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HAPPENINGS

9 11 Memorial Ceremony



A beautiful 911 ceremony was held at the 911 Memorial Park in Belen memorializing the 20th Anniversary of 911. Gloria Sanchez and Charles Cox do a wonderful job in organizing the event as well as State Rep. Brian Baca our keynote speaker. The color guard was perfect and professional and the crowd grows larger every year!!!!





Don't forget to vote for your BEST of VALENCIA COUNTY Contest at newsbulletin.com!

Let's celebrate the very best in our county!!





October is here and with it our biggest event of the year at the Greater Belen Chamber of Commerce: Rio Abajo Becker Street Festival is in the books. This festival celebrated its 20th anniversary and it couldn't have been a better event. The streets were full all morning and throughout the day and night. We gave away a 40-inch smart TV and our vendors did well as attendees lined up to enjoy the many enjoyable foods and other beautiful wares. The car show was also quite impressive with over 80 entries and the car show after the parade was beautiful.

We could not have such successes with our street festival which falls every year on the last Saturday in September without our generous sponsors. Thank you so much for your support really throughout the year. I would like to say thank you also to our GBCC Board who worked hard throughout the event and last but not least, the office team of Rhona Espinoza and Del Johnson who organized the event to the last detail. Thanks to all the

attendees and participants.

Our October 5th Luncheon was held at Belen Public Library, and we were looking forward to hearing all about the dynamic work of Belen Main-Street Partnership and New Mexico MainStreet's Michelle Negrete as they share plans in the works for our downtown. She did an amazing job. We honored Center for Ageless Living as our Member of the Month.

Thank you, Greater Belen, for your continued support of our Chamber and our communities.

Best,

John T. Ivey

President, Greater Belen Chamber of Commerce Board Owner of Haloed Solutions

GREATER BELEN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OFFICE NEWS



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

Woo Hoo!!!

Our 20th Annual 2022 Rio Abajo Becker Street Festival was amazing! The weather was perfect, the entertainment was outstanding and the people stayed and it turned out to be our biggest Rio Abajo ever. A special thanks to our generous sponsors and especially our Title Sponsors, 1st Care of NM, TLC Plumbing and BNSF. A huge thanks to our Car Show participants, Randy Gettings and

the Poker Bike Run, the beautiful entertainment, Belen Goju Ryu, Dance in Motion Academy, The City of Belen Street Crew, Daniel Solis Sound, Hub City Brewery and Black's Smuggler Winery our amazing food trucks and other vendors and most of all to my hardworking GBCC Board and Office Manager Del Johnson and her fiancé Scott Plyer, and my husband Rudy Espinoza our Master of Ceremonies!! You are all a blessing to me.

Congratulations to David Anderson and Napa Auto Parts Belen and Peralta locations our September Member of the Month!!! And a huge thanks to Gary J acobson and crew at Mitchell Theaters for providing all the popcorn and drinks and a movie of everyone's choice after our program. Southwestern District Pilots presented an outstanding program of their happenings.

We are here for you always. Thanks for being our friends and supporters. Blessings!!!
Rhona Baca Espinoza
Executive Director

rhona@belenchamber.org 505-864-8091

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New Members

R & S Steakhouse

The Chamber is so excited to welcome our neighbor Carmelita Salazar with R & S Steakhouse to our Chamber family!! Located at 710 Dalies Ave., next door to the Chamber office. Hours. Mon. 10:30am-8:00pm. Tue. 10:30am-8:00pm. Wed. 10:30am-8:00pm. Thu. 10:30am-8:00pm. Fri. 10:30am-9:00pm. And can be reached by calling 505-864-4616. They specialize in the most delicious steaks, seafood, pastas, hamburgers and much more. They are the only steakhouse in Valencia County. Go by and enjoy a delicious steak dinner at a very reasonable price.

Ludwig Development, LLC.

The Chamber is pleased to welcome Summer Ludwig with Ludwig Development, LLC to our Chamber family. They can be reached by calling 316-518-0033 or their website: www.ludwigdevelopment.com. Ludwig Development is a website development and social media management company. They focus on small businesses, non-profits, art galleries, and other small agencies in the Belen area that need online presence at a very affordable price point. Their goal is the betterment of our community by helping to strengthen our local businesses!! Ludwig Development is pleased to offer a 10% discount to Chamber members!!



GBCC Member News & Woohoos





BELEN GOJU RYU KARATE

KICK A THONS SINCE 1992 = \$40,847.76

TAMMY SCHOLARSHIPS SINCE 2006= \$39,500.00

TOTAL HELPING OTHERS:

80,347.76

Pilot Club of Belen is once again selling their beautiful fresh wreaths for the holidays. They are taking orders through October 14th. Wreaths will be available for pick up the week before Thanksgiving or for additional charge can be mailed to out of town addresses. They last at least two months if hung outdoors. They are gorgeous and very inexpensive. Call Kathy: 505-321-1042!!!

Special Member Info

Belen MainStreet Partnership News Belen MainStreet has been selected by the New



Belen MainStreet has been selected by the New Mexico Main Street (NMMS) program as the first pilot program for the Creative Economy JumpStart. The Creative Economy JumpStart is an opportunity to develop local projects that support Creative Economy work.

The program focuses on leveraging existing local art and cultural assets and works to build community led projects. NMMS provides technical support for the Creative Economy JumpStart through their Creative Economies Revitalization Specialist, Michelle Negrette.

Recently the Belen MainStreet Partnership (BMSP) received notification that they were selected for a ACD Cultural Plan Grant of \$40,000.00. This Grant will fund a company specific to writing these plans. When the Cultural plan is in place, Belen MainStreet Partnership can apply to the Arts Council to be considered to be an official Arts and Cultural District.

Kathleen Pickering, director of the Belen Library has been appointed to the Chair position of the BMSP ACD Council.

Rhona Espinoza, executive director of the BMSP, indicated that there will be more meetings and opportunities for participation from the public and the association is not wasting any time moving this project forward. "The timing of this initiative is perfect as we just finished the beautiful Becker Avenue Great Blocks Project so we are now able to redirect some of our efforts to this important strategic initiative," she said.

Wells Fargo Community Fund recently notified BMSP that they were selected for a grant submittal for small business growth. The grant over two years is a total of \$10,000.00. The H.U.B. grant will assist small businesses in the downtown in various areas: structural, equipment, façade, signage, etc. The grant application will be sent to each small business in the downtown district and businesses can apply for up to \$1500.00 for specific needs for their businesses.

Wells Fargo Community Fund invites BMSP each year to apply for a grant and BMSP have received grants for PPP, Flood relief, Façade improvements, signage, community garden needs, and much more.

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

Membership Renewals!!!!!!!

Facebook 4250 Messenger Loop Los Lunas, NM 87031

UPS Store 1402 Main Street NW Suite B Los Lunas, NM 87031 505-866-9081

> Eloisa Tabet 335 Goddard Ave. Belen, NM 87002

Jay and Kathy Peters 44 Erika Lane Belen, NM 87002

Valencia Animal Clinic 1533 E. River Road Belen, NM 87002 505-864-4075

Anew on Main 523 C Reinken Ave Belen, NM 87002 505-515-4661

Heart and Soul 1300 E. River Road Belen, NM 87002 505-492-0041



Employees from Napa Auto Parts are presented the September MOM plaque by GBCC President John Ivey!

September Member of the Month: Napa Auto Parts: Belen and Los Lunas Locations

The Greater Belen Chamber is honored to celebrate David Anderson of Napa Auto Parts, with two locations in Valencia County, as our September Member of the Month. The National Automotive Parts Association, also known as NAPA Auto Parts, founded in 1925, is an American retailers' cooperative distributing automotive replacement parts, accessories and service items throughout North America. The Belen location is 519 E. Reinken Ave. and the Los Lunas location is 3507 NM-47. We appreciate their investment in Valencia County and the jobs they provide to our local residents. Please go by and congratulate them!!



A HUGE Thank you to Gary Jacobson and Mitchell Theaters for once again being great hosts!! Free popcorn, movie and drink to all attendees!!!

Southwestern District Pilot International members from Belen and Los lunas spoke on their great projects and how they are making a difference in their communities through their many initiatives!!

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MORE 2022 RIO ABAJO PICTURES











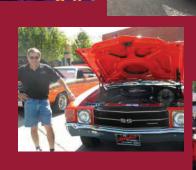




















October

Breast Cancer Awareness Month



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Send your events to add to the events calendar by the 25th of the prior month!!!

SHOP THESE LOCAL MEMBERS-GET A DISCOUNT!

Member's Discounts Page

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

Batteries Plus: 10% Discount for GBCC members: 505-865-1940

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

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

4025

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

H2Academic Solutions: 10% discount for Chamber Members. Holly: 505-453-3621
Hub City Art Collective: 10% off one month co-op membership: Lorie 708-715-0995
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

Saiz Accounting & Tax Preparations, Inc.: 15% for all Chamber members on Tax Prep

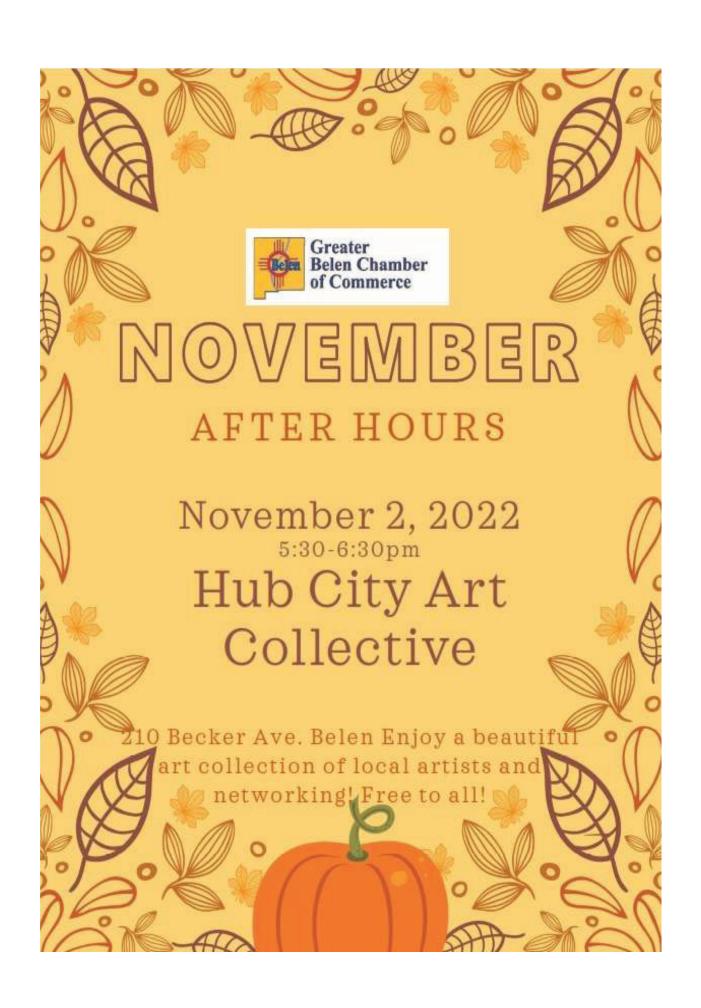
Sew What?! 10% discount on multi-piece orders, 565-2677

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

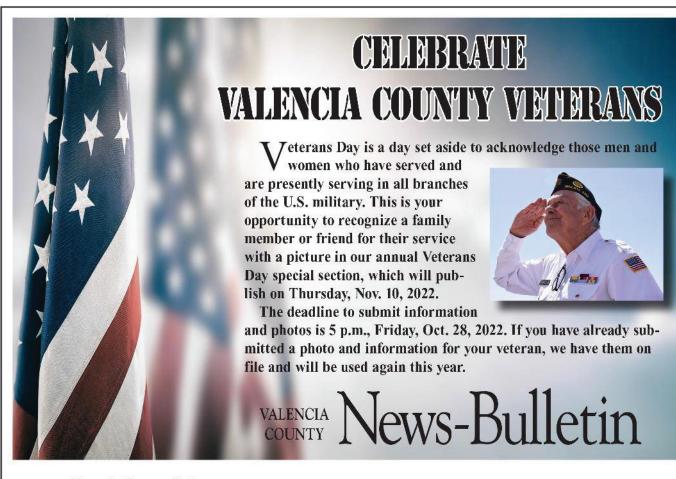
Valencia Animal Clinic: 10% off annual vaccinations, 864-4075

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

<u>Wright Choice Learning Center:</u> Discounts available depending on service Call 864-2530







NAME OF VETERAN & RANK:

BRANCH OF SERVICE:

DATES OF SERVICE:

PERSON SUBMITTING INFORMATION

NAME:

CITY:

STATE:

EMAIL:

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OR MAIL TO: VALENCIA COUNTY NEWS-BULLETIN, ATTN: CLARA GARCIA
221 S. MAIN ST., STE. B, BELEN, N.M., 87002



COMMUNITY GALLERY NIGHT

FOOD BY PARKER'S PIZZA! DRINKS BY CHAVEZ WINERY

FRIDAY OCT 7, 5-8PM

210 BECKER AVE BELEN, NEW MEXICO FEATURED ARTISTS:
MOONZ.ARTZ
MEGAN MISHÉY
EVALYN CASAUS
MONICA KERR
AND MORE!

ART MUSIC FOOD DRINK

VALENCIA

SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Fall Festival & Whitfield Under the Stars!

Telescopes!

Saturday October 29 3:00-9:00pm Kid Crafts

Enjoy the following presentations:

- 3:30-4:30 Fire Prevention in the Bosque
- 4:30-5:30 Live Owl Presentation
- 5:30-6:30 Bats & Nighttime Pollinators
- 7:00-9:00 Night Sky Talk & Viewing

Local Vendors!

FREE admission to the public!

Hot Air Balloon!

Where to find us:

Whitfield Wildlife Conservation Area
2424 Hwy 47, Belen, NM, 87002
_____ 505-864-8914



Valencia Soil & Vater Conservation District

HUB CITY ART COLLECTIVE

PRESENTS

Sunday Makers Market

INDOOR AND OUTDOOR VENDING

WE WANT YOU!

Belen Arts
District
210 Becken

Message for details

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SUNDAY, OCT 9 12-4PM



