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NOVEMBER 30, 2024 Annual Holiday Bazaar

DECEMBER 5, 2024 Old-Fashioned Community Xmas Dinner

DECEMBER 21-22, 2024 Christmas in the Mountains

DECEMBER 25, 2024 Luminaria Ski & Snowshoe Tour

DECEMBER 31, 2024 NYE Old-Fashioned Party

JANUARY 18, 2025 Race the Face

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JANUARY 30-FEBRUARY 2, 2025 Songwriters' Festival

FEBRUARY 1, 2025 Ski Ranch Rodeo

FEBRUARY 22, 2025 Just Desserts

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tent but the satellite wasn't out of commission. Sometimes it doesn't work during a storm but this was not

YouTube is an amazing wonder of the modern world, entertaining and educational. My favorites are the videos about Red River. Some are promotional pieces produced by the Chamber of Commerce or the Town of Red River over the years. Most, however, are produced by our friends and neighbors who have come to visit and want to share their experiences with the world. Consider them offerings of love.

We always wonder: when will the first snow of winter hit town? We don't make wagers anymore and there are no longer betting pools with calendar days written on pizza box tops. Still, we wait and

The earliest I have seen it snow was September 8, 2020. It was about 5 or 6 inches and was the best thing

It was two days after the Hunter's Moon reached

peak illumination on October 19, 2024. It had snowed

in the Upper Valley a few days earlier, but nothing in town. Mount Wheeler and Walter had also been white,

It was one of those nights when I couldn't sleep so I got up at 2:30 am and watched YouTube. It was thun-

dering and the sound of rain on the tin roof was persis-

to happen that year. So what will this year bring?

not unusual for this time of year.

one of those nights.

wonder.

Those are the videos I enjoy most. They are grassroots, from the heart, and reveal why our little town in the mountains is still in existence after 130 years.

Around 4 am I began to get drowsy. Torn between the desire to sleep and the urge to watch more videos, I opened the door and went out on the porch for a breath or two of clean mountain air.

The ground was white! Big flakes were coming down! It didn't leave much, maybe 2-3 inches, but it lovingly covered the golden aspen leaves that are the trademark of fall. Time for my Happy Dance!

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SNOW IS A VERY BIG DEAL IN RED RIVER!



Let It Snow, Let It Snow

Snow is a big deal around here and the first snow of the season is exciting. It's like the very first time you saw it snowing.

For more than six decades, Red River has been known as the Mountain Playground and the Ski Town of the Southwest, both titles well-deserved. The Red River Ski Area (RRSA) opened in 1959 with Alpine (downhill) ski lifts within the town limits, for immediate fun. E-Z Ski Area, later Powder Puff Ski Area, opened on the west end of town in the late 60s.

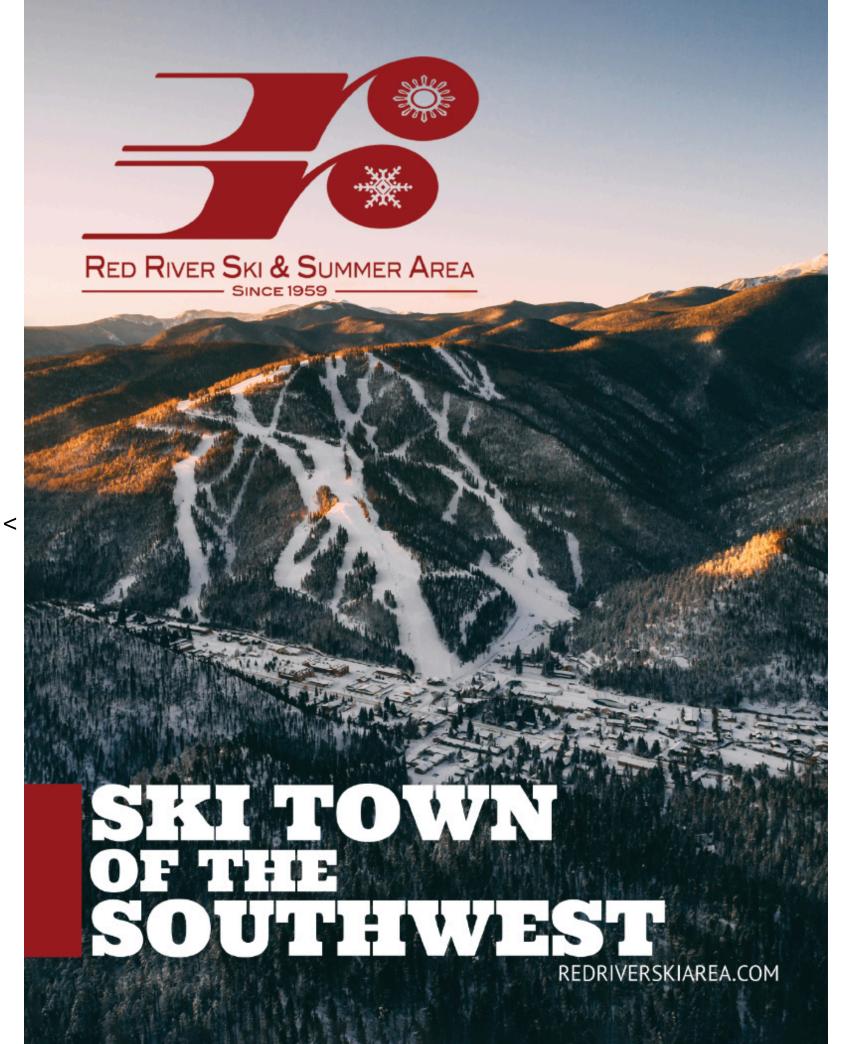
As recently as 2023 the *USA Today* Readers' Poll declared Red River "The Best Ski Town in North America," the second time that such an accolade had been bestowed on our tiny community in two years.

Red River also lays claim to New Mexico's premier full-service Nordic ski area, the Enchanted Forest Cross Country Ski & Snowshoe Area, located at the top of Bobcat Pass. Yes, snowshoeing, too!

Then there are snow tours, tubing, sledding, snowballs, and... Snow's a BIG deal.

Fritz Davis, Editor

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RRSA CELEBRATES 65 YEARS OF FUN



If you look at the ski area at night you will see lights on the hill. Those are snow machines working to provide great skiing conditions for the next day. You can also hear them hard at work. If the lights are moving, it is most likely one of the groomers busily creating the corduroy that will greet those adventurous souls who hit the hill when the lifts open at 9 am. Snowmaking at Red River covers 88% of the mountain. Why? You can't trust Mother Nature in the Southern Rockies.

The Red River Ski and Summer Area is celebrating the 65th Anniversary of providing a valued and enjoyable experience for skiers of all ages. Built by Oklahoma entrepreneur Stokes Bolton and his wife Billie, the area opened its doors in 1959-60 and continues to offer a quality Alpine skiing adventure.

A slate of special events, races, and activities for the whole family will provide a busy year of fun. The Red River Ski & Summer Area is a full-service Alpine ski area, with everything to address your needs from equipment rental to a variety of clothing, goggles, hats, and accessories at the Main Chalet. If lessons are on your list, Red River Ski School has earned a reputation as being a great place to learn. Whatever your level, an abundance of certified instructors will assess your level and deliver a learning experience that will advance your skill.

as being a great place to learn. Whatever your level, an abundance of certified instructors will assess your level and deliver a learning experience that will advance your skill. For the past 30+ years, RRSA has been snowboardfriendly, with three terrain parks available to challenge railjammers. Thanksgiving Day at RRSA will see the Frozen Turkey Races at the Ski Area Chalet, followed on Saturday night by the first Torchlight Parade and Fireworks of the season. Held on The Face, this spectacular party on the slopes happens every Saturday night throughout the season and must be seen to be believed.



Torchlight Parade Every Saturday Night Christmas Eve & New Year's Eve

November 27: Opening Day November 28: Frozen Turkey Race December 7-8: Race Camp December 25: Ski & Ride with Santa January 18: Race the Face February 1: Ski Ranch Rodeo March 1: Mardi Gras Kids Parade March 12: Kids Glow Stick Parade & Fireworks March 19: Kids Glow Stick Parade & Fireworks March 23: Pond Skim (Closing Day)

COMPETITIONS - 2024-25

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November 30: Thanksjibbing Rail Jam January 4-5: USASA Slalom & Giant Slalom January 25: Drew Judycki Race Series January 26: USASA Rail Jam January 26: USASA Slopestyle February 8: Drew Judycki Race Series February 22: Drew Judycki Race Series March 1: USASA Rail Jam March 2: USASA Slopestyle March 8: Drew Judycki Race Series

Dining is available at The Chalet, The Grill at the Lift House, and The Tip Restaurant.

The traditional opening date, the day before Thanksgiving, November 27, coincides with festive town activities. Switch On The Holidays, the lighting of trees in Brandenburg Park, will be on T-day, with the first high country visit from Saint Nicholas. He will be hearing wishes, and welcoming one and all for cookies and hot beverages inside the warm Conference Center.

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IT'S A NEW COPPER CHAIR FOR 2024



Every year the Red River Ski & Summer Area works to update and improve its infrastructure and equipment in an effort to guarantee the quality of adventure and entertainment for the skiing public.

"The new Copper Chair is a great addition to our ski area and the town of Red River," says Linton Judycki, owner/general manager of RRSA.

He is referring to the latest project that began in June 2024, the new Copper Chair Lift located at the corner of Gilt Edge Trail and River Street, replacing the original Copper Chair.

The 6 million dollar investment of the triple chair, built by Doppelmayr Group, replaces the double chair lift that became operational in November 1993 (*see photo to right*).

According to Judycki, the new chair offers better efficiency for guests with a quicker and smoother ride to The Tip for access to the trails.

"The new style of lift has a bigger chair. It is easier to load and less intimidating," Judycki adds. The actual ride to The Tip takes about 10 minutes at about 8 feet per second.

"There are 186 three-person chairs and so it can do 1,800 people per hour. The original Copper could only do 1,000 per hour. It's almost doubled our efficiency."

The Copper Chair joins the Platinum Chair in the ability to deliver 3,600 skiers an hour to the top.

There is a vertical rise of 1,372 meters (4501 feet).

The lift will retain the name Copper Chair, keeping its legacy alive. It is named for the nearby Copper King mine that is believed to be the first hard rock mining operation in the Red River Valley around 1879.

Long Range Planning

When the idea for a chair lift to make access from the east side of town originated is unclear.

"I don't know exactly how long my dad (Drew Judycki) had been working on that," Judycki says in regards to the first Copper Chair, "but I'm sure he had thought about it for years. I don't know when the process started officially but I know the year before – 1992 – they cut a couple of trails and then the next year the lift went in.

"The new one is in exactly the same place, the same alignment although there are a few changes here and there which will help the efficiency of the lift."

The last two lifts, the Emerald and the Platinum chair, were designed and constructed by Doppelmayr.

"They're a premium product and they've been really good to work with. They are an Austrian company with an international reputation and a deep ski heritage and history.

"As I said, we've worked with them for two lifts now and it's been great, and it's been the same this year. They brought the crew in to build the lift, surveyed and engineered it, and took care of everything!"

The Platinum Chair Lift was installed in 2009, while the Emerald Chair which provides access to the back side, became operational in 2016. According to Judycki future plans may have interesting lift possibilities.





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A CAREER IN THE SKIING INDUSTRY



Photo: L-R. Joe Downing, Sean Horner, George OPS (Operations) Director before a three-year stint at Brooks, Linton Judycki (with son Atlas on his shoulders), Jackson Hole, Wyoming. Walt Foley, Ed Hampton, Jeff Speck. Seen here at the an-Moving back to Northern New Mexico, Walt served one year as Ski Patrol Director and Risk Manager at Angel Fire. It was then that Red River Ski Area owner Drew Judycki heard that he was back in the area. They There is an old adage: Time flies when you're havmet and Drew communicated his plans for advancing the RRSA through the 21st century and wanted Walt to Walt Foley is having fun as the Deputy General help him. Walt rejoined the ski area in 2008, shortly after Judycki's passing.

nual Race Camp, these gentlemen have made huge contributions to the Red River Ski Area. ing fun! Ain't it the truth! Manager at the Red River Ski & Summer Area in 2024, a year that has seen two milestones in his life.

The first milestone was his 60th birthday which he "We're still working on a lot of Drew's visions. You know snowmaking is still one of our number one capital expenditures every year and that was the big fo-Second, he is celebrating 40 years of working in cus, moving forward and securing water rights for the future for his kid and his grandkids and for the public that deserves to have a great experience."

spent in Hawaii, a place of boyhood memories that still holds great sentiment and charm for him. the Alpine ski industry! To most folks, skiing is a recreational activity but for those with a deep, deep passion for making turns it can be a lifelong vocation.

Walt was also hands-on in implementing the Proof that Walt Foley has that passion? Of the 116 growth of ski area summer activity that resulted in ski days at RRSA last year, he skied 102! an addition to the name: Red River Ski & Summer Growing up in Southern California, Walt learned to Area. ski at Mountain High Resort, one hour from downtown

He was likewise hands-on when the Platinum Los Angeles, while in high school. It soon became his chairlift was installed, helping to see it was done on first job and the start of a great career. time. His resume is impressive: He spent nine years at

"For the ski area to keep moving forward and be Sunrise Park Resort on the White Mountain Apache here for decades and decades to come requires a large Reservation in Arizona before moving to Red River Ski commitment. We have that." Area, serving as Ski Patrol Director (1993-1999).

Walt enjoys going to work each day, looking for-A career advancement opportunity then took him ward to every moment. He has the passion. to Stevens Pass, Oregon, for five years as the Mountain

"I'm going on sixteen years now so...

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SITZMARK SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM

sidering future educational plans.

Gideon Hampton (photo right) is the 2024-25 recipient of the Sitzmark Sports & Lodging sponsorship program which provides free skiing equipment for a deserving young athlete of the Red River Community. A good student at Red River Valley Charter School, he is 13 years old, the son of James and Arielle Hampton of Red River. He and his parents are currently con-"The next step we're thinking," Gideon says, "is Taos Academy or a school in Santa Fe, the New Mexico School For The Arts. I mainly do music: I'm a drummer." He started playing when he "was about six" and it should be noted that his father is a good drummer also.

The Sitzmark sponsorship includes top-notch equipment, including skis and poles, a ski jacket and pants, boots, gloves, goggles, and a helmet in addition to encouragement for Gideon's participation in competitive youth skiing events.

He has been a participant in the Drew Judycki Race Series and the town races, including the Town Challenge series. He hopes to compete this year around the state of New Mexico and maybe in some races in Colorado.

Like most kids growing up in Red River, Gideon was on skis at an early age. When did he start skiing?

"Oh, since we could hold him up," says mom Arielle. "We'd do like two runs and then go have hot chocolate."







What does he enjoy most about skiing?

"Mainly the release when you're out there on the slopes having fun," he says with a smile, "making turns and going really fast with the wind in your face!"

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He enjoys skiing with friends like the first two Sitzmark recipients, Gibson Smith and Remi Sanchez.

So far, Gideon has limited his efforts to skis but admits that he may try snowboarding soon. When he does, he'll have top-notch equipment from Sitzmark.

Mark and Steph Martinez, owners of the shop, started the Sitzmark Sports & Lodging sponsorship program in the winter of 2022-23 to recognize the young athletes who represent this area.

"Obviously, our local youth are super important," Mark says, "You know parents work hard and kids deserve the limelight. We just felt like we needed to give back to the community and acknowledge outstanding kids and parents. The Hamptons are a great skiing family,"

It should be noted that Sitzmark has a policy that offers free seasonal ski/snowboard rentals for local residents 12 and under (Red River, Questa, and Eagle Nest). Giving back is important.

Mark and Steph are observing their 6th year as owners of Sitzmark Sports, a full-service ski shop, purchased from the late George Woerndle in 2018.

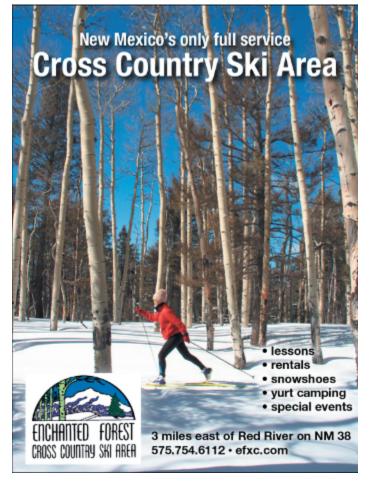
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There are 35+ kilometers of trails with daily grooming, including 5 kilometers of trails specifically for K-9s and their pet humans. There is a full rental shop and day lodge next to the parking area - it's warm inside and lessons are available daily.

Take in these special events which are on the schedule again this winter. The Christmas Luminaria Tour is set for Christmas Day, weather permitting, with the traditional tiny paper sack lanterns lighting up the trails. Don't miss the popular Just Desserts Eat & Ski scheduled for February 22, 2025.

If it's a unique wilderness experience you seek, yurts in the forest are available winter, summer, and fall, for those adventurous souls who find Glamping (Glamour Camping) in the wilderness to their liking.

Yurts were the choice of dwellings for Genghis Khan and his hordes as they swept across Eurasia as far as Poland, Russia, and Bulgaria. If you choose the yurt option for overnight lodging, be prepared to enjoy New Mexico's Night Sky Protection Act, signed into law on January 1, 2000, one of the first in the United States.







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The Enchanted Forest is considered New Mexico's premier destination for Nordic skiing, drawing enthusiasts from around North America and from all over the world. It adds a dramatic plus to the Red River persona and contributes to the moniker of Ski Town of the Great Southwest. It's a special place.

Trail Update

A devastating windstorm on December 15, 2021, left severe damage, with thousands of trees stripped of branches or uprooted and toppled. The EFXC carried out massive restoration efforts with the help of volunteers and groups from around the state.

The Carson Forest approved the Enchanted Forest Salvage Project to clean up the EFXC, which was seriously impacted by the storm. Companies were contracted during the summer of 2024, as the U.S. Forest Service worked with local salvage operators to remove some of the deadfall that had blocked trails and, in some cases, destroyed them.

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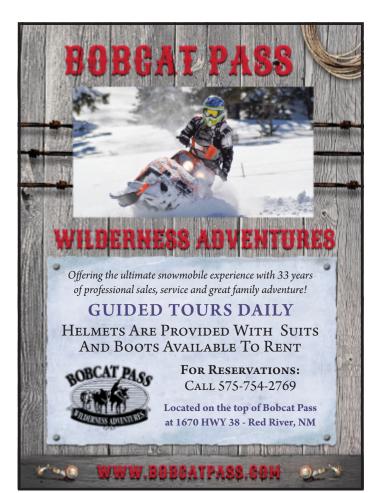
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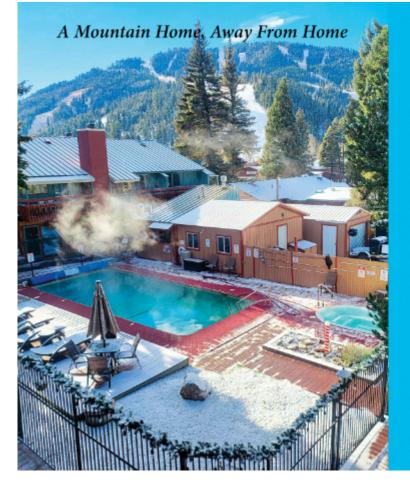
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under a blanket of pure white snow? you've come to the right place. Red River can help you see the amazing view of the high country magic. that can provide the opportunity to make lifelong memories. It's sightseeing at its winter best. These companies offer professional expertise that makes for a delightful time for adventurous individuals and families looking for a special vacation experience. Sled Shed, Bobcat Pass Adventure Company, and Weezie's Wild Rides. Additionally, Red River Offroad offers Snowcat tours of the high country. motorcycle qualifies you as a knowledgeable operator

of motorized sleds, you may also believe that your expertise as a bass fisherman qualifies you as a class-A trout angler in summer. It ain't necessarily so!

Snowmobiles are not toys. Listen to the instructions and stayed late into the spring. In places where the of your tour guide as they prepare you for a special snow never goes away, the machines are priceless. treat. The information you receive from the guides It was soon discovered that such machines could who make their living daily on the powerful machines also be used for recreational purposes, and for anyone will not only enhance your enjoyment but will also looking for some excitement, snowmobiles were just help ensure a safe trip up and down the mountain for plain fun. They still are today! you and your family, as well as other riders on the tour. Have fun! Come back and see us. Have more fun!

were quickly utilized by law enforcement and utility companies for wintertime operations, especially in rural areas of North America where winter came early



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Check out sites on the Web and Facebook for specific activities and lodging availability. There are also a plethora of videos on YouTube that feature Red River showing people having fun.

Not Your Granddad's Inner Tubes

Tubing takes place at the RRSA Chalet at 4:30 pm following the end of lift operations for the day. No training is required and no practice necessary. Do what gravity dictates. Check out the RRSA webpage for information on this family activity.

While tubing had its grassroots origin in the US when inflatable tube tires for automobiles became available in the early 20th century, it wasn't until the 1970s that it gained attention at ski areas. The results of that popularity saw the creation of hi-tech tubes specifically designed for fun and safety while sliding down snowy hills. The tubes are more durable and sturdy.

Ol' Timey Fun

When was the last time you built a snowman? Have you never built a snowman? It can be as easy or as hard as you wish.

How creative are you and how much time and effort will you give? Make a small one or a large one. Trim it with a carrot nose or rocks for eyes and a mouth or use







unconventional items to convey a message to the world. Use your imagination. Be sure to wear warm gloves or mittens because ... snow is cold!

So, guess what snowballs lead to? You guessed it: snowball fights. While fighting isn't encouraged in polite civilization, it should be understood that throwing snowballs at your sister, brother, mother, father, or total strangers is a ritualized form of combat, a contest if you will. That said, don't put rocks in the snowballs. That will get you on Santa's Naughty List.

Watching Wildlife

The act of seeing wild deer roaming freely around town can be a truly religious experience. It is an attraction, one of the things that bring people to the high country in the dead of winter. It is a common sight to encounter a mama and two youngsters wandering the streets of Red River in the snow, stopping to nibble on the grass in the yard outside a cabin door, or you can see a small herd grazing by the Library, unperturbed by passing cars and semis headed up the pass.

Red River is but a small part of their forest home. No one knows how long they have roamed this narrow valley. Watching mule deer in a snowstorm is like a brief romantic adventure in a fairyland tale.

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THE 13TH EVER SONGWRITERS' FESTIVAL

The 13th Ever Red River Songwriters' Festival is set for January 30-February 2 and is guaranteed to heat up the Red River Valley with the great music of the singer/songwriters. Founded by Josh Grider, Kelley Mickwee, Susan Gibson, Drew Kennedy, and Walt Wilkins, the event has become a must for fans of live music from the people who created the songs. It's a genuine reminder that Music Is Love!

The festival is headquartered at the iconic Motherlode Saloon and Lost Love Saloon located in The Lodge at Red River, the home base for Red River favorite Mike Addington. Other venues around town are TBA.

This year's special guests are talented writer/performers including Kelly Willis, Michael Hearne, and Irish singer/ songwriter Pat Byrne.



According to her website bio "The native Okie-ness Rolling Stone noticed in her honeyed voice is tempered by a whole lot of Texas. Romance and music brought her to Austin while she was in her late teens, fronting a celebrated but short-lived rockabilly band, Radio Ranch."

Famed singer/songwriter Nancy Griffith took a shine to her voice and recommended Willis to producer Tony Brown, one of the titans of Nashville country, who signed her to a deal with MCA."

& Louise.

Michael Hearne played his first gig in Red River in the early 1970s and has been a high country favorite ever since, making regular appearances at festivals, dance halls, and concert stages, including a performance at the inauguration of two-time New Mexico Governor Gary Johnson.

Texas-born and raised, Michael honed his craft in Dallas before following his uncle and aunt, Bill and Bonnie Hearne, to the mountains of Northern New Mexico. He established himself as a popular singer/songwriter in the Western dance culture of Red River and Taos. During his stint as part of the house band at the Motherlode Saloon, he met Michael Martin Murphey and was soon on the road with The Great American Honky Tonk Band, and even made his acting debut in the 1981 movie *Hard Country* which Murphey co-wrote.

His song "New Mexico Rain" is viewed as the anthem of Northern New Mexico.



"A native of Ireland, singer-songwriter Pat Byrne settled in Texas a few years ago, looking to make inroads in a place where some of his songwriting heroes like Townes Van Zandt and Guy Clark came from. His move has been great for Houston because Byrne cycles through town every few months to sing his songs with his soulful, gritty voice, doing originals and a few choice covers that suggest he's learning from the best.

"Byrne is the kind of mesmerizing performer who can warm up those cold days." (*https://www.patbyrne-music.com/press*)

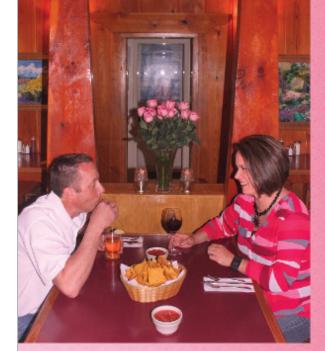
He was the winner in his home country's version of the The Voice and has drawn praise for his "aggressive storytelling" songwriting style. The 2025 Red River Songwriters' Festival marks his first appearance in town.

Kelly Willis was scheduled to appear at the 2024 Red River Songwriters' Festival but had to cancel at the last minute due to illness.

Kelly's resume includes 13 albums since 1990 as well as 15 singles, and 12 videos. Her vocals on "Little Honey" are on the Original Motion Picture Soundtrack of *Thelma*



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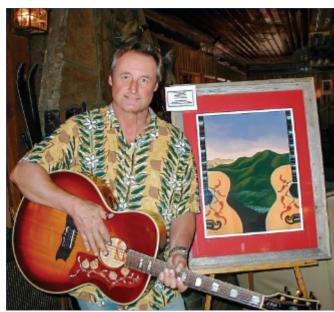
A dedication ceremony was held on October 12, 2024, when Mayor Calhoun unveiled a new bronze plaque on the Bridge Across Forever, so named to honor the music and the musicians who have made major contributions to Red River.

The plaque honors the legacy of Three Faces West – Rick Fowler, Ray Hubbard, and Wayne Kidd – who started a coffee house in 1967. The trio were pioneers of Red River's vibrant music scene, which has played a crucial role in shaping the town's cultural identity and attracting visitors. The dedication ceremony not only commemorated their contributions but also underscored the importance of music to the town's tourism and community life.

Designated as the "Bridge Across Forever" by the Town of Red River on October 1, 2006, the structure is named after a song written by Eddy Lee and Mentor Williams. A bronze plaque honoring Lee, who grew up in Red River and was a fixture in the music scene before his death in February 2006, was placed on the bridge.

Fowler, Hubbard, and Kidd were Adamson High friends in the Oak Cliff section of Dallas where their mutual interest in music led them to form a folk trio. Upon graduation they answered a newspaper ad for a summer gig in Red River, playing at a "chuckwagon dinner" at the Ski Area lodge. The ad didn't mention that busing tables was also part of the job.

They would go on to open a coffee house and performance venue in 1967 which became the foundation of Red River's music scene. The Outpost was located on Copper





King Trail, half a block off Main Street. The building had previously been a cafe known far and wide for delicious pies.

"We fashioned it after all the coffee houses we had played," Fowler says. "First and foremost: The Rubaiyat in Dallas. We went there when we were sophomores. The place was great, with coffee and hot cider. It always smelled incredible! We took their exact menu. They used a lot of mixes for drinks. We weren't even old enough to drink."

Over the years musical friends from Dallas and Austin would visit The Outpost during the summer and perform.

"Steve Fromholtz, Dan McKrimmon, Rusty Weir..." Fowler recalls. Others who graced the stage included Willis Alan Ramsey, B.W. Stevenson, Jerry Jeff Walker, Gary P. Nunn, and Michael Murphey, a graduate of Adamson High.

"Our whole deal was to do Murphey songs before they got out there. We did "Wildfire" and "Saxton County Wild Man" and "Fort Worth I Love You," songs like that.

"People in town thought 'You're gonna charge people just to walk in the door and you don't have any alcohol? Good luck." Right place and time. The Outpost was a success.

Hubbard moved back to Texas in 1969 to pursue a welldocumented solo career, while Fowler and Kidd remained in Red River, adding Steve Howard, and playing for another five summers at The Outpost.

Fowler would gain a fine reputation for painting high country scenes of Northern New Mexico, while Kidd would start a construction company and become President of the Red River Chamber of Commerce.

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Mardi Gras in the Mountains is coming to the high country. With the end of the Twelve Days of Christmas, January 6, Three Kings' Day, better known to the world as Epiphany, the Mardi Gras season officially begins in Red River, New Mexico. The town will be gearing up for the six days of fun, food, and frivolity, Cajun/Southwest style.

The 2025 Mardi Gras begins on February 27 and runs through Fat Tuesday, March 4, and the special theme for 2025 is "Superheroes!" Enjoy and participate in the Grand Balls, bead tosses, parades, costumes, Cajun food (shrimp, gumbo, mudbugs, etc.), and Northern New Mexico delights. Don't miss the excitement of the Burning of the Wild Tchoupitoulas which kicks off the Mardi Gras celebration, the annual Mixologist contest, and much more!

Genuine Cajun music from the heart of Acadiana will reverberate through the valley as Forest Huval and the Bon Temps band liven up the party.

The event celebrating 32 years is organized by the Rex Foundation, a 501(c)(3) corporation registered in the state of New Mexico. It was created by individuals who served as Rex, overseer of all things Mardi Gras in









Red River, for the purpose of education about and the perpetuation of Mardi Gras in the Mountains.

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All Hail Rex!

D'Nette Perkins Whitlock has the honor of serving as Rex for the 32nd edition of Mardi Gras in the Mountains. She was elected by the Krewe of Rex and the Rex Foundation to oversee the Fat Tuesday activities of 2025.

She is the General Manager at the Eisenhut Condominiums, a position she's held since August 2016, after moving from Amarillo with her husband Justin.

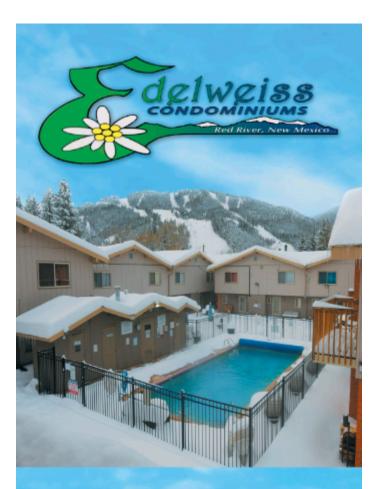
(The Whitlocks will celebrate their 30th anniversary on June 2025.)

D'Nette was the co-organizer of the Krewe Déjà Vu for Mardi Gras '24. The Whitlocks originally joined Krewe de los Muertos in 2018, moving to Krewe de Voodoo when los Muertos dissolved.

In addition to participating in most of the activities last year, the Krewe Déjà Vu scored a win in the popular Drink-Making Contest, dethroning 8-time champs Krewe de Rouge for the bragging rights for a year.

D'nette always enjoys the people from Louisiana who stay at Eisenhut during Mardi Gras.

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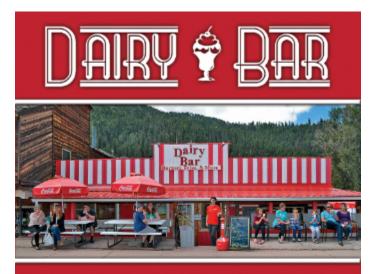
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NEW BUSINESSES FOR THE TOWN!

The newest eatery in town is called Lost Hiker Deli. It is located upstairs in the Southern Exposure building at 402 W. Main, where Main Street and Pioneer meet, the road to the Red River Ski Area.

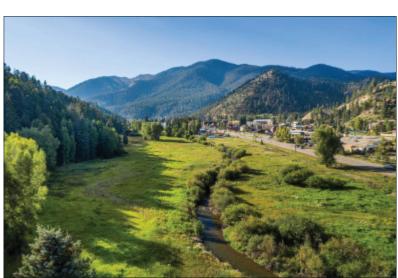
It is owned by Elizabeth Rodrigs, a graduate of the Fort Worth Culinary School. She opened the Deli in late June of 2024. She is also the owner of the Dairy Bar located on E. Main.

She has called Red River home for 10 years, working at the RRSA and at Southern Exposure before opening and operating the Dairy Bar for the past seven years.

"It's a nice little chill spot to hang out and grab something kind of quick like sandwiches," she says of the Lost Hiker. "We've got lots of different sandwiches, classics, and then some specialties. We also have soups and salads as well.

"One item that is really popular is the steak melt. It's a prime rib sandwich with onion, provolone cheese, and an herb aioli on it. I would say that one is probably the favorite, along with the classic Reuben. We have green chile you can add.

"We're going to add another soup this winter so we'll have three soup options. I haven't decided for sure on what to add, but we'll have our green chile stew, and tomato bisque, and then we'll switch out the other soup every week." Lost Hiker Deli winter hours will be 11 am to 4 pm, closed on Tuesdays and Thursdays.



striction on building size and height.

Infrastructure will be available through Kit Carson (electric and internet), with Red River water and sewer. As of press time, Phase One of the project currently has 23 lots for sale. Lot sizes and prices will vary. If you are interested in purchasing a lot or want more information, contact Tim Bertucci, at 918.399.6149, mutzmeadow.com or Facebook. Mütz Meadow.



(Photo left) Mütz Meadow is the newest subdivision in Red River, NM.

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Named for the previous owners, the Mütz family, long-time residents of Red River and the Moreno Valley, it is located on the east side of town near the "Y" on the south side of Highway 578, the road to the Upper Valley. The property served for years as a horse pasture and has been a popular grazing site for the mule deer population.

The Red River runs through the property.

Mütz Meadow is the largest parcel of land within the town limits. There are currently 60+ lots of varying sizes and shapes. The average lot size is 0.20.

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THE ENTREPRENEURIAL SPIRIT IS ALIVE

The term entrepreneur has been around since the 18th century and, as the 21st century reaches the quarter mark, it applies when describing Chad Mantz.

He is the owner of M Vacation Properties & Resorts, formerly Red River Real Estate, a vacation rental and property management company located at 420 E. Main.

Originally from Bazine, Kansas, located an hour north of Dodge City, Chad was a dryland farmer and rancher, growing wheat and milo and raising a couple hundred head of cattle. His father recently sold the family farm and purchased a house in the Upper Valley.

In January 2016, Chad moved to Red River, accepting the job of Director of the Chamber of Commerce. He came at the suggestion of Karen Kelly, owner of KWK Events and former director of the CoC. He had previously worked with her at Snowshoe, WV, and Aspen, CO.

He liked Red River and by November of that year, encountered an opportunity he could not pass up, resigning from the Chamber and joining the ranks of Red River business owners by purchasing Red River Real Estate.

"The time was right," he says. The challenge was right and working with good people like Richard and Vicki Swigart, former owners, now owners of Alpine Lodge, appealed to his entrepreneurial spirit.

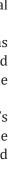
In 2022 he branched out by opening Madam's Lounge & Theater, a restaurant located in the Alpine Lodge complex offering a fusion of Southwest and Asian dishes, as well as surf and turf.





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Now, in 2024, the challenge of creating a unique dining experience in Red River continues to inspire him. He has since relocated to the Lifts West Condominiums building at 201 W. Main Street and rebranded the restaurant as The Bistro. Chef Bila is still in charge of the kitchen.

"We're going to be focusing on steaks, sushi, and more. We have great burgers. Our pasta with chicken is really good too, and we've recently added lobster. We have an impressive wine selection." He says that there will also be some surprise items added to the menu during the winter season but he will not say exactly what to expect.

After his daughter Alyse Mantz visited Kentucky to do a bourbon tour, he decided to offer something else unique at the Bistro. "She sampled a bunch of really good bourbons. As a result, you'll be seeing some of the best bourbon menus and drinks. There will be stories about the difference between bourbon and whiskey."

In addition to great dining, The Bistro will be presenting live entertainment on Saturday nights with Garry Blackchild, an Indie Folk singer/songwriter based in Taos.

P.S. Alyse and Chad Mantz will be opening the historic St. James Hotel in Cimarron, NM on December 20.



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UPDATING THE OLD-TIME CHARM

Brian and Tanya Waltz have been managing the Rio Colorado Lodge at 515 East Main since November of 2004. The lodge, built by miner Lyman Pratt in the early 1900s, was one of the first tourist "camps" to be built in Red River.

Brian is a descendant of the Booker family who purchased the property in 1944, making 2024-25' the 80th anniversary of the family operation!

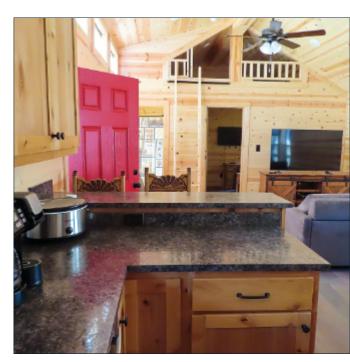
Born in Albuquerque, his parents were the first fulltime managers of Rio Colorado so Brian grew up in Red River until the age of 12 when the family moved to Colorado. He did continue to spend many summers at the lodge.

Tanya was born in South Dakota and met Brian in Ft. Collins, CO, where they married in 2001.

"Our sons, Joshua and Zach, were born in Ft. Collins," Tanya says, "but we wanted to raise them here. Raising them here was important."

The land on which the lodge sits was part of the original downtown area of Red River City in 1895 and was the site of a hotel and early-day post office.

With 19 cozy, well-supplied cabins, including two on the other side of the river, it's a brief walk to the new Copper Chair Lift at the Red River Ski & Summer Area. The cabins were winterized around the time that the ski area opened the doors in 1959. During winter, a sledding hill is on the edge of the property. The office will most likely have some saucers available for guests.





In summer, Rio Colorado is an anglers' paradise. The Red River runs through the property and there is a sizable well-stocked trout pond for guests just a short walk from any cabin. In the early days large blocks of ice were cut from the frozen pond and stored to provide summer guests with cold beverages.

It is unclear when the lake was added to the property but it has served as a drawing card and continues to be an attraction for eager anglers.

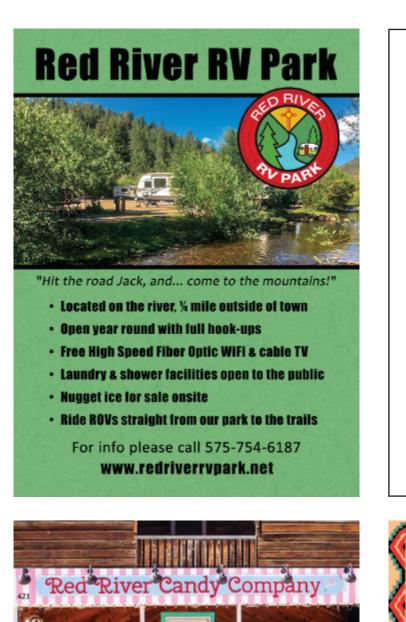
There is a recreation area called "The Park" located between cabins with a playground, perfect for picnics or just hanging out in the cool mountain air.

According to Brian, cabins were added in the 1920s and 30s, then additional cabins were constructed in the 40s while those down by the river were probably built in the 1950s.

Over the years the lodge has been updated. The summer of 2024 saw five cabins razed, replaced with new units. Cabin 15 on Main St was the first to be razed. Two new cabins built by Leland's Cabins, Grand-view, TX, are 2-bedroom, 2-bath with a loft for kids.

Brian estimates that 80% of Rio Colorado business, summer or winter, is return customers who like the charm and convenience of the lodge.

"Families come back the same time each year," Brain says, "occupying the same cabins and spending time fishing or just enjoying the property."

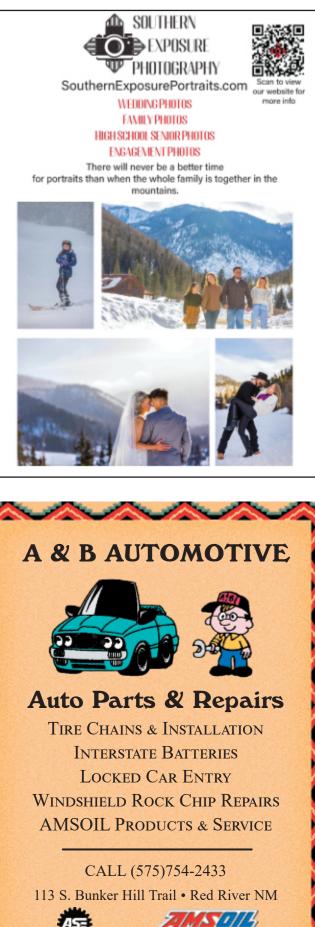


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Kyle Brown is Vice President and Chief Operations Officer of Southern Exposure, Red River's premier photo studio. The business observes 40 years of serving the high country community and will be at the photo booth at the Ski Area Chalet again this winter.

An Open House on October 6, 2024, at the studio building at 402 W. Main celebrated not only the passing of the proverbial torch from father Carl Brown to son Kyle, but also Carl's wedding to Lauren the preceding day! Oh, his 70th birthday wasn't far off so it was part of the party too.

Kyle grew up in Red River and Taos and remembers working with his father from the age of 8 or 9. Over the years he was also on duty helping out during busy times like Christmas, Spring Break, and Memorial Day. Now he is buying his dad's successful business.

Carl Brown came to Red River in 1982 and worked for the photographer who owned the photo learned to work hard to make it in this town." concession at the Red River Ski Area. During the sum-Carl purchased the Timbers Restaurant building in mer he would go to Mackinaw Island, MI, and shoot 2021 and performed major renovations. pictures at the Grand Hotel because he needed the "It's been really beneficial having this building work.

Back in Red River, Carl tried his hand at drywalling and doing construction with Ed Hampton. He wasn't good at it, according to Kyle, so he decided he needed to find a way to make a living during summertime. In 1985, he bought the ski area business, changing the

name to Southern Exposure, a name he had always liked. He soon started the river rafting operation in Pilar, shooting the different rafting companies on the Rio Grande. In those days before digital cameras, the film had to be transported from Pilar to the Southern Exposure office in Red River. Carl would develop the day's photos into the wee hours before getting a little sleep and heading back to the river early the next morning.

Kyle says the summer of 2024 was the last year for the Pilar operation, as changing business realities require different plans for the Southern Exposure future.

"I've seen a lot of businesses come and go and I think the ones that make it through the hardest times are the ones who work the hardest. They know that they have to work on the holidays. My dad and many guys like Ron Pockrant worked their tails off to ensure their families were successful. Their kids like us

right here," Kyle says. "People can see it from the chairlift. Sales have been up in the last couple of years compared to previous years when the office was on E. Main because of convenience. They can just walk across the street after getting off the chairlift!"

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A FEW BITS AND PIECES FOR FUN

Winter in Red River is not like winter in your hometown, unless you live in a small mountain community that has lots of snow. Here are a few little tidbits about winter life in the Red River Valley.

When Walt Foley (see article on page 13) became Director of the Red River Ski Area Ski Patrol in 1993, he instituted the wearing of helmets for all patrolers with the support of RRSA owner Drew Judycki. It was a policy with safety in mind, always a consideration, as well as an effort to set a good example for the young Ski Team members.

Within a week of implementing the policy, an experienced patroler had a major crash-and-burn episode on the hill, with a hard hit to the head. While he suffered a nasty concussion, doctors said the event could have been life-altering. The helmet did its job.

(In 2021, the National Ski Areas Association estimated that 90% of U.S. skiers were wearing helmets. In 2021-22, NSAA estimated that 95% of all kids age 17 and under wore helmets on the slopes.)

Mardi Gras in the Mountains was 4 years old when it was selected by the New Mexico Tourism Department as THE special event in New Mexico, even topping the Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta. Yikes, and Yikes again!





P.S. I carry a small bottle of McIlhenny's Tabasco Sauce in my pocket during Mardi Gras in the Mountains and my supply of Cajun Power Sauce will arrive just in time. Now if my bottle of Cajun Chef Green Sauce comes in the mail, I'll be set for gator, gumbo, and a mudbug feast.

Of course, I will still be eating green chile stew and blue corn enchiladas with my friends from the heart of Acadiana, Southwest Mardi Gras style.

Laissez les bon temps rouler!

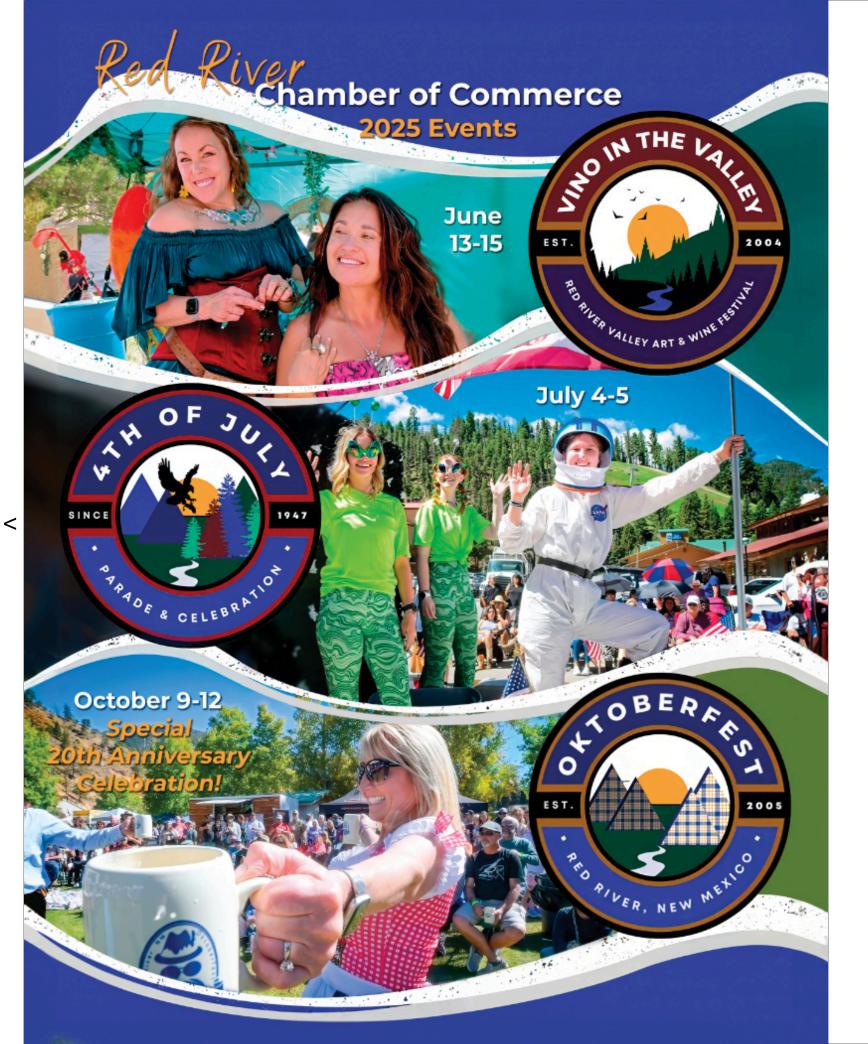
There are three or four businesses in Red River that have big-screen TVs for sports fans. Watching football is a big deal. College or pro, watching is a great winter activity so I have been catching a few games lately. I'm not a regular fan but some teams pique my interest more than others. I find that I miss the days when Barry Sanders would shake off a half-dozen tacklers, run into the end zone and politely hand the ball to the man in the black-and-white striped shirt.

No ludicrous dance, no taunting, no exaggerated displays or theatrics for the end zone camera - Barry's run was the drama. In a collision sport, it brought a certain dignity to the game.

The spectacle in the arena has changed. So it goes.

I know. I'm showing my age. My status as an old fogey and a professional curmudgeon is acknowledged.

Go Lions! Go Bears!



SOME HELPFUL THINGS TO KNOW



If you are newly arrived in Red River, here are a few tips to help you navigate the town and make your stay more enjoyable.

What services are available in town? Although very small in size and population, we're a full-service kind of town. In addition to lodging, restaurants, shopping, and the recreational businesses you'd expect in a resort town, there is a grocery store, hardware store, convenience store, bank, gas station, hair salon, spa, medical clinic, and auto repair shop to serve your needs.

Have a question? The Tourist Information Office in the Conference Center, located at 101 W. River Street behind Brandenburg Park, can provide answers and all manner of tourist information for you. It has space for conferences, events, and meetings. It also provides free WiFi and public restrooms.

Have an emergency? Red River is a 911 town. An Emergency 911 call will put you in touch with the Red River Fire Department, Ambulance, Search & Rescue, and the Marshal's office. Town Hall at 100 E. Main St. and the Fire Station at 320 E. High St. are National Safe Place sites.

Feeling poorly? Main St. Medical Center, located in the Lift House on the corner of Pioneer Rd. and River St., offers a full range of non-urgent healthcare services.

Got your cell phone? Most local businesses have an online presence where you can find biz hours, menus, products and additional valuable info on the fly.

Hate winter driving? Most everything in town is within easy walking distance, but if you want to ride, just park your car where you're staying and call our Miners' Transit bus at 575-770-5959 for FREE doorto-door pickup and delivery within the town limits.

Looking for a church? There are three winter options here in town. Faith Mountain Fellowship Church is located at 100 S. Copper King Trail, First Baptist Church of Red River at 621 W. Highway 38, and St. Edwin's Catholic Church on N. Silver Bell Trail. {The Community House conducts non-denominational Christian services from June through September.)

Want a book or video? Red River Public Library, located at the "Y" on NM Highway 38 on the east side of town, is open for use by visitors and locals alike. Free WiFi is available inside and out, and there are public restrooms. A book sale is always in progress.

Love to visit parks? Red River has five: Brandenburg Park midtown, Toni Woerndle Park next to the Conference Center on the river, Mallette Park on Mallette Rd., Red River Westside Fishing Park, and the Bark Park for your dog behind the Little Red School House Museum.

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FIREPLACES DESERVE YOUR RESPECT



There is much to be said for the theory that fire-"We've gotten proactive over the years with our inplaces are the original home entertainment centers. spection program that requires the chimneys to be For many millennia they were the focus of daily life, for cleaned once a year. That is for commercial lodges. cooking, warmth, and a place where families would "There are a lot of people who have cabins up here gather at night to hear stories and watch the wonder that we don't inspect. They may not clean the chimney of dancing flames, colorful and often hypnotic, as well for 10-15 years. Those are the ones that we might have as comforting and inspiring. an issue with, those that don't have regular fires.

Around 1066, the fireplace was first introduced and "Creosote can build up and stick to the inside of the due to the development of two-story houses, the chimchimneys because it's basically a byproduct of the ney was invented for proper smoke disposal. wood burning, the tar and pitch, and everything else in So, you have just arrived in town, checked into your it. It starts to stick to the inside of the fireplace and cabin or condo, and downloaded your suitcases and chimney. As it becomes much warmer it can reach the ski gear to your temporary home. The sack of trip point of ignition."

snacks in the car and any groceries you may need to keep cool are safely on the counter or in the fridge.

Now it's time for a roaring fire to give you a warm "We've got a variety of wood right here. I mean welcome to the mountains. If the wood is on the porch, we've got aspen, we've got cottonwood. There is it is quickly brought inside and soon a cheerful blaze is some spruce, a little juniper and there's pine and aglow in the fireplace. some piñon.

"Tourists enjoy using them year-round regardless of "Aspen is the most common one. Aspen burns really the temperature outside because it's something they hot but it doesn't burn very long. Piñon and juniper don't get to do at home. Plus, wood is so expensive in are harder and burn longer. other places, whereas we are surrounded by lots of "Hopefully the fire just burns in the fireplace and wood." the chimney and doesn't escape into the surrounding Red River Fire Chief Deke Willis grew up in Red structure. That doesn't happen much these days.

River and has been with the fire department for nearly "Most chimneys should have some kind of screen on 40 years. He sees the importance of fireplaces to the top or some sort of fire arrestors. If a big spark comes town. It's part of the experience that visitors expect out, it'll catch in that screen before it goes out and and cherish. lands in the woods or grass.

"Make sure that the damper is open," Willis coun-Over the years, however, Willis has seen his share of chimney fires and structure blazes when fireplaces sels. "Some people close it so they don't get a draft were responsible for the damage. Fortunately, they are down when they're not using the fireplace. Make sure not as common as they were in the past. it's open or the smoke will fill the room."

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Willis adds that some people get excited and build big fires with lots of wood producing too much heat.

A SHOPPING ADVENTURE AWAITS



Red River is the perfect place to shop. You can avoid the hustle and bustle of crowded malls and parking lots. Just take a leisurely walk down Main Street or call the Miners' Transit to pick you up at the door and take you to your favorite store. Red River provides you with an array of fun things to shop for. There's everything from games to fudge, clothing to fine art, skis to Skittles, fishing gear to hardware, and lots of jewelry. Check it out for yourself.

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All Seasons – A 2-story boutique full of fine fashions year round, jewelry, gourmet foods, sculptured glass, gifts and candles and lots more.

Bear Xing – Sculptured bears and other beings, Western art and novelties, signs.

Bobcat – Fine sculptured pottery and statues, native American jewelry.

Candy Crate – Nostalgic candy, fresh fudge, regional food items, games and sunglasses.

Climates – All kinds of fashions, sportswear, footwear, camping gear, gift and pet items.

Elevation 8750' – Clothing and more clothing, souvenirs, jewelry, sleepwear, yard ornaments, and gift items.

Fanny Pack – Collectible T-shirts and hats, sunglasses, sunscreen, and souvenirs at RRSA. **Frye's Old Town** – Souvenirs, T-shirts, clothing, gift items, children's toys.

Gold Nugget – Red River memorabilia, t-shirts and clothing, candy, knives, pottery, wind chimes, toys and fun stuff.

Li'l Willie's Shenanigans – Pottery, home decor, collectibles, T-shirts, jewelry, hats and scarves, funny gifts,

Main Street Mercantile – Chock-full of gourmet foods, fashions, jewelry, pottery, signs... lots more to see.

RC Outerwear - Boots, caps, jeans, shirts, shoes, purses, jewelry.

Red River Candy Company – 421 E. Main, Ste. A An old-fashioned soda pop and candy store.

Red River Trading Company – A multitude of gift items and jewelry, T-shirts, sweatshirts, regional food items, something for everyone there - AND a Xmas Shop.

Sitzmark – Sporting goods, sportswear and accessories, outdoor adventure gear, sporting equipment rentals.

Southern Exposure – Photography and printing services, batteries, frames, disposable cameras.

Spruce – Goods for All – Decorative items for the home including textiles, pillows, bags, leather goods, living flame candles, pottery.

The Starr Trading Post - Knives, gifts and clothing, plus an extensive line of fishing and hunting accessories, including licenses.

Taos Outfitters - Sportswear, T-Shirts, hats, sunglasses, camping and outdoor gear, and souvenirs.

The Westend at J. Griffin Co. – An interior decorator's delight with furniture, framed mirrors, pillows, pottery, wall art, big candles, water features, and gourmet food items.

Wild Bill's Ski & Snowboard Shop – Ski accessories from goggles and gloves to outerwear, lip balm, sunscreen and lots more.

Williams Outdoor and Hardware – Hardware, RV supplies, fishing and camping supplies, heaters, t-shirts, caps, regional books.

HIGH COUNTRY DINING IN RED RIVER



For a tiny mountain town, Red River has a great selection of restaurants, diners, cafes, delis and bistros with something to satisfy everyone's taste and budget. Most restaurants offer kids' menus, as well as beer and wine. Casual dress is always appropriate in Red River.

Bearly Awake Coffee Co. – 604 E. Main St. Coffee, Baked Goods, Frozen Yogurt, Sweet Treats, Bubble Teas

The Bistro - 201 W. Main St.

Upscale Japanese and New Mexico inspired dining including Surf & Turf, Beer, Wine & Cocktails

Bull O' The Woods Saloon – 401 E. Main St. Burgers, Sandwiches, Wings, Tacos, Loaded Fries, Full Bar, Specials

Capo's Family Restaurant– 110 Pioneer Rd. Pasta, Pizza, Calzones, Sandwiches, Kids' Menu, Beer & Wine

Dairy Bar – 417 E. Main St. Burgers, Sandwiches, Salads, Ice Cream, Milk

Shakes

The Grill at the Lift House – 200 Pioneer Rd. Appetizers, Craft Burgers, Sandwiches, Salads, along with a full bar

Li'l Willie's Shenanigans – 410 W. Main St. Baked Goods, Ice Cream, Sweet Treats and more Lost Hiker Deli – 402 W. Main St. (upstairs) Classic and Specialty Sandwiches, Paninis, Soups, Salads and Cookies

Main Street Pizzeria – 320 E. Main St. Classic and Gourmet Pizzas, Salads, Specialty Breadsticks, Toasted Subs, Desserts

Noisy Water Winery – 518 E. Main St. NM Wines, Cheese Boards, Gourmet Snacks

Old Tymer's Cafe – 210 E. Main. St. Omelets, Pancakes, Mexican Plates, Burgers, Sandwiches, Pizza

The Pit Stop (Summer Only) – 317 W. Main St. Fair Food, Corn Dogs, Funnel Cakes, Snow Cones

Red River Brewing Co. – 217 W. Main St. Appetizers, Wings, Salads, Texas BBQ, Burgers, Sandwiches, Craft Beer and Liquor

Sheehan Winery – 417 W. Main St. New Mexico Wines, Cheese Boards

Shotgun Willie's Cafe–403 W. Main St. Breakfast Burritos, Texas BBQ, Sandwiches, Burgers, Kids' Menu >

Steam Coffee Co – 400 W. Main St. Espresso, Coffee, Baked Goods, Sandwiches, Soups, Sweet Treats

Sundance Restaurant – 401 E. High St. Burritos, Enchiladas, Tacos, Steaks, Salads, Kids' Menu, Beer and Wine

Texas Reds Steakhouse – 400 E. Main St. Steaks, Prime Rib, Seafood, Burgers, Salads, Kid's Menu, Full Bar

The Tip Restaurant – Top of the Ski Mountain Burgers, Fries, Wraps, Grab & Go Food Items, Beer & Wine

Vine – 601 W. Main St. Donuts, Upscale Breakfasts and Brunch, Catering, Special Event Venue, Beer &Wine

Yesterday's Diner – 612 W. Main St. Burritos, Omelets, Burgers, New Mexican, Sandwiches, Malt Shop, Beer & Wine



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