From the website “Hot Times, Cool Places” by John Kremer (http://www.traveltriviatime.com/newmexicofamous.htm) this is a list of people who were “born in New Mexico or spent important time in New Mexico.” Sometimes the connection is very small—use judgement.

Ben Abruzzo, balloonist
Ansel Adams, photographer
Larry Ahrens, radio talk show host
Paul Allen, founder of Microsoft
Clay Allison, outlaw
Rudolfo Anaya, author
Dianne Anderson, radio talk show host
Lynn Anderson, country singer
Maxie Anderson, balloonist
Johnson Antonio, woodcarver
Manuel Armijo, New Mexico governor
Elfego Baca, lawman
Jimmy Santiago Baca, author
Josef Bakos, painter
Patrocinio Barela, woodcarver
David Barsky, storyteller and author
Maria Benetiz, flamenco dancer
Charles Bent, New Mexico governor
Oscar Berninghaus, artist
Hans Bethe, physicist
Jeff Bingaman, U.S. senator
Sarah Bird, novelist
Michael Blake, novelist
Ernest Blumenschein, artist
William Bonney (aka Henry McCarty, Henry Antrim, and Billy the Kid), outlaw
Kent Bostick, Olympic cyclist
Richard Bradford, novelist
Nacio Herb Brown, songwriter
J. B. Bryan, publisher, La Alameda Books
Alice Bullock, folklorist
Ralph Bunche, Nobel Peace Prize winner
Glen Campbell, singer
T. C. Canon, artist
Cathy Carr, Olympic swimmer
Lena Carr and A. A. Carr, filmmakers
Kit Carson, explorer and lawman
Willia Cather, novelist and short story writer
Dennis Chavez, U.S. senator
Fray Angelico Chavez, author
Maurus Chino, founder of the Southwest Indigenous Alliance
Jan Clayton, actress
Cochise, Apache chief
Buffalo Bill Cody, wild west showman

Henry Connelly, New Mexico governor
E. Irving Couse, artist
Bob Crosby, rodeo cowboy
Francisco Cuervo y Valdes, provisional Spanish governor
Ram Dass (Richard Alpert), psychologist and spiritual leader
Juan Bautista de Anza, New Mexico governor
Clarita Garcia de Aranda, flamenco dancer
Ezequiel de Baca, first Hispanic governor in U.S.
Francisco Vázquez de Coronado, explorer
Antonio de Oterman, New Mexico governor
Don Pedro de Peralta, New Mexico governor
Álvar Núñez Cabeza de Vaca, explorer
Diego de Vargas, New Mexico governor
David DeWitt, novelist
Trent Dimas, Olympic gymnast
Mabel Dodge, heiress, author, and literary philanthropist
Pete Domenici, U.S. senator
Long John Dunn, entrepreneur
W. Herbert “Buck” Dunton, artist
Fremont Ellis, painter
Joaquin Encinias, director
Marisol Encinias, flamenco dancer
Jim Everett, football player
Richard Farnsworth, actor
Nicolai Fechin, artist
Enrico Fermi, physicist
Bobby Foster, boxer
Clifford Fragua, artist
Drew Gaffney, astronaut
Jose Manuel Gallegos, U.S. representative
Miguel Gandert, photographer
Pat Garrett, sheriff
Bill Gates, founder of Microsoft
Murray Gell-Mann, Nobel prize-winning physicist
Geronimo, Apache chief
Robert H. Goddard, developed world’s first liquid-fuel rocket
Glenna Goodacre, sculptress
Edward Gonzales, artist
R. C. Gorman, artist
Sidney Gutierrez, astronaut
Gene Hackman, actor
Donald Hamilton, mystery writer
William Hanna, cartoonist
Neil Patrick Harris, actor
Elizabeth Case-Harwood and Burt Harwood, art patrons
Edward Hatch, general
Tony Hillerman, novelist
Conrad Hilton, founder of Hilton hotels
Buddy Holly, singer
Burl Ives, musician
Will James, Western legend
Janis Joplin, singer
Mike Judge, creator of Beavis and Butt-head
Stephen Watts Kearny, general
Charles Kennedy, Western legend
Jan Kerouac, author
Black Jack Ketchum, train robber
Vai Kilmer, actor
Ralph Kiner, baseball player
J. Z. Knight, channeler of Ramtha
Oliver LaFarge, novelist
Bishop Lamy, Catholic bishop
Octaviano Larrazolo, U.S. senator and first naturalized American and Hispanic to serve as a senator
D. H. Lawrence, novelist
Timothy Leary, psychologist and drug experimenter
John Lewis, founder of Modern Jazz Quartet
Samuel Lewis, Sufi teacher
Ottmar Liebert, composer and guitarist
Milton Livingston, builder of Cyclotron
Gregory Lomayesva, artist
Nancy Lopez, golfer
Mabel Dodge Lujan, author
Manuel Lujan Jr., U.S. secretary of interior
Solomon Luna, Valencia County politician
Douglas MacArthur, general
Tommy MacDonald, football player
Mangas, Apache chief
Agnes Martin, artist
George R.R. Martin, science fiction and fantasy novelist
Maria and Julian Martinez, potters
Padre Martinez, social reformer who also brought the first printing press to New Mexico
Bill Mauldin, political cartoonist
George McJunkin, discoverer of Folsom Man
Mark Medoff, novelist
George Mendoza, blind athlete
Don Meredith, football player
Roger Miller, singer and songwriter
Edgar D. Mitchell, astronaut
Flores Mogollon, Spanish governor
Scott Momaday, novelist
Demi Moore, actress
Jim Morrison, singer, The Doors
Walter Mruk, painter
Michael Martin Murphy, country singer
Ty Murray, rodeo champion
Roy Nakayama, chile developer
Nana, Apache chief
Willard Nash, painter
Bruce Nauman, artist
Ralph Neely, football player
Francine Neff, U.S. secretary of the treasury
John Nichols, novelist
Jack Nicholson, actor
Georgia O’Keeffe, painter
Juan de Oñate, explorer
Steve Ontiveros, baseball player
J. Robert Oppenheimer, head of Manhattan Project which developed atomic bomb
Katherine Ortega, U.S. treasurer
Simon Ortiz, poet
Virgil Ortiz, artist
Concha Oritiz y Pino Kleven, woman legislator
Louis Owens, novelist
Sheldon Parsons, painter
Albino Perez, New Mexico governor
Don Perkins, football player
John (Blackjack) Pershing, general
Bert Phillips, artist
Waite Phillips, oilman
Slim Pickens, actor
Jim Plunkett, football player
Frederick Pohl, science fiction novelist
Po’pay, led the 1680 Pueblo Revolt
Eliot Porter, nature photographer
Bart Prince, architect
LeBaron Bradford Prince, New Mexico governor
Ernie Pyle, World War II correspondent
Godfrey Reggio, director
Eugene Manlove Rhodes, author
Bill Richardson, New Mexico governor
Holly Roberts, photographer
John Maddox Roberts, novelist
Julia Roberts, actress
Charmayne James Rodman, barrel racer
Millicent Rogers, designer and art patron
Susan Rothenberg, artist
Fred Saberhagen, science fiction novelist
Eva Encinias Sandoval, dancer and founder, National Institute of Flamenco
Peter & Paul Sarkisian, artists
Jack Schaefer, novelist
Harrison J. Schmitt, astronaut and U.S. senator
Ernest Thompson Seton, author, naturalist, artist, and co-founder of the Boy Scouts
Joseph Sharp, artist
Connie Shelton, novelist
Will Shuster, painter
Hampton Sides, novelist
Leslie Marmon Silko, novelist
Marc Simmons, historian
Mike Smith, jockey
Teresa Kalab Smith, children's book author and illustrator
Smokey the Bear
Erick Southwick, rodeo champion
Frank Springer,
Roger Staubach, football player
Alfred Stieglitz, photographer
Slim Summerville, Keystone cop
Roxanne Swentzell, potter
Leo Szilard, physicist
Luci Tapahonso, poet
Edward Teller, physicist
Clyde Tombaugh, astronomer and discover of Pluto
Miguel Trujillo, Isleta Pueblo activist
Tom Udall, U.S. representative
Stanislaw Ulam, mathematician
Al Unser, race car driver
Al Unser Jr., race car driver
Bobby Unser, race car driver
Judith Van Gieson, mystery novelist
Woody and Steina Vasulka, artists
Pablita Velarde, painter
Cuerno Verde, Comanche chief
Victorio, Apache chief
Lew Wallace, novelist, general, and territorial governor
Alton Walpole, filmmaker
Erika Wanenmaker, artist
Duane Ward, baseball player
Frank Waters, author
Bill Watterson, cartoonist
Richard Wetherill, leader of first expedition party to excavate Chaco Canyon
Eugene Wigner, mathematician
Jack Williamson, science fiction novelist
Heather Wilson, U.S. representative
Joe Wilson, ambassador
Valerie Plame Wilson, CIA analyst
Scott Wiseman, animator
Ellen Wood, author
Summer Woods, novelist
Henrietta Wyeth, painter