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May 2021



*Tim Lardner Memorial Golf Tournament
Friday, June 4th*



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Belen Chamber
of Commerce**



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JoElla Patterson
Membership Specialist, Office Manager

HAPPENINGS

How to support a small business everyday-

1. Comment on their
posts regularly even if it is
just with an emoji.

2. Share their post.

3. Instead of liking, use
the ♥ or Wow!

This will help their page
be seen on Facebook.

PRESIDENT'S THOUGHTS



The month of May is always filled with a plethora of adventures and holidays, Cinco de Mayo, Teachers Day, National Nurses Day, Mother's Day, National Dog Rescue Day, and Memorial Day. These are just a few to mention.. However, this May 2021 is EXTRA special for High School Seniors ready to Graduate. Graduates I commend you, Graduating from high school has long been a rite of passage, marking the significant transition from student-hood to adulthood. Receiving a high school diploma has always been an achievement to be celebrated, but to do so as you have in the midst of a global pandemic and current social upheaval is truly remarkable. I applaud you Graduates, for the dedication and hard work you have displayed to reach this place today. You have shown yourselves resilient, and that resilience will take you far. If we have learned anything from the challenges of the last year, it is that connection is key and community is vital. You may now be feeling like you are graduating into the unknown, but as you begin to explore what life beyond high school means for you, know that your community is behind you full force.

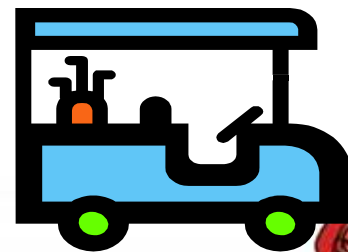
The Greater Belen Chamber of Commerce is always looking to foster the development of those who are willing to invest in themselves and in their dreams - as each of you have proven to do already by making it to graduation. Congratulations on all you have accomplished, and the GBCC looks forward to witnessing or assisting you in the great things you are destined to do.

I want to give a special reminder for anyone who can, to come out and join the GBCC on June 4, 2021 at the Tierra Del Sol Golf Course for the GBCC Annual Jim Larder Memorial Golf Tournament. This event is FUN FILLED and an opportunity for each of us to engage in some fresh air and friendly competition. Our community is like no other, the people, the values and the comradery.. When we invest in each other, then everyone can be strong together.

Thank you to Haloed Solutions, our May member of the month, John Ivey with Haloed Solutions is a valued asset to the Rio Abajo Area. John's skill set for Computer and Pain Free Business Tech Support is vast, and they make technology less difficult.

Special Shout out and a Thank you to a very Special Lady who has served our entire community and the Greater Belen Chamber of Commerce with great dignity and dedication, Joella Patterson. THANK YOU for your time served and the level of devotion that you reflected to your position with the Greater Belen Chamber of Commerce, Joella you have set the bar really high for your successor.. I wish you great things in this next chapter of your life.

Sincerely,
Sonya Sanchez
GBCB President



GREATER BELEN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OFFICE NEWS



*Rhona Baca Espinoza,
Executive Director of Greater
Belen Chamber of Commerce*

Celebrate the present, Remember the past Go High School Graduates

Hello GBCC Family and Friends!!!

The flower seeds have been planted and the little seedlings are beginning to sprout!!! I see the great support that you have given to our Chamber in much the same way. You have planted seeds of support for us and we are sprouting into a much respected Chamber around the state. We are a three-legged stool that makes us successful: GBCC Members, GBCC Board, GBCC Office Team. Please come by sometime and have a fresh perked cup of coffee with me. If you have an e-blast for me to send out, a project that you need assistance in planning or just a sounding board, we are here for you!!! During this pandemic shutdown, our Chamber has been diligent in disseminating lots of vital resource information to you our Chamber Family! Most recently, we have worked with Facebook and they really came through with two amazing grant opportunities for the small business community in Valencia County!!! They have been such a good neighbor to our county and we so appreciate them!!!

Along with Facebook, other Chamber members have contacted me that they had resources they wanted to donate to our community. I directed them to the entities in need.

Plans for our upcoming Tim Lardner Memorial Scholarship Golf Tournament are in full swing (no pun intended) and this looks to be another record breaking event. It will be held on Friday, June 4th at Tierra Del Sol Golf Club with Shot Gun start at 9:30 am. Registration and Sponsorship documents are available on our website under ***Events Coming Soon*** . Thank you for your consideration in participating in this tournament in what ever capacity you are able. You are very much appreciated. We thank Nusenda for being our title sponsor for this event! We will be awarding three scholarships once again this year depending on the success of this golf tournament.

Blessings Always,
Rhona Baca Espinoza
Rhona Baca Espinoza
Executive Director
GBCC

rhona@belenchamber.org

Circle T Burgers

Circle T Burgers is a family owned business. Founded in 1958 by the late Gilbert Tabet, Circle T has been an integral part of Belen Culture for over 60 years and has employed thousands of Valencia County residents over the years. They specialize in Green Chile Cheeseburgers, Tortilla and Taco Burgers. All of their orders are made fresh to order with premium, fresh ingredients. Circle T has been voted "Best Fries in Valencia County" by the VCNB for five years and counting, including 2020. Come see Phill and Andrew Tabet at Main Street and Lisa Tabet-Chavez and John-Eric Chavez at Reinken Ave for all your locally owned burger needs!! Call 505-864-2929 or CircleTburger@gmail.com for more information!!! WooHooo!!! So happy to have you join us!!!

Tabet Lumber and Concrete

We welcome Jay Tabet owner of Tabet Lumber and Concrete, located at 606 Baca Ave in Belen!! Opening in 1954, they sell concrete, gravel and are a True Value hardware store. "True Value is your local hardware store for building materials, tools, lawn and garden supplies, paint, electrical, plumbing and more. Our stores feature popular products, competitive pricing, knowledgeable experts and top-notch customer service. We take pride in serving you, so let us know how can we help you today." Call 505-864-4478. Shop Local!!!

GBCC Member News & Woohoos!

Jean from SewWhat? Writes:
We have been GBCC members since 2004 and are celebrating 12 years in business with more than 15,000 pieces altered, repaired or constructed and have over 1500 clients! Thank you Valencia County County!!!

Tillery Buick GMC. Our service department is open. It is recommended that customers call for appointment availability. Our internet sales department is open 24/7. Customers can contact us at www.tillerybuickgmc.com



Thanks for doing business with us. **Dan Hoagland**

Comfort Keepers is proud to announce the addition of Audra Anderson to our team. Audra is our new Care Coordinator in Los Lunas. She is native to New Mexico, born in Albuquerque and raised in the East Mountains. Her passion for the medical field started while she was a junior in high school. After graduation, Audra became a mother of 3 son's working at various jobs until she became a Certified Nursing Assistant. She has remained an active CNA for 22 years! Audra continued her CNA experience and started working in Home Health Care in 2006 to present time. Audra states "I'm so excited to be in a welcoming atmosphere and a positive working environment here at Comfort Keepers!". To learn more about Comfort Keepers contact Audra at 505-515-0001.



Thank you

Denise Moreno
Administrator.
www.comfortkeepers.com/offices
1202 Main St NE
Suite 104

We would like to send out a Woo Hoo to Unique Embroidery/Chocolate for their culinary delights and for their excellent embroidery work. We also send out a Woo Hoo for the terrific job the Greater Belen Chamber did to welcome Chavez Brothers Vineyard and Winery into the community by sponsoring a fantastic Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for our Grand Opening on May 1st.~Fred Chavez

Tome Art Gallery: We updated our hours of operation and number of days to open:
Tuesday - Saturday, 11:00 a - 5:00 p.

Special Member Info

Membership Renewals!!!!!!!



The Great Blocks Grant Project is almost completed!!! Please go by the East side of Becker Ave. And check out the progress!!

Belen Main Street Partnership was also awarded a \$5000 Façade improvement grant and will begin working on buildings in the downtown!!

Lots going on!! Would love to have you join us!!!

Call Rhona at 505-463-5558 for more information!!!

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#1 & #2
701 S. Main Street
Belen, NM 87002
505-864-2500**

**City of Belen
100 S Main Street
Belen, NM 87002
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**Presbyterian Family
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**Magistrate Court
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Belen, NM 87002
505-864-7509**

**Mike's Auto Service
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505-864-8947**

**La Villa Belen Apts
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505-864-3669**

87031

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LLC
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Los Lunas, NM
87031
505-565-0548**

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NE
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505-864-1950**

April Member of the Month: Able and Willies One Stop Shop



GBCC Board President Sonya Sanchez and Exec Director Rhona congratulating the Member of the Month— Able and Willies One Stop Print Shop

April Member of the Month: Able and Willies

Congratulations to Able and Willie's One Stop Shop as our April Member of the Month. Located at 325 C South Main Street in Belen, they offer a huge selection of services and products. Custom Embroidery, Screen Printing, Business Cards, Engraving, Plaques, Trophies, Signs and Banners and much more are offered at great pricing. Thank you for all you do for our community and for the great growth you are showing in your business!! Call 505-864-3188 for more information.



Greater
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Resources & Tools for Business Success



The Greater Belen
Chamber of Commerce

Gain access to over 600 free and low-cost resources to help you start and grow your business!

Need help getting your business off the ground?

Our Start-up Help section includes

- Business Entity Wizard - to help you choose the right type of legal entity
- All of the necessary forms to create a business entity
- Sales tax, quarterly estimated tax and other forms required throughout the year
- Access to free business plan software
- Links to free one-on-one assistance
- Business License and other local requirements

Tired of searching the web for answers?

Find all the resources you need in one place!

- Local, State, and Federal Programs to help businesses
 - Easy Ways to "Go Green"
- Marketing and Selling Resources
- Disaster Preparation and Recovery
- Training programs for Owners and Employees
 - Going Global
- Business Plan Resources
- Links for specialized Industries

Is your business in compliance with HR law?

Stay up to date on ever-changing state and federal requirements

- Find all the forms you need to become an employer, hire employees and keep your business in compliance
 - Job description tools
 - Workplace ergonomic tools
- New Hire Email Service - provides new employees with required forms
- Workplace safety and HR resources

Need help gaining a competitive edge?

- Information about local and online business training resources
- Using social media to promote your business
- Six Sigma Quality for small businesses
 - Links to one-on-one help

**Tim Lardner Memorial Scholarship
Golf Tournament presented by Nusenda Credit Union
Friday, June 4th
TDS Golf Club in Belen**

Sponsorship Levels

Platinum.....\$1,000.00

Provide Hole Sponsor Sign and Hang Your Banner
Newspaper Advertising
Team of 4 Players

Gold.....\$750.00

Provide Hole Sponsor Sign and Hang Your Banner
Newspaper Advertising
2 Players

Silver.....\$250.00

Hang Your Banner

Hole Sponsor...\$100.00

Provide Hole Sponsor Sign

Tim Lardner Memorial Scholarship Sponsor

\$500

Name on Scholarship Banner

All Sponsors

Listing on Program and Promotional Ads

To register or for more information contact:

Greater Belen Chamber of Commerce

712 Dalies Ave.

Belen, NM 87002

864-8091

Rhona@belenchamber.org

www.belenchamber.org

Raffle and Goody Bag Items Needed.



MAY

2021



| <i>Sunday</i> | <i>Monday</i> | <i>Tuesday</i> | <i>Wednesday</i> | <i>Thursday</i> | <i>Friday</i> | <i>Saturday</i> |
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| 16 | 17 | 18 BHS Graduation | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 |
| 23/30 | 24/31 | 25 GBCC Board Meets | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 |

JUNE UPCOMING EVENTS

June 2nd: In Person Luncheon: La Dos Gringas Restaurant 11:30am

June 4th: Tim Lardner Memorial Golf Tournament

Member's Discounts Page

Bar Y Pet Hotel: 14 day care for the cost of 13 days Call Bobbie, 864-2251

Bella Vida Healthcare Clinic: Non-insured patients are able to be seen for \$40.00 office visit; sports physicals-\$25 Call 916-5446 for more information

Black's Smuggler's Winery: Free Wine Tasting for GBCC Members: Call Tony Black: 388-8117

Del Rio Laundromat: Use code CHAMBE1 at checkout for 10% on orders online

Floressence Floral Boutique & Gifts: 10% Discount for GBCC Members: 505-702-4025

Images By Rosa: FREE one hour sitting for GBCC members, call 505.250.2982 or email imagesbyrosa@aol.com to make an appointment. View the site at <http://imagesbyrosa.exposuremanager.com/>

H2Academic Solutions: 10% discount for Chamber Members. Holly: 505-453-3621

Jazzercise: GBCC Members first month FREE, call 250-2982 or JazzerciseBelen@aol.com

Johnson Chiropractic Clinic, LLC: 10% discount for military and law enforcement and for payment in full at the time of service. Call 505-565-0548

Marty's Muffler Shop Inc: 10% Discount on all repairs 864-8033. listing. Call 830-2043 or email info@nmbiz.com

Paradigm Physical Therapy Belen: 10% Discount on One Month Gym Membership, Call 861-1200

Performance Automotive: 10% off on all parts and labor for all GBCC Members: Present card at time of service. Call 505-861-1468 for more information

Professional Contracting: Senior Discount: 505-859-4220: Laura Rosales

Rutilio's: Discounts available depending on service Call 864-0093

Scentsy Independent Consultant: Nichole Shiplet: 505-414-3017: \$5.00 off purchase \$40.00 or more.

Sew What?! 10% discount on multi-piece orders, 565-2677

US Bank: 20% off standard checks and reorders. *Belen only!* Call 861-1900

Valencia Animal Clinic: 10% off annual vaccinations, 864-4075

Valencia County News-Bulletin: 40% ad Discount on monthly Chamber Page, 864-4472

Wright Choice Learning Center: Discounts available depending on service Call 864-2530

When the Corona Virus finally exhausts itself & the danger is over, let's do something good for Our Country.

Let's spend our vacation in the USA, eat in local restaurants, buy american products, buy local meats, veggies & support local businesses.

These businesses are going to find it very difficult to get back on their feet and survive without our help. They're suffering badly now.

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Let's Make This Our Finest Time!

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2021 ANNUAL

TIM LARDNER MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

JUNE 4, 2021 AT 8AM

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