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‘Green’ food, new menus, locally roasted brews

Ranch, wineries and cafés offer new choices in Cochise County

COCHISE COUNTY, Ariz. (July 21, 2008) – Visitors have new food and beverage options in Cochise County with a ‘green’ menu at **Sunglow Ranch** in Pearce, a new chef at **Coronado Vineyards** in Willcox and **Café Sierra**, a new Internet café at Sierra Vista’s Public Library.

Sunglow Ranch adopts sustainable practices, opens Café to off-property guests

Sunglow Ranch, through its Sunglow Café, is adopting sustainable environmental practices. A member of the Green Restaurant Association, Sunglow is redesigning its menu to feature organic and natural foods. It will serve the new “green” menu when it reopens at the end of August. It will purchase high-quality, in-season produce from local area farms whenever possible to reduce the ranch’s carbon footprint. It is also incorporating sustainable energy practices. This summer, they installed 150-gallon catchments on each of their nine casitas, which capture rainfall that is used to water plants. Sunglow Ranch is also planning to add solar power and incorporate other green practices. **Info:** Sunglow Ranch, 1-866-786-4569, 520-824-3334, www.sunglowranch.com.

Coronado Vineyards begins dinner service with Chef Garry

Coronado Vineyards introduces Chef Garry, who will be serving dinner every Friday evening. Menus are posted on the website. Sunday champagne brunches and lunch Tuesdays through Saturdays with views of the vineyard. Coronado will also hold its Annual Grape Stomp on Aug. 23 & 24. The vineyard features a tasting room with 10 wines. Its gift shop features Arizona-grown produce. **Info:** 2909 E. Country Club Drive, Willcox, Ariz. 520-384-2993 or www.CoronadoVineyards.com.

Café Sierra opened in Sierra Vista’s Public Library in April. Serving breakfast and lunch daily, the café features locally roasted coffees, baked goods and treats. While dining, Café Sierra customers can also access the library’s free wireless Internet. **Info:** 2600 E. Tacoma Street, Sierra Vista, 520-458-2929

Located in southeastern Arizona, Cochise County is one of the most culturally, historically and geographically diverse areas in the American Southwest. Its legendary communities—Benson, Bisbee, Douglas, Tombstone, Sierra Vista and Willcox—were strategically located less than a day’s journey by stagecoach and are now just a short drive from one another.

For more information about Cochise County, contact the Cochise County Tourism Council at 1-800-862-5273 or visit their website at www.explorecochise.com.

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