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WINNING COFFEE CO. MOVES TOWARDS BECOMING A CO-OP

The University Heights cornerstone is transitioning into being worker-owned

By Robin Babb



Winning Coffee Co. has been an Albuquerque establishment for 20 years. It's a daily routine for students, professors, street folks, laptop nomads and newspaper-reading, life-advice-giving old townies. It's home to a regular pop-up bookshop (Bradley's Books), a rotating gallery that features local artists, a punk rock open mic night, countless local hands' shows and every other kind of event

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TODAY'S EVENTS



SALUD Y SABOR: CHEF SHOWDOWN FOOD

Thursday, Nov 16: 5:30-7:30pm

National Hispanic Cultural Center

Families connect with nutrition, cooking, healthy lifestyles while honoring the traditional cuisine of Hispanic nations.

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a hangover with some black coffee, eat a breakfast burrito and run into everyone I know.

Now, Winning Coffee is going through some changes. Don't worry—they're not putting in TVs or selling out to some corporate overlord. In fact, they're becoming even more punk rock, if that's possible. They're becoming a worker-owned cooperative.

After several months of taking a financial beating due to the ART construction along Central Ave., the current owner of Winning, Chris Jacobsen, decided that it was time for him to get out of the coffee shop business. When he told the staff that he was considering selling or closing down the shop, they were distraught—and immediately started looking for alternatives. "We started reading up on worker collectives and cooperatives," says Matt Plante, an employee (and owner-to-be) at Winning. "We approached [Jacobsen] and asked if he would give us a chance to find an investor to keep the coffee house in its true form. He was so into the idea, he offered to be our investor and help us transition into a full blown worker co-op."

Of course, this change won't happen overnight. The staff at Winning are hard at work drawing up bylaws and sorting out what their organization will look like. "We hope to be functioning as an independent workers co-op by January 2018, under a lease to be paid off within 5 years," says Plante. It won't be an easy time paying off that lease, but worthwhile things are rarely easy. We all just need to stop by the shop a little more often to chip in with our latte purchases.

To us, the many and varied patrons of Winning Coffee, the transition into a worker's co-op will likely not register as much of a change at all. They'll tweak the food and drink menus a bit, but otherwise, most things will continue on as they have. The workers know they have a good business model and a good shop, and they don't want to

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LOS RANCHOS GROWERS' AND ARTIST MARKET

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Saturday, Nov 18: 7am-noon
Los Ranchos Village Hall

Browse local produce and goods from vendors.

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COOKING IN MICACEOUS POTTERY

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Saturday, Nov 18: Noon-3pm
Indian Pueblo Cultural Center

Discover the utilitarian side of micaceous pottery at this special workshop with artist Martha Romero, a member of the Pueblo of Nambe.

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"We are setting up the cooperative so that we will be here for generations to come," says Plante. "We're looking to keep the coffee house community-minded and a vital part of the University Heights for the next 60 years."

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RESTAURANT REVIEW

STRIKE FORTH FOR TRAIL(ER)S UNKNOWN Trail Rider Pizza

By Hosho McCreesh

Trail Rider Pizza is exactly the kind of kitschy-cool spot you'll want to see to believe.

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AFTERNOON TEA

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Sunday, Nov 19: Noon-2:30pm
Marie's Teas

Enjoy, browse, review, purchase teas from around the world and experience various tea cultures.

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FALL HARVEST AFTERNOON TEA

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Sunday, Nov 19: 1-2:30pm

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COOKING UP CLASSICS**The Home Cook delivers**

The Home Cook has simple, easily memorized recipes made for weeknight dinners or casual gatherings with friends, covering everything from pickled vegetables, to pasta, to grain salads to cocktails.

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ALCHEMY IS EASY ON THE EYE

New confectionary makes sweets that look as good as they taste

From their many-colored quartz point lollipops in flavors like strawberry-basil and horchata de chufa to their piñon and marigold cookies, the self-taught D'Mitri R. Agnes and Jessica Romero create sweets that are unlike anything our city has seen.

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JESSICA ROMERO

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THE ACRE BRINGS ACCESSIBLE FARM-TO-TABLE FOOD TO ALBUQUERQUE

Shawn Weed makes vegetarian comfort food for everyone—not just vegetarians

While I'm a big fan of the farm-to-table trend and the environmental sustainability that it stands for, I'm less thrilled about the pretensions and price tags that tend to come along with it. Which is why it was so refreshing to talk with **Shawn Weed**, the chef and restaurateur who has a vision for accessible farm-to-table food at his new restaurant **The Acre**, opening **Nov. 10** in the Northeast Heights.

INTERVIEW

An autumn-inspired feast served with two teas. Reservation required. Vegetarian options available. Catered by Chez Axel Restaurant.

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Sunday, Nov 19: 2-3:30pm
Albuquerque Open Space
Visitor Center

Bring three to five homemade or homegrown food items to trade.

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THANKSGIVING FEAST

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Thursday, Nov 23: 10am-3pm
Pueblo Harvest Café

A buffet of breakfast dishes like red chile buttermilk biscuits and green chile gravy, oven bread stuffing, sweet potato mash and an array of entrees hot off the carving station. Reservations recommended.

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FOUR AUTUMNAL FOOD EVENTS FOR YOUR GASTRONOMICAL

PLEASURE

This weekend is shaping up to be a real pumpkin spicy one

Here are four awesome autumnal-themed food and drink events going on this weekend: The **8th Annual New Mexico Brew Fest**, the BioPark's **Cider Festival** and **Heritage Farm Harvest Dinner**, plus Wagner Farm's **4th Annual Apple and Pumpkin Festival**.



BEST OF BURQUE RESTAURANTS 2017

Dine In, Speak Out

Each year we ask you, the good citizens what the best restaurants and dishes in town are. We appreciate the time that y'all took to vote in this year's **Best of Burque Restaurants** poll, and we hope that the results will help you figure out where you'll be dining next in our fair city.

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RAIL YARDS MARKET OFFERS INGREDIENT-AND-RECIPE KITS FOR AT-HOME

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Cooking farm-fresh meals for your family is easier than ever

The good people over at the **Rail Yards Market** are creating their own ingredient-and-recipe kits sourced from the farmers and producers that sell at the popular Sunday market.

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MOKTEZU-MART SELLS FRESH LOCAL PRODUCE



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New food market to provide produce, prepared foods and community space near UNM

Introducing **Moktezu-Mart**, an indoor farmer's market that will be open and selling local produce all year round in the Brick Light District.

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