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This year there were three inurnments that took place on Post during Homecoming (The Kerr family, **Thomas Yount 1968 HS** and **Dick Moore 1957 HS**.) If you are interested in purchasing a niche, please contact Jimmy L. Barnes, NMMI Foundation at 575-624-8021 or email to jimmy@nmmi.edu.



September 25 - 27, 2015

Message from the President and Superintendent



Message from the President and Superintendent-

Jerry W. Grizzle, PhD.

Major General, USA (Retired)

(AMCSUS)

For 100 years NMMI has been involved in the Association of Military Colleges and Schools of the United States (AMCSUS). We are a charter member! I am honored to serve as President of this organization during its Centennial Year.

AMCSUS is both a promotional and working organization of all military colleges and schools in the United States. We communicate with each other and share common issues and concerns as well as solutions to problems that every member school encounters.

Each school has its own method of advertising for recruiting and promoting general awareness of its programs and opportunities for young men and women students. AMCSUS as an organization that promotes the military school concept and the position that military schools build young men and women of character.

Recently, AMCSUS was offered two opportunities to advertise and promote the organization and individual schools. The first was an opportunity to have a live video on the Times Square 'Jumbotron.' The ten second video appears every hour, twenty four times a day, for 79 days. Please remember, this short video is not intended to promote a specific school, it is intended to promote the concept of attending a military school.

You can view the ad at <https://neutron-media.sharefile.com/d/sc3340943c4b4485a>.

The second opportunity was an individual school option to appear in the November seat-pocket magazine of US Airways. Beginning on Page 142 of the magazine, the next 31 pages are dedicated to individual AMCSUS schools. The NMMI story starts on Page 152 and covers four pages. The digital issue of the magazine can be found at www.usairwaysmag.com beginning 1 November.

I encourage you to watch the video, read the article and share them with prospective candidates, friends, fellow alums, and others. The story of military schools today, and, in particular, that of NMMI, is one that bears telling and retelling. Who is better qualified to tell it than you who've experienced it.



HOMEcoming 2014

2014 Alumni Luncheon and Hall of Fame Ceremony

This year's Luncheon and Hall of Fame Ceremony were held at the Alumni Plaza, just south of Luna Hall. The weather cooperated and a great crowd turned out!



Elaine Hardman and son accept Hall of Fame Induction for **LTC Eugene R. Hardman, NMMI 1962 JC**. Gene was inducted into the NMMI Hall of Fame for Service to NMMI.



LtCol Jordan A. Wommack, USAF (Ret) 1980 HS was inducted into the NMMI Alumni Hall of Fame for Service to NMMI.



Bradford A. Christmas 1970 HS was inducted into the NMMI Alumni Hall of Fame received the George Ward Memorial Award.



Georgia Baca presenting the **Buddy Baca 1950 SC Belt Buckle Award** to MAJ Walter E. Lowe, USA (Ret) Honorary Life Member.



Dr. Victor A. J. Van Lint 1947 JC was inducted into the NMMI Alumni Hall of Fame for Eminence.



John M. Henderson, III 1964 JC was inducted into the NMMI Alumni Hall of Fame for Service to NMMI.



This year's Senior College Luncheon was held on Thursday at Quarters One and hosted by General and Mrs. Grizzle. For a short time during the 1950's, NMMI offered a bachelor's program. Every year, the superintendent host a luncheon to honor these special gentlemen.



NMMI's Class of 1944, here for their 70th Reunion, **William G. Shrecengost, 1944 JC** (left) and **MG Franklin E. Miles 1944 JC** (center). Pictured with **LTC James D. Lowe, NMMI 1967 JC**.



In addition to his Hall of Fame induction, the newly resurfaced NMMI Tennis Courts were dedicated in **LTC Eugene R. Hardman, NMMI 1962 JC** memory during Homecoming.

HOMECOMING 2014



Homecoming from a
Bandmaster's view.

By **Michael D. Donovan 1970 HS**

See the video [here](#).

Pictured above with **Jean Clabaugh Ridgway 1984 HS** at the Superintendent's Social, held every year following Silver Taps. Below is the Alumni Band at half-time of the Homecoming Football game.



JC Baseball with Alumni during Homecoming 2014.

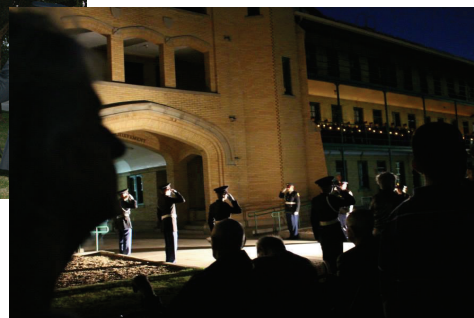


A highlight of Homecoming every year is the Alumni Honored Class Parade. Above a photos of 1954, 1964 and 1984.



For the second year at Homecoming NMMI Corps of Former Cadets on the rappelling tower.

**For the 2014 Stecklein
Alumni Golf
Tournament results
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The 2014 Silver Taps Ceremony at Homecoming
This years ceremony had 127 alumni names read.

[Silver Taps List 2014](#)

Thank you to **Ron Fernandez 1979 HS - 1981 JC** for the bag pipe playing and **Bernarr Treat 1982 HS** and family for providing the caparisoned horse.

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Congratulations to **Katrina Z. (Smith) Lunt 2001 HS** and her husband Kevin on the birth of baby girl Klaura. She was born on 18 September 2014.



Congratulations to **Joseph E. Garcia 2001 JC** and Joann Maestas on the birth of baby boy Felix Joseph Garcia on 2 October 2014. He is pictured here with big sister, Mikayla.



Welcome to the world Gage Parker Rees! Congratulations to **1LT Joel A. Rees, USA 2001 JC** and Stacey. Gage joins the family with big sister Brynn.



Congratulations to **Juan Pablo Ibarra Ramos 2001 HS** on the birth of daughter Luciana on 4 September 2014. He is pictured here holding Luciana, with his brothers (all alumni) **Jesus Alfonso Ibarra Ramos 2001 JC** on the left, **Jose Daniel Ibarra Ramos 2003 HS** and **German Ibarra Ramos 2009 HS** behind.



Congratulations to **Tricia L. (Machtemes) Bernal 1995 JC** on the birth of baby number three. Son Quin Xavier was born on 6 August 2014. Quin is pictured here with mom and dad, Rene Bernal and big brother Zane and big sister, Arianna.



Congratulations to **Justin J. Gillette 2006 HS** and his bride Tamara N. Allison on their 13 September 2014 wedding. They were married in the NMMI Alumni Chapel in a beautiful western themed service. We wish them all the best!

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Congratulations to **Graceanne Sewell 2009 HS** and Justin Brim for their marriage on 5 October 2014. We wish them all the best!



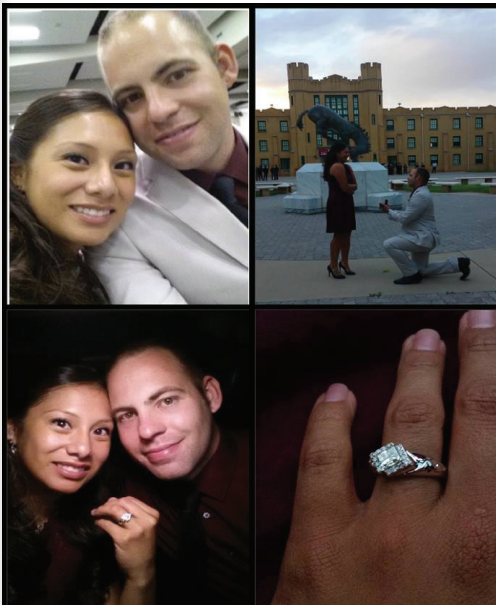
Congratulations to **W. Wade Head, II 1987 HS** on his 16 August 2014 wedding to Anna Scheibmeir.



Congratulations to **Ramon "Ray" Nava 2011 JC** on his marriage to Bridgette on 1 October 2014. Best wishes for your future.



Congratulations to **Shane M. Casey 1993 JC** and Alyssa Wensel on their 3 October 2014 marriage.



On Friday, 10 October 2014, **Timothy A. Gilleland 2007 JC** proposed to his sweetheart **BreAnna R. Rodriguez 2008 JC** in front of the Bronco! Our Alumni Director, **LTC James D. Lowe, NMMI 1967 JC** also proposed to his wife Joy in front of the Bronco. Did any other alumni propose on the Old Post? Tell us when and where and send a picture if you have one!

alm_clrk@nmml.edu



Update from **MAJ John A. Glover, Ph.D., USA (Ret) 1970 JC**—Just a glimpse of one of the things I do as a Army Historian. I've been pushing for a Staff Ride for junior NCO leaders for a long time and the current USAREUR listened. It was a stunning success; we're doing another in the Spring. [Watch the video.](#)

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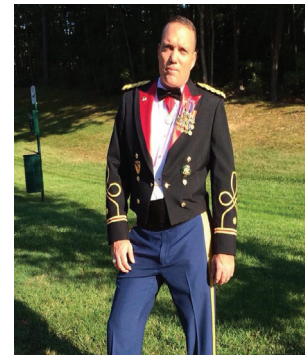


Update from **LTC Neil T. Chaffee, USA 1990 JC** ~ Just want to send along a picture taken at Robert Gray Army Airfield this summer. The 15th MI Battalion sponsored an ROTC Cadet from NMMI with the CTLT program. This is a picture of LTC Neil T. Chaffee, USA 1990 JC and Cadet Eric R. Jaramillo future class of 2015 standing by an Army RC-12N Guardrail aircraft at Ft Hood, Texas. LTC Chaffee was the 15th MI Battalion Commander based at Robert Gray Army Airfield.

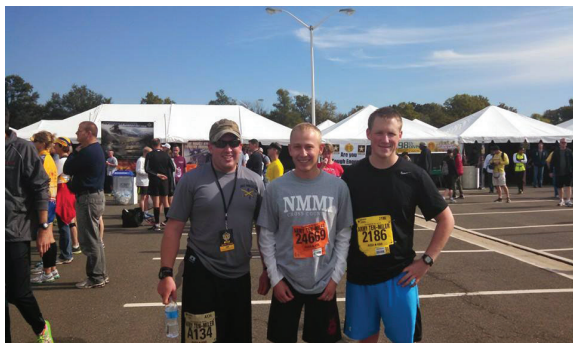


Update from **MAJ Virginia E. (Thomas) Wallingford, USA 2005 JC** and husband **Nathan D. Wallingford 2005 JC**—Since I left New Mexico Military Institute (NMMI), I have continued to serve with the United States Army, pursued higher education and married a fellow NMMI

graduate. Following graduation from NMMI's junior college and ROTC EC program, I served in the New York Army National Guard as a Transportation Platoon Leader of the 719th "Harlem Hell Fighters" TN Co, 369th BN while simultaneously pursuing undergraduate studies at John Jay School of Criminal Justice in New York, NY.



Update from **COL Josef S. Hatch 1996 JC**— Well, it is official. I have been selected for assignment as the Chief of Strategic Communications, 9th Mission Support Command (US Army Reserve, Pacific) in the grade of Colonel and will be reporting to Fort Shafter Flats, Oahu, Hawaii, by month's end. A member of the Commanding General's personal staff, I will serve as the Senior Army Reserve Public Affairs Officer in the Pacific Theatre.
-Colonel Hatch was pinned on 17 October 2014. Congratulations!

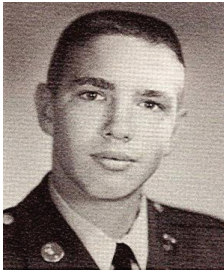


NMMI Alumni (left to right) **CPT Casey R. Wolfe, USA 2008 JC**, **CDT Trae C. Wolfe, USMA 2012 HS** and **1Lt Matthew K. Dobbs, USAF 2010 JC** participated in the 30th Annual Army Ten-Miler 2014. It is the third largest 10 mile race in the world and runs from the Pentagon in Arlington, VA, to the National Mall in Washington, DC. The proceeds from the event support Army Morale, Welfare and Recreation.



Update from **MAJ James D. Milender, Jr., USARNG 1984 JC**— I married my lovely wife, Libana, and retired from the U.S. Army in 2007. I am currently teaching AP Physics and AP Statistics at Del Rio High School.

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Dear General Grizzle,

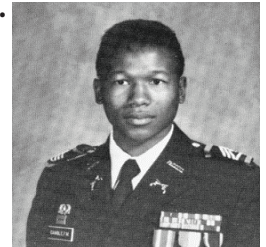
I just received a copy of The NMMI Dispatches. I don't know how they found me since the last time I had any contact with NMMI was in 1962. I was not only surprised but also very pleased. I thought I'd take this opportunity to tell you just what my short time there has meant to me. I think my dad (although he never said it) decided that I needed to get a more structured education. I'd just been told that I couldn't return to a catholic high school because I was a bad influence on other students. (I was not catholic). One of my father's USMA classmates was the PMS&T at NMMI. I only spent 1 year there even though I loved the environment. Dad was reassigned to Iran as the MAAG chief and I wanted to go too. My experience at NMMI was amazing for me. They taught me how to study and I went from an average student to deans list which I carried through high school and college. The plebe system there was very tough, but it prepared me for The Citadel which is where I went to college. I'll never forget my roots at NMMI and have visited several times in my travels in the area. It's amazing how things have changed. Now coed, 21 day plebe system if I'm reading correctly, but the important thing is preparing young people for the future. I see young college graduates who want to work at my co (Merrill Lynch) who think they are entitled. Some don't even know who Washington or Lincoln are. Keep up the good work.

George S. Eckhardt 1964 HS

From NMMI Alumnus and Author, **Minister Frederick M. Gamble 1990 JC.**



I enjoy life with my wife, son, and two daughters.

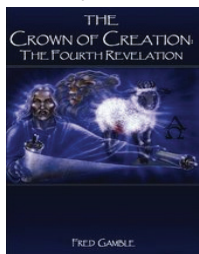


Although The Fourth Revelation is my first novel, and the first book of a creative biblically epic based fictional trilogy entitled The Crown of Creation, my concept for this series can actually produce 30 novels. I'm the right person writing this series because it's a calling I believe God has given me. I say that because this Trilogy is far beyond the scope and magnitude that I initially intend it to be when I first started writing it in 1989, (while still attending N.M.M.I. as an Old Cadet) as I actually started out attempting to write a great epic on the challenges facing mankind.

Unfortunately, most epics are void of any minorities, and fall even shorter with any minority being a hero. I wanted to be more realistic, true, and real to life than that. I think I've done that, as my story has now become a tool that I use in order to have my three children read something imaginative that glorifies God, while positively talking about the trials and tribulations all of His people go through.

With this in mind, as a licensed and very active Minister in my church and community, I feel that I must make an honest attempt to preach, teach, write, and live the redeeming love of God, to a lost but changing world. It is in my hope and prayers that, in reading my book, someone else will pick up The Holy Bible and start their journey with the Lord.

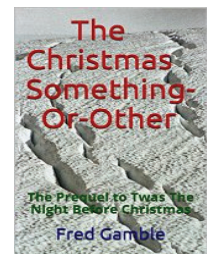
Additionally I have an Associate's Degree in Arts from NMMI, Baccalaureate Degree in Business Administration from Wayland Baptist University, and a Master's Degree in Human Resources Management from Webster University. However, with all of that being said, I'm seeking to take this series to the next level with publishing it with Kindle World Wide, in order to reach the most amount of people with God's book, and my ministry!



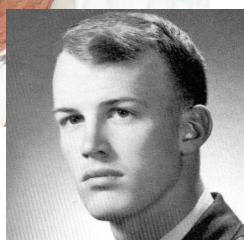
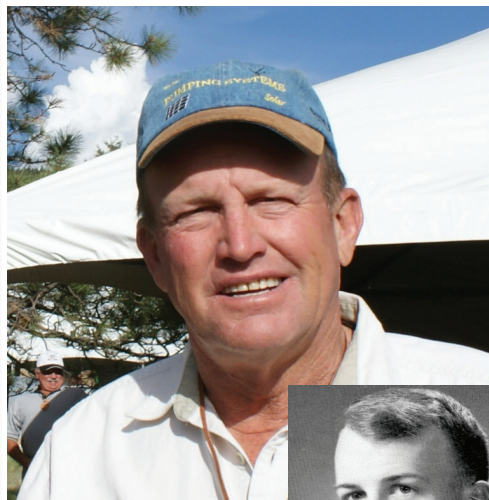
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Stirling T. Spencer 1966 HS—1968 JC

In the November issue of New Mexico Stockman, we'll be honoring one of New Mexico's modern-day legends.

Cattleman of the Year, Stirling Spencer has been known throughout his life as an activist for all things agriculture. He's is an industry favorite. His upbeat attitude and his curiosity, enthusiasm for life and his keen insight and intelligence, have gained him a host of friends and admirers in every segment of New Mexico society.

Stirling was 1968 NMMI Regimental Commander. His great-grandfather, William C. McDonald was New Mexico's first Statehood Governor 1937. His father, **Truman A. Spencer, Jr. 1933 HS—1935 JC** and his brother, **LTC Steven M. Spencer, USA (Ret) 1963 HS—1965 JC** were both awarded the George Ward Memorial in 1976 and 1986 respectively. Spencer has been owner and operator of the family ranch, the Bar W, in Carrizozo since 1976 and was named the Soil and Water Conservation Rancher of 1994. He has served Lincoln County, New Mexico as Chairman of the Carizozo Public School Board, Lincoln County Historic Commission, Probate Judge and Director of the New Mexico Cattle Growers Association. He has attended numerous NMMI Alumni Trail Rides and hosted the Trail Ride at his ranch in 2003.

If you would like to share stories and pictures for the New Mexico Stockman contact Chris at chris@aaalivestock.com or give him a call at 505-243-9515 ext. 28.

Cattleman of the Year, Stirling Spencer to be honored in the November New Mexico Stockman

Chapter Updates

Superintendent Alumni Tour

Midland, TX, Thursday, 16 October 2014



San Antonio, TX, Friday, 17 October 2014



Dallas, TX, Saturday, 18 October 2014



The inaugural leg of the Superintendent's Alumni Tour was completed with three events in Midland, San Antonio and Dallas, TX. The events were made possible by support of local alumni, **Jay W. Isaacs 1976 JC**, **Ryan S. Davis 2000 HS-2002 JC**, **Judge Robert A. Junell 1967 JC**, **Dan M. Leonard 1966 HS**, **Harris E. Kerr 1969 HS-1971 JC** in Midland, **LTC A. D. "Jock" Brownfield, III, AUS (Ret) 1964 HS-1966 JC** in San Antonio, and **Edward J. "Eddy" Lynton, II 1990 JC** in Dallas. A special thanks to **Michael A. Bratcher 1989 JC**, owner of Bistro 31 in Dallas for providing a great evening.

Watch your E-Newsletter for upcoming dates and locations for the next leg.



From the NMMI Alumni Albuquerque, NM Chapter
Every year the Albuquerque Chapter host receptions for the Cadets traveling from the Albuquerque Airport during the Holidays. This year is no exception!

For those interested in helping or donating, please read on...

I'll be hosting a planning meeting for this year's Receptions at my home next Thursday evening at 6pm for all interested in getting involved this year. We'll look at the four event dates, and divvy up the work load and scheduling. 6pm on Thursday, October 23rd - at 9012 Las Camas Road NE - Albuquerque 87111. All are invited to attend, and I'll have munchies and drinks on hand!

The address above can be used to send donations made out to: ABQ Chapter - N.M.M.I. Alumni



Roswell, NM, NMMI Alumni!

Are you a former cadet working at NMMI? **CPT Paul A. Lauritzen, NMARNG 2004 JC** would like to start a sub-chapter for NMMI Alumni employees in Roswell. Interested? Give him a call at 575-910-0750 or email him at lauritzen@nmmi.edu

Thank you!

Jordy Wommack 1980 HS

Albuquerque Chapter Webmaster

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2. Call 575-624-8250 or email alm_svcs@nmmi.edu for the Shared Secret
3. Use that shared secret to register and start your discount deals!

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Health Announcement

ANNOUNCEMENT ON EBOLA

22 October 2014

As a boarding school that attracts students from all over the world and sends students on a variety of state, national, and international programs, NMMI carefully tracks international current events to make sure we are prepared to support our cadets. We are monitoring the Ebola epidemic in West Africa and in the areas of the U.S. where it has appeared, and our Health Services team, in coordination with local and state health officials, is taking all necessary precautions to ensure the safety and wellbeing of our cadets, faculty and staff.

Although the risk of contracting Ebola is extremely low, our medical staff is trained and ready to respond quickly to any infectious disease outbreak. Knowing that NMMI cadets and families travel all over the world, our health services team is carefully monitoring the campus community. We are following recommendations from the national Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), as well as those from state and local departments of health and professional health organizations for independent schools, colleges, and universities.

What follows are some frequently asked questions and answers about Ebola:

What is Ebola?

Ebola is a severe, often fatal, disease, discovered in 1976 near the Ebola River in the Democratic Republic of Congo. There have been a number of outbreaks since its identification. The current outbreak has been ongoing in Guinea, Liberia, and Sierra Leone for several months.

How is Ebola transmitted?

It is transmitted to people from wild animals and spreads from human to human through direct contact, as when broken skin or mucous membranes come into contact with blood, bodily secretions, or needles contaminated with infected bodily fluids. Ebola is NOT airborne, food-borne, or waterborne. A person is infectious to others only when they have symptoms of illness.

What are the symptoms of Ebola?

Symptoms begin abruptly with fever, malaise, and headache, with diarrhea about five days later. Symptoms usually occur 8–10 days after direct contact with bodily substances of an infected person. The incubation period may be up to 21 days, but does not extend beyond this.

[READ MORE](#)



Welcome to the new NMMI Athletics section of the Alumni E-Newsletter! We hope to contribute to every future edition, to help keep you informed and up-to-date about our Colt and Bronco sport teams.



First, we'd like to make sure everyone is aware of our audio/video streams. In previous seasons, we've done a few game streams here and there. But this year, we've already streamed 37 events. We've streamed several football, volleyball, and soccer games, and even two cross country meets and the Eastern New Mexico State Fair Parade.

All of these events are archived and can be watched and listened to at any time by visiting our iHigh page: www.ihigh.com/nmmi.



Second, if you tweet, we'd like to encourage you to follow us on our new Twitter account: [@NMMIathletics](https://twitter.com/NMMIathletics). Here you'll find the latest information on game scores and events.

Ok, enough of the shameless, self-promotion—let's get to the highlights:

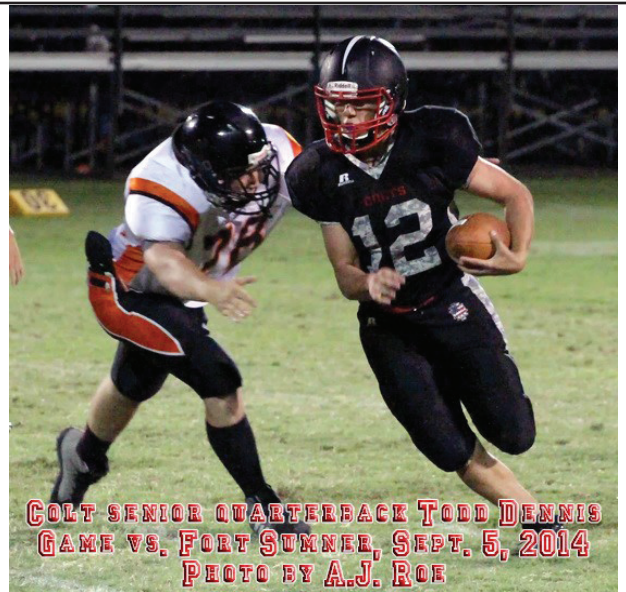
Colt Soccer

- ◇ With one game remaining in the regular season, junior striker Everardo Ahumada has broken the single-single record for goals with 25. The previous record was 22, set by Jorge Garza in 2012.
- ◇ Head Coach John Barbour and his Colts have already wrapped up the District 4(1A-4A) title with a perfect 5-0 district record; one match at Ruidoso remaining. The Colts are 12-3-1 overall this season and will likely get a top-four seed in this year's State Championship bracket.



Colt Football

- ◇ Head Coach Randy Montoya and his Colts started the season with a 6-0 record, but have yet to win a district game. They're currently 6-2 on the season and 0-2 in District 4-4A; a 37-0 loss at Ruidoso, and a 27-7 loss at home to St. Michael's.
- ◇ Two games remain in the regular season, both district contests: one at Albuquerque's Milne Stadium on Nov. 1 vs. Hope Christian at 1:00 pm; one at home vs. Portales on Nov. 7 at 7:00 pm.
- ◇ The Colts are currently ranked seventh in the State for 4A football, but they need to pull out at least one more win to ensure an at-large bid to the 12-team NMAA Class 4A State Championships.



Colt & Lady Colt Cross Country

- ◇ After moving up two classifications this year due to enrollment increases and the NMAA going to a 6A system, the Colt boys' cross country team might find it hard to repeat as district champs. Head Coach Jan Olesinski has been prepping his team, however, by entering several big-school meets, running against 5A and 6A competition. His top runners have fared well.



Junior Juan Estremadoyro has three top-ten finishes including second place in the Roswell City Meet. Senior Spencer Lane has two top-ten finishes including fourth at the Roswell City Meet. For the girls, senior Amira Hindi won the Roswell City meet and has never finished below eighth place this season.

Bronco Football

- ◇ After back-to-back winning seasons and a big win at last year's El Toro Bowl, this season Head Coach Joe Forchtner and his Broncos finished 7th in the regular season Western State Football Conference standings with a 2-6 mark.
- ◇ The Broncs still have two more games, thanks to the WSFL playoff system, in it's second year of implementation. NMMI will travel to Mesa, AZ to again take on the Gauchos on Nov. 1 in their first game in the WSFL Consolation bracket. Game time is still yet to be determined. For a look at the entire bracket, check out this link: [2014 WSFL Playoff Brackets](#).



Bronco Volleyball

- ◇ Head Coach Shelby Forchtner and her Bronco volleyball team have a 14-18 overall record this season. But don't let that sub .500 mark fool you—this is a very good and talent team. They've put up wins against some of the top-



ranked teams in the NJCAA.

- ◇ The Lady Broncos have four more matches left in the regular season, and a sweep would mean a winning -season record, a second place finish in the Western Junior College Athletic

Conference, and a bye in the first round of the Region V West Postseason Tournament.

