GOT SOMETHING TO SAY?

This Newsletter is for YOU.

Email us at james.bialek@nmt.edu with your questions, comments and concerns!

We here at the newsletter are dedicated to ensuring you have the latest news regarding campus events, rules, and other fun things you can partake in and read. We want to know what you would like to see. And if you have read this far, you should know, Waldo is visiting the newsletter this month. Send us photographic proof you found him and you will get a shout out next newsletter!

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Oh, and on behalf of everyone here at TECH-KNOW. Happy Valentine's Day!
QUARENTINE’S DAY: SAFE WAYS TO SPEND VALENTINE’S DAY

By Emma Nourse

As the pandemic continues into the new year, and the day of love approaches, here are some ways to avoid getting covid while still spending quality time with the one you love.

For those last-minute tinder dates:
- A zoom night where you cook simultaneously and eat together.
- A picnic in the park!
- A hike or a long walk.
- Stargaze on the golf course!
- Go on a bike ride, skateboard, roller skate, or anything else that has wheels.
- Maybe even challenge them to a race!
- Listen to music over zoom and take turns sharing your favorite songs!

For Short Term Couples:
- Play 20 questions over a home cooked meal.
- Do an online class together, like a cooking, painting, DIY, workout or yoga class!
- Say it with me now, picnics!
- Play a bunch of board games.
- Or heck, find a new video game and play it together.
- Great Tech Bake Off, live from your own kitchen!
- Hometown tours over Google Earth or Google Maps!

For Long Term Couples:
- Fashion show with outfits picked out for each other.
- Romantic candlelight dinners are always nice.
- PJ date night watching old disney movies (or any movie), bonus points if you wear matching outfits.
- Try and paint each other. On a canvas, not on each other.
- Have a spa night complete with face masks, candles, and nail polish.
- Make a scrapbook together, either physically or digitally.
- Breakfast in bed. It’s a classic.
- Try to recreate childhood photos… of the other person.

For Everyone!:
- Bowling, but in your hallway.
- Bake some bread, then eat it.
- A virtual escape room is always fun!
- Ballroom dancing classes are a good way to have fun and learn a skill.
- Make a few tiktoks together.
- S’mores! Let’s pretend it’s still cold enough for that.
- Take some sweet photos together!

If you try any of these let us know!

For Galentines who can’t be in person:
- Send e-valentines!
- Drop off little gifts or handmade cards on their doorstep!
- Large scale hide and seek throughout campus.
- Hold a virtual powerpoint presentation night!
- Virtual dance party!
- Get all dressed up and have a picnic!
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By: Brandy Trujillo

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On The Hunt

By Nathan Carpenter

One of the most surprising clubs I have witnessed since arriving at New Mexico tech has to be the tea club. I was told that a club could be created around any idea, but I did not expect a club around tea to actually work. I am thoroughly impressed at how well the tea club has done in the past and the idea has certainly grown on me. The club provides all the tea, hot water, and brewing stuff. The goal of the club is to bring people together through tea and it is working quite well.

Know Your Door Lock Light Indicators

By James Bialek

Most of use swipe our ID cards in our door lock, get the green light, and get on with our lives without giving locks a second thought. But knowing what the light indicators mean could mean preventing a lockout in the future. Have a look at the following chart for an explanation. Most importantly, if your lock gives you a green light above a flashing red light, that indicates a low battery. In this case, please email residential_life@nmt.edu or tell your RA. Somebody will come out to refresh and rejuvenate your lock… before it's too late!

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GEOCACHING: THE HOTTEST TREND TAKING NMT BY STORM

By: James Bialek

When first learning about the popular hobby of geocaching, many people assume that it has the potential to be fun and entertaining but that it's also a bit nerdy. First impressions can be so accurate! Geocaching is a worldwide treasure hunt played using a GPS-enabled device such as a smartphone. Experienced players have hidden geocaches of all shapes and sizes all over the world. Sometimes they only contain a small log sheet to sign once found; others may include coins, stickers, or small trinkets. The fun is in locating these hidden caches which can range from a search of a few seconds to hours of solving a puzzle or riddle to put together clues. Geocachers are very good at hiding caches in plain sight as well with caches disguised as sticks, electrical panels, rocks, and even hollow steel bolts. Whether aware of the fact or not, most people pass nearby geocaches every day and the New Mexico Tech campus is no exception. One of the caches on campus tells an interesting story of deception and fame in the annals of NMT. Another involves a minor rock climb near EMRTEC. And Tech’s newest geocache features some cool NMT swag for its first few finders. Interested in playing? Here’s how:

1. Download the app called “Geocaching”
2. Set up a free account
3. Check the map for a geocache near you and go hunting!

If you live to be a hundred, I want to live to be a hundred minus one day, so I never have to live without you.

Winnie the Pooh
When you order pizza but forget that you don’t have a mouth.

Riddle: The more of this there is, the less you see. What is it?
Answer: Darkness

Submit your captions to james.bialek@nmt.edu
The winner will be featured in the next issue

Fun Fact of the Week
Fact: You only have two body parts that never stop growing: the nose and the ears

A cop pulled me over and told me "Papers", so I said "Scissors, I win!" and drove off.
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