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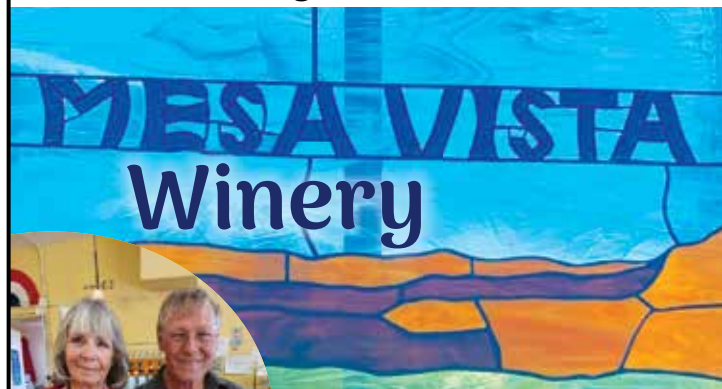
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FROM THE publisher

Well, I can officially say the weather thus far this summer is shamelessly indecisive over how it'd like to behave. We've had a rash of "intense" humidity with high temperatures that seem to crash to high 80s only to tease us and rise once again to unbearable conditions. With any luck our sweating glasses will soon be dry again. I feel I'm somewhere in the South and my ice is disappearing as quickly as it gets placed in a glass.

The 52nd Hatch Chile Festival is taking place later this month into early September, so come fulfill those chile cravings and see what this annual festival has to offer as you walk through endless

vendors under the canopy of beautiful pecan trees, enjoy the carnival rides, and tour the main drag and pop in and out of local spots for some live music.

As we move through these weeks of rituals of a new school year and begin contemplating what the coming year will look like, check out what Inspiration Homes is offering our community and take a sneak peek at what you could find yourself upgrading to.

Remember we have a new business opening in Downtown Las Cruces and are requesting your attendance to see what services Hello Beautiful is offering while enjoying light tapas and wine from Mesa



Vista Winery. We'd also like to direct you to the calendar of events as fall is

approaching and many

restaurants in town are bringing back live music on the patio.

A few special reminders we'd like to mention are the fact Nichols Ranch & Orchards has brought back its haunted orchard in La Luz. The horse trolley continues to board at The Amador and carry patrons up Mesquite Street where live music, drinks, and food can be enjoyed while you are beguiled over the art calling to go home with you. Come join us for the fun!



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St., Suite B, Las Cruces.



Aug. 10–31

– Gallery display: Art work of Luis
Navarro on display. Free. Monday-
Friday, 9 a.m.-5:30p.m. and Saturday
10 a.m.-3 p.m., Mas Arte, 144 Wyatt
Dr., Las Cruces.

Aug. 16

– Live music: Chris
Adams. Free; 6:30-
9:30 p.m., Hacienda
de Mesilla, 1891
Avenida de Mesilla,
Mesilla.



Aug. 17

– Textiles and Clothing sale: Weaving
for Justice will sell Mayan textiles
and clothing at the Atrium of the First
Christina Church. All proceeds go to
Maya Weaving Collectives in Chiapas,

Mexico; 10 a.m.-3 p.m., 1809 El Paseo
Rd.

– Hello Kitty Themed Market: An event
for Hello Kitty fans of all ages. Market
will feature unique merchandise, arts
and crafts, food and more; 12-5 p.m.,
The Shoppes at Solana, 750 Sunland
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Aug. 17 – Oct. 31

– Apple Picking: Nicholas Ranch and
Orchards annual U-Pick for apples runs
from mid-August to October. They do
sell apples year-round. Price to pick
or to buy from already picked apples
is \$2 per pound; 236 Cottonwood
Canyon Rd., La Luz.

Aug. 20

– Yappy Hour: The Dona Ana County
Humane Society is hosting their first
annual Yappy Hour Woof-Stock event.
Live music from Travis Manning, food
trucks, beverage service by Salud de
Mesilla and Puppuccinos from The
Bean. Bring your furbaby in their best
hippy costume for the pet parade;
\$5 minimum donation at the door to
benefit DACHS and SNAP; 4:30-6:30
p.m., Salud de Mesilla, 1800 Avenida

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Aug. 22

– Baila Las Cruces: Monthly event
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Aug. 23

– Live music: Sage Gental-Wing. Free; 6:30-9:30 p.m., Hacienda de Mesilla, 1891 Avenida de Mesilla, Mesilla.

Aug. 25

– Brunch with live music: Daniel Sanchez. Free; 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Hacienda de Mesilla, 1891 Avenida de Mesilla, Mesilla.

Aug. 31

– Live music: Calista. Free; 6:30-9:30 p.m., Hacienda de Mesilla, 1891 Avenida de Mesilla, Mesilla.



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Aug. 31– Sept. 1

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Sept. 1

– Booze Yoga: Beginner-friendly yoga class on the first Sunday of each month. One-hour class with two beers or mimosas included; \$20 person; 9:45-11 a.m., Las Cruces Little Toad Creek Brewery & Distillery, 119 N. Main St., Las Cruces.

Sept. 6

– First Friday at Trails End Gallery; 4-8 p.m., Trails End Gallery, 1732 N. Mesquite St., Las Cruces.



– Friday Nite Live Music: Benji Rivas will perform live at Grounded Cafe. Free; 7-9:30 p.m., 300 N. Main St., Las Cruces.

Sept. 7

– Animal Feedings: The Museum of Nature and Science is hosting an Animal Feeding to learn about turtles and what they eat. Learn about enrichment activities that are used during mealtimes and watch as they display their natural instincts. Free; 11 a.m., 411 N. Main St. Las Cruces.



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Painted Door Salon Studios

– A Treat for Everyone in Your Home

By Sylvia Quintanilla

Tami Carrols knew from a young age how she would make an impact in the world.

At the age of four, she recalled going to a hair appointment with her mother. She was instructed to take a seat in the salon while her mother was worked on. Watching the ladies come into the salon, she saw how the beauty operators worked their magic.

“The women would walk out smiling and I thought in my head that’s what I want to do. I want to make women beautiful and happy,” Carrols began. “I don’t know how to describe it, doing something good for someone. Putting a smile on their face, it just makes your heart feel full. Do you feel like you’ve made a difference in that person’s life?”

Carrols opened the Painted Door Salon Studios, 1100 S. Main St.

106, in 2012. In her salon, her team of talented professionals offer hair services, nail services and massage therapy.

“I added a small boutique of unique handmade boho-style jewelry and hats. The boutique Broken Arrow, in honor of my Dad’s cattle brand, came into play in December of 2021,” she said.

Keeping that memory of seeing clients leave a salon happy as a young child, Carrols remarks that meeting people is her favorite part of her business. “Whether it be excitement from a service they received in the salon, a hat I dressed up for them or steamed, refurbished an old hat that belonged to a loved one, the unique

jewelry they bought, or even a trip they are taking or seeing their family,” Carrols described.

Over the years, Painted Door Salon Studios has become the haven for all of Carrols’ passions. Recently, she added another to her business’ roof – her love for animals.

This year, she noted that she began to research healthy all-natural treats for dogs. She contacted women who specialize in the field and who were licensed by their agriculture department to make them.

“I made my choice of the healthiest all-natural treats and set up a treat bar for guests who are in the studio to purchase treats for their pets. My mind is always working on how to expand on what I already have in

place. So, I thought let’s make the treat bar even more special by adding Bark Cuterie boards to serve our pets treats on. I

am working on getting some boards packaged with treats wrapped on them for gifts,” she said.

Carrols said that her clients have loved the convenience of the treats but anyone is welcome to come in to purchase for their dog. She plans to add more items to the treat bar like all natural birthday cakes and cupcake mixes. As she does with the jewelry she carries in her salon, it’s important for Carrols to support locals who are making their own items.

“I feel like our studios are very unique. Our professionals are very compassionate and caring about their clients. Customer service is lost and we always want to make people feel welcomed in our studios,” she said.

{ She saw how the beauty operators worked their magic. }



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Inspiration Homes – What Inspires You?

By Sylvia Quintanilla

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INSPIRATION HOMES.



When like-minded people come together with a shared vision, the possibilities of what they can conjure and achieve are limitless. Anna Rivera-Guthrie and Maggie Hernandez have set out on a mission to make luxury spec homes affordable in Artesia, N.M. and Las Cruces.

Their business, Inspiration Homes, was established three years ago by Rivera-Guthrie in Artesia. Rivera-Guthrie is no stranger to the construction business. She started in real estate in Albuquerque, N.M. in 2008. After she sold her first new-construction home, she had a realization that the process of selling

new rather than resale homes was for her. This led her to working with more builders. Rivera-Guthrie recalled that a builder moved her from Albuquerque to Las Cruces where she worked for eight years. After she met her husband, who was from Artesia, they moved back to his hometown

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{ Our motto has become,
what would we do if
this was our house? }

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and decided to go into the building business themselves and created Inspiration Homes.

“Right now, our focus is more on a luxury spec home. Maggie and I go through starting from the floor plan all the way through design, all the way through construction. You could kind of say our motto has become, what

would we do if this was our house?” Rivera-Guthrie, Artesia division manager, said.

Living by this motto and maintaining that mindset has helped Inspiration Homes stand out. Rivera-Guthrie explained that she and Hernandez make decisions not only in the color selection, but in where the best views are going to be for the home, where

will the client mount their TV or place their internet router?

“We’re really just trying to take the time to make sure that everything just flows the way we would want it. And then from there, she and I, we go to El Paso, Texas. We go and we look at all the color sections and we will spend an entire day there, if not more,

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- 1 cup shredded cheddar cheese
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- 1 green onion, minced
- 1 fresh jalapeno, seeded and sliced

Directions

- (1) Preheat oven to 350. (2) Poke each tortilla several times with a toothpick or fork so tortillas don't puff up when baked. Brush both sides of each tortilla with oil and place on a roasting rack on a baking sheet. This helps the tortillas crisp up in the oven. (3) Place in the oven and bake until lightly brown and crispy, about 5 to 7 minutes. Set tortillas aside. (4) In a large skillet cook ground beef over medium heat until cooked through and crumbly. Drain and add La Posta Taco and Chile Seasoning and mix well. Set it aside. (5) To build pizza place one tortilla on a baking sheet. Spread refried beans evenly to the edges of the tortilla. Top with ground beef. Place second tortilla on top of ground beef. Spread evenly to the edges with La Posta Red Chile Sauce. Top evenly with cheese, tomato, black olive, green onion, and jalapeno. (6) Place in the oven for 5-7 minutes or until cheese is melted and heated through.

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just working on one house,” Rivera-Guthrie began. “Going back and forth and back and forth pulling out all the different sections and putting stuff back, bringing it forward so we get where we’re happy with it. Then we start the build process. We’re both heavily involved in the construction”

This attention to detail is part of what sets their business apart. Inspiration Homes is women-run and operated, however, they do have a silent partner in Rivera-Guthrie’s husband Jamie. Hernandez explained how being a women-led business is one of their strengths.

“For the most part it’s Anna and I, even the realtors whom we deal with, there’s a lot of women involved. I think you can definitely see that touch in the homes when you walk in. It’s the attention to the small stuff that in the end, you wanna have a home that feels like a home. That’s not just four walls. I think that essence of a woman is in those homes,” Hernandez, Las Cruces division manager, said.

Hernandez joined Inspiration Homes in the last year when the company expanded to Las Cruces. She began working with Desert View Homes in 2016 and worked on utilities permits, went to the purchasing department and worked three years as an

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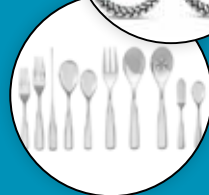


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"There's a lot of awesome women that I've met within the industry. They're strong and they're so smart. That's one of the things I want kids who are graduating high school to know. The sky's the limit and the limitations are those we place on ourselves," Hernandez said.

As a team, Hernandez and Rivera-Guthrie are able to be on site for their homes in Artesia and Las Cruces respectfully. However, they both do travel to each city to help each other. This hands-on approach allows for their clients to work directly with them and ensures there is

transparency and quality going into each build.

There are four floor plans for Inspiration Homes starting at 1,700 square feet and they currently go up to 2,300 square feet. They can also custom build as well.

In Las Cruces, they are building in Sonoma Ranch and have plans to start in Metro Verde. Rivera-Guthrie stated it was always the plan to expand to Las Cruces. Once Hernandez became her partner, it solidified the move. Both partners having had experience and connections in Las Cruces helped Inspiration Homes start up in the area.

"We are still getting started in Las Cruces. We've closed our first home

there and we have more under construction," Rivera-Guthrie said. "In Artesia, because of what we've been able to do and the relationships we've been able to build, we've been trying to help people. We have one lady that we're helping right now try to do some things to fix up her home. If we didn't have these trades, we wouldn't be able to give back like we are now. That's our hope in Las Cruces as well because we've been so blessed. We want to make sure that we take those blessings and be able to give to others as well."

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The Hatch Chile Festival 2024: A Celebration of Flavor and Community

By Sarah Boothe

As summer wanes and the crispness of fall begins, New Mexico prepares for one of its most anticipated events: The Hatch Chile Festival. Scheduled for August 31 to September 1, 2024, this vibrant festival is more than just a celebration of a local ingredient—it's a celebration of community and culture. Festivities begin at 5 p.m. at the Ice Box Beer Garden and the carnival, followed by an annual parade. Entry is free but be sure to bring some cash for parking.

The Hatch Chile Festival is a taste of tradition. The festival, held in the small but spirited town of Hatch, is a homage to the region's rich agricultural heritage. Hatch, crowned the "Chile Capital of the World," is renowned for its green chile, which has been cultivated in the region for more than a century. The plants thrive in the region's unique climate and soil, which give the

chile a distinctive flavor and heat that has captured the palates of food enthusiasts around the world.

The festival celebrates this cherished crop with an array of activities, live music, and, of course, food. Whether you're a local or a visitor, the Hatch Chile Festival offers an opportunity to dive deep into the culinary traditions of New Mexico while enjoying the warm hospitality for which the region is known. The Hatch Chile Festival is designed to be a family-friendly event, with activities and attractions for visitors of all ages.

One of the festival's most anticipated events is the chile roasting. Attendees can have their senses hypnotized during the process of roasting chile over open flames, a technique that enhances their flavor and aroma. For many, this is the highlight of the festival. The scent of roasting chile fills the

air, mingling with the sounds of laughter and music, creating a sensory feast that perfectly captures the spirit of the event.

Food lovers will be in heaven at the Hatch Chile Festival. Local vendors showcase a variety of dishes featuring the star ingredient—Hatch chile. From traditional New Mexican chile rellenos to inventive creations such as chile-infused ice cream and wine, there's something for every palate. Our favorite is the World Famous Green Chile Cheeseburger hand-crafted by Sparky's Burgers and BBQ, a local family-owned and operated staple in the Hatch community.

The festival features performances from local musicians and bands, ranging from country to contemporary genres. In addition to the food and music, the festival also highlights the artistic talents of the region. Artisans and craft vendors display



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their local goods and handcrafted work to take a piece of the festival home with you. And especially don't forget to take home a sack of green chile.

The Hatch Chile Festival isn't just about food; it's a celebration of a town that harnessed the power of farming to grow a rich and long-standing presence in the global community. In an era where small town farms are struggling to grow, Hatch local farmers have only become stronger and more resilient; they have built

generations of farmers that will foster the future.

Beyond the festivities, the Hatch Chile Festival is a profound expression of community spirit. For the residents of Hatch, the festival is a chance to come together and celebrate the hard work and dedication that goes into growing and preparing their prized chile. It's a moment of pride and joy, reflecting the deep connection between the people of Hatch and their agricultural roots. Whether

you're a long-time fan of Hatch chile or a newcomer eager to explore, the festival provides a memorable and immersive experience that showcases the best of New Mexican culture and chile.

Planning for the Festival

The festival typically draws large crowds, so arrive early with cash for parking and tipping. Dress comfortably and be ready for variable weather, as August in New Mexico can be warm during the day and cooler in the evenings. Don't forget to bring a reusable water bottle to stay hydrated, and consider bringing a hat or sunscreen to protect yourself from the sun. Also, when a New Mexican tells you the chile is hot, take their word for it!



The Armaduras Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club hosts the “Back the Blue Benefit Run”

By **Albert Flores, Deputy Director**

Mesilla Valley Regional Dispatch Authority (MVRDA)

In the heart of Mesilla, nestled amongst the vibrant community, lies the Armaduras Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club (LEMC), a beacon of brotherhood and benevolence. Formed in October 2012, this club of law enforcement officials, firefighters, EMTs, paramedics, prison guards, border patrol agents, retired public safety personnel, and dedicated civilians has stood as a pillar of support for those who dedicate their lives to serving and protecting others.

With each passing year, the Armaduras LEMC has solidified its place within the community, forging bonds of camaraderie and compassion that extend beyond the open road. Their mission, rooted in a deep sense of duty and solidarity, is to assist those within the public safety, veterans along with their families, and our local children who find themselves in times of need, along with their families.

On October 12, 2024, the LEMC will once again take to the streets for their annual “Back the Blue Benefit Run,” a cornerstone event that embodies their commitment

to making a difference. Kicking off at 9 a.m. at Anadale Restaurant in the town of Mesilla, riders will begin to embark on a journey that promises not only scenic routes but also meaningful stops along the way. Information on these will become available closer to the event.

Beyond the roaring engines and the thrill of the ride, lies a different purpose. At each stop, participants will have the opportunity to socialize, meet, and mingle with the huge family of bikers in our community. Our final stop will include giveaways and a silent auction. These efforts, along with the registration cost and donations from the community including many of our local merchants, ensure that the Armaduras LEMC can continue its support of those in need.

The Armaduras LEMC is more than just a club; it's a family united by a common



purpose. Since its inception, members have been driven by a desire to make a positive impact in the lives of those who serve our community selflessly.

Through their dedication and tireless efforts, The

Armaduras LEMC members have become synonymous with

compassion and generosity. Their

commitment to making a difference, one mile at a time, serves as an inspiration for all those who cross their path.

So, mark your calendars for October 12 and join the Armaduras LEMC members and supporters as they ride for a cause, embodying the spirit of community and support. Together, join them as they “Back the Blue” and make a difference that will echo far beyond the asphalt. For additional information, contact Eva Diaz by email at yabb22@icloud.com.

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Coconut Blueberry Mojito

By Melissa Serrano

Head Mixologist, Amador Live

INGREDIENTS:

4-5 mint leaves	1 oz fresh lime juice
4 blueberries	2 oz of coconut rum
¾ oz blueberry syrup	Soda water

DIRECTIONS:

Muddle mint, blueberries and lime juice in shaker. Add coconut rum and syrup. Add ice to shaker and shake. Strain into Collin's glass, add ice and top the rest of with soda water. Garnish with a fresh mint leaf and a few blueberries.



Key Lime Pie

By Gordon Buck

INGREDIENTS:

1 can sweetened condensed milk
½ cup Nellie & Joe's key lime juice
1 block (8 oz) full fat cream cheese
1 graham cracker crust

DIRECTIONS:

Let the cream cheese get to at least room temperature; a little on the warmer side is fine. Using your mixer place cream cheese in bowl and begin beating. Beat the cream cheese until smooth, add the sweetened condensed milk and the lime juice. This recipe calls for rotating between both the milk and juice. I prefer dumping one in, then the other in. Now set the timer and beat it until smooth for



at least 10 minutes – this is the secret. After beating, pour the mixture into crust and freeze.

SERVING NOTES:

It will never completely freeze because of the sugar content in the milk. Do not refrigerate because it becomes soupy. It pairs

excellently with homemade whipped cream. You can make this recipe vegan down to the whipped cream. Gluten free graham crackers are available at Natural Grocers. I always make the crust and use salted butter. I prefer that additional break in the sweetness.

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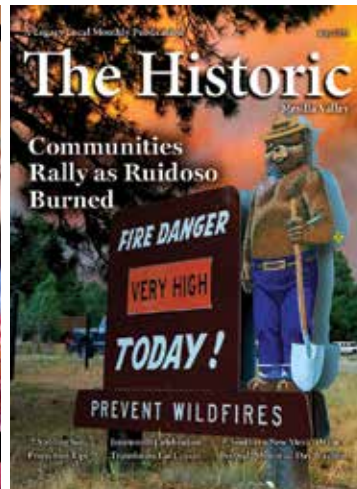
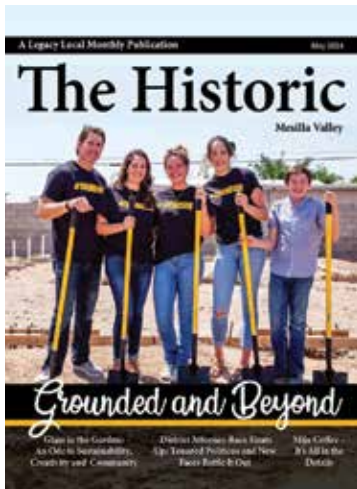


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