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for its beauty, history and folklore

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The Gila Cliff Dwellings National Monument
sheds light on the Mogollon culture.
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November 4

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Thoreau High
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November 8

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Crownpoint Mid
Crownpoint High
Ramah Elem
Ramah High

November 9

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Navajo Elem
Navajo Mid.
Navajo High
Turpen Elem

November 10

Tohatchi Elem
Tohatchi Mid
Tohatchi High
Gallup Mid
Indian Hills Elem

November 15

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Jefferson Elem
Catherine A Miller
Lincoln Elem

November 16

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November 17

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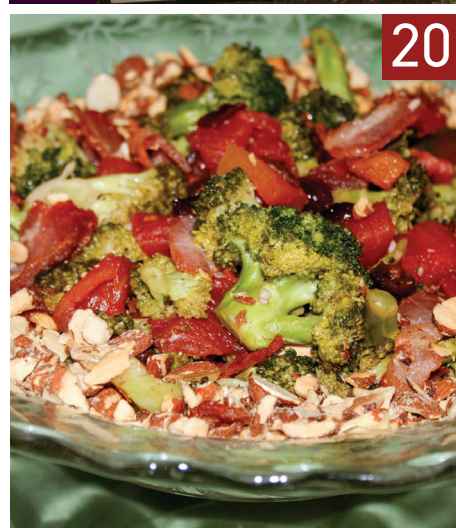
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Energy-Efficiency Tip of the Month

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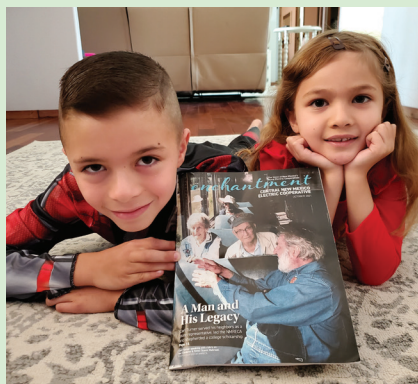
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A Time to Give Thanks

November is a month of family gatherings with turkey and pumpkin pie. Thanksgiving is a time of reflection. The traditional picture of Thanksgiving has pilgrims and Native Americans sharing the autumn harvest. It's a picture drawn with a feeling of peace and tranquility. There's another Thanksgiving, however, that has special meaning in our nation's rich history.

It's a tale of unrest and fear—when families were torn apart, and the very survival of our nation was in question. It's a tale of a time when a lanky, bearded president from the frontier of Illinois told Americans, “We are engaged in a great civil war, testing whether that nation or any nation so conceived and so dedicated, can long endure.” It's the tale of how that same president, just days before visiting the battlefield at Gettysburg to deliver his famous address, called upon his people to give thanks for the blessings bestowed on them by their creator.

It was October 1863 when Abraham Lincoln set aside the last Thursday in November as a day of thanksgiving. The war was not going well for the Union. Americans from the North and the South fought each other in some of the bloodiest encounters in history. Even so, he asked the people to forget their fears and their grief. Instead, he asked them to give thanks for the “blessings of fruitful fields and healthful skies” they enjoyed.

Much has changed since those dark days of our young nation. There are more than 330 million people in the U.S. today. All of us can vote, work and hold elected office. Every child, regardless of gender or race or color or creed, has the right to citizenship in this great nation.

However, some things have not changed. Our nation again finds itself deeply concerned. We struggle to understand the pandemic and its ravages of the last year. Many among us have seen our retirement nest eggs shrink. We all know someone who has lost their job in the last year. We worry we have lost a standard of living and a way of life that we worked hard for.


Yet, somehow the world continues. Autumn leaves are just as colorful as they were that mythic day on Plymouth Rock in 1621. The magic aroma of roasting chile hangs in the air as it has since Espejo brought the spicy vegetable north from Mexico 50 years before the Pilgrims landed. The seasons come and go like clockwork. The timelessness of our enchanted land fills this season, as it always has, regardless of our human anxieties.



This month, we celebrate the 158th anniversary of Lincoln's call to set aside one day for giving thanks. We need to follow his advice this year more than most. Let's set aside the political bickering. There is more reason to be united and work together cooperatively than ever before.

We need to stop—stop our hurrying, stop our worrying, stop our fearing. We need to be patient, a trait not usually valued in today's instant gratification society. We need to look beyond our troubles to see the beauty in our lives and the love of our family and friends. In short, we need to give thanks.

Have a safe and happy Thanksgiving, everyone. 



The Pleiades star cluster in Taurus. Some of the stars are surrounded by clouds of dust that are reflecting the light from those stars. PHOTO COURTESY OF NASA/ESA/ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITIES FOR RESEARCH IN ASTRONOMY/CALTECH.

Enjoy November's Evening Shows

The evening sky planetary show we have experienced the past few months continues into November. By far, the main attraction is Venus, shining brilliantly in our western sky and setting an hour or more after dusk.

Meanwhile, Saturn and the brighter Jupiter—which trails along a little over an hour afterward—are high in the southwestern sky at the end of twilight. They set one to two hours before midnight.

Over in the morning sky, Mercury—which was easily visible toward the end of last month—is still easy to see at the beginning of November, but starts sinking rapidly into the dawn afterward and disappears by around mid-month. While doing so, it has a fairly close conjunction with Mars, which starts its climb into the morning sky Wednesday, November 10. The red planet continues to climb and rises around the beginning of dawn by the end of November and will be at opposition—directly opposite the sun in the sky—toward the end of next year.

On Thursday evening into Friday morning, November 18 and 19, the moon undergoes a deep partial eclipse. This isn't quite a total eclipse, but since 97% of the moon will pass through the earth's dark inner shadow, or umbra, it can almost be considered

as total. The moon enters the umbra at 12:18 a.m. MDT, maximum eclipse occurs at 2:03 a.m., and the moon leaves the umbra at 3:47 a.m.

During the eclipse, the moon will be just a few degrees south of the Pleiades—or Seven Sisters—star cluster in Taurus. This is a bright cluster of hot, young stars. The brightest of which are arranged in the shape of a small dipper. Moderate-size backyard telescopes will reveal some of the stars to be accompanied by dim, fuzzy clouds. These are made of interstellar dust the Pleiades stars are currently passing through and reflect the light from those stars.

Taurus' other bright star cluster, the Hyades, is somewhat to the east of the Pleiades. It is recognizable as a large V-shaped grouping, with the bright star Aldebaran at its northeastern tip. The Hyades has a visitor this month: Ceres, the largest asteroid in the main asteroid belt. Classified as a "dwarf planet," it crosses the central part of the Hyades from east to west during the second and third weeks of November. It should be easily detectable with binoculars and can be identified by its night-to-night motion against the cluster's star. 📡

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NMSU Geomatics Program Receives Accreditation

By Linda Fresques

New Mexico State University's bachelor's degree program in geomatics has been accredited by the Applied and Natural Science Accreditation Commission of ABET—the global accreditor of college and university programs in applied and natural science, computing, engineering and engineering technology.

ABET accreditation ensures programs meet standards to produce graduates ready to enter critical technical fields that lead the way in innovation and emerging technologies, and anticipate the welfare and safety needs of the public.

“Our program was developed with substantial direction and support from industry, state and national professional societies,” says College of Engineering Dean Lakshmi N. Reddi. “Accreditation validates that our efforts were made in the right direction.”

NMSU has the only four-year degree program in geomatics in New Mexico. Recently revamped, the geomatics program features studies of new technologies and flexible ways for degree completion, offering a pathway for students who graduate from two-year institutions. Geomatics uses advanced technologies such as satellites, drones and high-resolution scanners to define our world and determine boundaries.

NMSU's program has gained national recognition. It received awards and funds for program support and scholarships amounting to about \$500,000 the past several years from National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying Education, New Mexico Board of Licensure for Professional Engineers and Professional Surveyors, Public Service Co. of New Mexico, New Mexico Gas Co., New Mexico Professional Surveyors and others.

“The support we have been receiving has helped us build the new program, increase our educational resources, develop online course material, offer classes with more flexibility, and promote the profession,” says Professor Ahmed Elaksher, geomatics program coordinator. “Currently, there is significant interest in the new program, as more than 45 students are now enrolled.”

Graduates of the program meet the educational requirements for registration as a professional land surveyor in New Mexico. They will be qualified to work in the geospatial industry for private surveying, construction and engineering firms, government highway departments, land commissions, U.S. Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency and many others.

“Our geomatics graduates have 100% employment and earn very competitive salaries,” Reddi says. “This is a field that is in




New Mexico State University Professor Ahmed Elaksher, geomatics program coordinator, has seen increased enrollment in the geomatics program and strong support for educational resources, development of online course material, classes with more flexibility, and promotion of the profession. NMSU's bachelor's degree program in geomatics has been accredited by the Applied and Natural Science Accreditation Commission of ABET. NMSU PHOTO BY VLADIMIR AVINA

high demand. With more surveyors retiring nationwide and the rapid advances in this field, the demand for well-educated and skilled surveyors is booming.”

Sought worldwide, ABET's voluntary peer-review process is highly respected because it adds critical value to academic programs in the technical disciplines, where quality, precision and safety are of the utmost importance.

Developed by technical professionals from ABET's member societies, ABET criteria focus on what students experience and learn. ABET accreditation reviews look at program curricula, faculty, facilities and institutional support and are conducted by teams of highly skilled professionals from industry, academia and government, with expertise in the ABET disciplines.

ABET is a nonprofit, nongovernmental organization with ISO 9001:2015 certification. It currently 4,307 programs at 846 colleges and universities in 41 countries and areas. More information about ABET, its member societies and the accreditation criteria used to evaluate programs can be found at www.abet.org. 

For more information about the NMSU geomatics degree program, visit <https://et.nmsu.edu/geomatics-surveying>.

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Many families today are interested in installing backup—or standby—whole-house generators to provide electricity during power outages.

Weather events that cause outages are becoming more frequent and intense. Our modern lifestyles are heavily dependent on electronic appliances, so it is a major inconvenience when they are off.

A true whole-house generator produces enough electric output to operate every appliance in your home just as you would with power from your utility grid. Depending on the size of your house and family, a large standby generator and installation will cost thousands of dollars. It is a major expense for something you will not use often. Think of it like fire insurance. Hopefully you never have to use it.

Many families can get by with a smaller generator that provides enough power to run essential appliances, such as a refrigerator, some lighting, sump pump, etc.

If you use electricity for your primary source of heat and are concerned about freezing pipes during a winter outage, you need a

whole-house generator.

If you heat with gas, oil or propane, a smaller generator provides plenty of power for the blower and controls.

Most whole-house generators start automatically when power from the grid drops or stops. It takes less than a minute for the generator to start and have full electric power again. To ensure the system is ready and functioning properly for a future outage, the generator periodically starts to test itself.

It is important to install a transfer switch with a whole-house generator. This disconnects your house wiring from the utility grid before the generator starts. Most do this automatically. If it is not disconnected, your generator will feed 120-volt electricity back onto the grid, which can be dangerous for those repairing power lines.

The size of standby generator you select depends on how many items you want to operate during a power outage. A 15-kilowatt generator will handle a typical family's power needs. If you are disciplined and will not run too many appliances simultaneously, a 10-kw model may be adequate.

When comparing generator sizes, the listed rated power output of any generator—from small portable to fixed whole-house—is the amount of wattage it can produce continuously. The maximum rated



Notice the small gas engine inside the housing of this whole-house standby generator. PHOTO BY KOHLER

power is the amount it can produce for a maximum of about 30 minutes. Running at maximum output longer can damage the generator.

The first step to determine proper generator size is to add the wattages of all the electric items you think you need. The wattages of various appliances are listed on each appliance nameplate. Heating appliances usually use the most electricity, but they often cycle on and off from a thermostat. A heat pump or central air conditioner usually uses the most.

Many appliances with motors require greater starting wattages for a short period than the continuous use listed on the nameplate. For example, a refrigerator using 700 watts may require up to 1,500 watts each time the compressor starts.

If you choose a smaller portable gasoline generator and plan to use extension cords, read the manufacturer's

guideline for the proper gauge.

Natural gas, propane and diesel are the main fuels for standby generators. If available, most people select natural gas. Gas is relatively inexpensive, burns cleanly and does not require a storage tank. However, if there is a natural disaster, such as an earthquake, the gas supply may be interrupted.

Propane is another common fuel. It burns cleanly. Since the storage tank is on your property, the supply cannot be interrupted. Propane is more expensive than gas. It also requires an expensive storage tank, which may not look nice next to the generator.

Diesel-powered generators are less common. A major advantage is that diesel fuel is available at a gas station. It does not burn as cleanly as gas or propane, so it requires more maintenance. Diesel fuel has a shelf life of about two years, so you cannot just fill the tank and ignore it. ■



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NMSU Grad Honored

NMSU engineering graduate named Most Promising Engineer

By Linda Fresques

Gregorio H. Hinojos, a New Mexico State University electrical engineering graduate, was recently recognized among America's top engineers and scientists from the Hispanic community. Hinojos was named Most Promising Engineer-Master's by Great Minds in STEM.

Hinojos graduated in May 2013 from NMSU with a master's degree in electrical engineering. He also graduated with dual bachelor's degrees in electrical and computer engineering and computer science in May 2011. He was born in El Paso, Texas, and grew up in Parral, Chihuahua, Mexico.

While working on his master's degree, Hinojos was offered a job from Raytheon Technologies and moved to Tucson, Arizona, after graduation. He is now section leader, principal software engineer and subject matter expert in the Strategic Missile Defense Software Product Engineering, Strategic and Naval Systems Center at Raytheon.

"NMSU prepared me to be ready to excel in the industry," Hinojos says. "It provided me with the tools and skill set needed to contribute and make a difference in my first position at Raytheon."

"Greg was a terrific student to have in class and work with on research," says Phillip DeLeon, NMSU associate vice president for research and chief science officer, and Hinojos' master's thesis adviser. "He worked very hard and was very driven to succeed. Greg, early on, connected well in signal processing with his skills in mathematics and programming and seeing the wonderful applications."

DeLeon and Hinojos wrote "Face Recognition Using Distributed, Mobile Computing" in the Proceedings of the IEEE International Conference on Acoustics, Speech and Signal Processing. ICASSP is IEEE Signal Processing Society's flagship conference on signal processing. Its applications are among the most impactful publications, according to Google Scholar.

"Dr. DeLeon was a main driver in my success at NMSU and further in my career," Hinojos says. "He always provided guidance and pushed me to be better throughout my time



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at NMSU. And the amount of support my wife, Viry, has provided throughout my college and industry careers has been fundamental to my success."

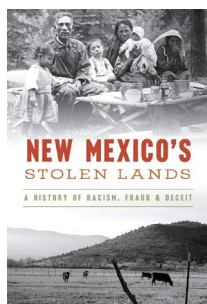
Great Minds in STEM has conferred these awards for 31 years.

"STEM leaders, innovators and champions represent the best and brightest minds our nation has to offer," according to the Great Minds in STEM website. "They are symbols of Hispanic contributions at the highest levels of academia, government, military and corporate America."

Winners receive their award at a black-tie gala event at the annual GMiS Conference in October.

Great Minds in STEM is the gateway for Hispanics in science, technology, engineering and mathematics. Established in 1989 as HENAAC, GMiS is a nonprofit organization that focuses on STEM educational awareness programs for students from kindergarten to career. GMiS provides resources for recognizing and recruiting Hispanics in STEM on a national level, connecting multiple engineering and science arenas with the general population. 

Visit www.gmisconference.org for more information about the awards.



New Mexico's Stolen Lands

The good professor Ray John de Aragón works with precision here to shed light on the shady history of “land barons, cattlemen and

unscrupulous politicians,” and all the other bad actors who used every means imaginable to rob generations of their rightful fates.

With scholarly prose, de Aragón goes where most authors won't to catalog the issue of land grant theft “which affects the lives of many people in New Mexico and may continue to adversely affect people for generations to come.”

No campfire reading here, and understandably so. While technically excellent, this text is best enjoyed by the earnest, if not armchair, historians.

By Ray John de Aragón
The History Press
Historypress.com



Eerie New Mexico

Reading this suggests you're somewhere in New Mexico, which means you or someone you know has a story to tell.

Centuries before the Roswell Incident of 1947, the sky above

this land has “generated speculation about alien visitation.” Here, too, lies a millennia of phenomena reported throughout indigenous Pueblo culture, made more complex by the Catholic culture that arrived with Spanish settlers and conquistadors.

In a snug 150 pages, de Aragón offers his curated collection of uncanny stories that embody both the “wonders of the invisible world” and “mystical missions.”

Pull closer. Lean in and consider these incredible stories passed down through generations, expressed in art, preserved in archives and spilled from the lips of elders.

Contemplate the inexplicable Bolas de Lumbre illustrated in 19th century engravings; firsthand accounts from sheepherders during the 1920s; and holy ghosts and mystical hermits and ascending spirits.

These mysteries serve up fascinating insights to New Mexico's culture, but also as balm to the fear that this life is the only one to be had.

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Natani—Uniquely Yours

In the book's opening, Natani has just shared a memory of her mother's first nonchalant, but affectionate, acknowledgement of

her as a “Nadleeh”—a two-spirited person in Navajo culture.

“How many boys wear mascara?” she recalls her mother saying, as they pored over dated fashion magazines while at home on the “Big Rez.”

The first twist arrives with Natani learning that Indian Health Services—where she has been receiving female hormone therapy since she was 16—cannot facilitate the next phase: gender reassignment surgery.

Discontented with her prospects on the reservation, Natani hatches a plan to escape her fate and complete her transition.

Natani is savvy. She has requisite grit to set out on a journey that begins with a thumb stretched out over Route 66, but her greatest asset is her lack of cynicism and depth of spirit.

Transgender people are among the most marginalized in our society. Hoover's compelling representation of Natani's story is both vivid and necessary.

By JK Hoover
amazon.com



Under the Cottonwood Tree, El Susto De La Curandera

Throughout the last decade, graphic novels have become increasingly common. And for good reason! The medium uses graphic art, pace and traditional storytelling to engage and delight readers.

These novels aren't just for kids. My 95-year-old grandmother could not put down my sister's copy of “Fun Home,” a graphic memoir. While “Under the Cottonwood Tree” is advertised for 8- to 14-year-olds, it could certainly be enjoyed by any reader ready to go back to 1949 Algodones, New Mexico—or anyone, for that matter, interested

in “a story about brothers looking out for each other, a story about a calf, a caterpillar and an old curandera.”

Enjoy this award-winning novel with your children or grandchildren, and open yourself to all the beauty and adventure there is to behold once upon a time in the Land of Enchantment.

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Secluded and scenic, the Georgetown Cabins Resort is surrounded by the Gila National Forest, near Silver City and on the way to the Gila Cliff Dwellings. PHOTOS BY STACEY LANE

A Ghostly Claim ... Has a Silver City Lining

Silver City, New Mexico, is known for its beauty, history and folklore

By Stacey Lane and J. Adam Burch

The sounds of solitude echo from a forested gateway—an entrance to a world laden with legend, laced with precious treasures and trimmed with tarnished tales.

Digging through the stories and myths may be what feeds today's tourist trade for the world's first wilderness area, established June 3, 1924, in New Mexico. National monuments, such as

the Gila Cliff Dwellings and the Trail of the Mountain Spirits—a 73-mile scenic byway—show the unrelenting challenges faced by natives, buffalo soldiers and frontier families with outlaw origins.

Black-hat desperadoes didn't leave many traces—some only a description or hand-scrawled images on a weathered WANTED poster, their deeds to be judged by no man's court.

Silver City has its own place in New Mexico history and lore. On a long list of high-functioning ghost towns, it holds true to more fantastic folklore in contrast to its namesake. Buried in time is the full name of a man who spent his entire life

looking for an off-track goldmine said to contain millions. So far, only the newest version of the Lost Adams Diggings story can be resurrected.

Being brought back from the brink of historic obscurity and only marked by one remaining cemetery, Georgetown is more than a century old. Backdropped by the Black Range, known as Sierra Diablo, it sets the scene of a haunting trip through a fading past that turns travel into an adventure. Threatened by the low prices of silver in the 1890s, Georgetown became a ghost town that a long-gone visionary suggested should be given a new reason to thrive in favor of its natural beauty.



Originally opened in 1947, the Buffalo Bar was a fixture on Bullard Street in downtown Silver City until it closed in 2014. The downtown Historic District in Silver City is home to many restaurants, murals, and more than 30 galleries and art studios.



Preserving history is an important part of any culture, and protecting the state's more than 400 ghost towns has become a focus. Jon and Susie Eickhoff are helping preserve Georgetown and its history.

Tired of the hustle and bustle of corporate life, the Eickhoffs were looking for a breath of fresh air. Upon arriving in New Mexico from the Midwest, Jon and Susie explored the 3.3-million-acre Gila National Forest and Wilderness. The Eickhoffs found the Georgetown area—backdropped by the Black Range known as Sierra Diablo—the most interesting.

“Jon and I retired from owning and managing a high-pressure, fast-paced, new product development company located in southwest Michigan,” Susie says. “After selling the business, we found new adventures in southwest New Mexico while searching for sunshine.”

They found sunshine, fresh air and peaceful rolling hills.

“We were surprised to find that there was some private land around Georgetown that was not part of the national forest,” Susie says. “These properties were mining claims from the late 1800s. One of interest to us was the McGregor.”

Today, the six-cabin grouping overlooking the old Georgetown site and the Mimbres Valley hosts guests from around the world. Perched upon

the Parapet Mountain, the cabins are decorated and themed after some of the colorful characters of the old town, such as Lottie Deno, a notorious gambler providing shelter for desperados. Miss Kitty, the prim and proper lady on the television series “Gunsmoke,” was patterned after Lottie Deno.

The Brannin cabin was named for Stanton Strother Brannin, who owned the first patented mining claim in New Mexico.

By adding to economic growth and helping improve the quality of life in surrounding communities, the rejuvenated Georgetown Cabins Resort has become a provider of luxury amenities in stark contrast to the silver mining boomtown of the late 19th century.

Local resident Lisa Smith has been enamored with the area for years.

“There have been tales telling of how the mountains are alive with the spirits past, and this holds true for me,” she says. “To feel the calling in the wind in the Gila Wilderness, to detect the faces of the chiefs and their braves in the rock formations throughout the canyon, is unquestionably a breathtaking experience.”


Nearby Silver City serves as a cultural center with about 10,000 people. Home to the third-largest open-pit copper mine in the world, Silver City sparkles with historical offerings along with its artistic and culinary flair. Formerly named San

Vicente—and known for a rugged mining past that continues today—Silver City is where many lived for lost fortunes.

Silver City is also the final resting place for the mother of notorious outlaw Billy the Kid, known to have lived in town for a short time when he was young.

The Trail of the Mountain Spirits National Scenic Byway leads to the Gila Cliff Dwelling National Monument. Travelers may go where the spirits of homesteaders, miners, Native Americans, Spanish explorers and mountain men left their marks.

For those interested in a healthy and rejuvenating mineral water bath, a soak at the Faywood Hot Springs brings rest and relaxation.

Enjoy the vibrant small-town living in this sunny Southwest corner of New Mexico. From luxury cabins surrounded by forest to historic districts, cliff dwellings and copper mines, dreams become reality in the sweet-smelling pines of the Gila Forest. 

To learn more, visit:
Silver City, <https://www.visitsilvercity.org>.

Georgetown Cabin Resorts, <https://www.georgetowncabinsresort.com>.

Gila Cliff Dwellings, <https://www.nps.gov/gicl/index.htm>.

Faywood Hot Springs; <https://faywoodhotsprings.com>.

A Favorite Hiking Trail in the Manzanos

By James Taulman

Those who want to get out of the house and safely enjoy nature in these viral times can't beat hikes in the national forests of New Mexico.

Trail 78 off the Torreon/Tajique Loop Road out of Tajique is one of my favorite hikes in the Manzanos. It connects to crest trail 173 out of the Fourth of July campground. The trailhead for Trail 78 has its own parking lot, with an outhouse and orientation map display, about a quarter-mile east of the entrance to the campground.

Total elevation gain on the loop hike is about 1,100 feet and about 5.1 miles back to the trailhead parking lot. Hiking up to the fence on Trail 78 is a gain of about 700 feet of elevation and makes a round trip of 3.8 miles.

In spring and summer, a variety of butterflies that frequent the trail, including the so-called hoary aomma butterfly, the Arizona sister, the mourning cloak, the spangled fritillary, the Weidemeyer's admiral, the clouded sulfur and the juniper hairstreak.

Note the false head and antennae on the right at the back edge of the wings on the juniper hairstreak. This protective mimicry attracts a predator's attention. Directing an attack to this structure allows the butterfly to escape unharmed.

Caterpillars display a wide variety of brilliant colors and appendages, such as the zephyr-eyed silkmoth caterpillar.

Numerous ponderosa pines tower over the trail through the valley, many reaching 3 feet in diameter. The ponderosa pine is commonly called yellow pine, likely due to the yellowish-orange bark or the light yellow color of the heartwood.

The trail is an easy walk. While the trail is well maintained by the U.S. Forest Service, I found some trees blown down on an early hike in April 2019.

In all seasons, this trail provides a great sense of peace and tranquility. The spring colors display vibrant greens from the Gambel oaks and bigtooth maples, as well as pines and fir trees.

Animal lovers will enjoy the variety of birds and other wildlife seen along the trail during spring and summer, such as the broad-tailed hummingbird. I found a nest in late July in the Cibola National Forest and followed the nestlings until they fledged. The female was always nearby and fed the nestlings regularly.

I hear the eerie, mellifluous song of the hermit thrush every time I hike Trail 78 in spring and early summer.

The northern goshawk is a large forest hawk that nests in these woods. I was fortunate to find a nest and watched the young as they grew and tried out their wings and talons.

The downy woodpecker is one of several year-round avian residents in the forest. It has similar markings to the hairy woodpecker, but the downy may be distinguished by its smaller size—a 7-inch body length for the downy as opposed to the 9-inch body of the hairy—and by the downy's small beak.

The northern flicker is a common woodpecker recognized in flight by its large size, undulating flight and a large white rump patch. The female lacks the red moustache marking of the male. Both display the reddish-orange feathers visible in flight on the underside of the wings, resulting in the common name "red-shafted flicker."

One of my favorite birds is the tiny 4-inch long pygmy nuthatch. It clings to the underside of tree limbs as easily as to the tops, and forages up and down tree trunks in search of small insects.

The dark-eyed junco is active and common year-round. The rusty patch on the back and white outer tail feathers, seen when they flit around, are good identifying characters. They spend a lot of time foraging on the ground, so are common companions to hikers.

Wild turkeys are common in these woods, although shy and not often seen. I got to witness a family of adults and six juveniles cross the trail in front of me on a hike in July 2020.

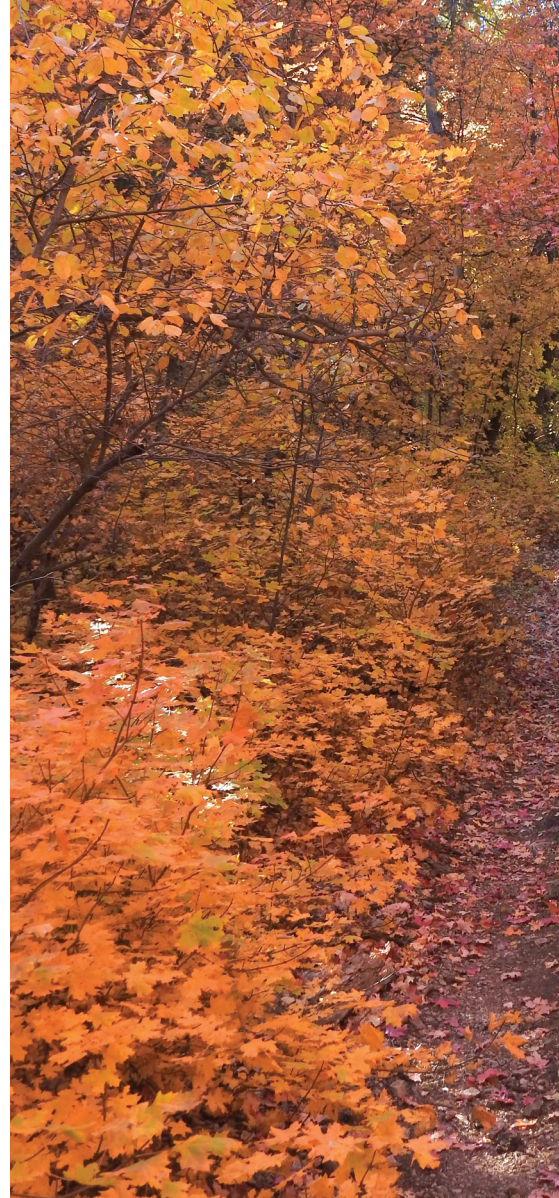
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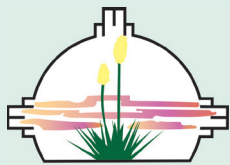
tiny white-breasted nuthatch. This bird is about an inch longer than the pygmy nuthatch and has similar foraging habits, often hanging upside down under a tree limb as it searches the bark for insects.

The western wood pewee is a flycatcher and will perch on a limb until it sees a flying insect, then will fly out to catch it in the air and usually come right back to the same perch it just left.

The great horned owl, is normally active at night when it silently flies to prey on other nocturnal animals, and is not often seen by hikers. It is occasionally out during the day.

The turkey vulture is common in the Cibola National Forest and surrounding lands and may be seen on any given day soaring in thermals high above the forest. This is one of few birds with a good sense of smell and can detect carrion on the ground from the air. The bare skin of the





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Board Meeting

The board of trustees meets the fourth Tuesday of the month at 9 a.m. in the cooperative boardroom.



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Applications for the RCEC High School and Returning College Student Scholarships are available at www.rcec.coop and in local high school counselors' offices.

To be eligible, applications must be returned to the RCEC office at 121 N. Main Street by 5 p.m. Friday, January 7, 2022.

Good luck with your applications!

Job Anniversaries

Norma Ramos, 16 years
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Jamie King, 7 years



Impact of Storm Uri

RCEC has a plan to pay off the high energy costs during the February storm

February 2021 was historic for RCEC and many other electric utilities in Southeastern New Mexico, Texas and Oklahoma as Storm Uri hit.

Storm Uri was an extreme cold weather event, a major winter and ice storm in which below-zero temperatures were present for several days. More than 5.2 million homes and businesses—largely in Texas—experienced blackouts. Two hundred and thirty-three people died, with 210 in Texas.

Southeastern New Mexico experienced a few days of extreme cold weather, and rolling blackouts lasted three hours and 20 minutes February 16, 2021.

On February 15, 2021, Roosevelt County Electric Cooperative was notified by Southwestern Public Service Co., our transmission provider, to be on alert for the need to start shutting off power in predetermined amounts to prevent the entire Southwest Power Pool grid from blacking out.

RCEC purchases power from Western Farmers' Electric Cooperative, a Generation & Transmission cooperative.

WFEC is a member of the SPP, and all power sold by WFEC is purchased from the SPP, a regional transmission organization.

Fortunately, RCEC was not instructed to shut off power that day. However, it was the following day. On February 16, RCEC was directed to shed a total of 2.4 megawatts of load. RCEC performed rolling outages, limiting each outage to 60 minutes or less. In the end, over a three-hour and 20-minute time period, 4,335 services were affected.

Several impacts of Storm Uri have taken many months to realize, including the cooperative's costs and payment options. RCEC is responsible for its load share ratio of fuel costs associated with power purchases from WFEC. In February, WFEC spent \$270 million on natural gas. A typical month during this time of year usually results in fuel purchases in the \$3-4 million range.

Due to the extreme cold, several generation units that provide power to the SPP experienced problems associated with freezing pipelines (water and natural

gas) and were unable to produce. Wind generation was scarce, solar generation was extremely small and battery storage was minimal. Fossil fuels kept the lights on, but at a rather high cost.

Natural gas prices were above \$1,000 per MMBtu—400 times the normal cost of natural gas during such time periods. This resulted in historically high power costs. These costs were allocated to the members of WFEC—22 cooperatives and three customers.

RCEC's share is \$2,750,995. The board and management of RCEC opted to finance this cost through WFEC and pay it back over a five-year period beginning January 1, 2022. This cost will be passed through to our members through our FPPCAC—the power cost adjustment on members' monthly bills—as filed at the New Mexico Public Regulation Commission over that same time.

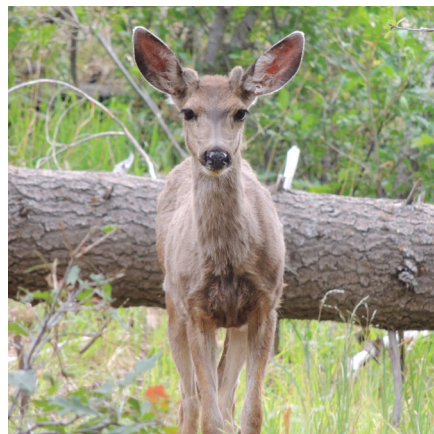
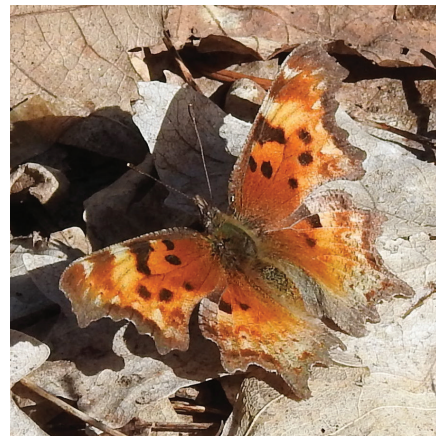
The net effect is about an additional \$0.003 per kWh. For an average residence on our system, this equates to an additional \$4 a month.

Please call RCEC's office at 575-356-4491 with any questions. Ask for the billing department and they will be more than happy to assist.

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME REMINDER

Don't forget to fall back on
November 7!
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by one hour.





CLOCKWISE FROM LEFT: The October color show is an amazing spectacle. A broad-tailed hummingbird feeds its young. Hoary comma butterflies are a common sight in spring and summer. A pygmy nuthatch forages for small insects. Mule deer live throughout the forest, but are not common along the trail. PHOTOS COURTESY OF JAMES TAULMAN

head reduces the chance of parasites from a carcass adhering to the vulture.

There is only one tree squirrel in the Cibola National Forest, the Abert's squirrel. The tufted ears on males are a distinguishing feature.

Mule deer are also in the forest, but not commonly seen along the trail. They detect hikers long before being seen and move farther up the hillside. Antlers in males have the velvet skin covering as they grow in the early fall. The deer scrape the skin off bushes later to reveal the smooth bone.

The Manzano Mountains are home to mountain lions, but these large cats are primarily nocturnal and not likely to be encountered by day hikers. I did have one stroll into my camp near the parking lot of Trail 78 one evening. It saw me and casually walked back into the forest.

Black bears also live in these forests, but are shy and avoid contact with humans.

They should be treated with caution and not approached, particularly adult females with cubs.

One of my favorite animals to see along the trail is the greater short-horned lizard. This prehistoric-looking lizard is fast when it has warmed up, but will often remain stationary and allow close inspection. Sporting an impressive number of spiny projections, they also display a varied coloration, from oranges to browns. The tiny inch-long juveniles are well camouflaged and blend in with the ground soil and litter.

With all the maples and other hardwoods along this trail, fall is one of the most enjoyable seasons to visit. Hikers and horse riders absorb the spectacular visual display offered along this trail.

Everyone I've met along the trail seems to be there to simply enjoy the natural beauty and the rejuvenating experience in

the woods. In my experience, hikers are uniformly friendly, and you find no trash along the path.

Along the upper portions of the trail, from about 1 to 2 miles in, the hardwood trees become more abundant. The October color show is an amazing spectacle.

The trail turns south at a fence line about 2 miles in and climbs up through more beautiful forest, where a 1-mile branch leads up to the crest trail and access to Mosca Peak. Viewpoints along the way look out across the Estancia Valley.

The trail finally descends into another canyon, where it connects with Crest Trail 173 that comes up out of the Fourth of July campground. Trail 173 presents a rather steep, rocky downhill path leading back to the campground.

There is a nice picnic area at the west side of the campground, where hikers can relax and have a meal after a great hike. 🍴

Thoughts for Thanksgiving Leftovers

Readers may wonder how a recipe gets featured in *enchantment*. Recipes are not magazine-worthy until they pass taste/critic muster in the *enchantment* test kitchen—aka my kitchen—or have rave reviews in other dining venues. Also considered are reader requests, which often provide interesting options, but sometimes a fair amount of challenge in researching a response. Watch for a new On The Menu feature in 2022 that provides cryptic New Mexican culinary adventures.

At November's end, there's always the Thanksgiving "morning after" when fridges are loaded with leftover turkey. After the big day, palates may want something different than the usual Thanksgiving fare. Turkey Mac Bake fills the bill while using leftover turkey and a few accent ingredients to offer a delicious next-day entrée. Broccoli Cranberry Stir-Fry is a fantastic way to pump in Vitamin C, protein and calcium. Apple Pineapple Dump Cake is adapted from a Texas-New Mexico Firefighter's cookbook. Our first responders deserve nothing but the best, and *enchantment* taste-critics went wild for it.

Next month's magazine will feature our third annual Gifts from the Kitchen column when we present options for home-crafted holiday and Christmas gift-giving goodies. For now, take some time to celebrate this season of thankfulness.

Turkey Mac Bake

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| 2 cups elbow macaroni, uncooked | 2 tablespoons dried basil |
| 2 quarts chicken broth | 2 cups milk |
| 3 tablespoons butter | ¼-ounce jar pimientos, drained |
| ¼ cup flour | ½ cup bell pepper, thinly sliced |
| 1½ teaspoons dry mustard | 2 cups sharp cheddar cheese, grated |
| 1½ teaspoons salt | 2 cups shredded cooked turkey |
| ½ teaspoon pepper | |

Heat oven to 350 F.

In a large saucepan, heat broth until lightly boiling. Add macaroni and stir. Cook until macaroni is just softened but not overcooked, approximately 10 minutes. Drain in colander and set aside. Discard remaining broth.

In the same saucepan, melt the butter. Stir in flour, mustard, salt, pepper and basil. Pour in milk slowly, whisking to ensure no lumps remain. Add pimientos and bell peppers. Reduce heat to simmer until sauce is thickened and vegetables are softened.

Prepare oval covered casserole dish with cooking spray.

Add the cooked macaroni into sauce. Stir in 1½ cups grated cheese and turkey. Pour into the prepared casserole dish, sprinkling remaining cheese on top. Note: Covered Turkey Mac Bake may be refrigerated at this point for up to three days prior to baking.

Place casserole in center of oven and bake for about 25 minutes from room temperature or until Turkey Mac Bake is bubbly and cheese is melted.



Broccoli Cranberry Stir Fry

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| 5 slices bacon | 1 teaspoon salt |
| 2 teaspoons chopped garlic | ½ teaspoon pepper |
| 3 tablespoons olive oil | ½ teaspoon crushed red pepper flakes |
| 5 cups fresh broccoli, broken into small florets | 15-ounce can diced tomatoes, drained |
| ½ cup water | ½ cup sliced almonds |
| ½ cup dried cranberries | |

Cut bacon into ½-inch pieces. Using a large skillet or wok, cook over medium-high heat until bacon is almost crisp. Remove from wok and reserve on paper towels. Drain most of the bacon grease, leaving approximately 1 teaspoon in the skillet/wok.

Add garlic, stirring until it turns golden brown.

Add the broccoli, cranberries, salt, pepper and red pepper flakes. Add water and stir to incorporate. Reduce heat to medium. Stir-fry until water is reduced and broccoli is tender.

Add tomatoes and bacon. Stir together and place in a serving dish. Sprinkle almonds around edge and serve warm.



Apple Pineapple Dump Cake

1½ sticks butter, melted
8-ounce can crushed pineapple
20-ounce can apple pie filling

1 box yellow cake mix
1 cup pecans, slightly chopped

Heat oven to 350 F.

Prepare a 10-inch deep-dish pie plate by spraying with cooking spray.

Swirl ½ of the melted butter into the bottom of the pie plate.

Spread pineapple and apple pie filling in the bottom of pie plate, stirring slightly to incorporate.

Sprinkle cake mix on top, covering the fruit. Sprinkle pecans over the cake mixture.

Drizzle the remaining butter over the cake mixture, covering entirely.

Bake approximately 50 minutes, or until fruit starts to bubble and the cake is lightly browned.

Remove dish from the oven. Cool for 5 minutes prior to serving. May be served with vanilla ice cream and drizzled caramel sauce.



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





Ensure Christmas remains merry by childproofing your home before young visitors arrive. ADOBE STOCK PHOTO BY MOTORTION

Invite Safety Home for the Holidays

It is easy to get caught up in the hectic pace of holiday entertaining: cookies to bake, decorations to hang, presents to wrap. But don't overlook safety during the rush. The winter holiday period marks peak time for home fires and preventable injuries.

The good news is, it's not difficult to make your home ready to host all your favorite holiday activities safely. Before visitors arrive, take time to prepare. Here are some tips.

- Take time out from your party planning to test your smoke and carbon monoxide alarms. Alarms should be installed on every level of the home and outside each sleeping area. There should be smoke alarms in each bedroom.
- Be sure to discuss your family fire escape plan with any overnight guests.
- Arrange your holiday decorations to avoid overloading electrical outlets with too many lights, cords or appliances. Inspect all decorations, cords and outlets for damage before use.
- Keep electrical cords out of doorways and high-traffic areas where they pose a tripping hazard. Do not damage cords by pinching them or attaching them with staples or nails.
- Use safety gates at the top and bottom of stairs to keep babies and toddlers safe.

- If your home is not already childproof, install tamper-resistant receptacles or use safety covers on all unused electrical outlets.


- Put away small items such as buttons, coins and jewelry, which pose a choking hazard. Store breakables, candles, matches and other dangerous items in inaccessible or locked areas out of reach.

- Safety does not stop when the party starts. Keep decorations, gifts and other combustibles at least 3 feet from heat sources or open flame.

- Never leave the kitchen unattended when something is cooking.

- Make sure children are supervised at all times in the kitchen and anywhere space heaters, candles or fireplaces are being used.

- Turn off and unplug all decorations before leaving home or turning in for the night.

Remember, a safe and happy holiday remains the best gift you can give friends and family. 

Source: Electrical Safety Foundation International

Bad to the Bone

Full tang stainless steel blade with natural bone handle —now **ONLY \$79!**

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The blade is full tang, meaning it doesn't stop at the handle but extends to the length of the grip for the ultimate in strength. The blade is made from 420 surgical steel, famed for its sharpness and its resistance to corrosion.

The handle is made from genuine natural bone, and features decorative wood spacers and a hand-carved motif of two overlapping feathers—a reminder for you to respect and connect with the natural world.

This fusion of substance and style can garner a high price tag out in the marketplace. In fact, we found full tang, stainless steel blades with bone handles in excess of \$2,000. Well, that won't cut it around here. We have mastered the hunt for the best deal, and in turn pass the spoils on to our customers.

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Preparing Future Educators

THRIVE program at NMSU hopes to fill the need for special education teachers

By Adreana M. Chávez

The number of educator vacancies in New Mexico has nearly doubled during the past year. One of the largest areas in need of teachers is special education, according to a recent 2021 New Mexico Educator Vacancy Report.

The School of Teacher Preparation, Administration and Leadership at New Mexico State University hopes to help fill some of those vacancies with students enrolled in its THRIVE Special Education Alternative Licensure Program—a post-baccalaureate, graduate-level teacher licensure pathway approved by the New Mexico Public Education Department.

According to the educator vacancy report, prepared by NMSU's Southwest Outreach Academic Research Evaluation & Policy Center, there are 291 special education teacher vacancies, which makes up 28% of the total teacher vacancies in the state. In total, New Mexico has 1,048 teacher vacancies, compared to 571 last year.

The THRIVE program focuses on recruiting and preparing highly-qualified individuals with a bachelor's degree or higher in a related field who are eligible for a New Mexico alternative licensure pathway, and are committed to teaching and living in New Mexico communities.

"Our THRIVE program looks to attract and prepare individuals who are invested personally and professionally in New Mexico communities who will have a positive impact on the diverse social, cultural, emotional and intellectual growth of children and youth with whom they will work throughout their career,"

says Rick Marlatt, interim director of the School of Teacher Preparation, Administration and Leadership.

THRIVE program residents collaborate with mentor teachers in Las Cruces Public Schools and the Gadsden Independent School District. The program consists of hybrid courses set in a mini-semester course schedule, in conjunction with on-site residencies with partnering schools to facilitate clinical experiences, including coaching and mentoring.

Residents benefit from guidance offered by NMSU's clinical supervisors as they complete their special education licensure requirements in one year. Residents continue to receive mentorship from their cooperating teachers during their first year as a classroom teacher.

"Special education teachers are some of the hardest positions to fill," says Mike Montoya, LCPS assistant superintendent for special student services. "We are hopeful that through this program we can develop great teachers who will not only fill these positions, but also recognize that teaching is an art and a very rewarding profession."

Those accepted into the THRIVE program receive a scholarship that covers full tuition for their coursework as well as a \$20,000 training allocation paid in monthly installments while they are students.

Successful completion of the program results in guaranteed employment from the student's participating district. Students must agree to a minimum of three years of employment with their cooperating district as a licensed special education teacher in K-12 schools, or agree to repay the funds received.




Rick Marlatt is interim director of the School of Teacher Preparation, Administration and Leadership at New Mexico State University. Marlatt says he hopes the school's THRIVE program will help fill the need for special education teachers in New Mexico.

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THRIVE also provides a \$5,000 stipend for mentor teachers in partnering districts.

Students may choose to apply their earned credits toward a master's degree in special education.

Marlatt says the THRIVE program application process was competitive. More than 40 applicants applied for one of 15 funded residency slots. Residents were selected, admitted to the NMSU Graduate School, and begin their coursework and residencies later this month. Application reviews and interviews were collaborative, with school districts and NMSU making selections together.

"Project THRIVE allows us and our partnering districts to be intentional and innovative regarding who will become the next great cohort of new teachers in New Mexico, how their diverse cultural and linguistic backgrounds can best service students, and which grade levels and classrooms are best served by new teachers' experience and expertise," Marlatt says. 

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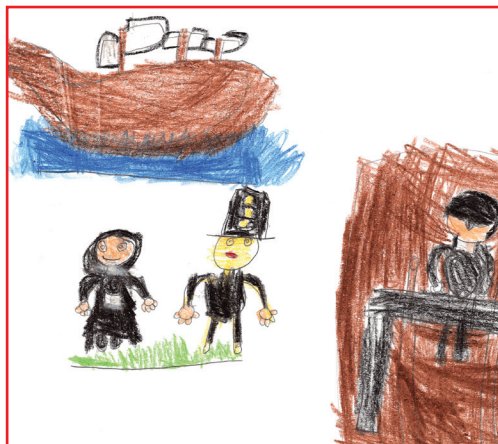
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