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Fun Facts About Natural Gas!

Famous portrait painter Rembrandt Peale was the first person to create a natural gas facility in the United States. In 1816, Peale opened his facility in Baltimore, Maryland. What was his inspiration? Well, his art! Peale had used natural gas to set the mood for his lighting of a gallery for his work. From there, his vision became a reality, which later became an entire industry.

RECIPE: Lemon Tart

Ingredients:

- 3 large eggs
- 1 ¼ cups sugar
- ¼ cup lemon juice
- 1 tablespoon grated orange zest
- ¼ cup butter melted
- 1 ready-made crust
- Optional- confectioners' sugar and fresh raspberries

Directions:

1. Let eggs stand at room temperature for 30 minutes.
2. Preheat oven to 350. Whisk eggs, sugar, lemon juice and orange zest. Whisk in butter until smooth.
3. Pour lemon mixture into crust. Bake until center is almost set, 25-30 minutes. Cool on a wire rack. Just before serving, sprinkle with confectioners' sugar and, if desired, fresh raspberries.



COMMUNITY EVENTS



Ruidoso

May 1st-2nd Smokey Bear Days 50th Anniversary 10am-4pm

Join in on the fun, including a hometown parade at 10am on Saturday (5/2). Annual firefighter challenge, food, vendors, family friendly activities, games, fire prevention & conversation tables and more! For more info visit:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1855262838685312>

May 27th Free Kids Movie at Sierra Cinema The LEGO Movie with showings at 9am, 11:20am, and 1:40pm

May 30th Annual Great High Mountain Bed Race Saturday 10am-2pm

Costumed parade of beds and bed race through Midtown. Winners announced, food, fun and games for all ages at Wingfield Park. For more info contact info@highmountainyouth.org

Hobbs

May 5th, 12th, 19th, and 26th Kids Art Class with Sam Kinney at Center for the Arts \$40 from 3:30pm-5pm For more info visit.

<https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/kids-art-class-1st-through-5th-grade-may--2026>

May 15th Mommy and Me Cupcake and Sip 6pm at the Youth Center in Lovington \$30 per pair +\$5 per additional child

Treat your mom to a delightful evening filled with laughter, delicious treats, music, and activities. 115 Ave O in Lovington.

For more info call. 575-739-3339

Las Cruces

May 3rd Mesilla Valley Chorale's Spring concert "I Hear America Singing" at the Rio Grande Theatre 3pm. Doors open at 2:30pm. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchase at the door or online at <https://www.mesillavalleychorale.org/>

May 8th Mesilla Valley Concert Band "British Invasion" 3pm at the Atkinson Recital Hall, NMSU Campus

May 28th Free Concert by Young at Heart Chorus 3011 Buena Vida Circle at 2pm Songs in the program include Oklahoma, As Time Goes by, Red Sails in the Sunset, Sunny Side of the Street and many more. For more info call 262-490-7968

Reminder: All information was gathered online through local city hall and chamber of commerce websites and is subject to change. Please contact the appropriate office to confirm details. This section is for local, non-partisan, non-religious, non-profit messages. Preference given to nonprofits. Submit by the 10th to arascon@zngc.com for inclusion in next month's edition. Thank you!

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Consumers Want Access to Affordable, Reliable Natural Gas

Choice. It's something consumers value when making decisions about where to move. The ability to choose things like how to heat their homes or cook their favorite meals is a treasured right for many homebuyers and homeowners. From the kitchen to the laundry room, customers regularly seek the benefits that natural gas offers, including affordability, reliability, and the benefits of a gourmet kitchen home cooked meal. The choice of how a home is fueled is one that will have a significant impact on a person's day-to-day life, which is why integrating natural gas options into homes is a smart move for builders.

Households that use natural gas for heating, cooking and clothes drying save an average of \$1,132 per year compared to their all-electric counterparts. The price of natural gas is projected to be 30-50% lower than the price of other fuels through 2050, preserving those energy savings long term. Additionally, an Energy Star natural gas household could have a carbon footprint that is 16% lower than an Energy Star heat pump and 28% lower emissions compared to an electrical resistance furnace. Carbon dioxide emissions from residences using natural gas for space heating, water heating, cooking and clothes drying is about 18% lower than those attributable to an all-electric home.



There is also a reason why 96% of chefs prefer cooking with natural gas, beyond the aesthetics appreciated by high-end customers. A natural gas stove allows for remarkable speed, efficiency and control on the cooktop. According to a 2021 study by the National Association of Home Builders, 51% of home buyers prefer to cook with gas. Cooking with natural gas is faster than electric alternatives, and busy parents appreciate the ability to boil water rapidly for quick boxed mac and cheese, saving precious time and reducing the burden of meal prep. Experienced home chefs who want to try their hand at professional techniques benefit greatly from the control and precision of a natural gas burner.

In addition to the money saved each year by having natural gas in the home, the startup costs of building an all-electric home are decidedly high. A 2021 study conducted by the Home Innovation Research Labs found that building an all-electric house can cost up to \$15,000 in additional up-front costs compared to a house with natural gas equipment and appliances. Builders should be able to weigh the cost benefit of building a house with natural gas hook ups and in turn, present home buyers with energy options.

More than 189 million Americans currently use natural gas appliances, a number that continues to grow—in 2023 alone we saw growth of 763,000 new customers. People appreciate having the option of choosing natural gas – while not all areas have access to natural gas infrastructure, most customers who live in an area where natural gas is an option choose it. In today's competitive housing market, natural gas options give builders and sellers a distinct advantage. There are real and practical paths to energy efficiency and a net-zero emissions future, but without natural gas as an option, consumers would be deprived of choice when it comes to affordable and reliable energy.

Source: <https://www.aga.org/consumers-want-access-to-affordable-reliable-natural-gas/>



Zia Natural Gas would like to wish you a very happy Mother's Day!



This office will be closed Monday, May 25th 2026 in observation of Memorial Day



We honor and remember those who have given their lives in service for our country.

