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Project Search



Project SEARCH is a 1-year school-to-work program for recent high school graduates with intellectual/developmental disabilities who are within the ages of 18-22. These individuals get hands-on training through a 10-week internship. They learn how to do basic housekeeping and houseman skills as well as how to work in various parts of the hotel, like the kitchen, banquet halls and lobby. This program helps to create a community connection by providing a school to work transition.

This term Project Search has eight interns working at the Hilton Garden Inn in Gallup, according to program director, David Palenschat. They switch between laundry, housekeeping, houseman, front desk, snack/ coffee bar, kitchen prep, inspections, dishwasher, server, busser, maintenance, and ground keeping. General Manager Celina Palacios said “it’s an important program for us. The interns step up and help where needed and we’ve gotten a lot of great hires out of the program. Some of our best employees have come from Project Search. They are the most dependable, hardworking employees. It takes a lot of time to really train them, and give them the skills that we need and that we want for our employees.” She added, “They’re teaching us and we’re teaching them. The interns have taught us patience and how to just appreciate everything.

It’s an amazing program that we hope to continue our partnership for years to come.”

Other partners include Anthony’s Taste of The Southwest, Springhill Suites, Comfort Suites and Extreme Cuts. If you would like to become a community partner with Project Search - Gallup, Contact David Palenschat at 505-870-9154 or dpalensc@gmcs.org.

Application for the 2023-24 year are available online at <https://gmcs.org/academics/services-for-exceptional-students/> or click on the provided QR Code. The deadline for new applicants is March 1, 2023.

Project Search will be hosting it’s annual Open House on December 15th at the Hilton Garden Inn.

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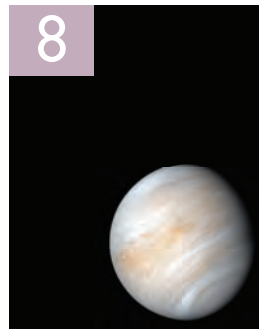
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view from enchantment

By Keven J. Groenewold, CEO

New Mexico Rural Electric Cooperative Association



One Final Goodbye

The chill of winter is upon us and Santa Claus is right around the corner. Everyone is preparing for the change of season and the yuletide spirit. I, on the other hand, am preparing for the next chapter of life.

This is my last column. I am riding off into the sunset at the end of the year.

During the last quarter of a century, I have enjoyed communicating with the broad rural membership. Some of my messages were applauded, and some not so much. But I believe they were always fresh, timely and on point.

I have been honored to represent such a great group of people through the years.

In reflecting on my career, I think I was destined for a co-op career. Growing up on a small family farm in rural America—Minnesota, to be specific—I was introduced to the co-op business model at an early age.

We got our electricity from a rural electric co-op. We sold our milk to a co-op creamery. Our grain was sold to a consolidated co-op grainery. We bought all our fuel, lubricants and fertilizer from a farmer's union co-op.

There has never been a shortage of challenges in this business. But every time we had a call to action, your local co-op board and

management responded to the bell.

I have been successful in my career. However, that success does not rest on me. It rests on you. I was only the messenger. Each and every one of you were the voice of the movement.

First and foremost, we are about the not-for-profit cooperative business model. Rural electric co-ops are about delivering quality of life. New Mexico rural electric cooperatives serve 80% of the land area and only 22% of the population. This means for every mile of power line we build, we serve fewer than five members.

Our focus has always been on reliability and affordability. Co-ops have also been responsible stewards of the land, water and environment.

Next month, you will be introduced to Charise Swanson. I will leave you and this association in her capable hands. Please give her the hospitality and fellowship you have shown me for all these years.

Through this holiday season, your rural electric co-op will be there to answer your energy questions and help resolve your energy needs. Stay warm and have a wonderful holiday season. See you around the campfire sometime. 🍷



NMRECA Appoints Charise Swanson as New CEO

The New Mexico Rural Electric Cooperative Association is proud to announce that Charise Swanson has been appointed as the new CEO. An experienced business leader with a Juris Master from Florida State University College of Law, Ms. Swanson will succeed Keven Groenewold who served as the CEO for approximately 25 years. Ms. Swanson will start November 14 and will assume full responsibilities following Mr. Groenewold's retirement the end of 2022.


Ms. Swanson has over 27 years of operations and leadership experience, with 17 years in municipal and cooperative utilities. She spent the past two years working with utilities across the nation to improve strategy, compliance, leadership and business operations.

"We look forward to having Ms.

Swanson join the statewide team and we're confident she has the experience and skills necessary to continue moving the organization forward," says Chuck Pinson, NMRECA Board President.

The NMRECA is extremely appreciative of the contributions of Mr. Groenewold and wishes him the very best in his retirement.

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Planets Passing in the Night

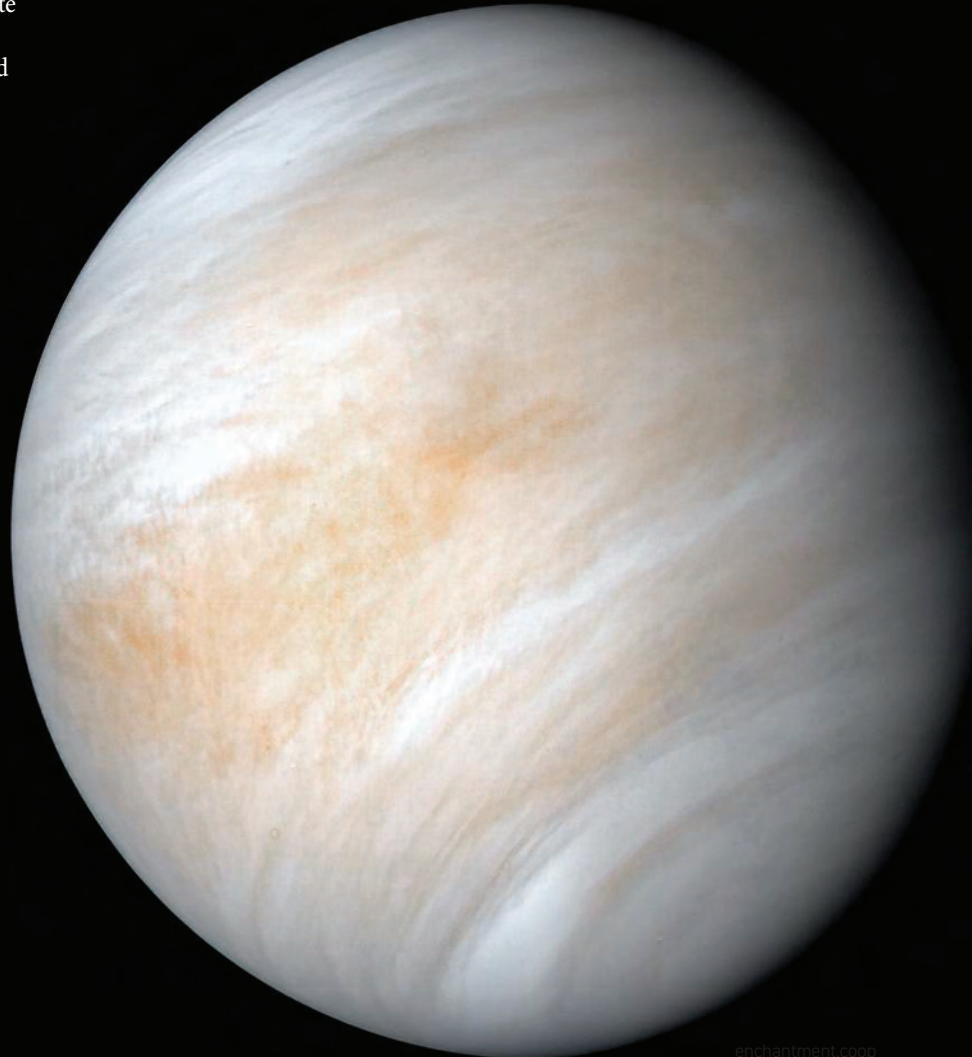
After being absent from our skies for the past couple of months, Venus emerges into the dusk during December. While still low in twilight near the beginning of the month, it climbs higher during the ensuing weeks and should be quite noticeable low in the southwest by year's end.

Venus continues its journey into the evening sky and will be a brilliant beacon in the west throughout the first several months of 2023

Venus is joined this month by our solar system's outermost inner world, Mercury. For the first half of December, Mercury is higher in the west than the much brighter Venus, but after being at its highest shortly after mid-month it begins a rapid descent toward the horizon. On the evening of Wednesday, December 28, Mercury passes fairly close to Venus as the two worlds continue in their opposite respective directions. Four evenings earlier—Christmas Eve—the thin crescent moon is located close to both worlds as well.

Our solar system's two largest worlds are also visible in our evening sky this month. Saturn is already in the southwestern sky at the end of dusk and sets about three hours later. Jupiter is highest above the horizon near the end of twilight, and sets around midnight.

The Red Planet, Mars, is at opposition—directly opposite the sun in the sky—on Wednesday, December 7, and is visible throughout the entire night for most of the month, gleaming brightly in the constellation Taurus. The moon is full on that same night, and for a period of time actually occults—passes in front of—Mars. The exact times of Mars' disappearance and reappearance depend on one's location, but from New Mexico the event lasts roughly one hour starting at 7:30 p.m. 



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Winterize Your Home

Q: How can I keep my home warm while saving on my electric bill this winter?

A: Winterizing is an important step to keep your home cozy and your bills low. These tried-and-true methods will ensure your home is sealed tight and ready for colder weather. I've also included tips that address common misconceptions.

Air Sealing

Air sealing and insulation are a great combination for minimizing home energy use. Insulation is like a warm sweater for your home; air sealing is the Windbreaker.

All the cracks, gaps and holes in a typical home can be like having a window open year-round. Air sealing eliminates those leaks. It can be done as a do-it-yourself project or by a professional.

Insulating Pipes and Water Heater

You can raise the water temperature inside your home's water pipes by 2 to 4 degrees by insulating them, according to the U.S. Department of Energy. Insulating allows you to turn down the heat on your water heater, saving energy and money.

Start by insulating the pipes coming out of your water

heater. If you have a gas water heater, keep pipe insulation at least 6 inches away from the flue. Insulate hot and cold water lines. The latter can prevent condensation and freezing pipes.

Insulating your water heater can save 7% to 16% on water-heating costs, DOE says. Insulation kits are available at hardware stores.

Don't obstruct the pressure relief valve, thermostats or access valves.

Fireplace Dampers

When I was little, my dad told me it was too cold to have a fire. I remember thinking that made no sense, but he was right.

We had an open, wood-burning fireplace—not a wood stove. A fireplace can draw the warm air out of the house, cooling it down or causing your heating system to use more energy.

Your fireplace adds ambiance to your home but isn't necessarily effective at heating it. If you have a wood-burning fireplace, close the damper when your fire is extinguished. An open damper in the winter is an easy exit for the air you paid to heat.

Adding tempered glass doors to a wood-burning fireplace can create an extra

buffer between the cold outside and a cozy living space.

Some gas fireplaces require a damper to remain permanently open so gas can vent out of the home. Check the specifications of your unit to ensure safe operation.

Window Sealing and Improvements

Windows can be a source of drafts and wasted energy. Close windows tightly.

Weatherstripping around windows to prevent warm air from escaping your home and caulking the gaps where the window trim meets the wall and the window frame can help. Add curtains to make the room feel warmer.

Storm windows are a lower-cost option for upgrading single-pane windows. They are available with low-emissivity coatings, which insulate better, and are available for installation from the inside or outside the window.

Closing Parts of a Home

Through the years, I have heard a lot of debate about


closing off rooms or parts of the house to save energy.

Best practices come down to the type of heat source. If you have a zonal heating system, where individual areas are controlled separately, you can close doors and only heat the rooms you use. Examples of zonal systems are wall heaters, baseboard heat, hydronic radiant heat, radiators and ductless heat pumps, also called mini-splits.

Keep areas with plumbing or water lines warm enough so pipes do not freeze.

If you have a central forced-air heating system, leave doors open to all heated areas. Closing doors and/or register dampers forces the system to work harder, uses more energy and can shorten the life of heating equipment.

Check Your Filters

Maintaining a clean filter in your furnace is one of the best ways to keep it running efficiently and prevent costly repairs. Check your furnace or ductless heat pump filter monthly during peak heating season. 



Miranda Boutelle has more than 20 years of experience helping people save energy. She has worked on energy-efficiency projects from the Midwest to the West Coast. Today, Miranda is vice president of operations and customer engagement at Efficiency Services Group in Oregon, a cooperatively owned energy-efficiency company.

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Remembering Those Before Us

One small piece of land has big meaning

By **Judyth Rigler**

New Mexico's Manzano Mountains—adjacent to the Cibola National Forest and Capilla Peak—has been used in many ways through the years: homesteading, land grants and land speculation; dryland farming of beans and other crops; lumbering; ranching; recreation; and wildlife habitat.

It's a great place to live, which my husband and I discovered when we left Albuquerque during the pandemic and converted our getaway there into our permanent home.

We love our 75 acres of Ponderosa pine, alligator juniper, Pinyon pine, Douglas fir and Gambel oak. We enjoy watching and feeding deer, birds and other wildlife.

Despite those rewards, even a tiny plot of earth can sometimes break your heart. We found this out after we added a 1-acre parcel to the northeast corner of our property. From there, we can see the top of

Capilla Peak to the north and the salt lakes of the Estancia Basin to the east.

Erik and I bought the plot a year ago from Shirley Watson, of Suisun City, California. We haven't met Shirley in person but communicated by mail to buy the property adjacent to ours.

Shirley told us the plot was bought by her father, Glenn Trotter, around 1950 after his discharge from the U.S. Navy following World War II.

Glenn was a sailor aboard the USS Utah in the early morning hours of December 7, 1941, when his ship was in port off Ford



Island in Pearl Harbor. He was undergoing anti-aircraft gunnery training.

The Utah was the first ship attacked by the Japanese at Pearl Harbor.

Despite Japanese orders to attack only battleships and aircraft carriers, two Japanese torpedoes hit the Utah, and the ship quickly began to sink. Some 460 crew members—including Glenn—heard the order to abandon ship and managed to jump off and swim to shore.

Fifty-eight men did not make it out. Salvage efforts for the Utah failed. The Utah is now considered a war grave, with 54 bodies still entombed in the ship. Four men were buried on land.

All 58 casualties were awarded posthumous Purple Hearts.

One of the 54 was Chief Watertender

Peter Tomich, who refused to leave and remained below deck, securing the ship's boilers to allow his crewmen time to escape.

In 1943, the destroyer escort USS Tomich was named in his honor.

In the years since the Utah was attacked and sunk, several surviving crew members who have since died have been cremated and had their ashes interred in the ship.

A memorial to the Utah was built in 1972 on the northwest side of Ford Island.

Glenn had cousins living in New Mexico and liked to visit them, so after the war he bought an acre of land where he could enjoy looking at the Manzano Mountains, and maybe even put in a crop. Glenn gave the land to his son, Tom, when the young man graduated from high school.

“The land meant something to Tom,” Shirley wrote us. “He was an outdoor person who loved rock climbing and mountain biking.”

Glenn died in 1993. When Tom died in 2011, the property was passed to Shirley.

She sold it to us, partly because of our fascination with military history and our having visited the Utah in Pearl Harbor.

Erik and I stood on the platform just to the north of the USS Utah off Ford Island on March 15, 2018, during the Stephen Ambrose “World War II in the Pacific” tour.

A group member snapped a photo of us near the plaque memorializing the ship, with the remains of the Utah behind us.

We didn't know then that we would someday feel a connection to the Utah and be drawn to this small piece of New Mexico and its history.

After our purchase, we started sprucing up the plot, vowing to honor the Utah and its crew.

In April 2022, more than three months after we had an approved burn on a brush pile there, a 70-mph nighttime windstorm kicked up embers from deep inside the dirt at the base of the pile and started a wildfire.

It took two dozen U.S. Forest Service and New Mexico firefighters 18 hours to extinguish the fire, with trees burned to sticks, scorched earth and a couple of acres of ash as a reminder of the volatility of the fire.

The fire was especially sad because it



TOP: Glenn Trotter, right, served on the USS Utah and survived Pearl Harbor. He later bought property in the Manzano Mountains to be near family. ABOVE: Judyth Rigler and her husband, Erik, who eventually purchased the land from the Trotter family, had visited the USS Utah Memorial before knowing their connection to Glenn and his WWII service.

happened on a piece of land that means a lot to us, evoking another time and place, and inspiring respect for the man who cherished it and passed it on.

We have started to replant trees and restore the property, and we will place a plaque on the gate to honor Glenn Trotter, USS Utah, and the crew members who gave their lives on December 7, 1941. We think of them each day when we walk on our tiny piece of history. 📸



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There are two different scholarship forms. Be sure when requesting a form that you specify the "Graduating High School Student Application" or the "Returning College Application." Both forms are available from any FEC office or can be downloaded from www.fecnm.org.

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Applications Open for Youth Tour 2023

In 2023, Farmers' Electric Cooperative will again sponsor two area high school juniors (summer after junior year) on the week-long Government in Action Youth Tour in Washington, D.C.

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June 13, through Sunday, June 18.

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In accordance with Farmers' Electric Cooperative's irrigation rate schedule, certain annual minimum charges apply to all irrigation accounts. Your original minimum charges were calculated through a contract with the cooperative based on the cost of line extension to the irrigation load. Upon expiration of the contract, the horsepower on that account determines the annual minimum at the rate of \$20 per horsepower, but not less than \$110 for single-phase service, and not less than \$165 for

three-phase service.

Under the irrigation rate schedule, consumers have one calendar year, (approximately December 20 through December 20 of the following year), to use the annual minimum charges. The December billing will reflect remaining charges, if any.

If you have any questions regarding the annual minimum charges for your irrigation account(s), please contact the Cooperative's Billing Department at 575-762-4466.

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On behalf of the board of trustees and the staff of Farmers' Electric Cooperative, merry Christmas and have the happiest new year!

Farmers' Electric offices will be closed December 23, December 26 and January 2 in observance of the holidays. In case of an emergency or outage, call 800-445-8541. Our line crews are on call 24 hours a day.



Fight the Winter Chill and Save Money

We all have our favorite season. Some love crisp, cool weather and bundling up under a favorite blanket, while others prefer the warm temperatures summer brings and outdoor activities that go with it.

There's one thing we can all agree on: High winter bills are never fun. Farmers' Electric Cooperative is here to help you find ways to manage your home energy use.

Here are five tips to help increase your home's energy efficiency this winter:

- **Mind the thermostat.** This is one of the easiest ways to manage your home energy use. Set your thermostat to 68 degrees (or lower) when you're home. When you're sleeping or away for an extended time, set it between 58 and 62 degrees. There is no need to heat your home when you're away or sleeping and less active.

- **Button up your home.** The Department of Energy estimates air leaks account for 24% to 40% of the energy used for heating and cooling a home. Caulking and weatherstripping

around windows and doors is a simple, cost-effective way to increase comfort and save energy. If you can feel drafts while standing near a window or door, it likely needs to be sealed.

- **Use window coverings wisely.** Open blinds, drapes or other window coverings during the day to allow natural sunlight to warm your home. Close them at night to keep the cold, drafty air out. If you feel cold air around windows, consider hanging curtains or drapes in a thicker material; heavier window coverings can make a significant difference in blocking cold outdoor air.

- **Consider your approach to appliance use.** When combined, appliances and electronics account for a

significant chunk of home energy use, so assess how efficiently you're using them. For example, if you're running the dishwasher or clothes washer, only wash full loads. Look for electronic devices that consume energy even when they're not in use, such as phone chargers or game consoles. Every little bit helps, so unplug them to save energy.

- **Think outside the box.** If you're still feeling chilly at home, think of other ways to warm up beyond dialing up the thermostat. Add layers of clothing, wear thick socks and bundle up under blankets. You can even add layers to your home. If you have hard-surface flooring, consider buying an area rug to block cold air that leaks in through the floor.

If you're taking steps to save energy but continue to see major increases in your bill, call your cooperative. Our energy experts can help identify areas and other factors impacting home energy use and recommend next steps for savings. Winter months bring some of the highest energy bills of the year. By being proactive about saving energy, you can increase the comfort of your home and reduce monthly bills.





ELECTRIFY AND SAVE

ENERGY-EFFICIENCY HELPS FARMERS AND RANCHERS SAVE

Through time-of-use rate incentives and irrigation motor rebates, our Nebraska members are helping their agriculture customers save thousands on operating costs. Mike Blomenkamp has lived in Wheat Belt Public Power District's service territory since 1989 and grows corn, alfalfa and oats, among other crops. When he modernized his operations to increase energy efficiency, he saved about \$1,000 by using Tri-State and Wheat Belt rebates for new irrigation motors and approximately \$25,000 by operating during non-peak hours.

To learn more about rebates and incentives for electrification programs or a reduced cost on-farm energy assessment, contact your local electric utility. Visit us at www.tristate.coop/BE



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Gifts From the Kitchen

Welcome to the fourth annual Gifts From the Kitchen edition of enchantment's On the Menu! It is truly the most wonderful time of the year, and homemade gifts from the kitchen show our thoughtfulness.

Not only are kitchen creations appreciated, but each one adds a unique contribution as Christmas or holiday gifts to those for whom we care.

Children and adults alike can create beautiful Gingerbread Stars and Snowflakes for the holiday season to give to treasured friends, teachers and co-workers. Not sure what to bring to Christmas party tables? Tangy Appetizer Bites are a quick and

simple suggestion, and who knew such a diverse ingredient list could end up tasting so delicious?

For those who may be feeling a bit under the weather during winter months, nothing says comfort quite like a warm mug of Hot Buttered Pumpkin Toddy. Add honey for children to enjoy, and adults can feel cozy by adding a kick of rum. Late night mugs of steaming goodness will send loved ones off to sleep with warm thoughts of the holidays along with soothed throats.

Happy holidays from all of us at enchantment! May your days—and kitchens—be merry and bright.



Sue Hutchison was born and raised a block from the freeway in Southern California. She had an early start with industrial, large-scale cooking before age 20. She's always been both a beach bum and at home in the kitchen, where she enjoys making new creations.

Tangy Appetizer Bites

- 1 package wieners
- 10 ounces prepared mustard
- 12 ounces grape jelly
- ½ teaspoon crushed red pepper flakes

Slice each wiener into six pieces with diagonal cuts.

In a saucepan, melt the grape jelly and mustard, whisking until the mixture is free from lumps.

Stir in pepper flakes and add the wieners.

Cook until the wieners are plumped. Serve warm with toothpicks.



Hot Buttered Pumpkin Toddy

1 stick of butter, cold and
grated with large grater
2 cups brown sugar
2 teaspoons pumpkin spice
mix

Labels with directions:
2 tablespoons mix,
1 ounce of rum or 1
tablespoon of honey; fill
the rest of the mug with
hot water

Mix grated butter, brown sugar and spice mix with a fork until well incorporated.

Place in small jars with a tight-fitting lid, adding label and decor. Keep refrigerated until used. The treat can last up to three months in the refrigerator.



Gingerbread Stars and Snowflakes

3 cups flour
1 teaspoon ground
ginger
½ teaspoon salt
½ teaspoon allspice
½ teaspoon nutmeg
½ teaspoon cinnamon
¼ teaspoon ground
cloves
1 stick butter

¾ cup brown sugar,
packed
½ cup dark molasses
1 egg
1 teaspoon maple extract
Frosting and desired food
coloring
Sprinkles, small candies
and other decor

In a medium bowl, mix dry ingredients and spices until well incorporated.

Using a mixer and a large bowl, mix butter and brown sugar, creaming until smooth.

Add the molasses, egg and maple extract. Mix until well incorporated.

Add the flour-spice mixture to the butter mixture with a mixer. The dough will be rather stiff.

Form the dough into a ball and refrigerate for a minimum of one hour.

Preheat the oven to 350 F.

Divide the chilled dough in half, keeping half in the refrigerator. Roll the other half on a lightly floured surface until dough is ⅓- to ½-inch thick. Cut with desired cookie cutters.

Line baking sheets with parchment paper and lightly spray with butter-flavored cooking spray.

Bake cookies for 15 to 18 minutes, depending on thickness. Cookies should be soft when baked. Remove to a separate sheet of parchment paper and allow to cool completely.

Add food coloring one drop at a time to your frosting to achieve the desired colors, then decorate.



SACRED STONE OF THE SOUTHWEST IS ON THE BRINK OF EXTINCTION



Centuries ago, Persians, Tibetans and Mayans considered turquoise a gemstone of the heavens, believing the striking blue stones were sacred pieces of sky. Today, the rarest and most valuable turquoise is found in the American Southwest— but the future of the blue beauty is unclear.

On a recent trip to Tucson, we spoke with fourth generation turquoise traders who explained that less than five percent of turquoise mined worldwide can be set into jewelry and only about twenty mines in the Southwest supply gem-quality turquoise. Once a thriving industry, many Southwest mines have run dry and are now closed.

We found a limited supply of turquoise from Arizona and purchased it for our *Sedona Turquoise Collection*. Inspired by the work of those ancient craftsmen and designed to showcase the exceptional blue stone, each stabilized vibrant cabochon features



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Two Reverse Types in that First Year

For the first year of issue, the Buffalo Nickel was produced in two distinct reverse types. The original (Type 1) design features the buffalo standing on a raised mound. The revised (Type 2) design features the buffalo standing on a flat plane or line. The intent of the redesign was to place the inscription "FIVE CENTS" within a recessed area, so it would not wear away so quickly in circulation. Here you get the original Type 1 design.

A First Year 1913 Buffalo Nickel—Guaranteed!

You're guaranteed to receive a first-year Buffalo Nickel from 1913, minted in Philadelphia. The coins here come from a recently discovered hoard of first year Buffalo Nickels, just now available to the public. Depending on how much you want to spend, you have your choice of three quality grades—Fine, Extremely Fine and Brilliant Uncirculated (see coin condition box to the right). But hurry—if you want one of these vintage coins, you should immediately call the toll-free number below because the limited supply will not last.

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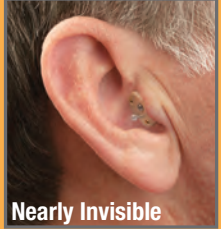
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