

Meet your neighbor: Rachel Courtney



Rachel Courtney (Courtesy photo)

Rachel Courtney, 33, is the marketing director at Horse 'N' Hound Feed 'N' Supply. She is a graduate of Oñate High School, New Mexico State University with a degree in journalism and mass communication and minor in linguistics, and Doña Ana Community College with a degree in graphics technology. In the fall, Courtney will be teaching her first class at DACC.

1. What was the first car you owned? 1992 Mercury Tracer
2. What's your favorite restaurant in the area? It's a toss-up between Andele Restaurant and Aqua Reef.
3. What do you have on your iPod right now? I love country music, especially Brad Paisley, and classic rock like Supertramp, Queen and Elton John.
4. What's your favorite movie? Favorite book or author? Depending on my mood: "Elf" or "Sherlock Holmes." I read for relaxation, so I enjoy Janet Evanovich, Jennifer Weiner and Jane Green.
5. If you could live anywhere in the world, where would it be? Wherever my husband Joel lives.
6. If you could time-travel to any place or time in history, where would you go? I'd love to travel back to when my parents and grandparents were young, just to see them as children. Then, maybe check in again when they are the age I am.
7. What super power would you like to have? Teleportation.
8. What's your favorite sports team? Aggies, Green Bay Packers.
9. If you won the lottery, what would you do? Pay off my debts and buy a new car. Treat my family as well as they treat me.
10. What do you do with your free time? Crochet blankets for Project Linus, make things to sell on my Etsy site and create crafts which I feature on my blog rachelcourtney.wix.com/home.

11. Are you involved in any clubs or groups? Project Linus, NETWorks of Las Cruces.
12. If you could magically add one thing to Las Cruces, what would it be? It's a toss-up between an obstacle course where my dogs could do agility training for free and another dog park within walking distance of my house.
13. What's your favorite annual event in Las Cruces/Mesilla? Project Linus' Make a Blanket Day - the next one is March 14, 2015.
14. What was your nearest brush with fame? I've met Johnathan Taylor Thomas at a car show in the '90s, Gen. Wesley Clark in 2004 and Sam Donaldson in 2011.
15. What do you consider your greatest achievement? Making more than 200 blankets for Project Linus in the past 12 years. These blankets go to 44 local organizations including La Casa, the hospitals, the Doña Ana County Sheriff's Office and the Las Cruces Fire Department.
16. What's one thing people would be surprised to know about you? I'm a vegetarian, but I don't care if you eat meat. I cook some amazing ribs.
17. Do you have any pets? We have two Labrador/German shepherd mix dogs, Max and Kara, littermates who are 5 years old.
18. Do you collect anything? Why? Yes, I collect fonts. You never know when you will need a specific one.
19. When you cook, what's your specialty? Lemon meringue pie, vegetarian sloppy joes, delicious salad.