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“Success is not final, failure is not fatal: it is the courage to continue that counts.”
- Winston S. Churchill

Letter from the President

Thank You Chaves County and Beyond

Hello again! I am amazed at how quickly three months past and our second issue is already here!

Thank you, Chaves County and beyond! The outpouring of support from you all has been overwhelming! I am beyond grateful for all the kind words and encouragement for our inaugural issue of Roswell Now Magazine! I want to thank the entire staff here at the Roswell Chamber of Commerce for their hard work and dedication throughout this project. Roswell Now would not be possible without them. We are working hard to make sure the articles are interesting and touch each of our readers. I have learned more about our community in the past few months than I ever thought possible. I have fallen in love with our diverse and unique community all over again.

This issue focuses on the extraordinary people that live and work in our community. Some you will know by name, some you will meet for the first time. In each case, you will see why they were chosen and why we at the Roswell Chamber of Commerce call them extraordinary. In addition to all those highlighted, we have brought back a few features from the first issue and a few new ones. Please sit down and enjoy all our hard work, and as always, if there is something you would like to see in our magazine, please reach out to us. On a personal note, I started here at the Roswell Chamber of Commerce in August and thought I would only be here a short time. I can hardly believe that a year has passed, and I cannot imagine being anywhere else. The Roswell Chamber of Commerce is worth every moment. I know that I have already said thank you to the staff and the community, but I want to repeat it because it comes from the heart, and it is true. THANK YOU!

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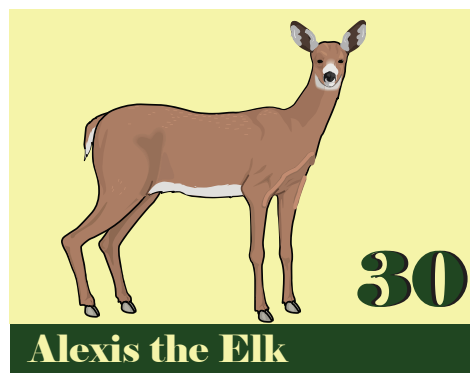
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Keller Williams was founded in 1983 by Gary Keller and Joe Williams. It started out as one office in Austin, TX and expanded to Oklahoma in 1993 as the first Real Estate firm to spread out to multiple states. Today, KW has over 940 offices (including a firm in Mexico), over 180,000 brokers, REALTORS, and Associates worldwide. Keller Williams Worldwide is now in 53 Regions including the US and Canada and is expanding further.

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several top producing REALTORS and new REALTORS alike. At KW Roswell, we all have the same vision: to grow as individual Brokers, as a group, and as an industry.

KW Roswell takes pride in giving back to the community by volunteering with CASA, Friends of Roswell Animals, volleyball boosters, Main-street Roswell, church functions, fundraisers, school functions, and much more. We have REALTORS who serve on the Roswell Association of REALTORS Board and volunteer their time with Committee Boards. We are more than just an office; we are committed to giving back and making our clientele #1.

Keller Williams Roswell ranks #2 in sales/production year to date. We have two REALTORS who have won Rookie of the Year: an award for giving back to our community, being involved within the real estate association committees, production/sales volumes, and outstanding character. Within our local board 8 of 13 REALTORS rank in the top 50 for sold volume, 2 in the top 10 for volume sold, and 2 in the top 4 for properties sold. Within Keller Williams Riverside (Albuquerque, Las Lunas, and Roswell) 2 REALTORS are ranked in the top 5 for units sold, volume, and gross commission income (GCI) which is a big accomplishment when competing with such a large market. One of our very own is in the top 20% nationwide.

Our belief system is:

- Win-Win:** or no deal
- Integrity:** do the right thing
- Customers:** always come first
- Commitment:** in all things
- Communication:** seek first to understand
- Creativity:** ideas before results
- Teamwork:** together everyone achieves more
- Trust:** starts with honesty
- Success:** results through people

Keller Williams is new to Roswell, but not new to real estate. Our REALTORS have a combined expertise of over 50 years dedicated knowledge. We knew opening up a Real Estate office in Roswell wouldn't be easy, we did not expect the global pandemic that came with it. Despite the circumstances of this past year our startup has been a success, but there is plenty we look forward to in the future: #1 being to meet more of you. Stop by our office any time, we are happy to help with any Real Estate questions you may have.

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Redcoats of the Month

The Redcoats are the ambassadors for the Roswell Chamber of Commerce. They are distinguished by their red coats and, in the summer, their red polo shirts. They welcome guests at ribbon cuttings, grand openings, and greet everyone at our Chamber of Commerce events. We are excited to announce the Redcoats for the month of April, May, and June below.



April
Elaine Dotts



May
Ed David



June
Gary Thrine

I'm Elaine Dotts, and I am a travel consultant. My husband, Wayne Dotts, and I own WE TRAVEL, Roswell's only full-service travel agency. I can hear you asking... do people still use travel agents? They do! And here's why... 1. I save you money and deliver more value for your vacation dollar 2. I save you time 3. I help you avoid stress 4. I help you with challenging locations and complex itineraries 5. I can suggest enhancements to your itinerary which helps you make the most of your trip 6. I'm a phone call away to help you when the unexpected happens. I take care of you! 7. I am constantly updating my information via webinars and actual trips. After all, WE TRAVEL! That's what I do! I have personal experience with airlines, hotels, and tour companies. I bring expertise to your trip planning. Why not use a travel agent??

Ed David is a native of Roswell, NM, who works in his family's oil and gas exploration business. He has been married to his wife Ruth for sixteen years and they have one ten-year-old son, Peyton. He earned two business degrees from Texas Tech University and has been very involved in community service for many years. He has been a member of Kiwanis for 26 years and has been a Redcoat since 2000.

My primary mission is Merchant Processing. Every Merchant that accepts Debit & Credit Cards is in need of my service. It's an expense they all have to pay like the electric bill every month. My secondary mission is Green Technology Air, Water, and Laundry Purification Systems. My hobbies include landscaping, staying fit, and remodeling our home. I was moved to Roswell in 2001 by the Army and Retired after 24 years of Active Duty Service in 2005. I'm a member of the Elks Lodge, and Eagles Lodge. I enjoy being a Team Captain in the Redcoats and being part of this great community here in Roswell.

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



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Lovelace Regional Hospital is committed to offering Roswell and Chaves County residents the highest quality patient care.

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- Number of employees in 2020: 253
- Licensed beds in 2020: 27
- Inpatient admissions in 2020: 1,690
- Outpatient visits in 2020: 30,690
- Emergency Department visits in 2020: 10,157
- Births in 2020: 758
- Surgical cases in 2020: 3,259
- DNV-GL accredited

Fully accredited by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services.

FACTS ABOUT LOVELACE HEALTH SYSTEM

- A network of acute care hospitals serving patients throughout southeastern New Mexico, Albuquerque and Rio Rancho.
- With more than 280 providers, Lovelace Medical Group is providing quality primary and specialty care services to southeastern New Mexico, the greater Albuquerque area and Rio Rancho.
- We accept most major insurance plans, including Blue Cross and Blue Shield of New Mexico, TRICARE, Medicare, all Centennial/Medicaid plans, including Presbyterian Centennial Care, True Health New Mexico, United Healthcare, Western Sky Community Care and United Retiree Health Care Authority and many others.



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Extraordinary Redcoats Through and Through

Hervey Gilliland



Hervey Gilliland first moved to Roswell in 1983 from Lubbock, Texas. He has served in the U.S. Airforce and after he served, he set out to work at Southwest Public Service Company. They needed his expertise in various locations, and thus he moved several times before settling down in our wonderful city, Roswell. Him and his wife decided that the climate was comparable to that of Texas, and they especially liked the community, so they decided to stay. Hervey joined the Redcoat team in 1984 and he's been involved with the Chamber of Commerce ever since. "Meeting new people, new businesses that are coming into town, getting acquainted with other members of the chamber of commerce, and working with that same group," Hervey explained as to why he loves being a Redcoat. "We've had so many opportunities to meet people. The Chamber of Commerce was just a greeting, meeting people: making them feel at home in Roswell and joining other community members." Hervey is loved by many members and Redcoats, and although he has retired from being a Redcoat, he will forever be an Honorary Redcoat. "If something comes up for the Redcoats, I want to be there."

Yukie Ebara

Yukie Ebara first moved to Roswell 40 years ago, becoming one of the first audiologist and pathologist to set up in Roswell. "I was very, very fortunate and blessed in Roswell and this small town." She became a Redcoat in 1986, when she first opened her business, Yukie Ebara Hearing Center, later Professional Hearing Services. During her ribbon cutting ceremony, Yukie's friends invited her to join the Redcoats and she's been involved ever since. When asked what her favorite thing about being a Redcoat was, she expressed that she "thinks businesses coming together and exchanging information is an opportunity to tell what services I provided and other businesses we have here in Roswell." Her passion for the Redcoats shows as she is always a delight at Ribbon Cuttings, Business After Hours, and other Chamber events. "I've enjoyed the opportunity for the community to come together and see what they need and contribute to Roswell. Being a Redcoat is like a small ambassador; you get to meet people from all over the world." Yukie is a cherished member of the Redcoat team and she aspires to continue making a positive impact, not only at the Chamber of Commerce, but in the community of Roswell.



A Board Member To Remember

Family, education, agriculture, and travel were extremely important in Brad Houston's life. But he loved his play time too! Everything from a lively hand of bridge, a hotly contested tennis match, an energetic night of square dancing, dashing to the lake to water ski when the surface was smooth as glass, or just nodding off waiting for the fish to bite. He intertwined these passions throughout each stage of his life and enjoyed his 92 years immensely.

John Bradley Houston was born in Fort Sumner, New Mexico, on November 4, 1928. He was raised by his parents, Robert and Eunice Houston, and was an only child until the age of 16 when the first of his three sisters was born. Brad's dad was a carpenter and farmer; his mom was a homemaker. When Brad was four, the family ventured to Ima, New Mexico to homestead with several other families. The lack of rain doomed the venture and the families returned to Fort Sumner. His dad found work with the WPA dam in Ft. Sumner, and his mother was a homemaker. Brad found work wherever he could, from pulling weeds to transplanting sweet potatoes. Brad developed his strong work ethic and desire to get an education during these difficult times.

Brad graduated from Fort Sumner High School in 1946. He attended New Mexico State University, earning a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture in 1951 and completing his Master of Arts degree in 1957. Elaine Black was the "dream girl" of his fraternity, and she became Brad's dream girl too. Brad served in the U.S. Army from April 1951 until April 1953, spending six months in Korea. He was fortunate to have some radio communications training, so he did not spend time on



the front line in Korea. Stories have been told that his unit played poker during down time and that all of his winnings were sent back to Elaine for their nest egg. He married Elaine shortly after his return from Korea.

In 1953, Brad began working as a teacher at Roswell High School. He started the Vocational Agriculture Program in 1954 and served as the FFA (Future Farmers of America) advisor for 14 years. His drive and ambition to create excellence resulted in a highly successful chapter that has produced several generations of farmers and ranchers. His students were awarded the National Gold Emblem Chapter for 10 years, the State Gold Emblem Chapter for 10 years, and the State Sweepstakes winner for 4 years. He served as the superintendent of the Farm Products and Farm Mechanics Division at the Eastern New Mexico State Fair for 10 years. Brad developed relationships with students, their families, and the agricultural community that have continued throughout his life. Brad and Elaine's 2 daughters were born in Roswell. They were often seen hanging out with dad in his old green truck, roller skating in his shop or "working" with him in the concession stand at the Roswell High School basketball games.

Continuing his career as an educator, in 1967 Brad moved to Las Cruces where he was an instructor of Agriculture Engineering classes at New Mexico State University for 3 years. Brad and Elaine enjoyed NMSU faculty life and loved to attend Aggie basketball and football games. In Las Cruces they developed a lifelong love of square dancing.

Brad began his second career as a dairyman in 1970 when he and his family moved to Arrey, New Mexico. He managed Price-Black Farms, at that time the home of the largest registered Guernsey herd in the U.S., milking over 1,700 cows. The dairy received honors for the All-American Guernsey Bull and

the top milk producing Guernsey Cow in the country for 5 years. In 1982, Brad and Elaine returned to Roswell. Brad served as vice president and general manager of Price's Roswell Farms until he retired in 2003. He was instrumental in improving the genetics of the herd, making the dairy one of the best in the Southwest. The Roswell dairy milked 2,400 cows, raised replacement heifers and bulls and sold herd sires to other dairies.

During his 33-year dairy career, Brad was active with the Sierra County, Chaves County, Sandoval County and New Mexico Farm Bureau boards, working from the grassroots level to promote legislation beneficial to farmers and ranchers. The New Mexico Farm and Livestock Bureau recognized Brad for his many years of service by naming him Farm Family of the Year in 2017. He was also selected as the 2017 Eastern New Mexico State Fair parade grand marshal for his crucial role in agriculture in New Mexico. Brad received the Distinguished Alumni award for the College of Ag and Home Economics at NMSU in 2007.

Brad served 6 years on the First United Methodist Church Board of Trustees and ushered during church services for 15 years. He was the agricultural representative to the Chaves County Chamber of Commerce and helped sponsor the annual Rise with Roswell

Agriculture Business Breakfast. He also served on the Central Valley Electric Cooperative Board, the NMSU Agriculture Science Center at Artesia Advisory Board, the AMPI Milk Market Board, the NMSA Dairy Advisory Board and others. Brad still managed to find time to play tennis with fellow members of the Roswell Tennis Association, play bridge at the Roswell Adult Center along with weekly games with friends, and square dance at least once a week. Many horses passed through Brad's life, but his favorite was Skippy, a beautiful sorrel that thoroughly enjoyed putting Brad's backside on the ground a time or two. He was an avid gardener and enjoyed the Roswell Symphony. Brad and Elaine traveled worldwide and throughout the United States. He enjoyed spending time with his family, playing games for hours.

Brad was predeceased by his wife Elaine, sister Barbara and brothers-in-law Allen, Don and Kenneth. He is survived by sisters Dorothy and Bobbie (Ron), daughters Debra (Rocky) and Janet (Pancho), grandchildren Kristy (Glenn) and Steve (Olivia), great-grandchildren Hunter, Caden, David, Austin, Taylor, and Garrett.

The family extends their deepest gratitude to friends and staff at Peachtree Retirement Village, especially Mary Beth, Chapa, Gaby, and Betty.

“A great soul serves everyone all the time. A great soul never dies. It brings us together again and again.”
– Maya Angelou

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May **St. Peter Catholic Church**

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June **Eastern New Mexico State Fair Board**

The roots of the fair began many years before that with the Southeastern New Mexico and Pecos Valley Fair Association. The fairs of 1892 and 1893 were an opportunity for residents to show how productive the Pecos Valley could be. The tradition of gathering every year has continued since the 1890's from the Alfalfa Palace-style fairs, to the Chaves County Cotton Carnival, to the current day Eastern New Mexico State Fair, one thing has remained the same: the focus of the fair is community. Whether gathering to compare crop techniques, to support the youth of 4-H and FFA, or to delight in the sights, tastes, and experiences of the midway, there is something for everyone at the Eastern New Mexico State Fair.

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April Roswell Daily Record

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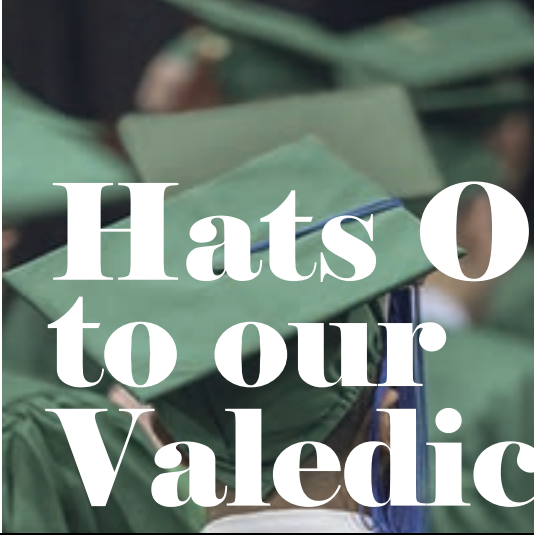
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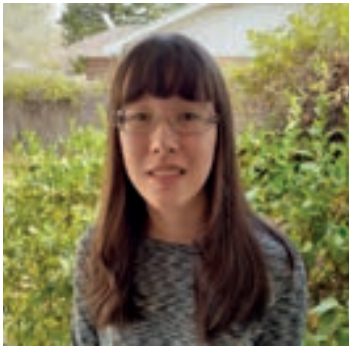
Hats Off to our Valedictorians

Congratulations to the graduating class of 2021! We would like to highlight a few of the graduates that went above and beyond in their academics to achieve a noble honor: Valedictorian. We encourage you to continue this path of success and persue your dreams to the fullest extent.



Danique Blankvoort

I plan to attend New Mexico State University and major in Justice, Political Philosophy, and Law and take a minor in Economics. After graduating from NMSU, I desire to work in the field of public policy analysis. Policy analysis is such an interesting field and a great fit for me. This career works towards examining and improving current governmental programs through consultations after researching the specific program. I love diving deep into an issue, examining the inner working of a problem, and pulling out all the issues I can find. Policy analysis, as a career field, is unique in the fact that it can directly impact the lives, daily and long-term, of all citizens. Not many careers have this kind of influential power. Additionally, one of the best ways I can give back to not only my community but to my state is to be a positive advocate for their social and economic interests in policy to make a real change to the standard and state of the area. Keeping in mind the interests of the community is the greatest and most powerful way to ensure the continuation of bright, successful young adults within the community. As I leave high school, my main goal is to make a positive impact in the area that so graciously shaped me into the person I am today.



Jennifer Tekut

Jennifer Tekut is valedictorian of Gateway Christian School's Class of 2021. She is the daughter of Kim and Thomas Tekut of Roswell, New Mexico. She is a National Merit Scholarship finalist, Presidential Scholarship nominee, and Optimist International Essay Contest district winner. Jennifer intends to major in Biology at Texas Tech University so that she can fulfill her lifelong dream of going into the medical field. She has always had a passion for science and medicine, and wants to use this gift in her professional career to aid people in her community and serve New Mexicans' health needs.



Rebekah Wyles

I recently graduated with my high school and associate's degree in University Studies, within four years, from the Early College High School. Looking toward the future, I am thinking about going into accounting and becoming a CPA. I am currently working at an accounting firm and I am learning all there is to know about being a CPA. In the fall, I am planning on taking a couple of classes in my field of interest. I don't know if I will follow through with what I have planned, but I do know that it is in God's timing.



Luis Monroy

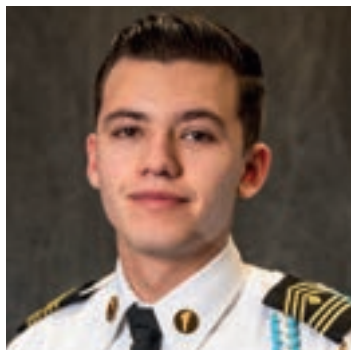
Luis Monroy is the son of Juanita and Oliberio Monroy. At Goddard High School, he recently graduated as Valedictorian of the Class of 2021. Luis will be attending the Ivy League institution: Columbia University in New York, to pursue a degree in Political Science with a concentration in Human Rights with hopes of attending graduate school. Aside from academics, Luis has been class president for three consecutive years and has served as Goddard's Student Body President while also serving a term on the New Mexico FCCLA State Executive Council. Outside of school, Luis has compiled bilingual non-profit tutoring services where he aids his community in a variety of disciplines. Growing up as a first-generation Latino student, Luis hopes to continue volunteering and advocating for awareness of the many conflicts that originate through ethnic and minority means involving health-care, criminal prosecution, and civil procedure both in New York City and back in his hometown of Roswell, New Mexico.



Ashton Keir Smith

Ashton Keir Smith is the daughter of Dr. Daniel and Melissa Smith. Ashton is a lifetime resident of Roswell. Ashton grew up participating in cheer and playing soccer and basketball at the youth level. She continued on at Roswell High School where she played basketball for 1 year and soccer for 2 years. She loved the competitive aspect of cheer and found her place on the varsity squad at RHS. Ashton plans to continue her education at Lubbock Christian University where she will pursue a degree in education or nursing.

High School



Francisco Javier Monarrez Felix

Hometown: Culiacan, Sinaloa, Mexico

Plans after NMMI: Attending the University of California - Berkeley (Double Majoring in Business Administration and Computer Science)

Quote: "It's not enough to solely try to get by in life. That does not move the world forward. You must try to be outstanding in everything you do, strive for excellence in every task, large or small."

Junior College

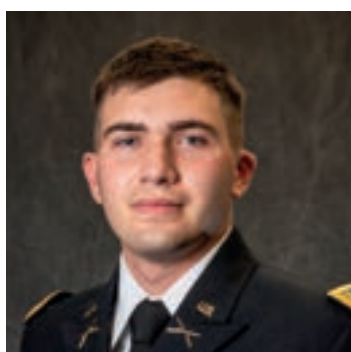


Jeremi Castillo Pasamonte

Hometown: Ewa Beach, Hawaii

Plans after NMMI: Attending Norwich University (Business Management)

Quote: "Hard work, perseverance, and heart all go a long way."



Nathaniel Vincent Garate

Hometown: Battleground, Washington

Plans after NMMI: Attending Norwich University (Majoring in Political Science with a Minor in Chinese)

Quote: "When things get tough, grit your teeth and move forward. Time stops for nobody."



Thomas Michael Blalock

Hometown: Luther, Oklahoma

Plans after NMMI: Attending the U.S. Air Force Academy (Double Majoring in Computer Engineering & Electrical Engineering)

Quote: "Failure is like sour milk, but regret is like antifreeze; eventually, you will have to drink one or the other."

Colonel Commits to Truly Special Ops

by Eva McCullaum

Colonel Thomas L. Tate, Ed.D., joined the team at the New Mexico Military Institute in November of 2020.

When most schools and businesses were operating entirely remotely, NMMI was working with a hybrid design which allowed students to live on campus and continue to participate in classroom learning, as well as athletic activities and corps training. He has been involved with military education for the last thirteen years as a second act to his twenty-seven year career in the United States Army. As a doctoral candidate in higher education and administration, he studied leadership training design at the Army, Naval, and Air Force academies.

Though new to the position of Commandant of Cadets here in Roswell, he held the same title at Marion Military Institute, a military junior college in Alabama. As he had recently finished his doctoral studies and was in a transitional period between jobs, the chance to apply for the position at NMMI came open and he saw it as a great opportunity to work with a prestigious and unique school. "I've been gratified and honored to work with the students, faculty, and staff here." He has been especially focused on helping the work of the Corps of Cadets integrate with the athletics

and academics at the school. "Those three mission elements of academics, athletics and leadership are designed to support each other in military schools," Tate explained.

When Tate began his military career, he started as an infantryman, moved on to special operations, worked in civil affairs, in psychological operations and came to serve predominantly in special forces. He worked a good deal of time in Central and South America. After 9/11, he served in the Middle East and in Africa. When he was not deployed, his time state-side was spent mostly in the south eastern states.

Colonel Tate has the trim, clean appearance of traditional military men. His snowy hair has the sharp close cut of what cadets call a "high and tight." His office is clean, cool, and calm—an apt metaphor for the man himself. The walls are mostly bare, with a picture of a graduating class, a statement of honor, the flags of the country, state, service and school. A print of the command of Gettysburg hangs on the north wall with the words "Stay and fight it out" inscribed across it. Tate smiles when he looks at it. "Boy, does that have relevance on so many fronts."

To anyone considering attending the school, Tate wants them to take what they learn in the classroom and apply it across their experiences in the corps, in games, in work, and in life. To young people he says, "Accept the challenge because you're going to enjoy it. If you want to learn who you are, what you can do, and what you believe, give (NMMI) a try."

Looking to the coming year, Tate is encouraged that the school will thrive because of what he saw his first year. "Individually and collectively people stepped up to get us through this most difficult time." Having a team dedicated to the success of the cadets and willing to give their time makes all the difference. "I'm impressed with the focus and commitment of everybody across the post here." All Roswell is looking forward to see what he will do in the years to come.



Colonel Thomas L. Tate, Ed.D.
Pictures by Eva McCullaum



A Family of Leaders

by Beverly Coots

For decades, Conquistador Council of Boy Scouts of America has been going strong, thanks largely to volunteer scouts and Eagle Scouts like Bobby Arnette. His rich history in scouting began in his fifth-grade year when he made the rank of Weebalo Cub Scout and prepared to be a Boy Scout in Conquistador Council's troop 149.

Bobby Arnette not only became a Boy Scout but went on to become an Eagle Scout, the highest rank in Boy Scouts of America. The list of Eagle Scouts includes a President of the United States, film legends, governors, Nobel prize winning physicists, servicemen of all stripes, renowned authors, and professional athletes.

Bobby saw early on that scouting was a way of life. It taught life skills, and leadership, it encouraged neighbor-

hood awareness and a sense of responsibility for the scout's community.

Speaking with Bobby, I wondered which came first. Surely, the Eagle Scouts made an impression on Bobby, but Bobby has made a huge impression on the scout program here in the Roswell area. Even as a youth, Bobby realized that the leaders were volunteers and scouts and that he wanted to give back to the program when he was an adult. I think the giving back started much earlier, through Bobby's respect for and joy in the program. He is a proud troop leader for his own two children, William, and Victoria. William has completed his Eagle Scout and now attends college.

After completing all necessary merit badges, an Eagle completes a project. The projects are community and service oriented. In Roswell, Eagle Scout projects include our dog park, bus stops at the airport, and several projects for local schools. Bobby made shelves with cubbies for the teachers at Monterrey Elementary. William made a wall

for recognition of volunteers and donors at All Saints school. The scout budgets man-hours, supplies and plans the project and solicits funding for each Eagle Scout project.

Victoria is a scout also and ready to tackle the Eagle Scout as well. Bobby tells those that are curious about women in scouts that scouting is all about the scouting oath and law. "The meat and potatoes of scouting. We have a lot of training, leadership and learning activities, but boil it all down, and this is what the program instills." He quotes the scout law saying, "what about females in scouting conflicts with: being trustworthy, loyal, helpful friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean, and reverent."

When speaking about women scouts, Bobby says the change in ruling three years ago which opened scouting to girls was an answer to his prayers. The girls and boys still have separate meeting and adventures. Victoria had been a stow away on many scouting adventures with her father as troop leader and had learned to love scouting as much as Bobby and William. Now she is a scout and so are many friends.

Bobby also related that scouting suffered in 2020 with the pandemic and the closing of the state parks. He has been blessed to take fishing, camping, and hiking trips and see the life and health return to the faces of the young



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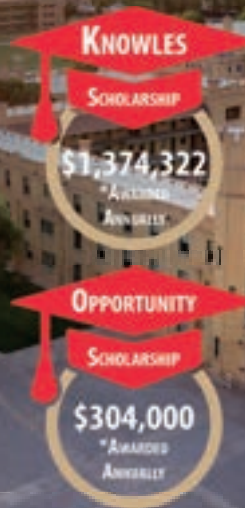
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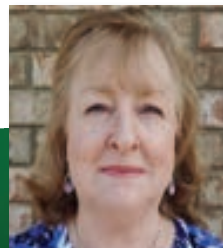
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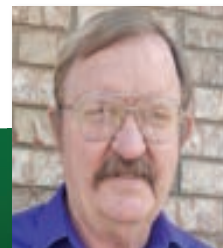
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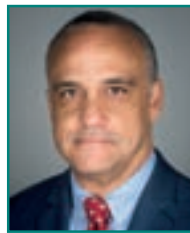
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Due to COVID-19, which caused a global pandemic, the Roswell Association of Realtors decided to postpone the selection of a recipient for the 2020 calendar year to this year, 2021. The recipient of the 2020 Citizen of the Year Award is Barry Foster, City Councilor and teacher at Monterey Elementary School, who has donated his time to the development of the community and helping children in need. The Recipient of the 2021 Citizen of the Year Award is Larry Hobbson, local Farmer and Volunteer, who has spent many years on the Southern New Mexico State Fair Board helping to promote and develop agriculture throughout southeastern New Mexico. Each of these individuals has helped progress the city of Roswell and have set the stage for the community to grow for generations to come.

Citizen Helps Children

By Eva McCollaum

Barry Foster is a volunteer, a city councilor, a teacher and a father of four. He has also been named the Citizen of the Year for 2020 by the Roswell Association of Realtors. Though he was born in Texas and raised in Clovis, he has been a proud resident of Roswell since 1993. His wife, Stephanie Foster, graduated from Roswell High School, and when she got her first teaching job in town, the couple began their life of service here.

The Roswell Association of Realtors has been naming a Citizen of the Year since 1961. Their purpose in doing so has centered on acknowledging members of the community who work, serve, and volunteer to improve the lives of everyone in this area. Because of the complications around the COVID-19 restrictions, the Citizens of the Years 2020 and 2021 have been named during 2021. Barry Foster has certainly not been idle during this time. He has continued to do the work that made him a great choice for Citizen of the Year.

When he first moved to Roswell, he worked in the private sector, but in 2000 he decided to answer a calling to teach. He returned to college and got his teaching degree and certification. He has taught several different levels in the last twenty years. "Now, I'm teaching at Monterey Elementary. My calling is teaching kids and working with kids." To that end he also volunteers with the Chavez and Lincoln County Boys and Girls Club. He has helped oversee the renovation of the Poe Corn building. As the vice-president of the board, he has been able to participate in the expansion of both the building and in parks in the area.

His involvement in the schools and in the Boys and Girls Club have informed his service as a member of the Roswell City Council. He was first elected to Council in 2010. As a repre-



sentative of Ward 5, he is in his third term, which will be up in 2024. When he was first elected, he sought to have the bridge on Deming and Lea widened, and that project is finally bearing fruit. "I had seen women, moms and families, were crossing this narrow bridge without a sidewalk," Foster explains. He became aware of the danger because an elementary school was nearby, and that is why the narrow bridge was a hazard. "It's finally being expanded."

As a coach, he realized the girls' softball park needed to be improved, and so he put his effort in that. Since that project, he has worked to get a park at the old Chisum school site. In 2019 the funding came in to begin work on his latest project. "Now those kids in that area which are boxed in by Main Street and Southeast Main will have a place they can walk to and play."

When asked how he feels about Roswell, he admits that back when considering relocating here, he fought the move. "I thought it was too big a town." Once he got here, he fell in love with it. "It's amazing how many wonderful things we have here." He makes a list including the Spring River Zoo, our symphony, our art museums, and the community in general.



Citizen Paves the Way with Volunteerism

By Carolyn Patterson Sidd

Local farmer, Larry G. Hobson says his personal mission statement—"to leave things better than I found them"—has guided him throughout his life. That is certainly true when you count the years Hobson has devoted to community service. If strung together, Hobson's years of volunteerism add up to 162. When compressed into the actual thirty-nine years, that figure is even more impressive.

Larry Hobson is a fourth-generation farmer. In 2006, the Hobsons were named Heritage Family of the Year by the Historical Society and Foundation for Southeast New Mexico. Larry's great-grandfather, Howard Hobson, arrived in the Pecos Valley in the early 1900's, and began farming in East Grand Plains. His grandfather, Albert continued on the family farm, followed by Larry's father, Eddie. Larry's older brother, Harold, is retired. Currently, Larry, his brother Jerry, and Jerry's son Levi, farm as Hobson Farms, Inc.

When asked if he ever wanted to pursue any other occupation, Larry stated, "I've always loved this place, and I always wanted to be a farmer." As a youth, he participated in 4-H, FFA, high school agricultural programs, and worked on the family farm. "My dad made us work."

Some of Larry Hobson's mentors include relative Smith Peters, farmer Sam Derrick, former Chaves County Extension Agent, Jack Goodloe, and Mr. Bradley Houston, who began the Vocational-Agriculture program at Roswell High School, and served as the local FFA advisor for many years.

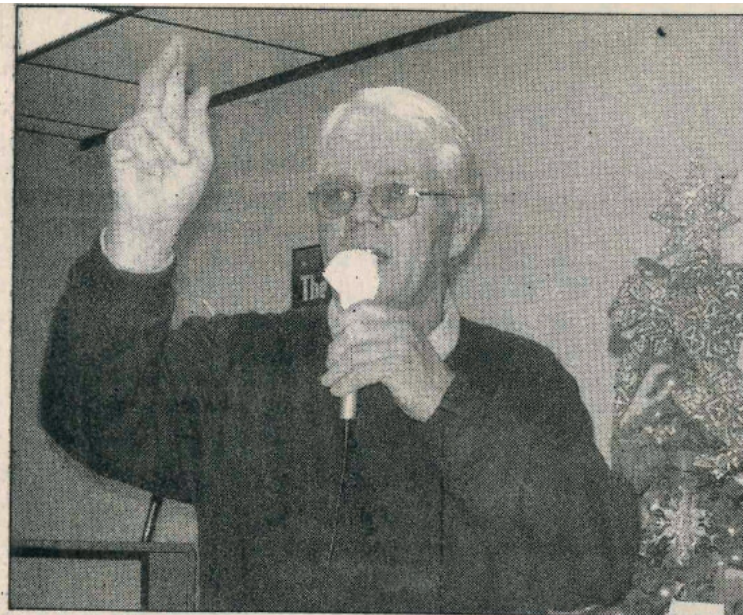
Hobson's biggest supporter is his wife, Judy. "She has been right there by his side through it all," says daughter Mikey. "For many years, she (Judy) was the ENMSF Superintendent of the Arts and Crafts Show. Their love for our community is shown through their years of

service."

Larry's deep ties to the land extend far beyond the seat of a tractor, and further than the Pecos Valley. His efforts to bring new agricultural innovations and expertise to Southeastern New Mexico has led him to be closely involved with the NMSU Cooperative Extension Program, which began in 1914 as a branch of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, providing resources for Land Grant colleges to bring current research and developments to rural communities. Outreach programs such as 4-H, food and nutrition education, water and soil conservation planning, are a few of the hundreds of Cooperative Extension Service programs.

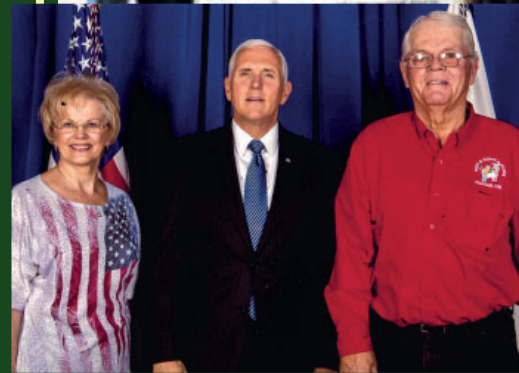
Hobson is a past president of the NMSU Extension Support Council, and represented the NMSU College of Agriculture as a CARET delegate for seven years, traveling to Washington, D.C., to advocate for funding New Mexico's Extension outreach programs. He has also served on the board of the New Mexico Farm and Ranch Heritage Museum located in Las Cruces.

As highly-motivated, self-educated, lifelong scholar, Hobson has amassed an impressive number of honorary academic awards. They include an Honorary State FFA Degree from NMSU; the 2001 Epsilon Sigma Phi National Honorary Extension Fraternity State Friend of Extension, and, he was awarded the Honored Alumnus of the NMSU College of Agriculture Sam Steel Society in 2001. Additionally, Larry Hobson is the only two-time recipient to receive



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the NMSU Outstanding Leadership Award, which he received in 2002, and again in 2017 for outstanding contributions to the State of New Mexico. Two portraits of Hobson currently hang in the NMSU Gerald Thomas Hall of Fame.

Locally, Hobson's agricultural interests and expertise have led him to serve on the Board of Directors of the Chamber of Commerce twice: from 1981 until 1985; and again in 2011 through 2013. His tenure on the Chaves County Farm Bureau has continued since 1988, and he served as Secretary/Treasurer of the Pecos Valley Boll Weevil Control Committee from 2000 to 2012. In 1981, Larry Hobson was named Farmer of the Year, and in 1998, he received the Chaves County Sheriff's Posse Award. The Chaves County Board of Commissioners awarded him the 2012 Outstanding Caring Citizen Award.

Hobson was a 4-H leader for 35 years, serving on the boards, and later, as president of both the Chaves County 4-H & FFA Fair, and the Eastern New Mexico State Fair. He is most proud of initiating and managing the Junior Livestock Sale for the Chaves County 4-H & FFA fair. His advocacy for local youth has grown to encompass the Future Farmers of America Chapters of three high schools that all granted him the Honorary Farmer Degree for all three: Roswell, Goddard, and Dexter. He also received the Honorary State FFA Degree from New Mexico State University and a Chaves County 4-H Honorary Award. In 2005, he received the National FFA Honorary American Degree. Chaves County Tobosa Developmental Services awarded Hobson the 2010 Annual Helping Hand Award.

If you've attended a local fundraising auction, you've likely encountered Larry's special talent of showmanship. "I like to talk," he says, and talk he does. Though not formally trained in auctioneering, he has developed a unique style to his fast-talking friendly persuasion as Master of Ceremonies. Since 1988, he has helped raise thousands of dollars auctioneering at charity events, for

athletics and academic events, 4-H and FFA, and for one of Larry's particular favorites, Chaves County CASA, where he has also served its board of directors. He first began auctioning for the CASA annual Winter Wonderland Christmas Tree fundraiser, and has also auctioned for CASA's yearly Make Time for Kids event.

"Larry Hobson lights up a room," says Carrie-Leigh Cloutier, Executive Director of Chaves County CASA. "He is a true gentleman, respected by the entire community for his business acumen and his devotion to the community. Together with the lovely Judy, they are icons who represent classic values of love for family and country. Our CASA Program has grown and served thousands of hurting children thanks to his devotion and skill on the auctioneer's stage! People respect Larry and the ripple effect of that has resulted in a great deal of support for CASA. I am truly grateful."

Larry and his wife, Judy, a former teacher, have three married children:



son Clinton Hobson and wife Mary; daughter Mikell (Mikey) and husband Cody McGuire; daughter Jami and husband Bill Beene; and eleven grandchildren. Larry's deep-seated desire for helping others has touched the lives of many. After all, announces the family's gatepost, "It's for the kids."

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Why Chaves County?

by Carolyn Patterson Sidd

Take a walk around downtown Roswell and spend a moment or two admiring the stately green-domed Chaves County Courthouse. Have you ever wondered about how Chaves County originated? Or when, or why? Roswell and the surrounding area has long been a major agricultural and commercial hub in Southeastern New Mexico, and it couldn't have happened without a group of fearless forward-thinking men who realized the potential of the Pecos Valley: Captain Joseph C. Lea, former Lincoln County Sheriff Pat Garrett, and cattleman Charles B. Eddy.

Captain Joseph C. Lea is considered the father of Roswell. He arrived in Roswell in 1877, and purchased the original buildings and land holdings of the township of Roswell. Over the next years, Capt. Lea amassed huge land holdings and cattle, and along with other investors, helped to grow the

cattle business in the area.

New Mexico was originally named Nuevo México by Sixteenth-century Spanish settlers, 223 years before Mexico gained its independence from Spain in 1821. In 1850, the United States officially incorporated the Territory of New Mexico. New Mexico remained a United States Territory for sixty-two years, until 1912, when statehood was granted.

In 1869, the fledgling Roswell community was enveloped into an expanse which included the entire southeastern quarter of New Mexico—to be called Lincoln County—the largest county in the United States, with the busy town of Lincoln as county seat. Patrick F. Garrett would be elected sheriff in 1880.

After the Lincoln County Wars and Billy the Kid, Garrett settled with his family east of Roswell, where he bought a farm and envisioned a vast network of diversion dams and irrigation canals from the Pecos and Hondo Rivers. Apple orchards, alfalfa, and many other crops could flourish in the rich valley, but they needed fresh water. Until the Artesian water was discovered in 1890, brackish surface wells were the only other source besides the rivers. Garrett's enthusiasm was contagious, and soon was joined by Captain Lee,



Captain Joseph C. Lea



José Francisco Chaves



Pat Garrett



Charles B. Eddy

and Charles W. Greene, editor of the Santa Fe New Mexican, to form the Pecos Valley Irrigation and Investment Company, and began to seek financial backing from across the country.

Further south along the Pecos, Charles B. Eddy, cattleman and business promotor originally from New York, arrived in the Pecos Valley to found the Halagueno Ranch at the town of Seven Rivers. Eddy worked to acquire European investors for a diversion ditch. Known as an enthusiastic promoter on new ideas, he joined forces with Lea, and Garrett, and Greene. In 1880, they issued bonds and began another ditch from the Pecos River north of what is now Carlsbad. The project, fraught with financial problems, was saved by millionaire investor, James J. Hagerman. By 1895, there were dams, reservoirs, and canals from north of Roswell extending thirty miles south along the east of the Pecos.

The town of Lincoln is nearly 60 miles from Roswell, and more than 130 miles from Eddy, (now Carlsbad). Prisoners had to be transported, and trials held. Land and property sales, as well as births and deaths and marriages, and all other official state and local business, had to be recorded in the county seat.

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knew better than Lea, Garrett, and Eddy, how to persuade the folks in Santa Fe that Lincoln County was too big an area to serve the growing Pecos Valley?

In January of 1889, Captain Lea, Pat Garrett, and Charles B. Eddy attended the Territorial Legislature, and petitioned to divide Lincoln County, creating two counties along the eastern border, from just below Ft. Sumner to the north to the Texas border to the south. The Territorial Senate and House of Representatives committee informed them they would have to petition the citizens of Lincoln County, which they did. With the approved petition, the bill to create the new counties passed, and was signed by Territorial Governor Edmund Gibson Ross on January 23, 1889.

The next tasks were to build the courthouses and to name the two counties. The county to include Seven Rivers as its seat of government would be called Eddy County. Both Lea and Eddy donated the land where the respective courthouses stand. The first Chaves County courthouse was replaced in 1911.

Captain Lea however, insisted Roswell's county be named Chaves, honoring his old friend and political crony, sheep rancher José Francisco Chaves, whose ties to New Mexico traced back to 1598, when the province of Nuevo México was established. Chaves was elected in 1865 to the United States Congress as the Territorial Representative, where he served three terms. When it came time to form another county in southeastern New Mexico, Chaves returned the honor, and named it Lea County.

Just east of the Chaves County Court House, stands a bronze statue of Garrett. Perhaps he's headed out of town, towards that farm on the Pecos, where he and his fellow visionaries built the first irrigation system in the Valley, risking everything to make a dream come true.




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Alexis the ELK

By Hedda P. Saltz

Alexis weighed in at 36 pounds. This gorgeous yearling elk was rejected by her mother at birth and is being raised by her devoted keepers at the Spring River Zoo. The zoo's curator, Andrea Cole, was able to watch Alexis being born thanks to cameras in the paddock that were sponsored by the Roswell Safari Club. Andrea waited to see if the new elk mom, Patty, would begin to lick and care for her calf. She ignored it. "The mother did not have a mama to teach her. So, we had an idea that we were going to have to bottle feed her baby."

"My staff did an amazing job taking care of Alexis, even after she broke her leg," said Andrea. Standing with her and Amy Youngren, a zookeeper, in the pen with the young elk, I never would have guessed that this tall brown and blond animal with her huge eyes and easy gait had suffered a broken leg. When she was six weeks old she tried to jump



a fence and came down hard. She had surgery and then had to have her cast changed several times.

"It was a lot of extra work to care for her. It required us taking her home. We took her to our homes each evening until she was about 100 pounds. She was a bottle baby, so Amy Halter trained her and she had to get into a regular van. She liked falling asleep in my hallway because of the cool air vent."

Alexis shares her yard with two mule deer, Jane Doe and Ophelia, two pygmy goats, Chuy and Bella, and a Nigerian goat, Lance. Andrea explained that when Alexis was little, people were her herd. "Now the other hoof stock critters are her herd. By putting her with Ophelia and her little goat buddies, we can keep working with Alexis more easily. We can do her hoof trims, check her ears, and treat her medically and make her husbandry more effective."

Andrea began working with animals when she

was in high school. She began as a volunteer and recommends that path to any person considering a career with animals. In freshman year of high school I volunteered at one of the vet clinics. Then the director of the zoo, Elaine Mayfield, allowed me to volunteer here. I loved it. I've been here ten years. I'm the zoo curator. I'm in charge of the animals, vet care, making sure staff is trained (they do an amazing job), I make sure they have the supplies they need, the medicine, the feed. I'm in charge of making sure the animals are healthy and happy."

Alexis and her merry gang are having their enclosure refenced and will be on view to the public at the end of the year. Andrea and her staff will be watching for the moment of birth to see if this time



Patty's mothering instincts will kick in. If not, they are ready to joyfully embrace the responsibility of hand raising another gorgeous baby elk.



Morgan Nelson

As I Knew Him

by John LeMay

Morgan Nelson wore many hats, from a State Representative to an expert on New Mexico water rights to a historian. I knew him, of course, as a historian.

Outside of the J.P. White family, it could be said that one of the most influential and impactful person on the Historical Society was Morgan Nelson, who passed away in 2019. Morgan was one of the board members of what was then called the Chaves County Historical Society who talked with the White heirs about donating the home of J.P. White Sr. to the Society to serve as a museum. That was back in the mid-1970s (talks began in 1974 and the museum opened in 1976) and Morgan remained heavily involved with both the Historical Society and Foundation all the way up until his death.

Morgan was an ardent supporter of all museum functions, from the big ones

like the Heritage Dinner down to the smaller, more frequent, Sunday Funday programs. Morgan even presented two excellent programs that I was there to see: one on the Pecos River and another on Albert B. Fall.

Morgan was nice enough to invite many society members to his home frequently for get-togethers, such as the Thursday coffee group. Through Morgan, I was even able to meet people such as Frederick Nolan, the renowned British scholar on the Lincoln County War.

I was blessed to have the support and encouragement of Morgan Nelson for the past ten years in terms of my writing. He was very supportive of my history books and always encouraged me to keep producing more. He was the first person to read my biography on Ash Upson, an early Roswell author and postmaster. Morgan went so far as to write a letter of endorsement for me as I looked for publishers within the world of university presses which was very kind of him. Morgan advised me not to change the manuscript too much, as he felt it was perfect the way

it was. When UNM Press eventually did accept it, they wanted to change it, naturally. After a while I took Morgan's advice, withdrew the manuscript and published it myself. Had he not bolstered my confidence in the book, I may have let it languish at UNM and change into something it was not.

Morgan and I both shared a love for an unpublished manuscript by Roswell pioneer James Miller, written in 1932. As Morgan and I talked about the possibilities of self-publishing the book through the world of print-on-demand publishing, he offered his help in transcribing the book into digital form. Had it not been for he and his granddaughter, Carrie Houghtaling, I would probably still be working on transcribing it today. Morgan also put me in touch with Miller's heirs to secure publishing permission. Thanks to Morgan, not only was a local piece of history preserved and made available for all, but the profits will go to supporting the Historical Museum. This, of course, is only one example of the many ways in which Morgan worked to preserve our local history.



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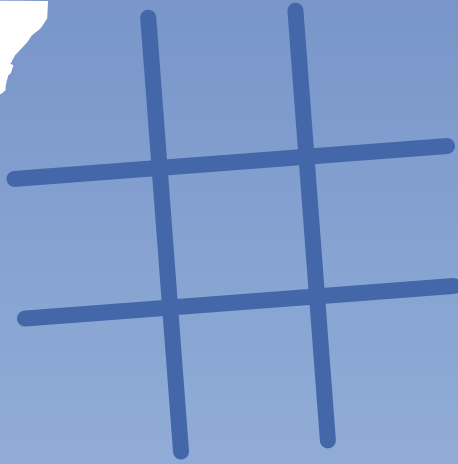
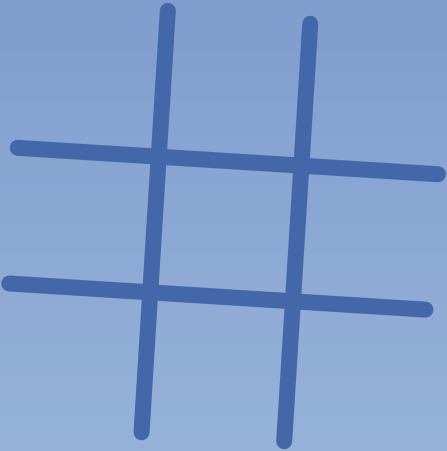
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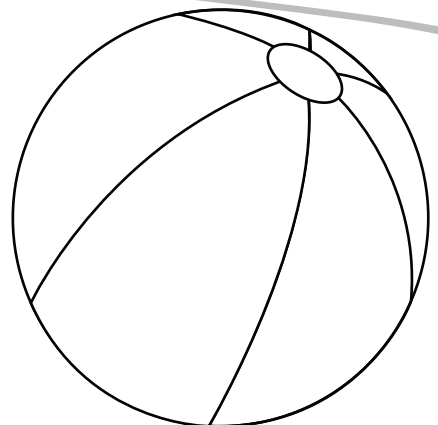
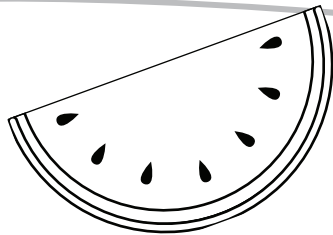
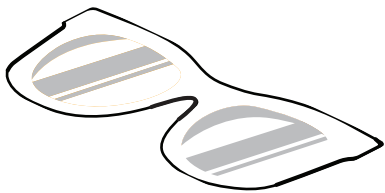
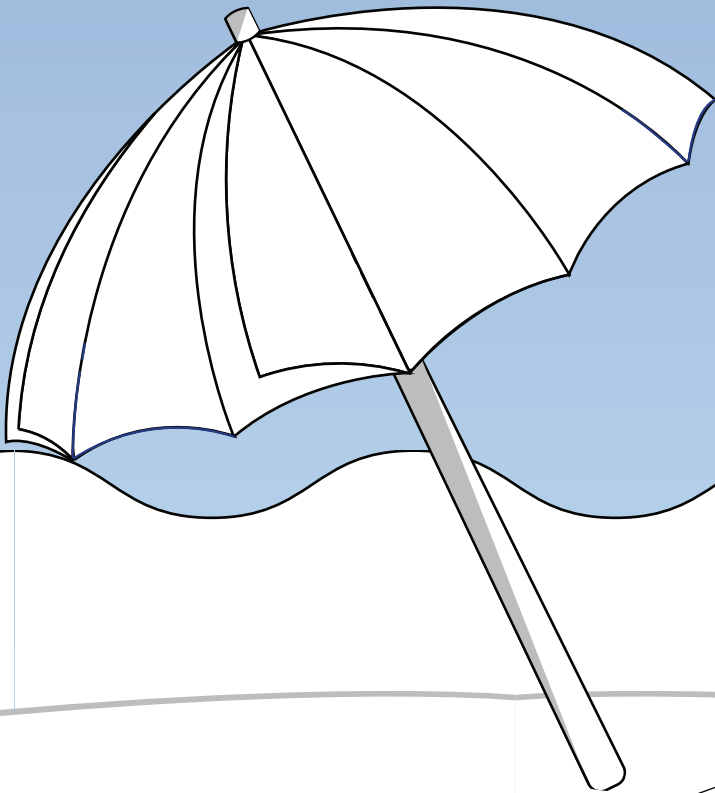
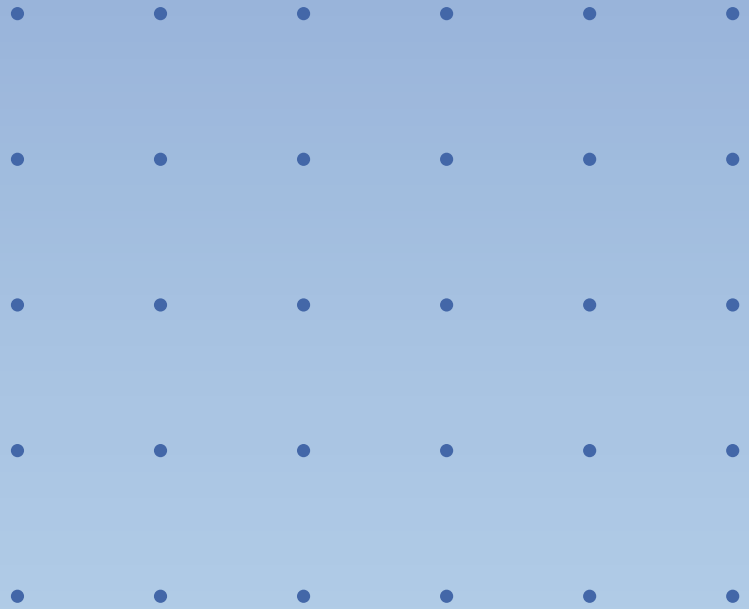
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Dots and Boxes



The All-Stars of Roswell Ceramics

by Eva McCollaum

First, all four of these potters are artists. They each have remarkable skills in clay as a medium. They have distinct styles that reveal their sense of beauty, grace, gesture, balance, and proportion. Their work is full of ideas, and (even more remarkable), they all four make dinnerware that can be used for practical purposes in the home. These four are by no means the only ceramic artists in Roswell and the surrounding area. In fact, the Roswell area has a large number of gifted ceramic artists whose work can be seen and used in homes all over Southeastern New Mexico. These four agreed to discuss their lives and works with Roswell Now Magazine. Here are their stories.

The Educator

Aria Finch has been teaching at the Roswell Museum and Art Center for four decades, and innumerable children and adults from this area (myself included) have taken her classes. Finch herself acknowledges she knew she was an art teacher from childhood. One of her best elementary teachers told her mother, "Oh, Aria is going to be an art teacher." Finch says, "So, I was never worried about what I would do with my

life. I knew from the time I was little." Finch who operates the RMAC pottery on 1110 North Main Street, provides one of the most complete ceramic services to both professional and amateur potters in the area. She teaches a wide variety of pottery techniques.

Finch, who was born in Montana, and moved to El Paso as a child, has shown her work internationally, has an MFA in Ceramics and has hosted visiting ceramics artists who teach short classes to interested students in the area. Versed in both the science and the artistry of clay, Finch makes practical dinnerware and figurative sculpture. Her functional pieces are distinct in their use of glazes that feel buttery in the hand and handles that suggest ribbons that decorate gifts. Her artistic bent runs to the surreal, and images of speaking birds and flying hands run through her work.

The Artisan

Tasia Ramage moved to Roswell from the Four Corners area of northwestern New Mexico. She was happy to come because she knew Roswell had a thriving artistic community because her

husband had taken clay classes with Aria Finch as a child. Ramage both paints and creates ceramic pieces.

According to Ramage, "I usually start by pinching the clay, and though I often have an idea of what I am going to make, as the piece comes into existence it changes and refines. In a way, it tells me what it will be."

Ramage particularly enjoys hand-building, and her figurative pieces allow her to employ a number of creative strategies. Ramage has already had art shows in Roswell. She had a solo show of her paintings at the Pecos Flavors Winery, and her recent figurative pieces are entered in a juried art competition at NMSU.

The Master Crafter

"I took my first clay class back when the painting and pottery classes were held where the Horgan gallery is now." A native of Roswell, Konii Carpenter, who signs her work, Konsuela, makes the most delicate, whimsical, and finely finished pieces. Where other artists tend to move toward monumental pieces, Carpenter enjoys making things that are hand-size to very small.

Her most distinct style of pieces



The Educator

Aria Finch



The Artisan

Tasia Ramage



The Master Crafter

Konii Carpenter

are those that celebrate Dia de los Muertos (Day of the Dead). They are done in black and white, which involves painting a white clay with black slip and then scraping into the surface (called sgraffito) the rollicking skeletons that give the work movement.

Carpenter is a master of the potter's wheel, and though she does make slab built pieces, her thrown pieces have the feel of delicate refinement that comes only through years, and years of practice and devotion.

The Business Woman

No potter in Roswell has built more monumental pieces or taken more monumental risks than Miranda Howe. Most recently she opened Bone Springs, a studio, gallery, art space and gift shop at 212 East Walnut (for old-time Roswell residents that is just southeast of Mays Lumber). She just finished installing one of her architectural sculptures in a private home in California. Though the quarantine slowed things down a bit, she still has more than enough to keep her running all the time.

After she graduated from Goddard High School, she traveled to many different areas of the world. Through the Artist in Residence Program, she came back to debut her work to Roswell. Part of what encourages her about Roswell is the number of potters who are interested, even if they make only functional pieces, in the



The Business Woman
Miranda Howe

process of bringing unique handmade art into everyday life. "That is lovely," she says with a smile.

Though well versed and highly practiced on the wheel, she does almost all her present work by hand-building using slabs of clay. Her signature style combines the pattern and texture of print making with surprising and unexpected almost geological inclusions and interruptions in design. "I think our lives are like that, an attempt to make a beautiful pattern, but then there are fault lines, or disruptions that break that."

Go to any place on earth where people have lived for any amount of time, sink a shovel in the dirt, and one of the things you're bound to find are shards of pottery, the craft and art that has come down through the ages to today. Those who work clay in Roswell have built a community that practices the craft and the art with enthusiasm, invention, and joy. Who will join these ceramic all stars? Will it be you?

Business Brings Beauty Home

by Joyce McCollum



From the alley, customers pass through a spotless hallway with framed pictures of beautiful scenes. You'll see a well-stocked work room where items are prepared for display in the store. This is where countless specialties are framed. Thousands of paintings have come through the capable hands of Finishing Touches and enrich lives in southeastern New Mexico. The framing and gift shop was a new venture for Mike and Toni Pemberton when they established Finishing Touches here on Main Street in Roswell in 1987.

There are a number of specialty items available for purchase, from scented candles, to charming paper napkins for informal dining, to packets of New Mexico soups, and even creams and lathers used to relieve aches and pains. Most of the store is dedicated to home decor. "People put their touch, their feeling, their tastes in their home. Sometimes they buy what's popular, but sometimes it's the work they have done themselves."

This has proved to be a good location for the Pembertons. "When we moved to Roswell and were looking for a business location, the real estate agent took us everywhere except downtown. When we saw this spot, we said we wanted to look at it. It had a sign 'For Sale or Rent' so we came in and the first time we walked in, it felt good. Getting started, we rented for six months and then we decided to buy it."

Toni recalls some ups and downs, but

business has been pretty consistent since day one. "Mike and I didn't have children so all we had to worry about was each other. We decided we could do whatever it took to make it work. The first few years we would work until nine or ten o'clock at night. The first Christmas, it was just Mike and I. We worked the 23rd, and all of the 24th until 5:00 on Christmas Eve. I don't even remember Christmas day because we were so exhausted."

After that first period of time, they needed to hire some help. "Rich Morrero was the first person we hired, and he is still with us." Morrero is a vital part of the business and as surely as seeing Toni at the front counter, you will see Rich at the framing table. He helps make the wheels of the business go.

Along with paintings, customers bring special photographs, needle craft, textiles, even military items. "We've done priceless heirlooms, and baby christening gowns." Her husband, Mike,

does the fine sewing of the textiles they mount. His mother was a seamstress. He sews fabric mountings, stretches the needle work three or four times, adjusts it until it's perfect.

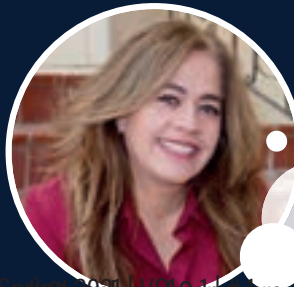
In the 80's and early 90's Toni had fun going to trade shows, but lately it seems everything is made in China. She wants to focus more on local products, things made here, or the very best products available in the western states. A recent addition to framing requests has been jigsaw puzzles. During the Covid-19 pandemic shutdown many people have been doing puzzles, some of which are beautiful works of art.

Because the folks at Finishing Touches are ready to offer the very best products and the most inventive framing solutions, they get plenty of business from the people of Roswell. "Our friends became our customers and our customers are our friends," says Toni.



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A Ballerina Dessert Makes it a Party

By Eva McCollaum

What's so great about a hot, dry day? A cook will say, meringue! I grew up thinking meringue was the topping for lemon pie (and it's great that way), but in high school I discovered a wealth of possibilities in this airy and crispy dessert.

One of my mother's best friends was the bush nurse and former opal miner Jean Brown, and one Sunday she had us over for dinner. For dessert, she served something she called Pavlova, explaining it was invented by an Australian chef in honor of the Russian ballerina Anna Pavlova.

Since then I learned the invention of this dish is disputed somewhat, but its popularity in the deserts of Australia is perfectly understandable. Egg whites love hot dry weather and whip up to

remarkable heights in 10% humidity. Right before serving, Mrs. Brown heaped the meringue with dollops of whipped cream and a variety of tropical fruits, and strawberries. That's what makes the Pavlova such a great dessert for summer. You can decorate it with the freshest and sweetest fruit from the market and make something surprising and fun every time. (Of course, I think it should ALWAYS have strawberries, but that's just me.) It can be made as one large family style dessert and sliced, or it can be made as individual servings. I also add curd to my version. Lemon curd and pineapple curd are both amazing with this dish. For those unfamiliar with curd, it may sound like a cheese product of



some kind, but it's actually a sweet sauce made with the egg yolks left over from making the meringue.

Whether you make the big cake style Pavlova or the individual meringues, this dish always feels like something special. I never forgot when Mrs. Brown served me this wonderful treat, and I'm betting your guests will not forget it either!

The Meringue:

4 egg whites
¼ teaspoon cream of tartar
1 teaspoon best vanilla
¾ to 1 cup sugar (depending on your sweet tooth)

1. Preheat oven to 250 degrees Fahrenheit.
2. Using a mixer, beat the egg whites to foamy soft peaks then add the cream of tartar and the vanilla.
3. Beat until stiff peaks form then gradually begin adding the sugar, a few tablespoons at a time. (If you don't have cream of tartar, you can replace it with 2 teaspoons of white vinegar and a teaspoon of corn starch, but that doesn't work quite as well.)
4. Place mixture onto a pan with a parchment paper cover. If you make one big meringue, you'll need to bake it for an hour. for individual meringues, bake for 25 to 30 minutes.
5. Let cool on a drying rack before garnishing with whipped cream, curd, and fruit.

Pro-Tip:

For perfect whipped cream, keep the cream chilled. You'll need 1 cup of heavy whipping cream, a teaspoon of vanilla, and 3 teaspoons of pure maple syrup. Begin whipping the cream. When it starts to firm, add the vanilla while the beater is running. Add the maple syrup one teaspoon at a time.

TheCurd:

4 egg yolks
½ cup sugar
½ teaspoon salt
1/3 cup juice
5 tablespoons softened butter

1. Whisk together the first four ingredients and gently heat in a double boiler, or in a bowl set over a pot of simmering water.
2. Stir the curd until it thickens and coats the back of a spoon. When it thickens, take it off the heat and whisk in the butter.
3. Chill the curd in a covered dish until ready to serve.
* Left over meringue should not be stored in a plastic container. If you



have left over individual meringues, store them in a brown paper bag. They will keep for a day or two.

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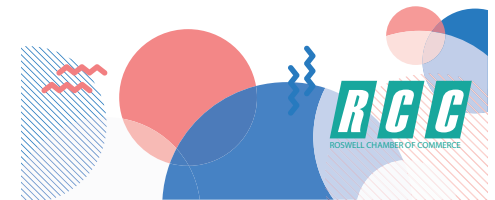
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