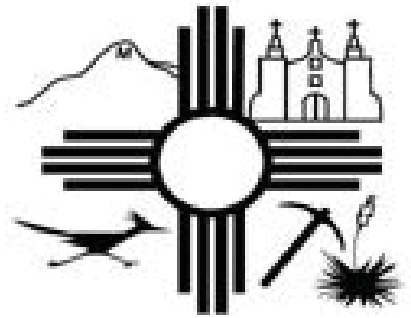


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Mayor Bhasker Honored

On Thursday, April 15, City employees gathered in the Finley gym, ostensibly to hear the bad news about the future of their group health insurance. Rather than the expected atmosphere of gloom and doom, Mayor Bhasker's

entrance was met with applause as the employees honored him for his re-election to his sixth term as mayor. Council member (and Mayor Pro Tem!) Donald Monette congratulated Mayor Bhasker on his many past accomplishments and wished him well as he begins his 21st year in office. The employees presented the Mayor with a new tennis racket and warm-ups. Then, unfortunately as promised, the Mayor presented them with the insurance news.



If you're dreaming of the turquoise water of summer, the City Pool will open the Friday that school is out...

Summer Fun For Kids

Every summer Cindy Rivera and her staff cook up great education and entertainment for Socorro's kids, and this year is no exception, though there are some differences from years past. The "when" has not changed: Monday through Friday 7:45 am to 5:15 pm.

The "where" has changed. The program has moved from the Finley Complex to the Socorro Youth Center behind the Laundromat on Bullock street, across the parking lot from the Senior Center. Though the building itself is smaller than Finley, Sedillo Park with its sports fields, tennis courts, swimming pool, horseshoe pit and playground is right outside the front door.

Behind the Center city workers tilled up a sizeable garden that the after-school program kids will plant in May. The Summer Program kids will tend the veggies all season and donate them to Puerto Seguro.

Another advantage to the new location is the proximity to the City Pool. Program staff will escort any child whose parents have enrolled him or her in swimming lessons to and from the pool so parents don't have to take time off work. Kids who need to go to baseball practice at Sedillo Park will be taken by staff as well.

Socorro Schools have partnered with the City program to provide two teachers through the summer to tutor children in Math, Science and Reading in the mornings. The afternoons will be spent rotating through activities including horseshoes, field sports, basketball, gardening and arts and crafts directed by another partner, Socorro County 4-H.



Zimmerly teacher Sarah Claussen works with some of the children in the after-school program.

Field trips are planned: 4 fishing trips to Escondida Lake as well as trips to Explora and the Museum of Natural History and Science in Albuquerque.

The number of children in the program has been reduced to 60 (due to the size of the Youth Center), and this summer tuition will be charged at the rate of \$40 per child (a true bargain!) Though the roster is already full, if you'd like your child to be put on the waiting list, see Cindy during the day at the Youth Center or call her at 835-0240.

Remember?

Fifty years ago the Conrad Hilton Festival of Golf was held for the first time at the all-grass golf course on the campus of what is now called New Mexico Tech. The course was only 9 holes at the time.

To make things more exciting, the sponsors staged the first Elfego Baca Shoot, a contest beginning at the top of M Mountain. The winner would be the first person to hole out on the number five green. Golfers could lose up to 10 balls and could use burros as caddies.

The New Mexico Institute of Mining Technology Underwater Diving Club (!) donned face masks and fins to round up 52 golf balls from the duck ponds to contribute to the golfers.

Meanwhile, in another contest, Socorro High School senior Sharon Hicks (now Waggoner—sister of City Council member Gordy Hicks and wife of Claron, Jr.) was chosen as the first Queen to reign over the Conrad Hilton Fiesta.

1960 was also an election year and incumbent Sheriff Ernest Peralta campaigned in the primary by writing a poem published in the May 3 issue of *El Defensor Chieftain*. It began with:

“The Sheriff’s job is a curious one.
Like the housewife’s job, it’s never done;
Trouble by night and trouble by day,
It may be near or miles away.”

And ended with:

“They blame the Depression, the New Deal, the
Tariff,
But most of the folks put the blame on the Sheriff.
So it’s really a game if you stay right in,
You’ll get a pat on the back and a sock on the chin.

BUT I LIKE IT AND I’M SHEDDING NO TEARS,
AND I’D LIKE TO BE YOUR SHERIFF FOR AN-
OTHER TWO YEARS.”

To read the whole poem, and to find out whether Sheriff Peralta was re-elected, ask for the microfilm at the circulation desk at Socorro Public Library.

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