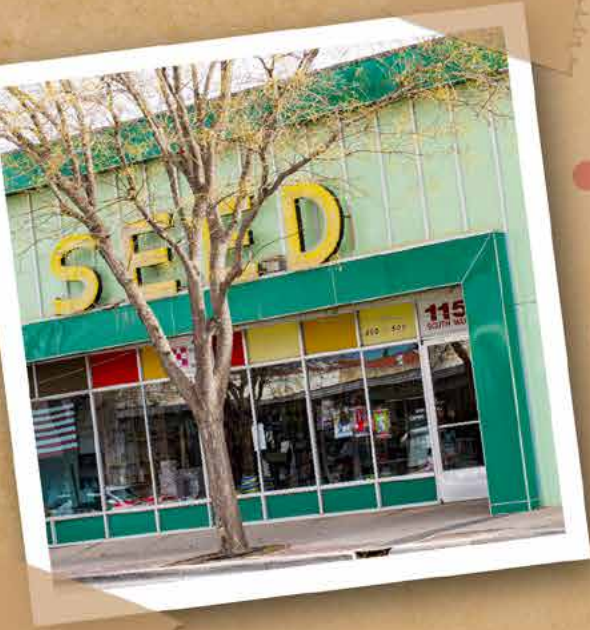


Roswell NOW

Spring 2022

ROSWELL'S HIDDEN TREASURES



DISCOVER BITTER LAKE
INTERVIEW WITH NMMI
COACH KURT TAUFU'ASAU
WONDERLAND OF PAST +
PRESENT: ROSWELL SEED

Anderson Bethany

Funeral Home & Crematory

From the very beginning of Anderson Bethany, our main principle has been, and will continue to be, to provide the ultimate level of customer service to families by maintaining the highest standards. We consistently work to ensure our principles are developed and followed to serve the families of our community.

Desde el principio de Anderson Bethany, Nuestro principal principio ha sido, y seguirá siendo proporcionar el más alto nivel de servicio al cliente a las familias manteniendo estándares superiores. Trabajamos constantemente para asegurar que nuestros principios sean desarrollados y seguidos para servir a las familias de nuestra comunidad.

BEING THE ONLY LOCALLY OWNED AND OPERATED FUNERAL HOME IN CHAVES COUNTY, ANDERSON BETHANY is able to provide professional support without corporate interference from out of state. As the only funeral home in our area that is fully ADA compliant, we provide needed amenities to families when necessary.



SIENDO LA ÚNICA FUNERARIA DE PROPIEDAD LOCAL Y OPERADA EN EL CONDADO DE CHAVES, ANDERSON BETHANY es capaz de proporcionar apoyo profesional sin interferencia corporativa de fuera del estado. Como la única funeraria en nuestra área que es totalmente compatible con ADA, proporcionamos las comodidades necesarias a las familias cuando sea necesario.

THANK YOU FOR CHOOSING LOCAL...YOU MAKE THE DIFFERENCE!

GRACIAS POR ELEGIR LOCAL...TU HACES LA DIFERENCIA!

Compassionately Celebrating Lives

575.622.5888

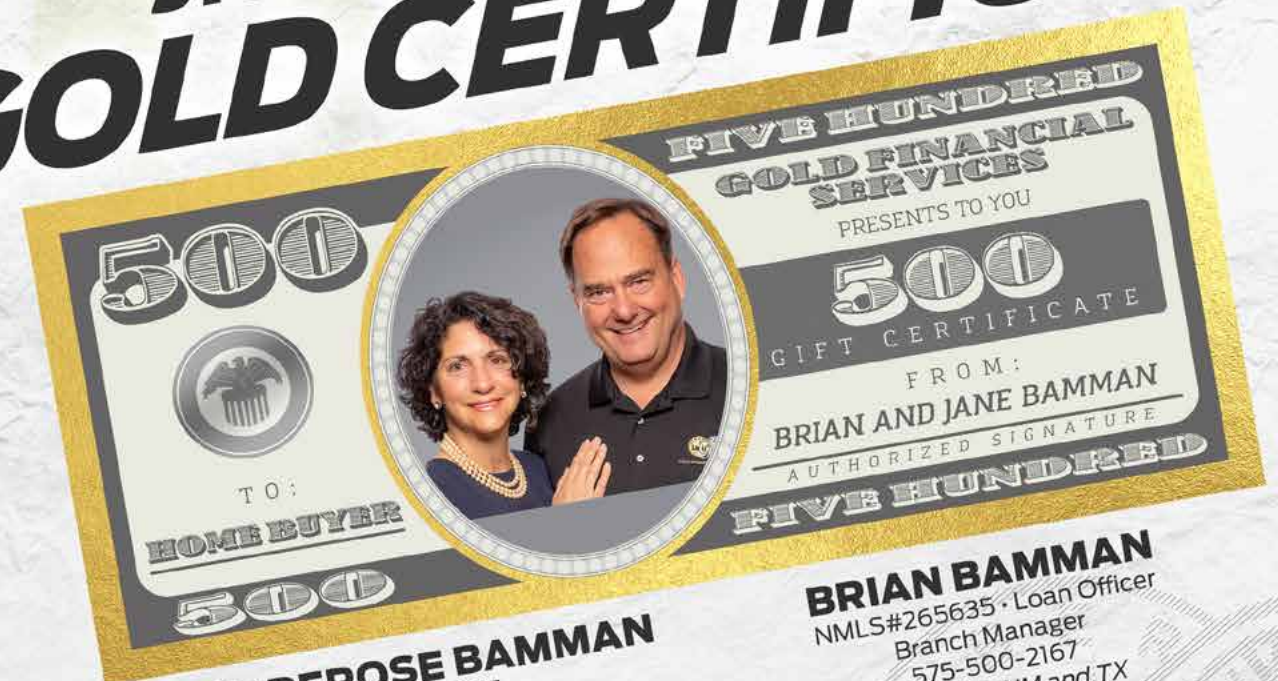
www.andersonbethany.com



GOLD FINANCIAL SERVICES



GOLD FINANCIAL SERVICES A LOCAL HIDDEN TREASURE! STOP BY TO REDEEM YOUR GOLD CERTIFICATE



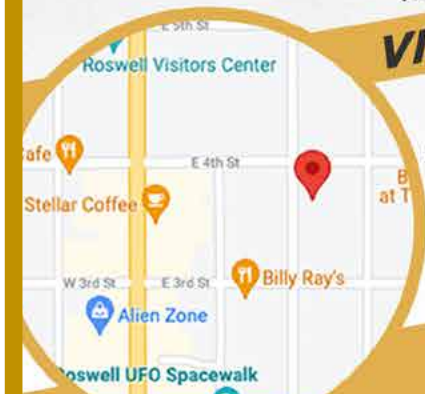
JANE DEROSE BAMMAN
NMLS#1823677
Loan officer
505-228-6851
janederoosebamman.gfshomes.com

BRIAN BAMMAN
NMLS#265635 • Loan Officer
Branch Manager
575-500-2167
Licensed in NM and TX

VISIT US AT OUR NEW LOCATION

200 E 4TH STREET
SUITE 500
ROSWELL, NM 88201

575.578.2007
www.NMlending.net



Gold Financial Services is a division of AmCap Mortgage, Ltd. NMLS# 292122 | Equal Housing Lender | Credit of \$500 will only be applied once the loan closes. This offer is only valid on closed loans where the application is received by Gold Financial Service in our Roswell NM Branch (200 East 4th Street, Ste. 500, Roswell, NM 88201) February 8th, 2022 through May 31st, 2022 | Offer not valid at any other branch | Terms, conditions and restrictions may apply | Loan products are subject to availability and credit approval | Not a commitment to extend credit.

Chamber Contact Information

Roswell Chamber of Commerce
131 W. Second St.
Roswell, NM 88201
(575) 623-5695
reception@roswellnm.org

At the Chamber, it's our business to help your business. We're here to support you and your customers. We want to help you find new customers and grow your business. We do that by promoting your product and services.

Mission

Our Mission is to Promote Economic and Social Prosperity, Business Development and Foster Community Spirit & Pride.

Vision

We're dedicated to making Roswell the very best place to live and visit. We work hard to relocate families to our beautiful city.

Get Social with Us!

Facebook: @roswell.chamber.20
Instagram: @roswellchamber
LinkedIn: Roswell Chamber of Commerce
Twitter: @RosChamber
Youtube: Roswell Chamber of Commerce

Join our email list!

Sign up by emailing
reception@roswellnm.org

RNM

Roswell Now Magazine

A Product of the Roswell Chamber of Commerce

2021-2022 Board of Directors

Chairman

Nic Snowberger, *McDonald's*

Vice-Chair

Mike Winters, *Pecos Valley Broadcasting*

Secretary

Kaye Whitefoot, *Dairy Producers of New Mexico*

Treasurer

Don Munds, *Dean Baldwin Painting*

2021-2022 Board Members

Buddy Daniels, *Lovelace Regional Hospital*

Brooke Lithicum, *Eastern New Mexico Medical Center*

Reid Marley, *R. Marley, LLC*

David Medina, *L&F Distributions, LLC*

Ryan Latimer, *Ritter & Co.*

Ann Tripp, *Hinkle & Shanor, LLP*

2021-2022 Ex-Officio Members

Dara Dana, *County Commissioner*

Michael Espiritu, *Chaves County EDC*

Major General Jerry Grizzle, *New Mexico Military Institute*

Shawn Powell, *Eastern New Mexico University—Roswell*

Roswell Now Magazine

Meet the Chamber Team

Andrea Moore, *President/CEO*
chairrcc@roswellnm.org

Liz Taylor, *Executive Assistant/COO*
liz@roswellnm.org

Kyle Whitefoot, *Membership Director*
kyle@roswellnm.org

Madeline Jones, *Editor*
madeline@roswellnm.org

Contributors

Beverly Coots

J.T. Keith

Lawrence Lowery

Eva McCollaum

Carolyn Patterson Sidd

Copyright 2022 Roswell Chamber of Commerce. All rights reserved.



Don't wanna close my eyes

Don't wanna fall asleep

'Cause I'd miss you, baby

And I don't wanna miss a thing

'Cause even when I dream of you

The sweetest dream would never do

I'd still miss you, baby

And I don't wanna miss a thing

—Aerosmith

Letter from the President

Happy Birthday Roswell Now! As Shirley Bassegy once said "You don't get older, you get better." As we look forward to this year, We believe it! We have learned a lot from last year. We had our ups and downs; yet we have endured and only gotten better.

"Far better is it to dare mighty things, to win glorious triumphs, even though checkered by failure . . . than to rank with those poor spirits who neither enjoy nor suffer much, because they live in a gray twilight that knows not victory nor defeat."- Teddy Roosevelt

Happy New Year! We hope everyone enjoyed the holidays. We have successfully finished our first-year publishing Roswell Now! How exciting! We want to thank all of our advertisers who took a chance on us and purchased ads in our inaugural year. Thank you, Joy Writers, for writing all of the fantastic articles. Thank you, Roswell and Chaves County, for taking the time to pick up and read our publication. Roswell Now would not be possible without every one of you.

Over a year ago, when we started discussing the idea of doing a community magazine, we were both excited and apprehensive. We knew that this endeavor would be a lot of work, but we also knew that the staff was up for the challenge. Roswell Now could have crashed and burned just as easily as it has taken off, but we put in the work, and you, the community, have received Roswell Now with open arms. Walt Disney said many times, "If you can dream it, you can do it." We have done just that! Teddy Roosevelt said, "Keep your eyes on the stars, and your feet on the ground." Roswell Now and the Roswell Chamber of Commerce are always aiming for the stars.

I have been with the Roswell Chamber of Commerce for well over a year. When elected as Chairman of the board, I have often said that I thought I would do my year and move on. As we all know, we plan, and God laughs. That has been the case for me. I would never have guessed that I would be in charge of the Chamber, but I am thankful and blessed to be here as each day passes. I have a supportive board and an even better staff to help me along the way. It has been a crazy bumpy road so far, but I would not change a thing. I don't know what the future holds, but I don't want to miss a thing.

Sincerely,
Andrea Moore
President/CEO

Spring 2022



Contents



WONDERLAND OF PAST + PROMISE
PAGE 19



ROSWELL QUILTING: ART AND MINISTRY
PAGE 13



THE HAPPY PLACE
PAGE 11



HE NEVER MET A DOG HE DIDN'T LIKE
PAGE 35



PAGE 32



DISCOVER DRAGONS + DUCKS
PAGE 26



- 5 Letter from the President**
- 8 Chamber Redcoat Spotlight**
- 9 Mickey Reeves was an Original**
A tribute to Mickey Reeves, a hometown hero.
- 11 The Happy Place**
Roswell Community Little Theatre (RCLT) is a dear part of the community.
- 12 Moore Carries the Torch for Black History Month**

- 13 Roswell Quilting: Art and Ministry**
- 16 Business of the Month**
Meet our Businesses of the Month!
- 19 Wonderland of Past and Promise**
The story of Roswell Seed, one of the oldest family businesses in New Mexico.
- 23 New Buds**
Southwest Organic Producers opens in Roswell.

- 28 Discover Dragons & Ducks**
With over 100 species of dragonflies and damselflies and an array of birds, Bitter Lake Wildlife Refuge is a hidden treasures.
- 32 NMMI Can Thank Tui and Jeff Lynn for National Championship**
- 35 He Never Met a Dog He Didn't Like**
- 38 ROUS's Have Arrived**
Meet the Spring River Zoo's newest residents!

- 39 Kid's Corner: Bitter Lake**
- 42 Liz's Local Loves**
- 44 Bring Kids to the Kitchen**
Three fun recipes for young cooks to try.
- 48 Chaves County School Calendars**
March, April, and May calendars for the RISD, Dexter, Hagerman, and NMMI
- 49 Roswell Now Business Hub**

Chamber Redcoat Spotlight



Alicia Gilmore is an award-winning industry professional having won the Top Producer award from the Roswell Association of Realtors. She is an Associate Broker at Berkshire Hathaway and the Founder and Owner of Living Roswell Realty, LLC. She is also a second term member of the Roswell Association of Realtors where she serves as Director of the Board.

Driven by her love for people, Alicia has made it her life's mission to help those around her. She is secretary to the Roswell Community Kitchen Board where she helps with fundraising, in addition to helping with food preparation, service, and clean up.

She is a candidate for the Roswell City Council Ward 4 in the March 2022 Municipal Elections. She believes she has the drive to be a strong representative and voice for Ward 4, where she has resided most of her life.

Alicia also maintains membership with the Roswell Chamber of Commerce Redcoats Presidents club and is a 2021 Chamber of Commerce Graduate of the Leadership Roswell Program. Alicia also wears the crown and sash for Mrs. New Mexico 2021 and competed in the National Mrs. America Pageant representing her home state.

Alicia is also a fitness and wellness enthusiast and trains daily. She completed a 50km race in November 2021 and plans to complete a 100km race by the end of 2022.

Licensed since 2010, Alicia has followed in the family business to serve as termite and pest control technician. On the off chance that she is not working, the 30-year-old from Roswell, New Mexico loves spending time with her loving husband, Scott, and adorable son, Jameson.



If you would like to join this exciting group, please contact the Roswell Chamber of Commerce!

THE ULTIMATE SECURITY, TAILORED TO FIT YOUR HOME

Motion Detectors Sensors Motion Viewers Carbon Monoxide/Smoke Sensor Medical & Panic Transmitters

PVT offers world-class security systems that are professionally monitored, installed and managed by local technicians, and tailored specifically for your home and family.

resideo premier security dealer 575-623-8939 www.pvt.com

Monitored by PVT Security Systems 575-748-1241

Mickey Reeves was an Original

By J. T Keith

One of the things I did before I became a sports-writer, or should I say, one of the things I loved more than being a sportswriter was being a salesman. Being an insurance man was the top of my calling. I sold life insurance and plenty of it.

No matter the objection, my favorite closing line was: "None of us has a contract with life, wouldn't you agree?" What could anyone say?

The Bible talks about not worrying about tomorrow because it is not promised. The truth is, we don't even have today. What we really have is this moment, this second, and the breath we take in. That is it. There are no guarantees of anything in life, except now.

For some reason, I am awakened at 2:42 a.m. with a nagging feeling and have been since I heard the news of Mickey Reeves passing away. I felt I should write something, but I wanted to take a different angle on him as a person.

To be honest, I did not and do not know him or his exploits. I interviewed him one time in four years. And that was when his team was headed up to Albuquerque to play in the baseball semifinals last year.

There is no doubt about his greatness as an athlete. It has been well documented. I think the accolades are great that he is remembered as one of Roswell's all-time greats in the athletic fields. But I honestly think he would not want that mentioned at all.

I would see him around the Gateway Christian practice fields for football and baseball, and we would exchange glances and say hi. That was it. Our face-to-face encounters were brief.

I felt more than anything, Mickey did not want to take the spotlight away from Gateway Christian football coach Shaun Wigley or baseball coach Rick Rapp, but more importantly, the kids.

To me, it seemed that Reeves' life revolved around three things: his personal relationship with Jesus; his



wife and kids; and his love for Gateway Christian school and athletics.

I believe we all have callings in life and places we are meant to be. Location, location, and location matter as much in human beings as it does in business and buildings. Jesus could not do miracles everywhere he went because of skepticism.

I think God told Mickey Reeves to stay in Roswell, to share with the athletes of Gateway Christian his talents as a coach. Maybe share with them the ups and downs of life. How maybe being at Gateway was his service to the Lord and a way of staying humble.

With all great people in life—whether they be athletes, teachers, businesspeople, or entertainers—there is a certain swagger to them. Try as he may, Mickey had that swagger. No matter how humble he was, he had it in his gait, the way he lived his life, and (I would like to think) he had it when he drew his last breath.

Many people think because athletes go to Gateway Christian, they are soft. That is the furthest thing from the truth. The coaches and administration seem to be preparing their student-athletes in life to be overcomers—the characteristics the Bible talks

about in order to win the prize and be successful in life.

The football coaches at Gateway instilled in their players the school nickname: Warriors.

I attended one practice this season and one drill stood out. There were conditioning drills in which the athletes ran gassers from the end zone to the 40-yard line. All the coaches were telling the kids about standing tall when they were tired and not putting their hands on their hips or letting the opponent know they were tired.

Once the coaches concluded practice and called the kids up, the kids were walking to the coaches instead of hustling to the coaches. The coaches blew their whistles and made them run back to the end zone and do it again.

Coach Wigley talked to the boys about now—this moment and that nothing is promised. Not the game on that Friday night, because there had been two cancellations this season. And not anything other than what the good Lord had gifted them with—the opportunity to play football now. This moment.

It seems fitting that the coaches were not happy with the effort the kids were giving against Ramah on Saturday. They were getting after it and each other. The coaches wanted to win a championship and teach the players how to win and be champions, on the field and off the field.

To me, that is Gateway Christian and the life of Mickey Reeves. He was right there in the middle of it, expressing himself and competing until the end.

I believe that Mickey Reeves could have gone anywhere and done anything. Maybe he could have coached at his alma mater, Roswell High. I must believe he found peace and purpose coaching at Warrior Stadium. I feel like he had the opportunity to let his past Friday Night Lights shine in a way that only he knew.

Each of us comes to God in our own way. Some of us, or should I say, all are broken. If we were not broken, there would be no need to find God and something bigger than ourselves in life. I would like to believe Mickey Reeves in his years on earth knew that. Mickey was at peace with life, his family, and finally, his God.

I honestly think Mickey found peace in knowing he found his purpose in life: coaching at a tiny Christian school (Gateway Christian) in Roswell. A school that is not the biggest in the city, nor a school where he set his high school records at.

Once Mickey Reeves came to know Jesus as his personal savior, it was always about God, his family, and the kids he coached at Gateway in football and baseball.

It is tragic Mickey died and where he died, but I believe he died in peace. I think he died doing the thing he loved—coaching in the championship game with the people he loved and the kids he loved.

For me, that is the Mickey Reeves I would like to know and remember. Gateway Christian won the championship on the field Saturday, but so did so many people that Mickey Reeves' life touched. He had the heart of a champion and the will of a Warrior.

Rest in peace and power, Mickey.



The Happy Place

Roswell Community Little Theatre (RCLT) is a dear part of the community.

By Beverly Coots

This special place is possibly the oldest running community theatre in New Mexico. It got its start in 1939 when Zelma and Paul McEvoy began a touring company called the Roswell Players. They performed variety shows, musicals and melodramas in rural facilities that had a stage and would house an audience.

The Roswell Players set aside performing during World War II but returned briefly to perform *You Can't Take it with You*, in 1947. When Walker Air Force Base moved into town and brought with it a renewed interest in theatre and, more importantly, people who were willing to pursue that interest. Roswell Community Little Theatre formally organized. The City of Roswell donated a building located at 1101 N. Virginia. With the production of the play, *Small Talk*, RCLT moved to its new premises at 1717 S. Union in 2012.

While the premises clearly matter, (especially if you speak with any



of the old hands about the North Virginia property which has been in the final stages of decomposition for the last 30 years) the true joy of theatre is in the players. People of the theatre, and particularly RCLT, are aptly named in a good way. They play, filling their heads with alternate characters and the stage space with creative settings that bring to life, other times, worlds, and situations. It is a chance to step away from the mundane, or even just the day to day. One actress calls the Roswell Community Little Theatre her happy place.

Wander into a rehearsal at RCLT and you will find a group of dedicated volunteers trying their best to get in character, set the scene and make the on-stage and off-stage choreography work. What can be tough grinding work is seen here as pleasing. When an actor finds a new gesture that further creates character, or when a director sees the performance coming together, the players have a sense of satisfaction and, yes, relief. The theatre behind the scenes and in live performances is truly a happy place.



The Theatre's next performance is *Rehearsals begin for "Four Old Broads"*, which opens on Feb. 25th at 7:30 p.m. and runs through March 6th. It is a light slightly bawdy comedy, directed by Denise Samuels. It is sure to be a perfect fit for RCLT and a great time for the audience. On Feb. 19th, Ted Vigil is performing the music of John Denver at the theatre.

If just watching isn't enough for you, come to auditions and join the fun. The next play is *Clue: On Stage*. The auditions will be held on March 7th and March 8th at 6:30 p.m. at the theatre.

For more information go to the theatre's website at roswelltheatre.com.



Moore Carries the Torch for Black History Month

By J.T. Keith

Angela Moore knows excuses will get you nothing—except a hard time and disappointment. Never one to back down from a challenge, it was the reason Angela ran for city council in the first place.

Angela was upset about the politics in Roswell in 2017. She decided that instead of complaining to herself and everyone else that the city should be doing better, she was planning on running for city council.

“I thought to myself,” Angela said, “how can I complain about what the city is doing and what people are doing, when I am sitting at home on my couch. That is why I decided to run. I was complaining but sitting on my couch. It was kind of like putting your money where your mouth is.”



Natasha Mackey, a close friend and confidant, encouraged her and both set out to change the face of politics in Roswell. Mackey was a council woman and decided to run for mayor. Moore ran for Ward 5 city seat and won.

Angela knows what it is like to go through hard times. Wanting a better life for herself and her young son, DonTrell, Angela worked her way through college while caring for and raising him.

Angela set the example about making it happen and being a role model to her son despite challenges. She would never let DonTrell use the excuse of being black as a reason he could not achieve his goals and purpose in life.

Moore feels that Black History Month should be everyday and not limited to one month. As a person of color, she feels strongly that people

of color should always want to learn more about where we came from.

This will be Angela’s second time as an elected official in Roswell.

“I know things happen for a reason,” Angela said. “I am honored to be elected by the people of Roswell. It is an honor, and I would not trade anything for being an African American and a woman.”

Angela loves giving hope to all women regardless of race. She knows that if she can be elected to city council, so can other women if they set their mind to achieving their goals.

Angela feels like she is finally finding her voice and comfortable enough to speak up. She made it a point to study and learn about the issues. Now she wants to try to make a difference.

“I want to make a difference,” Angela said. “I want to make things better than when I found them. I have voted my heart, and I have stood up for people that do not or cannot stand up for themselves.”

In Angela’s next term, she would like to see the city do two things: help the homeless and provide help to people with mental health issues.

As an educator at University High School, Angela would like to be remembered as a person that did not let adversity and disappointment stop her from doing the things she wanted to do in life. She wants to be known as a godly woman that was true to her word.

“I am proud of coming from nothing,” Angela said. “I am proud of being a single mother, of who I am, and where I have come from. I just keep pushing and moving.”



Roswell Quilting: Art and Ministry

By Lawrence Lowery

Some artists work in oils and some in stone or wood. For 55 Roswell ladies (and a few men), their art is expressed in quilts. Not all of them would call it art, but anyone who has seen the products of their labors would have to agree that their quilts are things of beauty.

The Pecos Valley Quilters, the older of two quilting groups, goes back to 1983 when a group out of Albuquerque came to Roswell and started classes and quilting sessions at the Roswell Adult Center.

From 1984 until this January, the group met there. Now they meet at the First Methodist Church which has graciously provided them with workrooms and space for their materials. There are about 40 members of the Pecos Valley Quilters, and each Wednesday morning at 9, 10–20 of them gather to work. Not everyone comes each week, and some members prefer to do most of their work at home.

Carolyn Mitchell stresses that the group is a “quilt guild”—an association of people in pursuit of common goals. Some make their own finished quilts; others specialize in the various processes that go into making a quilt.



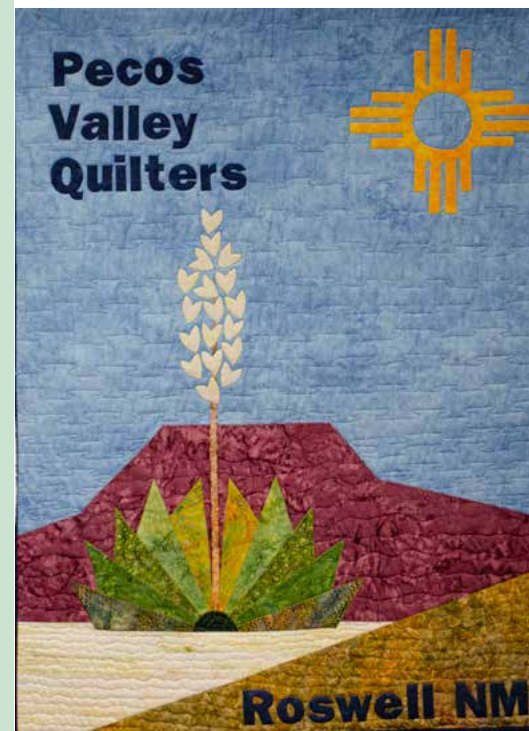
Carolyn Mitchell, a member of the Pecos Valley Quilters.

They will make 100–120 quilts a year, and every two years they hold a Quilt Show that displays a selection of their work. Making quilts costs money, and most of the Pecos Valley expenses come from local sponsors. (This year the Quilt Show will be on September 16th and 17th at the First Church of the Nazarene on Sycamore.)

An important part of the Pecos Valley Quilters is their “Quilts From the Heart” program. These are quilts created for the Roswell community. Last year, 75 quilts were donated to CASA, while 25 went to the ASSURANCE work—enough so that each young person would have a choice of quilts.



Quilt Guild members meet.



Call Today for a Quote!
FARMERS
INSURANCE



Gina Dwyer
101 W 6th St.
(575) 622-3993



Marcia Garcia
114 S Main St.
(575) 625-1500



Connie Helton
813 N Richardson Ave
Ste D
(575) 627-3922



Matthew Shappard
200 W Hobbs St.
(575) 308-0601



Christopher Whitney
2604 N Main St
(575) 623-1111



Jose Zavala
113 W 3rd St.
(575) 625-2886



The other Roswell quilting group, the Bless Your Heart Quilters, began in 2004 and has 15 members. It started in the old First Christian Church downtown and later moved to a donated building on Devonian St. at the northern edge of Roswell. On



Members of the Bless Your Heart Quilters.

Tuesdays and Thursdays, at least six or seven members work most of the day making their “prayer quilts” which are sent all over the country to individuals they know or know of who are very sick. The ladies pray over each one before it leaves the shop—thus, “prayer quilts”. Peggy Kearns, who has been with the Bless Your Heart group for 13 years, is in charge, and she will proudly point out their motto: “Every stitch is done with love and for God’s glory.” In 2020, the Bless Your Heart Quilters gave away 390 quilts, 75 to Lighthouse Ministries. In 2021, there were 106 prayer quilts, and 100 quilts went to CASA. Every November, members donate some of their quilts to the Winter Wonderland Auction, and last year, these quilts brought in \$7,000 for local charities. (One year one of their quilts went for \$14,000!) Most of their material is donated, but the group has to purchase its own batting and other supplies. To help with these expenses, every two or three years Grace Church

allows them to use their building for a quilt sale: in 2020, they made \$7,000. Some of the ladies prefer to work at home, and some might spend 30–40 hours a week quilting at the shop and at home.

Both quilting groups are impressive operations producing a kaleidoscope of dazzling quilts. But each group has its own unique emphasis. The composer Bach once told some of his students, “The sole purpose of all music should be to the glory of God and pleasant recreation.” If one substitutes “quilting” for “music,” he will sum up the attitude of the Bless Your Heart Quilters: in their shop, one might hear stories of healing and blessing. The Pecos Valley Quilters do their part for the community, but they would more readily admit that, for them, quilting is an art, a creative expression: they might be more apt to talk of the Gees Bend Quilters out of Alabama who had a show in Santa Fe a few years ago.

There is a story common to the Roswell quilting community. Hank and Gennie Kammeraad came from the Netherlands and are members of the Pecos Valley Quilters. Before coming to this country, they had never quilted. Gennie says that the closest thing to American quilting in the Netherlands would be wall tapestries. And in a way, she sees

her work as a form of American tapestry. Several ladies talked of a quilt she made a few years ago—white with exceptional red stitching. It was a Bless Your Heart Quilter who remembered it as a thing of rare beauty with “perfect” stitching. (Stitching is important to quilters.) The two groups know each other, respect

each other, and each does its work for the community after its own fashion. Carolyn Mitchell says that she has never repeated a quilt. Chari Wood of the Bless Your Heart Quilters says that she has made one quilt maybe 50 times. Different emphasis. Different quilting. All beautiful and done by people who are enthusiastic about what they are doing.



Many of these ladies began quilting as young women or girls, working with their mothers or grandmothers. Quilting may be a continuation of a uniquely American folk art, but for these Roswell ladies it is a passion, a release, a ministry, a life. Whether they would admit it or not, they are artists working in stitching, batting, and piecing materials. And their love for what they do benefits the Roswell community—and beyond.

For information on the Pecos Valley Quilters, contact their president, Leslie Andrews at (575) 420-4675. For the Bless Your Heart Quilters, contact Peggy Kearns at (575) 623-3109.



Here at Roswell Job Corps, our mission is to help young people ages 16-24 to improve the quality of their lives through vocational and academic training aimed at gainful employment and career pathways. At Roswell Job Corps, our student can earn their High School diploma, or the equivalent, or college credits through Job Corps. As well as a technical training in high-growth industries such as:

Automotive and Machine Repair:

Maintenance and Light Repair

Construction:

Building Construction Technology, Pre-Apprentice

Electrical, Pre-Apprentice

Painting, Pre-Apprentice

Homeland Security:

Security and Protective Services

Finance and Business:

Office Administration

Health Care:

Certified Nurse Assistant

Emergency Medical Technician

Job Corps is tuition-free to eligible young people and provides housing, meals, basic medical care, a living allowance, hands-on training, and preparation for a career.

After students complete the program, Roswell Job Corps offers transitional support services, such as help finding employment, housing, and transportation. Job Corps graduates enter the workforce or an apprenticeship, go on to higher education, or join the military.

Our commitment to our community is to provide training to our young adults 16-24 to help ensure success within and around our beautiful communities.

Roswell Job Corps is operated by Distinction LLC.

The Job Corps is looking for new instructors and staff.

Apply now at [https://distinctionllc.isolvedhire.com/jobs/!](https://distinctionllc.isolvedhire.com/jobs/)



Are you a BRAND CHAMPION?
ALL NEW & USED VEHICLES PURCHASED AT RICHLAND receive:

- HALF PRICE LUBE OIL FILTER maintenance performed every 5,000 miles
- FREE 100 POINT SAFETY INSPECTION on every service visit.
- Top off fluids (brake fluid, coolant, washer fluid, atf).
- FREE road test on every service visit upon completion .
- FREE TOWING within 45 miles of the dealership. (During Business Hours- Non-Collision)
- FREE SHUTTLE SERVICE within 15 miles of Service Dept.
- FREE LOANER CARS based on availability.

RICHLAND AUTO GROUP
 2601 W. Second 1309 SE Main
 575-625-1000 575-622-3180
 RLchevrolet.com richlandCDJR.com

ROSWELL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
Business of the Month

ROSWELL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
Elite Business of the Month



January

Valley Bank of Commerce

Since 1978, Valley Bank of Commerce has served Roswell, Dexter, and Hagerman. As a Kasasa partner, Valley Bank of Commerce combines local community banking with modern financial convenience.

217 W 2nd St.
Roswell, NM 88201
(575) 623-2265



February

Westlake Ace Hardware

Westlake Ace Hardware has tools and supplies for household and outdoor maintenance needs. In addition to their inventory, they provide services such as glass cutting, key duplication, screen repair, and much more.

2810 D N Main St.
Roswell, NM 88201
(575) 624-0550



March

Chaves County Farm & Livestock Bureau

The New Mexico Farm & Livestock Bureau has served farms, ranches, and dairies in New Mexico since 1917. The Bureau's Chaves County leadership advocate for the over the 500 farms and ranches in the county and support programs for students, women, and young people in agriculture.

701 S Atkinson Ave
Roswell, NM 88203
(575) 622-6860



January

Pecos Valley Productions

Pecos Valley Productions built their first greenhouse and opened their first dispensary in Roswell, in 2016, transforming the Greathouse family farm from Nature's Dairy into one of the 5 largest cannabis producers in the state. With their farm here in Roswell, PVP has opened dispensary locations across New Mexico.

313 W Country Club Rd #10
Roswell, NM 88201
(575) 812-8002



February

Cattle Baron Restaurants, Inc.

Established in 1976, Cattle Baron Restaurants, Inc. operates restaurants in Eastern New Mexico and West Texas, including their signature steakhouse Cattle Baron whose salad bar is a local favorite, as well as Farley's: Food, Fun & Pub and Pasta Café: Italian Bistro in Roswell.

11113 N Main St.
Roswell, NM 88201
(575) 622-2465



March

Pioneer Bank

Opening in 1901, as the Roswell Building & Loan Association, Pioneer Bank has served Chaves County's Financial needs for 120 years. Pioneer Bank now has branches across Southern New Mexico, with its corporate headquarters still right here in Roswell. Pioneer Bank gives back to the community by giving both donations and volunteer work to local charities.

3000 N Main St.
Roswell, NM 88201
(575) 624-5200



Pecos Valley Production is
New Mexico's premier medical
cannabis and CBD dispensary



Monday - Saturday: 9AM-6PM
Sunday: CLOSED

313 W Country Club Rd #10, Roswell, NM 88201
(575) 812-8002 | www.PecosValleyProduction.com



Wonderland of Past and Promise

By Beverly Coots

Stepping through the doors of Roswell Seed Company is stepping into a wonderland of the past and a promise for the future. Even the most recalcitrant among us can't help but dream when confronted with the decades old seed shelf and its rows of colorful seed packets adorning the front of the wooden drawers. From the commercial farmer to the windowsill gardener, there is something for us all. Here we may find wonder, hope, and industry in one curious store.

Owners Jim and Shirley Gill run the business with an unusual mix of kindness and experience making it at once charming and trustworthy. One customer may come in with a problem in a backyard tree, while the next has 120 acres of seed they've captured, saying they need it cleaned and processed. Sometimes they need

the seed stored for the following year's planting. Regardless of the size of the account, every customer is treated with care backed by over 100 years of experience in agriculture.



Roswell Seed Company is known as the oldest family-owned business in New Mexico. But Jim Gill is careful to mention that there may be similarly long-lived family businesses that we just don't know about. In any event, Jim's great-grandfather, John B. Gill, came from Arkansas to New Mexico in 1890. Jim will tell you with a mischievous grin that his great-grandfather settled in Hagerman because that was where the "nice" people lived.

John Gill was an apple orchardist and he moved, intending to continue working with apples. In the late 1800's, the Roswell area had many fine apple orchards. John Gill could walk through an orchard



Roswell Seed owners, Jim and Shirley Gill. The store has been in the Gill family for over 100 years.

and tell how many boxes of apples the orchard would produce. John would then offer to buy the harvest according to this calculated production and would seal the deal with the grower using a handshake and a silver dollar. It was a binding contract and growers were never mistreated. John's word was stronger than any written document.

Jim tells of his great grandfather learning about business in those first years. John packed a boxcar full of apples for a customer but when the apples arrived at their destination, the customer had changed his mind. From that day on, John would "hitch" a ride in the caboose of the train and accompany his apples. If the customer didn't take the whole load, or if John thought there was a market elsewhere, John would sell the apples directly from the destination.



Roswell Seed Company is one of the only seed processing plants that can effectively clean alfalfa seed. That's a good thing that Roswell Seed can clean and process alfalfa seed, since Pecos Valley alfalfa is an essential crop to cattle feeders and dairymen.

Roswell Seed uses a three-step process with equipment that was engineered in Germany. They have replaced this equipment three times in the life of the seed company. The Gills' daughter who reads



German, has helped with specific repairs and part replacements.



Originally the store stood on the corner that Ancient's of Days now occupies. Roswell Seed Company has survived two world wars, The Great Depression, more wars and economic crises. Now it is pressing through the ongoing pandemic.

According to family history, John Gill started the store with \$500 in the 1890's. Back then Roswell Seed and Produce was a grocer as well as a seed store. Today Roswell Seed also sells garden plants, flowers, fertilizers, and bee packages. But what the home gardener and commercial farmer most appreciates is the wealth of experience, up to date information, and professional care that the staff offers. From guidance on reviving an ailing garden plant to cleaning and processing seed, Roswell Seed Company consistently advises based on a century of experience and continued zeal for agriculture.

Among the many wonders in the store, if you manage to peek into the Gills' office, you will see an old mantle clock still working. In a time before computers and wristwatches, Jim's grandfather would step out the back door on a Sunday to see the train arrive and set first his pocket watch then the mantle clock. Folks in Roswell counted on the clock at Roswell Seed to know the time. The people of Roswell continue to count on Roswell Seed Company. Through the store, the Gill family has stewarded agriculture, the Roswell business community, and the people of the Roswell area. Even if you aren't a gardener or farmer, come into this store for a taste of wonder and a look at how a business with a lot of history and heart can truly serve a community.



New this Spring... Community Workshops at ENMU-Roswell!

Exploring MIG Welding

• APRIL 8: 5 - 9pm • April 9: 8am - Noon & 1 - 5pm

This entry-level workshop for beginners explores the art of welding using the Metal Inert Gas (MIG) process. Students will learn safety hazards related to welding and be able to create a small welding project.

COST: \$115 per person

CONTACT:

Vickie Thomas (575) 624-7164
vickie.thomas@roswell.enmu.edu

Make Watering Your Garden Easy

• APRIL 30: 9am - Noon & 1 - 2pm

This workshop will explore different types of plants that can grow in the Pecos Valley. Students will learn how to set up a timed irrigation system on a budget so you can spend more time enjoying your garden.

COST: \$49 per person

CONTACT:

Vickie Thomas (575) 624-7164
vickie.thomas@roswell.enmu.edu

TO REGISTER: Call the Center for Workforce and Community Development at 575-624-7164.
All workshops will be held in the Occupational Technology Center, 20 W. Mathis



roswell.enmu.edu

Registration for On-campus and Online
Summer & Fall Classes begins April 3!

ENMU-Roswell Community Survey

The ENMU-Roswell Community Advisory Council is seeking community feedback on ENMU-Roswell.

Please assist us as we work to improve the programs and services our local community college provides to Chaves County!

Thank you!

Scan this QR code to see the survey and complete the survey online.

You can also pick up a paper copy of the survey at the Roswell Chamber of Commerce. Completed surveys can be dropped off at the Chamber office.



El Consejo Asesor de la Comunidad de ENMU-Roswell está buscando comentarios de la comunidad sobre ENMU-Roswell.

¡Ayúdenos mientras trabajamos para mejorar los programas y servicios que nuestro colegio comunitario local brinda al condado de Chaves!

¡Gracias!

Escanee este código QR para ver la encuesta y complete la encuesta en línea.

También puede recoger una copia impresa de la encuesta en la Cámara de Comercio de Roswell. Las encuestas completas se pueden dejar en la oficina de la Cámara.





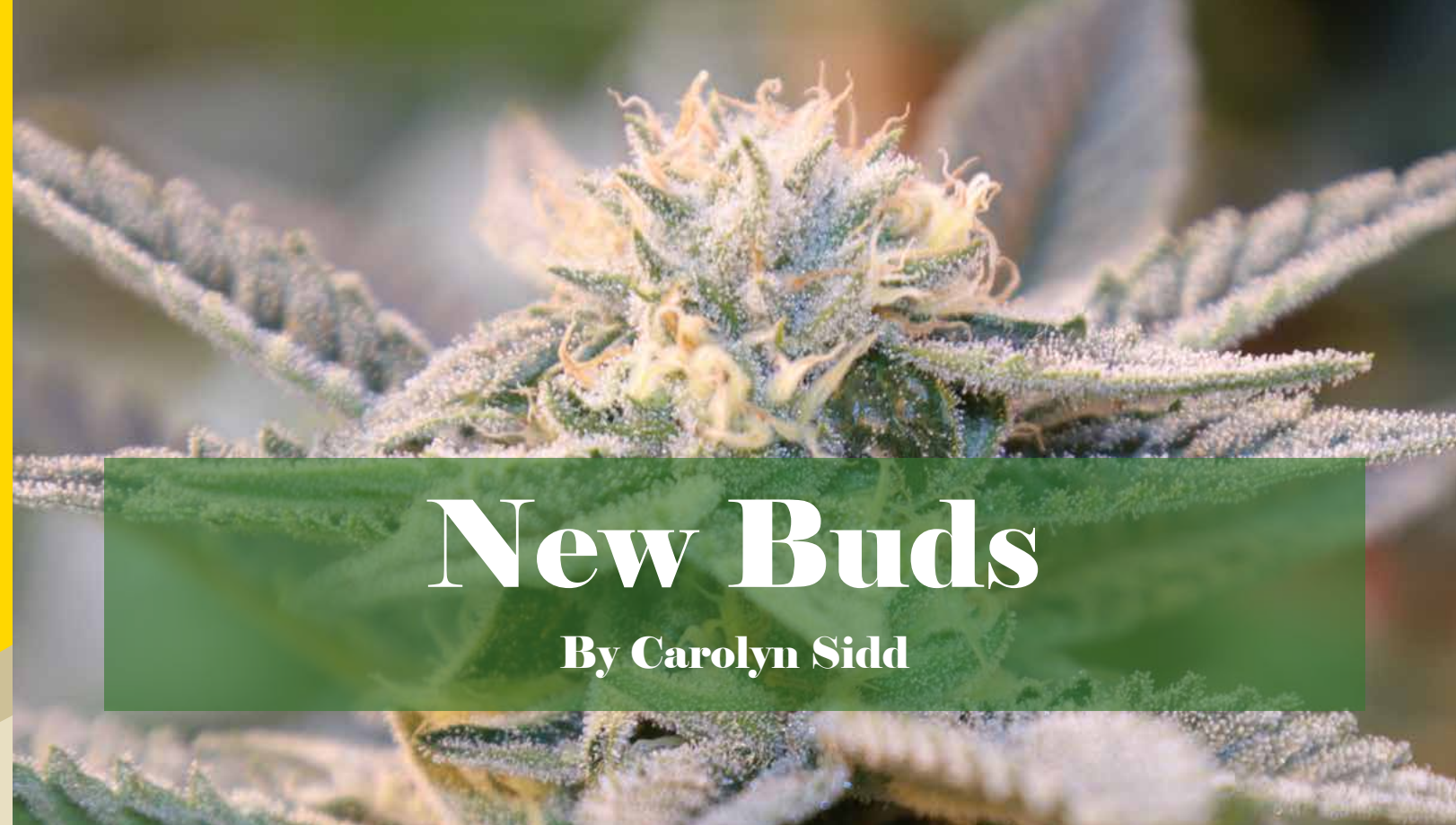
SWOP

a cannabis dispensary

610 W 2ND ST 575-363-3103
HOURS: MON-SAT 9AM-8PM, SUN 9AM-5PM

Dedicated to providing a quality product at honest prices. During the month of March, visit us with this month's copy of Roswell Now Magazine and receive an additional 5% discount.

 
roswell.swopnm.com



New Buds

By Carolyn Sidd

Roswell Chamber of Commerce welcomes a new business to its membership roster. SWOP, Southwest Organic Producers, located at 610 W. Second Street, opened in April 2021 and provides medical cannabis products to patients who hold medical cards. Currently, it is legal for New Mexicans over the age of twenty-one to possess, consume, and grow marijuana, but no one may purchase marijuana or THC without a medical card. Medical cannabis

cards may be obtained by persons aged 18 or older with a pre-qualifying medical condition by the recommendation of a certified medical provider. The business, states Managing Partner Will Boston of Roswell, will soon expand to include recreational products as recreational use sales regulations go into effect no later than this April. salves, and creams, are displayed in gleaming glass cases. A refrigerated bakery cabinet holds various pastries. All products are labeled with pharmaceutical as well as horticultural specifications. Dispensary General Manager Andrew Hertel and his knowledgeable staff are always available to recommend the product most suited to each patient's



Manager, Andrew Hertel tells us about the services SWOP provides.

cards may be obtained by persons aged 18 or older with a pre-qualifying medical condition by the recommendation of a certified medical provider. The business, states Managing Partner Will Boston of Roswell, will soon expand to include recreational products as recreational use sales regulations go into effect no later than this April.

From outside, the SWOP building looks like a branch bank, complete with a drive-in window. Inside however, one is transported into a bright, trendy waiting room with comfortable seating, framed botanical photographs, and shelves displaying various boutique gift items. Soft music plays. A friendly receptionist greets patients, and once their medical credentials are verified, they are invited to enter the dispensary or "Green" room where an array of products, including flower, prerolls, edibles, tinctures,



A variety of SWOP products.



The Hernandez Family celebrate their victory at the First Annual SWOP Cup.

needs, and to answer any questions one may have regarding usage and dosage.

Owned and operated by New Mexicans, SWOP has retail locations in Albuquerque, Corrales, Roswell, Portales, Clovis, and soon, in Ruidoso and Hobbs. SWOP currently has over 60 employees, with twelve in the Roswell store. Roswell dispensary general manager Andrew Hertel

says that even with recreational sales, the store will by law remain true to its medical patients and will function as both a medical and recreational dispensary.

New Mexico cannabis dispensaries are overseen by the Cannabis Control Division of the New Mexico Regulation and Licensing Department. A newly regulated industry, cannabis providers are required to have a dispensary license, food service certification, HIPAA (medical privacy authentication), undergo thorough background checks, and fulfill Department of Public Health compliance, as well as local business licensure. Bud tenders must also adhere to special requirements. Beginning April 1, 2022, the new recreational status will allow New Mexico dispensaries to sell marijuana products to the over-twenty-one public.

Southwest Organic Producers has one of the earliest cannabis growers' licenses in New Mexico, with most of its product grown in automated greenhouses near Corrales. State-wide, before any 2022 plant count increases, there were approximately 40,000 permitted plants. Since changing the law to allow recreational use, New Mexico cannabis

retailers predict it will take around 400,000 plants to supply the additional demand. Recently, the state increased the allowable commercial plant growing capacity for Legacy License holders, including SWOP, to 16,000 plants.

SWOP held its first community event, The First Annual SWOP Cup Festival in October. Open to the public, festival goers enjoyed a day of live music, barbeque, and a unique competition. Local home-growers displaying their products vied for the "Best" in several categories: Highest THC, Best Smell, Best Flavor, and Best Overall Smoke. The October celebration also included a photo contest. This year's Festival promises to be just as much fun. Watch for details.

Proprietor Will Boston is proud to say, "We want the people of Roswell to know that we are members of this community, born and raised



Trophies for local home growers competing at the First Annual SWOP Cup in October of 2021.



in New Mexico and we sell a quality product grown in New Mexico. We are businessmen and businesswomen. We care about Roswell. We're here to stay."

The Roswell SWOP dispensary is located at 610 West Second Street.

Hours are Monday through Saturday 9AM-8PM, and Sunday 9AM-5PM.

Phone: (575) 363-3103; email: info@SWOPNM.com.

La Gran Victoria
Family Owned
Authentic Mexican Cuisine
(575) 840-5290
401 N. Richardson Ave.
Roswell, NM 88201
Monday-Saturday 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Sundays 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

WORK WITH A LOCAL BANK THAT GETS IT DONE.

We believe success comes from building personal long-lasting relationships.

With First American Bank as your trusted partner, we provide fast and locally made decisions that are the right ones for you because when you succeed, we do too.

Find out how we can get it done for you. LOCAL FIRST since 1903.



ROS WELL
III E. Fifth St. | 3220 N. Main

Member
FDIC



Lore's

Cleaning Service LLC



Real Estate Listings
New Constructions
Residential
Business • Commercial
Text or Call
(575) 937-5295

Create Your Backyard Retreat



Create a new routine that the whole family can enjoy.

A space where you can unplug, unwind, and connect with what matters most.

Visit our showroom to find the perfect spa for your wants & needs.

We now have many hot tubs to choose from.

Available for immediate delivery



3700 N Main Street
Roswell, NM 88201
575-623-8888
AllAboutSpas.com

When it comes to quality care for your family, you can count on us.

With more than 25 providers representing a wide range of medical specialties, Eastern New Mexico Medical Group is dedicated to helping your family get well and stay well. We are here for you with convenient locations throughout the Roswell area. And with our Accredited Chest Pain Center, Certified Primary Stroke Center, and Designated Level III Trauma Center, you can feel better than ever about choosing Eastern New Mexico Medical Group. **To schedule an appointment, visit HealthCareRoswell.com today.**



Richard Pinon, M.D.
Ponderosa Medical Associates
575-622-1411



Megan Brandt, FNP-C
Ponderosa Medical Associates
575-622-1411



Kim Hestand, FNP-C
Ponderosa Medical Associates
575-622-1411



Kandace McClellan, PA-C
Ponderosa Medical Associates
575-622-1411



Sherry Rayne Moya, FNP-BC
Ponderosa Medical Associates
575-622-1411



Carrie Flury, PA-C
La Familia Primary Care
575-623-5263



Audrey Vega, M.D.
Mesa Family Care
575-622-1841



Jonathan Wolkwitz, PA-C
Valley Family Care
575-734-5817



Virgle Herrin, M.D.
Quick Care
575-625-1292



Keisha Ellis, FNP-C
Family Medicine and Walk In Clinic
575-624-4922



Fundador Adajar, M.D.
Cardiovascular Specialists
575-624-3278



Eric Cohen, M.D.
Interventional Cardiology and
Vascular Medicine
575-624-4663



Michael J. Mitchell, M.D.
ENT and Allergy Specialists
575-622-2911



Jeffrey T. Ash, D.P.M.
Foot & Ankle Surgical Specialists
575-625-2669



Darla Melton, CNP
Gastroenterology Specialists
575-624-4651



Daniel Ridout III, M.D.
Gastroenterology Specialists
575-624-4651



Jessie M. Surla, DNP
Gastroenterology Specialists
575-624-4651



Elia Charbel Abboud, M.D.
General Surgery Specialists
575-627-0535



Akbar Ali, M.D.
General Surgery Specialists
575-627-0535



Emily Kobayashi, M.D.
General Surgery Specialists
575-627-0535



Jane McMillan, M.D.
OB/GYN Specialists
575-624-4646



Stanislav Belyaev, M.D.
Pulmonology Specialists
575-624-5624



Daniel Nazon, M.D.
Pulmonology Specialists
575-624-5624



Justine M. Crowley, D.O.
Orthopedic Specialists
575-625-2669



Zibin Zhao, M.D.
Orthopedic Specialists
575-625-2669

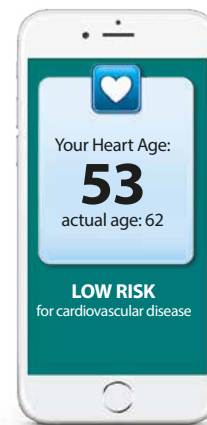
Eastern New Mexico
MEDICAL GROUP

HealthCareRoswell.com

Physicians and Allied Health Staff are employees of Roswell Clinic Corp.



**I'm 62. My heart's 53.
That's good news for me and my family.**



Find out if you're young at heart with our 5-minute Heart Risk Assessment. It will calculate your Heart Age and offer advice on how to maintain or improve your heart health.

Visit ENMMCHear.com to take the assessment.

**EASTERN NEW MEXICO
MEDICAL CENTER**

405 West Country Club Road, Roswell



Accredited
Chest Pain Center

Demonstrated Commitment to Quality Cardiac Care

If you need care for your heart, the specialists at Eastern New Mexico Medical Center are here for you. We offer preventive heart care and cardiovascular disease management. Whether you're managing high cholesterol, recovering from a heart attack or have another heart issue, you can feel confident knowing our team of cardiovascular specialists is standing by to care for you.

To request an appointment, visit HealthCareRoswell.com today.



Roswell Dragons & Ducks

By Eva McCollaum

Seven miles east of Roswell on Pine Lodge Road, a gate stands open from dawn until dark. Beyond this gate spread nearly 30,000-acre refuge for the wildlife of the Pecos River Water Shed. For just under a century, this area has provided a home for rare insects, amphibians, reptiles, and mammals, but above all Bitter Lake serves as a winter home for thousands of migrating waterfowl.

The refuge was established in 1937. According to Steve Alvarez, Outdoor Recreation Planner, a specialist of public space use on the refuge, "This place was originally a CCC (Civilian Conservation Corps) camp." Over three hundred men built the first structures, trails, and banks that form the heart of the facility. Early in the twentieth century duck hunters realized that if there were not protected wetlands along migratory bird routes, and rules about how and when to harvest birds, there would soon be none left. In 1934 the Federal Duck Stamp act was signed into law. The success of the program is now evident. Not only are many protected species present on the refuge, there are enough birds for hunters to harvest some every winter as part of a long tradition that will be able to continue for generations to come.

Alvarez has been working at the refuge for twenty years and has seen the many faces of this oasis in the desert. "What you see here really depends on what season and what time of day you visit." Anyone who lives in the Pecos Valley has probably heard the residents of the refuge during the evening or early morning in fall and winter. Snow Geese, Canada Geese, and Sandhill Cranes all winter at the refuge, and their signature v-formations fly overhead as the birds call to one another on the way to feed or to sleep. "When I first came, I was surprised that so few people from Roswell had been out here," Alvarez explains. "Then, the volunteers and friends of the refuge came up with the Dragonfly Festival. And people are really enthusiastic about it."

Dragonflies and damselflies are classified as Odonates, and over 100 species have been documented at the refuge, which "is home to what is considered one of the most diverse populations of Odonates in North America," according to the official website. Though the pandemic has interfered with some of the public activities planned by the Friends of Bitter



within the refuge. “When young people come to visit, I like to remind them, that each type of water is also a type of habitat.” The water on the refuge comes from surface lakes and ponds, artesian springs, and sink holes. Each of these water types provide for different environments, from the flowing river water of the Pecos to the trickling of springs to the mineral and salt rich standing water of the ponds.

Not only are there a huge number of animals on the refuge, the plant life is varied and full of surprises. “One plant we have to work to control is the salt

Lake, they are still interested in finding volunteers to help maintain the facilities and host groups interested in learning more about the wildlife at the wetland at the edge of the Llano Estacado.

Bitter Lake, which gave the refuge its name, is not open to the public. Located in the far northern portion of the Refuge, it has a high salinity, even higher than the ocean during the driest years and seasons. There are a wide variety of water habitats

cedar. It’s not a native species, but it does really well out here.” Through the past twenty years, the look of the refuge has changed because of the work done to eliminate the invasive salt cedars, which take up a great deal of water. The wild grasses, rushes, and flowers offer delicate beauty, and the rare Pecos Puzzle Sunflower blooms along the banks of the ponds when the summer weather is just right.

Bird watchers from around the country are drawn to Bitter Lake and enjoy finding both the very common species, like the Sandhill Cranes, as well as the rare species that are sometimes seen, like the Hooded Merganser or the diving Bufflehead. Binoculars and cameras are most useful when birding, and sometimes birders will also participate in the bird surveys, which provide counts of the species present. That way the Wildlife Service can keep track of how many birds can be safely harvested without threatening populations overall.

Bitter Lake Refuge can also charm hikers and cyclists. Several trails provide various levels of challenge. For those who are more interested in shopping, the store in the visitor center is manned by volunteers, so it is often open when the museum portion is not. For hours of operation or to get involved as a volunteer, those interested can call (575) 420-4304.

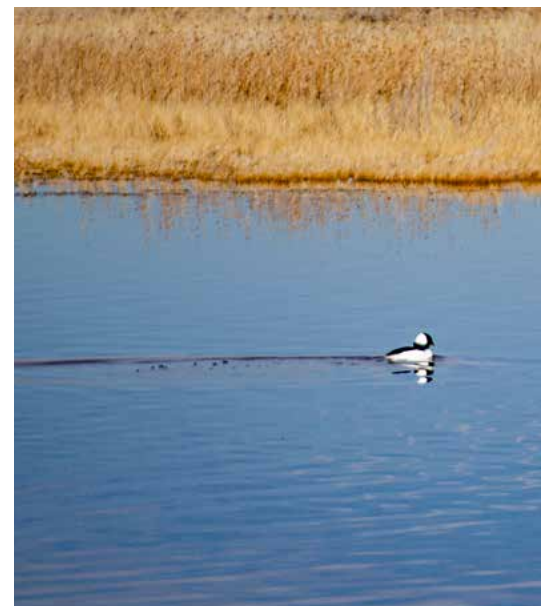
Representative Joe Skeen, in office from 1981 to 2003, served a pivotal role in getting this beautiful facility

built. Situated on a bluff overlooking the watershed, it almost floats between sky and water.



Though no swimming or fishing is allowed at the refuge (for that sort of fun, visitors should go a little further south, to Bottomless Lakes State Park) the circle drive for motorists is open every day. In the summer months, it is best to employ insect repellent before visiting. The drive to the visitor center is asphalt, but the circle drive is washboard gravel, a New Mexico classic. Overlooks and parking spots provide a variety of views.

Even for people who have no interest in birds, beasts, or flora of all sorts, the Refuge provides a rare opportunity. Drive out any time of day. Find a spot to park. Leave the phone and tablet and the hurly burly of the world behind. A flash of light might twinkle from the windshield of a truck on the highway in the distance. Open the windows and turn off the engine. A breeze will rush in, the sound of water lapping and ducks arguing in the distance will rise, and the world will turn back to the old peaceful one, the one we all need now, more than ever.



A Bufflehead swims across the lake.

LOVELACE WELCOMES PETER JEWELL, M.D.

Primary Care

To schedule, please call
575.627.4200



1112 N. Main St. | Roswell, NM
lovelace.com



NMMI Can Thank Tui and Jeff Lynn for National Championship



By J. T. Keith

Fans from around New Mexico and the New Mexico Military Institute cheered, hooted, and hollered as the Broncos scored at will against Iowa Western in their 31-13 win on Friday, December 17th, to win their first ever National Junior College Athletic Association championship.

With Gatorade being doused on NMMI coach Kurt Taiufa'asau and the NMMI confetti being shot into the air, players, and fans stormed the field in historic War Memorial Stadium in Little Rock, Arkansas.

Bronco running back Anthony Grant was named most valuable player for rushing for 192 yards on 34 carries. NMMI coach Kurt Taiufa'asau, who started the season with the interim tag, was named NJCAA Coach of the Year. He is the first Samoan to win a championship at any level in any sport.

Wife was sick

The soft-spoken giant had to stop and compose himself as tears flooded his eyes when talking about the most important things to him. He reflected on a near tragedy he was able to make it through with his faith in God.

Kurt is grateful about winning the national title, but he is appreciative of having his wife, Shanice, with him. Not many people, including those inside the Broncos football program, know that Kurt almost lost his beloved wife, Shanice, to COVID-19 this year.

When Shanice's condition improved, it was as if Kurt was given a second chance at life. He knew that no matter what faced him, he could handle anything.

Resignation changes his life

The announcement came down in one swell swoop in a zoom meeting. It shocked the junior college football community and left NMMI sports fans and administration taken aback. In a matter of minutes everyone's life was changed. New Mexico Military Institute football coach Joe Forchtner announced his retirement from coaching.

It had been a long year. His wife, Shelby Forchtner, had battled cancer, and the Broncos had come off a 6-5 season in which they made

the playoffs in the spring. Joe Forchtner was going to retire from coaching and teach classes at NMMI.

In a span of four hours, no one knew if NMMI athletic director Jose Barron would fill the position in-house or hire from outside. Barron extended the offer to Kurt Taufu'asau. Nervous about being the head guy, he accepted.

Kurt said that he didn't know how to be a head coach. One of the biggest adjustments he had was going from being concerned about his defensive position and being a defensive coordinator, to having to know the offense, defense, and special teams.

He had to make sure he made the right calls on both sides of the ball. Kurt also had to learn the administrative part of the job that most people don't know or see.

What made the transition to being head coach easy was he had great assistant coaches in offensive coordinator Chase Kyser, Robert Rodriguez, and Myron Dillard. Kurt credits the conditioning staff in Danny Ford and Cory Bell with keeping the team in top condition during the season.

No title without Tui

As a youngster growing up in American Samoa, the lifestyle was that of a friendly, slow-paced, tight-knit family. Everybody knew each other. The goal of getting off the island for a better life was to go to college or join the service.

As a kid, Kurt dreamed of following his dad, Vincent, into the Army. Kurt was a big strong athlete who played football in high school.

He knew nothing about lifting weights. He was more interested in bench pressing and curls than doing squats or power cleans. His teams were good enough to reach the playoffs but could never get past the first round.

"I wanted to follow my dad's footsteps in the Army," Kurt said. "Dad was in the Iraq war."

His mother, Tuiluaai (Tui) wanted Kurt to go to college. She put together a highlight tape of Kurt playing football and mailed copies of the tape to several colleges. Only one responded.

Jeff Lynn, head coach at NMMI at the time, contacted Tui and told him he would be in American Samoa for the June Jones Football Camp. Lynn wanted to evaluate Kurt as a possible prospect. Kurt was in shape and crushed the workout. He was one of 10 kids at the camp to receive scholarship money from attending the camp.

"Absolutely, I'm not surprised by his success at all," Roswell football coach Jeff Lynn said. "I could tell he was special after meeting him and his mother, Tui. He came from a great family that valued work ethic, academics and being tough. NMMI is lucky to have him and will have a tough time keeping him. He will be big time in the not-so-distant future."

Crying to sleep

Lynn offered him a scholarship for NMMI. Tui was excited that her legwork had paid off, but Kurt was not. Kurt still had to do his paperwork and fill out his financial aid. With tensions high and Kurt still wanting to enlist in the service, Tui told him to pack his bags because she was taking him to the airport, and they would be flying out to New Mexico the second week in July. Tui was firm and told Kurt he could always

join the service later, but he only had a limited amount of time to get an education and play football.

Kurt said that while adjusting to NMMI, it was RAT week which was the toughest thing for him. "Rat week was a tough time," Kurt said. "I was second guessing myself. I wanted to go home. I said to myself I should be having fun, but I'm over here running two miles. Rat week put us all through hard times where we had to lean on each other."



"I was scared, homesick and nervous," Kurt said. "I was young and didn't know what to do. I didn't have any friends. I was fine during the day, but when the lights went out I cried every night for two months."

In his sophomore year, Kurt helped NMMI to a 7-4 record and a play-off appearance in the Central Bank Salt City Bowl. NMMI lost to Hutchinson Community College 22-14. He made first team all-conference in the Western State Football League.

He had offers from Tarleton and Eastern New Mexico, among other teams. On his way home for Christmas break, coaches from New Mexico State and Wyoming called him. Plus, he had seven voice messages and 11 missed calls from college recruiters. Some of the schools interested

ROSWELL
LIVESTOCK & FARM SUPPLY
HOMETOWN, COMMUNITY PROUD
We're just a little Western Store with a whole Lotta Style

SERVING YOU FROM 2 LOCATIONS

ROSWELL LIVESTOCK & FARM SUPPLY 1105 E 2ND ST ROSWELL, NM 88201 575-622-9164	LINCOLN COUNTY MERCANTILE 101 N BONITO CAPITAN, NM 88316 575-354-4260
--	---

in Kurt were Western Kentucky, Hawaii, Utah State, and Troy University.

Kurt chose Wyoming because he liked the facilities, coaches, and their plan to build a winner. After graduating from Wyoming, he spent time in the NFL on the practice squad with the Oakland Raiders, Tennessee Titans, and the Indianapolis Colts. In a mix-up with the Colts about him coming back to camp with them, he realized that football would one day end for him.

"I thought," Kurt said, "I better find out what I love to do in life and get on with it."

While working in Utah, Kurt went to see his cousin, Edward, who was playing for NMMI when they faced Snow Community College. He reunited with Joe Forchtner after the game. Forchtner asked him what he was doing, and Kurt told him he was an assistant coach

for Westlake High School in Saratoga Springs, Utah. Forchtner told him he would call him after the season. Kurt never thought much about it until later in the summer when Forchtner called and asked him if he wanted to be his defensive line coach.

Reflections

Kurt has reflected on the season and thought about what his journey has meant to him: "Being the first in my family to graduate college was awesome. It showed my five siblings they could do it as well. It meant a lot to come back and coach at NMMI—the place where it all started. NMMI is not for the weak; it molds men."

"It means a lot to bring a national championship to NMMI," Kurt said. "Alumni that have no affiliation with the football team are so happy for the team. It is one hell of an experience to be honest. I am happy to be a part of it."

Kurt said that he learned as a leader that when adversity hits, to stay calm, stand firm in the face of adversity, and continue to build young men up.

"I'm forever grateful for Jeff Lynn," Kurt said, "also Josh Lynn, Forchtner, defensive line coach Kevin Jolly and Will McCain. Forever grateful to those guys who helped a 17-year-old kid who came out of Samoa. They taught me that life won't be easy. As a young man, figure out what you want to do in life. Surround yourself with good people and to always persevere in the face of adversity. Make smart decisions in life and help others and always choose your friends wisely."

"I owe everything to my mother," Kurt said. "Without her, I wouldn't be here. She believed in me when I didn't believe in myself."



He Never Met a Dog He Didn't Like

By Lawrence Lowery

When he was a member of the Roswell Police, Jimmy Preston helped convince the department to re-instate its K-9 unit, and he worked with it for four years until his retirement in 2019. By then, he had another job: since 2004, he had been training dogs on the side, and he could now work with them full-time. His occupation places him around all kinds of dogs—from Chihuahua's and Pomeranians to German Shepherds and pit bulls. Ask him which breeds he prefers, and he will think a moment before answering, "I never met a dog I couldn't like."

As is often the case of those in his profession, he claims that he doesn't train dogs so much as he trains people. We tend to be anthropomorphic, attributing human feelings and tendencies to our pets. People transfer their feelings and attitudes onto their dogs which can make

us too indulgent when they want to do things they shouldn't do and too frustrated when they do things we don't like. Mr. Preston classifies dogs into two groups: everyday dogs and working dogs. Training breaks down into five categories: (1) basic obedience (everyday dogs); (2) scent dogs; (3) protection dogs; (4) service dogs; (5) therapy dogs.

Anyone in Cahoon Park on an early Saturday morning may have



Spring into a New Mattress with *White* **MATTRESS CO.** Since 1937

"We manufacture the Best & Renovate the Rest"

Custom Mattresses Any Size or Shape!

- Metal Frames • Daybeds • Bed Accessories
- RVs • Motorhomes • Truck Sleepers
- One Day Complete Mattress Rebuilding
- Polyfoam Cut to Size
- Residential • Commercial • Institutional • Bedrails
- Headboards • Waterbeds • Adjustable Beds

BOYDSLEEP ENGLANDER SEALY

0% Financing! Free Local Pick-up & Delivery

Open Mon. - Sat. 201 N. Main St. 9 am - 6 pm Roswell, NM 88201 (575) 624-1000

PECOS VALLEY EQUIPMENT



YOUR HOME TURF EXPERTS

We are proud to serve our community and surrounding areas!

Artesia
312 W. Richey
575-748-1400



Roswell
1015 S Atkinson
575-623-7400



group follows the walking path almost to Sycamore before turning back. Sometimes nearly 40 dogs and owners show up, and it is an impressive sight to watch them go by. He says that these walks are designed to use “group influence” on the dogs—which are, after all, descendants of animals that run in packs. It is amusing to see a Chihuahua or a dachshund waddling along next to a lumbering Great Dane or St. Bernard with German Shepherds out front and various other breeds and rescue

witnessed one of Mr. Preston’s more interesting training techniques. He calls it his “Pack Walk,” but some of the park regulars refer to it as the “doggie parade.” On alternate Saturdays, his students and their people meet in the parking lot next to the old pool site. In warm weather, they are there at 8; in cooler months they gather at 9. Once assembled, the

dogs strung out among the pack.

Mr. Preston has a co-trainer to help him, and at any given time there are 40–50 dogs in training. The basic class lasts 7 weeks, one hour each session, and costs \$175 for the course. He also gives private lessons, and there is a Level 2 advanced class.

For more information, contact Jimmy Preston at (575) 626-9122 or www.jpawllc.com.



A Cahoon Park squirrel watches the Pack Walk approach.

Chaves County Veterans

PO BOX 4666 ROSWELL, NM 88202
www.ChavesCountyVeterans.com



SERVING ALL WHO SERVED

Chaves County Veterans Association is a group of volunteer Veterans and family members who give of their time and energy to get out in the community and actively gather funds to help fellow brothers and sisters in their time of need. Not only does the public benefit from interaction with the Veterans in our community, but it enables the Association to focus on causes, current efforts and solutions to our Veteran’s needs and conditions.

We provide end of life support at our local Veterans Cemetery for all Veterans desiring to be buried at home in Roswell.

Our main fundraising event, the **VETERAN’S VALENTINE BALL** is held annually in February.



THANK YOU CHAVES COUNTY FOR SUPPORTING OUR CAUSE.

ALL Donations and Monies benefit VETERANS and their families.



Champion Health Connection provides care from where it’s most convenient for you - home, office, or on the go. You can have a virtual consult to diagnose non-emergency medical issues over the phone or through secure video on your computer or smartphone. It’s patient-centric healthcare that works for you and around your schedule.



» **On Demand:** Virtual Care. Anywhere. 24/7/365. Get access to experienced providers for non-emergency medical issues.



» **Coordinated Care:** Find out if a virtual visit with your primary care provider or specialist is right for you. Covered by most insurance companies.

» **Virtual Hub:** Located in Roswell, NM! Provides access to GCRMC primary care providers via telemedicine. Specially equipped exam room with secure video and audio connection. Dedicated clinical support staff at your side throughout the visit.

To learn how to connect or for any other questions go to www.gcrmc.org and click on the **Virtual Care** icon or call (575) 446-5764



Zia Pulse and Cryotherapy

Cody Melton
313 W Country Club Rd #5
Roswell NM, 88201

Pulsed Electromagnetic Field Therapy

Cellular Exercise supports the healthy natural function of your cells

Energize the natural healing power hidden within each and every cell of your body

(917) 847-4576

Call or Text to Schedule Appointments

ROUS's have Arrived

By Eva McCollaum

This winter three exotic residents arrived at the Spring River Zoo. According to Andrea Cole, Zoo Curator, the nick name of the Capybara, native of South America, is Water Pig. This name probably came from the fact they live in wetlands throughout the South American river basins, but they aren't related to pigs. They are more like Guinea Pigs. The three at the zoo still haven't been officially named, but that will change by February of 2022.



Capybaras have the Latin name *Hydrochoerus hydrochaeris* (yes, Latin is weird). Capybaras grow larger than any other rodents on earth and can stand two feet at the shoulder and can weigh 150 pounds. They gnaw plants all the time because their teeth grow throughout their lives. In anticipation of their needs, the zoo staff has planted River Cane (similar to bamboo) in their enclosure, "for them to nibble on," says Zoo Curator Cole.

The Capybara enclosure has a hillock near the front fence, and the Capybaras shine brown, gold, and black as they sun themselves in a little group of three. "They are highly social, and they do have their own personalities." When they walk, they walk together, in a line, a Capybara promenade. They lift their feet, in much the style of a march, and their front three toes come down in a light step. Since they must chew all the time, the side-to-side movement of their jaws makes them look contented and thoughtful.

"Capys are some of the more easy-going animals in the zoo," Cole explains. "Other animals can be kept in the same enclosure with them." Eventually they will share their enclosure with other animals here. They have already begun to adapt to their new life in Roswell. When they see zoo staff, they know good things are coming. "Sometimes we slice up apples and toss it in the water. They love it." (Who wouldn't?)

The mystery of their names comes from an unusual quality in Capybara. It's difficult to identify



their gender until they reach puberty, "which will be at about six months." Until that time, zoo staff will use two names. For the one with a notch in the left ear, it's Captain Hook (boy name) or Millie (girl name). For the one with the notch in the right ear, it's Captain Crunch or Hattie. For the smallest one, it's Captain Morgan or Morgan. "These are all from the same litter, so if we have a mix of males and females, we will work with other zoos if we decide to have them breed, so we have a good genetic cross."

In *The Princess Bride*, the Rodents of Unusual Size are dangerous and scary. In the Spring River Zoo, the ROUS are cute and social and definitely worth a visit. You'll find them next to the land pig, Kevin.



KID'S CORNER

Founded in 1937, Bitter Lake Wildlife Refuge is home many species of animals and plants. Many birds rely on these wetlands as a safe place to stop on their migration or spend the winter. Spring and fall are great times to see all kinds of birds, some locals and many visitors.



- Across
- 3. The snowy ____ has long legs & bright yellow feet
- 4. The New Mexico state bird
- 6. A colorful bird with a ring on its neck
- 7. The refuge protects the water shed of this river
- 11. A rare variety of this flower is known as the Pecos Puzzle
- 12. Dragonflies and damselflies belong to this order
- Down
- 1. A duck with a unique beak
- 2. Every year the refuge holds the Dragonfly ____
- 5. An invasive plant species that loves salt water
- 8. Small birds who build nest out of mud
- 9. A migratory goose. This one can be very loud
- 10. Arctic ____ geese stop in Roswell on their winter migration



BIRD GUIDE ON NEXT PAGE →

Answers on page 37

THE BIRDS OF BITTER LAKE

Learn more about a few of the birds, some common and some rare, that you might see at Bitter Lake Wildlife Refuge.

1. GREAT HORNED OWL

Large owl found throughout the Americas with feathers on its head that resemble horns.

2. REDWINGED BLACK BIRD

Named for the male bird's red shoulder patch, they love grassy wetlands like those along the Pecos River.

3. TURKEY VULTURE

As a scavenger, it uses its excellent vision and sense of smell to search for carrion.

4. MOURNING DOVE

One of the most common birds in North America, known for their soft low coo.

5. RED TAILED HAWK

A North American raptor with a reddish brown tail, makes its home in a variety of climates.

6. NORTHERN SHOVELER

Named for its shovel shaped bill, this duck is found in wetlands around the world.

7. MALLARD

The male ducks have bright green heads and a white band on the neck, while the females are a speckled brown.

8. SANDHILL CRANE

A large migrating population visits BLWR every year. They have long legs and a bright red face.

9. RINGNECKED PHEASANT

Spends most of its time on the ground. Males are colorful with a white band on their neck.

10. BARN SWALLOW

Barn and cliff swallows are both abundant at BLWR. They build nests out of mud.

11. GREATER ROADRUNNER

The New Mexico state bird. This bird spends most of its time on the ground reaching speeds of up to 20 mph.

12. SNOW GOOSE

Migrating from the Arctic every year, thousands spend their winter at Bitter Lake.

13. AMERICAN PELICAN

With a wingspan of 10 feet, it also has a distinct large bill with an extendable throat sack

14. ROSS'S GOOSE

Though similar looking to snow geese, they have a smaller stockier body and shorter beak.

15. CANADIAN GOOSE

With a black head and neck with white chin and cheeks, they are known for the male's loud "honk".

16. NORTHERN PINTAIL

Named for the male's long thin black tail, the males also have a chocolate brown head and white neck stripe.

17. SNOWY EGRET

These small white herons can be identified by their long black legs and vibrant yellow face and feet.

18. GREAT BLUE HERON

If you're lucky you could spot this tall bird with shaggy blue-gray plumage.

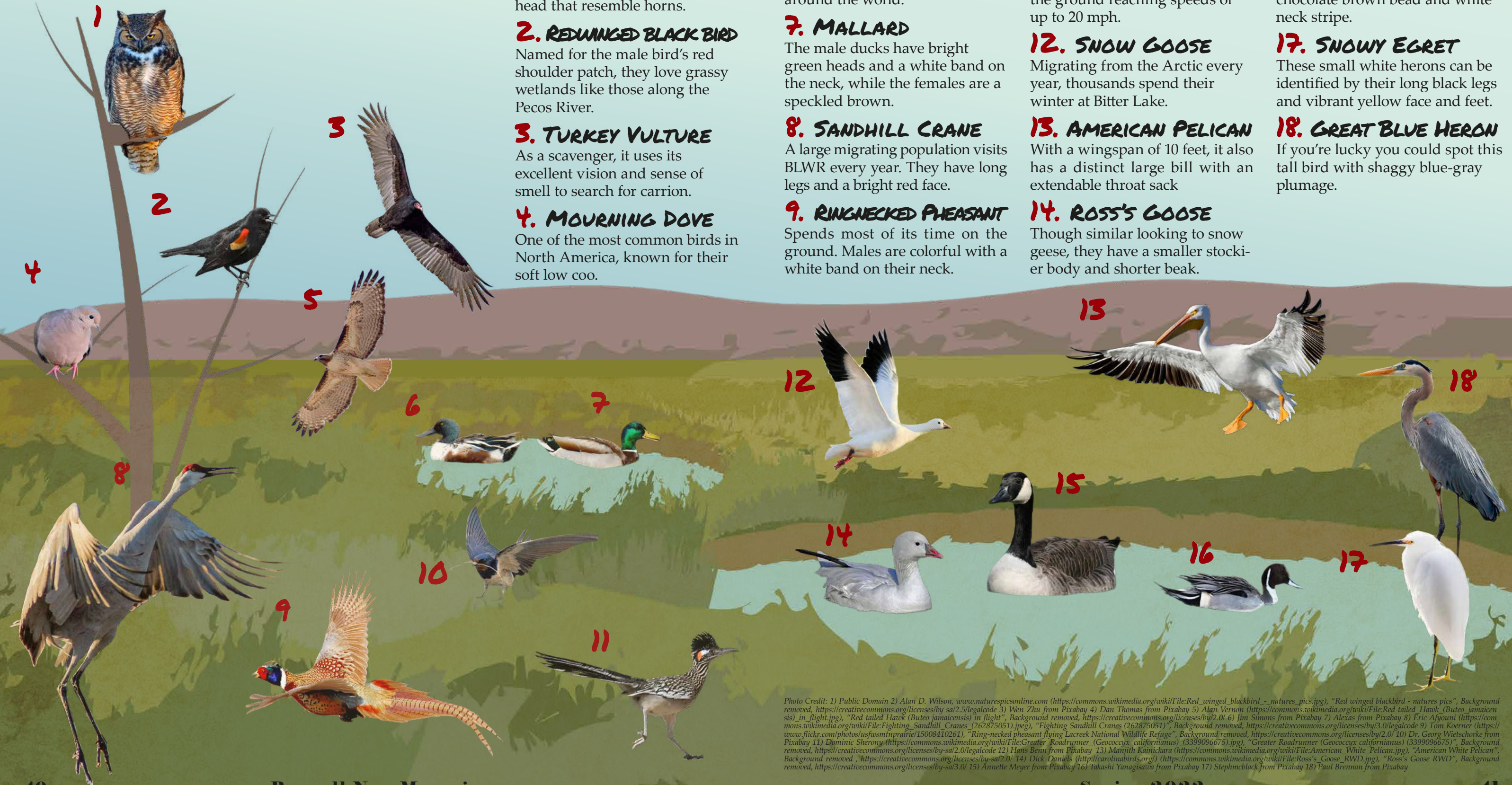


Photo Credit: 1) Public Domain 2) Alan D. Wilson, www.naturespiconline.com (https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Red-winged_blackbird_-_natures_pics.jpg), "Red-winged blackbird - natures pics", Background removed, <https://creativecommons.org/licenses/by-sa/2.5/legalcode> 3) Wen Zhu from Pixabay 4) Dan Thomas from Pixabay 5) Alan Vernon ([https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Red-tailed_Hawk_\(Buteo_jamaicensis\)_in_flight.jpg](https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Red-tailed_Hawk_(Buteo_jamaicensis)_in_flight.jpg)), "Red-tailed Hawk (Buteo jamaicensis) in flight", Background removed, <https://creativecommons.org/licenses/by/2.0/> 6) Jim Simons from Pixabay 7) Alexas from Pixabay 8) Eric Afjouni ([https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Fighting_Sandhill_Cranes_\(262875051\).jpeg](https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Fighting_Sandhill_Cranes_(262875051).jpeg)), "Fighting Sandhill Cranes (262875051)", Background removed, <https://creativecommons.org/licenses/by/3.0/legalcode> 9) Tom Koerner (<https://www.flickr.com/photos/usfusmtprairie/15008410261/>), "Ring-necked pheasant flying Lacreek National Wildlife Refuge", Background removed, <https://creativecommons.org/licenses/by/2.0/> 10) Dr. Georg Wietschorke from Pixabay 11) Dominic Sherony ([https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Greater_Roadrunner_\(Geococcyx_californianus\)_3399096675.jpg](https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Greater_Roadrunner_(Geococcyx_californianus)_3399096675.jpg)), "Greater Roadrunner (Geococcyx californianus) (3399096675)", Background removed, <https://creativecommons.org/licenses/by-sa/2.0/legalcode> 12) Hans Benn from Pixabay 13) Manjith Kainickara (https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:American_White_Pelican.jpg), "American White Pelican", Background removed, <https://creativecommons.org/licenses/by-sa/2.0/> 14) Dick Daniels (<http://carolinabirds.org/>) (https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Ross's_Goose_RWD.jpg), "Ross's Goose RWD", Background removed, <https://creativecommons.org/licenses/by-sa/3.0/> 15) Annette Meyer from Pixabay 16) Takashi Yanagisawa from Pixabay 17) Stephmblack from Pixabay 18) Paul Brennan from Pixabay



Freshly Queezed

We tried a few of their tea, Red Bull, and lemonade juice infusions (1), which were just as delicious as they were gorgeous! They also have detox juices and smoothies! Happy hour 12-2pm weekdays.

Open 9-5 weekdays and 10-4 Saturday and Sunday.

1405 W Second St Roswell, NM



Blair's Trading Post

Blair's Trading Post has a unique selection of furniture, antiques, home goods, and collectables (3).

Open 9-5 Daily

5611 Hummingbird Lane
Roswell, NM

LIZ'S LOCAL LOVES



Chill

Roswell's newest treat stop Chill has rolled ice cream in fun flavors, including green chile (2). It tastes great and it's so fun to watch them make right in front of you! They also serve Boba teas, shakes, and shaved ice.

Open 12-8 Monday-Thursday and 12-9 Friday and Saturday. Closed Sunday

1500 West 2nd St Roswell NM



Desert Rose Soap Company

Desert Rose has a variety of locally made artisan soaps, lotions, scrubs, and bath bombs (4). They also have a boutique with cute accessories, clothes, and gifts.

Open 10-5:30 Tuesday-Friday, 10-2 Saturday. Closed Sunday and Monday.

119 E Forest St, Roswell, NM

BRING KIDS TO THE KITCHEN

By Eva McCollaum

The year I turned nine I entered the open baking competition at the Torrance County Fair. I got a red ribbon for my peanut butter cookies. That experience encapsulates my life. I gained confidence and had fun, but I didn't do well enough to become rich, powerful, or important. Nevertheless, I continued to cook, and through the years my work in the kitchen has allowed me to build friendships and make others happy. For that reason, I present three recipes that a child can make (with minimal supervision) and can be used to enliven sack lunches or afternoon snacks.



First among the treats is my recipe for peanut butter cookies. This one has been tweaked from the one I used all those years ago. This version employs a secret ingredient that makes the cookies resistant to becoming stale (which they won't have a chance at in a normal kitchen) and gives them a salty toothsome quality I find delightful.

Peanut Butter Cookies

½ cup shortening
¾ cup peanut butter
¼ cup almond butter
1 cup brown sugar

1 large egg
1 ½ cup flour
½ teaspoon baking soda
½ teaspoon salt

Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Cream shortening, sugar and butters together. (This recipe can be made with a cup of peanut butter and no almond butter if you want to keep it more traditional.) Stir in egg. Whisk together dry ingredients and stir into creamed mixture. Form into walnut-sized balls and use fork to create a traditional crosshatch pattern. Bake eight to ten minutes. Makes between two and three dozen cookies.



My second safe-for-young-beginners recipe is banana bread. This one I learned from an old church cookbook, but I've altered it. My maternal grandmother loved making banana bread because it taught frugality (of a sort). Instead of throwing out old mushy bananas, add pecans, sugar, and shortening to make a delectable countertop treat.

Banana Bread

2 or 3 ripe bananas
2 cups flour
½ teaspoon baking powder
½ teaspoon salt
¾ teaspoons baking soda
1 ½ cups sugar
½ cup shortening
2 eggs
1 teaspoon vanilla
¼ cup buttermilk
1 cup finely chopped pecans

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Grease and flour a standard loaf

pan. Mash bananas until smooth. Cream together shortening, sugar and eggs. Stir in vanilla and bananas. Whisk together dry ingredients and add half to creamed mixture. Add half buttermilk to batter. Add remaining dry ingredients, and remaining buttermilk. When the batter starts to come together, stir in pecans. Stir a few times until batter is fairly smooth. Pour into loaf pan and bake for approximately one hour (until a toothpick that pierces the center emerges clean).

This is a quick bread, so it should have a crack on the top. If the loaf is under done, it will collapse slightly in the center. Repeated tries will help a cook perfect this recipe.

The third recipe is one I learned (and altered) recently. Cheddar crackers can be brought together in a food processor. For a full-sized processor, double this

recipe. For a mini-processor this recipe is perfect.

Cheddar Crackers

1 cup grated sharp cheddar cheese
Dash chile powder
Dash paprika
½ teaspoon salt
¼ cup chilled butter, cut in small cubes
1 tablespoon heavy cream
¾ cup flour

Process the flour, chile, paprika, and salt for a couple of pulses. Add the butter and pulse until the mix resembles corn meal. Add in cheese and pulse until fairly smooth. Drizzle in cream until

the mixture starts to come together in a ball. Split into two halves and wrap in cling wrap. Press into squares and chill for at least half an hour. Remove one square at a time and roll into 5 inch by 5 inch squares and cut into twenty-five one inch squares. Place on parchment covered baking sheet slightly apart. Use a toothpick to dock each cracker with a hole in the center. Chill again for fifteen minutes. Preheat oven to 325 degrees. Bake fifteen to seventeen minutes.

Fifty of these will fit on a standard cookie sheet placed slightly apart. Either white or yellow cheddar will work in the recipe, and I use more chile and paprika than most would because I like the heat.



Cooking isn't for everyone, and I have plenty of stories of kitchen disasters, but I'm really glad my family encouraged me to cook. When my mother and dad were both working, I could make a meal and contribute to the household. Cooking has allowed me to bridge divides with people who found me annoying (or insufferable). Best of all, the system in our house has always been the person who cooked does NOT have to do dishes. On that basis alone, I would have learned to cook no matter what.



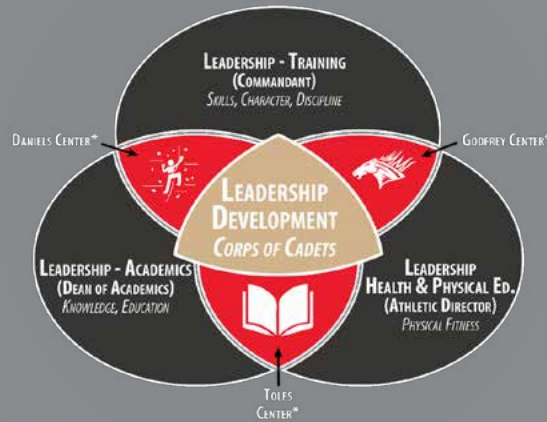
NMMI Annual Snapshot

New Mexico Military Institute 2021

VISION

The New Mexico Military Institute is a globally recognized secondary and post-secondary learning institution for young men and women that instills excellence in leadership, academics, and physical development within a structured environment empowering students to thrive in a dynamic world.

THE LEADERSHIP LEARNING MODEL



*The Centers provide the experience acquired through Academics, Training, and Health & Physical Education

MISSION

To educate, train, and prepare young men and women to be leaders capable of critical thinking and sound analysis, leaders who possess uncompromising character, and leaders able to meet challenging physical demands.

Highest Levels of Accreditation

ABOUT NMMI

- Established in 1891, the NMMI experience is an educational experience founded on the principles of Duty, Honor, and Achievement.
- NMMI is a globally recognized secondary and post-secondary learning institution for young men and women.
- The only state-supported co-educational military boarding school in the nation offering an integrated four-year college preparatory high school and university parallel transferable junior college.



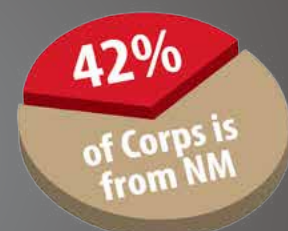
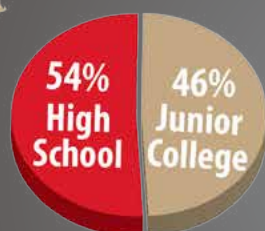
ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

The 2020-2021 Corps of Cadets recorded the highest GPA (2.85) over the last 33 years.

	2021	2020	2019	2018
3RD CLASS	3.02	3.14	3.11	2.98
4TH CLASS	2.98	3.00	2.88	2.77
5TH CLASS	3.04	3.22	2.90	2.90
6TH CLASS	2.83	2.75	2.76	2.73

CORPS OF CADETS

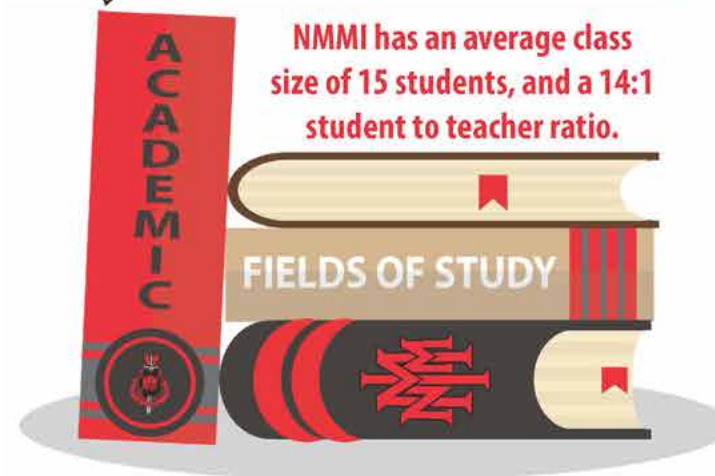
822 TOTAL ENROLLMENT FOR FALL 2021



*FIGURES BASED ON 3RD FRIDAY CENSUS DATA SEP 3 2021

ACADEMICS

NMMI is ranked #1 nationally by Boarding School Review for teachers with advanced degrees!



NMMI ASSOCIATE DEGREES

ASSOCIATE OF ARTS

- Art
- Aviation Technical Management
- Business Administration
- Communication
- Criminal Justice
- English
- History
- Philosophy
- Political Science/Leadership
- Social Science

ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE

- Athletic Training
- Biological Sciences
- Computer Sciences
- Mathematics
- Physical Sciences
- Pre-Engineering
- Pre-Medicine/Dental/Veterinary
- Pre-Nursing

CNN Money Magazine ranks NMMI as the #2 Junior College based on the percentage of students graduating within three years of transferring to four-year colleges.

ATHLETICS

The NMMI Department of Athletics and Physical Fitness is headquarters for 24 different organized sports teams, the Human Performance and Sports Medicine & Athletic Training program.

ATHLETIC PROGRAMS

HIGH SCHOOL

- Baseball
- Basketball
- Cross Country
- Football
- Golf
- Soccer
- Swimming/Diving
- Tennis
- Track & Field
- Volleyball

JUNIOR COLLEGE

- Baseball*
- Basketball*
- Tennis
- Football*
- Golf*
- Cross Country**
- Volleyball**

* denotes male-only sport
** denotes female-only sport

SCHOLARSHIPS

New Mexico residents have plenty of opportunities to receive financial assistance at NMMI. The Knowles (Legislative) Scholarship and Luciano "Lucky" Varela Scholarship are huge benefactors to NM residents attending NMMI.



90% of students from NM at NMMI benefit from the Knowles Scholarship.

* Projections for 2020/2021

RETURN ON INVESTMENT

NMMI is #1

OF THE 39 COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES IN NM, WITH A BETTER ROI THAN UNM, NMSU, AND NM TECH.

* Based on "A First Try at ROI Ranking 4,500 Colleges" by Georgetown University

ECONOMIC IMPACT



Chaves County School Calendars

March 2022 RISD

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

April 2022 RISD

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

May 2022 RISD

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

RISD

March 14-18: Spring Break
April 15: Spring Holiday
May 27: Last Student Day
May 26: UHS Graduation
May 27: GHS Graduation
May 28: RHS Graduation, ECHS Graduation
May 30: Memorial Day

March 2022 Dexter

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

April 2022 Dexter

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

May 2022 Dexter

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

Dexter

March 21-25: Spring Break
March 30: Teacher in Service, early release 1pm
April 15: Good Friday, no school
April 18: Easter Monday, no school
April 27: Teacher in Service, Early release 1pm
May 21: High School Graduation
May 30: Memorial Day

March 2022 Lake Arthur

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

April 2022 Lake Arthur

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

May 2022 Lake Arthur

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

Lake Arthur

March 21-25: Spring Break
May 20: High School Graduation
May 27: Last Day of School
May 30: Memorial Day

March 2022 Hagerman

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

April 2022 Hagerman

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

May 2022 Hagerman

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

Hagerman

March 21-25: Spring Break
April 15: Good Friday
May 14: High School Graduation
May 20: Last Day of School (Elementary)
May 27: Last Day of School (Middle School)

March 2022 NMMI

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

April 2022 NMMI

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

May 2022 NMMI

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

NMMI

April 15-18: Easter Holiday
May 14: Commencement

Roswell Now Business Hub

FARMERS INSURANCE
 For Information Call the Following Agents

Dwyer, Gina	101 W 6th St.	575-622-3993
Garcia, Marcia	114 S Main St.	575-625-1500
Helton, Connie	813 N Richardson Ave. Ste D	575-627-3922
Shappard, Matthew	200 W Hobbs St.	575-308-0601
Whitney, Christopher	2604 N Main St.	575-623-1111
Zavala, Jose	113 W 3rd St.	575-625-2886

M&M Coin
 -Since 1976-
 (575) 622-4751
 207 W. Third
 Roswell, NM 88201

Bullion
 Collectables
 Coins
 Estate Appraisals
 Gold
 Silver
 Supplies

Zia Pulse and Cryotherapy
 Cody Melton
 313 W Country Club Rd #5
 Roswell NM, 88201

Pulsed Electromagnetic Field Therapy
 (917) 847-4576
 Call or Text to Schedule Appointments

Roswell's newest addiction resource!

RenewHealth
 Addiction Recovery Services

BREAKING THE OPIOID ADDICTION CYCLE

575-363-3189
 207 N Union Ave, Ste E, Roswell NM 88201
 renewhealthnm.com

T&C Bookkeeping, Inc.
 accounting you can count on

(575) 300-1417

209 W. Third
 Roswell, NM 88201

Accounting
 Bookkeeping
 Consulting
 Investing
 Planning
 Tax Preparing

Whitfield Farms
 Fine Candies and Pecans
 A delicious gift for any time of year!

Try one our delicious favorites today:
 • Roswell Fairs • Candied Roasted
 • Toffee • Buttered Pecans

(575) 623-8768
 2687 N. Sycamore Ave., Roswell, NM
 www.whitfieldfarmscandy.com

Your Ad Here

Want to advertise in Roswell Now Magazine?
 Call us at (575) 623-5695
 or email kyle@roswellnm.org

In good times and bad,
family always has your back.



Ware Family

Farm Credit of New Mexico has been farmer and rancher owned for more than a century. Year in and year out, we've provided financial services to family-owned businesses of all sizes, helping them grow and prosper. That's the difference between being a bank and being customer owned. What can we do for you?

farmcreditnm.com | 1-800-451-5997



NM NM NEW MEXICO MILITARY INSTITUTE

EDUCATION THAT IS AFFORDABLE!

NMMI offers exceptional scholarship opportunities for New Mexico residents via the General Richard T. Knowles Legislative Scholarship and the Luciano "Lucky" Varela Opportunity Scholarship.

***92% of students from New Mexico at NMMI benefit from the Knowles Scholarship**

NOW ACCEPTING FALL 2022 APPLICATIONS

KNOWLES SCHOLARSHIP
\$1,374,322
*AWARDED

OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP
\$304,000
*AWARDED

ADMISSIONS@NMMI.EDU • (575) 622-6250 • WWW.NMMI.EDU

new

We like to call it Crispyjuicytender

Spicy Crispy Chicken

Crispy Chicken



Deluxe Crispy Chicken



Order ahead on the app

Prices and participation may vary. Cannot be combined with any other offer or combo meal. ©2021 McDonald's.



KRUMLAND Auto Group



Roswell's Hidden Treasures

APPLY FOR A JOB... STAY FOR A CAREER!

At Krumland Auto Group we take pride in being one of the largest employers in Chaves County and our commitment to the community is at the heart of everything we do. We are constantly searching for talent in the Automotive maintenance field. We have partnered with Eastern New Mexico University-Roswell to provide training and education opportunities as well as post education employment. In addition to Technicians, we proudly offer training and employment for Sales, Finance, Accounting and Customer Service. Krumland Auto Group is an EOE with full benefits, paid vacation, and 401(k)!

Krumland Auto Group is hiring!

- Controller
- Receptionist
- BCD Agent
- Vehicle Detailer
- Service/Sales Porter
- Sales Consultant /Manager
- Accounting Manager/Office Clerk
- Senior Master/Certified Technician
- Automotive/Lube/Service Technician



Visit our website for more info!
www.kagnm.com/careers

