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Welcome to the 2019 Rio Rancho Observer Readers’ Choice special section. This 64-page magazine highlights more than 900 businesses that Observer readers love. This year we had the best voter turnout with more than 18,000 votes cast in our online balloting feature earlier this year.

This year’s special section features businesses in a variety of categories from autos to sports. The winners were chosen by the highest amount of votes received.

On Tuesday, October 22, Observer staff produced an awards ceremony where the winners were announced in front of an audience of several hundred at beautiful Hyatt Tamaya Resort. Now, the time has come to share this year’s award-winners with Observer readers.

Congratulations to all of the winners in this year’s Observer Readers’ Choice awards!

Drum roll, please. And the winners are …

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By Mercy López-acosta Marketing Supervisor

We are in a big city but we are a very tight community," Fitzpatrick said. According the U.S. Census data, Rio Rancho has a population of 98,023 — 10,502 more people than the 2010 Census of population 87,521. According to the city's website, Rio Rancho has a population of 5,000 in 1979, with the 100th family moving into the Sandia County community in 1966. Rio Rancho Public Schools is the third largest district in the state. Since the inception of the school district in 1994, it has grown from 5,000 students to more than 17,597 in September.

As the city has grown, so has Harris Jewelry. Since purchasing the business in 1998, Fitzpatrick and Guerin have expanded it tremendously, not only in size but in reputation.

“We grow with the community,” Fitzpatrick says. “We are also very engaged in the community.”

Their 5,000-square-foot business at 909 36th Place near Southern has become a destination business — evident with five people gracing their store within minutes of each other.

“The community supports us, and we support the community,” Fitzpatrick said. “We are thinking because of our customers. The business has a team of 14 employees including five bench jewelers creating this custom one-of-a-kind pieces and repair services.

“We treat our customers so well that they bring us goodies,” Fitzpatrick said. “We are like the show ‘Cheers,’ where everyone knows your name. Clients instantly become our friends.”

Businesses like Harris Jewelry are vital to sustaining Rio Rancho. Mayor Gregg Hull recently visited with Fitzpatrick to ensure that the large construction project it not causing too much of a disturbance for the store. Hull knows the impact Rio Rancho businesses have on the local economy and their impact.

“They not only provide jobs and there is the all coveted gross receipts taxes,” Hull said. “This tax comes into city..." office accounts for approximately 52-56 percent of the city’s annual budget. It is not a small number. Businesses are absolutely critical for not only providing jobs for families, but the tax base that allows us to operate the community.”

Hull said that many Rio Rancho businesses are unique and many come from outside of the city to patronize the businesses.

“We are home to many unique restaurants including some of our most famous ones in Joe’s Pasta House, M’tuccis … we have really great unique flavors here in Rio Rancho,” Hull said.

Many of these restaurants are part of the winners’ circle in this year’s Rio Rancho Observer Readers’ Choice Awards.

“Congratulations to each and everyone one of these businesses that are recognized with this distinguished award,” Hull said. “As the same time thank you for the investment they made in Rio Rancho and for the work they do that brought about this recognition.”

"Hello, Rio Rancho! The past few weeks have been quite eventful for the City of Rio Rancho. Valentine’s Day is a few months away, but that did not slow Rio Rancho from showing plenty of love to its lovers. In this year is Rio Rancho Observer Readers’ Choice Awards we recognize hundreds of businesses who continue the attention of our readers. More than 18,000 votes were cast in this year’s voting period which takes place for one month earlier this year. We are honored to recognize these fine businesses and people who make Rio Rancho a true City of Vision. Harris Jewelry owner Karen Fitzpatrick may have described Rio Rancho perfectly, “we are in a big city but we are a very tight community.” You experience the sense of community in Rio Rancho upon walking into any door in the city. People are friendly, genuine, and are proud to support its city. Rio Rancho has been able to define and live a true sense of community.

We also witnessed the community come together earlier this month to remark about the “billion-dollar view” from the mountain known as Cabe Cito in Rio Rancho, which is now gone as a result of a suspicious fire. Although part of the city’s brick and mortar history went up in flames Oct. 4, the memories live on with the people who call Rio Rancho home. Rio Rancho is also our home. The Rio Rancho Observer has been covering the news in the city since 1973. Observer staff Argan Duncan, Stephen Montoya and Gary Herron take great pride in being part of the community. You can find us at nearly every sport event in the city. Monday informs us about a variety of businesses and local news. Duncan is a woman who wears many hats and still continues to provide us with a quality newspaper every Sunday. The Rio Rancho Observer is a locally owned and operated community newspaper that is honored to be a member of Rio Rancho Regional Chamber of Commerce, The New Mexico Press Association, The New Mexico Foundation for Open Media and the New Mexico Credit Union League. It is the third largest city in the state, there are many successful businesses in Rio Rancho. It was a phenomenal afternoon to celebrate the awards and to honor every one of these businesses that shape and serve Rio Rancho. We hope that you visit each and every one of these businesses. Every one of them is critical to the economy of not only Rio Rancho and Sandoval County, but to New Mexico. We would like to thank this year’s Rio Rancho Observer Readers’ Choice sponsors. Bay Equity Home Loans, Nusenda Credit Union and Realty One of New Mexico. Each of these sponsors helped make this event and this special section possible. Make sure you pay a special visit to them all.

Our Readers’ Choice winners represent the people who call Rio Rancho home. The people who craft our city’s brick and mortar history went up in flames Oct. 4. The people who create our community in Rio Rancho upon walking into any door in the city.

We are thrilled to showcase these phenomenal businesses to more than 20,000 households. Earlier this week we gathered the winners gathered under one roof to celebrate the awards and to honor business that shapes and serves Rio Rancho. It was a phenomenal afternoon full of tax dollars for the beautiful Tamaya.

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Dear Readers: We have the honor and privilege to present you with the winners of this year’s Rio Rancho Observer Readers’ Choice Awards. These businesses have shown outstanding amongst their colleagues as being the finest in Rio Rancho. Winner of the Rio Rancho Observer Readers’ Choice Awards are selected by readers and voters in the readers’ website. More than 18,000 votes were cast in this year’s awards. The top vote getter in each category has the bragging rights as first place, while the other two winners stand within one of the top three in Rio Rancho’s favorites.

We are thrilled to honor more than 900 Rio Rancho businesses in this year’s Readers’ Choice awards,” said Albuquerque Journal Senior Vice President and Chief Revenue Officer Cecilia Uebel. “Earlier this year, more than 18,000 votes were taken as part of this year’s Readers’ Choice awards.”

Rio Rancho is the home of more than 900 businesses. Each one makes an impact on the community economically and provides a place for people to get their needed or desired goods.

One of this year’s Readers’ Choice winners is Harris Jewelry. They are Rio Rancho’s favorite in the jeweler category. For Harris Jewelry, Rio Rancho has surrounded them with love. Owners Karen Fitzpatrick and Mark Guerin have seen their business grow by leaps and bounds, just as the City of Village has. Updates on this and many more interesting stories appear weekly. To ensure that you continue to receive the Rio Rancho Observer daily now, Rio Rancho and why it continues to be the fastest growing city in the state.

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Letter from the Editor

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Some of the best desserts are made with plenty of love and at home. But a visit to the Range Café will make you wonder if your mom or grandma made the delectable delights made from scratch. With names such as Death by Lemon, Chocolate Roadhouse Cake and Cuatro Leches Cake, you know you have hit the bakery jackpot.

rangecafe.com
925 Camino Del Pueblo
505.867.1700

Flying Star
flyingstarcafe.com

We always prefer New Mexican over Tex-Mex, but there is always room in our stomachs for some good Texas-style barbecue. A trip to Rudy’s “Country Store” and Bar-B-Q will leave you deeply full with their Texas tang.

rudysbbq.com
10136 Coors NW
505.890.7113

Freight House Kitchen + Tap
fr8house.com

Nothing like a good ol’ buffet to try a variety of menu items; Joe’s Pasta House, Santa Ana Casino’s Feast Buffet, and Namaste do just that and more. With freshly made dishes prepared right before heading to the buffet line, the three are go-to buffets for yummy goodness featuring some of our favorites.

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santaanastar.com
54 Jemez Canyon Dam Rd
505.892.0000

namastenn.net
1580 Deborah Rd SE
505.896.3126

Joe’s Pasta House/Santa Ana Casino - Feast Buffet/Namaste

Nothing like a good cup of Joe to get your morning started or to sip on for that afternoon perk up. Café Bella Coffee offers plenty for the coffee connoisseur including a White Chocolate Raspberry Mocha, Peppermint White Chocolate Latte, Bella Mocha, Cubano, and Peanut Butter Caramel Latte.

cafebellacoffee.com
2115 Golf Course Rd SE
505.994.9436

bad Ass Coffee New Mexico
badasscoffee.com

Satellite Coffee
satellitecoffee.com

Café Bella Coffee

Heaven Dragon Restaurant takes you on a culinary experience as each dish is prepared with the finest and freshest ingredients in its open kitchen. The chefs at Heaven Dragon Restaurant use a variety of Asian cooking and time-honored cooking techniques and traditions to create its menu items.

heavendragonrr.com
4300 Ridgecrest Dr SE
505.891.0888

Nori Sushi & Ramen

Nothing like working 9-5, citing she knows working hours for some folks. But for New Mexicans, working 9-5 means a quick stop at Blake’s before heading to the office. After all, you cannot go wrong with starting a Monday with an egg, potato, bacon, and green chile breakfast burrito.

lotaburger.com
3205 Richmond Drive NE
505.681.7827

Golden Pride
goldenpridebbq.com

Twisters
mytwisters.com

Blake’s Lotaburger

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**RED CHILE/HOT TAMALEs NEW MEXican KITCHEn**

The state question is red or green? Of course, we know where the best red chile is in Rio Rancho. Hot Tamales’ red chile comes on a variety of dishs— including smothered over a variety of burritos, in its enchiladas — the red is delicious and offers a perfect amount of heat.

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1520 Rio Rancho Blvd
505.962.0123

**ALBUQUERQUE’s NEW MEXican KITCHEn**

Pelican’s Pappadeaux

1600 Unser Blvd NW

crackincrababq.com

sels and scallops.

**SEAFOOD/CRAKCN’ Crab**

We are hundreds of miles from the nearest ocean, but that does not mean that we cannot eat some good seafood. Crackin’ Crab is our go-to eatery for seafood eating. Set sail with our delicious critters.

**SPORTS BAR/TURTLE MoUNtain BREWING COMPANY**

Weir’s Grille & Pub

505.994.9497

905 36th Place SE

The Ranchers Club of New Mexico

10030 Coors Blvd Bypass NW

505.898.9053

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If you are a beer enthusiast, you most likely already know about Ex Novo’s Hazy Pale Ale. But if you aren’t you are now in for a treat. It is brewed locally in Corrales, the hometown of founder Joel Gregory.

**BREWERY (LOCAL)**
**EX NOVO - HAZY PALE ALE**

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**TURTLE MOUNTAIN BREWING COMPANY**

Turtle Mountain Brewery Company is the fan favorite according to Rio Rancho Observer readers. More affectionately known as the “Turtle” by locals, the pub features plenty of hand-crafted ales and lagers from its brewhouse along with some of the best pizzas and calzones made in a wood-fired oven.

**BREWERY GRUB**
**TURTLE MOUNTAIN BREWING COMPANY**

Turtle Mountain Brewery Company was at num, nom, nom and put a ring on it. The “Turtle” combines the veggies, meats and dairy into amazing, yummy goodness. Its pizza selection is identified after New Mexico locations including Ojo Caliente, Truchas, and White Sands — no wonder the food is enchanting.

**COCKTAIL**
**O’HARE’S GRILLE & PUB**

O’Hare’s Grill and Pub is more than an o’hair of the dog cure. With a full line of roughly 20 beers on tap, more than 70 bottled beer selections and an array of wines available there is plenty for every alcoholic beverage connoisseur. For those who want a mixture of this and that, O’Hare’s is known for its spirits.

**DRINKS**
**WINE (RED)**
**ST CLAIR WINERY & BISTRO**

UB40 and the great Neil Diamond both sang about Red, Red Wine. Could they be talking about the red wine at D.H. Lescombes Winery and Bistro formerly known as St. Clair? We may never know, but to get that rocking feeling Observer readers prefer the red, red wine at D.H. Lescombes.

**SPIRITS**
**TOTAL WINE & MORE**

Sometimes your summer get togethers call for a crisp summer lager while others request a refreshing Aperol spritz. Total Wine and Spirits is where you can get both — in bulk — to ensure everyone gets their fair fix of summertime sips. Your night will be filled with good laughs, drinks and memories.

**WINE (WHITE)**
**ST CLAIR WINERY & BISTRO**

St. Clair Winery, now officially named D.H. Lescombes Winery and Bistro (harking back to its roots), is one of the most iconic and beautiful places to visit in West Old Town in Albuquerque. Whether you crave a hearty meal, a rich red, or a sharp white, D.H. Lescombes has plenty to offer to its wine-lovers.

**MARGARITA**
**SAIDIE’S OF NEW MEXICO**

Whether you are feeling like gold, silver, blue or presidential, Saide’s of New Mexico has the perfect color of margarita to chill your taste buds. A field of coloradillo margaritas entices Saide’s selection of margs including its fabulous House Margarita, Grand Gold Margarita, Silver Coin Margarita, Blue Margarita, and Presidential Margarita.

**CORRALES WINERY**

Whether you are looking for an adult happy hour or a happy hour for whole family, Observer readers recommend O’Hare’s Grille & Pub and Sonic to get that mid-afternoon hydration. O’Hare’s Grille & Pub offers a variety of happy hour drinks, while Sonic is known for their flavorful cherry lime-ades.

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**COUNTIES**
**BEST WINERIES TO VISIT**

Since 2009, we’ve brought you the reader’s choice for best wineries. This year we revisit to see how the top wineries have been ranked.

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We can all do our part to look after ourselves, but there’s a fine line between the two. Whether you treat yourself to a new manicure, or a doctor treats your ailment, health and beauty are important parts of our lives. Readers voted in with the best doctors, dentists, surgeons, specialists and more, plus the best stylists, spas, salons.

**SHOP**
**G&M Medical Center**

Here in Rio, we turn to G&M Medical Center’s MedSpa. At Medspa, you can achieve the best possible version of yourself. Utilizing non-invasive and non-surgical treatments, Thank you for voting for G&M Medical Center and MedSpa is your one-stop location for Primary Care, Wellness, and MedSpa services. We offer 100% financing approval on all Medspa services. Most major insurance plans accepted for primary care. Visit us online at www.gmmedicalcenter.com or call 505-415-0179.
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Chrome now offers facials, waxing, microdermabrasion, and more. Visit them at 8800 Menaul Blvd. NE, Albuquerque, NM 87110.

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Cuting hair is an art – an art that barbers Robert Lupin and Tammy Martinez have perfected. The duo, which calls Robs Family Barbershop, have become experts in classic and contemporary styles for women, men and children. They utilize exceptional skill and personal attention to ensure your cut is on point by utilizing precision barbing.
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505.221.5044

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Having a car that is out of alignment is not fun, neither is having a spine that is not adjusted. Dr. Grant Stoddard can get you back in alignment utilizing his hands. Stoddard’s treatment can help with pain, improve function and support the body’s ability to heal.
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YOU MAKE IT HOME.
The buying of a home is one of the largest financial decisions one makes in life. To help make home buying a breeze, the experts at Bay Equity Home Loans will guide you through the process — just like its slogan states, “We are here to get you home.”

“Choosing the right mortgage advisor is as important as choosing the right home,” said Tina, who is licensed in New Mexico, Arizona and Texas. “We are hands-on, we are here, and we are local. You will talk to us directly.”

Bay Equity offers the best of both worlds when it comes to processing paperwork. It offers ease and convenience of online solutions and one-on-one meetings for the home buyers who have all the paperwork in folders.

“To help you through the process. The trio of Krupar, her husband, Chris Krupar, and Erika Gabrys are the trifecta of home loans in the state. We do more upfront on loans, so there are less surprises,” said Chris, who has more than 25 years of experience in the industry and has more than 100 five-star reviews on Zillow. The trio works hard with their clients to assure they are aware of everything regarding their mortgage.

“We want to make sure that they purchase a home, but can still enjoy life,” said Gabrys, an Air Force veteran, who enjoys working with fellow veterans.

Bay Equity Home Loans is a family-owned business based out of the Bay Area in California. It has branches across the nation. The local office is having one of their best years and credits that to their reputation in getting the job done, but also caring about its customers.

“Our clients end up being our friends,” said Chris. “It isn’t just because we get their home loan closed, but they feel like they worked with a friend. We built this local branch organically based on these good experiences our clients have had.”
HOME & REAL ESTATE

HOMEBUILDER
PULTE HOMES
Pulte Homes has a long-standing tradition in the City of Vision. It offers affordable homes located close to great dining and the great outdoors. Pulte Homes’ newest community will soon open its doors at Broadmoor Heights, adding to its Redston-

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LIGHTING
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From a home garage business in 1984, started on a $1,000 shoe-

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With more than 40 years of experi-

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More than 25 years ago, Michael Harris started BMC Roofing, a family-owned business that will treat your house as their own by keeping it clean throughout the remodel-

MOVING SERVICE
TWO MEN AND A TRUCK
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PLUMBER
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Alexa can do a lot, but she cannot fix a leaking sink or a clogged drain. TLC Plumbing & Utility offers 24-hour ser-

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newmexico.waterstonemortgage.com
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Bay Equity Home Loans offers support to get you through this process whether you are a first time buyer, buy-

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vistagrande505.com

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Ace Ventura may have inspired your alter ego to hang out your window to avoid looking out a cracked windscreen. Leave that to your furry pets or the man himself — Jim Carrey. It is time to call the experts at SafeKit Auto Glass to get that windshield fixed. Alllllrighty then!

safeKit.com
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87127

Westside Glass
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Car Crafters
ccrafters.com

CAR SALES TEAM (TIE)

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Budget Blinds
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Renewal by Andersen
renewbyanderson.com

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MISTER CAR WASH

We don’t know if Mr. Miyagi trained the staff at Mister Car Wash the proper techniques for washing a car. We do know, however, is Rio Rancho turns to Mister Car Wash to keep their vehicles sparkling by ensuring they follow “wax on, wax off.”

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442 Camino Del Norte NW
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af1oexpress.com

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CAR WASH

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And just like that people started saving money by getting auto loans from Sandia Area Federal Credit Union. Wonder if they also have boat loans so Forrest can purchase another Jenny Run to Sandia Federal Credit Union to get that auto loan to purchase a new or new-to-you vehicle.

sandia.org
1601 Rio Rancho Blvd SE
800.238.4031

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Nusenda Credit Union
nusendra.org

BRAKES/ALIGNMENT

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Gambling should take place at casinos and not at Mister Car Wash. Why? To get your vehicle back to its immu-

nate beauty and on the road safely, call the pros at Quanz Auto Body. Quanz is known from its superior service using the highest industry standards in auto repair. Just that duct tape away.

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Car Crafters
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BRAKES/ALIGNMENT

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With vast amounts of wide-open space to traverse under seemingly endless skies, Rio Rancho lives its automobiles. Observer readers let us know where to buy and sell, new or used, and where to check and repair our rides. Here are their choices.

AUTO COLLISION REPAIR

QUANZ AUTO CARE

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perfectiionhonda.com
2603 American Rd SE
505.251.5113

Larry H Miller Hyundai
larryhmillerhyundai.com

Quality Buick GMC
qualitybybollorezo.com

CHRISTIAN BROTHERS AUTOMOTIVE

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New Mexico is known for its beauty. And it is no wonder that many people like to ride through it on two wheels. Indian Motorcycle, Thunderbird Har-

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thunderbirdhd.com
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thunderbirdhd.com
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505.856.1400

indianmotorcycleabq.com
4509 Alameda Blvd NE
505.588.2800
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505.891.0738

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1505 Unser Blvd SE
505.891.0738

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firestonecompleteautocare.com
Big O Tires
bigotires.com
Costco Wholesale
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AAA NEW MEXICO DUGGER’S ROAD SERVICE
Nobody wants to have a car issue on Paseo del Norte or Alameda, but if you do AAA New Mexico or Dugger’s Road Service are who Rio Rancho residents call. AAA New Mexico and Dugger’s Road Service offer a variety of roadside services including fuel delivery, jump start and towing.

aaa.com
9231 Coors Rd NW Ste 5 & 6
505.782.1938
duggerservices.com/en/
7601 San Pedro Dr NE
505.823.9696

Madrid Towing Service
madridtowing.com

USED CAR DEALERSHIP (TIE)

INTEGRITY AUTOMOTIVE RAM MOTORS
While there are plenty of used car dealerships around Rio Rancho and the metro area. There are two dealerships that stand out, Integrity Automotive and Ram Motors. Both dealerships have wide selections of cars, trucks, and even motorhomes, go get you in that new-to-you vehicle or RV.

integrityautomotive.com
9790 Coors Blvd NW
505.899.1141

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541 Quantum Rd NE
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General attorney

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Rio Rancho Law Office attorney Michael E. Sanchez is a man of many talents. Whether in the courtroom or in music industry, you want Sanchez by your side. Sanchez, a well-known musician, helps clients in personal injury, real estate, trusts, estates, small businesses, probate and of course entertainment.

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505.882.2200

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PERSONAL INJURY

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541 Quantum Rd NE
505.338.0209

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Divorce attorney

MONICA D. BACA

Divorces are hard enough as it is, leaving your spouse and the memories you built together. To help ease you through the process, Monica Baca is a divorce attorney who has guided hundreds since opening her office in 1991. She is regarded as one of the best divorce attorneys not only by her clients but their former spouses as well.

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505.842.9838

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Jennifer Degrauux

nmdivorcelawyers.com

ATTORNEYS
Readers graciously told us their options that might help them get through the grieving process. With services and pre-plan choices, these are the people and companies who support us during the loss of a loved one.

**CUSTOMER SERVICE**

**FRENCH FUNERALS & CREMATION - FRENCH RIO RANCHO**

The loss of a family member is hard enough as it is. The memories flood your mind, oftentimes leaving you with tears running down your face. The staff of French Funerals know that death is not easy for anyone. That's why they are compassionate, caring and understanding when it comes to making the final arrangements for your loved one.

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1275 Unser Blvd NE
505.338.2000

Daniels Family Funeral Services – Southern Blvd
danielsfuneral.com/southern-chapel

Gabaldon Mortuary
gabaldonmortuaryinc.com

**FUNERAL HOME**

**FRENCH FUNERALS & CREMATION - FRENCH RIO RANCHO**

French Funerals & Cremations offers top-notch service not only for your deceased loved one, but for grieving family members. At French, they care about what they do and offer support to the family – a service they have been offering for more than 110 years. Each person is different, at French they ensure “funerals are unique as your life.”

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Vista Verde Memorial Park
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**PET SERVICE**

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Riverside Funeral Home
riversidefunerals.com

**PRE-PLAN OPTION**

**FRENCH FUNERALS & CREMATION - FRENCH RIO RANCHO**

Death is not something we like to talk about, but we will all get called when the time has come. To help ease the burden of losing a loved one, French Funerals & Cremations offers pre-plan options that will ensure your funeral is as you wished without leaving your family members with preventable financial and emotional stress.

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505.338.2000

Daniels Family Funeral Services – Southern Blvd
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Riverside Funeral Home of Santa Fe
riversidefunerals.com

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Call 505.823.3373 to place an obit in the paper.
OUT & ABOUT

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505.764.6280
santaanastarcenter.com
santa Ana star Center
albuquerqueamphitheater.com
isleta Amphitheater
sandiacasino.com

Annual Event
Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta
Before Breaking Bad, Albuquerque’s claim to fame was the Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta. And honestly, it still is. Earlier this month, you cannot find a vacant hotel room or an AirBnb open as thousands descend upon the metro to catch a glimpse of hundreds of hot air bal- loons adorning the sky.
ballonfiesta.com
505.821.1000
505.299.3100
Corrales Bosque Gallery
corralesbosqegallery.com
Pork & Brew
santaanastarcenter.com

Art Gallery
Weems Gallery and Framing
New Mexico has plenty of artists across the state. At Weems Gallery and Framing you can find many of their works in one convenient loca- tion. Weems also has a full-service frame shop for your art. Weems is in stable in the and has been since 1981.
weemsgallery.com
505.299.6333
505.291.1000
Silva Lanes
silvalanes.us

Bowling Alley
Tenpins & More @ Rio Rancho
Whether it’s a night out with the family or meeting up for a league, Tenpins & More offers great food and cool drinks while you roll the lanes.
tenpins-more.com
505.987.7117
Starlight Bowling Alley Santa Ana Star Casino Hotel
santaanastar.com/starlight-bowling
Silva Lanes
silvalanes.us

Escape Room
New Mexico Escape Room
The newest trend in entertainment is escape rooms. At New Mexico Es- cape Room, you can test your craft- nesses and your teamwork skills, and challenge your intelligence by trying to escape its tricky room in less than 60 minutes. New Mexico Escape Room’s perfection in this new enter- tainment trend is evident throughout the facility.
nmescaperoom.com
4401 McLeod Suite B
505.286.1002

Family Night
Hinkle Family Fun Center
Family night does not have to be on a special occasion, but it can still be really special at Hinkle. At Hinkle Family Fun Center there are plenty of activities to make every family night one to remember. Your kids will be talking about Hinkle with their grand- children for years to come.
hinklefuncenter.com
12931 Indian School Rd
505.295.3100

Farms Market
Corrales Growers Market
The Corrales Growers’ Market operates and supports the traditional agricultural economics of the Village of Corrales. It provides community access to sustain- able sources of locally grown food as this helps preserve farmland, and sus- tains small farms and local agriculture by giving producers a site to sell their products directly to consumers.
corralesgrowersmarket.com
505.286.6336
Los Ranchos Growers’ Market
losranchosgrowers.org
Downtown Growers’ Market
downtowngrowers.org

Girls Night Out
O’hare’s grille & Pub
When a group of gal pals gather to have a fun evening out, why not get a bargain in the bargain? That’s kind of the idea behind O’Hare’s Ladies Night on Tuesday evenings. From 5 p.m. to close, all liquor and all appe- tizers are half off. Such a deal, but sorry gents, these prices are just for the ladies.
oharesgrillepub.com
505.896.0123

Country Club
Paradise Hills Golf Course
It is not every day that you can play golf in Hawaii. That’s why when we turn to Paradise Hills to get our golf on, the privately-owned golf club boosts some of the state’s most stunning views from the course. Get that drive on in Paradise.
paradises hills.golf
3001 Tuyuna Trail
505.988.7001
Albuquerque Country Club
abqcountryclub.org
The Canyon Club at Four Hills
canyonclub.org

Dance Club
Aerobatical Center
The Stage brings the best of Rio Rancho nightlife, including stand-up comi- cation, live bands, DJs, dancing and drinks. For those looking to live it up, enjoy the VIP bottle service.
sandiaamphitheater.com
santa Ana Star Center
santaanastarcenter.com

Dance Studio
Sparrow Dance Productions
At Sparrow Dance, getting together is about more than dancing. The organ- ization’s mission is to work with and address the needs of the community through dance and collaborative arts and encourage positive growth in Rio Rancho and beyond.
sparrowdancenm.com
103 Rio-Rancho Dr NE
505.985.7947
Corrales Dance Studio
corracedance.org
Magnify Dance Center
magnifydancecenter.com
Paradise Hills Golf Course
paradises hills.golf
Albuquerque Country Club
abqcountryclub.org

Gold Course
Twin Warriors Golf Club
Twin Warriors Golf Club is geared toward neighborhood clientele. It features 28 TVs, an 800-square-foot kitchen and a sound system for live music and karaoke. 
aviabistro.com/abqcountryclub

Guys’ Night Out
Turtle Mountain Brewing Company
Turtle Mountain Brewing Company is the perfect spot to do that. This brewpub was conceived after more than 20 decades of expertly conducted “market research” by owner Nico Ortiz. It is the dream des- tination for a night out with the bros.
turtlemountainbrewing.com
905.361.9727
505.994.9497
O’Hare’s Grille & Pub
8501 Central NE
505.994.9497

Karaoke
The Local Brewhouse
It may not exactly be “Cheers” rein- corrated, but with a fine sampling of locally crafted beers, as well a hop- ing selection of food and liquor. The Local Brewhouse is geared toward neighborhood clientele. It features 28 TVs, an 800-square-foot kitchen and a sound system for live music and karaoke.
facebook.com/thenewmexicogolfer
4100 Southern Blvd
505.994.9497
**Live Theatre Venue**

**PepejoY HAll**

Pepejo Hall on UNM’s campus is unrivaled. It is a “joy” to experience its perfect acoustics and notable staging of the best traveling Broadway shows. And it provides our city with excellently maintained tennis courts and programs for all ages and levels of play. At this time, Crossfit Rio Rancho is specifically programmed for each class to perfectly synchronize with the on-screen action, thus creating an unparalleled, immersive experience.

**Movie Theater**

**Premiere CInema 14 Rio Rancho**

Premiere utilizes D-BOX technology to create a wild ride movie experience. It uses a computer-controlled, motion-activated theatre seat that is specifically programmed for each movie. The resulting motion is perfectly synchronized with the on-screen action, thus creating an unparalleled, immersive experience. 

**Museum (Tie)**

**Albuquerque Museum Explora**

Albuquerque Museum and Explora offer plenty of learning opportunities for every age level in your family. Learn about the history of the metro area at the Albuquerque Museum or embrace your youth at the many kid-friendly exhibits at Explora. There is plenty of offerings at both which are located within walking distance of each other.

- [www.cabs.gwu/culturalservices/](http://www.cabs.gwu/culturalservices/)
- [albuquerque-museum.org](http://albuquerque-museum.org)
- [www.exploremuseum.org](http://www.exploremuseum.org)
- [505.453.4999](http://505.453.4999)
- [masterjimtkd.com](http://masterjimtkd.com)
- [newmexicorumors.com](http://newmexicorumors.com)
- [505.663.7786](http://505.663.7786)
- [ufcgym.com](http://ufcgym.com)

**Swimming Pool**

**Rio Rancho Aquatic Center**

Built in 2007 and 2008 for $10.25 million, the facility includes an 8-lane, 25-yard competition pool, a zero-depth, 3-lane, 25-yard warm up pool, a recreation pool with play features, a double flume slide, spectator seating, water polo goals, and an ADA hydraulic chair lift.

**Tennis Club**

**Tennis Club of Albuquerque Inc.**

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**Weekend Getaway**

**Jemez Hot Springs**

Sometimes a relaxing weekend is all you need to recharge your mind, body and spirit. Rio Rancho turns to the hills of the Jemez Mountains. The natural hot springs stem from the super volcano, the Valles Caldera National Preserve. The hot springs are surrounded by waterfalls, offering a unique stunning experience. Soak the stress away.

**Crossfit**

**Crossfit Rio Rancho**

Get your beast mode on at Crossfit Rio Rancho by expanding your physical fitness limits and having fun at the same time. Crossfit Rio Rancho has classes throughout the day from the early morning, noon, and evening slots. If you are unsure if Crossfit is for you it offers a free class.

**Gym**

**Elite Physique Gym**

Why get fit when you can get elite? Elite Physique Gym offers affordable membership plans and training package to fit every athlete. The gym, which is open 24 hours, offers personal trainers and daycare services. Start your path to fitness at Elite.

**Local Sports Team**

**New Mexico Runners**

It is said that soccer is the fastest growing sport in the United States. Here in Rio we cheer for the New Mexico Runners, the state’s first Major Arena Soccer League team. The Runners’ season normally lasts from December to March. The Runners call the Santa Ana Star Center home. Go Runners!

**Martial Arts**

**Master Jim’s Taekwondo**

Master Jim’s martial arts program transforms students, taking them to a level that will empower them to accomplish their goals. They learn how to defend themselves while getting in shape. In these classes, an ideal way to build self-confidence and self-worth, and give students the tools they need to overcome any obstacles.

**Out & About**

*Rio Rancho Observer Readers’ Choice* 2019

**Pilates**

**Kelly Carpenter - Blissful Spirits Hot Yoga**

Carpenter has infused her fun loving Jazzercise foundation with the core principles of Pilates. Creating切成 Pilates Caliente. This combines the unique core control system with the fundamentals of Pilates, while remaining modern and enjoyable. This is paired with the benefits of a heated room that awakens the body and lifts the spirit.

**Yoga**

**Vivify Hot Yoga**

Following the meaning of its name Vivify Hot Yoga will help you transform your life. Owner Lisa knows exactly how yoga can transmute your life as she has lived it. Her experience in yoga spurred her into opening her own shop alongside her husband Sean. Vishly has been the go to for many wanting to strengthen their minds and body.

**Personal Trainer**

**Ryan Vaughn**

Steven Newman - Elite Physique

Krista Baca - Elite Physique

GetEliteNow.com

**Sports**

**Rio Rancho Observer Readers’ Choice** 2019

Do you have a favorite local sports star? Favorite way to stay fit? We can stay trim, toned, and healthy in Rio Rancho. From gyms and Crossfit sites to yoga and pilates spots, here are the best places to stretch, crunch, squat, throw, twist, run and jump.

**Getting To Know**

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**EnchantFit**

[crossfitrio.com](http://crossfitrio.com)

[explora.us](http://explora.us)

[ufcgym.com](http://ufcgym.com)

[www.cabq.gov/culturalservices/](http://www.cabq.gov/culturalservices/)

[tmay.regency.hyatt.com](http://tmay.regency.hyatt.com)
Pets are a beloved part of many families. Whether it's a small dog, a cat, or a unique pet, these companions bring joy and love into our lives. Here are some options for dog training, pet care, and pet supplies in the Rio Rancho area:

**Dog Training**
- **PET PARADISE**
  - Let them play while you are at work. Pet Paradise offers the perfect location for your furry companions.

**Pet Care**
- **PET FOOD GONE WILD**
  - Our pets rely on us to feed them and to make sure they are looking at their best. Take your pets to Petco for a full-line of grooming services for your poohs and felines.
  - Set on a 10-acre site, the Ranch has become the state’s largest no-kill animal shelter. Since its inception, WHR has rescued and adopted out over 150,000 animals into loving homes, helping lost, abandoned and stray animals from euthanasia. Its efforts have expanded throughout New Mexico, southern Texas and Mexican.

**Pet Supplies**
- **PET FOOD GONE WILD**
  - In an age of good nutrition, we want to make sure our pets get fed well.
  - Often trained through proper feeding of high-quality foods, food, leashes, collars and accessories to keep your pets happy.

Additional pet-related services and options can be found in the provided information, including pet boarding, pet supply stores, and pet groomers, among others. Whether you’re looking for a new furry friend or just need to keep your current pets happy and healthy, there are plenty of options to choose from in the Rio Rancho area.
Even those of us not entirely up-to-speed with current events engage with our local media at least a little. We all have our favorite weathermen and weatherwomen, news anchors, radio stations and more. Here are our readers’ picks for our local news reporters, artists, authors, columnists, DJs and more.

**ARTIST (LOCAL)**  
**JON SANCHEZ**

It takes a special type of mind and person to create out of this world designs. Jon Sanchez aka Jonito, a self-proclaimed illustrator, has that knack for designs. Sanchez creates futuristic marvels utilizing a variety of art mediums. His pieces include band posters, pop culture pieces, movie posters and traditional works.  
jonanchezcreative.com

**AUTHOR (LOCAL)**  
**DON BULLIS**

Don Bullys knows about writing and research. He has authored nine non-fiction books and two novels. Bullys is also a columnist for the Rio Rancho Observer. Bullys is a walking, talking New Mexico History book.  
donbullis.biz

**BAND (LOCAL)**  
**NOSTROS**

Nosotros is becoming a household name when it comes to Latin bands. Nosotros, a nine-piece music powerhouse, will keep you dancing the night away to their Latin rhythms. The band, who has been in the music industry for more than 20 years, is the winner of roughly 10 New Mexico Music Awards.  
nosotrosmusic.net  
505.450.1902

**COLUMNIST**

**GARY HERRON - RIO RANCHO OBSERVER**

Gary Herron is a household name in Rio Rancho and New Mexico baseball. Herron, the Observer sports editor, has a knack for writing, evident in his regular columns and his three published books. His Observer column “Gary’s Glimpses,” offers glances into his life outside of the newsroom.  
rrobserver.com  
409 NM 528 NE Ste 101  
505.892.8080

**INVESTIGATIVE REPORTER**

**LARRY BARKER - KRQE NEWS 13**

New Mexicans know that when Larry Barker is in your building that there is something going on. He has a knack of exposing corruption, scandal and wrongdoing, thoroughly and with documentation. He award-winning investigative reports have helped change laws in New Mexico. Most recently, he was recognized by the New Mexico Foundation of Open Government with the Lifetime Achievement Award.  
krqe.com  
13 Broadcast Pl SW  
505.243.2285

**LOCAL FACEBOOK**

**RIO RANCHO PD**

Rio Rancho PD is extremely keeping our community safe, but they also ensure that Rio Rancho residents know the happenings by keeping us updated using social media. Because of its postings we get to know the faces behind the badges.  
facebook.com/RioRanchoPolice  
505.891.7236

**LOCAL INSTAGRAM**

**THE NEW BIG 98.5**

Lody Gaga and Bradley Cooper sang a song about “Music to my Eyes” in the Star is Born. Upon listening to Big 98.5 you will get a trip to music paradise as it takes you back to your childhood by playing all our favorite classic hits.  
@Big985NM  
8009 Marble Ave NE  
505.254.7100

**LOCAL TWITTER**

**BIG 98.5**

Normally you just know a radio personality by their voice and promotional photos, but with Big 98.5 Twitter account you get an insight to the station. The station is on the top of their game when it comes to Tweets.  
@Big985NM  
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505.254.7100

**THE VOTES HAVE BEEN TALLIED AND THE RIO RANCHO OBSERVER HAS WON AWARDS IN THE 2019 NMPA BETTER NEWSPAPER CONTEST. THE NEWSPAPER HAS WON AWARDS IN THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES:**

Argen Duncan  
Gary Herron  
Stephen Montoya
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Sometimes Albuquerque traffic is a complete cluster, but to make your commute bearable JTD in the Morning will keep you laughing and your road rage at bay. Jackie, Tony and Donnie will keep you chuckling with their squirrely attention span which may cause you to spit out your morning Joe for which we have a solution to in the autos section.

Steve Perry professed his love in “Oh, Sherrie.” Well, Rio Rancho has professed its love for Oh Shelly. Shelly Ribando has swept Rio Rancho Observer readers off their feet with her knack for local, state, national and international news. At KOAT she knows how to ask the hard questions and deliver the nightly news gracefully and informatively.

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Loving Thunder
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617 Truman St NE
505.999.7301

Department of New Mexico Veterans of Foreign Wars
vfwnm.org
Fields of Honor
newmexicofieldsforhonor.org
Heroes Walk Among Us
heroeswalkamongus.org

**CHARITY EVENT**

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Haven House is a 30-bed sanctuary for women who have become the victims of domestic violence. The Mayor’s barbecue is one of its annual fundraising initiatives and includes a silent auction, face painting and live music. It was held earlier this month. This fundraiser is vital to helping keep the doors to Haven House open.

havenhouseinc.org
P.O. Box 15611
505.896.4869

**NONPROFIT**

**ST. FELIX PANTRY**

St. Felix Pantry helps people when they need it the most. Whether you are homeless, on a fixed income, or just down on luck, St. Felix Pantry will help you with food, clothing, education, or referral services at no cost. The Pantry has operated for more than 25 years. facebook.com/stfelixpantry
4202 Barbara Loop SE
505.891.8075

**PLACES TO HELP**

For more information about Watermelon Mountain Ranch, visit wmranch.org or call 771-0140.

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**WATERMELON MOUNTAIN RANCH**

**By Merci López-Ascosta**

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Local gift ideas, attractions, events, special coupons and more!

Rio Rancho Observer

Thanksgiving Edition

A special edition publishing on Thanksgiving, November 28
Choosing where to gamble (and shop, eat, be pampered, play golf and more) shouldn’t be a risk. Our home-state is home to over two dozen casinos, from the massive Sandia Resort & Casino, to the smaller Billy the Kid Casino in Ruidoso (it’s just fun-sized). Here are readers’ picks for the best casinos and casino amenities.

BUFFET (TIE)
ROUTE 66 CASINO HOTEL
SANDIA RESORT & CASINO
SANTA ANA STAR CASINO HOTEL
Who doesn’t love a casino buffet? Travel the world with your wallet at buffets at Santa Ana Star Casino, Route 66 Casino Hotel, or Santa Ana Star Casino. The latter three offer plenty to choose from including Italian, Asian, classic American dishes and of course New Mexican cuisine. Both have special buffet nights to grab plenty of crab or prime rib. Your stomach will thank you.

CARD DEALERS (TIE)
SANDIA RESORT & CASINO
SANTA ANA STAR CASINO HOTEL

Try your hand at card games at Sandia Casino & Resort or Santa Ana Star Casino. Let your bet ride that wave of the Ace at BlackJack or ride your roll at Craps. You won’t be disappointed in the card dealers at Sandia Resort & Casino or Santa Ana Star Casino.

CASINO
SANTA ANA STAR CASINO HOTEL

When it comes to trying to double their bets, Observer readers go to Santa Ana Star Casino. Get your luck on at Santa Ana Star Casino — home of more than 1,600 of the slickest slot machines in the state and plenty of table games.

REWARDS PROGRAM
SANTA ANA STAR CASINO HOTEL

Some of the best reasons besides trying to double your money are the perks that come with being a rewards member at casinos. Santa Ana Star Casino Hotel has one of the best when it comes to player perks. Santa Ana Star Casino Hotel is one players club you want to join. There are plenty of reasons why you want to “belong to the best.”

CUSTOMER SERVICE
SANTA ANA STAR CASINO HOTEL

Santa Ana Star Casino takes doesn’t take a gamble when it comes to providing great customer service. The casino is known to go above and beyond to ensure customers receive excellent treatment when visiting the casino and resort.

ENTERTAINMENT VENUE
THE STAGE AT THE STAR - SANTA ANA STAR CASINO HOTEL

When it comes to entertainment Santa Ana Star Casino takes no shortcuts. The casino is known for being the funnest place for a date night with its Stand Up Comedy Thursday Nights featuring the country’s funnest comedians. It also hosts EDM concert, musical tributes, dinner theaters and cabaret revues.

NIGHTCLUB
THE STAGE AT THE STAR - SANTA ANA STAR CASINO HOTEL

The Stage at the Santa Ana Star Casino is a go-to nightclub when it comes to good music, luscious drinks and dancing. The energetic nightclub has plenty to offer to suit any style of nightlife. Get those dancing shoes ready!

POKER ROOM
SANTA ANA STAR CASINO HOTEL

Let the wheels turn at the slots at Santa Ana Star Casino or Sandia Resort & Casino. Between both casinos there are more than 3,000 slots to try your luck. There is a wide variety of slot titles, video slot machines, and video poker to get that dollar humming.

POOL
SANTA ANA STAR CASINO HOTEL

Take a relaxing dip into Santa Ana Star Casino Hotel’s heated indoor pool. You will be glad you did. You can stay active while enjoying the beauty of the one of the newest area hotels. The pool is the perfect get-away to relax while getting a good workout in.

SLOT MACHINES (TIE)
SANDIA RESORT & CASINO
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SANTA ANA STAR CASINO HOTEL

Santa Ana Star Casino Hotel dubs itself as the “best action in table games.” Its friendly dealers make placing your bet fun and exciting. Watch your dice roll at craps, hope for an ace at BlackJack and try your hand at roulette, you will be glad you did.

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New Mexico brings in all kinds of tourists, from those who want to see and scout the Sandias, to those who just love to hate Walter White (or Skylar, for that matter). No matter the reason they visit Rio Rancho, they need a place to stay. Luckily, we have some great options within the hospitality industry.

**BED & BREAKFAST**

**CHOCOLATE TURTLE**

What chocolate turtles await you in your room? Oh boy, this editor needs to plan a night to Chocolate Turtle Bed & Breakfast soon. After all who doesn’t love those chewy chocolate delights and what about those views of the ever-changing Sandias from Chocolate Turtle Bed & Breakfast. It is a match made in heaven. Make your reservation soon, I’m doing it for the turtles.

chocolateturtlebnb.com
1368 West MeadowLark Ln
505.898.1600

Sarabande Bed & Breakfast
sarabandebnb.com
Elk Mountain Lodge
eelknitridge.com
Red Horse Vineyard Bed & Breakfast
redhorsebb.com

**HOTEL**

**HYATT REGENCY TAMAYA RESORT AND SPA**

Nestled in the Pueblo of Santa Ana is the ever-prestigious Tamaya Resort and Spa. The resort is home to more than stunning western-style suites, a luxurious spa and a magnificent set of three heated, outdoor pools. Soak up the sun and catch relaxation fever at Tamaya, you will be glad you did.

tamaya.regency.hyatt.com
1300 Tuyuna Trail
505.867.1234
Sandia Resort & Casino
sandiacasino.com
Santa Ana Star Casino Hotel
santaanastar.com

**SUITES/ROOMS**

**HYATT REGENCY TAMAYA RESORT AND SPA**

Nothing beats the comfort of the crisp and cozy cotton comforters of a hotel room, or ordering some hearty comfort food from room service. And nowhere in the Rio Rancho area does hotel rooms and suites better than Tamaya does them. Whether you have visiting tourists in need of a recommendation or are embarking on a staycation yourself, Tamaya is the place to stay.

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Sandia Resort & Casino
sandiacasino.com

**HOTEL POOL**

**HYATT REGENCY TAMAYA RESORT AND SPA**

Taking a dip into one of the three sparkling pools at Tamaya Resort and Casino will make you feel like you are visiting world-class resorts in Sedona. That’s because Tamaya is a world-class resort with an oven-sought-after aesthetic and state-of-the-art pools. For the kids and the young at heart, there is a 100-foot waterslide to get your adrenaline going.

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