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Our Military

in Curry and Roosevelt Counties

ON THE HIGH PLAINS of eastern New Mexico near the Texas Panhandle lies Cannon Air Force Base, 8 miles west of Clovis, 80 miles south of Tucumcari and 90 miles northeast of Roswell, all in New Mexico, and 100 miles west of Lubbock, Texas.

Cannon AFB is home to Air Force Special Operations Command's 27th Special Operations Wing. The wing is one of four Air Force active-duty special operations wings within AFSOC and is a pivotal component of AFSOC's ability to provide and conduct special operations missions. It carries these out with a variety of aircraft, including the MC-130J Commando II, CV-22 Osprey, MQ-9 Reaper, AC-130W Stinger II and U-28A.

The base sits on 3,789 acres of land. Its Melrose Air Force Range training area, approximately 25 miles west of the base, is used for air-to-ground, small arms and electronic combat training and includes about 70,000 land acres and 2,500 square miles of airspace.

Population

Currently, approximately 5,500 military and civilian personnel make up the workforce at Cannon.

Economic Impact

Cannon Air Force Base's total impact on the local economy in fiscal year 2018 totaled approximately \$5526 million, the Clovis Industrial Development Corporation calculated. It is the largest employer in Curry County and created 1,576 indirect jobs valued at \$61 million in 2018.

HISTORY

Cannon Air Force Base traces its roots back to the late 1920s when Portair Field, a civilian passenger facility, was built on the site. Portair Field, renamed Clovis Municipal Airport in the 1930s, was a terminal for early commercial transcontinental journeying, flying passengers in the Ford Trimotor "Tin Goose" by day and using Pullman-car trains for nighttime travel.

The war years saw the introduction of heavy bomber training to the Llano Estacado, a Spanish term for Staked Plain, referring to a region in the Southwest United States that includes parts of eastern New Mexico and northwest Texas. In September 1942, Clovis Municipal Airport became Clovis Army Air Field.

Flying operations nearly ended with post-war demobilization, aside from the rare refueling of transient aircraft. Clovis Army Air Field had "closed its doors" by May 28, 1947, as the base went on the inactive list, though it remained in the hands of Air Training Command until late July 1951, when it was obtained by Tactical Air Command. At that time, an Air National Guard unit, the 140th Fighter-Bomber Wing, was activated, mobilized to active duty and stationed there.

Cannon Air Force Base was named in honor of the former commander of the Tactical Air Command, Gen. John K. Cannon, on June 8, 1957. On Feb. 18, 1959, the base entered into a relationship

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QUICK REFERENCE NUMBERS

All phone numbers are subject to change. For more information, call Directory Assistance at 575-784-1110.

Airman & Family Readiness Center	575-784-4228
Armory	575-784-4124
Auto Skills Center	575-784-2170
Barbershop	
Exchange	575-784-9986
Landing Zone	575-784-4831
Base Exchange	575-784-3700
Beauty Shop	575-784-3451
Bowling Center	575-784-2280
Cannon Family Homes	575-784-7141
Caprock Inn	575-784-2918
Career Assistance Advisor	575-784-7041
Chapel	575-784-2507
Child Development Center	
Cannon	575-784-2704
Chavez	575-784-6259
Civilian Personnel	575-784-4846
Clinic Appointment Line	575-784-2778
Commissary	575-784-4330
Community Center	575-784-6381
Dental	575-784-4041
Dorm Management	575-784-2907
Drop Zone	575-784-2448
Dry Cleaners	575-784-3723
Education Office	575-784-4184
Family Child Care	575-784-6258
Fire Department	575-784-2578
First Term Airmen Center	575-784-2499
Fitness Center	575-784-2466
Fraud, Waste & Abuse	575-784-4825
Gate	
Main	575-784-6380
Portales	575-784-4675
Golf Course	575-784-2800
Housing Office	575-784-2983
ID Cards	575-784-2658
Inprocessing	575-784-2659
Inspector General	575-784-6044
Landing Zone	575-784-2853
Legal Office	575-784-2211
Library	575-784-2786
Melrose Range	575-784-6644

Military Clothing Sales	575-784-6630
NAF Employment	575-784-2622
Outdoor Recreation	575-784-2773
Pool	575-784-2910
Shoppette	575-784-5766
Skeet and Trap Range	575-784-2773
Theater	575-784-3331
Thrift Shop	575-784-7878
TMO	
Passenger Travel	575-784-7747
Personal Property	575-784-2302
Visitor's Center	575-784-2400
Youth Center	575-784-2747

CANNON AIR FORCE BASE ONLINE

Official site: www.cannon.af.mil

27th Special Operations Force Support Squadron: www.cannonforce.com

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<https://www.mybaseguide.com/installation/cannon-afb/>

SOCIAL MEDIA



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www.facebook.com/CannonAirForceBase



Twitter

https://twitter.com/CannonAFB_

People around the world increasingly stay connected through social media, whether it be with a deployed service member, with friends and families in locations around the world or with the bases where you have been stationed or expect to transfer.

Here are some safety tips for using social media:

1. Never post confidential personal information such as your date of birth, address, Social Security number, or bank and credit card account numbers. Never provide this type of information when signing up for a social networking site. Most sites do not require it, and you should be wary of those that do.
2. Don't invite people whom you do not know to be your "friend." You do not want strangers to know details about you or your family.
3. Never share operational information, such as upcoming ports of call and military exercises. Such information can compromise operational security and the safety of our service members.

The Public Affairs Office can provide guidance on the type of information not to be shared in a public forum such as a social network or blog.



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with the 27th Fighter Wing that continues to this day, albeit with the new mission of special operations. When the base transitioned from Air Combat Command to Air Force Special Operations Command on Oct. 1, 2007, the 27th Fighter Wing was redesignated the 27th Special Operations Wing.

The unit has a long and distinguished history. Its legacy began at Barksdale Field, Louisiana, on Feb. 1, 1940, as the 27th Bombardment Group (Light). Elements of this group were in the Philippines when the Japanese invaded the islands in December 1941. The group aided in the fight against the invading force, but the Japanese eventually overran the country. Many members of the 27th Bombardment Group were taken as prisoners of war and forced to participate in 1942's Bataan Death March.

Since 1940, the 27th designation has been assigned to several groups and wings at a number of locations. In August 1947, the 27th was organized as a fighter wing at Kearney Airfield, Nebraska. In February 1959, after nearly 10 years at Bergstrom Air Force Base, Texas, to preserve the 27th's heritage, the designation was transferred to Cannon AFB. The designation 27th Tactical Fighter Wing replaced that of the 312th Fighter Bomber Wing, which had been at Clovis (later Cannon) AFB since Oct. 1, 1954, and did not have a significant lineage.

ORGANIZATIONS 27TH SPECIAL OPERATIONS WING

The 27th Special Operations Wing is one of four Air Force active-duty special operations wings within Air Force Special Operations Command.

The primary mission of the 27th SOW is to execute specialized airpower from a premier installation.

The Wing's mission is to provide the nation's specialized airpower, capable across the spectrum of conflicts...any place, any time, anywhere.

The 27th SOW is a pivotal component of AFSOC's ability to provide and conduct special operations missions ranging from precision application of firepower to infiltration, exfiltration, resupply and refueling of special operations forces. In addition, the 27th SOW brings distinctive intelligence capabilities to the fight, including ISR, predictive analysis and targeting expertise to joint special operations forces and combat search-and-rescue operations.

The wing is composed of four groups and various staff agencies. The 27th Special Operations Group provides operational support to flying operations and directs the deployment, employment, training and planning for squadrons that operate the AC-130W, MC-130J, CV-22, U-28A and MQ-9. The Special Operations Mission Support Group provides combat support and base sustainment services as well as recreational activities for the base populace. The Special Operations Maintenance Group is responsible for flight line and back shop maintenance of base aircraft, as well as contract oversight of civilian maintenance on three nonstandard aviation program aircraft types. The Special Operations Medical Group ensures a healthy, fit and deployable active-duty force and provides medical care to area beneficiaries. Wing staff agencies supply command management and numerous services to base personnel. Staff agencies include the Comptroller Squadron, Public Affairs, the

Inspector General, Wing Safety, the base historian, the chapel and more.

ARRIVAL

See the Getting To & Around Curry and Roosevelt counties chapter on Page 14 for information about local airports, train service and public transportation. The closest commercial flights land at Amarillo and Lubbock, Texas; both cities are about 100 miles from the base.

SPONSORSHIP

Contact your sponsor and with your estimated arrival time and flight information, if applicable, prior to your arrival at Cannon AFB.

Sponsorship is vital to the relocation process. Don't PCS without talking with your sponsor before departing for the base. Your sponsor will answer any questions you have about Cannon AFB and the local area, make lodging/dorm arrangements and meet you upon arrival. You can count on your sponsor to help you and your family until you are settled into your new community.

If you have not been in touch with a sponsor and your departure is nearing, contact your

DOCUMENTS TO CARRY FOR INPROCESSING

- Several copies of your orders.
- Certified copies of birth certificates, adoption papers, naturalization papers, marriage license, divorce papers, etc.
- Copy of advanced pay or allowance paperwork.
- All moving paperwork including TMO information, self-move paperwork and all receipts associated with moving.
- Employment records or resumes of civilian family members.
- Medical and dental records of your entire family from your previous duty station.
- Immunization records for all children, active-duty members and pets.
- School records and transcripts for students.
- Copies of all insurance policies.
- Copies of all occupational licenses and certifications.
- Purchase agreements for vehicles, showing state sales tax paid.
- Vehicle registrations and titles.
- Household goods inventory.
- Letters of credit from utility companies.
- Copies of federal income tax forms.
- Copies of recent leave and earnings statements.



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gaining unit or call the Airman & Family Readiness Center at 575-784-4228.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS

Cellphone use by the driver of a moving motor vehicle is prohibited on all Department of Defense installations, unless the cellphone is used with a hands-free device.

The Cannon AFB main gate is just off U.S. Highway 60/84. People arriving on U.S. Highway 70 (from the south) should take State Highway 467 to the Portales gate. Both gates are open 24/7.

From Albuquerque, New Mexico

Take Interstate 40 east approximately 116 miles to Santa Rosa. At Santa Rosa, exit to Highway 84 south 48 miles to Fort Sumner, then go east about 58 miles to Cannon AFB.

From Amarillo, Texas

Take Interstate 40 to Interstate 27 south toward Lubbock; turn west on Highway 60 at Canyon, Texas. Stay on Highway 60 to Texico, New Mexico, where you'll pick up Highway 84 west to Clovis (approximately 7 miles). Cannon AFB is approximately 7 miles west of Clovis, still on Highway 60/84.

From Lubbock, Texas

Take Highway 84 west (passing through Littlefield, Muleshoe and Farwell, Texas) to Clovis, New Mexico, and Cannon AFB.

CHECK-IN PROCEDURES

Unit information and inprocessing instructions will be provided by your sponsor. If you

have not received sponsor information within 45 days of your PCS, please contact the INTRO manager at your current base.

Report to your gaining unit's administrative section upon arrival. If you arrive after duty hours, report to the Caprock Inn lodging office. Your unit will set up your in processing appointments. After you report to your unit you may request permissive TDY for house hunting.

Newcomers are required to attend the Commando Newcomer's Orientation, which is held

twice a month at the Landing Zone. An information fair with valuable information about the local area follows the orientation. Spouses are welcome and encouraged to attend.

First Term Airmen Center

Bldg. 1225 575-784-2973
www.cannonforce.com/ftac

The FTAC provides a structured program to transition Airmen from a training mindset to a mission-oriented environment. FTAC provides orientation type information and reinforces lessons learned in BMTS and technical training to aid in successful transition. This provides a unique opportunity to create an environment for Airmen to further develop their warrior ethos and continued expeditionary mindset.

TEMPORARY LODGING

Caprock Inn

311 Eagle Claw Blvd. 575-784-2918
www.cannonforce.com/caprock-inn

The Caprock Inn provides safe, comfortable and clean accommodations for active-duty military members and their families who are being assigned to Cannon AFB.

Lodging consists of guest rooms, with temporary lodging facility accommodations, visiting quarters and distinguished visitor quarters. Pet-friendly units are available. Amenities include internet access, cable television, microwaves, refrigerators and coffee makers. Housekeeping and laundry facilities are also available.

Check the website for current room rates.



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GETTING SETTLED HEALTH CARE

27th Special Operations Medical Group
208 W. D.L. Ingram Blvd.

Appointments 575-784-2778
www.airforcemedicine.af.mil/MTF/Cannon/Make-An-Appointment

The 27th Special Operations Medical Group serves Cannon AFB and beneficiaries in the surrounding area. Its mission is to prepare and present medically ready Air Force special operations forces and to conduct global special operations medicine. To that end, the group provides a wealth of medical services, including dentistry, family health, flight medicine, immunizations, lab testing, mental health care, optometry, pediatrics, pharmacy, physical therapy, radiology, women's health and more.

Routine dental care is available to active-duty military only. Family members of active-duty personnel are encouraged to use the TRICARE Dental Program. For more information about the TRICARE Dental Program, call 855-638-8371 or visit www.tricare.mil/CoveredServices/Dental/TDP.

HOUSING

Housing Management Office

401 James Boatwright
(Chavez Housing Area) 575-904-5460
www.housing.af.mil/Units/Cannon

The Cannon AFB Housing Management Office is ready to support you in your transition to your new home and community. Use the resources provided here to become familiar with available housing options and support services. When you arrive at Cannon AFB, visit the HMO for invaluable information, counseling and guidance before signing a lease or sales contract for housing.

Unaccompanied Housing

Bldg. 1285 575-904-4225
www.housing.af.mil/Units/Cannon

Unaccompanied housing is provided for unaccompanied airmen in ranks E-1 to E-3 and E-4 with less than three years of service. Each Airman is provided a private sleeping room, furnishings, bed linens and supplies required for comfortable living.

Unaccompanied airmen in the rank of E-4 with more than three years of service will move into housing in the local community.

Cannon Family Homes

401 James F. Boatwright Blvd. .. 575-784-7141
www.CannonFamilyHomes.com

Cannon Family Homes offers move in ready two-, three- and four-bedroom homes in both single-family and townhome styles. At Cannon Air Force Base in New Mexico, residents enjoy a secure and comfortable hometown environment

with the convenience of 24-hour maintenance, lawn care services and community events.

Homes offer exceptional features to include fully equipped kitchens, patios/porches, fenced-in yards and a garage with driveway. Currently, all average utility costs, except telephone and cable television services, are included in the monthly rent. Community amenities include a fitness room, tennis courts, baseball field, volleyball court and a soccer field. The Neighborhood Center has a splash park. There are also basketball courts and playgrounds throughout the neighborhoods.

Cannon Family Homes is a privatized housing community managed and maintained by Balfour Beatty Communities. Information about housing services can be obtained by contacting the Community Office at 575-784-7141 or online at www.CannonFamilyHomes.com.

MAIL

Post Office

101 W. Eureka Ave. 575-784-2410

Cannon AFB postal needs are handled by the Main Base Office. Services are available to all military personnel, civilian employees and their families. Be sure to address your mail to General Delivery when you first arrive, using your full name and rank as well as the Postal Service Center address. Otherwise there is a risk of having your mail misrouted. All mail is held for 10



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days, but do not expect the mail to be forwarded for more than 12 months.

To receive mail for general delivery, use the following address:

Your Name
General Delivery
PSC Box 9999
Cannon AFB, NM 88103

PETS

Veterinary Services

Pets must be current on all shots, but Cannon AFB has no veterinary clinic or kennels on base. Veterinary emergency cases are best served through a full-service civilian veterinary hospital; see the Military Buyer's Guide tab to connect with local veterinarians.

RELIGIOUS GUIDANCE

Cannon Community Chapel

104 W. Albright Ave.....575-784-2507
www.fb.com/cannonchapel

The Cannon Community Chapel provides worship services, Bible studies, religious education and other religious services. Call the chapel or visit its website for information on upcoming events and classes.

VEHICLE REGISTRATION

Vehicles do not have to be registered with Cannon AFB, but all privately owned vehicles on base must be insured and have current license plates. New Mexico state traffic laws apply on base; see the Getting To & Around Curry and Roosevelt counties chapter on Page 14 for more information. All vehicles entering or leaving base are subject to search.

SERVING YOU DINING

For hours, menus and special event information, visit www.cannonforce.com and click on selections under the "Food" tab.

Cannon Lanes Snack Bar

105 Albright Ave.....575-784-2280

Chip Shot Dining Room

(at Whispering Winds Golf Course)

105 Olds Drive.....575-784-2312

High Plains Cafe

100 S Dagger Road.....575-904-3139

Landing Zone

211 Levitow Ave.....575-784-2853

Pecos Trail Dining Facility

203 Air Commando Way.....575-784-2420

Tailgate Sports Lounge

(at Drop Zone)

108 Cunningham Ave.....575-784-2448



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EDUCATION

Education Office

110 Alison Ave.575-784-4184
www.cannonforce.com/education-center

The Education Office provides educational opportunities and counseling services to Air Force members assigned to Cannon AFB. For information about Volunteer Education opportunities, call or visit the Education Office.

FAMILY SUPPORT

Airman & Family Readiness Center

331 DL Ingram.....575-784-4228
www.cannonforce.com/a-frc

The Airman & Family Readiness Center, a one-stop information and referral center, is the cornerstone of the Cannon family support system, helping airmen and their families enhance their readiness and quality of life.

Programs include Information & Referral, Personal Financial Management, Family Readiness, Relocation Assistance, Air Force Aid Society, Exceptional Family Member, Loan Locker, Child Care for PCS and more.

The center serves active-duty military members from all services, Guard and Reserve members, retired military members and Department



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of Defense civilians and their family members. All services are free.

Child Development Center

Cannon CDC

335 DL Ingram Ave..... 575-784-2704

Chavez CDC

101 James F. Boatwright Ave..... 575-784-6259

www.cannonforce.com/cdc

The child development centers offer weekly care for children from 6 weeks to 5 years old, and hourly care is available by reservation on a space-available basis. The centers provide a safe, nurturing environment that promotes the social, cognitive, language and physical development of youngsters. The centers are accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children.

Children of active-duty military personnel, DOD civilian personnel, Reservists on active duty and DOD contractors are eligible. Fees are based on total family income. Registration requires a completed DD Form 2606, immunization records, leave and earnings statements, and emergency contact information.

Exceptional Family Member Program

110 Alison Ave., Suite 2036..... 575-784-0610

This program provides special-needs families with information and referral services.

Family Child Care

(inside Cannon CDC)

335 DL Ingram Ave..... 575-784-6258

www.cannonforce.com/fcc

Family Child Care provides an alternative to child development center care for families needing evening care, weekend care, care for



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infants and school-age children and children with special needs, and care during swing and midnight shifts.

The program also offers an opportunity for spouses to contribute to the family income while caring for their own children.

FCC providers are well-trained, they and their family members undergo a thorough background check and their homes are inspected for fire safety, health, safety and other requirements. In addition, their homes are monitored on a regular basis (at least monthly) by the program staff.

School Liaison

110 Alison Ave., Suite 2036..... 575-784-1528

The School Liaison Office is the connection between Cannon AFB families and private and public schools. The office provides support to service members during all stages of transition and deployment to ensure children receive every possible opportunity for quality education.

Youth Programs

102 S. Eagle Claw Blvd. 575-784-2747

www.cannonforce.com/youth-center

Youth Programs offers a range of developmentally appropriate activities for youth from 9 to 18 years old, such as nationally accredited school-age programs and open recreation programs. Youth Programs also provide opportunities for involvement with Torch Club, Youth Leadership Council, Theater Arts Club and 4-H programs, among many others, and with community service.

Hours vary for each program; see the website for up-to-date information.

FINANCIAL SERVICES

Cannon Federal Credit Union

102 Air Commando Way..... 800-280-2328

www.cannonfcu.org

Military Finance Office

Bldg. 600..... 575-784-1161

Washington Federal

71 S. D.L. Ingram 575-784-3351

www.washingtonfederal.com



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LEGAL SERVICES

Legal Office

101 S. Air Commando Way 575-784-2211

The Cannon Law Center provides legal advice and support to the wing commander and all base organizations regarding military justice, adverse actions, ethics, civil law, labor law and contract law.

Legal worksheets can be filled out in advance to expedite some legal services. For legal worksheets and additional legal information, visit <https://aflegalassistance.law.af.mil>.

LIBRARY

107 W. Albright Ave. 575-784-2786
www.cannonlibrary.org

The Cannon Library provides library services to meet the needs of the mission for education and recreation information.

RECREATION

For detailed information about the recreational programs at Cannon AFB, visit the 27th Special Operations Force Support Squadron online at www.cannonforce.com.

DZ Aquatic Center

108 Cunningham Ave. 575-784-2910
www.cannonforce.com/pool

The DZ Aquatic Center offers open swimming, lap swimming, swim lessons and fitness classes. Younger swimmers will enjoy the baby pool area; older children and adults will love the waterslide. A snack bar, picnic tables and lounge chairs are also available. The pool season is May through August; check the website for hours.

Auto Skills Center

317 N. Chindit Blvd. 575-784-2170
www.cannonforce.com/auto-skills

The Auto Skills Center has 10 bays, six lifts and all the tools you need for do-it-yourself automotive projects. A welding bay and motorcycle repair bay are also available. If you're interested in selling a car, visit the Auto Skills Center for more information on the for-sale car lot.

Bowling Center

105 Albright Ave. 575-784-2280
www.cannonforce.com/cannon-lanes

Strike up some family fun at Cannon Lanes, which has a pro shop and a snack bar. Visit Cannon Lanes' website for special events.

Community Center/Drop Zone

108 Cunningham Ave. 575-784-6381
www.cannonforce.com/community-center

The center has a computer/video game room, "home" theater, recording studio, table sports and a multipurpose room. You can learn a new craft, take dance and music lessons, play your favorite game or just hang out with friends.

Throughout the year the center holds community events, including talent shows, holiday events and much more. The center's staff also manages the base theater. Visit the center's website for the theater's movie schedule and information on upcoming events.

Fitness & Sports Center

400 Air Commando Way 575-784-2466
www.cannonforce.com/fitness

The center features a selectorized equipment room, a free-weight room, racquetball courts, a basketball court, a family room, locker rooms with saunas, a cardio room, a Combat Fit Pad, softball fields and a track. Fitness classes, intramural sports and personal trainers are also available.

Golf Course

105 Olds Drive 575-784-2800
www.cannonforce.com/whispering-winds

The 18-hole Whispering Winds Golf Course can be enjoyed nearly year-round in the New Mexico climate. The Chip Shot Dining Room, a pro shop and lessons are available.

Outdoor Recreation

106 W St. 575-784-2773

www.cannonforce.com/outdoor-rec

Outdoor Recreation has equipment rentals, family camping, RV storage, a skeet and trap range and the outdoor adventure program. Training and trips are planned for camping, hiking, sightseeing, skiing, mountain biking and more.

SHOPPING

Cannon Commissary

Bldg. 77A 575-784-4330
commissaries.com

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Cannon Exchange

www.shopmyexchange.com

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Main Exchange

Bldg. 77B 575-784-3700
Military Clothing Store 575-784-6630



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Welcome

to Curry and Roosevelt Counties

WELCOME TO NEW MEXICO! Part of the Llano Estacado (Staked Plains), Curry and Roosevelt counties both are in eastern New Mexico, with Curry County in the middle of the state's eastern border, on the New Mexico-Texas line, and Roosevelt County just south of Curry County.

Curry County has a population of about 49,000 and is home to the city of Clovis, the county seat, and Cannon Air Force Base. Roosevelt County has almost 19,000 residents, and its county seat is Portales.

The counties are rich in historical and cultural attractions, plus modern amenities. In addition to their sweeping landscapes, open skies and serene natural settings, there are archeological sites, museums and parks. Outdoor activities abound, among them fishing, golfing, horseback riding and camping.

There are also shopping, dining and nightlife opportunities to explore. Annual events and festivals celebrate everything from the area's

pioneers to the Valencia peanut and showcase the vibrancy of New Mexico.

HISTORY

Curry and Roosevelt counties were created in the early 1900s: Roosevelt County in 1903 from Chaves and Guadalupe counties, and Curry County in 1909 out of portions of Quay and Roosevelt counties. Roosevelt County was named after Theodore Roosevelt, who had enlisted in the New Mexico Rough Riders during the Spanish-American War. The counties' major cities, Portales and Clovis, both have rich histories.

Clovis is the county seat of Curry County. In 1906, Santa Fe Railroad engineers were tasked with locating a townsite in the newly developing ranch and farmlands of eastern New Mexico. Searching for level ground west of Texico for a terminal and shops on the Belen cutoff, they chose a spot just northwest of an existing rail switch known as Riley's Switch. While there are competing explanations for the names of both Riley's Switch and what is now known as Clovis,

some attribute the name "Clovis" to the daughter of a railroad official, said to have been studying Clovis, the first Christian king of the Franks, who ruled Europe in the fifth century. In 1909, the city of Clovis incorporated.

While the area still thrives on the Santa Fe Railway, now part of Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway, and agriculture, the introduction of Cannon Air Force Base in 1942 inaugurated a more diversified economy. Today the area is home to colleges, health care facilities and other modern businesses. In 2005, when Cannon was included on the Base Realignment and Closure Commission's list, the community fought to save it. Clovis' "Operation Keep Cannon" contacted political figures with hundreds of letters and phone calls. The community's efforts and support were successful, and Cannon AFB was removed from the list in 2006.

Portales is the county seat of Roosevelt County. Its name comes from the natural formations surrounding once-gushing springs south-east of the city. Caliche cliffs that jutted out over

a series of caves around the springs resembled “portales,” which is Spanish for porches.

Portales began in 1894 as a tent city, then developed into a dusty cow town. The railroad between Roswell, New Mexico, and Amarillo, Texas, was completed in 1898, to the benefit of the region’s cattlemen, and the trains also brought homesteaders who wanted to turn the valley into farmland. By 1903, the city had become the county seat.

The later part of the decade proved devastating for Portales. Fires destroyed a large portion of the downtown, and the lack of water and equipment to fight the fires highlighted the need for municipal services. By 1909, the city was incorporated.

The first half of the 20th century recorded steady growth in agriculture after irrigation techniques were perfected. Crops included peanuts, sweet potatoes, cotton, feed grains and wheat. Small dairy farms were also a mainstay through the 1960s. Today, larger dairy farms have come to the county, supporting several major dairy product industries.

In 1934, Eastern New Mexico Junior College was established. Despite early growing pains, the college, now Eastern New Mexico University, expanded steadily and is now New Mexico’s largest regional comprehensive university. Today, the area’s economy continues to benefit from ENMU, as well as from the dairy and peanut industries.

SAFETY

Every second counts in a disaster so planning and preparation can be lifesavers.

The New Mexico Department of Homeland Security & Emergency Management provides residents, communities, public safety professionals, businesses and schools with invaluable information and resources for dealing with calamities, from floods to fires to earthquakes, hazardous waste and terrorism, to name just a few. Go to the website, www.nmdhsem.org, and



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click on “Preparedness” and then “Preparedness Guide” to learn how to confront specific emergencies, create an emergency plan and emergency kit, save your pet, and make necessary adaptations for the elderly and those with special needs.

Another great resource for natural disaster and severe weather information is the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website at www.cdc.gov/disasters. Here you can find information on how to prepare for various weather emergencies.

State of New Mexico Department of Homeland Security & Emergency Management

Nonemergency 505-476-9600
www.nmdhsem.org

The purpose of the Department of Homeland Security & Emergency Management is to help New Mexico residents prepare for emergencies, to mitigate hazards and give help when needed, to prevent attacks, and to coordinate local, state and federal disaster response and recovery. This is a primary source of guides for family emergency preparedness.

Curry County Emergency Management

Nonemergency 575-763-9485
www.cityofclovis.org/?page_id=749

The Clovis/Curry County Office of Emergency Management responds to emergencies and disasters that affect the city of Clovis and Curry County. Visit the office’s website, <https://bit.ly/385Kcnj>, for disaster preparedness information.

Roosevelt County Emergency Management

Nonemergency 575-356-4404, ext. 2005

www.portalesnm.gov/department/?structureid=33

Roosevelt County Emergency Management’s mission is to measurably improve capabilities and reduce the risks to local communities in times of man-made and natural disasters. Visit the office’s website for information on the county’s emergency notification system.

WEATHER AND CLIMATE

Curry and Roosevelt counties enjoy warm, sunny days year-round. Low humidity and cool nights and mornings provide respite from higher summertime temperatures. In Clovis, the warmest month is July, with an average high of 91 degrees and an average low of 64 degrees. The coldest month is December, with an average high of 51 degrees and an average low of 24 degrees. Precipitation is low in the semi-arid Llano Estacado. Most falls in the summer months, but average yearly rainfall is less than 20 inches.

LOCAL CONNECTIONS

Chamber of Commerce

Use the chambers’ online membership directories to connect with local businesses as you settle into your new community.

Clovis/Curry County Chamber of Commerce

105 E. Grand Ave.
Clovis, NM 88101 575-763-3435
www.clovisnm.org

Roosevelt County Chamber of Commerce

100 S. Avenue A
Portales, NM 88130 800-635-8036
www.portales.com



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Getting To & Around

Curry and Roosevelt Counties

SEVERAL HIGHWAYS EASILY LINK Curry and Roosevelt counties to other parts of New Mexico and Texas. Most people traveling in the area choose to drive, enjoying the relaxing scenic byways through the Llano Estacado (Staked Plains).

For those flying, there are three major airports within 200 or so miles with numerous air carriers. One airport is within New Mexico, and two are in nearby Texas cities.

Both counties have public transportation, and the area is also served by a Greyhound station.

AIRPORTS

Albuquerque International Sunport

2200 Sunport Blvd. SE
Albuquerque, NM 87106 505-244-7700
www.abqsunport.com

Albuquerque International Sunport is approximately 220 miles from Cannon AFB and is New Mexico's largest commercial airport, serving nearly 5 million travelers each year. Nine carriers include major airlines like Alaska Airlines,

American Airlines, Delta Air Lines, JetBlue Airways, Southwest Airlines and United Airlines.

Ground transportation includes bus, taxi, shuttle, Amtrak and rental car service. A shuttle bus provides transportation to the rental car center, at 3400 University Blvd. SE, where there are 10 rental car companies.

Lubbock Preston Smith International Airport

5401 N. Martin Luther King Blvd.
Lubbock, TX 79403 806-775-2044
<https://ci.lubbock.tx.us/departments/airport>

Lubbock Preston Smith International Airport is approximately 110 miles from Cannon AFB and has three major carriers: American Airlines, Southwest Airlines and United Airlines. Ground transportation includes five rental car services and taxi and shuttle services.

Rick Husband Amarillo International Airport

10801 Airport Blvd.
Amarillo, TX 79111 806-335-1671
<https://fly-ama.com>

Rick Husband Amarillo International Airport serves the city of Amarillo, the Texas and Oklahoma panhandles, and eastern New Mexico. It is approximately 120 miles from Cannon AFB and is served by four carriers, including American Airlines, Southwest Airlines and United Airlines. Ground transportation includes four rental car services and taxi services.

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

Clovis Area Transit System

401 E. Seventh St.
Clovis, NM 88101 575-769-7910
www.cityofclovis.org/?page_id=679

The Clovis Area Transit System provides service within the city limits of Clovis on a reservation-based, demand-response system. Each year, CATS provides an average of 68,000 trips with its 16-vehicle fleet. For more information on fares and the system's service area, visit the website.

Portales Area Transit

200 E. Seventh St.

Portales, NM 88130575-359-4816
www.portalesnm.gov/departments/index.php?structureid=28

Portales Area Transit provides service within the city of Portales, as well as to locations within a 5-mile radius. Unlike traditional public transportation, the service is a door-to-destination operation. Rides should be scheduled the day prior to transport, though limited same-day service may be available. For more information on fees and scheduling, visit Portales Area Transit's website.

DRIVING AND COMMUTING

Curry and Roosevelt counties are traversed by two U.S. highways and several state routes.

Within Curry County, two major U.S. highways intersect in the city of Clovis. U.S. Highway 60/84 runs east to west through the county and across the state line into Farwell, Texas. U.S. Highway 70 meets U.S. Highway 60/84 in Clovis and runs primarily north to south within Curry County. U.S. Highway 70 connects Curry County to Roosevelt County, veering southwest to pass through Portales and eventually into Chaves County.

In addition to the U.S. highways, numerous state routes in Curry and Roosevelt counties join the counties to each other and neighboring

Texas. State Route 467 runs north and south, connecting U.S. Highway 70 in Portales to Cannon AFB in Clovis.

The New Mexico Department of Transportation offers commuter options at www.dot.state.nm.us. NMDOT also provides real-time traffic information. Registered users can create a personalized profile to receive notifications about incidents on their specified routes at <https://nmroads.com>.

New Mexico Motor Vehicle Division

814 W. Sixth St.

Clovis, NM 88101575-762-3732
 1410 S. Avenue O
 Portales, NM 88130575-356-8711
www.mvd.newmexico.gov

The New Mexico Motor Vehicle Division issues driver's licenses, identification cards and vehicle registration and provides other driving-related services. Find many of the required forms and general information at the division's website.

Driver's Licenses

Military personnel and their spouses who are stationed in New Mexico from elsewhere may continue to drive with a valid driver's license from their home state, but in general, all New Mexico residents who want to drive must apply for a driver's license once residency is established.

The state spells out what is required for licensing and insurance under various scenarios in its New Mexico Driver Manual, which can be downloaded at www.mvd.newmexico.gov/resources-forms-information-drivers.aspx.

Vehicle Registration

Applications associated with driving and vehicle registration are available online at www.mvd.newmexico.gov/forms.aspx, including MVD forms, requests for driving records and more.

Military members and veterans may be entitled to certain MVD exemptions and allowances. For more information on military and veteran exceptions and requirements, visit the website.

Distracted Driving

The state of New Mexico does not prohibit drivers from making calls on handheld wireless telephones while operating a motor vehicle. However, because localities are allowed to enact their own cellphone laws, making or receiving calls without a hands-free device is illegal in some towns.

Texting while driving is prohibited in all of New Mexico.

New Mexico Department of Transportation

www.dot.state.nm.us

Visit the New Mexico Department of Transportation website for interactive maps, information about road closures and travel advisories, and to view live traffic cameras.



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Housing & Real Estate

in Curry and Roosevelt Counties

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Cannon Family Homes is a privatized housing community managed and maintained by Balfour Beatty Communities. Information about housing services can be obtained by contacting the

Community Office at 575-784-7141 or online at www.CannonFamilyHomes.com.

LOCAL COMMUNITIES

The historic railroad cities of Clovis and Portales offer newcomers ideal places to call home. The primarily agricultural locales balance the serenity of the Llano Estacado, or Staked Plain, with cultural attractions and recreational opportunities.

In 2018, an estimated 49,437 people called Curry County home, while around 18,743 people resided in Roosevelt County, according to the U.S. Census Bureau. Clovis is the county seat of Curry County; Portales is the county seat of Roosevelt County.

The counties' communities give newcomers plenty of choices when selecting a home. Enlist the help of a reputable real estate agent to help you sort through the area's home options. The Realtors Association of New Mexico is a central source of local real estate information and assistance. Those interested in purchasing a new

home can find the expertise and professional services they need at www.nmrealtor.com.

CURRY COUNTY

Curry County, centrally located on the High Plains of eastern New Mexico, covers just over 1,400 square miles. The county celebrated its 100th anniversary in 2009.

Elevation of the county is 4,280 feet, and this high altitude and the dry air contribute to pleasant days and cool nights. Roosevelt County lies to the south, Quay County to the north and the Texas Panhandle to the east. For more information, check out the Clovis/Curry County Chamber of Commerce website at www.clovisnm.org.

Clovis

www.cityofclovis.org

Clovis was selected as a townsite by Santa Fe Railroad engineers in the early 1900s. The city flourished, and today Clovis is home to a college, modern businesses and Cannon Air Force Base. Cultural attractions are varied, with museums

highlighting everything from archeology to trains to rock 'n' roll.

The city of Clovis' 22.71 square miles are home to approximately 38,700 people. Mean travel time to work is about 15 minutes. Median rent is \$819, and the selected monthly owner costs of housing units with a mortgage are \$1,071.

The city of Clovis offers 17 parks and recreational areas encompassing 3,700 acres, including sports fields, a youth recreation building, a dog park, a skate park, indoor and outdoor pools, a splash park, a golf course and more. The city is also home to Hillcrest Park Zoo, the second-largest zoo in New Mexico.

ROOSEVELT COUNTY

Roosevelt County, also in eastern New Mexico, covers nearly 2,450 square miles. Elevation of the county is just above 4,000 feet, and so Roosevelt County enjoys a mild, dry climate similar to Curry County's. Curry County lies to the north, De Baca and Chaves counties to the west, Lea County to the south and the Texas Panhandle to the east. The county has a significant archaeological site, Blackwater Draw, as well as a state park. For more information, visit the Portales Roosevelt County Chamber website at www.portales.com.

Portales

www.portalesnm.gov

Portales started out as a dusty cow town in the late 1800s and incorporated in 1909, three years before New Mexico gained statehood in 1912. The city still thrives on agriculture, with a large dairy industry and crops that include the famous Valencia peanut. Visitors and residents will enjoy the easygoing nature of Portales, known as the "warm heart of the sunbelt."

The city's 7.06 square miles are home to approximately 11,700 people. Mean travel time to work is about 17 minutes. Median rent is \$759, and the selected monthly owner costs of housing units with a mortgage are approximately \$1,067.

The city of Portales maintains eight public parks, a pool, a skate park and an athletic complex. Oasis State Park north of town offers camping, fishing and bird watching among groves of cottonwoods, plus several sand dunes.

PLANNING YOUR MOVE

Relocating to a new home can be one of the most stressful situations in life. Whether moving across town or the nation, preparation and organization make all the difference.

For military moves, visit www.move.mil for information about moving resources and to learn about the allowances and responsibilities of a military-sponsored move.

Regardless of which method you choose, the first step should be to inventory your personal belongings. The list, with photographs of any valuables, will be important for both insurance purposes and to help keep you organized during transit.

Plan for one full day to pack each room — though the kitchen and garage may take longer. Make a rough estimate of your packing schedule and then add 50 percent more time. It always takes longer than predicted to pack. Toss or donate unused items to lighten your load. Visit www.goodwill.org, www.salvationarmyusa.org or www.clothingdonations.org for locations near you or to arrange a pickup.

BUYING VERSUS RENTING

The decision to buy or rent is the most important step in your relocation process. Purchasing a home entails a long-term financial and emotional commitment with various pluses and minuses. Advantages include the possibility of building equity and the freedom to design and decorate your property or landscape. And don't forget the tax benefits. Disadvantages include upkeep, property taxes and fluctuating property values.

Renting, on the other hand, makes moving easier and someone else maintains the property. Amenities such as laundry rooms, exercise

rooms, swimming pools and tennis courts vary from one rental complex to another. The main disadvantage is a loss of control over the residence. Some complexes, for example, restrict or prohibit pets and personal touches such as painting. And the landlord or property managers can also raise the rent with proper notice.

To determine your best choice, account for all your needs, review your financial situation and research your options thoroughly.

FINDING AN APARTMENT

Be prepared when you meet with the leasing agent, property manager or owner. Bring a list of what you are looking for in a rental; it is important to be clear about your needs and to get all of your questions answered. You will also need to provide information and verification about your job, your income and your past rental history. Dress to make a good impression and treat the meeting like a job interview — be polite and arrive on time.

Use a written checklist with the landlord to document the condition of the rental before you move in, and keep a copy of the completed checklist to use when you move out.

New Mexico Legal Aid has created a renter's guide available at <https://nmhealth.org/publication/view/guide/278>.

BUYING A HOME

Buying a home is a complex process and, as the recent housing crisis demonstrated, requires a thorough education on the part of the buyer. First, fully understand your financial position — credit score, available savings, monthly income and expenditures. Subtracting your expenditures from your income, for instance, will yield the amount you can afford for housing.

The counties' communities give newcomers plenty of choices when selecting a home. Enlist the help of a reputable real estate agent to help you sort through the area's home options. The New Mexico Association of Realtors is a central source of local real estate information and assistance. Those interested in purchasing a new home can find the expertise and professional services they need at www.nmrealtor.com.

STATE PROGRAMS

New Mexico provides housing programs and incentives to help residents with home ownership. For more information, visit www.hud.gov/states and select "New Mexico" from the list. The New Mexico Mortgage Finance Authority is a quasi-governmental entity that provides financing for housing and other related services to low- and moderate-income New Mexicans. For more information, visit <http://housingnm.org>.





Employment & Economy

in Curry and Roosevelt Counties

EASTERN NEW MEXICO IS largely rural, with cattle ranches, dairies, and cotton and peanut farms important to the economy, both historically and at present. Since the mid-20th century, two sizable institutions — Cannon Air Force Base, next to Clovis, and Eastern New Mexico University in Portales — have boosted the regional economy substantially and are major employers today.

Eastern New Mexico University in Portales was first a so-called “normal” school for teachers, then a junior college, a four-year college and, ultimately, a university. In its 80 years, ENMU has grown to become the third-largest New Mexico university, with branches in Roswell and Ruidoso; it is a federally designated Hispanic-serving institution offering major and graduate programs. It also is a principal employer and contracts for services and supplies.

Because taxes and living costs are low and the prospects for jobs mostly positive, the outlook for job hunters is encouraging. Still, though the local counties, cities and chambers of commerce

push hard to attract new businesses that will generate jobs, the region is essentially rural and the cities small (Clovis about 39,000, Portales about 12,000), so possible job prospects are limited. Those with plum jobs hang onto them. It’s prudent for would-be employees to broaden their expectations to consider work they might never have done before and to cast the widest possible net for information about work options.

The median age in Curry County is just under 31 years old and just over 29 in Roosevelt County, meaning the workforce skews younger. Median household income in Curry County is \$46,182 and \$40,775 in Roosevelt County, according to the U.S. Census Bureau. New Mexico’s state sales tax is 5.125 percent, though local entities can tax on top of that up to a total of nearly 9 percent. In addition, the state imposes a gross receipts tax on many business transactions.

Rail and Transit Access

Portales had a water source that attracted local cattle ranchers, but it was the coming of

the Santa Fe Railroad 100-plus years ago that established Clovis and Portales as towns and provided some diversity in jobs and contracts, plus convenient shipping of livestock and agricultural produce. That railroad, now Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway, still operates and serves both cities.

State Highway 60 traverses the state, connecting Curry and Roosevelt counties to Texas and Arizona, and the highway parallels the BNSF Railway from Abo Pass, New Mexico, to Amarillo, Texas. The Southern Transcon is a main line of the BNSF Railway between Southern California and Chicago and is one of the most heavily trafficked rail corridors in the western United States.

Natural Resources

Milk and peanuts matter to folks in Curry and Roosevelt counties. Milk from nearby dairy farms is processed in Curry County by Southwest Cheese, the largest American cheddar cheese and whey protein plant in the nation. Southwest Cheese is expanding its operation to



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broaden production of whey proteins, which are used in ice cream, processed cheese sauces, sports drinks and energy bars. Southwest Cheese also hires workers and has a rigorous internship program. That peanuts are important is evident in October's annual Peanut Valley Festival in Portales. The Hampton Farms facility in Portales roasts Virginia and Valencia peanuts.

Clovis and Curry County have strong interest in new business, and the Clovis Industrial Development Corp. and Clovis/Curry County Chamber of Commerce created the Clovis Business Incubator (www.clovisnm.org/business-enterprise-center) to assist and support entrepreneurs in developing new ventures. Though the incubator itself is currently inactive, its parent entities suggest that continuing inquiries be forwarded to 105 E. Grand Ave., Clovis, NM 88101, or call 575-763-3435.

Likewise, Roosevelt County's Community Development Corp. and the city of Portales offer grants for qualified businesses that are expanding or relocating to Portales.

In both counties, prospects for alternative energy — wind and solar — are substantial, with a large project by Tri-Global Energy, Tex-Mex Wind Energy Project LLC, in development to produce more than 1,150 megawatts of wind power from Curry and Roosevelt counties in New Mexico. To educate communities on the possibilities of solar power, Xcel Energy, through its New Mexico Community Solar program, has installed four photovoltaic systems on community partner sites in eastern and southeastern New Mexico: Clovis High School Freshman Academy, ENMU-Roswell, Hobbs Service Center and Leyva Middle School in Carlsbad.

Cannon Air Force Base

Cannon Air Force Base's importance to Clovis can hardly be overstated. In 2005, when Cannon AFB was scheduled to be shuttered in a Base Realignment and Closure action, loyal Clovis residents swiftly mobilized and worked diligently with congressional and military leaders to keep Cannon open. They were successful and have since stayed organized and alert to the economic and community importance of the base.

On Jan. 1, 2016, Cannon Air Force Base reported contributing almost \$666.5 million to eastern New Mexico in the form of purchasing, creating jobs, and procuring services and commodities from local businesses.

EMPLOYMENT RESOURCES

National Resources

At the national level, websites such as www.linkedin.com, www.monster.com, www.careerbuilder.com and www.indeed.com have extensive search capabilities as well as resume tips, forum support and professional networking options.

The National Military Spouse Network, a networking, mentoring and professional development organization, has a wealth of career information at its website, www.nationalmilitaryspousenetwork.org. The group aims to help military spouses build a meaningful, sustained career path and offers a library of



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articles that touch on topics like entrepreneurship, resume tips, self-promotion and more as well as a membership-only discussion forum. The organization also features companies that are military spouse-owned or military spouse-friendly on its Homefront Business Listings page.

Local Resources

New Mexico Department of Workforce Solutions

New Mexico Workforce Connection — Clovis
111 N. Main St.

Clovis, NM 88101 575-762-4571
www.jobs.state.nm.us

The New Mexico Department of Workforce Solutions maintains an Internet portal — New Mexico Workforce Connection at www.jobs.state.nm.us — for job seekers looking for work and employers needing workers. Local offices of the NM Workforce Connection are dotted around the state: The Clovis office serves the two-county region. The website serves as a one-stop integrated employment and training service with all information in English and some of it in Spanish. Job hunters can get help in creating a resume, labor market information, job fair

details, information about unemployment insurance, helpful publications, and education and training services.

New Mexico State Personnel Office

2600 Cerrillos Road
Santa Fe, NM 87505 505-476-7759
www.spo.state.nm.us

This is the state's human resources office, which lists state jobs and has other useful aids for job seekers.

City of Clovis

City Hall — Human Resources
321 N. Connelly St.
Clovis, NM 88101 575-769-7828
www.cityofclovis.org

The city of Clovis is among the top dozen employers in Curry County, so being aware of its resources is important for job seekers. City jobs are listed, and the application process is streamlined for online users.

City of Portales

City Hall — Human Resources
100 W. First St.
Portales, NM 88130 575-356-6662
www.portalesnm.gov

Portales is the heart of Roosevelt County employment, and its website lists local city and county jobs. The site also links to additional resources, such as state, federal and other job possibilities and job-seeker aids.

JOB-SEEKER TIPS

Always keep your resume up-to-date and have several versions that target specific industries and highlight your skills that fit their job descriptions.

Compile several reference lists with a good variety of people and former business associates. Be sure to first ask each if you can use them as references.

Compose a comprehensive, catchy and succinct cover letter of no more than a page (this is no place to ramble). It will introduce you and your desire to work for the company. Have a knowledgeable friend check it for errors; misspelled words and bad grammar hint at carelessness and indifference. Know what the company does, and highlight skills, work experience and education that apply to the position.



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Maintain a positive, professional and broad-based presence on social media such as Facebook and LinkedIn; almost all employers search social media sites to vet job candidates, and your absence there will raise red flags. Also be aware that images and comments posted spur-of-the-moment can be searched out forever and come back to haunt you.

Be prepared for an interview at any time. When you submit your application, a supervisor may want to talk immediately, or the phone may ring with a call from a hiring director. Compose — and rehearse — your one-minute self-promotional speech on who you are, an achievement or two and your strengths. It's not vanity to make a good first impression. If a supervisor wants to know why she should hire you, be ready.

Always follow up with thank-you letters and calls. Even today, a letter, as well as the quick-response email, will separate you from a surprising number of the other applicants — to your advantage — and keep your name fresh in the interviewer's mind. Judicious calls display your continued interest. Writing out beforehand what you want to say helps. So does rehearsal.

Be aware that due to the usually huge numbers of applicants, most companies follow up only with candidates in whom they are interested. Don't take it personally if you are not notified that you did not get the job.

CIVILIAN OPPORTUNITIES

Federal Jobs

Visit www.usajobs.gov to search for Department of Defense jobs at Cannon.

NAF Jobs

For information about service jobs, including openings in lodging, recreation areas and other nonappropriated fund positions, go to www.nafjobs.org and search open positions at Cannon AFB.

Exchange Jobs

For base exchange jobs, visit the AAFES career page at <https://publicaffairs-sme.com/applymyexchange> and search for Cannon.

SELF-EMPLOYMENT

Starting your own business can be a scary proposition, but there are supporting agencies to look to for help. The Clovis Industrial Development Corp. (www.developclovis.com) and the

Clovis/Curry County Chamber of Commerce (www.clovisnm.org) both have good information that can help entrepreneurs find success.

Roosevelt County's Community Development Corp. and the city of Portales have grants for qualified businesses relocating to Portales or expanding.

The New Mexico Small Business Development Center, www.nmsbdc.org, is another source of useful information and support, especially in networking. Find the local office at 417 Schepps Blvd., Room 152, Clovis, NM 88101, or call 575-769-4136.

The federal Small Business Administration, at www.sba.gov, has much information about loans and grants, starting and managing a business, contracting and local assistance, and can be of great service. The SBA's New Mexico district office can be reached at P.O. Box 2206, Albuquerque, NM 87103, or phone 505-248-8225. The website is www.sba.gov/offices/district/nm/albuquerque.

Small Business Resources

www.usa.gov/business

Learn the steps to start and grow a small business at USA.gov's Small Business website. The platform features hand-picked government websites helpful to small business owners. Learn about business taxes and incentives, financing a business, importing and exporting, federal government contracting, state business resources and more. The website also provides information on a wide range of programs and services to help veterans, women, minorities and the economically disadvantaged start or grow a business.



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Health Care

In Curry and Roosevelt Counties

THERE ARE MANY HEALTH care services in Curry and Roosevelt counties for military, civilians and veterans, though implementation of the Affordable Care Act has changed established insurance options. Visit www.healthcare.gov for information on open enrollment for health care coverage under the national Affordable Care Act. For additional health insurance exchange resources in New Mexico, visit www.bewellnm.com.

See the Military Buyer's Guide to connect with local hospitals and medical centers, health care centers and health care providers.

COMMUNITY HEALTH CARE CLINICS AND RESOURCES

A community health center or clinic is customarily the place to go for those who have no health insurance or have limited income or ability to pay medical fees. Such clinics accept most insurance and provide affordable, comprehensive health care by well-trained, professional staff. They also serve those who are uninsured

and underinsured, and most are open to making sliding scale payment arrangements based on income and family size.

For a full list of community health centers in the area, visit La Casa Family Health Center's website at www.lacasahealth.com.

DENTAL CARE

The New Mexico Board of Dental Health Care and the Dental Hygienist Committee's website, www.rld.state.nm.us/boards/dental_health_care.aspx, is a useful place to start in finding a dentist by using its license verification service. Select "Look up a License" from the website to find or verify a dentist, hygienist or dental assistant. You can also seek referrals from people you know who've had dental care in the area.

The New Mexico Office of Oral Health can give you tips for oral health and low-cost dental care. Visit its website at <https://nmhealth.org/about/phd/pchb/ooh>.

FINDING A LOCAL DOCTOR

Before you arrive at your new assignment, you can check the New Mexico Medical Society website, www.nmms.org, and use the "Find a Physician" option. You can browse for a provider by type or by location. This should give you a preview of the local medical practitioners as well as where you might need to go for specialized care.

Personal referrals from friends or other medical personnel can add to your options.

You can check a doctor's certification at the American Board of Medical Specialties at www.abms.org. To see if anyone has registered a complaint or taken disciplinary action against the doctor, visit the New Mexico Medical Board at www.nmmb.state.nm.us or call 505-476-7220.

Treat finding a doctor as seriously as looking for a new job or a new home. You want to be comfortable with the person who will see you while you are most vulnerable.



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FOR VETERANS

Veterans in Curry and Roosevelt counties are within the Veterans Integrated Service Network 17 — VA Heart of Texas Health Care Network, with the nearest major service center in Amarillo, Texas, about two hours from Cannon Air Force Base. VISN 22 serves veterans in the state

of Texas and portions of New Mexico and Oklahoma with eight health care systems. The closest community-based outpatient clinic is in Clovis.

Veterans in southeastern New Mexico can arrange for free transportation to a medical center or a nearby community-based outpatient clinic through a program provided by the Southeastern New Mexico Chapter of the Vietnam Veterans of America. To arrange transportation, call 575-622-0729.

Thomas E. Creek VA Medical Center
6010 Amarillo Blvd. W.
Amarillo, TX 79106..... 806-355-9703
www.amarillo.va.gov

The Thomas E. Creek VA Medical Center provides primary, specialty and extended care to veterans throughout the Texas and Oklahoma panhandles and eastern New Mexico. It offers a spectrum of inpatient and outpatient health care services, from dental services to surgical care.

The closest community-based outpatient clinic is in Clovis. For a full list of clinics and other facilities, go to www.amarillo.va.gov.

Clovis VA Outpatient Clinic
921 E. Llano Estacado Blvd.
Clovis, NM 88101 575-763-4335

New Mexico Department of Veterans Services
407 Galisteo St., Room 134
Santa Fe, NM 87501 505-383-2400

Veterans Crisis Hotline 800-273-8255
www.nmdvs.org

The Department of Veterans Services improves the quality of life for New Mexico's veterans, military and their families by increasing awareness and access to appropriate federal, state and local resources.

It operates one service office in the area:
Clovis NMDVS Office
904 W. Sixth St.
Clovis, NM 88101 575-762-6185

HOSPITALS AND MEDICAL CENTERS

Because emergencies can happen without warning, it is prudent to know where to go when they happen. Saving minutes in a crisis can mean saving a life. Knowing what services are available, and where, can make all the difference. Visit the following websites for more information on local hospital and medical center services.

Plains Regional Medical Center
2100 N. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.
Clovis, NM 88101 575-769-2141
<https://plains-regional-medical-center.phs.org>

Roosevelt General Hospital
42121 U.S. Highway 70
Portales, NM 88130..... 575-359-1800
Clinic 575-356-6652
www.myrgh.org



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Family Resources

in Curry and Roosevelt Counties

PICKING UP FROM ONE place and moving to another is always a hassle, especially when kids and pets are involved. Knowing whom to call or where to find information can help make the transition easier.

American Red Cross

www.redcross.org

The Red Cross helps members of the military, veterans and their families prepare for, cope with, and respond to, the challenges of military service.

The American Red Cross offers confidential services to all members of the military, veterans, and their families by connecting them with local, state and national resources through the network of chapters in communities across the United States and offices on military installations worldwide.

Local Red Cross offices develop and maintain relationships with key community partners. Military families rely on the Red Cross to help them identify their needs and connect them to the most appropriate Red Cross and community

resources. This key Red Cross service includes responding to emergency needs for food, clothing, and shelter, referrals to counseling services (e.g., financial, legal, mental health), respite care for caregivers, and other resources that meet the unique needs of local military members, veterans and their families.

The American Red Cross Emergency Communications Center is available to help 24/7. Call 877-272-7337 or submit an online request at <https://saf.redcross.org/css>.

Armed Services YMCA

www.asymca.org

The ASYMCA is made up of 13 branches and about 20 affiliate locations at local Ys and on some DOD facilities across the U.S.

It makes military life easier by providing programs and services to the young men and women of all five armed services: Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force and Coast Guard.

ASYMCA programs, services and events are designed to help the family come together, stay together and have the ability to adjust, bounce

back and thrive wherever the services send them — with a particular focus on junior-enlisted men and women, the individuals on the front lines of defending our nation. Programs are offered at low cost and require no dues or membership fees.

Signature programs include: Angels of the Battlefield Awards Gala, Art and Essay Contest, Military Family Month, Operation Hero, Operation Holiday Joy, Operation Kid Comfort, Operation Outdoors, Operation Ride Home, Parent and Me, Teddy's Child Watch and YMCA/DOD Military Outreach Initiative.

Find ASYMCA locations by visiting www.asymca.org/locations.

Child Care Aware

www.childcareaware.org

Improving access to affordable, quality child care is one of Child Care Aware of America's top goals. Search the site's "State by State Resources for Families" to connect with national organizations and associations that provide information



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for families regarding child development, parenting, and child care concerns and questions.

The site has information on the different types of child care and how to choose the right child care for your family. Financial resources include a child care budgeting calculator and information on federal and state fee assistance. There's also a special section for military and DOD families with links to military child care fee assistance. To speak with a specialist about military and DOD child care programs, call 800-424-2246, option 6.

Military OneSource

www.militaryonesource.mil

Military OneSource is your central hub and go-to-place for the military community. Get to know your benefits and prepare for the big stuff — deployments, reintegration, moves, parenthood, retirement and more. Browse by topic or search for that strangely specific question you want to know the answers to. No matter where military life takes you, with Military OneSource you will always be in the loop.

New Mexico Human Services Department Curry County Field Office

3316 N. Main St., Suite A
Clovis, NM 88101 575-762-4751

Roosevelt County Field Office

1028 Community Way
Portales, NM 88130 575-356-4473
www.hsd.state.nm.us

The New Mexico Human Services Department aims to reduce the impact of poverty on New Mexicans by providing support services that help families break the cycle of dependency on public assistance. The department has four divisions: medical assistance, income support, child support enforcement and behavioral health services.

The department administers a variety of programs and services to low-income residents, including energy assistance, meals for the homeless, food assistance, Medicaid, the Children's Health Insurance Program, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families and more. Visit the department's website for more information on programs and services.

Operation Homefront

www.operationhomefront.org

Operation Homefront assists military families during difficult financial times by providing food assistance, auto and home repair, vision care, travel and transportation, moving assistance, essential home items, and rent-free transitional housing for wounded veterans and their families.

Helping military families gain long-term stability is a specific concern for Operation Homefront. Homes on the Homefront awards mortgage-free homes, impacting veteran families for generations to come. The caregivers for wounded warriors also need help and that is why Hearts of Valor was formed.

Operation Homefront's annual gala recognizes extraordinary military kids. The organization also hosts multiple Homefront Celebrations, Star-Spangled Baby Showers, Back-to-School Brigades and Holiday Meals for Military events each year to show appreciation to military spouses. Visit Operation Homefront online for more information.

United Service Organization

www.uso.org

Since 1941, the USO has kept our military men and women connected to their families, home and country no matter where they are or under what conditions they serve. Programs for military families include Couples Seminars: Stronger Families, Comfort Crew for Military Kids, Operation That's My Dress, United Through Reading, Baby Showers: USO and What to Expect Present Special Delivery and The Sesame Street/USO Experience.

The USO also provides transition services to support Americans' return to civilian life after completing their military service. For more information, go to www.uso.org/programs/uso-pathfinder. Visit the USO's website to find a location near you.

PETS

Moves are stressful for everyone — including the family pet. Pets can sense stress and a change in routine can be difficult for them. If possible, keep your pets in a quiet, secure area while movers pack up or unload your belongings. Movers will have your door open while they move boxes and furniture, and a pet may slip out the door undetected. Make sure you keep a collar with an ID tag on your pet at all times. Ensure the tag has your current phone number on it. It is also a good idea to microchip your pets. Remember to keep the microchip's contact information up-to-date. If your pet escapes during any part of your move, you want the animal shelter that scans the chip to be able to contact you.

In New Mexico, your pet may face new outside dangers, such as venomous coral snakes and rattlesnakes. Coral snakes have red, yellow and black bands. They are often confused with the milk snake, which is not venomous. A simple rhyme about the two reptiles' coloring can help you tell the difference: "Red touch black, poison lack; red touch yellow, kill a fellow." Rattlesnakes are generally 2.5 to 4.5 feet long, have triangular-shaped heads and rattle their tails if they feel threatened. Keep your dog on a short leash outside, and stick to walking in cleared areas with good visibility.

Animal Services

New Mexico Department of Game & Fish

General information 888-248-6866
 Depredation hotline 888-727-4883
www.wildlife.state.nm.us

The New Mexico Department of Game & Fish's mission is to provide and maintain an adequate supply of wildlife and fish in New Mexico. The website provides information on hunting and fishing regulations, as well as information on native wildlife species.

Clovis Animal Control

2203 E. Brady Ave.
 Clovis, NM 88101 575-769-7893
www.cityofclovis.org/?page_id=629

The Clovis Police Department maintains the animal control team. This team enforces the city's animal ordinances, patrols the city for stray animals and responds to calls about sick and injured animals.

The city of Clovis requires all dogs and cats to be licensed. The license is free, but the owner must provide proof of rabies vaccination. Licenses are available at the Clovis Animal Shelter and at the police department's records unit. Owners of unlicensed pets are subject to a \$500 fine and 90 days in jail.

For more information on the city's animal shelter and pet adoption, visit the website.

High Plains Humane Society

..... 575-693-7973
www.highplainshumaneociety.org

The High Plains Humane Society, a nonprofit organization with a mission to reduce animal cruelty, exploitation and neglect, consists of volunteers who work hard in the community to raise money to fund a low-cost spay and neuter program. It has veterinarians, veterinary technicians and a full staff to provide quality care. Its services benefit those people who live below the poverty level, are disabled, elderly or unemployed, or work for minimum wage. Service members at Cannon AFB may qualify for this program.

Portales Animal Services

1700 N. Boston Ave.
 Portales, NM 88130 575-356-4404
www.portalesnm.gov/departament/division.php?structureid=60

The Portales Police Department provides full-service animal control to all residents within the city limits. Animal control officers attend state certification classes and are trained to handle calls for domestic animals or wildlife.

All dogs and cats kept within the city limits must get a Portales city license. This license can be picked up at the animal shelter for a small fee. Owners should bring proof of vaccination for their pets. Visit the website for information on pet adoption at the city's animal shelter.

Pets for Patriots

<https://petsforpatriots.org>

Pets for Patriots' vision is to end animal homelessness in the United States while giving our military veterans and their families the greatest "thank you" of all: the extraordinary love of a companion pet. It makes this happen through its nationwide shelter and veterinary networks, military and veteran organizations, and a public that values the lives of both the vulnerable and heroic among us. To learn more about adopting a pet, visit <https://petsforpatriots.org/adopt-a-pet/how-it-works>.

Veterinary Services

Veterinary services in Curry and Roosevelt counties are plentiful; see the Military Buyer's Guide to connect with local providers. Begin your search with the New Mexico Veterinary Medical Association website, www.nmvma.org.



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Education & Academics

in Curry and Roosevelt Counties

FINDING THE RIGHT SCHOOLS and educational opportunities for each family member is an important part of any move. This chapter outlines Montgomery County's public schools system, private schools, charter schools and home schooling criteria, as well as local libraries and higher education institutions. To be enrolled in a New Mexico school, a child must be at least 5 years old by Sept. 1 of the school year. Those wishing to register their child in school should bring the following to the school office: a birth certificate or other proof of the child's age, and the child's previous school records and immunization records. For more details on New Mexico's minimum vaccine requirements for students in grades K-12, visit the New Mexico Department of Health's website at www.nmhealth.org. Check with the school for additional requirements.

In 2010, New Mexico, along with the majority of other states, the District of Columbia, Guam, American Samoa, the Northern Mariana Islands,

the U.S. Virgin Islands and the Department of Defense Education Activity, adopted Common Core State Standards that provide a consistent set of educational expectations for students regardless of ZIP code. When a family moves, a student's education is often disrupted because the student may be forced to repeat material or learn at a different level at the new school. With common standards across states, this disruption will be reduced — of particular interest to military families. At present, national Common Core State Standards exist only for English language arts and mathematics though New Mexico has state standards across

the full curriculum. For more information, visit www.corestandards.org.

Choosing a School

Choosing the right school is very important, so be sure to research each one before deciding. Contact the school by phone or by visiting its website, which is a valuable source to learn about a school district's statistics and curriculum. Talk

to people in the area, especially friends and colleagues who already live there.

If the school shows promise, schedule a visit and bring a list of written questions about student-teacher ratios, computer availability, extracurricular activities, sports programs, music programs, gifted programs and grading standards.

Discuss the potential school with your child: what they liked and what they didn't like. Your family's ability to readily adapt to a move and to find happiness in your new home may depend, in part, on how happy your children are in their new school.

CHARTER SCHOOLS

Charter schools are public schools of choice that are tuition-free, serve all students and have open enrollment. For more information or a list of charter schools in New Mexico, visit the New Mexico Public Education Department's website at <https://webnew.ped.state.nm.us/bureaus/charter-schools>.

HOME SCHOOLING

For an introduction to home schooling in New Mexico, visit the New Mexico Public Education Department's website at <https://webnew.ped.state.nm.us/bureaus/options-parents-families/home-schools>. Here you will find home-school rules and regulations and notification forms as well as other information.

PRIVATE SCHOOLS

To search for local private schools in New Mexico, visit the National Center for Education Statistics website and use the private school search tool at <https://tinyurl.com/ybhpwoyt>. Users may search by location, religious affiliation, school type and more.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Clovis Municipal Schools

1009 Main St.
Clovis, NM 88101 575-769-4300
www.clovis-schools.org

Clovis Municipal Schools is the major district for Curry County, serving more than 8,000 students. The district has two preschool and family literacy units, 11 elementary schools, three middle schools and two secondary schools.

Portales Municipal Schools

501 S. Abilene Ave.
Portales, NM 88130 575-356-7000
www.portales-schools.com

Portales Municipal Schools is the major district in Roosevelt County, with an enrollment of nearly 3,000. The district has an early childhood

center, three elementary schools, one junior high school and a senior high school.

Other Nearby Districts

There are other, smaller school districts near Cannon AFB that you may want to explore as an option for your child. You can reach each school district by calling or visiting its website, which will provide enrollment information, district boundaries, schools and programs offered.

Dora Consolidated Schools

100 School St.
Dora, NM 88115 575-477-2211
www.doraschools.com

Elida Municipal Schools

103 N. Church St.
Elida, NM 88116 575-274-6211
www.elidaschools.net

Floyd Municipal Schools

1564 New Mexico 267
Floyd, NM 88118 575-478-2211
www.floydbroncos.com

Grady Municipal Schools

100 Franklin St.
Grady, NM 88120 575-357-2192
www.gradyschool.com

Melrose Municipal Schools

100 E. Missouri Ave.
Melrose, NM 88124 575-253-4269
www.melroseschools.org

Texico Municipal Schools

520 N. Griffin St.
Texico, NM 88135 575-482-3801
www.texicoschools.com

EDUCATION LINKS

Find resources to help your student achieve academic success at these websites:

- **New Mexico Public Education Department:**
<https://webnew.ped.state.nm.us>
- **New Mexico PTA:**
www.newmexicopta.org
- **Reading is Fundamental:**
www.rif.org
- **U.S. Department of Education:**
www2.ed.gov/parents

Military Child Education Coalition: Ensures quality educational opportunities for all military children affected by mobility, family separation and transition. Visit www.militarychild.org for information on programs and resources.

Tutor.com: Eligible students and service members in U.S. military families around the world can work one-to-one with an expert tutor online 24/7. Get free help with homework, studying, test prep and proofreading in more than 40 subjects. Visit <http://military.tutor.com>.

UNIVERSITIES AND HIGHER EDUCATION

Curry and Roosevelt counties offer opportunities for continuing education. Eligible residents of New Mexico may use the Legislative Lottery Scholarship Program. This program awards a portion of tuition to students who attend New Mexico public universities and community colleges. For more information on this



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program, eligibility requirements and how to apply, visit the New Mexico Higher Education Department at www.hed.state.nm.us/students/lotteryscholarship.aspx.

Use the following contact information to start your search for the school that is right for you.

Clovis Community College

417 Schepps Blvd.

Clovis, NM 88101 575-769-2811
www.clovis.edu

Eastern New Mexico University

1500 S. Avenue K

Portales, NM 88130 575-562-1011
www.enmu.edu

Wayland Baptist University

810 E. 21st St., Suites 4 and 6

Clovis, NM 88101 575-763-0535
www.wbu.edu/campuses/clovis

LIBRARIES

Public libraries in Curry and Roosevelt counties offer learning, recreation, distance education, internet connections and other resources for users — all for free. In addition, school libraries that support the curriculum and offer internet access and other resources are in most public and private schools, and academic and special libraries are found in colleges and universities. The New Mexico State Library, www.nmstatelibrary.org, supports libraries in the state with resources, interlibrary loan and other assistance.

Residents can enjoy and make use of several academic and public libraries in Curry and Roosevelt counties. Get information about services,

hours and events by visiting the branches' websites. For a full list of libraries in New Mexico, visit the New Mexico State Library website.

Clovis-Carver Public Library

701 N. Main St.

Clovis, NM 88101 575-769-7840
www.library.cityofclovis.org

The Clovis-Carver Public Library has a wealth of services for its users, including internet access, electronic databases and a large collection of books, videos, music, e-books and more. For more information on the library's services and events, visit the website.

Portales Public Library

218 S. Avenue B

Portales, NM 88130 575-356-3940
www.portalesnm.gov/departments/?structureid=43

The Portales Public Library's online card catalog allows users to browse through 45,000 available titles. The library's computer lab offers high-speed internet access and online databases for a variety of subjects. For more information on programs, services and events, visit the library's website.



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Living

in Curry and Roosevelt Counties

ENJOY PLENTY OF ENTERTAINING activities in Curry and Roosevelt counties — music, sports, theater, museums, parks and shopping. Take a trip down the waterslide at the Portales' public pool, for instance, or tee off at the 18-hole municipal golf course in Clovis. Don't miss Portales' Peanut Valley Festival or the rodeo during Pioneer Days in Clovis. And be sure to check out the Hillcrest Park Zoo.

ANNUAL EVENTS

Residents of Curry and Roosevelt counties can enjoy a range of annual events, festivals and community gatherings.

Cannon AFB Air Show

www.cannon.af.mil

The Cannon AFB Air Show features many aerial demonstrations — which has included the USAF Thunderbirds, a USAFA glider team demonstration and a national anthem jump. There is plenty to see on the ground, too, such

as a military working dog demonstration. Admission is free and open to the public at this annual and highly anticipated event, usually held during the Memorial Day weekend. Check the website for air show information.

Clovis' Draggin' Main Music Festival

www.dragginmain.org

Draggin' Main and the Clovis Music Festival are officially one combined event called Clovis' Draggin' Main Music Festival. Clovis will truly rock this year with the tour of classic drive-ins, three nights of concerts that span several genres, Saturday's Gearhead Gathering, and the Saturday night Draggin' Main cruise down Main Street.

Heritage Days

www.portales.com/events

Held in June at City Park, Heritage Days celebrates Portales' pioneers with a parade, a car show, live music, craft booths, carnival games and lots and lots of food.

Peanut Valley Festival

www.portales.com/events

Celebrate Portales' famous Valencia peanut at October's Peanut Valley Festival at the Roosevelt County Fairgrounds. Arts and crafts, food, live music, dance performances, games and more keep the entire family entertained at the two-day festival.

Pioneer Days

www.clovisnm.org/pioneer-days

Clovis honors its pioneers with festivities at the annual Pioneer Days in June, a week-long celebration with a parade, a chuck wagon cook-off and the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association rodeo.

ARTS

Residents of Curry and Roosevelt counties enjoy a wealth of artistic endeavors, from music to theater to the visual arts.



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ENMU Theatre

1500 S. Avenue K
Portales, NM 88130 575-562-2711
www.enmu.edu/theatre

Eastern New Mexico University's Department of Theatre and Digital Filmmaking presents stage productions each year at the University Theater Center's main stage, which seats 400 for generally family-friendly performances, and the studio theater, which seats 100 to 120 and tends toward the edgy and emotionally charged. For information on upcoming productions, visit the university's website.

Runnels Gallery

1500 S. Avenue K
Portales, NM 88130 575-562-2778
www.enmu.edu/art

Located in the Golden Library at Eastern New Mexico University, the Runnels Gallery spotlights student, faculty and guest artists.

Yam Theatre

219 S. Main St.
Portales, NM 88130 575-226-3783
www.portales.com/yam-theatre

Opened as the Portola Theater in 1926, the Yam is a historic art deco theater in Portales. Originally a motion picture theater, today the Yam hosts community and private functions, including a monthly concert series.

MUSEUMS

Learn about New Mexico's history and cultural contributions by visiting one of the local museums.

Blackwater Draw Museum and Blackwater Locality No. 1 Site

Portales, NM 575-356-2202/5235
www.bwdarchaeology.com

One of the best-known and most significant sites in North American archaeology, Blackwater Locality No. 1 documents and interprets the earliest Paleo-Indian cultures in North America. Mammoth bones, stone and bone weapons, tools and processing implements have all been found at the site. A National Historic Landmark, the Blackwater Locality No. 1 site on Highway 467, 1 mile north of the Oasis State Park highway exit, has both guided and self-guided tours.

The Blackwater Draw Museum displays artifacts found at the archaeological site. The museum, off Highway 70, is owned by Eastern New Mexico University. Hours vary by season. For information on hours and fees for the museum and archaeology site, visit the museum's website.

Miles Mineral Museum

Roosevelt Hall, Room 103
Eastern New Mexico University
Portales, NM 88130 575-562-2651
<https://bit.ly/37hjc2V>

The Miles Mineral Museum displays numerous minerals and rocks, including meteorites, many of them from the original Fred Miles collection. Admission is free.

Natural History Museum

ENMU Station 33
1500 S. Avenue K
Portales, NM 88130 575-562-2174
<https://bit.ly/2tHzggy>

The Dr. Antonio "Tony" Gennaro Natural History Museum, affiliated with the Department



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of Biology at Eastern New Mexico University, emphasizes the natural heritage of eastern New Mexico and the Southwest with live native plants and animals and other educational displays and programs. Special tours are available.

Norman Petty Recording Studios

1313 W. Seventh St.
Clovis, NM 88101 575-763-3435
www.clovisnm.org/pages/norman-petty-studios

Boogie back in time and see where Norman Petty recorded the tunes of famous musicians like Buddy Holly, Roy Orbison and Waylon Jennings. Norman Petty Recording Studios looks much as it did in the late '50s with its dangling microphones, old control board, a Coke machine and other vintage furnishings. Tours are by appointment only. Contact the Clovis/Curry County Chamber of Commerce for more information.

Norman & Vi Petty Rock & Roll Museum

105 E. Grand Ave.
Clovis, NM 88101 575-763-3435
www.pettymuseum.com

Exhibits at the Norman & Vi Petty Rock & Roll Museum tell the story of the visionary record producers who recorded some of the greatest musicians of all time, including Buddy

Holly, Jimmy Gilmer and the Fireballs and Buddy Knox. In fact, the Pettys were musicians themselves and had hits in the 1950s with "Mood Indigo" and later, "Almost Paradise." Exhibits include photographs, instruments, records and other memorabilia that illustrate the duo's influence on rock 'n' roll.

PARKS

Check your community's parks and recreation listings to see more of what the local area has to offer; of the many parks in Clovis and Portales, three of the largest are listed below.

Hillcrest Park

1201 Sycamore St.
Clovis, NM 88101 575-769-7870
<https://bit.ly/3bBGBQ6>

At 157 acres, Hillcrest Park's recreational opportunities include sports fields, picnic areas and a walking trail. Four-legged parkgoers will enjoy the dog park, which has separate areas for small and large dogs. The park's aquatic center has an indoor swimming pool and aerobic workout facility. Other park features include a splash park, the Sisler Youth Recreation Building, the Sunken Garden and Hillcrest Park Zoo, the second-largest zoo in New Mexico.

Ned Houk Park

1809 State Route 209
Clovis, NM 88101 575-769-7870
<https://bit.ly/3bBGBQ6>

Ned Houk Park, north of downtown Clovis, contains four basketball courts, two ball fields, an archery range and a disc golf course. There is a motor sports race track as well, and trails for all-terrain vehicles and horseback riding. The park has three lakes, one of them stocked for fishing, and is home to the Old Homestead Museum and the Pappy Thornton Farm Museum. The park's 370 developed acres have been carved out of 3,200 acres available.

Oasis State Park

1891 Oasis Road
Portales, NM 88130 575-356-5331
www.emnrd.state.nm.us/SPD/oasisstatepark.html

GO, TEAM, GO!

You may carry your sports team loyalties with you, no matter where you go, but you can root, root, root for the local favorites too. Check out www.Govx.com for discounted sports and race tickets for current and former military members.



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At more than 190 acres, Oasis State Park has plenty of hiking trails, sand dunes and a 3-acre fishing pond stocked with rainbow trout and channel catfish. The park is a great place for bird-watching; more than 80 species have been sighted there, including great blue heron, quail and roadrunners. Camping facilities are available, with sites for tents and RVs.

SHOPPING

From boutiques to malls and major department stores, there's something for every taste and budget.

Downtown Portales

www.portales.com

Explore downtown Portales for unique shops and restaurants. Whether you're looking for jewelry, apparel, home furnishings, a cup of coffee or a taste of the local ale, Portales has it. For a full list of downtown shopping spots, visit the Portales Roosevelt County Chamber's business directory at <http://members.portales.com/list>.

Farmers Markets

www.farmersmarketsnm.org
<http://farmersmarketsnm.org/markets/clovis-farmers-market>
<http://farmersmarketsnm.org/markets/portales-farmers-market>

Curry and Roosevelt counties' abundant agriculture means that its farmers markets are close

to their sources. The Clovis farmers market is held at the 3200 block of North Prince Street from 5 p.m. until sellout Tuesday and 8 a.m. until sellout Saturday from June through late October. The Portales farmers market is at First Street and Avenue B from 5 p.m. until sellout Monday and Thursday from late June through late October.

North Plains Mall

2809 N. Prince St.
 Clovis, NM 88101 575-769-2308
www.northplainsmall.com

North Plains Mall offers four department stores and almost 40 retailers, specialty stores and restaurants. When you're done shopping, catch a movie at North Plains 7, behind the mall.

SPORTS AND RECREATION

Whether you're looking to take in a game or cool off with a trip down a waterslide, Curry and Roosevelt counties offer multiple recreational opportunities.

Casel-Land Fun Center

700 Fairlane Drive
 Clovis, NM 88101 575-742-1356
www.casellandfuncenter.com

Family-friendly Casel-Land Fun Center has something for everyone: mini golf, go-karts, bumper boats, batting cages and paintball.

Eastern New Mexico University Athletics

www.goeasternathletics.com

Come cheer for the Greyhounds at Eastern New Mexico University. The university participates in baseball, softball, basketball, football, volleyball, cross country, track and field, soccer and rodeo events. Visit the university's website for information on upcoming sporting events, stats and team rosters.

Colonial Park Golf Course

1300 Colonial Parkway
 Clovis, NM 88101 575-762-4775
<https://colonialparkgc.com>

The 18-hole municipal Colonial Park Golf Course includes a driving range, pro shop, banquet room and restaurant. For a full list of public and private courses in New Mexico, visit www.newmexicogolf.com/courses.

Hillcrest Park Zoo

1208 N. Norris St.
 Clovis, NM 88101 575-769-7873
www.hillcrestparkzoo.info

Established in the early 1930s, the Hillcrest Park Zoo started with just one bear and a single coyote. When a visiting circus went bankrupt a few years later, the zoo took care of the animals and added to its collection. Today, the zoo is home to a variety of mammals and birds, including a Bengal tiger, hyenas, giraffes, zebras, alligators and more.

Skate Park

1001 W. 18th St.
 Portales, NM 88130 575-356-5586
<https://bit.ly/2OITpKK>

The skate park in Portales, with its railings and ramps, is in front of the recreation center.

Swimming Pools

Both Clovis and Portales offer ways to beat the heat with public pools.

The Clovis Aquatic Center has an indoor pool with a wellness center, including an aerobics room, at Hillcrest Park, 1700 E. Seventh St. It can be reached at 575-762-4519. Clovis' splash park is also at Hillcrest Park, at 10th and Sycamore, and can be reached at the same number. Clovis' seasonal outdoor, zero-entry (beach entry) pool is in Potter Park at 501 N. Upsilon St. Call 575-762-2285 for more information.

Portales' seasonal swimming pool features a zero-depth wading pool area, two water slides, three water play features and a bathhouse. The pool at 210 E. Seventh St. can be reached at 575-359-4805. Visit <https://bit.ly/2SeT847> for more information.