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Raton Airport Serves Northeast New Mexico
By Dusty Longwill, Airport Manager, City of Raton

Nestled in the foothills of the Sangre de Cristo Mountains in northeast New Mexico is where the Raton Municipal/Crews Field Airport calls home. The J. Martin Crews family donated approximately 1,000 acres to the City of Raton for airport development. An additional 300 acres was donated for expansion and industrial development, known as the Annie Ruth Crews Bell Industrial Park. In previous years, the airport had been used as a military training base flying the Lockheed P-38. Continental Airlines also flew DC-3s between Denver and Albuquerque and served the Raton area for numerous years.

The airport is located 10 miles south of the City of Raton and rests at an elevation of 6,350 feet. Currently, there are nine private and two city owned hangars at the airport with plenty of space and ground leases available. Our main runway, 02/20 heading, is 7,620 feet and is capable of handling aircraft over 80,000 lbs. The crosswind runway is just over 4,400 feet long and can handle aircraft around 25,000 lbs. Also available on the field is a concrete pad, 175’ x 275’, for parking military and heavy aircraft.

Express Aviation Services is the fixed-based operator on the field, with many services to offer. Express Aviation has 100LL-AvGas and Jet A with an anti-ice additive, which is supplied through Phillips 66. A certified airframe/power plant mechanic, who is employed by Express Aviation, is willing to travel to get customers running again. Express Aviation also offers car rentals to help customers arrive at their final destination.

Raton Municipal/Crew Field is within driving distance to numerous private hunting/fishing lodges. The NRA Whittington Center is located just across the road from the airport. The Vermejo Park Ranch is also located near the airport, where many hunters and anglers like to visit after flying to Raton. The Express UU Bar Ranch and the Express St. James Hotel, also owned by the owner of Express Aviation, are only a short drive from Crews Field. The historical St. James Hotel offers lodging, dining, and is equipped with the original bar from the late 1800s. The St. James offers a discount to patrons flying into Raton. The UU Bar Ranch is a privately owned lodge, providing hunting and fishing, as well as the great customer service that begins with Express Aviation Services. Raton Municipal/Crews Field Airport and Express Aviation Services welcome all to visit and take advantage of the services offered in Raton. Fly safe, fly Raton!!
Battling ID Theft Takes Concerted Effort
By Mark Medley, ID Theft Resolutions Ltd.

In the state of New Mexico, we have a law in place to help victims of identity theft. The problem we have is that so many people are still unaware of it even though it has been around since 2009. This includes many people within the criminal justice system and law enforcement agencies. The law that I am referring to is the “Identity Theft Passport; Database,” Section 31-26-15 NMSA 1978. Within the statute it states that the Attorney General, in cooperation with the Department of Public Safety and the Motor Vehicle Division of the Taxation and Revenue Department, shall issue an identity theft passport to a person who claims to be a victim of identity theft pursuant to Section 30-16-24. 1 NMSA 1978.

How the program works is: 1) fill out a police report stating your identity was stolen; 2) resubmit the report back to the agency with whom you filled out the report; 3) wait for the agency to upload the information into the New Mexico State ID Theft Victims Database that is housed by the Attorney General’s office. This process usually takes a couple weeks. The Attorney General may provide access to the database only to criminal justice agencies; and 4) once the information is uploaded the victim can then go to a state run MVD and be issued a driver’s license with a “V” endorsement on the back.

How does this help the victim? If their driver’s license or state-issued identification card is run and something they did not do comes up, it will alert the officer to look into it further. In most cases the officer will be able to pull up the mugshot of the person arrested for the crime in question.

Some very good news - help for victims of ID theft is just a phone call away. ID theft victims no longer have to suffer in isolation and feel that they have nowhere to turn to for support.

ID theft Resolutions, Ltd. Is a 501 c(3) nonprofit dedicated exclusively to educating the public, public officials and legislators about the challenges presented by the identity theft phenomenon and how to prevent and respond to ID theft and helping ID theft victims recover their identity and protect their credit. We can be contacted by calling (505) 417-1902 or 1-888-484-9118 or by email at markmedley@idtheftresolutions.org.
To Be an Effective Leader, Be a Lifelong Learner
By Clarence Anthony, CEO & Executive Director, National League of Cities

“It was clear to me that I could have great policy ideas and a keen grasp of budgeting, but if I didn’t develop key leadership skills, I would never be able to lead my colleagues, my constituents, or my city forward.”

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When people hear that I was elected mayor of South Bay, Florida at age 24, they often comment that successfully running for office at such a young age must have been difficult.

“No,” I tell them. “Getting elected was the easy part. Governing was the hard part.”

I am fortunate that the skills it took to get elected came naturally to me. But governing required a different set of skills. Some skills were operational, such as budgeting and planning. Others skills were more policy-oriented. I have a master’s degree in public administration, and I specialized in city growth management, so my education provided me with many of the basic skills I would need to govern.

Once in office, however, I realized that it would take more than an understanding of policy, budgeting and planning to succeed. It would take leadership.

I quickly learned that the most important skills for an elected official — communication, vision, building trust, leading change and collaboration — were personal and organizational skills. It was clear to me that I could have great policy ideas and a keen grasp of budgeting, but if I didn’t develop those key leadership skills, I would never be able to lead my colleagues, my constituents, or my city forward.

Armed with this new realization, I immediately turned to my State League (the Florida League of Cities), the National League of Cities (NLC), and NLC University (NLCU, formerly known as the Leadership Training Institute). Then, as now, NLCU’s courses provided invaluable leadership development skills that I utilized and applied in my professional and personal life. I highly recommend these courses for all elected officials. They are offered online, as pre-conference sessions at both of our annual conferences, or at our Annual Leadership Summit.

One of the most important tenets of leadership I’ve learned in my career is that leadership is a mindset and practice that is applicable to all facets of life, not just one’s professional life. Other mayors and councilmembers have shared stories with me over the years about how they, too, have leveraged their leadership competencies and behaviors to achieve great outcomes in a variety of endeavors.

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I’ve also come to realize that being a leader means recognizing that the process of learning and development never ends. There is always new information to be gained, and there are always new insights to be discovered. As the great management theorist and author Peter Drucker once said, “Knowledge has to be improved, challenged, and increased constantly – or it vanishes.”

As an elected official, I felt that it was my responsibility to my constituents to be a learner – constantly improving, challenging and increasing my knowledge so that it did not vanish. I trust you feel the same way.

Learning of course, takes many shapes; it encompasses more than just engaging in formal classroom education. In fact, most leadership researchers agree that the ratio of formal learning opportunities available (workshops, seminars, classes) to informal learning opportunities (self-study, mentorships, networking, on-the-job experiences, problem solving and feedback) is somewhere around 1:4.

This is not to say that formal learning opportunities are not important. In fact, a formal education is the essential building block of a larger education that is complimented by all types of informal learning opportunities. Informal learning involves applying what was learned in the formal learning setting. It also involves learning from one’s peers, and learning about and incorporating best practices and creative ideas. The National League of Cities and NLCU are essential partners in helping our members become lifelong learners – and thus, more effective local leaders – through both formal and informal learning.

Our members are exposed to the best in-depth research on cities, courtesy of our City Solutions and Applied Research department. In addition, when our members attend NLCU offerings, they take the formal knowledge they’ve acquired for an informal “test drive,” sharing it with their peers and discussing possible applications outside the classroom that can lead to best practices. Armed with a wealth of knowledge that has been acquired in many different ways, our members apply that knowledge to their roles in their professional and personal lives, leading to better outcomes for their communities and citizens.

The National League of Cities has a number of strategic goals, one of which is to “expand the capacity of city officials to serve as ethical, effective and engaged leaders.” It is a goal born of belief and experience – belief in the power of leadership to transform individuals, organizations and communities, and the experience that comes from constantly learning and consistently applying the mindset and practice of leadership to governing.

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