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# Balloon Regatta Joins Elephant Days

By Kelly W. Cauffman

The Fifth Annual Elephant Days will also include a Balloon Regatta and Glow both Saturday and Sunday morning, September 8-9.

"The balloons will be staged and lighted at the Elephant Days grounds Friday and Saturday nights," according to organizer Al Lowenstein.

The balloons are scheduled to lift off from Lions Beach at 7 a.m., Saturday and Sunday.

"Of course it depends on the weather, but for the past five years we have had great weather. Perhaps I should not have said that," Lowenstein laughs.

The first flight was completed in Paris, France, by Jean-Francois Pilatre de Rozier and Francois Laurent d'Arlandes on November 21, 1783. This flight made hot air balloon technology the oldest successful human-carrying flight technology.

Observers can see how beautiful and graceful

a hot-air balloon floats across the skies. But do you know what makes them so graceful in flight? A hot air balloon consists of a bag called the envelope that is capable of containing heated air. Suspended beneath is a gondola or wicker basket, which carries passengers and (usually) a source of heat, in most cases an open flame. The heated air inside the envelope makes it buoyant since it has a lower density than the relatively cold air outside the envelope.



In today's sport balloons, the envelope is generally made from nylon fabric, and the mouth of the balloon (closest to the burner flame) is made from fire resistant material, such as Nomex. Beginning in the mid-1970s, balloon envelopes have been made in all kinds of shapes, such as hot dogs, rocket ships, and the shapes of commercial products, though the traditional shape remains popular for most non-commercial, and many commercial, appli-

cations.

The cost of these balloons are comparable to new car, used car. The balloons can range anywhere from \$30,000 to \$45,000. When asked about the cost of putting a balloon in flight, Lowenstein answered, "With the cost of gas, insurance, depreciation, repairs and other factors, the cost can range around \$150 per flight."

There will be approximately 15 balloons from Albuquerque, Colorado and Mexico at this year's event.

Lowenstein, who operates a flight school in Albuquerque, has been flying for more than 15 years, and has enjoyed many experiences.

The community is encouraged to view the glow on Friday and Saturday night and the take off at 7 a.m. Saturday and Sunday. There will be memorabilia available for purchase at liftoff sites.

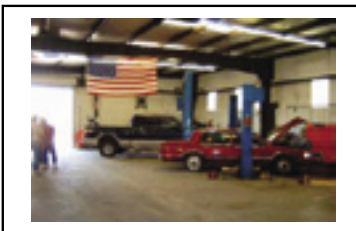
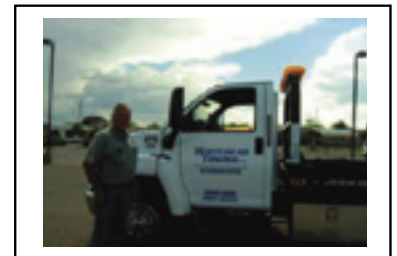


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# 2012 Elephant Man Tri Is Rapidly Approaching

By Kori Mannon

Mark your calendars: September 30 is this year's date for the annual Elephant Man triathlon – an intermediate distance triathlon hosted by HEROS Inc., in Elephant Butte Lake State Park. This grass-roots triathlon has become one of the most popular races in the state, and topnotch athletes and volunteers alike have been preparing for this exciting event, which is the culmination of five multi-sport events hosted in Sierra County by this not-for-profit organization.

Elephant Man Triathlon is also the final race of the New Mexico Open Water Triathlon series – a series of seven races that were hosted around New Mexico – in conjunction with New Mexico State Parks and three other race directors from Albuquerque, Ft. Sumner and Santa Rosa. This series allowed athletes to accumulate points at each event, and overall point series winners will be announced at Elephant Man.

More than \$9,000 in cash and prizes will be awarded to the point series winners. This is an exciting addition to not only the Elephant Man weekend, but to the New Mexico triathlon community, as public entities and private individuals have come together to collaborate and improve the quality of races and tourism for rural venues at the same time. Series organizers hope this is an example that local leaders will take note of and follow as we try to promote healthy endeavors throughout the state.

## THE COURSE

The challenging and scenic course has not changed from the inaugural event in 2006. Athletes continue to find that it brings out the best in them, and unlike many other courses of this distance, no athlete has been able to break two hours on the demanding terrain of Sierra County.

The race consists of a 1.0-mile swim in Elephant Butte Lake (expected water temp of 74 degrees) just below the main entrance to the state park between

Marina del Sur and the dirt dam. As water levels continue to drop at this venue, organizers have not yet been able to select the exact swim course or transition run, but rest assured, it will be beautiful and brutally difficult at the same time.

Athletes then transition to a hilly and challenging, but scenic, 26.5-mile bike ride, traveling north through the city of Elephant Butte, and along the perimeter of the lake (State Highway 195 and 195P) before climbing up and out of Monticello Canyon to the other side of Interstate 25 and returning to the transition area below the main entrance to the State Park.

The third and final leg is a unique opportunity to run six miles across Elephant Butte Dam. The initial and final portions of this out-and-back run take place along a graded trail just steps from the beach and campsites. This trail is in better shape than ever, thanks to continued efforts from the amazing State Parks staff at Elephant Butte Lake.

## THE SCHEDULE

Race weekend is always full of fun activities for the whole family. It seems everyone's favorite, including Race Director Kori Mannon's, is the Elephant Kidz youth triathlon slated for Saturday, September 29, at 5 p.m. This youth race, just like its parent event, will be sanctioned by USAT (USA Triathlon Association), and will include a shallow depth open water swim, a bike leg and a run leg, all

graded in distance for age divisions. The age divisions will be based on the participant's age on Dec. 31, 2012 (USAT guidelines) and consist of 5-6 year old, 7-8 year old, 9-10 year old, 11-12 year old, 13-14 year old, and 15-16 year old divisions for both boys and girls.

All participants' parents or guardians must complete an Elephant Kids registration form (which will

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be available online by September 1) and a USAT waiver. Registration for the youth race will begin onsite (Marina del Sur parking lot Race Headquarters) at 4 p.m., and will be complete by 4:45 p.m., at which point participants will have a mandatory pre-race briefing prior to the 5 p.m. start.

Participants must wear safety certified bike helmets while on the bike course and comply with the basic guidelines of all USAT-sanctioned races, but will be well supported by area volunteers to ensure their safety on the course.

Swim angels (adults standing arm distance apart) will line the shallow depth swim course so children feel safe.

Local cyclists will accompany the children on the bike portion to ensure a safe return to transition, and

volunteers will also line the run course so that children successfully complete the final out-and-back portion of the event. Exact routes for this youth race are still being approved, and may differ from years past, due to the changing water levels, but will include distances approximate to those listed below.

	Swim distance	Bike distance	Run distance
5-6 yr olds	25 meters	1.0 mile	.25 mile
7-8 yr olds	50 meters	1.0 mile	.50 mile
9-10 yr olds	100 meters	2.5 mile	.50 mile
11-12 yr olds	150 meters	3.5 mile	.75 mile
13-15 yr olds	200 meters	5.0 mile	1.0 mile

For the third consecutive year, HEROS Inc. volunteers have worked to train 15 area youth on the Grupo Loco Triathlon team (the state's first organized youth triathlon team) and many of these local youth

will participate in the Elephant Kids Tri. This is by far one of the more exciting and inspiring events Elephant Butte has ever seen. Please come out to volunteer and cheer on these young athletes who have worked throughout the summer to learn new skills, set goals, become more fit and all of whom "tri like crazy!"

Between the youth and adult races, the weekend schedule fills with packet pick up times, pre-race meetings and of course some free time

for athletes to tour the area, and enjoy local restaurants and businesses.

The full schedule of events for race weekends is summarized below.

Race headquarters (HQ) is located in the parking lot adjacent to the Marina del Sur parking lot). Elephant Man Cove is the cove adjacent to Marina del Sur and the dirt dam.

Saturday, September 29, 2012

Time	Location	Activity
1:00- 4:00pm	Race HQ	Adult Packet Pick-up
4:00 - 4: 45 pm	Race HQ	Youth Registration
4:45 PM	Race HQ	Youth pre race briefing mandatory
5:00 pm	Elephant Man Cove	Youth Race Start
5:45 pm	Race HQ	Youth awards
6:00- 8:00 pm	TBD	Pre Race dinner
6:00 pm	TBD	Adult pre race briefing

Sunday, September 30, 2012

Time	Location	Activity
6:00-7:00 am	Race HQ	Adult Packet pick-up
7:30 am	Race HQ	Mandatory Adult race briefing
8:00 am	Elephant man Cove	Race Start
1:00 pm	Race HQ	Adult race awards

## THE VOLUNTEERS

Elephant Man is one of the most challenging triathlons in the state. The distances completed are nothing to scoff at, and the hilly, varied terrain adds to the level of difficulty of this race.

Although more and more locals are participating in Elephant Man and other triathlons, you don't have to run, bike or swim to be involved. To the contrary, volunteers often have as much fun and don't have to pay an entry fee. HEROS, Inc. typically relies on the assistance of 150-plus incredible volunteers to successfully host Elephant Man.

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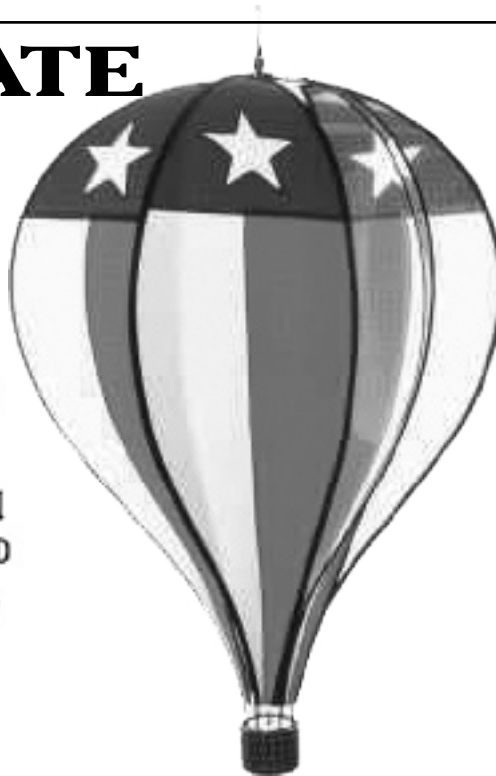
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make Elephant Man not only possible, but also make it a friendly and unforgettable event. There are tasks where volunteers can be active running and biking on the course, and tasks where one could sit and still help. If you have any desire to contribute to the adult or youth events, please contact Kori off the "contact us" section of the Elephant Man web site ([www.elephantmantriathlon.com](http://www.elephantmantriathlon.com)).

#### THE RULES OF THE ROAD

As race day draws closer, more and more athletes and volunteers will be out on the roads in our community. Please remember to use extreme caution. Bicyclists should be treated as any other vehicle on the roads. Only pass if you have an open and legal passing lane. Passing too close to cyclists is EXTREMELY dangerous.

Additionally, please take note of the timeframe for the events. Although main roads are not closed to traffic, HEROS Inc. has worked to try to minimize the impact of the event on other community events and residents. If you must use course roads and locations during the event, please be prepared for some delays and slower moving traffic – volunteers and athletes alike must be protected while on the course.

You might even consider just pulling up a lawn chair, sitting back, cheering, and enjoying the amazing event that has grown from the heartfelt efforts of Sierra County volunteers!

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Scott Kennicutt has been one of the main volunteers since year one and says he continues to volunteer "for the general betterment of the community and to change mindsets about healthy activities."

Traci Woods has been the longstanding registration and packet pick-up coordinator, and has started volunteering at Grupo Loco practices and other youth races. She says it's fun to meet many of the athletes, and it feels good that she can use her skills to help others, but above everything else, watching the kids have fun and meet their goals is amazingly rewarding and inspiring.

Chuck Looney coordinates the bike leg of the race. He has designed, fabricated and shared with other race directors plans for state-of-the-art bike racks that safely hold the athletes high tech race bikes and equipment. He also works to make sure the roads are marked, swept (by New Mexico State Park and Bartoo Sand & Gravel) and monitored by volunteers at each intersection and law enforcement at critical points on the course.

Walter Armjio helps to organize the American Legion Riders who host a water station on the bike course where volunteers not only offer water and Gatorade to cyclists, but also set up American Flags and cheer. He organizes motorcyclists who transport race officials on the course and serve as the lead and sag vehicles to show athletes the correct routes. He personally has transported the main USAT race official at each Elephant Man race, and says he is happy to do it, it's good for the community, and he

actually has fun being out on the course watching all the athletes and helping to make sure the event goes off without a hitch.

Karol Mannon and Carlene Griffis prepare homemade baked goods to treat the athletes at the finish line.

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**1:** Live Entertainment: 7 p.m., Café Groovy Gritz, 315 Broadway, Truth or Consequences. True Blues Favorites from Mark Krasmer, an award-winning blues singer from Ruidoso. Cost: free. Contact Café

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**7-9:** City of Elephant Butte Annual Celebration: City of Elephant Butte at-large. See web site below for full schedule. Join the City of Elephant Butte for Elephant Days! Activities include live music, arts and crafts, vendors, a parade, car and motorcycle shows, kids' activities, and more! Admission to most events is free; entry fees apply to vendors, etc. See the web site for applications and more information. Contact City of Elephant Butte, Mel Tepper, (575) 744-4411 or (224) 402-2044, [meltepper@valornet.com](mailto:meltepper@valornet.com). [http://elephantbuttechamberofcommerce.com/ebcc\\_annual\\_celebration.html](http://elephantbuttechamberofcommerce.com/ebcc_annual_celebration.html).

**8:** C.A.S.T. for Kids Fishing Tournament: 7 a.m.-12 p.m., Elephant Butte Lake State Park. Date is tentative. This fishing tournament began in 1991

and unites volunteers who love to fish with disabled and disadvantaged children for a day of fishing in the outdoors. Spectators must pay park entrance fee. Cost: free for participants. Contact C.A.S.T. for Kids, Chris Bolen, (575) 744-5923 or (575) 744-5998. <http://www.castforkids.org>.

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**8:** Second Saturday Art Hop: 6-9 p.m., Downtown Truth or Consequences. Galleries, studios, shops and restaurants are open late on the second Saturday of every month. Check the MainStreet Truth or Consequences web site for information on opening exhibits and special events. Cost: free. Contact MainStreet Truth or Consequences, [promotions@torcmainstreet.org](mailto:promotions@torcmainstreet.org). <http://www.torcmainstreet.org/events/monthly-events/art-hop>.

**8-9:** 32nd Annual Elephant Butte Balloon Regatta: 6-10 a.m., Lions Beach (enter through the Elephant Butte Lake State Park Main Gate). Events for spectators include a daily balloon ascension, balloon glows, and the balloon-boat relay race. See <http://ebbr.org/activities.htm> for a schedule of events. Cost: park entrance fee. Contact Elephant Butte Balloon Regatta, Al Lowenstein, (505) 821-8558. <http://www.ebbr.org>.

**8-9:** Drag Boat Races: 8 a.m.-4 p.m., Elephant Butte Lake State Park's Hot Springs Landing. Drag boats will race against each other for the fastest quarter-mile. Cost: day-use fee required. Contact SWDBA, Ray Vickers, (575) 740-0004.

**9:** Second Sunday Poetry Reading: 1 p.m., Black Cat Books & Coffee, 128 Broadway, Truth or Consequences. Read or listen on the second Sunday of every month. Cost: free. Contact Black Cat Books & Coffee, Rhonda Brittan, (575) 894-7070.

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15: Sierra County Farmers Market: 8:30-11:30

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15-16: First Fall Series Race: 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Elephant Butte Lake. Sailboat race/regatta. Contact Rio Grande Yacht Club, Dick Alexander, (970) 946-9118.

20: The Twelve Chairs – A Fundraiser: 6-9 p.m., Grapes Gallery and the El Cortez Theater, Main Street, Truth or Consequences. A fundraising event for Sierra County Recreation & Tourism, this event begins with a champagne and chocolate reception and silent auction. Mel Brooks' film "The Twelve Chairs," starring Frank Langella and Dom Deluise, will be screened at the El Cortez Theater beginning at 7 p.m. The silent auction will consist of 12 chairs that have been decorated by local artists, and other items. Cost \$15 per person. Contact: Sierra County Tourism & Recreation, Steve Green, (575) 894-2739. <http://www.sierracountynewmexico.info>.

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22: Elephant Kidz Triathlon: 3:30 p.m., Elephant Butte Lake State Park's Dirt Dam beach area. Distances are broken out by age group. See the web site or contact the sponsor for more information. Contact HEROS Inc, Kori Mannon, (575) 744-0055. <http://www.elephantmantriathlon.com>.

23: Elephant Man Triathlon: 7 a.m., Dirt Dam beach area. Elephant Butte Lake State Park Course. The Elephant Man Triathlon is an intermediate distance tri. Perhaps the longest and most challenging course in the state. The course is scenic and one of the only times Elephant Butte Dam is open to the public. The swim is a one-mile loop in Elephant Butte Lake (water temperature averages 74°F; wet suits will be allowed if water temperature is 78°F or below). The bike course will be a hilly and challenging but beautiful 26.5-mile loop that travels north through the city of Elephant Butte and along the perimeter of the lake before a climb up and out to the other side of I-25. It is a speedy return to the transition area. The final leg is a six-mile run that provides a unique opportunity to cross Elephant Butte Dam. Initial and final portions of the out-and-back run will be along graded trail just steps from the beach and campsites. There will be lots of opportunities for friends and family to cheer you on! Contact the



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# Sierra County's Sensational September Events

By Dianne Preisser

Sierra County Tourism Director

Some of New Mexico's most sensational events are on Sierra County's September calendar. The county is home of Elephant Butte Lake, the largest body of water in the state. It is also known for upcoming Spaceport America, hot mineral springs in downtown Truth or Consequences, and historic living ghost towns in the Gila High Country.

The state's most unique and spectacular balloon regatta is held the second weekend of September each year. This year's 32nd annual high-flying sensation provides an opportunity for balloonists, skippers and sponsors to join in and have fun at beautiful Elephant Butte Lake State Park.

Activities kick off Friday evening, September 7, with a dazzling balloon glow coinciding with the city's weekend long annual celebration called "Elephant Days." Visitors join in to experience the City of Elephant Butte's festive parade on Saturday, September 8, at 10 a.m., along State Highway 195. It's followed throughout the weekend with live music, food, vendors, and a car and motorcycle show. This year's theme for the City of Elephant Butte's celebration is "Happy 100th Birthday, New Mexico."

For more details, contact Mel Tepper at (575) 744-4411 or (224) 402-2044, [meltepper@valornet.com](mailto:meltepper@valornet.com). The breathtaking Elephant Butte Lake backdrop

offers a one-of-a-kind hot air balloon/boat relay race for spectators on Saturday and Sunday, September 8-9. Participants perform dramatic boating and balloonist maneuvers on and over the water. The relay highlights a chase boat for each balloon forming a racing team. The skipper carries a drop marker, baton, for the balloon race out onto the lake. The balloonists then do a water landing, known as a "Splash and Dash," receiving the baton and carrying it to the designated drop area. Awards follow for both the winning pilots and skippers.

That same Saturday and Sunday includes the sea

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sponsor for more information. Contact HEROS Inc, Kori Mannon, (575) 744-0055. <http://www.elephantmantriathlon.com>.

26: Free Class: The Importance of Muscle Strength & Proprioception/Balance: 6-7 p.m., Agape Chiropractic, 402 Broadway, Truth or Consequences. Learn how important muscle strength and balance are to brain function. Healthy lean muscle stimulates brain function. As we age and our muscles deteriorate, so does our brain function. Just as math and crossword puzzles stimulate our brain, so does having healthy lean muscles. Learn the best exercises for you. Class size is limited. Please call and register for this free class. Look for our ongoing health series, to be held once monthly on Wednesday evenings. Contact Agape Chiropractic, Sinead Marron, (575) 894-9355, [sineadm51@gmail.com](mailto:sineadm51@gmail.com). <http://agap-echiropractic.com>.

29: Sierra County Farmers Market: 8:30-11:30 a.m., Ralph Edwards Park, Riverside Drive between Cedar and Birch. Buy local! Fresh produce, eggs, baked goods, and crafts will all be available, complete with live music accompaniment. All products sold are locally grown and/or made in Sierra County. EBT and debit cards are accepted and there's plenty of free parking. See the Farmers Market web site for more information and late-breaking news. Contact Sierra County Farmers Market, Colleen Davis, (575) 894-9375, [colleen@sierracountyfarmersmarket.org](mailto:colleen@sierracountyfarmersmarket.org). <http://www.sierracountyfarmersmarket.org>.

29-30: Second Fall Series Race: 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Elephant Butte Lake. Sailboat race/regatta. Contact Rio Grande Yacht Club, Dick Alexander, (970) 946-9118.

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sonal drag boat races, 8 a.m.-4 p.m., on the lake. Impressive drag boats from the Southwest Drag Boat Association zip across the water to compete for the fastest quarter-mile. Contact SWDBA's Ray Vickers at (575) 740-0004.

Be sure to jump over to the Sierra County Farmers Market at Ralph Edwards Park in Truth or Consequences from 8:30am to 11:30 am. The seasonal outdoor market takes place every Saturday morning for locals and out of towners to enjoy shopping for local organic foods and handcrafted products. The Park is located on Riverside Drive between Cedar and Birch. Fresh produce, eggs, baked goods and crafts are available, complete with live music! All products sold are locally grown and/or made in Sierra County.

You also can experience the unique shopping experience of fine art, fine food and novelty merchandise right next door in the Truth or Consequences Downtown Historic District. Saturday evening, September 8, is the monthly "Second Saturday Art Hop," from 6-9pm. Galleries, studios, shops and restaurants are



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It's also "Free Fishing Day" Saturday, September 22 at fishing sites throughout New Mexico. The first Saturday in June and the fourth Saturday in September are always free for anglers throughout the state. It's a "fish load of fun" for all ages, residents or non-residents. Anyone can fish without a license, stamp or validation. All other fishing rules apply. It's cost

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The swim is a one mile loop in Elephant Butte Lake (water temperature averages 74°F; wet suits will be allowed if water temperature is 78°F or below.) The bike course is on the website map with elevation profile. The course is hilly and challenging, but an absolutely beautiful 26.5 mile loop traveling north through the City of Elephant Butte. It runs along the perimeter of the lake before a climb up and out to the other side of I-25. The transition area is a high speed return. The final leg is a six mile run that provides a rare opportunity to cross Elephant Butte Dam. Initial and final portions of the out and back run will be along graded trail just steps from the beach and campsites. For both Triathlons, contact: HERO'S Inc, Kori Mannon, 575-744-0055. <http://www.elephantmantriathlon.com>

If sailboats are more your thing and you just want to watch or join the local sailing club, then come and experience the "2nd Fall Series Sailboat Race/Regatta" on September 29-30 from 10am-5pm at Elephant Butte Lake. For further information please contact the sponsor, Rio Grande Yacht Club, Dick Alexander, 970-946-9118.

Experience New Mexico in its finest. Experience Sierra County! The county is known for their long list of unique attractions and fun filled events.

Check out [www.sierracountyevents.com](http://www.sierracountyevents.com) for the annual event calendar and [www.sierracountynewmexico.info](http://www.sierracountynewmexico.info) for all County Tourism Information.

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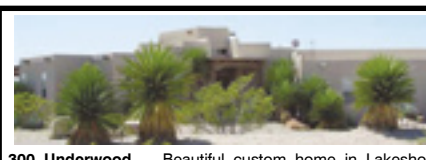
**108 Huron** - 2BR/2BA. Delightful sunroom, Fully fenced,  
easy care yard, with room for all your lake toys, and your  
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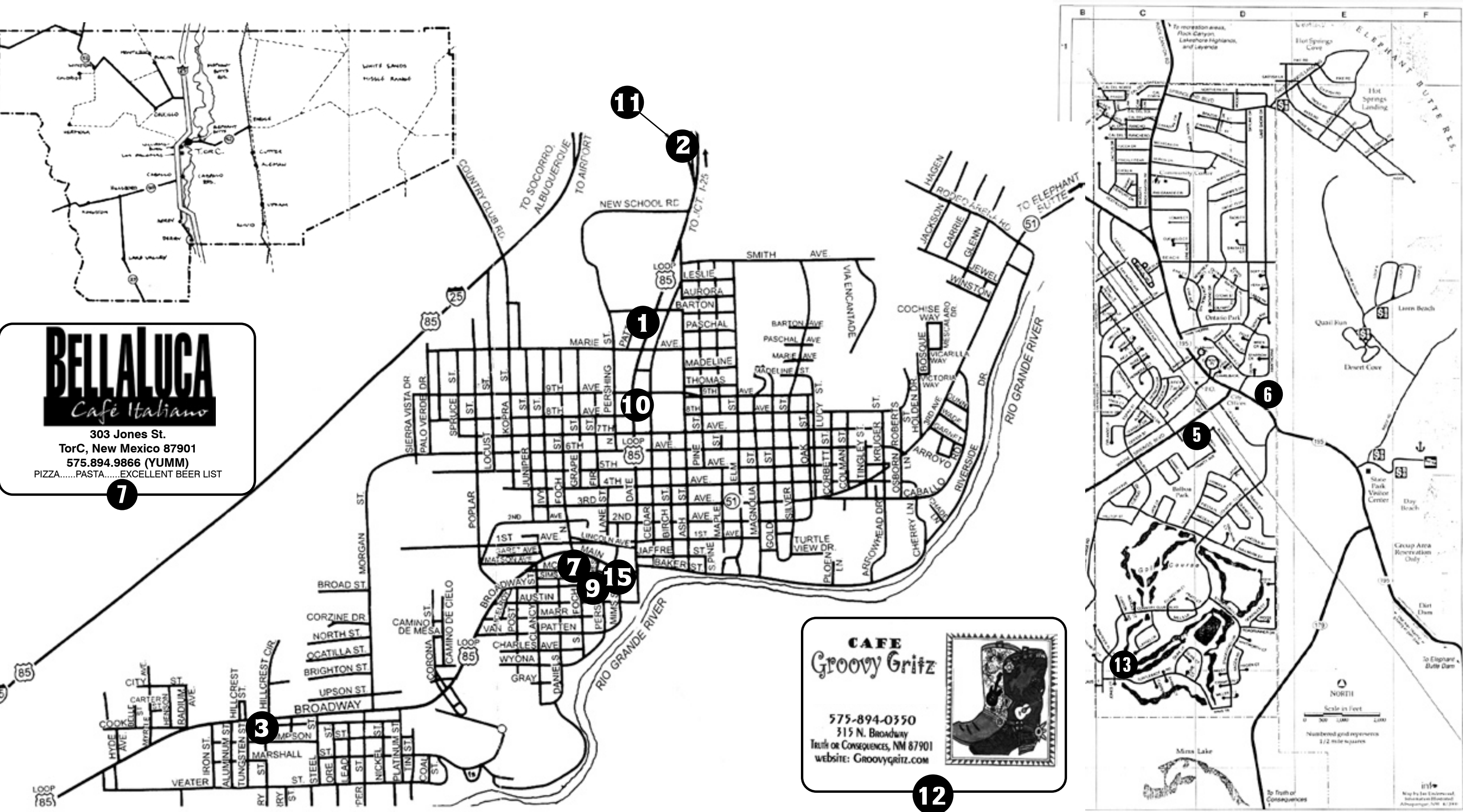
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