The 35th Annual Llano Estacado Party and Bronze Cowboy Awards was held on 6:00 pm on November 3, at the Lea County Event Center Banquet Hall. Members of the Lea County Cowboy Hall of Fame and invited guests were entertained by Tim Cummings during dinner. Dr. Darrell Beauchamp, Executive Director of the Western Heritage Museum and Lea County Cowboy Hall of Fame served as Master of Ceremonies. The National Anthem was sung by LaRae Berry and Hobbs City Commissioner Jonathan Sena gave the invocation.

Following dinner, Jim Davis, Chairman of the Lea County Cowboy Hall of Fame Board of Directors, presided over the annual business meeting. He made a special presentation to Dorthy Bess, out-going Board Representative for the Tatum area. Gary Sevier, the “voice of the Bronze Cowboy Awards” for several years, read the citations while the audience members watched slide shows featuring the honorees. The recipients of the 2012 Bronze Cowboy Awards are William Daniel “Dub” McWhorter, Walter “Lee” Greebon, and Gene Cessnun. The Hall of Fame also presented several other awards during the evening—the 2012 Silver Concho Award, given to John Wolf; the Working Cowboy Award, given to Karsen Sellers; and the Young Rancher Award, given to Bill Angel.

Bronze Cowboy recipients Dub McWhorter and Gene Cessnun were on hand to accept their awards, as were Young Rancher recipient Bill Angel and Working Cowboy recipient Karsen Sellers. Greebon's award was accepted on his behalf by his grandson, Dalton Greebon. Greebon passed away in 1981. Bill Wolf accepted the Silver Concho award on behalf of his father, John Wolf who died a few months ago.

“The Lea County Cowboy Hall of Fame is thrilled to honor the ranching and rodeo legacy of Lea County with the presentation of these awards,” noted Dr. Darrell Beauchamp, Executive Director of the Museum. “Each of these six men represents the best of Lea County and each represents well the time honored traditions of ranching, cowboys and the rodeo world. We are pleased to be able to honor them in this way.”

Beauchamp noted that all six will be added to the permanent exhibitions at the Museum, with Greebon, McWhorter, and Cessnun taking an honored place in the Bronze Cowboy Hall of Fame exhibition that dates back to 1978.

Since its beginning in 1978, ninety-one individuals have been inducted into the prestigious Lea County Cowboy Hall of Fame. The permanent exhibition at the Museum includes memorabilia from the lives of the Bronze Cowboy recipients, and a plaque describing each member's accomplishments and family.
Roswell Police Department News Release
submitted by Angie Byrd, Director of Law Enforcement Training

RPD Participates in Mentally Ill Training
Roswell, NM—As part of a mandate from the State of New Mexico, Officers from the Roswell Police Department (RPD) participated in a mentally ill training on October 15.

Officers have biennial trainings to ensure the safety of the citizens of Roswell. The training is part of House Bill 93. During the “Handling Individuals with Mental Impairments” class Officers were able to recertify skills previously learned from the Law Enforcement Academy in Santa Fe. The Southeast New Mexico Law Enforcement Academy Director, Angie Byrd (from Hobbs, NM), assisted during the scenario portion of the class. The specialized training was instructed by Detective Ron Black from the Lea County Sheriff’s Office, and Sergeant James Moore from the Eddy County Sheriff’s Office at Fire Station 3 in Roswell.

The main focus of the training was to remind Officers to be cognizant of individuals who are mentally ill, and how to interact with mentally ill persons. The advanced training prepares law enforcement to tactfully deal with mentally ill people; especially if the person has not been taking medications properly. Officers with the Roswell Police Department strive for the safety of all citizens.

SkillsUSA – From Saturday through Monday (Oct. 20-22), our chapter officers and advisors attended the SkillsUSA New Mexico Fall Leadership Conference located at Bonita Park and Conference Center near Capitan, NM. The objective during this conference is to help students learn, practice and establish individual leadership qualities in order to take these ideas back to their school chapters and teach other members. Students are also given an opportunity to earn the SkillsUSA New Mexico Statesman Award; The second objective is to provide Service Learning through a combined Community Service Project which takes place during the conference.

This year, the Service Project theme was “Project Little Bear”. SkillsUSA students from all across the state came together to assist Bonita Park Staff in rebuilding their homes by building fences, painting homes, putting up skirting, repairing vehicles, hanging light fixtures, repairing electrical connections, removing brush and trees, and overall general clean-up. This was a heartfelt effort for everyone and a true success. Yesterday, our State SkillsUSA New Mexico group was featured in the Ruidoso Newspaper. All of our student officers earned their Statesman Award, the highest, non-competitive student award available in the state. Please help us congratulate these winners and chapter officers: Rebecca Tabor, President, Hobbs High School, Cosmetology; Juan-Carlos Medina, Vice President, NMJC (also a state officer); Catrina Pando, Secretary, New Hope High School, Cosmetology; Saul Bolivar, Treasurer, NMJC; Jarred DeLaCruz, Reporter, NMJC; Luis Villa, Parliamentarian, NMJC; Blake Needz, NMJC, state officer.

NMJC Chapter officers attend SkillsUSA New Mexico Fall Leadership Conference at Bonita Park where they earned their New Mexico Statesman Award. Front row L to R: Catrina Pando, president; Rebecca Tabor, secretary; Jill Henning (advisor) Second row L to R: Shelby McConvey (advisor), Saul Bolivar, treasurer; Juan-Carlos Medina, vice-president. Back row L to R: Blake Needz, Jarred DeLaCruz, reporter; Luis Villa, parliamentarian.
I would like to thank those of you who came to vote for our students Halloween manikin contest on the 29th! The ACT Academy students did a fantastic job on creating their master pieces! As most of you know we gave the students a bald manikin and told the group to choose a partner and one of the three categories. These high school students did all the work on their own time and money. On the 29th of October we had the contest for open voting. We had 210 people come and vote! From the voters choices we had winners!

In the first class the winner are:
Scary= #5 Kimberly (Red wig with sores)
Fantasy= #2 Tawni/Jensin (Disney Queen)
Cute= #2 Chrissy/Autumn (1960’s Natural lady)

The second class winners are:
Cute= #1 Rebecca (Queen of the Nile)
Scary= #8 Catrina/Deliah (Part of the face cut off and held with a plastic knife stabbed in the head with part of the skull showing)
Fantasy= #2 Sandy, Maria, and Angela (The fancy lady with ribbon for hair)

Thank you again for all who help choose the winners. It was not an easy job but I am glad that we had so many participants! I hope each of you had a very Happy Halloween!
THANKSGIVING (campus closed)
November 21-25

CHRISTMAS TRADITIONS FROM AROUND THE WORLD
December 6 @ 7:00 - 9:00 pm
Western Heritage Museum Complex & Lea County Cowboy Hall of Fame
Contact: Mary Lyle (575) 492-2679 or mlyle@nmjc.edu
westernheritagemuseumcomplex.com

CHRISTMAS (campus closed)
December 22 - January 6

GED SESSION
January 22 - March 1 • Orientation: Jan 14 @ 6:00 pm, Jan 17 @ 9:00 am
Ben Alexander Student Learning Center, Room 212 (orientation)
Literacy Center on Dalmont Street (session)
Contact: Jerry Hamm (575) 492-2592 or jhamm@nmjc.edu

SPRING 2013 SEMESTER BEGINS
January 14

Student Support Services (SSS) participants were given a comprehensive tour of the UNM campus on October 20, 2012. Students said their campus visit was very informative as our experienced and friendly UNM tour guides answered many questions regarding transfer credits, degree programs and campus living. Students also learned about a new and exciting program at UNM for studying abroad. The evening after the tour SSS students enjoyed an outstanding performance of Broadway’s “The Lion King” at Popejoy Hall.

INTRAMURAL CHAMPS

LOS SEUCOS Halloween DodgeBall Under the Lights Champions:
Omar Gomez (El Paso, TX), Jorge Munozary (Mexico), Dalton Bowers (Albuquerque, NM),
Braden Martin (Andrews, TX), Jan Valentin (Cugas, P.R.), Carlos Chavee (Albuquerque, NM)

SETS ON THE BEACH 2-on-2 Volleyball Champions Clark Karpovich (Dallas, TX) and
Mike Bernal (El Paso, TX)

Lady Thunderbirds were recognized at halftime of the Men’s game for their record setting season a year ago. It was the first WJCAC Conference and Regional Championship in the history of NMJC women’s basketball!!