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Sadie Orchard's stagecoach now sits at Lincoln County Courthouse at the Lincoln Historic site. PHOTO COURTESY OF THE PALACE OF THE GOVERNORS PHOTO ARCHIVES

The GMCS Student Internship Initiative



GMCS is so excited to be rolling out our Student Internship Program. We will employ these interns in a variety of fields. Some of the jobs that we've recently filled are for computer technicians, student teaching, film and video editing, nursing, occupational therapy, physical therapy, speech, social work, mechanical

service management, automotive technicians, mechanics, and graphic designer, to name a few.

Student internships provide invaluable real-life work experience. The student will learn other soft set skills, like communication, teamwork and professionalism. They will see how learned skills from the classroom can be applied to job tasks.

Students that may need more insight into their future goals will get better perspective. There is also a great opportunity for meeting new people which can create other opportunities for future employment.

Student
Internships are a
direct result of the
District Vision of
Elevate 2022 and
directly meeting
the objectives of
increasing PostGraduation Success
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Partnership with Community, Employers, and Agencies. Each of the high schools in the district are in the process of aligning their classes into Career Pathways. Each pathway has a 3-course sequence ending with a capstone course. The student internship is the capstone course for most of the participating seniors.

We have 27 students currently enrolled in the student internship. We are planning on expanding the program next year and hoping to triple the number of

students participating in this program.

Students are at various locations in the district depending upon the pathway focus. Some students are working in their own schools or in the feeder schools in their communities. Some schools are rotating to several locations in the districts. Some students are working at the district offices both from city and county schools. We have some students in our Art/Media pathway working with



industrial printing machinery and layouts in our graphic print shop at the Student Support Center.

We have several tools to evaluate the program for both individual students and the program overall. Employers are evaluating student interns' multiple times in the semesters as well as counselors supervising students for the scheduled courses for credit. All participating staff and students are meeting regularly to check in and follow up with requirements. Student Intern salaries are paid for by the district. Student transportation will be provided by the district as well, as needed. Students are participating in the internship for a semester.

GMCS Student Internships are open to all GMCS



seniors. Check with your school for the upcomming 2022-23 School Year and available positions. Contact your high school's career counselor for details.

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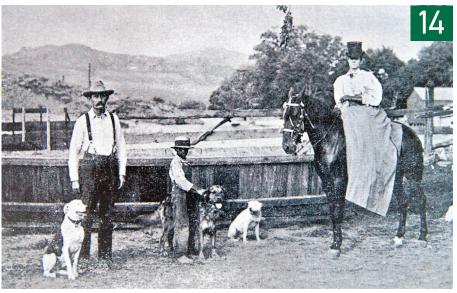
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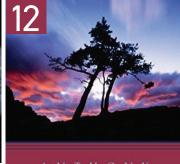






















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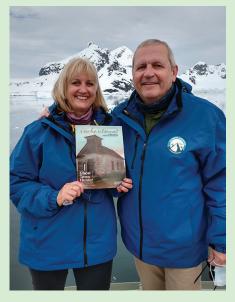
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They even took one edition to the end of the world on their 2022 trip to Antarctica.

The Walkers win \$20!



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Grassroots Efforts Help Shape Our Communities

Literal very spring, I start planning for the emergence of my lawn from its winter dormancy. The timing must be right. You cannot water too early because a late freeze could break the sprinklers. You cannot fertilize too late, or the growth may be stunted. Without the protection of water and a strong grassroots system, most varieties of grass cannot survive a sweltering summer.

Oddly enough, great ideas are the same. If you share an idea too early without a community's support, it gets lost in the shuffle. If you lobby for an idea no one knows about—even something that would help everyone—lack of interest may cause the idea to wilt and die.

How do great ideas thrive? They need grassroots support.

Here in New Mexico, your electric co-op is looking out for you—making sure you have affordable, reliable and safe electricity. Sometimes, state or federal laws and regulations threaten this, so we lobby hard on your behalf. But without your support, our ideas often do not reach the right ears.

During the last two years, we have solicited your support for issues on social media. We count on Facebook and Twitter to get our issues out to the grassroots in a timely manner. This has worked very well—especially during this ongoing pandemic.

No matter how loudly we speak out on how legislation or an agency rule may affect electric bills, our voice dims in comparison to one of the most untapped resources in our community—YOU. We are a statewide association—YOU are a voter. We work hard on your behalf, but your support helps ideas take root and survive.

Let me give you a good example. Here in Santa Fe, we recently finished a 30-day legislative session. The pace of action is



fast and furious. Finding time to talk to legislators is a couple minutes here and a few words there. Sometimes you must catch them on the go as they rush from committee to committee.

This changes when the visit with a legislator includes a constituent from back home. Legislators are always eager to catch up on the latest local happenings. They are extremely interested where you stand on the issues. At these meetings, there is always much more time for discussion. The bottom line is that you matter!

Whether it is through an email, a phone call or virtual call in these times, your elected officials are ready to listen. After watching this for 25 years now, I can say they genuinely care about what you have to say.

Are you ready to help your electric co-ops build a deeper grassroots base?

Contact your local co-op trustee or employee, or visit the co-op'swebsite. They can show you ways to sign up to make your voice heard to keep your electric bill affordable.

We have seen thousands of impressions and responses to our social media calls to action. We receive many accolades from you, the members, for getting the issues out to rural New Mexico quickly. Some of these issues come up in committee with less than 24 hours notice.

Here at the statewide association and at our 15 electric distribution cooperative members across the state, we are committed to powering your community and empowering you to improve your quality of life. We work collaboratively with political leaders and want to arm you with the tools needed to help us plant deeper grassroots. Learn more at www.nmelectric.coop.

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 $-\{$ hale to the stars | By Alan Hale $\}$ -



or the first time in many months, none of our solar system's bright planets is visible in our evening skies during March.

The only planet visible at all during the evening is distant Uranus, now traveling slowly through the constellation of Aries fairly low in the western sky. A pair of binoculars is usually sufficient to see it, but only when viewed through a telescope does it begin to appear as something other than just a point of light.

In contrast, however, the morning sky bustles with planet activity this month. The highlight is Venus, which gleams brilliantly in the pre-dawn hours throughout the entire month. Slightly lower is Mars and then Saturn, both of which gradually climb higher into the eastern sky. During the latter part of March, all three worlds are rather close together and form a distinct triangle. On the morning of Monday, March 28, a thin crescent moon also joins this grouping.

Mercury is also visible low in the east at the beginning of March, but it is sinking

rapidly
and disappears
into the dawn within
about a week. On Wednesday
morning, March 2, it has a moderately close
conjunction with Saturn, although this will
not be easy to see because the two worlds
are rather deep in twilight at that time.

This month marks 30 years since I successfully defended my doctoral dissertation on exoplanets (i.e., planets beyond the solar system and orbiting other stars). At that time, the study of exoplanets was brand-new. Indeed, the discovery of the first confirmed such objects had only been announced less than two months earlier. Since then, our knowledge of these worlds has exploded.

Today, there are almost 5,000 confirmed exoplanets, and we know of more than 800 planetary systems that contain multiple planets. We also know of several "rogue" planets—planets that do not orbit any specific star. Late last year, the European Southern Observatory reported the discovery of

approximately 100 such objects.

What we have learned from the planets discovered thus far is profound on several levels. It now appears likely that many, if not most or even almost all, stars have accompanying planets. However, not only does it appear that our solar system is not a typical planetary system, there in fact appears to be no such thing as a "typical" planetary system.

In the meantime, while several planets the approximate size of Earth have been discovered, there are enough variables involved such that any worlds that could be considered as being an "Earth 2" might be very rare.

The only known Earth-like planet in the universe, at least, at this time. This is the famous "Blue Marble" photograph of Earth taken in December 1972 by the crew of the Apollo 17 mission, which included New Mexico native Harrison "Jack" Schmitt.

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The Invention of the Year

The world's lightest and most portable mobility device

Once in a lifetime, a product comes along that truly moves people. Introducing the future of battery-powered personal transportation ... The Zinger.

Throughout the ages, there have been many important advances in mobility. Canes, walkers, rollators, and scooters were created to help people with mobility issues get around and retain their independence. Lately, however, there haven't been any new improvements to these existing products or developments in this field. Until now. Recently, an innovative design engineer who's developed one of the world's most popular products created a completely new breakthrough . . . a personal electric vehicle. It's called the *Zinger*, and there is nothing out there quite like it.

"What my wife especially loves is it gives her back feelings of safety and independence which has given a real boost to her confidence and happiness! Thank You!"

-Kent C., California

The first thing you'll notice about the *Zinger* is its unique look. It doesn't look like a scooter. Its sleek, lightweight yet durable frame is made with aircraft grade aluminum. It weighs only 47.2 lbs but can handle a passenger that's up to 275 lbs! It features one-touch





folding and unfolding

— when folded it can be
wheeled around like a

The Zinger folds to a mere 10 inches.

suitcase and fits easily into a backseat or trunk. Then, there are the steering levers. They enable the *Zinger* to move forward, backward, turn on a dime and even pull right up to a table or desk. With its compact yet powerful motor it can go up to 6 miles an hour and its rechargeable battery can go up to 8 miles on a single charge. With its low center of gravity and inflatable tires it can handle rugged terrain and is virtually tip-proof. Think about it, you can take your *Zinger* almost anywhere, so you don't have to let mobility issues rule your life.

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Power Strips versus Surge Protectors

By Tom Tate

ith the proliferation of electronics in our daily lives, there simply are not enough outlets in our homes. This is particularly true for older homes. As a result, we end up with a number of outlet expanders, more commonly known as power strips.

Power strips are generic and fulfill a simple function. They are inexpensive, and the quality often is on par with the price.

Keep this in mind when shopping for a power strip or a surge protector—the power strip's more talented cousin.

Before you buy, make sure you know the amperage rating of the outlet into which you are connecting the strip and other equipment. A residential circuit can overload if you are not careful.

When buying a power strip:

- Look for power strips with a built-in circuit breaker. If you connect too many electronics and devices, the strip will kick out the circuit breaker rather than causing the breaker in your electric panel to trip.
- Pay attention to the orientation of the outlets. The typical design is along the length of the strip, facing the bottom or end of the strip.
- Get a smart strip, which is becoming more common and less expensive. With smart strips, one outlet serves as a master, receiving power all the time. The other outlets do not receive power until the master device is turned on. This is ideal for home entertainment setups.

If you are connecting expensive

electronics, consider a surge protector. Price is important because a cheap surge protector can be worse than none at all for two reasons. One, they use cheap, small surge-fighting components. Two, these components can fail and when they do, the strip still may provide power without any indication its protective side is gone.

As with power strips, key factors should be considered when buying a surge protector:

- Go for a significant joule rating. This is a measure of how much energy the surge protector can withstand.
- Look for cable and internet connection protection for use with your entertainment and computer equipment. Surges can enter via any wired connection. Be sure the protector is designed to handle a digital television. Otherwise, pixilation is likely for devices only designed for analog signals.
- Make sure an indicator light shows if protection has burned out.
- Consider the same outlet orientation as previously mentioned.
- Look for a power conditioning feature, which improves the quality of power delivered to electrical load equipment, such as computers.

Power strips and surge protectors are worth the investment when you follow these simple suggestions. Don't get burned buying cheap, inefficient strips and protectors.

Protect expensive electronics with a surge protector. Be sure it is rated to support your electronic devices. For small devices, a smart power strip may be just the right fit.

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Get Your Ducts In a Row

Q: My HVAC system is a mystery to me. What can I do to maintain it and keep my home comfortable year-round?

A: For most people, the inner workings of the HVAC system are out of sight, out of mind. The system is ignored until something goes wrong.

Understanding the basics of how your heating and cooling system works will help you create a more efficient, comfortable living space. To get started, let's review how it works.

If you have a forced air system, you have ducts. A forced air system consists of the equipment that heats or cools the air and the ductwork that moves it around the home. Your furnace, or air handler, has a fan inside that pushes the heated or cooled air through the supply ducts into the rooms. The return ducts bring air back to the furnace to be heated or cooled again and sent back through the home.

This continuous loop of supply and return is susceptible to inefficient practices and leakage.

Here are some steps you can take to keep your system running efficiently and maintain a comfortable living space.

Check Your Vent Dampers

Make sure the air you paid to heat or cool is freely moving through the home.

I wish vents were made without dampers because the feature creates the misconception they should be closed. Closing registers does not save energy. It can cause your system to work harder, shortening its lifespan and increasing duct leakage. If you don't do anything else after you read this, do check that your supply register dampers are open and not blocked by furniture or rugs throughout your house. This is easy and costs nothing.

Seal Your Ducts

If your ductwork travels through an attic, crawl space or other unconditioned—not heated or cooled—space, it could have holes, cracks or gaps that cause duct leakage. This wastes energy and money by heating or cooling spaces you don't use.

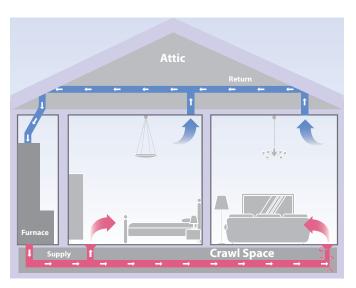
The U.S. Department of Energy estimates 20% to 30% of the air moved through duct systems is lost due to duct leakage. You could have the most efficient heating or cooling unit available, but if your ducts leak, you are wasting energy.

In addition to wasted energy, leaky ducts can cause air-quality issues. Leaks in return ducts can pull air into the ducts from surrounding spaces, through the furnace and then deliver it into the home.

This can introduce dust, dirt, insulation particles and other gross stuff that is in your attic, crawl space or walls to your air supply.

Sealing ducts can be difficult because they are hidden behind the walls, floor and/or ceiling. Attics and crawl spaces can be hard places to work. You can hire a professional to test your duct system for leakage with specialized equipment and seal your ducts.

If you seal ducts yourself, do not use duct tape. I know it is hard to believe, but duct tape dries out quickly and loses



A forced-air system consists of the equipment that heats or cools the air and the ductwork that moves it around the home. Your furnace fan pushes the heated or cooled air through the supply ducts into the rooms. The return ducts bring air back to the furnace to be heated or cooled again and sent back through the home. ILLUSTRATION BY DUY MAI/PIONEER UTILITY RESOURCES

its adhesion. Seal with metal tape or duct mastic specifically designed for the job.

One relatively easy place to seal is where the duct meets the floor, wall or ceiling. Remove the registers and look for cracks or gaps around the edges. Wear gloves to protect your hands.

Change Your Filter

The filter is on the return side of the duct system. It could be in the return registers or in the furnace. Checking your system's filter regularly and replacing it when dirty can help you improve your heating and cooling efficiency.

When it comes to filters, my philosophy is buy cheap and

replace often. I don't know about you, but I have a much more difficult time throwing away a \$20 filter than a \$5 filter. Save by buying filters in bulk or set up auto ship for every three months.

In most cases, filters are designed to protect the furnace, not improve air quality. If you are worried about your home's air quality, getting the ducts cleaned and sealed can help. Add an air purifier if you need additional air filtration. Look for Energy Star models.

Now that you know the inner workings of your HVAC system and what it needs to run efficiently, you can improve and maintain the comfort in your home year-round.



Miranda Boutelle has more than 20 years of experience helping people save energy. She has worked on energy-efficiency projects from the Midwest to the West Coast. Today, Miranda is director of operations and customer engagement at Efficiency Services Group in Oregon, a cooperatively owned energy-efficiency company.

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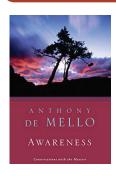


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Awareness

Here's a standout and exceptional tome from the late Tony DeMello, deserving to be rescued from the obscure and dusty annals of the selfhelp genre.

DeMello's missive on "the perils and opportunities of reality" is shared with the candor and bluntness of someone with nothing to lose. In fact, you quickly come to believe DeMello has no pony in this race.

He reminds readers he does not intend to help you—most people can't be helped.

"Don't expect me to be of help to anyone," he writes. "If you are damaged, you did it; and if you are helped, you did it."

The best anyone can do, DeMello says, is challenge your ideas. If you're not open to being challenged, no one can help you. The most important idea DeMello imparts is a nudge toward self-observation.

DeMello says to be self-observant is to avoid personalizing your experiences. Instead, he invites readers "to look at things as if you have no connection with them whatsoever."

Much like within the philosophy of stoicism, and in the teachings of Buddhism, DeMello—whose work was later criticized by Pope Benedict XVI for being "incompatible with the Catholic faith and can cause grave harm"—believed human suffering could be avoided by detachment.

One powerful metaphor utilized by DeMello is the reimagining of our emotions, attachments and circumstances as clouds, while we are the sky. We can observe these feelings, like clouds, watching them pass, without becoming them.

DeMello's books are still available today in many Catholic bookshops, though they do include an advisory and a note that the book is not to be seen as a manual on Christian doctrine.

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Holding on to Hope

Things are not going well for 15-year-old Analicia Rosario Menéndez when we meet her in the midst of her very personal, very real border-town

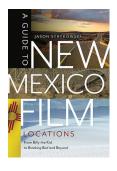
saga. Her brother was arrested in the middle of her quinceañera; her beloved Spanish teacher has disappeared; and her father, Dr. Menéndez, has been detained.

In this latest YA novel, award-winning author Catalina Claussen invites young readers to journey alongside Ana and her friends as they navigate painful realities with no easy solutions.

Claussen's Ana is brave, bold, compassionate and relatable. You'd be doing well by the young people you know to slip this distinctly New Mexican tale their way. This novel is also a New Mexico-Arizona Book Award finalist.

For more information, consider joining a free, virtual book release and reading from the author with special guest Xochitl Hernandez Moctezuma—who inspired the book—on Tuesday, March 30, from 6 to 7 p.m. For more information visit catalinaclaussenbooks.wordpress.com.

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A Guide to New Mexico Film

As the subtitle of this new guide from University of New Mexico Press suggests, from "Billy the Kid to Breaking Bad and Beyond," our Southwestern locale,

with great weather and generous incentives for filmmakers, has become a bonafide favorite location for the film industry.

One recent study released by the state Economic Development Department and the New Mexico Film Office shows that for every dollar the state invested in the film and television industry during fiscal years 2020 and 2021, it got back \$8.40—to the tune of a direct benefit of \$854 million.

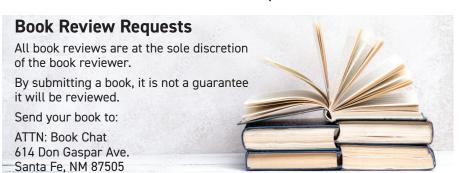
With that success has also come a burgeoning film tourism industry—just ask anyone who lives near Piermont Drive in Albuquerque where you can't swing a tote bag with a zia on it, without hitting a "Breaking Bad" pilgrim.

This highly researched guide, from a New Mexican author with his own film and television CV, is gorgeous to hold and does well to offer film fans an analog companion to their screen time passions.

It's more than a site map for famous film locales. This field guide boasts insider tips on where to eat, sleep, drink and play.

More than 50 destinations are included, as well as crew memories, fun facts and historical insight. Just try for yourself to unsee Roswell, for example, in these cinematic terms: "On the map, Roswell sits between mountains and the plains. On film and in pop culture, it exists between science fiction and Westerns."

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WHAT HAPPENED TO SADIE ORCHARD'S STAGECOACH?

By Dixie Boyle

nce a well-known madam and brothel owner in Kingston and Hillsboro, Sadie Orchard appeared in New Mexico's Black Range in 1886. She established a popular brothel in the rip-roaring silver mining town of Kingston. Sadie moved to Hillsboro six years later when silver was devalued, and miners were not keeping her in business. She established another brothel—Ocean Grove Hotel—and a stagecoach line named Mountain Pride.

She is credited with being one of the first women stagecoach drivers in New Mexico.

Sadie claimed to have grown up and learned the skills of prostitution in London's Lime House district. She spoke with a cockney accent and was not afraid to use profanity and colorful language.

However, Sadie really grew up on a farm in Mill County, Iowa. Her neighbors were

from England and raised horses. That is where she developed her English accent and skills in training horses.

After relocating to Hillsboro, Sadie married J.W. Orchard. They ran a stage line between Lake Valley and Kingston, where they delivered the mail and passengers. The extensive operation consisted of 65 mules and horses, small passenger stages and a mud wagon.

Lake Valley and Kingston were supply locations along the stagecoach route the Orchards kept stocked and ready for the livestock used to pull the stagecoaches.

The stagecoach line never hurt for passengers. The comfortable coach had a pair of three-person seats inside and another set outside behind the driver's box. The somewhat luxurious stage for the era also provided plenty of room for luggage. A triangular storage area was at the rear of the coach and another in front under the driver's seat.

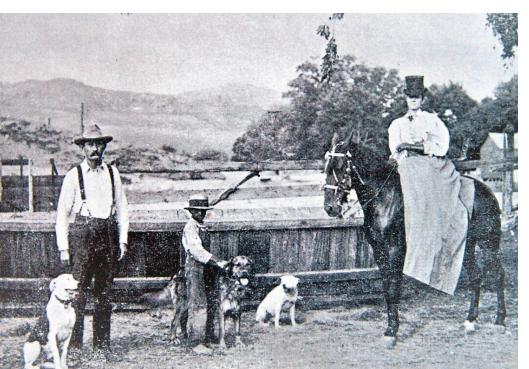
The coach had leather seats, oak floors and a swaying suspension that made it more comfortable than many coaches of the time. The body—painted dark red, yellow and black—was a bright contrast to the desert landscape it traveled. The windows were covered with heavy duck canvas and could be closed in case of rain or windstorms. Box-like lanterns were attached to the sides of the coach and used as running lights during poor weather or after dark.

Prices for riding the stage varied according to the difficulty of the terrain along the route. Passengers could ride one way from Lake Valley to Hillsboro for \$2. A round-trip ticket between Lake Valley and Kingston was \$5.50. One way between Hillsboro and Kingston was \$1.50.

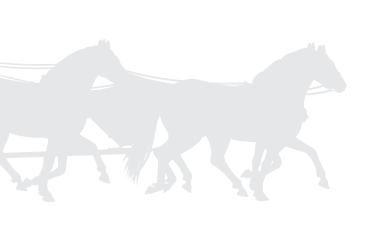
The Orchards' relationship had always been stormy, and they divorced in 1902. Their stagecoach ended its transportation history and became an exhibit on display by the Museum of New Mexico behind the Palace of the Governors in Santa Fe. After being outdoors for several years, there was concern about preserving the popular artifact.

To preserve the old stagecoach, it was moved to the former Lincoln County Courthouse at the Lincoln Historic Site. Sadie's stagecoach remains a popular exhibit in Lincoln, where its history coincides with the Western history of Billy the Kid and the Lincoln County Wars. More importantly, it will be preserved for future generations to enjoy.

Sadie lived in Hillsboro until her death



J.W. Orchard, Boots and Sadie with their dogs in Hillsboro. PHOTO COURTESY OF BLACK RANGE MUSEUM







CLOCKWISE FROM ABOVE: Sadie's stagecoach is displayed at Lincoln County Courthouse. Sadie as a young prostitute. Mountain Pride Stagecoach is on display in Santa Fe. PHOTOS COURTESY OF BLACK RANGE MUSEUM

in 1943. After her burial at Hot Springs Cemetery in Truth or Consequences, her history slowly faded and was all but forgotten. Her grave was neglected for decades until the Geronimo Springs Museum began to care for it and preserve Sadie's history. Her former Ocean Grove Hotel was purchased by the Hillsboro Historical Society in 2016 and is now a museum that sheds light on Sadie's exploits, the history of Hillsboro and the surrounding mining towns she once called home.

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The Board of Trustees meets the fourth Tuesday of the month at 9 a.m. in the cooperative boardroom.

2022 Annual Meeting Saturday, April 9, 2022

ENMU Football Stadium Parking Lot Registration: 10 a.m.; Business Meeting: 11 a.m. Early Voting: March 28-April 8, in Portales Office

The board of trustees and staff at Roosevelt County Electric Cooperative invite you to attend RCEC's annual meeting of the members tentatively scheduled for Saturday, April 9.

Your Participation Counts

A rural electric cooperative has a unique way of doing business. It's an organization providing a service to its owners—and the owners are the members. That's why your participation is so vital to the co-op's success.

Position Up for Election

The board of trustees guides the operation of the cooperative and sets the kind of policy that puts people first. The nominees for the board of trustees are also unique. Only members are eligible to serve as trustees. Elections this year will be held for Position 2, Position 5 and Position 7 At-Large.

Spring and Summer Energy-Saving Tips

Keep Out Window Heat

- Install window coverings to prevent heat from coming through your windows during
- Window coverings give you the flexibility to take advantage of heat from the sun in the winter and reduce heat gain in the summer. Options include shades, blinds, draperies, curtains and some shutters.

Operate Your Thermostat Efficiently

- Set your thermostat at a temperature you find comfortable and provides humidity control, if needed. The smaller the difference between the indoor and outdoor temperatures, the lower your cooling bill will be.
- Keep your house warmer than normal when you are away, and lower the thermostat setting once you return home. A programmable thermostat allows you to do this automatically and without sacrificing comfort.
- Do not set your thermostat at a colder setting than normal when first turning on your air conditioner. It will not cool your home any faster, and could result in excessive cooling and unnecessary expense.

Cool With Fans and Ventilation

- Turn off ceiling fans when you leave the room. Fans cool people, not rooms, by creating a windchill effect.
- When you shower or take a bath, use the bathroom fan to remove heat and humidity.
- Your laundry room might benefit from spot ventilation. Make sure bathroom and kitchen fans are vented outdoors. Use Energy Starrated ventilating fans.

Keep Your System Running Efficiently

- To maximize energy savings, schedule regular maintenance for your cooling equipment.
- Avoid placing lamps or TVs near your thermostat. The thermostat senses heat from these appliances, which can cause the air conditioner to run longer than necessary.

Job Anniversaries

Leslie Roberts, 22 years Rich Smith, 20 years Ro Orrantia, 8 years



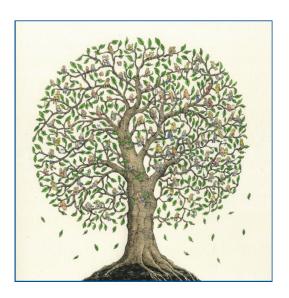
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To Those We've Lost

Even though time and distance separate us whenever anyone moves on to the next chapter in their lives, Roosevelt County Electric Cooperative's staff will always remember and hold close to our hearts each and every one of you and the time spent here. Our RCEC family grieves along with the family members when past employees are called home.

Many of our past and current employees have worked together for a generation or longer, and have watched and even participated in events involving kids and grandchildren together-our children growing up, graduating, getting married and moving on. We've also celebrated together when the time called for it, and we've shed tears together when illness and death gave us a reason.

Today, we want to pause and take a moment to honor our RCEC family members, our dear friends, who are no longer with us. We wish to let you know that although you are gone, you are not forgotten. We look forward to seeing you again when the good Lord calls us home.



Another limb has fallen from the RCEC family tree that says, grieve not for me, remember the best times, the laughter, the song, the good life— I lived while I was strong.

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Gather for Fun and Food

Many times, the kitchen is the hub of the home where families gather for not only warm conversation but great home-crafted food. Both on-the-go and ambitious cooks can make use of these recipes, and both can be created while catching up on the day's events.

Butter-Fly Pie is a variation of the classic Shoofly Pie, which has been associated with Pennsylvania Dutch heritage. Historians say the pie originated in the mid-1880s as a cousin to the Jenny Lind pie, often considered a breakfast treat. Molasses lovers will enjoy every slice. Get everyone involved and enjoy time in the kitchen.

Butter-Fly Pie

- 1 homemade or prepared pastry for single-crust pie
- 1 cup butterscotch baking chips
- 1 ½ cups flour
- ½ cup packed brown sugar
- 4 tablespoons butter, softened
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 ½ cups water
- 1 egg, slightly beaten
- ²/₃ cup molasses

Prepare a 9-inch pie plate with pastry. Trim and shape edges as desired, leaving approximately ½ inch above the edge of the plate. If there is extra pastry after trimming, reroll on a floured surface and cut shapes with a decorative cookie cutter, if desired. Preheat oven to 350 F.

Sprinkle butterscotch chips on the bottom of the unbaked pastry.

In mixing bowl, combine flour and brown sugar. Cut butter in with a fork until mixture resembles crumbs. Remove ½ cup for topping. Add baking soda, water, egg and molasses, mixing to incorporate.

Pour mixture into pie shell, then sprinkle the reserved crumb mixture and garnish, if desired with pastry shell cutouts.

Bake until knife is inserted in center of pie comes out clean, approximately 40-50 minutes. Cool 15 minutes and serve warm.



Tacocado Wraps

8 oz. cream cheese 1 lb. ground beef

1 tablespoon taco seasoning

4 flour tortillas, warmed

2 ripe avocados, peeled and sliced

Grated cheese of choice Salsa

Chopped tomatoes

In skillet, brown ground beef. Drain, then add ½ cup water and taco seasoning. Stir and fry until water is absorbed.

Add cream cheese to ground beef, stirring until cheese is incorporated.

Spread ½ cup of beef mixture on each tortilla. Layer avocados, salsa, tomatoes in tortillas. May add fresh greens of choice, if desired. Wrap tightly and serve while warm.





Sue Hutchison was born and raised a block from the freeway in Southern California. She had an early start with industrial, largescale cooking before age 20. She's always been both a beach bum and at home in the kitchen, where she enjoys making new creations.

INDENTIFIED (CONTINUESTIGATORS)

Occasionally, enchantment's Unidentified Food Investigator team will go undercover into a local New Mexican eatery to sample the fare. Where better to begin our UFI adventure than in Roswell, at Apizza Center.

Apizza Center courageously opened February 28, 2020, just as the COVID-19 pandemic was spreading. Ralph and Nick Capotorto opened the original restaurant in Fairfield, Connecticut during the 1970s, and their Philadelphia-inspired tastes are apparent in Apizza's extensive menu choices.

The UFI team sampled the Black and Blue Chips—house made potato chips smothered in blue cheese, scallions and balsamic glaze—as well as Apizza's Famous Philly Cheese Steak sandwich. Both were a delight, as was the impressive service provided by Alicia Capotorto and her crew.

Roswell's Apizza Center is open from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Saturday, at 505 N. Main Road. For information, call 575-623-7492.

Beware: The UFI team may strike near you! Watch for the next enchantment installment to highlight New Mexico's finest local eateries and feel free

to recommend where you would like to have the team investigate.

CLOCKWISE, FROM TOP: Apizza was founded by Ralph and Nick Capotorto. The Black and Blue chips come with blue cheese, scallions, and balsamic glaze. Apizza is influenced by Philadelphia cuisine, as seen in its Famous Philly Cheese Steak.

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Apizza Center Fairfield Ct. 1977



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A Word About Water

Tap Into Water Heating Savings

If your home is like most, you and your family use about 64 gallons of water each day. If your water heater is electric, that probably accounts for about 18% of your power bill.

That makes your water heater the second-largest energy expense in your home. Why not use less electricity to heat it?

Today's high-efficiency water heaters use much less energy than

older models, so you don't need to give up comfort for energy savings. That's good news for your power bill.

There is a newer option to consider: an electric heat pump water heater. These units give you the hot water you need by pulling heat from the surrounding air to heat the water—like a refrigerator in reverse. Because they do not directly produce heat, electric heat pump water heaters are two to three times more energy efficient than standard units.

According to the U.S. Department of Energy, a family of four can save about \$350 a year on water heating costs, which adds up to \$3,750 over the lifetime of the unit.

A heat pump water heater may cost a bit more upfront than other models. However, according to DOE, most people see a payback in less than three years due to the unit's lower operating costs and energy savings. Look for the Energy Star label when shopping for a water heater.

Check with your electric cooperative to see if you qualify for a free water heater. If you are building a new home with an electric water heater or replacing a water heater in an older home, you could qualify for a free unit. If you are replacing an older electric water heater or want to switch from gas to electric, your cooperative may be able to help you upgrade.

Tankless electric water heaters are another option, but carefully weigh the benefits and drawbacks. These smaller units quickly heat water to provide it when called upon, but can use eight times more electricity than a standard water heater.

This high demand increases your cooperative's cost of purchased power, which plays an important role in how much you pay for electricity. In some cases, people who use electric tankless water heaters must upgrade their home's wiring to support the greater demand for electricity.

Before you buy a new water heater, speak with your electric cooperative's trusted energy advisers about your choices.

Other ways to lower your energy costs include setting your water heater's thermostat to no higher than 120 F, fixing leaks, installing low-flow fixtures, and using energy-efficient dishwashers and washing machines.

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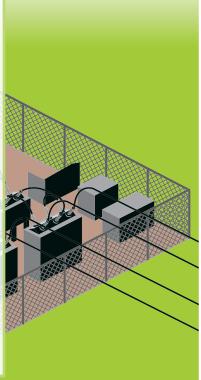
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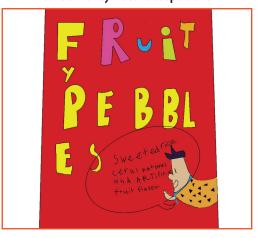
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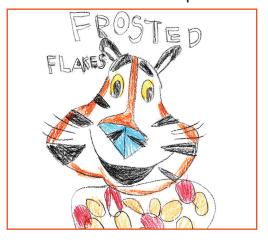
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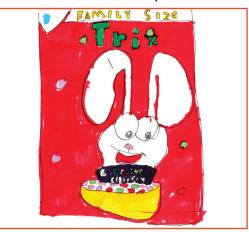
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