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Meet Your New Mexico Legislature

If you would like to meet your state legislature, stop by City Hall, 111 School of Mines Rd., to visit with Don Tripp, David Ulibarri, and Howie Morales. The forum begins at 10:00 AM on Thursday, December 9th. If you or your organization would like to be on the agenda, please contact Terry at the Socorro County Chamber of Commerce by phone (575-835-0424) or email (terry@socorro-nm.com).

Arts and Crafts and Food Fair

On November 20 and 21 San Antonio Elementary School will be hosting the Festival of the Cranes Arts and Crafts and Food Fair. The fair is Saturday from 7:00 AM – 8:30 PM (Enchilada Dinner from 5:00 PM – 8:00 PM) and Sunday from 7:30 AM – 4:30 PM. There will be vendors from all over the Socorro area selling their goods. All proceeds will benefit San Antonio Elementary School. For more information about the Arts and Crafts and Food Fair contact Lisa Markland at 575-835-1758.

Community Awards

Socorro County Chamber of Commerce members are the only people and businesses permitted to nominate and vote for our community awards. Nominations will be requested this month for the “small business, large business, volunteer, man, woman, and organization of the year.” Sharpen your pencil and be ready to nominate all our worthy community members for awards. All nomination forms must be received (e-mail, hand delivered or mailed) at the Chamber of Commerce office by **5:00 pm on November 19, 2010.**



Parkview Outdoor Classroom

Hands on learning can help develop a deeper understanding of the material being learned. Some teachers shy away from project-based or hands-on learning because of the extra time and preparation required to set those lessons up. Parkview Elementary School is not shying away from the concept of hands on learning but is embracing it by developing a habitat similar to the Bosque in the courtyard of the school.

The courtyards focal point will be a (usually dry) rocky riverbed representing the Rio Grande Watershed. During heavy rains the riverbed will channel water draining off school buildings into an existing retention pond which will be further developed as a wetland study area. Parkview students will plant native species to represent local ecosystems: grasslands, desert, and riparian bosque along river bed.

The outdoor classroom idea grew in part from several years’ participation of Parkview students and staff in “Mapping the Rio,” a hands-on program connecting children to the rich heritage of the Rio Grande offered to local schools by Friends of the Bosque del Apache. Parkview hopes to involve community volunteers in all aspects of the plan from site development to the participation in hands-on projects with students.

Shade benches throughout the courtyard will provide opportunities for student observations that can be incorporated into reflective journaling, creative writing, art, and math and science activities. Rock gardens, a vegetable/herb garden and a pollinator garden with boxes for birds, bats, and butterflies are in the plans and will be the focus of many classroom activities.

Students are already busy earning and collecting money for the project but they need additional adult help before they can literally, “dig in.” A Community Work Day is scheduled at Parkview on Saturday November 6 from 9:00 am – 3 pm. Volunteers (teens and up) are needed to assist 1) removal of invasive plant species, 2) final construction of a raised-bed vegetable/herb garden and 3) general grounds clean up. Parkview parents will provide beverages and lunch for volunteers.

To confirm help on the 6th or, if not available then but you can help in the future, please call the Parkview office during school hours (575-835-1086) or Mary Bjorklund (575-835-3754) at anytime.

Commercial Kitchen User Loans

The Socorro County Chamber of Commerce, with support from the City of Socorro is offering interest free loans for the Socorro Community Kitchen users.

The Community partnered to start the commercial kitchen to assist residents start their dream business. Starting a new business has many direct and indirect costs, so the Chamber will assist new commercial kitchen business owners by paying for the mandatory permits and fees.

The mandatory fees for the New Mexico Department of Health are \$200, City of Socorro Business Registration fee cost \$25 and the Farmer’s Market membership dues are \$25, for a total of \$250. These are all up-front costs payable before anyone can use the commercial kitchen to make products they want to sell to the public, whether through retail shops, markets or as caterers.

The owners/cooks will need to pay the kitchen user fee which varies from less than a \$1 an hour to \$4 an hour to use the facility, equipment, utilities and cleaning supplies. “The South Valley and Taos commercial kitchens charge around \$13 an hour so the Socorro Community Kitchen rates are a real bargain.” For more information please contact Chamber Director Terry Tadano (575-835-0424).



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**Friends of the
Bosque**

Festival of the Cranes

2010 is the 23rd year the City of Socorro and the Bosque del Apache National Wildlife Refuge celebrates the return of the cranes with the popular and acclaimed Festival of the Cranes! From November 14th to November 21st the City of Socorro will be flocking with visitors to see the cranes.

Festival of the Cranes is Socorro's largest festival and brings in approximately 9,000 visitors over the six day stretch every year. With this many visitors hotels will be occupied, restaurants will be full, and visitors will be shopping for local products and gifts.

Locals who aren't hardcore birders might want to attend a workshop called "Birds of the Bosque del Apache." this workshop is a visually beautiful presentation by longtime Bosque volunteers Dwayne and Marj Longenbaugh about birds one typically sees at the Bosque This event is Thursday afternoon at 2:30 at the Macey Center. You can register online or buy tickets at the door (\$5). On Friday afternoon from 4-7 on the Historic Socorro Plaza a social will be held to meet friends, neighbors, and out-of-town Festival participants. If you have further questions on how you or your business can assist or benefit, you can call the Festival Office at 575-835-2077.



FREE Public Service Announcement

Family Radio is offering you an opportunity to get information out to the community.



KUFR Family Radio is a Christian Radio Station that broadcasts locally in the Socorro area on 91.9 FM. On Saturdays, Family Radio has a spot called "For the Record". It's an interview with various community organizations about their issues, concerns, and/or any up coming events. This offers you an opportunity to get information out into the community, while helping enlist community support for your efforts. The interview can be done over the phone and only takes 13-15 minutes. For more information; please call Cindy at Family Radio at 1-866-359-3147.

Shop Socorro

Shopping in Socorro is good for the community. Shopping in Socorro saves you time and gas, and cuts down the wear and tear on your automobile. Shopping locally helps fund the city and county government through gross receipts taxes, which helps provide vital services. Shopping locally helps local stores, so they can continue to offer goods and services that you would otherwise have to drive a long way to find. One more final reason for you to shop locally is the Annual Shop Socorro Auction.

This year for Shop Socorro all shoppers **must register** to receive their bidding number and rules prior to shopping. Beginning November 1st, save your receipts from all your purchases at local retail businesses. Bring them to the Socorro County Chamber of Commerce office at 101 Plaza by 5pm on December 6th and redeem them for Shop Socorro Auction Dollars. This year's Shop Socorro Auction will be held at Finley Gym. There is a limit on receipts from any single Socorro business, and only receipts for actual purchases at retail businesses can be redeemed. For more information, call the Chamber office at 575-835-0424.

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Community Calendar

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- November 1-30** Shop Socorro—Save your Receipts, Chamber of Commerce 835-0424
- November 3** Jigu, Thunder Drums of China 7:30 pm
Macey Center PAS (575) 835-5688
- November 4** Movie Night Major Dundee, starring Charlton Heston 7:15 pm FREE
Socorro Public Library 835-1114
- November 5** Business After Hours/1 Year Anniversary Celebration 5-7 pm
Alamo Gallery and Gifts, RSVP 838-2724
- November 5-6 pm** Community Theater, Funeral for a Gangster Fri. 7:30 pm / Sat. 3:30
Church of the Epiphany 219 Fisher Ave, Tickets 838-0379
- November 6** Recycle NEWSPAPERS & ALUMINUM CANS 8:30am – 11:30am
Empty lot South of Ace Hardware, Keep Socorro Beautiful 835-8927
- November 6-7** Gun Show Garcia Opera House, Bonner Oates 835-1623
- November 7** 75th Anniversary of First Baptist Church, 203 Spring St.
Sunday School 9:30 am; Worship Service 10:30 am, 835-0041
- November 11** Veteran's Day Ceremony & Cook-out 11 am, DAV 200 5th St. 835-0843
- November 13** Fall Flower Arrangement Workshop 1-3 pm FREE
Alamo Gallery and Gifts 838-2724
- November 13-14** 31st Annual New Mexico Mineral Symposium
Macey Center, (575) 835-5140
- November 15** Artists Reception 5:30—7:30 pm Show continues thru December 20
Macey Center, presented by Socorro County Arts, Georgia 838-6047
- November 15** Presidential Chamber Music Series 7:30 pm Free
Sting Quartets, Macey Center PAS (575) 835-5688
- November 16-21** 23rd Annual Festival of the Cranes
Bosque del Apache Wildlife Refuge, (575) 835-2077
- November 19** Festival of the Cranes Social on the Plaza 3 pm – 7 pm
Socorro Plaza, Socorro Visitors Center (575) 835-8927
- November 19** Belleville Outfit, 7:30 pm Macey Center, presented by PAS 835-5688
- November 19-20** 4th Annual Festival of the Cranes Art Studio Tour Gwen (575) 835-2127
- November 19-21** Festival of the Cranes ARTS & CRAFTS FAIR Garcia Opera House, 835-8927
- November 20** Recycle MIXED PAPER & CARDBOARD 8:30 – 11:30am Socorro Plaza
- November 20** Celebración de Otono/5th Anniversary Celebration 10 am – 4 pm
El Camino Real Int'l Heritage Center FREE, (575) 854-3600
- November 19-21** Arts & Crafts & Food Fair 6:30 am – 5:30 pm
Enchilada Dinner, Saturday, Nov. 20th 5:00 pm – 8:30 pm
San Antonio Elementary School Gym, (575) 835-1758
- November 20-21** 13th Annual Turkey Tune-Up Soccer Tournament (575) 838-2525
- November 27** Christmas Candy Cane Electric Light Parade 6 pm
Sedillo Park to the Plaza, (575) 835-8927
- November 27** Posole Cook-Off & Tortilla making contest 11 am – 5 pm
Historical Plaza, Socorro Visitor Center (575) 835-8927

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Civic Groups of Socorro County (part 2)

Last month we featured various civic groups that are members of the Socorro County Chamber of Commerce. For the month of November the Chamber of Commerce's newsletter will continue to feature local Chamber members; civic groups, organizations, and societies.

Socorro Literacy Volunteers is an organization of trained volunteers dedicated to providing one-to-one or small group tutoring to functionally illiterate adults and to others lacking English language skills. If you are interested in finding how to help, please contact Executive Director Alma Green at 575-835-4659.

Friends of the Bosque Del Apache was established on behalf of birds and wildlife, helping to protect the critically important habitat of the Bosque del Apache National Wild Refuge, and helping to educate and inform the public about the value and beauty of all life at the Bosque. To join, call 575-838-2120 or visit www.friendsofthebosque.org.

Socorro County Fair and Rodeo an annual event held Labor Day weekend at Socorro fair grounds with a Professional rodeo, rodeo dance, exhibits, games, Kiss a Pig contest, quilting, canning, a livestock auction, and much much more.. For more information call 575-835-0610.

Save Our Bosque Task Force's mission is to preserve, protect, and enhance the Rio Grande river and its adjoining riparian area (bosque, wetlands, grasslands) while respecting the customs and cultures of the residents of Socorro County to provide for public recreation, allow for historical resource use, and plan for public safety, all within the confines of current infrastructure and political limitations. For more information contact Doug Boykin by phone (575-835-9359) or email (doug.boykin@state.nm.us).

Socorro Historical Society members meets every 2nd Tuesday of the month at the Hammel Museum (600 6th St). Open House is held on the first Saturday of the Month from 9 am to 1 pm. For more information on the Socorro Historical Society contact Barbara DuBois at 575-835-3437.

Animal Protective Association of Socorro strives to prevent cruelty to animals, the relief of suffering among animals, the extension of humane education, and the promotion of animal control. For more information visit www.socorroapas.org or call 575-835-0259.

The Socorro Storehouse is the local food pantry helping to meet the needs of the community's families. If you cannot make a monetary or food donation, please consider donating your time. To help out or for additional information, please contact Valerie Key at 575-838-1500 or Randall Westfall at randall@trinitysocorro.org.

National Active & Retired Federal Employee Association helps improve the earned rights and benefits of America's active and retired federal employees. Meetings are held at K-Bob's, at 11:30am on the second Friday of each month starting in September and ending in May.

Merry-Achi Christmas is an event when local and out-of-town Mariachi talent and local children's groups gather to create a popular annual gala production. For information about production and how to support our history and heritage, please contact Les Torres at 575-838-4696

Fraternal Order of Eagles 4017 Aerie and Auxiliary is an international non-profit organization, unites fraternally in the spirit of liberty, truth, justice, and equality, to make human life more desirable by lessening its ills, and by promoting peace, prosperity, gladness and hope. Meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Thursday every month. Call 575-835-9952 for information.

New Mexico Fiesta Project- La Familia, Inc plans and coordinates social opportunities for adoptive parents and their children. Educational workshops are scheduled in each region of the state on a quarterly basis.. Adoptive families from all over New Mexico are eligible to participate in the FIESTA project. For more information contact Regional Family's Kristi Cullers by phone (575-491-2448) or email (kristi.cullers@la-familia-inc.org).

Magdalena Chamber welcomes you with information on Village of Magdalena commerce, community, and surrounding areas. The visitor's center is located 902 W. First St. on Rt. 60(located in Bear Mountain Coffee Shop and Gallery). For more information call 575-854-3310.

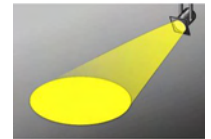
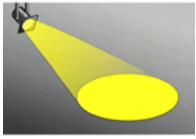
Socorro County Options Prevention & Education (Scope) is located at 1200 Highway 60 West, Socorro, NM. If you are interested in attending SCOPE meetings they are the 3rd Thursday of each month from 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Second Hand Rose Thrift Shop is a community store to benefit treatment programs at Socorro Mental Health . Secondhand Rose is located at 107 California St. Socorro, NM 87801 . For information about Second Hand Rose please contact 575-835-2090

Farmer's Market offers a wide range of products,; fresh fruits, vegetables, cookies, fudge, jewelry, prickly pear jelly, and much more. Farmer's Market is in full swing during the months of June through October. If you are interested in participating in the Socorro Farmer's Market as a vendor, please contact Nadine Ulibarri-Keller at 835-8656.

NEW CHAMBER MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Welcome to the Chamber!



Armijo Farms is owned and operated by Ken Armijo of Sabinal, NM. Armijo Farms grows chili using strict organic growing methods. In 2010 Armijo Farms received their certification through the New Mexico Organic Commodity Commission. For over 20 years Ken Armijo has been growing green and red chili using organic growing practices, from seed to freezer on their seven-acre farm. Green chili is available starting mid August until first freeze, usually mid October Armijo Farms will have green chili; roasted, peeled, diced, lightly salted and frozen for your “ready to eat” convenience. You can purchase green chili at Socorro Farmer’s Market, Albuquerque Farmer’s Market, and John Brooks grocery store in Socorro. To read more about Armijo Farms or order their product visit www.mychilito.com.

Elephant Butte Chamber of Commerce is located at, 608 Hwy 195, in the City of Elephant Butte, NM. Elephant Butte is located immediately west of Elephant Butte Lake State Park, New Mexico's largest lake. Elephant Butte is a wonderful area for year round outdoor activities including golf and fishing. Joining the Chamber always directly benefits your business. Their services page is an exclusive list of current chamber members. A listing on the chamber website is a cost effective way to bring more exposure to your business in a geographically targeted manner on the web. Direct links from the chamber website to your website can also positively affect your website's search engine results. If you're interested in joining Elephant Butte Chamber of Commerce you can download a form on www.elephantbuttechamberofcommerce.com or call (877) 744-4900.

Business After Hours

Mark your calendar! The Alamo Gallery and Gifts will hold a 1 Year Anniversary/Business After Hours on Friday, November 5th starting at 5:00 pm. The event will be held at Alamo Gallery and Gifts located at 1008 N. California Street. Stop by and celebrate with food, music, door prizes, and a 10% off sale at this event! For more information on this event please contact Joy Miler (575-838-2724) or the Chamber office (575-835-0424).

Turkey Tune-up

American Youth Soccer Organization (AYSO) and the City of Socorro will be hosting the annual Turkey Tune-up soccer tournament on the 20th and 21st of November. Games will be held primarily at Sedillo Park and across the street at Parkview Elementary School. Game times will begin about 9am and go through 3pm both Saturday and Sunday.

AYSO will pass out bags for each team so if any merchants want to contribute coupons, fliers, or small gifts, AYSO would greatly appreciate it. Organizers of the tournament are expecting 36 teams and about 444 kids if all teams attend with full rosters. Organizers are also looking for volunteers in all areas. The biggest concern is referees and assistant referees. For more information on the tournament you can go to www.ayso364.org and click on the tournament link or contact Tournament Chairman, Russell Moore at rmoore@nmt.edu or contact Brad at the Chamber office (575-835-0424).



New Registered Businesses in City of Socorro (November)

L.J. Reynolds Recycling
Doctor Sod
Enhance Const. and Mtg.
Guadalupe Trade Company

