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Photos by Tim Keller

Left: Have a Cup is a small friendly café in a small friendly town. Right: Debbie Foster handles the grind while Trinity works the counter.

Have a Cup Café makes an offer you can't refuse

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Have a Cup Café is once again open on the main highway through Des Moines, N.M. Open briefly last summer, Debbie and Andy Foster of Stuart, Florida, are realizing their dream of creating a "warm and welcoming atmosphere" for customers. Signs on both ends of town alert travelers to stop at the cheery Have a Cup Café on the south side of the highway between Village Hall and Farmers and Stockmens Bank.

Customers can choose from the menu of breakfast sand-

wiches, a variety of specialty coffees, pastries, ice cream, Italian sodas, smoothies, and fresh baked cookies. While waiting, free Wi-Fi is available for e-mail and Internet access. Patrons may read a book or newspaper, or play a game of checkers with the Fosters' granddaughter, Trinity, visiting from Carrollton, Georgia.

"You're welcome to hang out and visit or just linger over your freshly made coffee," Debbie Foster offers.

Traveling with their four children from Florida every year to climb the 14,000-foot mountains of Colorado, the Fosters vowed to stop in "that

little town of Des Moines." Finally, a year ago, when the kids were grown, they stopped for gas on the west side of town. Andy walked over to talk with Chuck and Sheron Montoya. Out of curiosity, Andy asked to see the building that now houses the Have a Cup Café. A short negotiation later, the Fosters bought the building.

"We feel drawn to the area," Andy explains. "We love it because we've been made to feel right at home." Des Moines School Superintendent Garrett Bosarge says, "Not only has the café provided a wonderful place to stop for a chat and ice cream, but also a place for local

teenagers to work." Have a Cup Café joins Studio C as the second business in Des Moines where one can hang out, use the Internet, or read The Chronicle-News over tea or great freshly-ground and brewed coffees.

Have a Cup Café is open all day Monday through Saturday, closed Sundays. Seeking ways to reach out to the community, the Fosters are planning special events. The first will be a Ladies Open House from 2 to 4 p.m. on Monday, June 8. The Fosters extend an invitation to drop in, meet neighbors, and sample the menu for a minimal charge.

RATON POLICE BLOTTER

ARRESTED

■ 06/01/09- Thomas D Vargas- Bench Warrant out of Municipal Court for failure to comply with conditions of probation

■ 06/01/09- Ofelia Pawin- Refusing to obey an officer and disorderly conduct

■ 06/01/09- Robert Fratterelli- Arrest Order Public intoxication

■ 06/02/09- Shannon Maes- Bench Warrant out of Magistrate for failure to pay fines for shoplifting

■ 06/02/09- Danielle Cordova- Bench Warrant out of Municipal Court for failure to appear and failure to pay fines

■ 06/03/09- Elaine Mares- Aggravated battery on a household member

INCIDENTS

■ 05/28/09- Melissa Sandoval- Victim of criminal damage to property

■ 06/01/09- Loaf N' Jug- Victim of shoplifting

■ 06/01/09- Brian Thompson- Victim of burglary

■ 06/01/09- William Hanekamp- Victim of burglary

■ 06/01/09- Taos/Colfax Mental Health- Victim of criminal damage to property

■ 06/01/09- Lisa Valdez- Victim of larceny

■ 06/01/09- Ramiro Perez- Victim of criminal damage to property

■ 06/01/09- Monique Lopez- Victim of burglary

■ 06/01/09- Lucille Madrid- Victim of battery

■ 06/02/09- Subway- Victim of burglary

CITATIONS

■ 05/28/09- Jessica Lawver- No proof of insurance

■ 05/28/09- Manny Romero- Dog at large

■ 05/28/09- Danielle Cordova- Dogs at large, no tags, vicious animals

■ 05/28/09- Vanessa Menchaca- Battery

■ 05/28/09- Maria Uribe- Battery

■ 05/28/09- Veronica Menchaca- Battery

■ 05/29/09- Jolly Cordova- Dog at large, no tags

■ 06/01/09- Dillion Muse- Criminal damage to property

■ 06/01/09- Audrey Rodriguez- Battery

■ 06/01/09- Isaac Sanchez- Shoplifting

■ 06/01/09- Jason Tarnacki- Racing on city streets

■ 06/01/09- Antonio Vigil- Racing on city streets

■ 06/02/09- Ricky Archuleta- No tags, vicious animal and dog at large

ACCIDENTS

■ 05/28/09- Amber Encinias and Gilbert Trujillo involved in an accident causing light damage to both vehicles.

■ 05/29/09- Unknown struck an unattended vehicle owned by Yolanda Encinlas causing slight damage.



Photos courtesy of Sean Moore, Colfax County Extension 4-H Agent

Top left: Leadline participant, Carli Araiza. Top right: Pictured from left Booster High Point Individual Taylor Jackson, Judge Robyn Alden, and Runner-Up Pecos Jackson. Bottom left: Pictured from right Junior High Point Individual Jana Mills, Judge Robyn Alden, and Runner-Up Holli Araiza. Bottom right: Pictured from right Senior High Point Individual Sydney Main, Judge Robyn Alden and Runner-Up Becca Alden.

2009 Spring Horse Show Results

Courtesy of Sean Moore, Colfax County Extension 4-H Agent
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The Colfax County Fair Association sponsored the 2009 Spring Horse Show on Saturday, May 16, 2009 at the Colfax County Fair Grounds in Springer. Event coordinator, Troy Sauble, Colfax County Extension Agriculture Agent, Boe Lopez, and Colfax County Extension 4-H Agent, Sean Moore assisted youth contestants in English and Western Pleasure, and various speed events. Many individuals volunteered their time to make our show a success.

We had several donors including Harvest Headquarters, Cimarron West, Eagle Nest Schools, J-B Saddle Company, Farmway Feeds, Red River Riding Club, Colfax County Rodeo Council, and Check Six Ranch. Our donors are to be thanked for their continued support by providing prizes, gift certificates, and other awards.

The youth participant, age five and under, competing in the lead line class was, Carli Araiza. She was awarded a ribbon for her performance, as well as a rope bag and a rope. Additional results are as follows;

Hunter Under Saddle

Senior
Sydney Main, 1st

Becca Alden, 2nd

Hunter Seat Equitation

Senior
Becca Alden, 1st
Sydney Main, 2nd

Showmanship at Halter

Senior
Becca Alden, 1st
Sydney Main, 2nd
Morgan Daugherty, 3rd
Mariah Pillmore, 4th

Western Pleasure

Junior
Janna Mills, 1st
Sierra Pillmore, 2nd
Senior
Sydney Main, 1st
Becca Alden, 2nd
Morgan Daugherty, 3rd
Samantha Bostillo, 4th
Ashlee Mills, 5th
Erin Arko, 6th

Western Horsemanship

Junior
Sierra Pillmore, 1st
Jana Mills, 2nd
Senior
Becca Alden, 1st
Sydney Main, 2nd
Samantha Bostillo, 3rd
Ashlee Mills, 4th
Morgan Daugherty, 5th

Trail

Junior
Sierra Pillmore, 1st
Holli Araiza, 2nd
Senior
Becca Alden, 1st

Sydney Main, 2nd
Erin Arko, 3rd

Reining

Senior
Sydney Main, 1st

Pole Bending

Booster
Taylor Jackson, 1st
Pecos Jackson, 2nd
Junior
Holli Araiza, 1st
Jana Mills, 2nd
Senior
Sydney Main, 1st
Erin Arko, 2nd
Samantha Bostillo, 3rd
Samantha Bostillo, 4th

Stake Race

Booster
Taylor Jackson, 1st
Pecos Jackson, 2nd
Junior
Janna Mills, 1st
Senior
Erin Arko, 1st
Sydney Main, 2nd
Samantha Bostillo, 3rd
Samantha Bostillo, 4th
Becca Alden, 5th

Flag Race

Booster
Taylor Jackson, 1st
Pecos Jackson, 2nd
Junior
Holli Araiza, 1st
Jana Mills, 2nd
Senior
Sydney Main, 1st

Samantha Bostillo, 2nd
Samantha Bostillo, 3rd
Erin Arko, 4th
Ashlee Mills, 5th

Barrel Racing

Booster
Taylor Jackson, 1st
Pecos Jackson, 2nd
Junior
Holli Araiza, 1st
Jana Mills, 2nd
Senior
Sydney Main, 1st
Erin Arko, 2nd
Samantha Bostillo, 3rd
Ashlee Mills, 4th
Morgan Daugherty, NT
Samantha Bostillo, NT

High Point Individuals

Boosters
Taylor Jackson
Runner-Up- Pecos Jackson
Junior
Jana Mills
Runner-Up- Holli Araiza
Senior
Sydney Main
Runner-Up- Becca Alden
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Grassland protection opportunity extended

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ALBUQUERQUE, NM – New Mexico has a chance to be just a little bit "greener" as the final date for acceptance of applications for 2009 funding under the Grassland Reserve Program (GRP) has been extended to June 5, 2009. The Grassland Reserve Program is administered by the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), and provides conservation opportunities for protection of New Mexico grasslands from development through permanent easements or term-specific rental contracts.

"The State Technical Committee that advises NRCS is encouraging GRP applicants in Union, Harding, Quay, Curry, Roosevelt, Lea, DeBaca, Chaves, and Eddy counties this year," said Norman Vigil, assistant state conservationist for programs.

The condition of the range is a heavily weighted ranking factor in this very competitive program, with priority given to grasslands that are in the best condition. Other ranking factors include the diversity of ecologi-

cal sites within the area considered, threat of conversion to non-grassland uses, and viability of easement management.

The Grassland Reserve Program has historically enabled some of New Mexico's finest land stewards to ensure their private rangeland is preserved as rangeland, and not converted to other uses such as urban development, cropland, or for industrial purposes. It provides payments for agreements that restrict development either on a permanent basis or term-specific arrangement.

"In addition to enabling ranchers to preserve their legacy, the Grassland Reserve Program benefits New Mexico as whole by protecting our watersheds, sequestering carbon, and enhancing wildlife habitat," said Vigil.

The agency advises that while a cut-off date for 2009 funding is necessary, applications for the program are accepted on a continuous basis for future opportunities.

For more information about the program and how to apply, contact your local NRCS field office.

Springer History Museum & Santa Fe trail interpretive center

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The Santa Fe Trail Interpretive Center/Museum docent Angela Esquibel, will present the June 2009 Family History Display, featuring Frank Springer, "Renaissance Man". Springer was born in Wapello, Iowa on June 17, 1848 to Francis and Nancy R. Springer. He was well known for his fields of forte as an educated lawyer and paleontologist as well as his work on New Mexico's Maxwell Land Grant. In 1873 Springer moved to Cimarron working as an attorney for the Maxwell Land Grant Company and the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railroad which laid the foundation for his fortune to purchase the CS Ranch, named after his brother, Charles Springer. The Springers' herford cattle from Iowa being one of the first excursions of its kind. Frank was the attorney for the Dutch company that purchased the title to the 1.7 million-acre Maxwell Land Grant in 1878. He was the founder of the

New Mexico Normal University (Highlands) in Las Vegas, NM, as well as the Museum of New Mexico and the New Mexico Art Museum in Santa Fe, not to mention the many more accomplishments he is known for. Display will be ready for viewing at the media center Tuesday, June 9th, 2009.

The museum is open on Tuesdays through Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Admission is free on Saturdays throughout the year. We welcome and encourage the public and media to visit the museum throughout the month to learn of the history of the Santa Fe trail and region area.

The display will change each month in order to feature another family history of the Springer/Colfax County and area region. If you are interested in reserving a month for your family history display contact the museum at 575-483-5554.

Volunteers are welcome to sign up during museum hours.