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Western Heritage Museum Complex to Host New Mexico Statehood Symposium and Teacher Workshop
by Mary Lyle, Education & Events Coordinator/Western Heritage Museum Complex and Lea County Cowboy Hall of Fame

The Western Heritage Museum Complex in Hobbs and the Historical Society of New Mexico will host a Statehood History Symposium and Teacher Workshop on Saturday, October 27 in the Museum Theater. The Statehood History Symposium is FREE and is open to the public and will be held from 9 AM to 12 PM. Three outstanding speakers will be featured: Dr. Rick Hendricks, New Mexico State Historian, Kermit Hill, retired history teacher, and Dr. Richard Melzer, Professor of History at UNM-Valencia Campus. Hendricks will talk on “New Mexico’s Path to Statehood,” Hill on “Geography and Statehood,” and Melzer on “The Making of New Mexico’s State Constitution.”

Social studies teachers in the area are invited to attend both the morning Statehood Symposium and the Teacher Workshop in the afternoon. The Workshop will focus on resources and ideas for teaching New Mexico history, particularly as related to Statehood, and will also feature a special tour of the Western Heritage Museum Complex. This will be the fifth Statehood History Teacher Workshop sponsored by the Historical Society of New Mexico.

Michael Stevenson, president of the Historical Society of New Mexico, said that “we are very pleased to be coming back to Hobbs. We were so well received in 2010 when we held our annual New Mexico History Conference there that we’ve been looking forward to having another opportunity to work with our friends in Hobbs and Lea County. We really encourage folks throughout Lea County to attend this special symposium and learn more about an important phase of New Mexico history while commemorating our Statehood Centennial.”

The Symposium has been designated and funded as a We the People project by the New Mexico Humanities Council and the National Endowment for the Humanities. Additional support for the Symposium and the Teacher Workshop is being provided by the Historical Society of New Mexico and its donors and the Western Heritage Museum Complex. The Statehood History Symposium and Teacher Workshop is an official New Mexico Statehood Centennial Project.

For more information on the Symposium and Workshop, please contact Mary Lyle, the Museum’s Director of Education, at 575-492-2679. For information on the Historical Society of New Mexico, see www.hsnm.org or email hsnminfo@gmail.com.

Lea County Cowboy Hall of Fame

Western Heritage Museum Complex and Creative New Mexico to Host Public Forum for Arts and Culture Community

by Mary Lyle, Education & Events Coordinator/Western Heritage Museum Complex and Lea County Cowboy Hall of Fame

The Western Heritage Museum Complex in Hobbs and Creative New Mexico will host a public forum on New Mexico’s “Creative Community and Economy” at 3 PM, Friday, October 26 in the Theater of the Museum Complex. Members of the arts and culture community in Southeastern New Mexico are invited to participate in the forum. The forum will provide information on the new Creative New Mexico organization, which is seeking input from communities around the state on how their and the state’s creative economy can be emphasized and expanded.

The arts and culture industry already contributes at least $3B to New Mexico’s economy, not to speak of its impact on tourism, a $6B industry in itself. But more can and should be done. Questions to be addressed to participants at the forum include-- what do you think is most needed to increase New Mexico’s creative economy, including cultural tourism? How can Creative New Mexico, as a statewide advocacy group, support your area’s arts and culture community? What should be the agenda and priorities for Creative New Mexico?

Creative New Mexico is a statewide arts and culture advocacy group incorporating and expanding on its predecessor organization, the New Mexico Creative Arts Network. Creative New Mexico’s scope extends beyond the arts and includes all cultural organization and activities. It is led by a Steering Committee initially brought together through collaboration between Creative Albuquerque and Creative Santa Fe. Other groups participating include the Historical Society of New Mexico, the Museum of New Mexico Foundation, New Mexico Arts, the Tourism Association of New Mexico, the New Mexico Association of Museums, the Roswell Museum, National Hispanic Cultural Center, New Mexico Lawyers for the Arts, and the New Mexico Humanities Council.

For more information on the forum or Creative New Mexico, email creativenewmexico@me.com or contact Mary Lyle at the Western Heritage Museum Complex at 575-492-2679 or by email mlyle@nmjc.edu.
The newly created NMJC Research Foundation is a 501(c)3 not-for-profit organization that has been created by the Lea County Commission and New Mexico Junior College. It is an outgrowth of Lea County and NMJC’s longstanding role of service to the Lea County Community. The Board of Directors includes Ron Black, Dr. Steve McCleery, Guy Kesner, Gregg Fuller, and Mike Gallagher. Dale Gannaway serves as the Executive Director.

Although the organization is legally chartered as “The NMJC Research Foundation”, the Board of Directors is currently involved in the process of creating a brand identity for the organization that will more easily convey the values and purpose of the organization. Once the branding process is completed, you will notice a new name for the organization.

The Foundation serves to “enable” researchers, businesses, and investors to combine their expertise to grow the innovation capacity and capabilities of Lea County. It also increases Lea County’s ability to interact with public and private entities around the world. Knowledge is the new “coin of the realm” in our ever-expanding global economy. It is very important for Lea County to capture the value its “intellectual property” or “know-how” and work, as a community, to generate intellectual and capital wealth from this most precious commodity. The NMJC Research Foundation is focused on this challenging and exciting opportunity.

For more information, please feel free to call Dale Gannaway at 575-492-4712.

"LOS SUCIOS" 2012 FLAG FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS (Intramural Sports)

Top Row (L to R): Jorge Murgaza - Mexico; Mike Barcelos - San Antonio, TX; Brandon Martin - Andrews, TX; Cody Perez - Corpus Christi, TX; Benton Rowe (L to R): Oscar Gomez - El Paso, TX; Dalton Bowers - Albuquerque, NM; Carlos Chavez - Albuquerque, NM; John Valentin - Caguas, PR.

The Open Range Cowboys Association recently presented a check for $3,000 for scholarships to the Lea County Cowboy Hall of Fame. The Agnes Kastner Hood Scholarship will be awarded by the Lea County Cowboy Hall of Fame to deserving students attending New Mexico Junior College.

Pictured are (L to R) representatives of the Open Range Cowboys, Drucilla Willbanks, Shirley Richie, and Jim Davis, President of the Board of Directors of the the Lea County Cowboy Hall of Fame.
If you have an iPhone and know that it is capable of more than you are currently using it for, this class is for you. In this 4 hour session, below are some of the things we will go over. If what you need is not listed here, don’t be discouraged! Come with questions and our instructor will do his best to help and get you the answers you need.

- Keep it together — synchronize contacts, calendars, e-mail accounts, and bookmarks between your computer and your iPhone
- Do you multitask? — while on a call, access your e-mail, calendar, or other apps and switch effortlessly between applications
- Video call — wave to your kids, confer with a client, or join a party from across the globe with the FaceTime video-chat feature
- Shake your groove thing — create playlists, scroll through your music library, and customize your listening experience
- All those apps — find the best apps to indulge your interests, get applications onto your iPhone, and keep your apps up to date
- Steps for getting started with your iPhone
- How to make a hands-free phone call with Voice Control
- Details about connecting to a Wi-Fi network
- Easy ways to record reminders or meetings with Voice Memos
- Tips for using the new unified inbox and app folders
- Advice on troubleshooting your iPhone

Learn to:
- Set up your iPhone, send and receive e-mail, and surf the Web
- Record and edit HD video and capture great photos
- Make video calls with FaceTime®, organize apps in folders, and multitask

Thursday, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm; Oct 25, 2012
Tuition: $88.00

Email and the Internet for Beginners

Get in the communication stream with email! Find out how easy it is to set up an email account and send and receive mail. Topics include working with email addresses; composing, replying to, and forwarding messages; retrieving, reading, and deleting mail messages, and opening and saving attachments. Discover the many uses of surfing the Internet. Use search engines, go shopping, and email a company. Find information on anything that interests you. Put a picture you find on the Internet as the desktop on your computer or save it for other uses, and much more.

Tuesday, Thursday 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm; two sessions starting Oct. 30, 2012, ending Nov. 1, 2012
Tuition: $55.00
Before retiring from NMJC in 2010, Mr. Joe Garcia faithfully served NMJC and NMJC students for 25 years. During his tenure with NMJC, he served in several capacities. For eleven years he served as Professor of Sociology. Prior to that and at various times, he served as ESL/Basic Skills Specialist, part-time Professor of Sociology, and Coordinator of Adult Basic Education. He also served on various committees at New Mexico Junior College and was active in the local community.

Joe was admired and loved by many. He passed away on May 28, 2012 and will be missed by the many on campus who came to consider him as part of their family. In remembering Joe, stories have been exchanged telling how Joe cared tremendously about NMJC students. It has been said that Joe often gave from his own resources to help students purchase books for the classes they were taking at NMJC. Many who work on campus and knew Joe have expressed how Joe helped them to feel welcome here at NMJC and was a support to their efforts of educating students.

Because of his dedication to helping NMJC students and his friendship with and support of fellow NMJC employees, a scholarship fund has been created in his memory. The Joe Garcia Memorial Scholarship Fund will be used to provide financial assistance to qualifying students who choose to further their educational goals by attending NMJC. Those wanting to contribute to the Joe Garcia Memorial Scholarship Fund may send a check to: NMJC Foundation, 5317 Lovington Highway, Hobbs, NM 88240.
Emerging Writers’ Contest
October 1 - November 9, 2012
Reception & Announcement of Winners on November 9 • 2:00 pm

POETRY & SHORT STORY submissions from previously unpublished writers.

Students and staff may enter. No professional staff, faculty or administrator entries. Must be an emerging writer who has never been published.

Categories are poetry and short story. Entries should be submitted to the Director of Pannell Library.

NMJC Fellowship of Christian Athletes hosts See You at the Pole, which was held on Wednesday, September 26. Saw You at the Pole event was held that evening with 710 in attendance at Caster Activity Center with Illusionist Jared Hall.
NMJC FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP RECEPTION

(L to R) 1. Jim Spencer Memorial Scholarship recipients.
2. & 7. Enjoying refreshments at the NMJC Foundation Scholarship Reception, October 2.
3. Dr. Steve McClency introducing guest speaker, Hobbs City Commissioner, Jonathan Seina.
4. Accidental Harmony providing entertainment.
5. Chesapeake Scholars Program Scholarship recipients.
James Miller Tabbed New Head Coach

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HOBBS NEWS-SUN

New Mexico Junior College Board approved the promotion of NMJC men's assistant basketball coach James Miller to head coach. Miller, 29, was the NMJC coach Chris Tiiff's assistant the last three seasons, helping the Thunderbirds advance to the regional tournament for the first time in over a decade last season. "I'm excited about this opportunity," Miller said. "I'd like to thank all the higher powers that be here at NMJC and, of course, Coach Tiiff who gave me an opportunity to be an assistant here. I'm excited and anxious. I'm ready to get going. The position opened when Tiiff accepted a job as Texas Christian University's director of men's basketball operations in July. Tiiff, with Miller as his assistant coach, went 58-32 during his three seasons - including a 23-9 mark last season that saw the T-Birds go 10-4 in Western Junior College Athletic Conference (good for a tie for second place).

This will be Miller's first college head coaching job. "I think the coaching part of being a head coach is going to be easy," Miller said. "But the biggest thing is the management of all these guys and I'm wearing a different kind of hat than I have the last few years. As a head coach, you have a different role." NMJC athletic director Don Worth said being around Miller the last three years left no doubt on who the next T-Bird coach should be. "People forget that you are being interviewed everyday," Worth said. "We've had James here as part of our family for three years and we know what kind of character he has. We know what his philosophy is. We are excited for this. We don't feel like we could've found a better candidate and it just happened to be he was in-house."

Miller said all returning players and recruits who were planning on attending NMJC prior to Tiiff's departure are still going to play for the T-Birds next season - something Worth said has a lot to do with Miller's character and abilities as a coach. "We honestly expect to compete for a conference championship in men's basketball this upcoming season and the best part is that Coach Miller recruited all of these kids on campus," Worth said. "None of the kids even brought up transferring. They are very comfortable with Coach Miller, they understand who he is and they understand that our program is going to continue to move in the direction it has in the last three years."

Miller is a native of Colorado (born in Denver) and served as the assistant men's basketball coach at Colorado State University-Pueblo for the four years prior to coming to NMJC in 2009. Miller received his bachelor's degree from Colorado State University in Fort Collins and his master's from the University of Northern Colorado in Greeley.

Brian Lohrey Tabbed New Assistant

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The NMJC Board also approved the hiring of Miller's assistant coach Brian Lohrey - who Miller knows as far back as his high school playing days in Colorado when the two played on rival teams. Lohrey has been an assistant coach at University of Central Missouri the last three seasons and before that was a Staff Assistant Recruiter for Dallas Baptist University. Before coming to Dallas Baptist Coach Lohrey played Division I basketball at Colorado State University from 2002-05 - the same time Miller was a student assistant with the team.

Coach Lohrey has been married for 5 years now to Lyndsey Lohrey and they have a 3 year old son named Madachi. Lyndsey Lohrey was born in Del Rio, TX but grew up in Westbrook, Maine. Lyndsey was a prolific swimmer in High School and college which is where Lohrey and her met while they competed for Colorado State.
**Northwestern State signs Dequan Hicks**

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Natchitoches, LA – Two-time all-conference New Mexico Junior College forward Dequan Hicks has signed to play the next two seasons for Northwestern State. Demons' head basketball coach Mike McNairy said Tuesday, "The addition of Dequan to our program is a very important piece to the puzzle. His size and skill level will make him a strong force on both ends of the floor," said McNairy. "He has the ability to produce points in the paint, which is so important in our offense." Hicks (6-7, 230) was an All-Region V selection in 2011-12 at New Mexico Junior College, where he averaged 13 points and seven rebounds while shooting 59 percent from the field. He led his team to a 23-9 record in the always-tough Western Junior College Athletic Conference, helping coach Chris Tiff's team to its first appearance in the NJCAA Region V Tournament since 1998. "Dequan has produced solid numbers and helped his team win a lot of games in a conference that has produced the NJCAA national championship team four out of the last six seasons," said McNairy. "Playing for coach Tiff and James Miller, their assistant coach, in a quality program at New Mexico Junior College the past two seasons, he has been in a structured system that will help him fit in perfectly with Demon basketball." As a freshman, he helped New Mexico JC to a 19-9 record as he averaged 11 points, six rebounds and shot 63 percent from the floor, earning the first of two-straight All-WCAC honors.

Hicks finished his sophomore season ranked in the conference top 10 in points, rebounds, field goal aim, blocked shots and double-doubles.

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**Duquesne signs Marvin Binney**

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Binney signs with Duquesne of Atlantic 10 Conference

Pittsburgh, PA – New Mexico Junior College starting point guard Marvin Binney has signed a national letter of intent to attend school and continue his playing career at Duquesne University in Pittsburgh, PA. Binney, a 6’2” redshirt-freshman for the Thunderbirds, will have three seasons of eligibility remaining at the Division I level. He averaged 5.9 points, 2.3 rebounds and 2.9 assists for 23-9 New Mexico Junior College in 2012. As one of two players to start all 32 games for the Thunderbirds, the Toronto native led the team in assists (94) and steals (41). He was named the team’s Best Defensive Player and was the recipient of the Most Inspirational/T-Bird Award at NMJC’s postseason awards banquet. Originally from Toronto, Binney was named as the No. 5 point guard in the Canadian class of 2009 by Hoopstars Canada after leading the AAAA Eastern Commerce Collegiate Institute to the Ontario Federation of School Athletic Associations (OFSSA) championship.

Duquesne competes in the Atlantic 10 conference, one of the most competitive conferences in the country for men’s basketball. In 2012, the Atlantic 10 had four teams compete in the NCAA Men’s Basketball Tournament (Temple, St. Bonaventure, Saint Louis & Xavier).

"I look for Marvin to solidify the point guard position," said Duquesne Head Coach Jim Ferry. "He is a very good on-the-ball defender who brings a nice combination of experience, maturity and strong leadership to our team where we need immediate help.

Marvin has played for highly successful programs both in Canada and in junior college which should help in his transition to the Atlantic 10.”

Courtesy of Duquesne Athletics

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**Nebraska Omaha signs Alex Phillips**

Omaha, NE – New Mexico Junior College sophomore Alex Phillips has signed a National Letter of Intent with the University of Nebraska-Omaha. Phillips, a 6’2” shooting guard from Phlox Rex, AL, was voted to the Western Junior College Athletic Conference All-Conference team, finishing the season averaging 10.1 points per game in the WJCAC. Phillips shot 35% from behind the 3-point arc and connected on 81.8% of his free throw attempts, good enough for third in the conference. Phillips felt right at home in the Recreation Center, putting together some of his best performances of the season in front of the home crowd. He averaged 17.3 points in home games vs. Midland, South Plains, Howard and Odessa.

Nebraska-Omaha is the newest member of the competitive Summit League. The UNO men’s basketball team will play a full regular-season Summit League conference schedule beginning in 2012-13, and the year also marks the Mavericks’ move to a new home: the Ralston Sports and Event Center.

“We are extremely excited for Alex and his family,” said UNO head coach Chris Tiff. “Alex has been an instrumental part of the growth of our program and has always had an unmet loyalty for New Mexico Junior College athletics. He will be a great addition to the Maverick roster as they continue to build towards the future.”
Sacramento State signs Ryan Okwudibonye

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Hobbs, NM—Ryan Okwudibonye has signed a National Letter of Intent with California State University, Sacramento of the Big Sky Conference. A 6-foot-8, 238-pound center/power forward from Huntington Beach, CA, Okwudibonye spent the last two seasons playing for New Mexico Junior College. He played in all 50 games during his two-year career, and was part of a 2011-12 Thunderbird team that went 23-9 overall, 10-4 in the Western Junior College Athletic Conference and made the school’s first appearance at the NJCAA Region V Tournament since the 1997-98 season. Last season, he started 21 of 32 games, and finished the year with averages of 4.6 points and 4.6 rebounds per game while shooting 43.8 percent (69-157) from the field. Okwudibonye was second on the team in rebounding, and third on the team in blocked shots.

As a freshman at New Mexico JC, he helped the team to a 19-9 overall record after averaging 5.8 points and 4.1 rebounds per game while shooting 58.1 percent (72-124) from the field. Okwudibonye played at Huntington Beach’s Ocean View High School, where he was a two-year varsity starter and all-conference selection during his junior (2008-09) and senior (2009-10) seasons. During those two seasons, the Seahawks won a pair of Golden West Conference championships and compiled a two-year record of 56-13 overall and 19-6 in league. That included a CIF Southern Section Div. III title in 2008-09. As a senior, he averaged 8.7 points, 7.6 rebounds and 0.9 blocked shots per game while shooting 55.2 percent (122-221) from the field. During his junior season, Okwudibonye averaged 7.1 points and 7.4 rebounds while shooting 55.6 percent (100-180) from the floor.

“Ryan is a strong center/power forward that is physical and a very good post defender,” Sacramento State Head Coach Brian Katz said. “His combination of strength and quick feet defensively will allow him to guard multiple positions on the court. He’s a player we’ve followed over the last three years, and feel like his best offensive days are ahead of him.”

Words from Head Coach James Miller

Over the past three years, I have had the opportunity to help our program make progress and continue to improve as an assistant coach under Chris Tiffi before he recently departed to take a job at Texas Christian University. Thanks to President McKeeler, our Athletic Director Don Worth, and the New Mexico JC board of directors, I am now blessed with the opportunity to lead the Men’s Basketball program and the quality young men that have come to Hobbs in order to better themselves as students, young men and basketball players. Words can’t express how thankful my wife and I are to continue to live in such a great community where support for our program has really grown over the past few years and the people have treated us so well. We can’t wait for practice to get started the first week of October and hope to see you at our first tournament in November.

Chris Tiffi Moves on to TCU as DOBO

7/27/2012 12:05:37 AM
Clayton Jones / News-Sun
New Mexico Junior College men’s basketball coach Chris Tiffi, who guided the Thunderbirds to their first regional appearance in over a decade, resigned Wednesday and has accepted a job as Texas Christian University’s director of men’s basketball operations.

Tiffi went 58-32 in his three seasons at NMJC, including a 23-3 mark last season. The Thunderbirds went 10-4 in Western Junior College Athletic Conference play last season (finishing tied for second) and qualified for the Region V Tournament for the first time in over a decade (winning its first round game before losing to eventual national champion South Plains in the semifinals).
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October 25-27 @ Clarendon College – Clarendon, Texas
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PTK ORIENTATION
November 3 @ 10:00 am
Watson Hall Theatre
Contact: Maria Vick (575) 492-2850 or mvick@nmjc.edu

LET’S TALK ABOUT IT: MAKING SENSE OF THE AMERICAN CIVIL WAR - Moderator: Professor Dwight Piteithley of NMSU
November 3 @ 1:00 pm • “War and Freedom”
Contact: Mary Tuftschaegers (575) 492-2873 or mtuftschaegers@nmjc.edu

PTK ORIENTATION
November 6 @ 7:00 pm
Watson Hall Theatre
Contact: Maria Vick (575) 492-2850 or mvick@nmjc.edu

PTK INDUCTION
November 13 @ 7:00 pm
Watson Hall Theatre
Contact: Maria Vick (575) 492-2850 or mvick@nmjc.edu

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

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