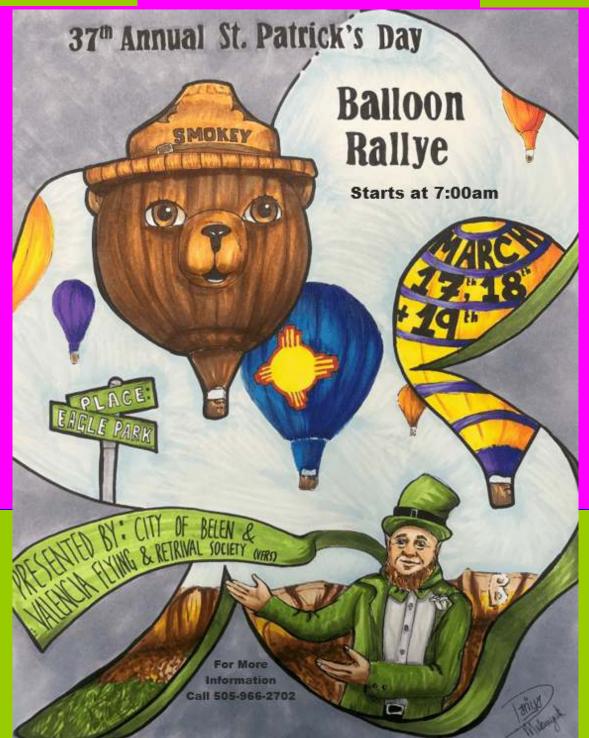


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March 2023



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Membership Specialist, Office Manager

ANNIVERSARIES IN BUSINESS



Congrats to the Belen High School Wrestling team on the 2023 State Championship!!! Congratulations to the wrestlers, and the coaches and the parents! It takes a lot of work and support from everyone to accomplish a State Championship. Enjoy it! Coach Chavez is raising money to purchase Championship rings for each of the team members. would like to donate, call 505-850-3034

Thank you, your friends at Valencia Animal Clinic

..happy to capture some moments from the loading of YOUR donated pet food from Valencia Animal Clinic's 9th Annual Pet Food Drive. Thank you Valencia County. YOU MADE it a success. We still have some food expected this



The B Town Bike Rally June 10th, 2023 is seeking vendors, sponsors, Bike show participants, to be a part of this great show it will be on Becker Ave this year.





PRESIDENT'S THOUGHTS

March is here and with it, a celebration of our St. Patrick's Balloon Rallye which is scheduled for the weekend of March 17-19th at Eagle Park in Belen. A scheduled 80 balloons are tentatively planning on coming to participate. If you are able to sponsor some of the expenses involved in bringing it to us locally, please contact the Valencia Flying Retrieval Society at ceryder@earthlink.net. This Rallye brings spectators from all over to enjoy the beautiful array of balloons every year.



The 2022 Annual Report/2023 Greater Valencia County Chamber Membership Directory is being finalized and should be available for all to enjoy by the end of March. We are so appreciative of the growth of our Chamber and with the name change, we are more focused than ever in being an outstanding support to our county's business community.

Our March After Hours was held at the Hub City Art Collective on Becker Ave. on March 1st. In addition to enjoying the Art Collective, we strolled to nearby Art studios to enjoy including Silver Bar Studio and the GRID Gallery. It was a free event and enjoyed an evening of networking with other Chamber members, refreshments and an art stroll....

Save the date! Our Tim Lardner Memorial Scholarship Golf Tournament is scheduled each year on the first Friday in June at Tierra Del Sol Golf Club in Rio Communities. Shot gun start is at 9:30am. More information to follow. If you have a senior attending one of the county's high schools, be sure you ask their senior guidance counselor for a Tim Lardner Memorial Scholarship Application. We will be issuing \$500.00 scholarships in June to five amazing seniors. Applications are due by April 15th at the Chamber office.

Thank you once again for allowing our Chamber to serve you as we grow our County one business at a time.

Sincerely,

Andrew Spears

President, GVCCC Board

GREATER BELEN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OFFICE NEWS

Spring is in the Air!!!

Our Chamber office team has been busy invoicing members for the Annual Report and Membership Directory and should have it ready to enjoy and utilize by the end of March. It will be placed on the home page of the GBCC website and distributed throughout the County. Thank you to all who were able to place an ad in the directory. This directory will also be included

Rhona Baca Espinoza, Executive Director of Greater Belen Chamber of Commerce in all relocation packets. It is going to be a very professional publication and we are so grateful to VCNB for partnering with us on this huge project.

Our April Networking Luncheon will be held once again at the amazing Pete's Café on April 5th at 11:30. Guest speaker will be Chris Garcia from the SBDC and he will share some resources and valuable tips on how to make your business grow and flourish.

Save the Date for the Tim Lardner Memorial Scholarship Golf Tournament sponsored by Nusenda Credit Union scheduled for Friday, June 2nd at the beautiful Tierra Del Sol Golf Club in Belen. We broke all records last year as we had over 92 golfers come out and enjoy the tournament. We were able to present fivescholarships because of the great support!! We are hoping you will once again be a part of this outstanding event. The weather will be perfect and the golf...well, it will be better than being at work that's for sure!!!! More info in this newsletter!!!

As always, thank you for all you do for our Chamber and our beautiful Greater Valencia County Community!!! Check out our Facebook page and our website!!!

Blessings Always, Rhona Baca Espinoza Executive Director Rhona@belenchamber.org



New Member!

Alzheimer's Association NM Chapter

We are so happy to welcome Alzheimer's **Association NM Chapter** Located at 6431 Academy Rd. NE, Albuquerque, 505-266-4473 or alz.org/ newmexico. The Alzheimer's **Association leads the way** to end Alzheimer's and all other dementia-by accelerating global research driving risk reduction and early detention and maximizing quality care and support.

Cucos Chelas y Mas

Cuco's Chelas Y Mas is a branch of Cuco's Kitchen with a different style of Mexican food. Cuco's Kitchen was established in 1992. It is a family-owned business in Albuquerque. **Cuco's Kitchen has always** satisfied it's customers with it's fresh authentic Mexican food! This location serves a variety of **Mexican Pizzas and** seafood, along with Mexico's famous Micheladas. GVCC members will receive a 10% discount on their entire ticket. Located at 785 Main Street, Los Lunas call 505-407-2320. Welcome!!

GBGG Member News & Woohoos!







Special Member Info



Belen MainStreet Partnership
News
Belen MainStreet
Partnership in partnership
with the City of Belen are
holding workshops at Belen
Public Library as we look to
plan lots of great events in
our downtown!!! We have
one scheduled on a Saturday,
sometime in May at 10:00 am
at Belen Public Library!!! Be a
part of the discussion!!!



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Membership Renewals!!!!!!!

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Delta Dental P.O. Box 30416 Lansing, MI 48909-7916 505-883-4777

PG Enterprise 301 Murry Rd SE Albuquerque, NM 87105 505-873-9593

N.M. Boys & Girls Ranches 6209 Hendrix Road NE Albuquerque, NM 87110 505-881-3363

> Sevilleta NWR P.O. Box 1248 Socorro, NM 87801 505-864-4021

Frank Stasi 1400 Hillside Dr. SW Los Lunas, NM 87031 505-864-3880

February Member of the Month



US Bank: Los Lunas Branch Manager: Carmie Carrejo, and Dino Gonzales, Small Business Specialist

Leonard's Plumbing and Heating: Leonard and Josephine Montoya

February Member of the Month: St. Mary's School

Large Corporation: US Bank

We were proud to honor US Bank as our large corporation Member of the Month. With locations in Belen and Los Lunas, they have a full staff to ensure that all your business needs are met with a smile. They offer very competitive rates on their loan programs, CD's and many other financials. We are so appreciative of US Bank for their constant support of our community and our Chamber. They have been the title sponsor of our annual gala for years and support us consistently with other events our Chamber and our communities organize. Thank you to US Bank for their love for our community. In Belen, call 505-966-0400 or Los Lunas, call 505-865-7006.

Small Corporation: Leonard's Plumbing and Heating

Congratulations to Leonard and Josephine Montoya, owners of Leonard's Plumbing and Heating as our February Member of the Month. They are a local 24 hour service company that provides residential and commercial service to the Albuquerque area as well as the enter state of New Mexico. They provide same day and next day service in most cases. They offer a 10 % discount for senor's as well as military. \$100.00 bounty on new installation's. They service all makes and models and brands. They are here to please and we thank them for their support of our community. Contact Leonard's 24 Hour Service at 505-435-8944.

A special thanks to Pavlos of Cetera Financial and for a very engaging presentation!!!!





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
- 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

Gain access to over 1500 free and low-cost resources to help you start and grow your business!

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

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

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





March



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8 Pilot Club of Belen	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17 St. Pat's Balloon Rallye	18Balloon Rallye
19 Balloon Rallye	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28 GVCCC Board Meets	29 BMSP Meets	30	31	

APRIL UPCOMING EVENTS

• GBCC CHAMBER LUNCHEON: APRIL 5th: 11:30-1:00 PM Pete's Cafe

SHOP THESE LOCAL MEMBERS-GET A DISCOUNT!

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

<u>Cuco's Chelas Y Mas</u>: 10% discount for Chamber Members: Pedro: 505-506-6544 H2Academic Solutions: 10% discount for Chamber Members. Holly: 505-453-

3621

Infinite World Healing: \$50.00 off a \$200.00 analysis

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

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

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



April Networking Lunch Wednesday, April 5 th

11:30am-1:00pm

Pete's Café on 1st Street

Chris Garcia of SBDC will come share great resources to ensure your business's success!!!

\$20.00pp

rhona@belenchamber.org for more information
And to RSVP



\$20.00 GOLF AND BEER WEDNESDAYS

STARTS TOMORROW!

INCLUDES GREEN FEE, CART AND YOUR CHOICE OF A BEER (ANY TYPE) OR A SMALL BUCKET OF GOLF BALLS!

AVAILABLE DURING THE MONTHS OF MARCH AND APRIL ONLY!

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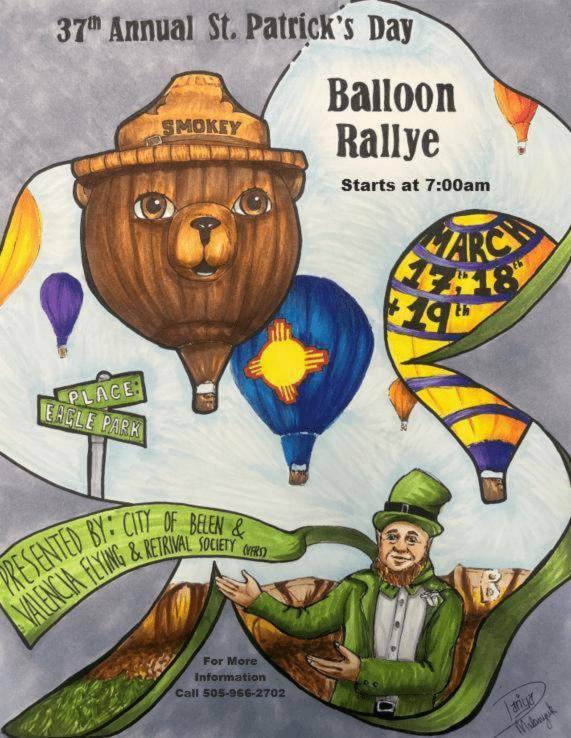
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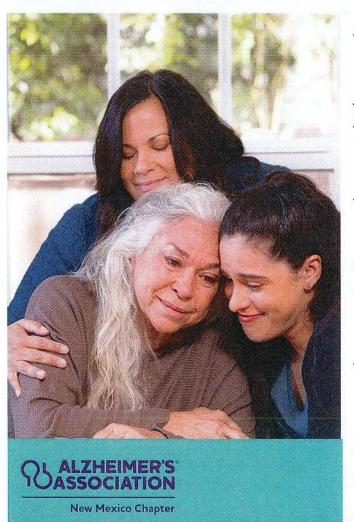


FULL BAR AVAILABLE STARTING AT 12PM!

Come spend some time & enjoy the great outdoors! Book your tee time by calling the Pro Shop at 505-864-1000.

GREEN AERATION
SCHEDULED FOR MARCH





What you need to know.

What to plan for.

What to do along the way.

REGISTER NOW FOR THESE FREE PROGRAMS: "LIVING WITH ALZHEIMER'S: FOR CAREGIVERS"

March 22nd- Early Stage Class March 23rd - Middle Stage Class March 24th - Late Stage Class

12:30pm - 3:30pm LUNCH PROVIDED

Location:
Alzheimer's Association
6731 Academy RD NE
Albuquerque, NM 87109

Register at nmprograms@alz.org or call 1 (505) 266-4473



Proud Member







Celebrate Wildlife and Support Environmental Education

The Friends of Whitfield Annual Online Auction April 3-22, 2023

Proceeds from the purchases you make directly support the restoration efforts as well as education programs of the Whitfield Wildlife Conservation Area. This stunning 97-acre enhanced wetlands nestled along the Rio Grande River in Belen, New Mexico, not only serves as a resting place and home to over 200 species of birds but also to hundreds of native plants, shrubs, and trees.







Learn more about the Friends of Whitfield at friendsofwhitfield.org. or, visit us at the Whitfield Wildlife Conservation Area at 2424 Hwy 47, Belen, NM 87002



These are just some of the community partners who are generously donating items to our auction:

Ace Hardware Belen, Rak's, The Range restaurant, Wild Birds Unlimited, The Mill, watercolor artist Joan Drew, K's Sweets & Lovely Things, Burritos Alinstante, the Albuquerque Balloon Museum, Bloom Flowers, Starbuck's and more!



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For craft vender inquiries please email Noelle at noellecerw@gmail.com or stop by 506 Becker Ave in Belen to sign up.

For car show inquiries please email rachaelmrs@gmail.com







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Introduction to QuickBooks Online • March 1st, 12 – 1 pm

In this QuickBooks Online (QBO) training course, attendees will learn to use basic features, tools and resources. They will also learn all the most common errors people make, so that they won't make them, too. Whether they're new to QuickBooks Online – or suspect they're not using it correctly – they'll learn all the basics in this QuickBooks webinar.

Attendees Will Learn:

- Basic overview of software
- Record Transactions
- Reconcile account(s)

- Link your financial account(s) to QBO
- Create Rules
- Review Financial Reports

REGISTER: https://tinyurl.com/march1-webinar

Introduction to Bookkeeping • March 8th, 12 – 1 pm

In this webinar, we will cover Accounting Principles & Bookkeeping and Basic Bookkeeping. Attendees Will Learn:

- Why Bookkeeping
- Financial Statements & Ratios
- Terminology

- Principles & Practices
- Top Mistakes to Avoid
- Reports & Ratios

REGISTER: https://tinyurl.com/march8-webinar

If you attend the webinar you enter into a selection process to get free Accounting consultation.

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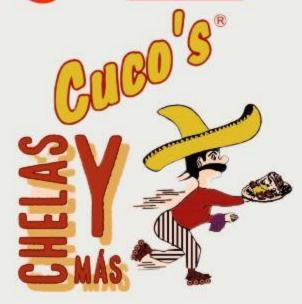
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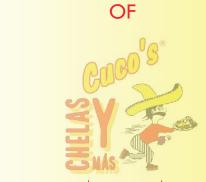
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2 Egg Plate with hash browns, toast & choice of bacon, sausage or ham steak	\$11.50
French Toast with fruit compote and yogurt	\$12.50
Monte Cristo Sandwich with an egg	\$12.50
NM Fusion; Potatoes Au Gratin con Huevos	\$12.50
Bagels & Lox Gravlax (salt/sugar cured salmon)	\$13.50
KIDS Mini Pancakes (3) with choice of bacon or sausage	\$5.00
Breakfast Plate with hash browns and choice of bacon or sausage	\$5.00

DRINKS		SIDES	
Fresh Squeezed Juice Mimosa Seasonal Spritzer Coffee/Hot Tea Hot Chocolate Sparkling Waters	\$2.95 \$6.00 \$6.00 \$2.50 \$2.50 \$1.50	(1) Egg Tortilla (corn or flour) Green Chile Side of (2) Bacon, Sausage or Ham	\$1.00 \$1.25 \$1.25 \$1.25

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TUESDAY

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WEDNESDAY

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THURSDAY

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FRIDAY

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Monday- Friday 11:00am-1:30pm

Slice of Mexican Pizza

1 Taco

1 Small fountain drink

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FAMILY PACKET

Monday- Friday

Family Dinner Packet 6:00pm -9:00pm

MARISCO PACKET

- 1 Coctel de Camaron/Pulpo
- 1 Aguachiles (small)
- 1 Ceviche de Camaron/ Pescado
- 6 Beers

\$50.00

MEXICAN PACKET

- 1 Mexican Pizza
- 1 Asada Fries
- 1 Coctel de Camaron
- 4 Small drinks

\$45.00

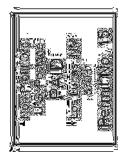




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