



## Southern New Mexico Music and Dance ~ SNMMD

### “Contra Resolution”

*Make this YOUR New Year's Resolution! DANCE!*

**Friday, Jan 19 Contra Dance** – first dance of the year.  
Lonnie Ludeman calling to the dynamic sounds of the West Texas  
**MULETONES**. Big dance - put it on your calendar and invite friends.



Some of the December dancers -- happy to see so many smiling faces.

We were joined by David Brower on fiddle, back in town from North Carolina, sitting in with Rus in the band. Tim Lewis, also from NC, visiting dad in Silver City and a die-hard contra dancer. Snowbird Susan is back.

Friday's dance details:

Mesilla Community Center, 2251 Calle de Santiago, Mesilla, NM, 7:30 pm intro lessons. Details on the web at [www.snmmds.org](http://www.snmmds.org) or call 575-522-1691.

### **UPCOMING DANCES:**

**Feb 16 BAYOU SECO and Friends from Silver City**

Plan for a Mardi Gras theme, regular contras sprinkled with Cajun two-steps and waltzes at break and a Mardi Gras Grand March. Time to get out your beads and practice your Cajun moves.

**March 16 BIG DITCH CRICKETS** from Silver City

A stage full of hyper-fun musicians – what’s not to love. I’m sure Carol will grace us with some of her calling when she is not on fiddle.

**April 20 CHEAP SHOTS** returns for a third year from Albuquerque

We always love to see them in town.

Big Congratulations are in order for young dancer Sophia Moreno.



From the LC Sun-News Community snapshot in case you miss it:

“**Sophia Moreno** and Jeremiah Woodall of the Desert Clover 4-H Club in Las Cruces received the highest national award for their Team Horse Demonstration, “Training Your Eye,” at the National Western Roundup in Denver on Jan. 7. In the 15-minute presentation about horse

judging, they described how to train one's eye to see the good and bad conformation of a horse, how to judge a class of horses and how to defend one's judgment. They qualified to compete at the national competition by placing first in the New Mexico State 4-H Agriculture Demonstration in July.” We were supporting her 4-H raffle to get her to Nationals and her hard work and preparation paid off. We are all so proud of her! Bet she is showing off her new winners buckle at the dance Friday.

That’s all folks. See you Friday on the dance floor. Julie and Lonnie



The Muletones