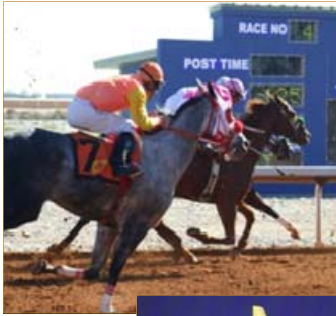




Quality of Life

Lea County is a great place to work and to live, hosting an array of outdoor, indoor, and multi-cultural events and activities – all designed to keep residents engaged and visitors coming back including performing and visual arts, museums and exhibits, gaming, horse racing, water parks, walking trails, auto racing, and national and regional athletic tournaments.



Hobbs is known as the soaring capital of the world, and is the headquarters of the Soaring Society of America and attracts hobbyist and competitive flyers from all over the globe. Since 2006, more than a half dozen new hotels, each with 70 to 125 rooms, have vastly expanded the Greater Hobbs Area's capacity to lodge visitors, accommodate business travelers, and host conferences and events including the Southwest Symphony and other community performing groups.



Eunice has many community activities for the whole family, including out-door movies, parades, street dances, carnivals, holiday celebrations and more. These activities take place in various parks around the city. Eunice also has an active Youth Center, an award-winning Library, a thriving Senior Center, affordable Golf Courses, rodeo grounds, and a pool with waterslides.

Jal lake Park offers a 10-acre recreational oasis in the desert with a man made lake which actually spells out the name of the city. Tennis, basketball, and sand volleyball among other activities are available at the park. Jal also hosts several community events including the Cowboy Days Festivities, Jal-o-rama, and a fourth of July Celebration.



Lovington has a variety of parks including Chaparral Park, which offers 80 acres to play, fish, jog, and picnic. Every July Chaparral Park hosts the nationally recognized "World's Greatest Lizard Race." Lovington is also home to a new Aquatic Facility with waterslides, the Lea County Museum, the Historic Lea Theater, and local shops. In addition to the wonderful assortment of parks, there is also the Lovington Activity Center for youth and families.



Lovington hosts a broad spectrum of activities for the whole family, from Fourth of July Celebrations, to the County Fair and Rodeo, to the annual Electric Lights Parade in December.

Tatum has a park, a community building, and a community library. In addition, they are within driving distance for the following activities: soaring, golfing, rodeos, hiking, camping, snow skiing and boating. Nearby attractions include: Soaring Society of America National Headquarters, Lea County Cowboy Hall of Fame, Ruidoso Downs Horse Racing, Zia Park and Black Gold Casino, Ski Apache Ski Area, Lincoln National Forest, Bottomless Lakes State park, Historic Lincoln town, Carlsbad Caverns, White Sands, Malpais Lava Flows, Mexico and much more.

