainer Winner: Karl Ngoye

Second Place: Alex Donaghe Resilient Fitness
Runner Up: David Hernandez CrossFit Parilis

Best Pharmacy Winner: Mesilla Valley Pharmacy & Consulting

Second Place: RX Innovations
Runner Up: Walgreens

Best Physical Therapist Winner: Brian Rewalt

Second Place: Marie C. Lawrence, PT
Runner Up: Marie MMC

Best Physical Therapy Facility Winner: Rehabilitation Hospital of Southern New Mexico

Second Place: FYZICAL Therapy & Balance Centers
Runner Up: Memorial Medical Center

Best Physician Winner: Mai Oushy, MD, MHP

Second Place: Jason A Call, MD
Runner Up: Dr. Dolores M. Gomez, MD

Best Pilates Studio Winner: Pi Pilates Studio

Second Place: Life In Balance Pilates Studio
Runner Up: Natural Movement Pilates, LLC

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HEALTH & WELLBEING

Best Place for Medical Marijuana

Winner: PurLife Dispensary
Second Place: Sacred Garden Dispensary
Runner Up: Pecos Valley Production

Best Podiatrist

Winner: Raha Mobarak, DPM
Second Place: Dr. Yolanda Chacon, DPM
Runner Up: Dr. Rolando Cadena

Best Retirement Facility/ Independent Living

Winner: The Village at Northrise - The Hallmark
Second Place: Good Samaritan
Runner Up: Casa Bella

Best Surgeon

Winner: Kamran Kamali, MD FACS
Second Place: Fermin Fontan, MD
Runner Up: Jonathan Owens, MD

Best Rehab Center

Winner: Rehabilitation Hospital of Southern New Mexico
Second Place: FYZICAL Therapy & Balance Centers
Runner Up: Zia Recovery Center

Best Veterinarian

Winner: Calista Animal Hospital
Second Place: Arroyo Veterinary Clinic
Runner Up: Schumacher Vet Clinic

Best Weight Loss Clinic / Counseling

Winner: Memorial Weight Loss Center of New Mexico
Second Place: B-Well Regenerative Medicine & Wellness Clinic
Runner Up: FIT Medical Weight Loss

Best Yoga Studio

Winner: Downtown Desert Yoga
Second Place: Indigo Yoga
Runner Up: Dwell

HOME

Best Appliance Store

Winner: Lowe's Home Improvement
Second Place: Best Buy
Runner Up: The Home Depot

Best Cabinet Company

Winner: Kitchen Kraft Home
Second Place: The Hobby Horse
Runner Up: Lowe's Home Improvement

Best Carpet Cleaning Company

Winner: Striking Image
Second Place: Absolute Solutions Carpet and Tile Cleaning
Runner Up: The Cleaning Pros

Best Flooring / Carpet Store

Winner: Hacienda Carpet & Tile
Second Place: Malooly's Flooring Co
Runner Up: Casey Carpets

Best Garden Store / Nursery

Winner: Color Your World Garden Center
Second Place: Guzman's Greenhouse
Runner Up: Lowe's Home Improvement

Best Heating & Air Conditioning Company

Winner: Sun City Plumbing & Heating
Second Place: On The Go Heating & Cooling, LLC
Runner Up: Metal Craft Co.

Best Home Appliance Store

Winner: Lowe's Home Improvement
Second Place: Builders Source Appliance Gallery
Runner Up: Best Buy

Best Home Electronics Store

Winner: Best Buy
Second Place: Target

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HOME

Best Home Exterior Company
Winner: Anthony Sosa Roofing & Construction
 Second Place: Innovative Coatings LLC
 Runner Up: B&S Costales Plastering

Best Home Furnishing Store
Winner: Ashley HomeStore
 Second Place: Ikards Furniture
 Runner Up: Furniture Row

Best Home Improvement Store
Winner: Lowe's Home Improvement
 Second Place: The Home Depot
 Runner Up: Hayden Hardware

Best Home Lighting Company
Winner: Lowe's Home Improvement
 Second Place: Designer's Mart Lighting Showroom
 Runner Up: Kitchen Kraft Home

Best Home Security
Winner: Eagle Security, LLC
 Second Place: Alarm Services De Las Cruces
 Runner Up: Southwest Signature Homes

Best Kitchen & Bath Remodeler
Winner: Denney Construction Inc.
 Second Place: Kitchen Kraft Home
 Runner Up: Southwest Signature Homes

Best Landscaper
Winner: Bearded Bear
 Second Place: Jose Rodriguez/23 Evergreen
 Runner Up: The Lawnfather Exterior Wiseguy

Best Mattress Store
Winner: Furniture Row Liquidators

Best Mobile Home Retailer
Winner: Valley Homes
 Second Place: Oakwood Homes
 Runner Up: Solitaire Manufactured Homes

Best New Home Builder
Winner: Hakes Brothers
 Second Place: Big River Homes LLC
 Runner Up: The Fort Construction LLC

Best Picture Framing
Winner: Frame & Art Center
 Second Place: Picture Frame Factory Outlet
 Runner Up: Hobby Lobby

Best Plumber
Winner: Sun City Plumbing & Heating
 Second Place: Maddox Plumbing Inc
 Runner Up: Roto Rooter Las Cruces

Best Property Management Company
Winner: Steinborn Inc., REALTORS Property Management
 Second Place: Las Cruces Homes and Land
 Runner Up: Monarch Real Estate Corporation

Best Real Estate Company
Winner: Enchanted Sun Realty - Las Cruces Real Estate
 Second Place: Exit Realty Horizons
 Runner Up: Select Realty Group

Best Realtor
Winner: Amy Hartley
 Second Place: Kacie Boylan-Henke
 Runner Up: Jorge Vazquez

Best Roofing Company
Winner: Anthony Sosa Roofing
 Second Place: Gilbert and Sons
 Runner Up: American Pro Builders, LLC

Best Solar Installation Team
Winner: Organ Mountain Solar and Electric
 Second Place: NM Solar Group
 Runner Up: Sunspot Solar Energy Systems LLC

Best Swimming Pool & Spa Company
Winner: Discount Pool and Spas
 Second Place: Pool Tech Plus
 Runner Up: Pools by Design



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Best All Time NMSU Aggie Coach
Winner: Lou Henson
 Second Place: Reggie Theus
 Runner Up: Chris Jans

Best beef tacos
Winner: Andele Restaurant
 Second Place: Matteo's Mexican Food
 Runner Up: El Sombrero

Best burritos
Winner: Santa Fe Grill
 Second Place: Matteo's Mexican Food
 Runner Up: Los Compas

Best carne adovada
Winner: Andele Restaurant
 Second Place: Chachi's Doña Ana
 Runner Up: La Posta De Mesilla

Best carne asada
Winner: Andele Restaurant
 Second Place: Matteo's Mexican Food
 Runner Up: Chachi's Doña Ana

Best chicken tacos
Winner: Andele Restaurant
 Second Place: Matteo's Mexican Food
 Runner Up: La Posta De Mesilla

Best chile relleno
Winner: Nellie's Cafe
 Second Place: Andele's Dog House
 Runner Up: Si Señor Restaurant

Best chips
Winner: Andele Restaurant
 Second Place: La Posta De Mesilla
 Runner Up: Si Señor Restaurant

Best current NMSU Aggie Coach
Winner: Chris Jans, Men's Basketball
 Second Place: Oliver Soukup, Assistant Football Coach
 Runner Up: Mike Jordan, Volleyball

Best flautas
Winner: Andele's Dog House
 Second Place: Matteo's Mexican Food
 Runner Up: El Sombrero Patio Cafe

Best Green Chile Cheeseburger
Winner: Sparky's
 Second Place: Burger Nook
 Runner Up: Day's Hamburgers

Best green chile enchiladas
Winner: Andele's
 Second Place: La Nueva Casita Café
 Runner Up: El Sombrero Patio Cafe

Best huevos rancheros
Winner: The Shed
 Second Place: Andele Restaurant
 Runner Up: Los Compas Restaurant

Best Local Agriculture product
Winner: Green Chile
 Second Place: Pecans

Best local hiking trail
Winner: Dripping Springs Natural Area
 Second Place: Soledad Canyon
 Runner Up: Slot Canyon

Best local historical figure
Winner: Billy the Kid
 Second Place: Juan de Oñate
 Runner Up: Pat Garrett

Best local mountain biking trail
Winner: Rabbit Run - Dona Ana Mountains

Best menudo
Winner: Las Trancas
 Second Place: Bravo's Cafe
 Runner Up: Roberto's Mexican Food

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Best Molé

Winner: Paisano Cafe
Second Place: Habanero's
Fresh Mex

Best NMSU Sports Team

Winner: Aggie
Men's Basketball
Second Place: Aggie
Women's Volleyball
Runner Up: Women's
Basketball
Runner Up: Women's Soccer

Best Place to Get Married

Winner: Old Mesilla Plaza
Second Place: Farm & Ranch
Museum
Runner Up: White Sands
National Park

Best Place to Take Out of Town Guests

Winner: Mesilla
Second Place: White Sands
National Park
Runner Up: Farmers & Crafts
Market of Las Cruces



Best place to watch the moonrise

Winner: White Sands
National Park
Second Place: Behind
A Mountain
Runner Up: North Valley,
Las Cruces

Best place to watch the Organ Mountains

Winner: Organ Mountains
Desert Peaks National
Monument
Second Place: Recycled
Roadrunner Sculpture

Best place to watch the sunrise

Winner: Organ Mountains
Desert Peaks National
Monument
Second Place: The Roadrunner
in West Las Cruces

Best place to watch the sunset

Winner: White Sands
National Park
Second Place: A Mountain,
NMSU
Runner Up: Recycled
Roadrunner Sculpture

Best posole

Winner: Andele Restaurant
Second Place: La Nueva
Casita Café
Runner Up: Bosa Donuts
& Burritos

Best quesadillas

Winner: ChaChi's Express
Second Place: Matteo's
Mexican Food
Runner Up: ChaChi's Dona Ana

Best red chile enchiladas

Winner: Chachi's Restaurant
Second Place: Matteo's
Mexican Food
Runner Up: Si Señor
Restaurant

Best salsa

Winner: Andele Restaurant
Second Place: El Sombrero
Patio Cafe
Runner Up: Nopalito
Restaurant

Best Scenic Spot

Winner: Organ Mountains
Second Place: White Sands
Runner Up: Picacho Peak,
Las Cruces

Best seafood tacos

Winner: Delicias Del Mar
Second Place: Taqueria Chavez
Runner Up: Hacienda de
Mesilla

Best Staycation Location

Winner: Hacienda
de Mesilla
Second Place: Lundeen Inn
Of The Arts
Runner Up: Hilton Garden Inn
Las Cruces

Best tamales

Winner: Roberto's Mexican
Food
Second Place: Bosa Donuts
& Burritos
Runner Up: Andele Restaurant



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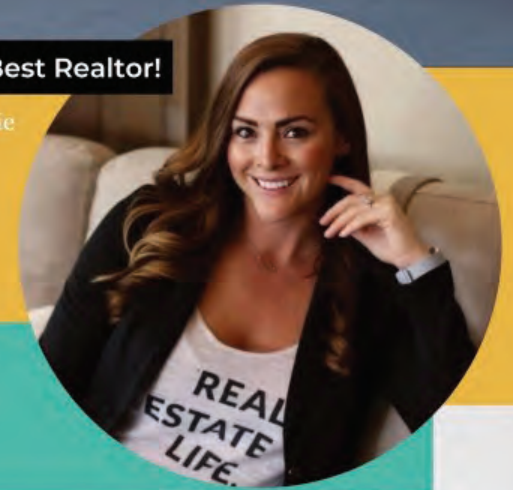


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PROFESSIONALS

Best Bankruptcy Lawyer

Winner: Jessica Streeter
Second Place: Arvizu Law Office
Runner Up: Ken Egan

Best Barber

Winner: Sergio Lozoya - Pistoleros
Second Place: Lori Casanova
Runner Up: Cheyanne Hidalgo

Best Barber Shop

Winner: Pistoleros Barber Shop
Second Place: The Barber Shop
Runner Up: R&R Barber Shop

Best Cable or Satellite Provider

Winner: Xfinity Store by Comcast
Second Place: Dish Network
Runner Up: Slings

Best Cell Phone Provider

Winner: Verizon
Second Place: T-Mobile
Runner Up: AT&T Store

Best Child Care Provider

Winner: The Toy Box Early Learning and Childcare Center
Second Place: Alpha Schools
Runner Up: The Toy Box Too

Best Commercial Real Estate Company

Winner: Better Homes and Gardens Real Estate Steinborn & Associates
Second Place: Landmark Real Estate & Investment Inc
Runner Up: NAI 1st Valley - Commercial Realty

Best Commercial Realtor

Winner: Brent Barlow - EXIT
Second Place: Rick Stoes
Runner Up: NAI 1st Valley - Commercial Realty

Best Computer & IT Services

Winner: MDC Computers
Second Place: Martin IT
Runner Up: Kosh Solutions

Best Contractor (commercial)

Winner: Anthony Sosa Roofing & Construction
Second Place: Southwest Signature Homes
Runner Up: Renegade Construction

Best Contractor (residential)

Winner: Anthony Sosa Roofing & Construction
Second Place: Denney Construction Inc.
Runner Up: Orrantias Remodeling LLC,

Best Design / Media / Marketing Company

Winner: Lemon Light Productions
Second Place: Andrew Cummins - Memorial Medical Center
Runner Up: Sinuate Media

Best EMT

Winner: Thomas Hart
Second Place: Ariel Caro
Runner Up: Kristan Wales

Best Estate Planning Attorney

Winner: Streeter Law Firm, LLC
Second Place: Michele Ungvarsky
Runner Up: Jacqueline Bennett

Best Firefighter

Winner: Charlie Tahuahua
Second Place: Frankie Duran
Runner Up: Celeste Davenport

Best Funeral Home

Winner: Baca's Funeral Chapels
Second Place: Getz Funeral Home
Runner Up: La Paz-Graham's Funeral Home

Best Hair Salon

Winner: Fringe Hair Design LLC
Second Place: The Mint
Runner Up: Bella Bee Hair Studio

Best Hair Stylist

Winner: Nikki Romero
Second Place: Ana Portillo at Fringe
Runner Up: Genevieve Herrera

Best Insurance Agency

Winner: Frank Moreno - Farmers Insurance
Second Place: Ben Trujillo - State Farm Insurance Agent
Runner Up: The Kassondra Saavedra Agency-Farmers Insurance

Best Insurance Provider

Winner: Frank Moreno - Farmers Insurance
Second Place: Ben Trujillo - State Farm Insurance Agent
Runner Up: USAA

Best Internet Provider

Winner: Xfinity Store by Comcast
Second Place: Century Link
Runner Up: Fastwave Biz

Best Law Enforcement Officer

Winner: Adrian De La Garza
Second Place: Brian De La O
Runner Up: Carmen and Aaron Lazarin

Best Law Firm / Lawyer

Winner: Law Office of Jill V. Johnson Vigil, LLC.
Second Place: Shaharazad (Sherry) Booth, Attorney at Law
Runner Up: Streeter Law Firm, LLC

Best Local Construction Company

Winner: Denney Construction Inc.
Second Place: Anthony Sosa Roofing & Construction
Runner Up: Orrantias Remodeling LLC,

Best Military Member

Winner: Natasha Manning-Redmond
Second Place: Lawrence Garcia
Runner Up: FCC Matthew Chandler



Best Pest Control

Winner: Doña Ana Pest Control
Second Place: Desert Oasis Pest Control & Prevention
Runner Up: Bug Guy Pest Control

Best Pet Boarding/Daycare

Winner: Pet Planet Hotel and Day Camp
Second Place: Calista Animal Hospital
Runner Up: Your Pet Space

Best Pet Groomer

Winner: Precision Groomers
Second Place: Peachy Clean Pets
Runner Up: Better Life Pet Foods

Best Pet Store

Winner: Better Life Pet Foods
Second Place: Humble Life K9 Supply CO.
Runner Up: PetSmart

Best Photographer (Business)

Winner: Adriana Eloisa
Second Place: Brittany Miller Photography
Runner Up: Melissa & Koko

Best Piercing Studio

Winner: DNA Ink Tattoo and Piercing
Second Place: Peg Leg Sam's Tattooing and Piercing
Runner Up: Irish Ink Tattoo

Best Property Management Company

Winner: Executive Rentals LLC
Second Place: Monarch Real Estate Corporation
Runner Up: Landmark Real Estate & Investment Inc.
Runner Up: Las Cruces Homes and Land Beth Johnson

Best Real Estate Lawyer

Winner: Joshua Smith
Second Place: Kyle H. Moberly
Runner Up: M. Ryan Hoover

Best Shoe Repair Store

Winner: Landis Saddles & Tack

Best Tattoo Studio

Winner: Porter House Ink
Second Place: Syncere Tattoo
Runner Up: Atom Bomb Studio

Best Tax Lawyer

Winner: J. David Beasley, Esq.
Second Place: Larry Ramirez

Best Travel Agency

Winner: Adventure Travel & Cruise Center
Second Place: AAA New Mexico
Runner Up: Creative Travel & Events LLC

Best Travel Agent

Winner: Wanda Mattiace
Second Place: Adventure Travel & Cruise Center
Runner Up: Marie Preisser, AAA Travel

Best Website Design and Development

Winner: SpyderWeb Dev
Second Place: NMCO
Runner Up: Sinuate Media

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Best Chef: Milo Rubio
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RUNNER UP:

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SHOPPING

Best Accessories Store

Winner: Co-Lab Artisans Loft
Second Place: Farmers & Crafts Market of Las Cruces
Runner Up: Sol Y Luna Homegirls (formerly Gypsy Azul NM)

Best Antique Store

Winner: Mesilla Valley Estate Sales
Second Place: The Emporium
Runner Up: Sol Y Luna Homegirls (formerly Gypsy Azul NM)

Best Art Supply Store

Winner: Frame & Art Center
Second Place: Hobby Lobby
Runner Up: MAS ART Frame and Art Supplies

Best Bookstore

Winner: COAS Books
Second Place: Barnes & Noble
Runner Up: Zia Comics

Best Boutique Store

Winner: Co-Lab Artisans Loft
Second Place: Sol Y Luna Homegirls (formerly Gypsy Azul NM)
Runner Up: Mood

Best Bridal/Formal Wear

Winner: Livingston Bridal and Events
Second Place: Boot Barn

Best CBD Store

Winner: Peco Valley Production
Second Place: Queen Bee's
Runner Up: Natural Releaf

Best Children's Clothing Store

Winner: My Little Monster Boutique
Second Place: Tutti Bambini
Runner Up: Dillard's

Best Computer Store

Winner: Best Buy
Second Place: MDC Computers
Runner Up: TruArt of the Earth

Best Consignment Store

Winner: My Rich Sister's Closet
Winner: Rhea Lana's of Las Cruces

Best Convenience Store

Winner: Pic Quik
Second Place: Family Dollar
Runner Up: Circle K

Best Entertainment/Physical Media Store

Winner: Blue Moon Bar & Grill
Second Place: Zia Comics
Runner Up: Super Gamers

Best Department Store

Winner: Dillard's
Second Place: Marshalls
Runner Up: Kohl's

Best Eyeglass Store

Winner: Avalos Vision
Second Place: Eyes of the Southwest
Runner Up: Looks Eyecare and Eyewear

Best Flea Market/Pavilion Sale Space

Winner: Big Daddy's Flea Market
Second Place: Peddlers Pavillion

Best Florist

Winner: Albertsons
Second Place: Flowerama
Runner Up: Flowerland

Best Gift Store

Winner: Co-Lab Artisans Loft
Second Place: Memorial Medical Center
Runner Up: Farmers & Crafts Market of Las Cruces



Best Grocery Store

Winner: Sprouts Farmers Market
Second Place: Albertsons
Runner Up: Toucan Market

Best Jeweler

Winner: Austin's Fine Jewelry
Second Place: Baquera Jewelers
Runner Up: Boudreau Jewelers & Gallery

Best Mall/Shopping Center

Winner: Farmers & Crafts Market of Las Cruces
Second Place: Mesilla Valley Mall

Best Men's Clothing Store

Winner: Dillard's
Second Place: Savers
Runner Up: Kohl's

Best Musical Instrument Store

Winner: White's Music Box
Second Place: Hubbard's Music-N-More
Runner Up: Mesilla Valley Music

Best Nail Salon

Winner: The Nail Room
Second Place: Vivian Nails
Runner Up: POSH Skin Care & Nail Bar

Best Pawn/Resale Shop

Winner: The Emporium
Second Place: Rhea Lana's of Las Cruces
Runner Up: Mother's Place

Best Place for Baby Accessories

Winner: My Little Monster Boutique
Second Place: Tutti Bambini
Runner Up: Mew and Company

Best Place to Buy Toys

Winner: Target
Second Place: Rhea Lana's of Las Cruces
Runner Up: BINge LLC
Runner Up: Zia Comics

Best Place to Buy video games

Winner: GameStop
Second Place: Super Gamers

Best Retail Customer Service

Winner: Co-Lab Artisans Loft
Second Place: Farmers & Crafts Market of Las Cruces
Runner Up: TruArt of the Earth

Best Shoe Store

Winner: Dillard's
Second Place: Rack Room Shoes
Runner Up: Shoe Dept. Encore

Best Tanning Salon

Winner: Gecko Tans

Best Thrift Store

Winner: Second Chance Thrift Store
Second Place: Savers
Runner Up: Safe Haven Animal Sanctuary

Best Vintage Clothing Store

Winner: Goodwill

Best Women's Clothing Store

Winner: Dillard's
Second Place: La Tienda De Jardin
Runner Up: Emerald Isle Boutique



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Best Bicycle Shop

Winner: Outdoor Adventures
 Second Place: Ride On Sports
 Runner Up: Play It Again Sports

Best Concealed Carry Instructor

Winner: Kurtis Donisthorpe
 Second Place: Curtis Yarnell
 Runner Up: Donna Stryker

Best Driving Range

Winner: Red Hawk Golf Club
 Second Place: NMSU Golf Course
 Runner Up: Sonoma Ranch Golf Course

Best Golf Course

Winner: NMSU Golf Course
 Second Place: Red Hawk Golf Club
 Runner Up: Sonoma Ranch Golf Course

Best Golf Shop

Winner: NMSU Golf Course
 Second Place: Play It Again Sports
 Runner Up: Sonoma Ranch Golf Course

Best Local Park

Winner: Young Park
 Second Place: Veterans Park
 Runner Up: La Llorona Park

Best Motorcycle Shop

Winner: Las Cruces Motorsports
 Second Place: Southwest Wheel'N
 Runner Up: Lanesplitterz

Best Outdoor Outfitters

Winner: Organ Mountain Outfitters
 Second Place: High Desert Outfitters Las Cruces

Best Place to Swim

Winner: Las Cruces Regional Aquatic Center
 Second Place: Fitness One
 Runner Up: Gym Magic Kids

Best Pool Hall

Winner: Lucky Dog Billiards
 Second Place: Blue Moon Bar & Grill
 Runner Up: Jerry O's Rack Room

Best Shooting Range

Winner: Butterfield Shooting Range
 Second Place: Strykers Shooting World
 Runner Up: The D.A.M. Ammo Co.

Best Sporting Goods Store

Winner: Sportsman's Warehouse
 Second Place: Play It Again Sports
 Runner Up: DICK'S Sporting Goods

Gymnastics School

Winner: Borderland Cheer and Dance
 Second Place: Cruces Gymnastics Academy
 Runner Up: Dance Connection LLC-Dance Academy

Karate or Martial Arts School

Winner: Maximum Martial Arts University
 Second Place: Zia Martial Arts
 Runner Up: Legacy Mixed Martial Arts



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when requested by a councilor and approved by Council. Requests shall be considered on a case-by-case basis provided that each councilor participating by conference telephone can be identified when speaking, all participants are able to hear each other at the same time, and members of the public attending the meeting are able to hear any councilor who speaks during the meeting.

A. Regularly Scheduled Open Meetings.

Unless the business before the City Council dictates otherwise, the City Council will conduct open meetings to take formal action on the first and third Monday of each month at 1:00 p.m. as referenced in Exhibit "A." When Monday is a city holiday, the meeting shall be held on the next business day. The City Council has the authority to change the meeting time with minute action in compliance with the Open Meetings Act, for subsequent regular meetings. Staff is hereby authorized and directed to publish this resolution one time as a legal advertisement in a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Las Cruces.

The City Council will conspicuously post an agenda of the meeting at least 72 hours prior to the meeting. In accordance with this resolution, the agenda shall be issued and circulated to the press, radio, and other public information media who have provided a written request for such notice and posted on the bulletin boards of City of Las Cruces City Hall, Thomas Branigan Memorial Library, and on the city's website. The agenda shall indicate the date, time, and place of the meeting, a list of all action items to be considered at that meeting, and a list of any other specific items of business to be transacted. The City Council shall only take action on items appearing on the agenda.

B. Hearings Before the City Council.

At any hearing at which a quorum of the City Council will be present, the City Council will provide notice of the hearing as an open meeting to take formal action and shall issue an agenda as prescribed in Section III(A) or (C) of this policy. Within a reasonable time, but in no less than 72 hours prior to the hearing, the City Council shall also provide actual notice to all parties in that case or their counsel and to any other

person who has requested such notice of the date, time, location, and purpose of the hearing.

If during the course of a public hearing at which a quorum of the City Council presides, the City Council determines that the hearing should be recessed and reconvened to a date subsequent to that date stated in the meeting notice, the City Council will specify the date, time, and place for the reconvened meeting prior to recessing and will conspicuously post notice of the date, time, and place for the reconvened meeting near the door of the place where the original meeting was held and on the bulletin board in the lobby of City Hall.

C. Other Open Meetings In Between Regularly Scheduled Open Meetings.

If the public interest requires other formal action by the City Council in between regularly scheduled open meetings, the City Council may conduct an open meeting to take formal action at such times. Except in the case of an emergency as defined in NMSA 1978, Section 10-15-1(F), the City Council will provide notice of each such meeting by conspicuously posting an agenda and a notice of the date, time, and location of such open meeting on the bulletin board in the lobby of City Hall, the city website, and by emailing a copy of the notice to the press at least 72 hours prior to the special open meeting.

(IV) Work Sessions

THAT a quorum of the City Council will also meet periodically in "work sessions." A "work session" is any meeting of a quorum of the City Council which does not involve any formal action by the City Council. Such sessions include but are not limited to (1) discussion related to the formulation of public policy prior to the formal discussion or adoption of any resolution or ordinance pending before the City Council; (2) discussions of internal administrative actions concerning the operations of the City Council; and (3) information discussions between staff and the City Council in preparation for formal discussion or action. Work sessions of a quorum of the City Council are open meetings and are open to the public, unless the subject of the work session is included in Subsection H of NMSA 1978, Section 10-15-1 and the City Council decides to close the work

session to the public in accordance with NMSA 1978, Section 10-15-1(I) and Section II of this policy. Any person wishing to attend a work session of the City Council, which has not been closed pursuant to NMSA 1978, Section 10-15-1(H) and 10-15-1(I) and this open meeting policy shall be allowed to attend and listen to the instructions.

(V) Emergency Meetings

THAT emergency meetings will be called only under unforeseen circumstances which demand immediate action to protect the health, safety, and property of citizens or to protect the public body from substantial financial loss. The Las Cruces City Council will avoid emergency meetings whenever possible. Emergency meetings may be called by the Mayor or a majority of the members upon four (4) hours' notice, unless threat of personal injury or personal damage requires less notice. The notice of all emergency meetings shall include an agenda for the meeting or information on how the public may obtain a copy of the agenda. All emergency measures adopted must be submitted to the Attorney General within 10 days of the meeting at which the action was taken, provided that the requirement to report to the Attorney General is waived due to state or national emergency.

(VI) Council Appointed Commissions, Committees, and Board Meetings

THAT Commissions, Committees, and Advisory Boards of the City of Las Cruces shall similarly issue their agendas by posting one on the City Hall bulletin board, the Thomas Branigan Memorial Library bulletin board, on the city's website, and furnishing copies to the news media, and provide such other notice as may be required by ordinance and law. Such issuance and posting are determined to be reasonable notice.

(VII) Compliance

THAT substantial compliance with any one of the foregoing methods of giving notice shall constitute compliance with this resolution and NMSA 1978, Sections 10-15-1 through 10-15-4. Nothing herein shall prevent the use of additional means or methods of giving notice of regular or special meetings. Nothing herein shall

require new notice of any public meeting for which notice has been given and which is recessed or adjourned. However, in recessing the meeting, the presiding officer shall announce the meeting, the time, and the place the meeting shall reconvene.

(VIII) Accommodation

THAT in addition to the information specified above, all notices shall include the following language: "If you need an accommodation for a disability to enable you to fully participate in this event, please contact us 72 hours before the event at 541-2115/V or 541-2182/TTY.

(IX) Validity

THAT if any section, paragraph, clause or provision of this resolution shall be for any reason held to be invalid or unenforceable, the validity of unenforceability of such section, paragraph or clause or provision shall not affect any of the remaining provisions of this resolution or its application to other situations.

(X) Repealer

THAT all bylaws, order and resolutions or parts thereof, inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed to the extent only of such inconsistency. This repeal shall not be construed to revive any prior bylaw, order or resolution or part thereof, heretofore repealed.

(XI)

THAT City staff is hereby authorized to do all deeds as necessary in the accomplishment of the herein above.

Copies Are Available for Inspection During Working Hours at the Office of the City Clerk. **Witness My Hand and Seal** of the City of Las Cruces on this the **14th day of December, 2021.**

Christine Rivera,
CMC City Clerk

Dated: 12/31/2021

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT

The City Council of the City of Las Cruces, New Mexico, Hereby Gives Notice of Its Intent to Adopt the Following Ordinance(s) at the **Regular City Council Meeting Held on January 18, 2022**

Council Bill No. 22-014;
Ordinance No. 2992; An

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Ordinance Approving a Zone Change from R-4 (Multi-Dwelling High Density & Limited Retail and Office) to O-2 (Office, Professional - Limited Retail Service) for Property + 0.611 Acres in Size Located at 3003, 3003-A, 3003-B, and 3003-B2 Hillrise Drive. Submitted by KaryBulsterbaum Steinborn/TCN Commercial Real Estate, Representative.

Copies Are Available for Inspection During Working Hours at the Office of the City Clerk. **Witness My Hand and Seal** of the City of Las Cruces on this the **27th day of December, 2021.**

Christine Rivera, CMC
City Clerk

NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPROVE

Notice is hereby given that the Las Cruces City Council will hold a Public Hearing to discuss approval or disapproval for a Restaurant Beer, Wine and Spirits Liquor License with on Premises Consumption Only to Taqueria Que Pasa, Inc., located at 1660 S. Valley Drive, Las Cruces, New Mexico, 88005.

The Public Hearing will be held as part of the regularly scheduled meeting of the City Council on Tuesday, January 18, 2022, beginning at 1:00 p.m., in the City Council Chambers, 700 North Main Street, City Hall. If passed, the Director of Alcoholic Beverage Control of the State of New Mexico Regulation & Licensing Department may approve the issuance of the license.

Witness my hand and seal this 10th day of December 2021.

Dates: 12/17 & 12/31, 2022

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Notice is hereby given that the following property shall be sold at public auction or otherwise disposed, of in satisfaction of lien, in accordance with the New Mexico Self Storage Lien Act.

To be held over the internet at storagetreasures.com

By **DISCOUNT SELF STORAGE**
2190 HOLIDAY AVE
LAS CRUCES, NM 88005
575 525-9056

BEGINNING ON
MONDAY,
JANUARY 24th 2022

AT 10 A.M. AND ENDING ON FRIDAY, JANUARY 28th, 2021 AT 10 A.M.

THE ENTIRE CONTENTS OF STORAGE UNITS: 2526, B03, C04, D41, G21, H5152, J08, L07, D44, Tenant address is "last known."

Unit 2526
BOBBY J BENAVIDEZ
1604 Burgundy Ave
Carlsbad, NM 88220
Unit items consist of: Truck jack, wooden tables, luggage, bedroom furniture, misc household items

Unit B03
MARIO M DIMAS
450 W Picacho Ave #20
Las Cruces, NM 88005
Unit items consist of: Wheelbarrow, tires, tools, boxes, ladder, misc items

Unit C04
MANUEL BENAVIDEZ
2155 W Picacho #108
Las Cruces, NM 88007
Unit items consist of: Totes, luggage, bag, vacuum

Unit D41
MICAHYA LUCERO
1466 N 2nd St
Las Cruces, NM 88005
Unit items consist of: Bags, bed, boxes, sofa chair, bedding, coffee table, misc items

Unit G21
SARAH SULLIVAN
5592 Boxwood Ln
Las Cruces, NM 88012
Unit items consist of: Luggage bag, bag of clothing, pet carrier, step stool

Unit H5152
AMELIA SEGOVIA
1751 W Hadley Ave #31
Las Cruces, NM 88001
Unit items consist of: Kids toys, bags, plastic container

Unit J08
JAJAIRA M ALVARADO
1505 La Fonda Dr Apt 311
Las Cruces, NM 88001
Unit items consist of: Chandelier, saddle bags, wall hangings, boxes, shelves, totes, misc items

Unit L07
ALEX R RODRIGUEZ
1004 Rhapsody Ln
Las Cruces, NM 88007
Unit items consist of: Car parts, jack, tools, misc items

Unit D44
ORLANDO GONZALEZ
1618 Sunland Dr
Dona Ana, NM 88007
Unit items consist of: Sofas, wall décor, boxes, vacuum, lamp, misc items
Dates 12/31/21, 01/07/22

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DONA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

No. D-307-SA-2021-28
JUDGE DURAN

EZEQUIEL ROSALES and
BLANCA ROSALES,
husband and wife,

Petitioners,
vs.

JOSUE ROSALES and
SHAYLENE DOLLOFF,

Respondents,

IN THE MATTER OF THE
ADOPTION OF S. D.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

Shaylene Dolloff, whose last known place of residence is in Las Cruces, New Mexico, will hereby take notice that on July 6, 2021, a Petition for Adoption was filed in the Third Judicial District Court in the Dona Ana County, in the State of New Mexico, with it being Case No. D-307-SA-2021-28 on the docket of said court, praying for adoption of the minor child, S. D. Shaylene Dolloff will further take notice that she is required to file a reply to the Petition for Adoption within 30 days or a default judgment may be entered by the Court therefore granting Petitioners' request for adoption of the minor child S. D. Petitioners' Attorney is Ramon Hernandez, 1127 E. Idaho Avenue, Las Cruces, NM 88001 (575) 523-0144.

Dates: 12/31, 01/07, 01/14, 2022

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DONA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

No. **D-307-PB-2021-00235**
Judge Casey B Fitch

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JOHN NEIL BROWN DECEASED.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative of the estate. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this notice, or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned personal representative at the address listed below, or

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filed with the Third District Court of Dona Ana County, New Mexico, located at 201 W. Picacho Ave. Las Cruces NM 88005.

Dated: December 21, 2021.

/S/ Marianne Gillespie

Marianne Gillespie
First American Bank
Las Cruces, NM 88004
575-524-8000

Dates: 12/31, 01/07, 01/14, 2022

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DONA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

No. D-307-PB-2021-182
Judge: Fitch

IN THE MATTER OF THE
ESTATE OF
RODOLFO MEDINA
DECEASED.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that LORENZO B. MEDINA has been appointed personal representative of the estate. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned counsel for Personal Representative or file with the Clerk of the Third District Court, 201 W. Picacho Ave. Las Cruces NM 88005.

/S/ MELISSA J. REEVES, P.C.

Melissa J. Reeves-Evins
NM State Bar No. 7629
200 W. Las Cruces Ave.,
Ste A Las Cruces, NM 88005
575-522-5009
Attorney for Personal Representative

Dates: 12/31, 01/07, 01/14, 2022

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DONA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

C a s e N o . :
D-307-CV-2018-00325

FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION ("FANNIE MAE"), A CORPORATION ORGANIZED AND EXISTING UNDER THE LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Plaintiff,

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DONA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL
DISTRICT

No.
D-307-CV-2017-03960

CITIMORTGAGE, INC.,

Plaintiff,
vs.

CARLOS S. CASTANEDA,
if living, if deceased, THE
ESTATE OF CARLOS S.
CASTANEDA, Deceased;
KARL CASTANEDA;
GIANNA MARI CASTA-
NEDA; TRE LUCIANO
CASTANEDA; CATYA
ANI CASTANEDA; and
THE UNKNOWN HEIRS,
DEVISEES OR LEGATEES
OF CARLOS S. CASTA-
NEDA, Deceased,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on January 26, 2022, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., the undersigned Special Master will, at the main entrance of the Dona Ana County Judicial Complex, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, New Mexico, sell all the right, title and interest of the above-named Defendants in and to the hereinafter described real estate to the highest bidder for cash. The property to be sold is located at 4105 Calle Corte, Las Cruces, and is situate in Dona Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

Lot 2, Block 1, MISSION ESPADA-PHASES 1 AND 2A, in the City of Las Cruces, Dona Ana County, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on Plat No. 4327 thereof, filed for record in the Office of the County Clerk of said county on February 24, 2006, and recorded in Book 21, Pages 534-536, Plat Records.

THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above entitled and numbered cause on December 9, 2021, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$269,451.97 and the same bears interest at 3.750% per annum from October 12, 2021, to the date of sale. The Plaintiff and/or its assignees has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The sale may be postponed and rescheduled

at the discretion of the Special Master.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due. Plaintiff and its attorneys disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property subject to, the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above described real property subject to a one month right of redemption. Electronically filed /s/ Pamela A. Carmody, Special Master PO Drawer 16169 Las Cruces, NM 88004-6169 (575) 642-5567

Dates: 12/24/21, 12/31/21, 01/07/22, 01/14/22

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DONA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL
DISTRICT COURT

No: D-307-PB-2021-248
Judge: ARRIETA

IN THE MATTER OF
THE ESTATE OF
WILLIAM RANDALL
MAXEY
DECEASED.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative of the estate. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned counsel for Personal Representative or file with the Clerk of the Third District Court, 201 W. Picacho Ave. Las Cruces NM 88005.

/S/ MELISSA J. REEVES,
P.C.
Melissa J. Reeves-Evins

NM State Bar No. 7629
200 W. Las Cruces Ave.,
Ste A Las Cruces, NM
88005
575-522-5009
Attorney for Personal
Representative

Dates: 12/31, 01/07, 01/14,
2022

STATE OF
NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL
DISTRICT COURT

NO. D-307-CV2021-0235

IN THE MATTER OF THE
PETITION OF Zachary
John Cueller
FOR CHANGE OF NAME

NOTICE OF PETITION
TO CHANGE NAME

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Zachary John Cueller, a resident of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, and State of New Mexico, and over the age of fourteen years, has filed a Petition to Change Name in the Third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, wherein he seeks to change his name from Zachary John Cueller to Zachary G. Giovanni, and that this Petition will be heard before the Honorable Manuel I. Arrieta, District Judge, on the 11th day of January 2022, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., at the Dona Ana County Courthouse, 201 W. Picacho Ave., Las Cruces, New Mexico.

Respectfully submitted :
/s/ Zachary John Cueller
Zachary John Cueller
4342 Capistrano Ave.,
Unit A
Las Cruces, NM 88011
915-710-2511

Dates: 12/31/21, 01/07/22

STATE OF
NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL
DISTRICT COURT

NO. CV-2021-2311
JUDGE James T. Martin

IN THE MATTER OF
THE PETITION OF

Elaine Meneses

FOR CHANGE OF NAME

NOTICE OF PETITION
TO CHANGE NAME

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Elaine Meneses, a resident of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, and State of New Mexico, and over the age of fourteen years, has filed a Petition to Change Name in the Third

Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, wherein he/she seeks to change he/her name from Elaine Meneses to Elaine Diaz, and that this Petition will be heard before the Honorable James T. Martin, District Judge, on the 5th day of January 2022, at the hour of 11:00 A.M., at the Dona Ana County Courthouse, 201 W. Picacho Ave., Las Cruces, New Mexico.

Respectfully submitted :
/s/Elaine Meneses
Elaine Menese
1945 Stanton Ave
Las Cruces, NM 88001
575-621-4318

Dates: 12/24, 12/31 2021

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL
DISTRICT COURT

No. D-307-CV-2021-02495
Judge James T. Martin

Michael Daniels, Martin
Salazar, Jaime Salazar,
Thomas Salazar,
Plaintiffs,

v.

Unknown Defendants who
may claim An interest in the
subject real property,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY
OF ACTION

TO: UNKNOWN PERSONS WHO MAY CLAIM A LIEN, INTERESTED OR TITLE ADVERSE TO THE PLAINTIFFS, Michael Daniels, Martin Salazar, Jaime Salazar, Thomas Salazar. The nature of this suit is substantially as follows, to-wit:

This action is brought to quiet title on the following property owned by Maureen C. Daniels:

A tract of land situate West of Organ, Dona Ana County, New Mexico, located in

Section 4, T.22S., R.3E., N.M.P.M. OF THE U.S.G.L.O. Surveys, and being more particularly describes as follows to wit: BEGINNING at a spotter found on the Southerly line of Luna Vista Road for the Northwest corner of this tracts: WHENCE the West 1/4 corner of Section 4, T.22S., R.3E., N.M.P.M. of the U.S.G.L.O. Surveys, bears N.89°31'18"W., 220.27 feet;

THENCE, along the Southerly line of Luna Vista Road, S.89°31'18"E., a distance of 147.69 feet to a spotter set for the Northeast corner of this tract; THENCE, leaving the Southerly line of Luna Vista

Road, S.01°04'26"E., a distance of 332.12 feet to a 1/2" iron rod found for the Southeast corner of this tract; THENCE N.89°34'26"W., a distance of 147.68 feet to a 1/2" iron rod found for the Southwest corner of this tract; THENCE N. 01°04'26"W., a distance of 332.26 feet to the point of the beginning, enclosing 1.1258 acres of land, more or less. Subject to a 25.00 foot wide road and utility easement parallel and immediately adjacent to the Northerly boundary. Also subject to all other easements and reservations of record.

Information in the preparation of this description derives from Warranty Deed filed July 17, 1998, in Book 139, Pages 1124-1125, of the Dona Ana County Records. A plat war prepared under Job No. 0004208, Filed Notes by SCANLON WHITE, INC., License No. 9433.

The street address of the property is 9424 Luna Vista, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88012.

If you or your attorney do not respond to this Notice of Pendency of Action, a Default Judgment may be taken against you.

Respectfully Submitted,
/s/ Matt G. Watson
Matthew G. Watson, Esq.
Attorney for Plaintiffs
1100 South Main Street Ste 21
Las Cruces, NM 88005
Tel. (575)528-0500
Fax (575)526-9094

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DONA ANA
SUBSCRIBED, SWORN
TO, AND ACKNOWLEDGED BEFORE ME this 3rd day of December, 2021 by Matthew G. Watson.
/s/Nicole T. Carpio
Nicole T. Carpio
Notary Public in and for the State of New Mexico

Date: 12/24/21, 12/31/21, 01/07/22

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL
DISTRICT COURT

NO. CV-2021-2295
JUDGE James T. Martin

IN THE MATTER OF THE
PETITION OF Alberto
Rivas FOR CHANGE OF
NAME

NOTICE OF PETITION TO
CHANGE NAME

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Albert Rivas, a resident of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, and

State of New Mexico, and over the age of fourteen years, has filed a Petition to Change Name in the Third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, wherein he seeks to change his name from Alberto Rivas to Alberto Moreno, and that this Petition will be heard before the Honorable James T. Martin, District Judge, on the 5th day of January 2021, at the hour of 11:00 a.m., at the Third Judicial District Courthouse, 201 W. Picacho Ave., Las Cruces, New Mexico.

Respectfully submitted :
/s/Alberto Rivas
Alberto Rivas
7205 Parrigin Way
Las Cruces, NM 88012
575-520-4032

Dates: 12/24, 12/31, 2021

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL
DISTRICT COURT

CV-2021-02112
JUDGE Martin

IN THE MATTER OF THE
PETITION OF
Alma D. Rodriguez

FOR CHANGE OF NAME

AMENDED NOTICE OF
PETITION TO CHANGE
NAME

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that ALMA D. RODRIGUEZ, a resident of La Mesa, County of Doña Ana, and State of New Mexico, and over the age of fourteen years, has filed a Petition to Change Name in the Third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, wherein she seeks to change her name from ALMA D. RODRIGUEZ to ALMA D. ROMERO, and that this Petition will be heard before the Honorable James T. Martin, District Judge, on the 5th day of January 2021, at the hour of 11:00 a.m., at the Dona Ana County District Courthouse, 201 W. Picacho Ave., Las Cruces, New Mexico.

Respectfully submitted :
/s/Alma D. Rodriguez
ALMA D. RODRIGUEZ
129 CALLE DE LAS FLORES
LA MESA, NM 88044
(575) 449-9359

Dates: 12/24, 12/31, 2021

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL
DISTRICT COURT

No. D-307-PB-2021-00242
Judge James T. Martin

IN THE MATTER OF THE
ESTATE OF ROSA LINDA
GARCIA, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed the Personal Representative of this estate. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned Personal Representative in care of Joseph M. Holmes, P.A., PO Box 366, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88004-0366, or filed with the Third Judicial District Court, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005. Dated: December 13th, 2021

/s/Leilani Novak-Garcia
Leilani Novak-Garcia,
Personal Representative
of the Estate of
Rosa Linda Garcia,
deceased

Prepared & Submitted by:
JOSEPH M. HOLMES, P.A.
PO Box 366
Las Cruces, NM 88004-0366
(575) 524-0833
holmespa@zianet.com

/s/Joseph M. Holmes
Joseph M. Holmes
Attorney for the Estate

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
IN THE PROBATE
COURT DOÑA ANA
COUNTY IN THE MAT-
TER OF THE ESTATE OF
KAREN E. INGALLS,
DECEASED

No. 21-0340

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE TO CREDITORS IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Co-Personal Representatives of this estate. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of any published notice to creditors or sixty (60) days after the date of mailing or other delivery of this notice, whichever is later, or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned Co-Personal Representatives at their re-

spective address as listed below:

Constance Elizabeth Fixler
7610 Carriage Lane
Cincinnati, Ohio, 45242
William Baxter Metz
7670 Blome Road
Cincinnati, Ohio, 45243

You may also file claims with the Probate Court of Doña Ana County, New Mexico, located at the following address: 845 N. Motel Blvd., Las Cruces, New Mexico, 88007

THIRD JUDICIAL
DISTRICT COURT
OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY

C a s e N o .
D-307-PB-2021-00239
JUDGE: Manuel I. Arrieta

IN THE MATTER OF THE
ESTATE OF LARRY
MICHAEL DENNISON
a/k/a LARRY MICHAEL
DENNISON, SR.,
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative of the estate. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present their claims

within four months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned personal representative c/o MARK A. FILOSA, Post Office Drawer 391, Truth or Consequences, New Mexico, or filed with the District Court, 311 North Date, Truth or Consequences, New Mexico.

Dated:

/s/ Coby Seth Dennison
Coby Seth Dennison
Personal Representative
3426 Parkridge Pl.
Las Cruces, NM 88005

/s/ Mark A. Filosa
Mark A. Filosa
Attorney for Personal Representative
Post Office Drawer 391
Truth or Consequences, NM
87901
575-894-7161
Email: filosa@zianet.com

Dates: 12/31/21, 01/07/22,
01/14/22

Doña Ana County NAACP event going virtual

By MIKE COOK

Las Cruces Bulletin

The Doña Ana County NAACP has canceled the 2022 in-person Martin Luther King Jr. Breakfast because of the pandemic and will host a live webinar instead, DAC NAACP President Bobbie Green said.

The webinar will begin at 9 a.m. Monday, Jan. 17, 2022. There is no charge to attend, but registration is required.

Lt. Gov. Howie Morales will be the webinar's keynote speaker.

"In addition to the keynote speech, we plan to hold a panel discussion which will focus on some of Dr. King's well-known quotes and ask the panelists to discuss the quotes as they pertain to the current climate of social unrest in this country," Green said. "We will play short audio clips of Dr. King and then ask the panelists to weigh in on the progress we have made as a country, and what we can do about today's issues (such as voter suppression, police reform, income in-



**HOWIE
MORALES**

equality, critical race theory)." Panelists are to be announced.

Morales worked as a special education teacher in the Silver City and Cobre (Bayerd, New Mexico) school districts before

being elected Grant County clerk in 2004.

He held that position until his appointment to the New Mexico State Senate representing District 28 (Grant, Socorro and Catron counties) in January 2008 following the death of long-time state Sen. Ben Altamirano. Morales is a Silver City native.

Morales is the only statewide elected official from southern New Mexico.

To register, visit us02web.zoom.us/join/zoom/register/WN_JEFaZqQM-TLKfw_RySg5veA. Or visit naacpdac.org, click on "CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFO" and then click on "Register Click Here."

Downtown rally continues live

The Doña Ana County NAACP will host a live, in-person Martin Luther King Jr. Rally beginning at 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 16, at Plaza de Las Cruces Downtown.

There is no charge to attend.

The theme of the 2022 Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration is "Always Fighting Forward."

The celebration is sponsored by the New Mexico Martin Luther King Jr. State Commission (nmmlksc.org).

King was born Jan. 15, 1929, in Atlanta, Georgia and assassinated Apr. 4, 1968, in Memphis, Tennessee.

Martin Luther King Jr. Day was established as a holiday in numerous cities and states beginning in 1971. President Ronald Reagan made it a federal holiday in 1986.

The Doña Ana County NAACP meets at 10 a.m. the third Saturday of the month at First Christian Church, 1809 El Paseo Road.

For more information, visit naacpdac.org.

Genealogical Society returns to in-person meetings in January

FROM A NEWS RELEASE FROM THE DOÑA ANA COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Are you longing for a challenge and a stable voice to encourage you? For the members of the Doña Ana County Genealogical Society (DACGS), that voice belongs to the current DACGS President Elaine McKinney.

DACGS began in January 2008. The mission is to meet the genealogical needs of its members and the public through the acquisition, preservation and dissemination of genealogical and historical information.

McKinney led the society through the Covid pandemic, shifting meetings from in-person encounters at the Thomas Branigan Memorial Library (TBML) Roadrunner Room to virtual Zoom meetings that have been enormously successful. By utilizing Zoom, the society has been privileged to enlist world-renowned presenters and membership has grown to include



**ELAINE
MCKINNEY**



**JOHN
CHARBONNET**

many out-of-state participants.

The organization will evolve further, as McKinney will pass the reins to John Charbonnet, who will assume the position of president on Jan. 1.

The society will continue providing first-class genealogy presentations at 2 p.m. every second Wednesday of the month. The Jan. 12 gathering will be the first in-person meeting since the start of pandemic restrictions nearly two years ago. The meetings will now be hybrid, with in-person meetings in TBML's Roadrunner Room and also available virtually via Zoom.

The January 2022 program will feature Cathy Wallace speaking about the Billion Graves website. Wallace is the special projects coordinator for billiongraves.com.

If you are a genealogist or have been expanding or starting your family history or genealogical research, contact DACGS at dacgslc@gmail.com. You may also consider becoming a member, as yearly membership dues are minimal.

Membership includes access to a myriad of genealogical resources via the society's website, assistance with genealogical research, coaching programs and informative monthly presentations.

Non-members are welcome to participate in monthly meetings either in person or by Zoom.

For Zoom access, email dacgslc@gmail.com at least two days before the meeting date.

Visit dacgs.org.

Mountain Music
2330 S. Valley Drive
523-0603
New & Used Musical Instruments

Teton cedar top acoustic guitar	\$492
Fender squire guitar used for video games	\$75
Blessing trumpet w/case	\$300
1959 Roth violin w/case	\$600
Pair Bose 6.2 home stereo speakers	\$300
Used Audix D-1 & D-2 microphones	\$125 ea.
Used Armstrong flute w/case	\$200
Vox Valvetronics 50-watt 1x12 amp	\$300
Fender tube am 1x12 bass breaker	\$460
Fender Toronado electric guitar 15-watt	\$345
Custom-made in Canada "Big Leaf" mandolin (oval hole)	\$350.
Spirit acoustic w/case mid-90s - only 20 made	\$3000
Buffet R13 clarinet w/case	\$3500
Epiphone mandolin w/case A-style w/pickup	\$349
Epiphone Firebird electric mandolin 4-string	\$200
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Music Man 65 bass tube amp head w/1x15 cabinet	\$600
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Arts council likely to move in 2022; community asked to help

By GREG SMITH

Executive Director
Doña Ana Arts Council

In 2021, the Doña Ana Arts Council (DAAC) marked its first 50 years serving Doña Ana County and the region with the arts and through the arts. Hopes have been shared that, in 2022, it can continue its service with a move into a permanent site.

From its start in 1971 in a private residence and in five other locations since then, DAAC has been an investment in our community through the arts.

Visionaries here have been making the case for the power of the arts in a creative economy and the importance of community pride through the arts these past five decades, and we are moving confidently with that same vision into the next five decades.

Despite the pandemic, we've enjoyed 15 great months in our current



COURTESY PHOTO

Doña Ana Arts Council Executive Director Greg Smith at the DAAC Arts and Cultural Center, 250 W. Amador Ave.

spot, 250 W. Amador Ave., and it has had the best gallery of all of them.

Norman Todd made sure we had a great space for showing art, and even though everyone in the audience had to wear masks and keep their distance from each other, we've also had three superb performances here.

Todd passed away in

August of this year, and his family has decided to sell the building where the arts council has been located since September 2021.

They have been fantastic, and we can fully appreciate how this is something Norman's family feels they have to do. However, this means the arts council will most

likely be again moving, either at the end of August 2022 or possibly even months before.

The DAAC board of directors gave the green light to start a search for a new location, with an emphasis on possibly finding a permanent address where visual arts, performing arts and classes in the arts can productively coexist.

Particular interest is focused on arts programming for young people: continuing the initiative of Jordan and Marian Wolle with Career Art Paths, along with other summer art programs as well as building on the recent collaborative success in arts integration with seven entities that included Las Cruces Public Schools and Kennedy Center Partners in Education.

The sites being contemplated are even in historic adobe structures. This could be very appropriate, given our history here with adobe and the arts

council's own time in two historic adobes.

Three of the five past Las Cruces locations for the arts council have been just blocks apart in what is now the Las Cruces Arts and Cultural District (ACD), and two of those three were historic buildings constructed of adobe. Adobe construction predominated for most of the area's buildings for 100 or more of the past 170 years, and in 2005, DAAC moved from an adobe storefront on Campo Street to the iconic, two-story, adobe Rio Grande Theatre (RGT) on Main Street.

The incredible generosity of two granddaughters of one of the original owners of the theater got the ball rolling. Then, our community and legislators stepped up and made something spectacular happen. Ostensibly, RGT was to be the prominent and permanent home of DAAC, but several conditions made it necessary for us to move out and

turn operation of the theater over to the City of Las Cruces in 2017.

The arts council is asking for the community to step up again and help something "spectacular" happen again, but this time where gallery space, performances and classes can all be adequately accommodated. The history, the arts and the culture in Downtown Las Cruces all seem to be compelling considerations in the search for a new, permanent home for DAAC.

Very attractive sites are also being seriously considered outside Downtown and the ACD.

The two key points for us are that it has to work for what we are doing in the arts, and it has to be something we can afford.

DAAC is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and noon to 5 p.m. every second Saturday.

Contact DAAC at 575-523-6403.

Visit daarts.org for more information.

Dance Eclectic to perform 'The Ring Leader' Jan. 7-8 at Black Box Theatre

By MIKE COOK

Las Cruces Bulletin

The Dance Eclectic of Las Cruces will perform "The Ring Leader" at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Jan. 7-8, 2022, at Black Box Theatre, 430 N. Main St.

Tickets are \$15 for

adults and \$12 for students and seniors. Tickets will be available at the door and check online at no-strings.org.

"The Ring Leader" is "a family friendly show about a (circus) ring leader who is nearing retirement and a newcomer who is finding her way

in the circus," said The Dance Eclectic Creative Director Morgan Rivera.

The show was inspired by the 2017 film "The Greatest Showman," and the life of P.T. Barnum (1810-91), who, with James Anthony Bailey, founded the Barnum and Bailey Circus, which op-

erated 1871-2017.

"As the story progresses," Rivera said, "the ring leader sees the potential of the newcomer and chooses to groom and train her to take over so she can retire."

Original choreography

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COURTESY PHOTO

The Dance Eclectic dancers are Morgan Rivera, Stephanie Beaugard, Tiana Potter, Rachel Goodman, Julia Gardenhire, Andrea Severson Lopez and Lisa Moya.

Farm and Ranch Heritage Museum director looks back on 1st year

By MIKE COOK

Las Cruces Bulletin

New Mexico Farm and Ranch Heritage Museum (NMFRHM) is “a living, breathing part of the city and the state,” said Heather Reed, who celebrated her first year as executive director Nov. 2.

Coming to NMFRHM from the South Carolina Historical Society in Charleston, South Carolina, Reed said she was struck by how much a part of the community the museum has become since it opened in 1998.

People from throughout southern New Mexico

“don’t just come when they have family and friends in town,” she said.

“This is their home. It’s a place to celebrate the state and the community,” she said.

Covering 47 acres, the museum’s main building has more than 24,000 square feet of exhibit space to tell the 4,000-year history of farming and ranching in New Mexico. Just one example is “Her Story: Women in Agriculture,” a rotating wall display that went up last summer and will change every six months to tell



PHOTO COURTESY OF CRAIG MASSEY, NEW MEXICO FARM AND RANCH HERITAGE MUSEUM

Heather Reed has been the executive director of the New Mexico Farm and Ranch Heritage Museum, 4100 Dripping Springs Road, for a little more than year now.

the story of the women who have become icons in New Mexico farming and ranching.

NMFRHM is “a welcoming place,” Reed said, and home to bright and colorful interactive exhibits, with no velvet ropes.

“You get to be a part of the story as much as your family has been a part of the story we’re telling,” Reed said.

NMFRHM hosts frequent live demonstrations at the museum, including weaving, quilting, blacksmithing and other basics of farming and ranching,

as the museum helps to “keep traditional skills alive,” Reed said.

NMFRHM also has a spacious outdoor courtyard with a breathtaking view of the Organ Mountains, the Eagle Ranch mercantile gift shoppe and a 150-seat theater.

It is also showplace for the works of local artists, and the museum welcomes meetings and events in its large meeting rooms.

The museum’s outdoor exhibits include 20 acres devoted to real, live sheep, goats and cattle — from

newborn to adult — along with a greenhouse and historic farming and ranching machinery. It also hosts extremely popular annual events like Cowboys Days in March.

NMFRHM continues reaching out to the community it serves, Reed said, welcoming more stories and artwork, along with projects from local 4H clubs, the Farm Bureau and other farming and ranching organizations for children and adults.

“The biggest thing we can do is pay attention to our customers,” Reed said. “What does our customer want to see?”

Reed said she spends as much as time as she can out and about in the museum and on museum grounds, talking to employees and interacting with members of the public. And, she is frequently recognized away from the museum by its regular visitors.

Reed began work at NMFRHM with the museum closed to the public



BULLETIN PHOTO BY MIKE COOK

A chuckwagon is on display in the lobby of the New Mexico Farm and Ranch Heritage Museum.

because of the pandemic. A small crew returned to work at the museum Feb. 8, she said, and full staff returned July 6.

“People are so happy we’ve reopened,” Reed said.

Reed said the museum welcomes additional volunteers to lead tours, help in the office and conduct live demonstrations.

“Come to us and we will find a wonderful place for you,” she said.

A native of northeast Ohio, Reed grew up surrounded by family heirlooms and ancestors’ stories. With regular visits to her grandparents’ farm during her youth, she personally raised and showed goats, a sheep and a llama.

Before becoming the first director of Museum and Education at the South Carolina Historical Society, Reed spent seven years working at the Taylor County History Center in Buffalo Gap, Texas, where she held the positions of executive director, executive vice president, site manager and curator. Her professional experi-

ence also includes service at The Grace Museum in Abilene, Texas; Amazement Square Children’s Museum in Lynchburg, Virginia; and the Ohio Historical Society in Columbus, Morgan County Historical Society, Perry County Historical Society, Athens County Historical Society & Museum and the Ohio Agricultural Research and Development Center in Wooster, all in Ohio.

Reed was an adjunct instructor of undergraduate courses on cultural and heritage tourism at McMurry University in Abilene, Texas. She holds a bachelor of arts degree in history from The College of Wooster in Ohio and a master’s degree in public history with a focus on museum studies, interpretation and heritage tourism from North Carolina State University.

NMFRHM is located at 4100 Dripping Springs Road.

Call the museum at 575-522-4100.

Visit www.nmfarmandranchmuseum.org to plan an outing.



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New Mexico Farm and Ranch Heritage Museum helps to celebrate New Mexico’s agricultural heritage and serves as a gathering place for the community.

Learning academy lineup includes sports, health, art, history

BULLETIN REPORT

The Academy for Learning in Retirement (ALR) will cover sports and society, medicines and older patients, Dutch artist Hieronymus Bosch, the Spanish conquest of Tenochtitlan and climate.

Because of the pandemic, ALR shifted from live, in-person to Zoom presentations in fall 2020, and they have been very successful, ALR said in a news release. It will offer Zoom presentations January through May 2022.

Here are the topics and speakers:

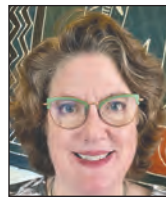
- January 2022: "Sports and Society," with speakers New Mexico State University economics professor emeritus James Peach, Ph.D.; Doña Ana



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Community College President Mónica Torres, Ph.D.; NMSU Director of Athletics Mario Moccia; and NMSU Women's Softball Coach Kathy Rodolph. They will discuss the changing legal and economic environment of sports, sports as reflected in American film and literature, the challenges faced by a college athletics program and the challenges faced by a head coach in achieving success in a quickly changing

environment, ALR said. The presentations will be Mondays, Jan. 10 and 17 and Wednesdays, Jan. 12 and 19.

- February: "Medications and the Older Patient," with Mark Stratton, Ph.D., professor emeritus professor in the College of Pharmacy at the University of Oklahoma. Stratton will discuss the problems older people encounter when medications are used inappropriately, excessively

and unnecessarily and how to use medications to minimize their risk. The series will conclude with a presentation on managing chronic non-cancer pain with a focus on avoiding opioids. The presentations will be Tuesdays, Feb. 8 and 15 and Thursdays, Feb. 10 and 17.

- March: "Dutch Renaissance artist Hieronymus Bosch," with Margaret Goehring, Ph.D., associate professor in the NMSU Department of Art. Goehring will discuss Bosch's art, including the "Garden of Earthly Delights" in a series that will explore theories that have been proposed to explain his imagery. The presentations will be Tuesdays, March 15 and 22 and Thursdays, March 17 and 24.

- April: "Why Spain Was Able to Conquer Tenochtitlan," with NMSU Anthropology Department Head Rani Alexander, Ph.D. Alexander will explore why Spain was able to conquer Tenochtitlan, the largest city in pre-colonial Mexico, in 1521. She will explore the pandemic that developed and spread during and after the conquest. The presentations will be Tuesday, April 12 and Thursday, April 14.

- May: "Climate," with New Mexico Climatologist David DuBois, Ph.D., who is a member of NMSU's Department of Plant and Environmental Sciences. DuBois will discuss what climate means and how we know that it is changing. The presentations will be Mondays, May 9

and 16 and Wednesdays, May 16 and 18.

ALR will post the times and dates of these presentations and information about ALR's free Jan. 6 online overview session at dacc.nmsu.edu/ALR. You can register on that website, starting Jan. 2.

The fee is \$20 for each month's four presentations; \$10 in April when there will be two presentations, or a reduced fee of \$54 for the entire set of 18 spring presentations.

ALR is a nonprofit started in 1992 by former NMSU President Gerald Thomas, along with retired deans Thomas Gale, Virginia Higbie, Flavia McCormick and others, including former professor and teacher Clarence Fielder.

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Take a ride back in time: Discover dinosaurs at science museum

BULLETIN REPORT

The Las Cruces Museum of Nature and Science (MONAS) will host "Dino Days," 10 a.m. to noon Thursday and Friday, Jan. 6-7, at the museum, 411 N. Main St. Downtown.

The programs are free and open to the public, the city said in a news release.

Participants can "take a

ride back in time through special activities designed to inspire budding paleontologists," the news release said.

"Learn about the dinosaurs that roamed New Mexico. Discover what fossils tell us about how these creatures lived," the release stated.

Events are fun for all ages and meets several requirements for the Webelo

Digging in the Past merit badge, the city said.

Here is the schedule of events for "Dino Days":

Thursday, Jan. 6: Practice your paleontology with a Dino ID game and learn to identify trace fossils and make your own fossil imprint to take home.

Friday, Jan. 7: Learn about carnivores and herbivores from the Triassic

through the Cretaceous. Take what you learn and create an imaginary dinosaur of your own.

MONAS is open 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday.

The museum is accessible via RoadRUNNER Transit Route 1 Stop 1.

Call the museum at 575-522-3120. Visit las-cruces.org/museums.



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The Las Cruces Museum of Nature and Science will host "Dino Days" on Jan. 6-7.

DANCE

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for the production is by members of The Dance Eclectic to "tell a story through genres of dance ranging from classical ballet to modern dance

to jazz, as well as saber twirling and wonderfully talented guest artists," Rivera said.

"Join us at the circus for some fun and playful acts as our ring leader navigates the demands of being in charge and our newcomer navigates find-

ing her way under the big top," she said.

The Dance Eclectic formed in 2012 as a dance collective to give teens and adults performance opportunities and to create and perform members' choreography.

Rivera has a bachelor

of arts degree in dance from the University of New Mexico and joined The Dance Eclectic in 2014.

Contact Rivera at director@thedanceeclectic.com.

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PUZZLES OFF DUTY

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- 10 Mosque minister
- 14 Stallone role
- 19 Large lizard
- 20 Shirt-pocket audio player
- 22 Wine coolers
- 23 Gasohol, e.g.
- 25 Italy's largest port
- 26 Apartment, e.g.: Abbr.
- 27 Sculling need
- 28 That, in Spanish
- 29 America's Cup sport
- 31 Passed-on value system, say
- 36 Ever and --
- 38 "The Fresh Prince of -- Air"
- 39 Volkswagen hatchback
- 40 Ellipsis bit
- 41 Serious moral offense
- 45 Big Apple airport code
- 48 Superbright colors
- 52 "Relax, GI!"
- 53 -- Kippur
- 54 Song of thanksgiving

- 56 Drink sample
- 57 Tattoos and piercings
- 59 Journalistic profession
- 63 Childbirth assistant
- 66 Two-spinoff CBS series
- 67 Quit sleeping
- 68 Very manly
- 72 Like gross profits ... or how the ends of eight answers in this puzzle might appear
- 75 Digital greeting
- 76 Illicit love affairs
- 78 Helen's city
- 79 4-point Scrabble piece
- 81 Events to move merchandise for charity
- 84 Redgrave of film
- 89 Ending for Canton
- 90 Leg bone
- 91 Pro hoops gp.
- 94 Tested the weight of by lifting
- 95 Take hold
- 98 Flanders on "The Simpsons"
- 99 Bucolic byway
- 101 Here-there linkup
- 103 Madam's partner

- 105 Plains tribe
- 106 Shady giants
- 107 Earnings not allocated for necessary items
- 115 Very brave
- 116 Adam's partner
- 117 Suffix with northwest
- 118 Provided with a meal
- 121 Razor-honing band
- 122 It may be trespassed on
- 127 Move around like a baby
- 128 Bristlecone, for one
- 129 "Tru" subject
- 130 Made of turf
- 131 River through Flanders
- 132 37-Down part: Abbr.
- 133 Neighbor on "Seinfeld"

DOWN

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- 2 Leer at
- 3 Earned more points than
- 4 -- Bo (fitness system)
- 5 Register, to a Brit
- 6 Rushed toward
- 7 Pimple
- 8 Start for dermis
- 9 Many a fiction book
- 10 Newborn
- 11 Egyptian -- (certain cat)
- 12 In the blink of --
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- 55 School lobby gp.
- 58 Soaking spot
- 60 One way to serve ham or pastrami
- 61 "It's Pat" star Julia
- 62 Tic-toe linkup
- 64 Leaves alone
- 65 "Yes, sorry to say"
- 68 Former fillies
- 69 Entertain
- 70 Tailed orbiter
- 71 Engine noise
- 73 Dancing girl in "Re- turn of the Jedi"
- 74 VII times II
- 77 Boss of a cpl.
- 80 Actor Bert of "The Wizard of Oz"
- 82 A, to Wilhelm
- 83 -- -cone (frozen treat)
- 85 Actor -- Zimbalist Jr.
- 86 Robbed
- 87 Stitched line
- 88 Counts up
- 92 Wave-tossed bobber
- 93 Voting "no"
- 96 Exclusive group of people
- 97 Lack of a response
- 99 Fancy tie
- 100 Copier ink
- 102 Agent, for short
- 104 "The nerve!"
- 107 Wafers, e.g.
- 108 Prelim
- 109 Fine fiddle
- 110 Prone to tilt
- 111 "The Wire" actor Elba
- 112 Trendy again
- 113 Earthen pot
- 114 Comparable (with)
- 119 Feminizing suffix
- 120 Batik artisan
- 123 Feminizing suffix
- 124 Ending for cannon
- 125 Cribbage pin
- 126 Green-minded gp.

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By MIKE COOK

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The store will be closed the week between Christmas and New Year's (Dec. 27-31) and will reopen Wednesday, Jan. 5, 2022, to begin the sale.

The Emporium volunteers Heather Pollard and Joanne Achen emphasized that the sale is just that — a sale; the store is not closing. The Emporium opened in June 2015, with all its proceeds going



The Emporium, 106 S. Water St., offers an eclectic mix of unique items in its fundraising role for Mesilla Valley Hospice. Since opening in 2015, the store has raised \$350,000 for hospice.

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to Mesilla Valley Hospice. Since opening, the store has generated about \$350,000 for the hospice.

To date in 2021, “we’ve had an overwhelmingly wonderful year,” Achen said, even though the store was closed for the first three months of the year as part of its 14-month hiatus during the pandemic. It helped that landlord (and former Las Cruces mayor) Ruben Smith didn’t charge The

Emporium any rent while it was closed.

Pollard and Achen said The Emporium is welcoming three new volunteers: Barbara Camunez, Barbara Delaurier and Marsha Westfall. About a dozen Las Cruces women staff the store, entirely on a volunteer basis.

All the volunteers, like



The Emporium offers quality antiques and collectibles.

the customers they serve, love Mesilla Valley Hospice, Pollard said. They not only like shopping at the store, they also donate the treasured possessions of loved ones who have

died, which makes up the ever-changing stock of The Emporium.

Just like it says on the store’s website: “The Emporium relies completely on donations to create an inventory of quality antiques, collectibles, jewelry, gently used furniture and various household items.”

Repeat customers often come to The Emporium every week to shop and see what’s new.

“This is their happy place,” Pollard said.

The Emporium is open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday.

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Aggies are all business during strong nonconference start

The New Mexico State University men's basketball team has been taking care of business so far this season and the scary



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thing is the players think they can be even better than their 11-2 record shows.

"I think we are in a good spot," said redshirt senior Clayton Henry. "It's even better; we all know that we aren't close to being how good we can be."

The Aggies finished nonconference play with a six-game winning streak, including four straight road wins. Those road wins consisted of close



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Marchelus Avery goes to the hoop during the Aggies' 84-59 win over UT Permian Basin Dec. 20

victories over archrivals UTEP and University of New Mexico, a win over Loyola Marymount despite making 26 turnovers and overcoming an 18-point deficit to beat Pac-12 opponent Washington State.

"There have been

multiple times where we've seen stats like 26 turnovers and all that, and we are still winning," said Henry, from Calgary, Canada.

"We just know that if we get a complete game, it's going to be really scary (for opponents),"

Henry added. "That is where we are trying to get to."

The Aggies wrapped up nonconference play with a pair of home victories — 93-60 over Northern New Mexico Dec. 18 and 84-59 over UT Permian Basin Dec. 20, in a contest that was closer than that through much of it.

"Like coach (Chris Jans) always says, we are not a finished product," said graduate student Yuat Alok. "We still have areas we can improve on and get better."

Alok, who is from New Zealand, is in his first year with the Aggies after having played for Coppin State and Texas Christian previously.

"We just have to listen to coach; he's got a plan," Alok said. "All of us have

a part to play. We just have to grab the scripture, play and play the best you can. The outcome will be better than we all thought."

Alok, like many of his teammates, brings a businesslike attitude to the court, but he also brings something else — a briefcase he takes to each game.

It's a reminder that he has a job to do. He also carries his Bible inside and some things that remind of him of back home.

"It's (the briefcase) in our team color, so that's a plus," he said with a chuckle.

Jans said the team has shown some resolve and gained some valuable experience that can help it during Western Athletic

Conference play.

"We were down by 18 against Washington State. They stuck together in the huddle and on the floor and found a way to keep competing," Jans said.

"We have talked about it since then," he added. "It was really their defensive presence and their ability to get consecutive stops.

"We have proven we can win on the road. That will be huge for us the rest of the year, because we have been there and done that."

Jans said the team has been able to win in tough environments and has been able to overcome adversity.

"Those experiences are going to help this particular team going forward," Jans said.

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How to golf with ironclad nerves, steely mind, commanding presence

While recently going through some of my golf files, I found notes from when I served as performance coach (i.e. sport psychologist) for the Aggie men's golf team. At the time, I prepared a notebook for the players which contained detailed information on maintaining confidence, developing a positive attitude, setting realistic goals, practicing with a purpose and much more. I saw it as the golf-



CHARLIE BLANCHARD

Golf Doctor

ers' version of a football playbook. The cornerstone was the section on becoming mentally tough.

It began: "Being mentally tough in golf begins with who you are and what you do. The

bedrock dimensions are personal qualities which you can learn and solidify with effort and dedication. To be a winner, there is no real substitute for these qualities."

I will share below just a few of the highlights of

that team notebook for your benefit as well.

The first section of the notebook had to do with identifying those critical and necessary behaviors that give you the best chance of playing your best, and without which you are probably sabotaging your performance. At the top of that list is that you are undaunted by adversity: when something bad happens, as it inevitably will, you respond not with whining and excusing, but with better play. You maintain a positive attitude, always. Your self-

talk is helpful and soothing, not self-demeaning and self-defeating.

To avoid the trap of paranoid thinking that sucks a golfer in like quicksand, you detach yourself from blaming and complaining. That's very hard to do while playing a game as frustrating as golf. During a round of golf, you demonstrate your mental toughness by staying in the present, with little attention to what's behind or ahead of you. You fully immerse yourself in the shot or putt facing you right now, grasping that

the main task is getting the ball into the hole in the fewest strokes — not how things "should" look, or how you wish them to look, in the process.

Like a samurai warrior you have trained yourself to stay patient and wait for the opportunity to "close the deal."

A week after the notebook, I had my Aggie players gather around for a mini-clinic in which I presented this personal proposition: Ask yourself if you rapidly size up the situation clearly and completely before each

shot, and then select your play based on a reasonably high probability of success. Playing smart golf — mentally adept golf — means playing to your highest probability of success, not trying to hit a gap wedge 155 yards to a tight pin just because you did it one time last year. It's a challenge for many golfers to select the club they can hit well nine out of 10 times, not one out of 10. Next, ask yourself if you check your fundamentals frequently

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when you're on the practice range or green. We're referring to grip, stance, posture, ball position, aim, alignment.

As I advised my Aggie golfers, when it comes to handling yourself in competition, I have two basic rules to follow, if you intend to play with the mental fortitude of a winner.

One concerns the overall manner in which you carry yourself. I asked these young men if they ever noticed Tiger Woods' mannerisms on the golf course. "Yeah," one said, "he's all business." I explained that the manner in which you handle yourself — dressing, walking and moving with authority and confidence — sends a message to those around you, especially your competitors. I added, always assume

a "one-up" position, not "one-down," while going about your business with a certain focused detachment. Slumped shoulders and head down signal weakness.

From Ben Hogan to Jack Nicklaus they all had a "one-up" look.

Dr. Charlie Blanchard is a licensed psychologist specializing in sports and leadership. Contact him at docblanchard71@gmail.com.

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The team was able to take a long break over the winter holidays, something they weren't able to do last year because they were cooped up in a hotel in Phoenix during the pandemic.

"So we made darn sure that this year, we were going to have a significant break to make sure everybody had the opportunity to do that (spend time with friends and loved ones)," Jans said.

But now it is back to business.

New Mexico State was scheduled to open WAC play Thursday, Dec. 30 at Seattle U but the game was postponed because of Covid protocols within the Redhawk program. Next, the Aggies are slated to host Chicago State at 4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 1 at the Pan Am Center.

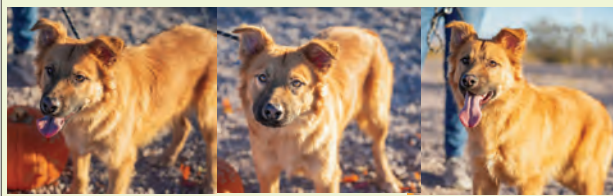
"You just try to get better every day and prepare your team," Jans said.

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In the next few months, South Central Solid Waste Authority (SCSWA) will be exchanging all existing Friedman Recycling containers with the newest recycling initiative between SCSWA and City of Las Cruces, updated containers.

"It's part of a process to allow us to provide even better service quality," said Patrick Peck, SCSWA director. "The updated decals on containers will help educate our residents about what goes in the blue bin and lead them to the one-stop-shop customer service phone number."

The joint number that will service both SCSWA and Las Cruces Utilities is (575) 541-2111, where there will always be a person to find the right answer to your recycling and solid waste questions or needs.

From December to March, SCSWA staff will exchange recycling containers on the day of service after the truck has gone by and emptied the containers. The crew will exchange recycling containers on the normal service day and urge

New Recycling Containers on Their Way

Submitted by South Central Solid Waste Authority



SCSWA staff Arturo Ramos is part of the crew you might see switching out the Friedman Recycling containers for the new containers by SCSWA and the City of Las Cruces.

curbside recycling customers to leave containers out on the curb until 4 p.m. Customers can place their containers out even if they are not completely full or empty; they will get swapped out just the same.

"The recycling container exchange project will take a few rounds on each route," said Miguel Fernandez, SCSWA program administrator. "If your containers did not get exchanged by 4 p.m. on your service day, we ask that you roll in the container and continue to utilize the existing container until it is exchanged. During the container swap, the SCSWA website will have maps indicating

where we're currently replacing containers."

Fernandez explained that each new container has a QR Code so customers can use their smartphone to scan & retrieve instant information like their pickup schedule, know what and what not to throw in their blue recycling container.

Also, the SCSWA has provided customers with an option to download the Recycling Coach App, which will provide customers with their pickup schedules, push notifications, holiday pickup schedules and allows customers the options to print out a 1-, 3- or 6-month calendar of pickup schedule.