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Questa's Got Talent! A Smashing Success

By MALAQUIAS RAE, JR.

Questa's Got Talent! on March 21st, was a big success and a lot of fun. The event was held at the QHS gymnasium and sponsored by the Questa Mariachi Booster Club. Questa Schools Music Director Elizabeth Williams coordinated the event. Friends and family were entertained by 13 performances and fed by six chile cook-off participants. It started at 5:30 PM with a chile cook-off. Judges paid only \$6.00 to sample the green or red chile entries. Entrants were Danette Rael who won the prize with her green chile with pork, and Isaiah Ortega (green chile, pork and saffron), Frank Gallegos of the Knights of Columbus (red chile with ground beef) Flavio Cisneros (green chile stew), Mary Jo Kelly (red chile with venison and kidney bean), and Sharon Quintana (red chile with pork). Everyone was a winner who got to eat their chile!

Entertainment started at 6:30 PM with Mariachi Questa performing three songs. The talent competition contestants ranged from 8 to 18 years of age and featured music, singers and acrobatic performances. Staci Gonzales and Jo Bailon started with the song Riptide. Sierra Ortiz and Chanell Vigil performed a tumbling



Photo by Malaquias Rael, Jr.

Mariachi Questa performs at Questa's Got Talent! QHS music director, Elizabeth Williams shown conducting

routine called New Rules. Sierra Ortiz followed with a song called Lost Boy. Angelica Lovato sang Stay and also played the keyboard. Marlena Vallejos and Ana Hernandez sang Talking to the Moon. Serenity and Estrella Hernandez sang Angel. Deanna Overby sang All That Matters Now. Brian Garcia, Jr. was accompanied by his dad, Brian Sr. to perform La

Llorona. The trio of Maliyah Dominguez and Analea and Aubrey Cisneros sang Fight Song. Josh Waltz play two songs with his string and electric guitars, Inland and Lost Plot. Marissa Ortiz performed a dance routine called Black Magic Little Mix. The band No Signal performed two rock songs, Team Spirit by Nirvana and an original piece called How the World Goes.

First place went to the band No Signal Jocelyn Gutierrez (lead singer and rhythm guitar), Matthew Vasquez (lead guitarist), Abran Martinez (drummer), and Malachi Romero (bass guitar). Angelica Lovato took home second place and Brian Garcia Jr. followed with third place. The trio of Maliyah, Analea and Aubrey rounded off the event with fourth place. All who performed and participated were winners that night!

A silent auction was also held with donations from businesses from Questa, Red River and Taos. Auctioned off was everything from jewelry, barbecue kits and restaurant meals. The UNM Taos Digital Media Arts Dept. filmed the event, thanks to media instructor Peter Walker and student Noah Yacko.

Proceeds for the event will be used to attend the Mariachi Spectacular Conference this summer in Albuquerque. The Mariachi Booster Club is grateful to all who participated and attended. A very special thank you goes out to the businesses who donated for the silent auction and the great prizes. (See page 20 for participating businesses) Here's looking forward to next year's Questa's Got Talent! Show.

April is Volunteer Month

by SHARON NICHOLSON

It's gratifying to live and work in a small, rural community like Questa. For organizations in our community to work effectively, we must have volunteers! The schools, fire departments, Questa Creative Council, Farmer's Market, the newspaper, AND the library!

At the Questa Library, we recognize the contributions of two groups of volunteers: The Friends of the Questa Public Library as well as the valuable folks who assist in our day-to-day operations.

"The Friends" of the Questa Public Library is a 501c3 (non-profit) organization whose mission is to raise funds for

the library. It makes possible the library programs we enjoy such as the Friday STEAM programs for kids, computer classes, the Wildcat Kitty Club, and Dropped Stitch to name a few. "Friends" also pays for books and DVDs for our collection and supports the purchase of special collections and equipment. They

raise funds for these programs by having book sales, bake sales, trunk sales, designating the FQPL for charitable contributions at Smiths and Amazon, and writing grants. AND they are all volunteers.

Volunteers Gail Clancy and

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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR – IN HONOR OF EARTH DAY

Manifesto: The Mad Farmer Liberation Front

(second half)

Ask the questions that have no answers.

Invest in the millennium. Plant sequoias.

Say that your main crop is the forest

that you did not plant,

that you will not live to harvest.

Say that the leaves are harvested

when they have rotted into the mold.

Call that profit. Prophecy such returns.

Put your faith in the two inches of humus

that will build under the trees

every thousand years.

Listen to carrion – put your ear

close, and hear the faint chattering

of the songs that are to come.

Expect the end of the world. Laugh.

Laughter is immeasurable. Be joyful

though you have considered all the facts.

So long as women do not go cheap

for power, please women more than men.

Ask yourself: Will this satisfy

a woman satisfied to bear a child?

Will this disturb the sleep

of a woman near to giving birth?

Go with your love to the fields.

Lie down in the shade. Rest your head

in her lap. Swear allegiance

to what is nearest your thoughts.

As soon as the generals and the politicians

can predict the motions of your mind,

lose it. Leave it as a sign

to mark the false trail, the way

you didn't go.

Be like the fox

who makes more tracks than necessary,

some in the wrong direction.

Practice resurrection.

Wendell Berry

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Hi, Just wanted to say congrats on
1 year! Also, the edition this month is
VERY rich and full of great articles and
info. Nice work.

LUCAS M. RAE
PRESIDENT AMBITIONS
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Dear Editor, I read the March issue
of the paper and once again I'm so
impressed – you've done such an off-
the-charts job with that paper. I read the
fine print and was excited to learn of the
Solutions Journalism Network. Wow –
what an incredible thing to exist!

ISHA HADDIGAN

You all work so hard on that paper.
But OHHHHH is it worth it for those of
us who benefit!!! Everyone I talk to loves
our paper.

ELLEN WOOD

It is my opinion that the Environ-
mental Protection Agency (EPA) should
not grant permission to the Questa
Chevron mine to use the dreadful tail-
ings lagoon atop the Village of Questa
as a permanent resting dump ground
for its evil arsenic chemical pollutant, a
poison to human kind and animal life.
Covering the disturbed mined refuse
with topsoil is a barren sham. In the long
term, the Lagoon is a marker, intentional
or unintentional, the end result will be
genocide– a deliberate destruction of a
people and their culture. For example,

cancers, cataracts, radiation and symp-
toms of other health maladies develop
slowly. The environmental health of the
Ogallala underground water aquifer is
also at risk.

The pollutants will affect not only
the local area but also the Rio Grande
River whose life water flows all the way
down to Santa Fe, Albuquerque, and
south to Mexico. This fact is hardly ever
mentioned or discussed. We are told that
a special blanket was placed beneath the
tailings, but its lifespan is questionable.
How long before it will begin to leak its
calamity?

In addition, when the molecular and
micro-genealogy of the mountain body
were disturbed by the mining operation,
what other impurities were released–
radiation, gases, radium, radon? Why
are people losing their teeth? Radiation
causes cataracts and cancer. Children
and seniors are most at risk. Many vil-
lagers purchase their drinking water,
afraid to drink it. Who will be held ac-
countable for the liability when residents
become ill? Questa residents are already
experiencing weird health symptoms.

The only life-saving solution is to
completely remove all tailings from the
lake and return them to the abyss where
they originated, in the pit for the mine
tunnels! In retrospect, the company
must in turn be thanked for all the jobs
and aid to the economy of New Mexico
and its people, but please, do not nickel
and dime us. Chevron would not have
made all that dinero without us, the
workers.

Sincerely,
ARNO E. CORDOVA–
A FIFTH GENERATION NATIVE OF
QUESTA, NEW MEXICO



**Questa Del Rio News
Welcomes Red River
Correspondent
Shelby Werley!**

Shelby moved to Red River
2 ½ years ago and is the
Executive Director of the Red
River Chamber of Commerce.
She loves Red River and loves
our paper. Thank you, Shelby,
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Questa Selected As Site For New Luxury Hotel

By LINDSAY MAPES

The Taj Mahal Hotel Group of Mumbai, India has identified Questa as the site of their next luxury hotel. The Taj Mahal is one of the world's most iconic buildings and one of the New Seven Wonders of the World. The original was built in the mid-1600's for the beautiful wife of Shah Jahan, Mumtaz Maha. The 42-acre complex is a giant mausoleum for Mumtaz, the Shah's favorite wife, who died in childbirth with their 14th child.

The Taj Mahal Hotel Group has been searching for a site for their latest property in the American Southwest for 13 months. After tense negotiations with President Trump and the Village

of Questa, they have settled on Questa. President Trump was enthusiastic about Questa because there will be no competition between the planned Trump Towers in Denver and Santa Fe, which he will announce after he completes his Presidential term and is allowed to again participate in business activities openly.

The Taj Mahal Questa is slated to break ground at the top of Flag Mountain in August of this year. Instead of the iconic white marble, the building will pay homage to the area's natural resources and constructed entirely of molybdenum and mud, with local pine rafters. The hotel will offer much-needed conference facilities for up to 2000 people. Negotiations are underway with the Village of Questa Parks and Recreation



Courtesy Photo

for a joint use agreement for public use of the hotel's olympic sized swimming pool.

Instead of a mosque with 4 pirouettes as the Taj Mahal's identifying feature, the complex will include a Catholic Church with two 1,000-foot bell towers. The

Pope will be present for the dedication, scheduled for Summer 2021.

With jobs so desperately needed in their home country, the Taj Mahal Questa will import 99% of their workers from Mumbai and Delhi, all except the toilet bowl cleaners who will be hired locally. Expecting around 250 new residents in Questa proper by next summer, the Questa Lodging Project is ramping up operations to provide home rentals to the new families.

If you have a home you would like to rent out, or if you have a vacant home and would like free construction money to renovate it as a rental property, please contact the Questa Lodging Project at 586-2258. (This part is no joke, unlike the rest of this article - April Fools!)

Off Season In Red River

By SHELBY WERLEY

After the Red River Ski and Summer Area closes for the season in late March, Red River finally takes a deep breath and slows down for a couple months. The locals and business owners see this as a much-needed break to relax after another successful winter season. They take this time to switch over winter merchandise to summer and get their storefronts ready for the busy summer season starting in mid-May.

While many locals take this month to go on vacation, some tourists take this month to come to Red River. Many enjoy the town at one of its quietest times during the year. April is considered to be "Mud Season" but that does not limit the activities to do in Red River! You can still gold pan in Pioneer Creek, fly fish in the Red River, and go snowshoeing on one of the many



Courtesy Photo

trails in the area. If you're more of a thrill seeker, take a snowmobile up to Greenie Peak, and once the snow starts melting, take a Jeep and have the entire trail to yourself.

Many stores will have spring sales to help switch merchandise over to

summer. The shops tend to have a very limited number of hours, but this is a good time to stop by and see what deals on winter gear you might be able to grab. Some restaurants will begin their summer menus, so it is a perfect time to visit Red River and eat at some places you may not have during the winter. The Red River Visitors Center puts out a list each off-season to let guests know which restaurants are open and when, so be sure to stop by there or the Chamber of Commerce office when you come to Red River.

Off-season is not for everyone, but if you enjoy the peace and quiet, it's for you! If you prefer the hustle and bustle that Red River normally has, then come visit us in May and see all that we have to offer all summer long.

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Iris Herbal: Smelling Good

By TANYA BADGER

Have you noticed the beautiful new colorful sign for Iris Herbal on the highway in El Rito just north of Questa? I always wondered what that sign was about. I was privileged to sit down with Cathy Hope, owner of Iris Herbal, to find out more about her holistic care business. Cathy is an herbalist and environmentalist who has brought her knowledge, agricultural experience, resources and sustainability practices to our community through her herb business. Cathy Hope has been part of our community since 1988 when she moved just north of Questa to El Rito.

Cathy was born in Ohio and made her way throughout the East as a potter, produce manager, organic landscaper, and researcher, then in 1982 started her herbal business. She discovered Northern New Mexico when she attended a conference at the Lama Foundation. Cathy wanted to continue her business after she moved here and wanted to learn about her new home. She knew she had to educate herself on how to sustain a rural lifestyle here, very different from the urban east coast. Cathy engaged herself in her new community and did everything she could to understand and preserve the historically rich culture that she chose to join.

Cathy discovered that in the early 1920's her home was once a dairy farm with apple orchards and chickens and was later a potato farm. History also informed her that Highway 522 was once a major trade route from Taos to the Colorado front range back when this area was part of Mexico.

Cathy next had to learn how to survive here and how to continue her herbal business. Cathy credits Moises Sanchez,



Herbalist Cathy Hope at her business in El Rito, Iris Herbal.

Sr., a well-respected local rancher and Jack Yapple, a well-known local garlic farmer, for teaching her how to garden in our dry climate and for sharing their wisdom on agriculture in our community. During this time Cathy also gave back to the community by assisting in an adult literacy program in Questa and

tutoring Questa High School students. She has also worked with Virgil Martinez and Kit Carson Electric Co-op as a member of their solar committee. And we will soon see the fruits of those labors when the solar array goes up on the west side of Highway 522.

Today, Cathy has bloomed her

business through sustainable, ethical business practices, holding our common resources such as water in the highest regard. She reuses grey water and utilizes six water catchment cisterns for collecting rain to water her gardens. She protects and nourishes herbal picking areas (such as wild arnica up in the mountains), and uses solar power as much as possible (both active and passive).

Iris Herbal is all about aromatherapy, offering salves, liniments, and holistic skin care using essential oils (and those are sold individually as well). CBD products are a new addition. Cathy is currently focusing on a holistic approach to help folks knowledgeably use CBD products, both internally and externally. Our endocannabinoid system is affected by stress, environmental toxins, and other factors. Cathy quotes industry leaders regarding CBD products, "Amid all the hype around cannabidiol, better understanding of the endocannabinoid system, sources, dosage, and research is overdue." And she will bend your ear about what she has learned!

Cathy has a great deal of expertise with herbs, oils, and holistic health using the resources provided by nature. She is environmentally conscious and understands how precious our natural resources are. She knows how to preserve those resources and still ethically run a successful local business. For more information, please call Cathy Hope at 575.586.1802 or visit her website at <https://irisherbal.com/>. Check out Iris Herbal on Facebook!

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El Rito Artist Jill Ansell: Women of the World Mural

On March 8th, International Women's Day, there was a Ribbon Cutting & Dedication ceremony for the Women of the World Mural in Madera, California. This 40-foot mural was originally painted in 1998 by the inmates of Valley State Prison for Women in Chowchilla, CA. The project was organized and facilitated by Jill Ansell, an artist and

psychotherapist, who now lives in the El Rito area north of Questa.

When the prison changed to a men's prison in 2012, the mural was taken down and later given to Madera County Arts Council for restoration and display. The Arts Council relocated and specifically looked for a place that had room to display the mural. With grant funding

and private donations, staff and volunteers worked to restore and install the mural. El Rito artist Jill Ansell worked with the women at this prison through a grant from the William James Association. Jill was active as an artist-educator in the California prisons through grants from the California Arts Council for approximately ten years. During that time,

she facilitated multiple programs where inmates had access to the visual arts and learned how to design and paint murals. She witnessed an increased sense of self-esteem and hope among the inmates who participated. In an environment where there is an intense dialogue between punishment and rehabilitation, the arts served to heal.



Courtesy Photo Madera County Arts Council

Women of the World a 40 foot mural, facilitated by El Rito artist, Jill Ansell. Originally painted in 1998 by inmates of Valley State Women's Prison in California, it was taken down when it was turned into a men's facility. On International Women's Day, March 8th, it was dedicated at a new location in Madera, CA.

Cultural Energy Radio KCEI 90.1 FM Comes to Questa!

Listen to some exciting new radio programming about Questa on KCEI, Cultural Energy Radio. Go to their webpage (below) and scroll down to March 2019. Click on either Twirl in Questa or Questa Paper Anniversary for two great interviews by Lisa Fox, who has been living in the Questa area for over 25 years. Beginning later in the spring Lisa will be producing and hosting a radio show called "Voices from Questa and Beyond." Lisa is getting back into radio after a 13-year hiatus and welcomes the opportunity to work with Questa Del Rio News to highlight all the wonderful things that are happening in this part of Northern Taos

County (NoTaCo).

"Some of you may remember my radio show on KRZA, *Farming through the Seasons*. I am starting new shows soon and you can also find an intro for my new shows at the same link! Please feel free to get in touch if you like, my e-mail is swcfox@icloud.com". Thank you, Lisa, from all of us at Questa Del Rio News, we will look forward to hearing more from you soon!

<http://www.culturalenergy.org/listenlinks.htm> scroll down to March 2019 and click on *Twirl in Questa* or *Questa Paper Anniversary*, two fun radio interviews by Lisa Fox on KCEI fm, Cultural Energy.



Photo by Lindsay Mapes

Lino Trujillo, Questa resident and artist, has created lighted metal sculptures hung from a family tree that is visible from Highway 522. "It was made to spread joy and happiness to anyone who sees it," Lino says, "It is a Living Tree... with all the blessings and gifts that have been bestowed on life... Just a living tree 4 everybody 2 enjoy... was made 2 spread joy and happiness 2 everyone."

The Herman Rednick Memorial

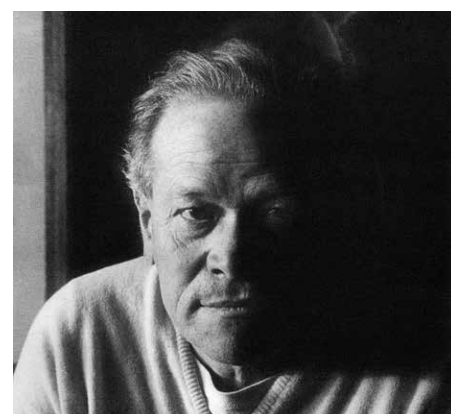
By MARIA MIKHAILAS

Each year there is a memorial around the anniversary of the passing of Herman Rednick, a great artist and spiritual teacher who had many students in this area. The Memorial will be held this year on Sunday, April 14th, at 10 am at the Lorien Meditation Temple in El Rito. Afterwards there will be a traditional potluck lunch at noon at the Herman Rednick Center, also in El Rito.

Herman was born in 1902 in Philadelphia and after art studies and service in World War II, went on many spiritual searches in India, Greece and Egypt. He ended up in Taos in 1949. He was an artist and spiritual guide to many before he became a teacher of a large group in 1970. Herman found the property on which the Lama Foundation was built and some of his first students were its founders. In the early 1970's after the disbanding of

the Lorien Commune, Herman began to guide his students into a meditation path of love with an attitude of service to the world. Herman died in 1985, leaving a great legacy of students, teachings, books and recordings.

Please join us to honor the life and teachings of Herman Rednick. For more info contact Maria Mikhailas at maria@maria-mikhailas.com, or Gabrielle Herbertson gabrielle.herbertson@gmail.com



The Unique Legacy of Juan Bautista Rael, New Mexican Folklorist, Part 1

By ROBERT WASSERSTROM

Juan Bautista Rael was born in Arroyo Hondo in 1900 and died in 1993 in Menlo Park, California. His parents were prosperous merchants who also raised sheep and cattle. Between 1930 and 1940, he recorded a vast trove of stories, religious plays, songs, hymns (*alabados*), dance tunes, music and almost anything else he could find in New Mexican Hispanic communities. In 1952, he published *Cuentos Españoles de Colorado y Nuevo México*, two thick volumes with more than 500 traditional narratives. Most of this material can be found in The J. B. Rael Collection: Hispano Music and Culture of the Northern Rio Grande, now available online in the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C. The collection provides a priceless and irreplaceable view of Spanish-speaking New Mexicans in the early days of settlement.*

J.B. Rael didn't set out to become a folklorist. His father, José Ignacio Rael, wanted him to study law and look after the family livestock business. But in school he took a different direction. After graduating from St. Mary's College in Oakland, California, he earned a master's degree in Spanish from the University of California at Berkeley. In 1927, he began teaching Spanish language and literature at the University of Oregon. It was here that he decided to document the "vast repertoire of folk narrative, song and custom" in New Mexico and Colorado, according to University of New Mexico professor Enrique Lamadrid. Rael returned to río arriba in 1930, where he collected 410 stories in communities stretching from Santa Fe to Del Norte, Colorado. Another 108 were added later.

In 1933, Rael was invited to study for a Ph.D. degree under Professor Aurelio Espinosa at Stanford University. Espinosa was born in Carnero, Colorado in 1880 and had become a worldwide authority on Hispanic language and culture in the American Southwest. Unlike Rael, Espinosa was primarily interested in linguistics, specifically the language that everyday people used in regular speech. As it turned out, this training was invaluable to Rael, because it allowed him to pursue his own fascination with traditional New Mexican narra-



Juan Bautista Rael interviewing Manuela Martinez, Taos, around 1930.

Source: Library of Congress.

tives. To study everyday speech, linguists need to keep people talking. And what better way to keep them talking than to ask for their old stories? So, Rael was able to complete his doctoral degree on New Mexican Spanish while assembling his priceless collection.

The J. B. Rael Collection preserves a rich cultural heritage that is no longer found elsewhere in Spanish America. Early Spanish settlers brought their stories, their religious celebrations, their songs and customs to all parts of the New World. By the early 20th century, Rael reported, such traditions had disappeared outside of Northern New Mexico and southern Colorado. "The fidelity with which Spanish traditions have been retained on this old Spanish frontier is amazing," Rael wrote. "At least seventy-five percent of the stories in our collection are of Old World origin, and many of them have been preserved almost intact." In fact, he said, "scarcely any difference" exists between New Mexican narratives and similar versions found in Spain.

Or even beyond Spain. By the time Rael began recording, folklore scholars had learned to analyze traditional narratives as a set of basic story elements called "motifs" or "formulas." Motifs can be shuffled and recombined to build a limitless number of related stories across linguistic borders and broad geographic areas. Rael soon recognized similarities between the *Cuentos Españoles* and One Thousand and One Nights (often

known as The Arabian Nights). This hugely popular collection of Arabic tales dating back to at least the 8th century had almost certainly arrived in Moslem Spain by the Middle Ages. Could Arabic

motifs have found their way to New Mexico? The answer is almost certainly yes. Remember that rural people in many parts of Spain – even Christians – still spoke Arabic when Columbus arrived in the New World – just as their ancestors had done for seven centuries.

In 1930, Rael recorded a folktale in Questa called "*El torito azul*" or The Blue Bull. He collected another version of it in Costilla. They are part of a group of stories that he called *La niña perseguida* [in both senses: "The Haunted Girl" and "The Persecuted Girl"]. Next month, in Part 2, we will take a quick tour of Rael's collection and see how the "The Blue Bull" fit in. And in a final article, Part 3, we'll look at "The Blue Bull" as Rael recorded it from Salomé Cook in Questa almost 90 years ago.

* The J. B. Rael Collection: Hispano Music and Culture of the Northern Rio Grande, now available online in the Library of Congress <https://www.loc.gov/collections/hispano-music-and-culture-from-the-northern-rio-grande>

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Thinking About Death



**LIVE
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by Ellen Wood

When I was a kid, Sunday was the day we visited relatives. We never phoned ahead – if one family wasn't home, we just went to the next. My Czechoslovakia-born grandparents kept populating the new world, and their offspring planted themselves a few miles from each other near Pottsville, Pennsylvania where I was born and raised.

The first time that death and I stared

at each other was one of those Sundays when I was about 4 or 5. I knew the family we were visiting was having a party because you could smell the booze as you walked in the door and the cacophony of talking, laughing and crying was extra loud.

I went right into the living room to play with the kids and was startled to see one of the family's daughters sleeping in a satin-lined box on a pedestal, dressed in a white Holy Communion dress, a rosary entwined around her small fingers. She wasn't breathing or moving so I realized she was dead.

I was not afraid, as I'm not afraid of death now – it was just different from what I had experienced before. I was used to the death of our cats and dogs and always participated in burial processions where I got to carry the small rock with

our pet's name painted on it, following behind my brother Joe who solemnly carried the two-stick cross. My sister Helen went last, bearing flowers from our garden or geraniums from Mom's house plants if it was winter.

And so now, at 82, having experienced quite a few human and pet deaths in between, it's time to think about my own passing. Mom, Daddy, Helen and Joe are all gone, so I'm the last one of those two generations. On this side of the veil, though, there are lots: four biological children, two stepchildren, two foster daughters, fifteen grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. I am truly blessed.

Whether we are a flea, a Doberman or a human, our body is formed, used and finally discarded. But as humans we have the consciousness to reflect, to choose how to react to life's vicissitudes, to be

self-centered or to be of service to others. That's what I think about now.

Am I worrying about matters over which I have no control? Or am I letting go and letting God? When I was growing up, my father used to say in his broken English, "Little girl, you no think you can take catnap while God take care of things?"

This is some of what I contemplate as I reflect on the fact that death takes us all and it will take me. We don't know when or how, but we do have the opportunity to live more peacefully and joyfully if we just sit back and take a catnap now and then.

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Pensando en la Muerte

Por ELLEN WOOD

De niña, el domingo era el día en que visitábamos a los parientes. Nunca llamábamos antemano: si una familia no

estaba en casa, íbamos a la siguiente. Esta era la costumbre la manera desde que mis abuelos de descendencia Checoslovaquia continuaron poblando el nuevo mundo y

sus descendientes se estableciendo unas pocas millas uno del otro cerca de Pottsville, Pensilvania donde yo nací y me crié.

Mi primer encuentro con la muerte fue en un tal domingo cuando tenía como cuatro o cinco años. Sabía que la familia que visitábamos estaba festejando porque se oía el alcohol cuando uno entraba y la cacofonía de la conversación, la risa y el llanto era muy fuerte.

Entre directamente a la sala para jugar con los niños y me sorprendí cuando vi a una de las hijas de la familia dormida en un cajón forrado de satén sobre un pedestal, en un vestido blanco de la Sagrada comunión, un rosario entrelazado alrededor de sus pequeños dedos. No estaba respirando o moviéndose y entonces me di cuenta de que estaba muerta. No tenía miedo como tampoco le tengo miedo a la muerte hoy. Es que era diferente de lo que había experimentado antes. Estaba acostumbrada a la muerte de mis gatos y perros y siempre participábamos en las procesiones donde yo tuve la oportunidad de llevar la piedrita con el nombre de mi mascota pintada en ella, siguiendo a mi hermano Joe quien llevaba la cruz de dos palos. Mi hermana Helen era la última, llevando flores del jardín o geraniums de las plantas de mamá si era invierno.

Entonces ahora, de 82 años, habiendo experimentado muchas muertes de personas y de mascotas, es tiempo de pensar en mi propia muerte. Mamá, Papá, Helen y Joe ya pasaron, y soy la última de esas dos generaciones. Pero de descendientes hay muchos: cuatro hijos biológicos, dos hijastros, dos hijos adoptivos, quince nietos y cuatro bisnietos. Estoy verdaderamente bendecida.

Si somos una pulga, un perro doberman, o un humano, nuestros cuerpos están formados, usados y descartados. Pero como humanos, tenemos la conciencia para reflejar, y determinar como reaccionar a las vicisitudes de la vida, ser egocéntrico, o servir a otros. Pienso en esto ahora.

¿Me apeno en cosas que no puedo controlar? ¿O los dejo pasar y se los dejo a Dios? Cuando crecía, mi papá me decía en su inglés chapurreado: "Niña, piensas que puedes tomar una siesta mientras Dios se encarga de todo?"

Estas son los asuntos que contemplo mientras reflejo en la realidad que Dios nos lleva a todos. No sabemos el momento ni modo, pero tenemos la oportunidad de vivir más tranquilos y felices si nos sentamos y nos tomamos una siesta de vez en cuando.

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Bless Your Heart!

MIND & BODY

By BARBARA TRACY

We are all looking forward to spring after this amazing winter. This time of year, I am reminded how blessed I was to spend part of my growing up years on my grandmothers' farm in Missouri. She was a petite and very busy woman who found time during her day to say, "Bless your heart," to many, be they human or animal, and she lovingly meant all three words. Think about these words, "bless your heart," and think about the profound importance of the human heart. As long as the heart beats, we are here. Yet, we unconsciously punish and injure our hearts with negative thoughts and attitudes.

The human heart resonates in a healthy way to minds that are focused on unconditional love, kindness, compassion, trust, and above all forgiveness, including forgiveness of ourselves. The Course in Miracles says, "Forgiveness

is the key to happiness." Conversely the human heart and the human body suffer through thoughts focused on resentment, bitterness, grief, and anger.

It has been scientifically proven that there is a direct link between the nature of our thoughts and attitudes and the health of the human body. The following are some of the tendencies found to be common in cases of heart problems and "bless your heart" practices that can help.

1. A tendency to exhaust themselves with situations and conflicts they cannot mediate, harmonize or resolve. They may avoid conflict by going along with whatever stronger, more defined personalities around them may want to do.

Bless your heart - By sitting quietly and focusing on peaceful thoughts, we can build inner strength through inner dialogue with which we can look sincerely at both sides of any conflict and if a decision must be made, make it from a

place of greater clarity.

2. They have a loss of flexibility and interest in the outside world. They can be rigid in their thinking and have a tendency toward fixed ideas, they believe their way is the right way, possibly the only way. They have a resistance to change.

Bless your heart - Focusing on heart and mind brings understanding and different possible ways of seeing and doing things. Have compassion and the ability to listen to others.

3. Some have lost "heart" for life because of their tendency to put money or position ahead of themselves and others.

Bless your heart - by taking time to stop our "doing" and be a human "being." Close your eyes and begin relaxing each part of our body beginning at the toes. Tell the body you are slowing everything down, including the mind.

Cultivate compassion and patience for self and others.

4. Some have hearts that have hardened to life and believe that strain and stress are a natural way of life.

Bless your heart - by being more loving, patient, and compassionate to others as well as to yourself. Practice forgiveness especially for ourselves. Look deeply inside for everything we are grateful for.

Try this simple exercise the next time you have a negative thought or story that sabotages your peace of mind. If your intention is to be done with that thought, then this exercise can do the trick. Tell the truth about the value of the thought or story by asking the following questions and answering them as mindfully as possible; "What is the value of this thought? Is it worthy of my attention? How does this thought make me feel? What is this thought serving? What would be there if this thought isn't there?"

New FDA Ruling Affects Chile-Roasters in New Mexico

BY PRISCILLA SHANNON GUTIERREZ

Last month, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration notified the New Mexico Department of Health that effective June 1st, an FDA permit will be required for all individuals who set up chile-roasting stands in the state. Individual permits will cost \$100 and will be valid for 6 months. Chile vendors can get the application through the NM Department of Health at <https://nmhealth.org/> or call their Green Chile Hotline at 1(800)280-1618 and should allow a minimum of 6 weeks for processing.

All roasters/vendors will be required to display their permit - the



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FDA intends to send out inspectors during the harvest season to ensure quality control. Frank Fishtale, Assistant Deputy FDA Director, stated that the big buzz around New Mexico's chiles is just hype. Fishtale recently ate at a Mexican restaurant in the Washington, D.C. area that served chopped spinach on tacos when their green chile supply ran out and he couldn't even tell the difference. Fishtale said this was proof that New Mexico chiles are highly over-rated. If this new ruling has you hot under the collar, grab a chile picante and take a moment to calm down. Oh, and don't forget to laugh. April Fools!!!



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Questa Students Attend Youth Opioid Awareness Summit



By MARIA GONZALEZ

On March 6th, Vida Del Norte took 22 young people from 11 to 15 years of age from the Questa Community to The New Mexico Youth Opioid Awareness Summit in Rio Rancho. Vida Del Norte Director Maria Gonzalez brought QJHS Teachers Ms. Santana Santistevan and Ms. Sara Martinez along with Officer Zach Garcia and Charolette Witherspoon. Taking these youth members to the summit was part of the Coalition's prescription medication awareness initiative that it is working on with the community. It was an activity to engage our youth in the conversation and encourage them to become leaders within the Coalition.

This event moved some of these youth members to step up and volunteer to help with Spring Break activities the following week. We had 6 students



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Vida Del Norte Coalition took 22 young people from Questa to The New Mexico Youth Opioid Awareness Summit in Rio Rancho. Also attending were Coalition Director Maria Gonzalez, and QHS teachers Sara Martinez and Santana Santistevan and Officer Zach Garcia and Charolette Witherspoon.

from 7th and 8th grade volunteer to help with the younger students attending the spring break activities, and they were a great asset to the week. These young men and women have made a commitment to continue participating with the Vida Del Norte Coalition, and will be meeting regularly to plan for future activities and events.

The event proved to be a big success and raised awareness of the opioid crisis plaguing our country, state and community. We received positive feedback from both the youth and their parents,

expressing the excitement that they had from the experience of the summit. They thanked me for taking them to Meow Wolf and Church after the event. The excitement was so contagious

that the following day, I received text messages from parents, and when my daughter returned to her homeroom at school, it was all the kids could talk about.

What Kids and Parents Said About the Youth Summit:

"This summit was to me more valuable than what I experienced in Washington, D.C. and it has opened my eyes to the work that needs to be done here at home," —Araceli Gonzalez.

"... thank you for having my son on this trip. He came back so excited yesterday telling me all about it. It also helped him understand how his father is lost in the world of drugs. He told me he got teary eyed because he knows how much it effects people and me as his mother just hoping he'll remain on the right track." —Anonymous

"Attending the summit inspired me to come home and do more to help my community be better, and to help everybody that's going through addictions or mental illness. I was inspired by hearing the powerful stories at the summit, and the energy that was there." —Kaylee Piper

"My son had a great time yesterday! And couldn't stop talking about how awesome everything was! I'm very happy that you have allowed these kids to do such things and help them towards becoming youth leaders! I just want to let you know that we are all grateful and lucky to have someone like you to encourage these kids! Thank You!" —Anonymous

"So the 7th graders were so enthusiastic about the summit and the whole trip yesterday! The young man who rode with me talked about every speaker and performance on the way home. It had me nearly in tears." —Sara Martinez

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Spring Break Activities in Questa

By MARIA GONZALEZ

Every successful event starts with a great idea put into action which creates and develops the end result. That is exactly what came from Misty Archuleta's idea for the spring break activities on March 11-15 for the youth of Questa. It didn't shape up as she had originally envisioned, especially in respect to its being an event for both parents and youth to participate together. Overall it was a huge success.

Misty approached the Questa Economic Development Fund with the idea to have this event, and asked for their support, which lead to conversations with The Village of Questa and Vida Del Norte Coalition. All three organizations along with local businesses pulled together to assist Misty in planning and creating a successful week of spring break activities for the youth of Questa.

Throughout the week the youth



engaged in science experiments, physical activity such as yoga, and aerodynamic architecture through origami and paper airplane making. They also learned about the effects that alcohol and other substances have on their developing brains. Participants were four to fifteen years old. The older youth were some of the youth leaders from the Vida del

Norte Coalition. These young men and women engaged and interacted with the younger kids as they worked on activities and also assisted in cleaning up afterwards. They definitely are serving as good role models to their peers and the younger children. This was such a wonderful experience that perhaps we can do it again next year.



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National Recognition for Roots and Wings School

Of over 800 rural charter schools in the U.S., Roots and Wings (R&W) was short-listed for strong academic achievement by Bellwether Education Partners (BEP). They called Roots and Wings in October and discussed the school for about an hour. Then, in early January, the school was notified that they were one of three schools nationally that BEP wanted to visit. They wanted to come in person to conduct a case study on an academically strong school in a rural, economically diverse region. They planned their visit from the afternoon of February 19th through the morning of February 21st.

Winter weather moved in on February 19th and the morning of the 20th. Several of the events and interviews planned for the team of three from Washington, D.C. were canceled or shuffled. However, they were able to visit the school twice and met with the following people and organizations:

- Three school parents
- Mark Richert
Roots & Wings school director
- All R&W teachers: Annalise Zosel, Evan Sanchez, Rose Dragoo, Sara Saint Hogan
- Addie Lucero (*Taos Pueblo Educator*)
- Lisa O'Brien
Taos Community Foundation
- Todd Wynward
Roots and Wings Co-founder
- Peg Partlett
Roots and Wings teacher and Co-founder
- Melissa Sandoval
Taos Municipal Schools Assistant Superintendent
- Michael Rael
Governing Council President, Questa Judge
- Malaquias Rael, Jr.
Questa Economic Development Fund
- Mark Galllegos
Questa Mayor (phone interview)
- Erica Lannon
School Governing Council (phone interview)

Bellwether's goal was to observe the school in action as may be discerned from the variety of people interviewed. They sought to understand the broader



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Hawk Foster and Nikolai Froeschle plant greens in Roots and Wings Community School greenhouse.

Roots and Wings Community School

Our mission is to inspire our students to academic and personal excellence. Our innovative learning community creates classroom, farm and wilderness adventure -- engaging the head, hands, and heart -- enabling students to achieve more than they think possible and to take an active role in our ever-changing world.



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Roots and Wings Community School students work on hand-stitched tote bags from reused textiles with local artisan Melissa Larson.

economic, social, and political context in which the school functions. Bellwether will publish observations from their visit on their website to help guide similar rural charter schools in overcoming challenges: bellwethereducation.org

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Questa Welcomes New School Superintendent!



Questa Independent School District welcomes new superintendent, Michael Lovato. He stepped in

February 25th and is looking forward to working with the students, parents and staff of the Questa Schools community.

Mr. Lovato came to us most recently from the Mesa Vista School District, where he was superintendent. Most of his career as an educational administrator was spent in Santa Fe and he also has been a coach and athletic director. Next month we will have an in-depth interview with Mr. Lovato, and hear about his ideas for our students.

National Honor Society Ceremony April 7th

By SARA MARTINEZ

The Questa Junior and Senior High School National Honor Society Induction Ceremony will be held on Sunday, April 7, 2019 at 2 pm in the Questa High GYM. Refreshments will be provided after the ceremony.

To be inducted into the Honor Society students must earn a minimum of 3.5 GPA with no C's for two

semesters in a row. They must also demonstrate to faculty the values of character, leadership, scholarship and service. These students are actively engaged in community service and many are also in athletics, drama, music, mentoring and other activities and organizations. These students deserve our appreciation for their commitment to being leaders in our district.

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Symbolism of the Holy Week of Easter

by DONNA MITCHELL-MONIAK

Easter began to be celebrated within decades of Jesus' death and resurrection. The Pauline communities around the Aegean Sea and in Rome took up the practice as did the followers of Christ in Palestine. What would come to be called "The Last Supper" was Jesus' last meal with the twelve disciples and Mary Magdalene. They were celebrating the Passover since they were of the Hebrew faith. Hebrew believers had been holding the Passover seder (meal) for over a thousand years since the time of forty days in the desert and the dramatic exodus from Egypt and Pharaoh's reign. With the blood of a slain lamb, the faithful marked their doors. Doing so meant that when the Angel of Death traversed the streets of Memphis, Egypt's capital, Death would not enter the Hebrew homes. A hurried meal of unleavened bread (pita or matza), bitter herbs, and wine was what the Hebrews ate the night that Death passed over their homes. Ever since, Jews have kept the Passover. Jesus and his disciples were doing the same

the night of the Last Supper.

As the Son of God, Jesus was a master teacher. He always used what was available to convey his message whether that was getting water from a well, embracing a child, calming a raging storm, the sowing of seeds, healing the sick on the Sabbath, or this final meal. The unleavened bread, broken and shared meant dramatic events were about to come just as they had 1400 years before. The freedom that Jesus was offering to those who share this bread and drink of this cup is one that requires the sacrifice of one's self to others, just as he was willing to do. The wine symbolized the blood of the lamb slain to mark the doors of the past. Christ said, "Remember me as you drink of this cup." We are to remember how he loved all, cared for everyone he could, accepted all equally, and that his life was one of nurturing kindness and instruction in piety and virtue. Remember his death, yes, and also remember his life and how he lived it.

Holy Week begins with the celebration of Palm Sunday. As Jesus entered

Jerusalem making his pilgrimage to the Temple of David (that most Jews tried to make in their lifetime) he was greeted as the Messiah: the one foretold by the prophets. And, of course, he was that. As "Hosanna" jubilantly rang out through the streets, the disciples were taken by surprise. Jesus smiled. He knew the roller coaster of events of the next several days; but he also knew the celestial celebration with which these events would culminate.

With fear and trepidation, Mary Magdalen alone approached the tomb of the Lord. She came with ointments for his body as was the custom. Before her was the gaping hole of the tomb; the great stone closure has been rolled aside. She peered into the darkness and an angel, brilliant with warm light smiled her. "You will not find him here," the angel said. One of the most exalted statements ever uttered by a human being was said then by Mary Magdalene. She fell to her knees and through her tears whispered, "He is risen."

Eggs at Easter come from various religious traditions. The Jewish remem-

brance of the Exodus is one. Hardboiled eggs became the traditional item first eaten at the newly established holy festival of Passover. Eggs became available after the wandering in the desert was over and the Hebrew children could have settlements and raise chickens again. Eggs are also a symbol of the return of Spring because chickens resume laying not doing so after the winter months.

The Easter Bunny comes from the ancient spring celebrations. The word Easter comes from the Saxon word Eastr, the goddess of spring and fertility. One of her totems was the rabbit whose fertility is obvious. By the eighth century A.D, the Anglo-Saxons has begun to use the term Easter in reference to the resurrection of Christ. The Encyclopedia Britannica explains the pagan traditions associated with the egg: "The egg as a symbol of fertility and of renewed life goes back to the ancient Egyptians and Persians, who had the custom of coloring and eating eggs during their spring festival." Happy Easter, everyone!

Traditional Lenten Recipes

BY ENCHANTED EATS EDITOR, ROBYN BLACK

TORTA DE HUEVO

3 T - manteca (lard)

1/2 t - salt

4 - eggs

Recipe Basic Red Chile (See last month's issue!)

2 T - flour

1. Heat manteca in a heavy pan on medium-high heat.
2. Separate egg whites and beat until stiff with mixer
3. Beat in egg yolks, flour and salt.
4. Drop mixture by teaspoonful into hot shortening.
5. Fry until golden.
6. Drain on absorbent towels
7. Add to chile sauce
8. Serve hot!

TORTAS DE LA ABUELA (HONEY SOAKED FRIED DOUGH)

Delicious Easter sweets from Spain. These are honey soaked fried dough fritters—totally delicious! Makes 25 tortas

Ingredients

For the fritter dough

2 C - flour (heaping)

½ C - freshly squeezed orange juice

½ C - dry white wine

2 T - baking powder

1/2 C - extra virgin olive oil

2 t - anise liquor (optional and can substitute other liquors, such as orange or rum)

1 - lemon peel (this is actually to infuse the olive oil-- see instructions below)

Honey glaze

1/2 C - honey (or more)

1 T - sugar (optional)

2 T - water

Instructions

1. First, infuse the olive oil with the lemon peel and liquor in this way: In a small saucepan combine the oil with the lemon peel and liquor. Slowly heat until the lemon peel begins to brown. Turn off the heat and let cool completely. Strain before using.
2. To prepare the dough, combine flour, baking powder, orange juice, white wine, and infused oil in a large bowl. Mix with a wooden spoon until you can no longer blend, and then mix

with your hands until the dough is evenly blended.

3. Cover the bowl of dough with the dough in plastic wrap and let it rest for 30 minutes.
4. After it's rested, heat a frying pan with olive oil. Alongside in another pan, slowly heat the honey, sugar, and water.
5. Knead the dough a few times. Roll out walnut sized chunks until they are thin but not translucent.
6. Fry each in the hot oil until golden (turning halfway through) and then remove with a slotted spoon and douse in the hot honey.
7. Remove and place on a serving plate, making layer upon layer as you continue this process.

PANOCHA

Panocha is a thick, gruel-like pudding made in Mexico from two types of wheat flour. One is ordinary white wheat flour, the other is "panocha"—flour made from sprouted wheat. To make Panocha, you caramelize sugar until it is a light brown, add water, butter, brown sugar and spices such as cloves and cinnamon to make a

rich syrup. You combine this syrup with a pasty mixture made from the two flours by adding boiling water to them, and then bake the mixture in an oven. It is served chilled.

SOPA DE "CRAKES" (BREAD PUDDING FROM SALTINE CRACKERS)

Ingredients

2 bags - (sleeves) saltine crackers
(about 34 crackers)

3 - eggs

Shredded cheese (optional)

Raisins

Cinnamon

FOR THE SAUCE:

2 C - sugar

1 t - cinnamon

1 1/2 C - water

Separate the eggs. Beat the whites until stiff, add the yolks and beat again. Dip the crackers in the egg batter and fry in deep fat. Drain and layer into hot dish. Sprinkle with cinnamon and raisins. To make the sauce, combine the sugar, water and cinnamon and heat gradually, boiling it until syrup thickens slightly. Pour over the crackers and sprinkle cheese on top if desired.

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The Lenten Season Yesterday and Today

By FLAVIO CISNEROS

So many years have gone by since I walked with my family through the meadows every evening of Lent to St. Anthony's Church. I remember the 40 Days of Lent observed with deep solemnness, as though a veil descended on the entire community. You lived it! You breathed it! From Ash Wednesday to Holy Saturday you observed Lent with sacrifice and abstention. Even the bar was closed! The dance hall became taboo!

Rosary and the Stations of the Cross on Fridays brought the Catholic community to the church, standing room only. Fridays were strictly observed with meatless meals and fasting in the old-style, one meal only. We looked forward

to the annual Lenten Mission which lasted anywhere from three days to a whole week, again standing room only.

Holy Week was dedicated to fasting and meatless meals. On Holy Thursday, following the celebration of the Lord's Supper and the Washing of the Feet, the Blessed Sacrament was reposed and an all-night vigil commenced that lasted until the traditional celebration of the Lord's Agony on the Cross ending at 3:00 PM on Good Friday. Easter Vigil was observed with midnight mass at 12:00 am, Lent was officially over with that celebration.

Lenten food was prepared indicative of the season; red chile with torta de huevo (egg patties) or toreja, as some call it. There was also alberjon maduro or ripe peas. Canned salmon was a lux-

ury rarely afforded by many. There were canned sardines, either plain or with mustard or tomato sauce. For dessert there was always panocha (whole wheat pudding), sopa de pan (bread pudding), sopa de "crakes" (pudding made from saltine crackers), or sweet rice. It was a treasured feast of the palate!

Lent today is a fragment of the old days. Children today would rebel if they were asked to observe the Lenten Season of those days. We still have the Stations of the Cross on Friday evenings at 6 PM. Palm Sunday will be observed this year at every Church in the Parish at the regular Sunday Masses. The Easter tradition begins with the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, which will be observed at St. Anthony's Church at 8 PM, followed by a vigil that will last until midnight. Good

Friday will be observed with the pilgrimage walk from Costilla beginning at 4:30 AM. It will detour to Cerro for the Encuentro, a re-enactment of the Lord's meeting with his Beloved Mother. More people will join the walk in Cerro and continue on to Questa. Another group of Peregrinos (pilgrims) will walk from Red River, beginning at 7:30 AM. Both groups will meet at the Courtyard at St. Anthony's Church around 11:30 AM. Good Friday observances will culminate with Stations of the Cross and recitation of the Divine Mercy.

Easter Vigil services/masses will be held at our Our Lady of Guadalupe in Cerro on Saturday evening at 8:00 PM., St. Anthony's in Questa on Sunday at 8:00 AM and Sacred Heart Costilla at 10:00 AM.

La Cuaresma de Ayer y Hoy

Por FLAVIO CISNEROS

Cuantos años han pasado desde que caminaba con mi familia por los prados cada tarde de la Cuaresma a la iglesia de San Antonio. Me acuerdo de los 40 días de la Cuaresma observados con tan profunda solemnidad, como si una vela descendiera sobre la comunidad entera. ¡Uno lo vivía! ¡Uno lo respiraba! Desde el miércoles de Ceniza hasta el Sábado Santo se observaba la Cuaresma con sacrificio y ayuno. ¡Hasta la cantina se cerraba! ¡El salón de baile era prohibido!

El Rosario y las Estaciones de la Cruz los viernes traía a toda la comunidad Católica a la iglesia, solo había espacio para estar de pie. Los viernes se observaban con comida sin carne y ayunar en el estilo anciano, comer una sola comida. Anticipábamos la misión anual de Cuaresma, que duraba de tres días a una semana, y otra vez, solo había espacio para estar de pie.

La Semana Santa se dedicaba al ayunar y comidas sin carne. El Jueves Santo después de la celebración de la Última Cena del Señor y la lavada de los pies, El Santo Sacramento se reposaba y empezaba una vigilancia que duraba hasta la celebración tradicional de la Agonía del Señor en la Cruz terminando a las 3:00 de la tarde el Viernes Santo. La Vigilancia de Pascua se observaba con misa a media noche, 12:00 a.m. La Cuaresma se terminaba oficialmente con esta celebración.

La comida de la Cuaresma se preparaba en concordancia a la temporada; chile rojo con torta de huevo (egg patties) o toreja como algunos decían. También había alverjón maduro (ripe peas). Salmón de lata era un lujo raramente ofrecido por muchos. Había sardinas de lata, simples, con mostaza o salsa de tomate. De postre siempre había panocha (whole wheat pudding), sopa de pan (bread pudding), sopa de "crakes" (pudding made from saltine crackers), o arroz dulce. Era una preciada fiesta del paladar.

La Cuaresma de hoy es un fragmento del pasado. Los niños de hoy rebelarían si tuvieran que observar la Cuaresma de tiempos pasados. Todavía se observan las Estaciones de la Cruz los viernes a las 6:00 de la tarde. El Sábado de Ramos se observará este año en cada iglesia de la parroquia en las misas regulares. La Pascua empieza con la Sena del Señor el Jueves Santo en la Iglesia de San Antonio a las 8:00 p.m., y sigue la vigilancia hasta media noche. El Viernes Santo hay la caminata de los peregrinos de Costilla empezando a las 4:30 a.m. Dan un desvío a Cerro para el Encuentro, donde dramatizan el encuentro del Señor con su amada Madre. Allí se unen más personas a la peregrinación hasta llegar a Questa. Otro grupo peregrinos (pilgrims) caminará de Red River empezando a las 7:30 a.m. Ambos grupos se encuentran en frente de la Iglesia de San Antonio a las 11:30 a.m. Se culmina Viernes Santo rezando

las Estaciones de la Cruz y el rosario de la Divina Misericordia.

La Pascua se celebran con misas en la Iglesia de La Virgen de Guadalupe en Cerro a las 8:00 de la noche, el sábado,

en la Iglesia de San Antonio en Questa a las 8:00 de la mañana, el domingo y en la Iglesia del Sagrado Corazón en Costilla a las 10:00 de la mañana, el domingo.



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The Legend of Truchacabra

By TONER MITCHELL

The biggest rainbow trout I ever caught was at the confluence of the Red River and Rio Grande. I was fishing a lime green wet fly, and when the fish struck, I saw its pink cheek, the diameter of a salad plate, flashing beneath the water surface. The fish bolted for the rapids, then shot downstream along the boulders and kept going. I was on a patch of sand, so following was easy, at least until I came to a boulder, the underside of which began to buzz loudly. I stopped on a dime and winced at the anticipation of the snake's fangs puncturing my leg.

While I was distracted, the big fish had turned around and blazed by me into the rapids again. I pulled as hard as my line would let me, trying to convince my rainbow of a lifetime wearing out. But the fish had other ideas, tearing downstream so fast that my reel became a spinning blur. Incredibly, as I sprinted back down the beach, I'd forgotten the rattlesnake, which started buzzing again, stopping me in my tracks at the exact second when the fish hit the gas. Like mere sewing thread, my line snapped.

So no, I didn't actually catch that fish. I'm still as traumatized now as I was in that moment. Instantly dizzy, I sat down at the water's edge and held my face in my hands for what seemed like hours.

Then a voice came from behind me, "What troubles you, friend?"

I jumped and spun around. Seated in the sand behind me was a man with a gray ZZ Top beard and long, jet black hair. I was unsettled by his pale blue eyes and an immaculately white terry cloth bathrobe covering his entire body.

"What the... where did you come from?" I asked.

"From a place few know about and fewer have seen," the man said. "A village called Questa amid snow speckled cliffs, with buildings of marble trimmed in gold, and windows of polished ice." OK, I thought, this is fun, and began scanning the area for possible escape routes.

"You are suffering," he said. "I can help."

"I lost a big fish. I'll get over it."

"It was a brown trout," he said, "unspeakably huge and vicious."

"Actually, it was a rainbow. I saw it."

"But you screamed!" he said. "I heard a scream in this direction, from this place. Was it not you?"

In my daze after losing the fish, I didn't hear the guy sneak up on me, so



Photo by Toner Mitchell

Confluence of the Red River and Rio grande where Truchacabra was last sighted.

I guess I might have screamed. Suddenly I was unsure, but I was definitely not going to tell Mr. Spaceballs that. "It was definitely not a brown trout," I said instead.

"Then clearly you are bewitched," the man said. "I see that now. It has stolen your soul, and I must now bring it back!"

I'd grown bored of his act and said, "Look, I'm going to get back to fishing now. Would you mind asking 'it' to come and bite my flies?"

He combed his beard with his fingers as he glared at me. "Although your sarcasm gives me cause, I would never commit such an evil. And here is why." The brown trout he then described was around 8 feet long and weighed hundreds of pounds. It had "burning" red eyes and a "fire" orange belly, and I wasn't surprised to learn that it was really ugly too, with teeth like cougar claws and, of course, lots of warts.

Through years of patrolling the gorge, the bathrobe-wearing shaman had collected countless tales of terror and woe, including a time he saw the beast take a 50-inch northern pike by the head and force it down his throat by repeatedly ramming the pike against a

rock. The scream he'd chased that day was a hiker who saw the brown trout ambush a bighorn sheep drinking in the stream and bit it into chunks before devouring it. The pike was just dessert.

Another scream came from a local bait fisherwoman whose dog he described as, "the common miniature of Mexican origin." The unfortunate canine went for a swim and disappeared in the whirlpool caused by the brown's gaping mouth.

The kicker was an actual fishing story. The angler who was fishing for the monster, hooked it using a piglet tied to a meat hook, and gave "valiant resistance from dawn until sunset." At the moment of truth, the trout disgorged the piglet and latched onto the fisherman's right leg, tearing it off with one shake.

"I'm sure glad I didn't hear that scream," I said.

"Twas a horrifying sound," the man said, "though by blessed good fortune, the angler lived to tell the tale."

I then told him I found it interesting how none of these horror stories had ever made the newspapers, and how the fishing community wasn't buzzing with fear, even in humor. I mean, did this

thing even have a name? As if anticipating my question, he composed a pained and far off look on his face. "It is known as Truchacabra," he said.

I couldn't contain a laugh. I was running out of patience faster than daylight. I had fish to catch. "How perfect. Truchacabra," I said, turning my back on him to tie on a new fly. Says the guy who looks like La Llorona crossed with Santa Claus! And let's not forget the whole Captain Ahab and Moby Dick thing. "You forgot to mention all the harpoons and fishing lures hanging off him." I was chuckling, but also kind of mad. Turning to face him, I said, "You think I don't read?"

Since that day, I always feel like I'm being watched when I fish the Rio, and I definitely think twice before stepping into the water. He wasn't there when I turned, not where he'd been sitting, not walking up the trail. Just gone. I wondered if I had imagined him, but then I saw his impressions in the sand, being wet, his footprints were well-defined. They were in a straight line, each directly in front of the other, as they headed off to the trail- two left feet. This could be an April Fool's Story!

Rest Stop Review–Costilla Gas and Groceries

BY ROBYN BLACK

Mark and Michelle Vigil are carrying on a well-established business in Costilla. They are third generation owners of Costilla Gas and Grocery. The first owner was Mark's great uncle, whose daughter Alma later took over. Mark's cousin Alma decided to sell the business several years ago and listed it on the market. Mark and Michelle were living and working in Pueblo, Colorado when their interest in the area and the business piqued. Michelle is from northern Wyoming and Mark has his deep roots here in Costilla. They wanted to leave the city for a quieter life and Costilla seemed to be a good fit. They liked the idea and came down to get a feel for the area and life in Costilla. Cousin Alma was willing to work with Mark like her dad did for her when she bought the business. But Mark refused, things were just not perfect with Alta (the corporation that owns the Alta Gas Station) and financially it would be a burden. Fortunately, the Alta issues were resolved in 2014 and Cousin Alma was pretty persuasive.

Mark and Michelle put their house in Pueblo up for sale and it sold in one day! Michelle's job as a coder for a hospital was secure since she was such a valuable employee. It was decided she could continue her employment and work from home in Costilla. Everything fell into place. Mark, Michelle and their daughter moved to Costilla and Mark took over management in 2015 and ownership in 2016.

Mark's family is well established in Costilla, where his family tree goes back to the mid 1800's. When he was small his great grandmother lived across the street from the store, he used to gather his change and run across for Bazooka Joe's Bubble Gum and other goodies.

These days, the store offers much more than bubble gum. Every day, delicious burritos and deli sandwiches are made fresh. There are also choices in the cold sections of this all-inclusive grocery. They have fountain drinks, coffee and a place to hang out if you would like to sit and enjoy a meal from the deli. This is truly one stop shopping, which for the area is a huge convenience. You can get groceries and some produce, fresh food, home necessities, gas, they have an ATM, and you can even get lottery tickets here! They offer camping gear, plumbing supplies and have a small automotive section! Folks come from



miles around not only for the fresh food, but they can get all their other needs at prices that are the most reasonable. Mark, Michelle, and all the others that work there are wonderful, friendly people!

Costilla Gas and Groceries is a modern version of the old-fashioned general store. It is a community center, for sure. The well-used community bulletin board gives you an idea of what is going on with the area residents. There is a shelf of books that people can borrow. It is the end of the line for the Blue Bus and anyone taking public transportation can grab a snack while waiting for the bus. And it should be mentioned that the clean, shiny restrooms get Five Stars; after all this is a Rest Stop review!

It is hard to imagine that anyone who lives or travels in the area has not stopped at the Alta Gas Station/Costilla Store and Grocery. If you haven't you are missing one of the most-friendly comprehensive small stores around. This is the perfect stop (and the gateway) on the way to exploring Valle Vidal (The Valley of Life) in the Carson National Forest. This lush, mountain basin was donated to the People of the United States by the Pennzoil Company in 1982. Located in the heart of New Mexico's Sangre de Cristo Mountains, it is home to a magnificent elk herd and other abundant wildlife. The vistas of high peaks, forests, and alpine meadows are breathtaking. With elevations of 7,700-12,584 feet, the plant life is abundant and varied. Or if you are going to one of the great fishing



spots popular with anglers in Amalia on Costilla creek, the creek offers fishing for rainbow, brown and Rio Grande cut-throat trout.

The store hours are: M-F from 6am- 8pm and weekends from 7am-

8:30pm. Gas is always available, you can self-pump 24 hours a day and they also have diesel fuel. They are located right on Highway 522 at the intersection of Highway 196. Their phone number is 575-586-8010.

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MICHAEL'S MOVIE MOMENTS

REVIEWS OF THE YEAR'S
OSCAR-NOMINATED MOVIES
AVAILABLE FOR RENT OR STREAMING

By MICHAEL YOUNG

APRIL'S MOVIE REVIEW:
FIRST MAN



Is Neil Armstrong really a 'hero'? That's the question I kept asking myself as I watched *First Man*, this year's space story. I think the movie tries to paint him as one, but it never really gave me a compelling image of Armstrong as a heroic figure. Maybe our ideas of heroes these days are colored by fantasy figures and action heroes, not the real-life heroes that make history. While Armstrong's stoic nature, even in the face of dangerous situations as a test pilot or astronaut are certainly worthy of examination, the movie doesn't quite manufacture a man of epic proportions.

Part of that is his own humble nature. When given the command of the Apollo 11 mission, rather than show any real emotion, positive or negative, his response is a simple "Okay," a perfunctory acknowledgement and passive acceptance that conveys, 'sure, that's what he is supposed to do next.' (He does this while continuing to wash his hands.)

As you watch this movie, it becomes very clear that reaching the moon was not the singular achievement of one man. There was a huge team, working for years towards the achievement of 'One Small Step For Man, One Giant Leap for Mankind.' By one estimate, more than 400,000 people worked on various pieces of the lunar landing puzzle. Can we really dismiss the massiveness of that accomplishment by assigning its success to just one person? If we can believe the movie, I think Armstrong knew that, which is why he could be so nonchalant. Success or failure of the mission would not be just about his own performance and he would have to trust everyone else.

It is interesting, that in a country where 'individualism' and private

enterprise are elevated to such a lofty status, most of our biggest achievements are now accomplished as group activities. In engineering firms, like Lockheed Martin, and in the military, and of course, making movies, the emphasis is not on individual efforts, but on how people work together in larger teams.

And there is the difficulty in *First Man*, a movie that tries to make a hero out of one single person when the real 'hero' is the collective effort. Yes, Gosling does a terrific job of saying 'Okay.' But if that is your response to being assigned the job of being first man on the moon, then just how important was it anyway?

It is telling that *First Man* received no 'above-the-line' Oscar nominations. Although the director and writer, Damien Chazelle, and Ryan Gosling, both received Oscars just a couple of years ago for *La La Land*, they don't even get nominated for this year's venture. I think the reason is that we do not quite yet know how to tell a tale where the 'hero' isn't a single person, but rather a carefully crafted organization or team effort.

As a result of this confusion, this movie shines, not in the story being told, but rather in how it is communicated. It received nominations for Production Design, and the two Sound categories, Editing and Mixing. The movie carefully explores exactly what these spaceships looked and sounded like when subject to the unearthly stresses of acceleration on liftoff and the weightlessness of space.

And it won this year's Oscar for Visual Effects, not because of the advanced computer graphics which its competitors employed, but through the incredible juxtaposition of man and nature, of Apollo spacecraft against a round earth, of a fragile-looking lunar module against the bleak surface of the moon. These contrasts are the reason to see the movie, especially, if possible, on an IMAX screen with the volume turned way up.

Yes, there are astronauts in the picture, and they do step on the moon. And, well, we couldn't really say that 'we' made it to the moon, until we actually put a human up there. But, in the end, the Giant Leap was for Mankind, not man, not *First Man*. It is almost incidental that Armstrong is there, and, really, that's "Okay." (3.5 stars.)

Volunteer on Earth Day Questa

By CLAIRE COTÉ

On Monday, April 22, Celebrate Earth Day in Questa with a volunteer work day! We will install a new irrigation system to water trees and landscaping at the Questa Municipal Park, Library and Youth Center. Come lend a hand with the irrigation system and help to clean-up and beautify the library, youth center, and municipal park grounds in honor of Earth Day. It will take place from 10 am - 4 pm. Refreshments and lunch will be provided for volunteers.

Calling all Youth! Come show your commitment to protecting and caring for the Earth. No one is too young or too old to volunteer and lend a hand. We will have lots of kid-friendly jobs to do! Then enjoy creative youth activities in honor of Earth Day from 1 - 3 pm.

The irrigation system will provide a much-needed, deep, consistent water source for the trees that were planted on Earth Day in 2017 as well as for the existing landscaping around the library and Youth Center. It is hoped that installing this water infrastructure will encourage and support the planting of more trees and development of additional landscaping at this location.

The first Earth Day was celebrated 49 years ago on April 22, 1970. This holiday was created by U.S. Senator, Gaylord Nelson, to mark the importance of keeping our planet healthy and clean, and for people to renew their commitment to make positive changes in their community. Since that first Earth Day, more than 500 million people in over 180 countries have participated in Earth Day activities. 2019 marks the fifth year for community members in Questa to continue this tradition in Northern NM.

Earth Day in Questa is coordinated by LEAP (Land, Experience and Art of Place), a program of the local nonprofit Localogy. This year's partners include the Village of Questa, Friends of the Questa Library, and the Vida del Norte Coalition; possible participation may also include Rocky Mountain Youth Corps, Dream Tree Project, the U.S. Forest Service and BLM.

The effort to install the irrigation system is generously sponsored by a grant from Los Jardineros Garden Club of Taos with additional support from Chevron Questa Mine Grants for good. Special thanks also to Ben Wright, of the Taos Tree Board and Taos Land Trust and architect and UNM professor Mark Goldman for their generous guidance, time and expertise. Individual donations and local business sponsorships are also supporting the volunteer Earth Day activities. This generosity for improving our local natural assets is much appreciated!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED for Earth Day In Questa!

Irrigation Installation and Spring Cleaning at
Park, Library and Youth Center

Contact: Claire Côté (LEAP)
emailforleap@gmail.com
(575) 224-9066

Where: Questa Municipal Park,
Library and Youth Center

When: Monday, April 22nd, 10 am - 4 pm

Who: Come one come all - everyone is
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Cost: FREE



Youth participants help plant a crabapple tree at the Questa Library on Earth Day, 2017.

By Nova Photography

Water Catchment at QHouse

By MICHAEL YOUNG

I love the taste of my tap water. Not only is it cool and perfectly clear, but it has a slightly sweet taste. There is no smell or taste of chlorine and no metallic tinges. Visitors are frequently surprised when I tell them that our water is (mostly) pure rain water, or snow melt, and we collect it off the roof!

Let me describe our water catchment system, with the help of some pictures. First, there is a sloping metal roof which collects rainwater or snow-melt and drops it into a gutter which channels the water into two downspouts. Instead of sending the water onto the surrounding landscape, the downspouts channel it into plumbing which feeds two heavy-duty-plastic cisterns. My cisterns are buried underground in order to minimize freezing in the winter and overheating in the summer. They are connected to each other and so function pretty much as one 2900-gallon tank. At the bottom of one of the tanks is an electric pump which feeds the water into the standard house plumbing system.

What is a little non-standard is the presence of an advanced water filtration system. Once the water is inside the house, it passes through four chambers in the system. The first chamber houses



Photo by Michael Young

Household Water Filtration System.

a paper filter that removes particles and sediments greater than 10 microns. The next chamber contains a tightly-bound cloth-fiber filter that further removes sediments down to the 2 micron size. The filtered water is then passed to the third chamber which houses an activated carbon filter which removes chemicals and odors, resulting in crystal-pure

water. Finally, if by chance, any organisms have managed to get past these three filters, an ultra-violet light kills them. From there, the water is split into hot and cold supplies and into the rest of the house plumbing.

Because of the minor little problem that we live in a desert, we don't receive enough water out of the skies to meet all of our needs. Unless you are a very small family in a very large house, you will have to augment your supply. We do that by 'hauling water.' That can be done in a couple of ways. One way is to buy a small (250-300 gallon) water tank, secure it in the back of a pick-up (assuming the pickup will handle more than a ton of weight), go to a source that will sell you water, fill it up, haul it carefully to your house, and unload it into the cisterns. (The Village of Questa sells small amounts of water at a reasonable price to some of us outside of town). Or, if you want something more reliable with less work, you can pay someone with a much larger truck (like a 1600-gallon tank) and they will deliver right to your cisterns. There is at least one company in Taos that delivers up here.

Besides the costs involved, what else do you have to do for a water catchment system? Unless you want to haul a lot of water, the only real requirement for

doing water catchment is that you will naturally end up being very conservative with your water usage. When you harvest rain and snow water, every drop is precious, so guidelines about how to conserve water become more like requirements. We don't shower every day, and we don't flush the toilet after every use. We also try to recycle as much water as we can by re-using some cooking water to water the plants. We have installed low-flow nozzles on the shower and bathroom faucets. The toilet is a low-volume model with two flush options. Limited water has kept us from installing much landscaping and, admittedly, that is a sore point with Joan.

Yes, there are behavioral changes that come with the more limited water supply when you harvest it from the sky, and some of them are more difficult than others. I guess I might argue, however, that all of us are going to end up being more conservative with our disappearing water resources. Water catchment makes you more conscious of where it comes from. Snow and rain storms are more than just weather events, they provide an extremely important resource, right into our own cisterns. We almost worship a good rainstorm! Besides, did I mention how great my water tastes?

New Mexico Wilderness Areas Signed Into Law!

By NEW MEXICO
WILDERNESS ALLIANCE

On March 12th, President Donald Trump signed the John D. Dingell, Jr. Conservation, Management, and Recreation Act; public lands legislation that establishes thirteen new wilderness areas in New Mexico totaling approximately 272,586 acres. Ten of the new wilderness areas are in the Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks National Monument, two are within the Rio Grande del Norte National Monument and one is the Ah-Shi-Sle-Pah Wilderness Area comprising an expansion of the existing Bisti/De-Na-Zin Wilderness Area near the Four Corners region, also known as the Bisti Badlands.

The amount of new wilderness for New Mexico contained in Senate Bill 47, represents the most acreage of wilderness designated in New Mexico in a single year since 1980. The new designations bring the total amount of

protected wilderness in New Mexico to approximately 1,968,184 acres! Hunting, livestock grazing, hiking, camping, horseback riding, firefighting, law enforcement activities, and border security will still be permitted in the wilderness areas.

Senators Tom Udall and Martin Heinrich co-sponsored the Cerros del Norte Conservation Act which designates the Cerro del Yuta Wilderness and the Rio San Antonio Wilderness within the Rio Grande del Norte National Monument. They also co-sponsored the Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks National Conservation Act. Both acts were absorbed into the Senate Bill 47 public lands package.

The bill passed the Senate in December 2017. Congressman Ben Ray Lujan sponsored an identical bill in the House of Representatives, which was co-sponsored by former Congresswoman Michelle Lujan Grisham. Original leg-

islation was first introduced by former U.S. Senator Jeff Bingaman in 2009.

During last year's review of national monuments by the Department of Interior, New Mexico had the most comments submitted per capita of any state! Ninety-three percent of registered voters in Taos County believe that wilderness is important. Ninety-five percent of those surveyed believe it is important for public lands to be preserved for future generations. Designated in 2013, Río Grande del Norte National Monument continues to enjoy overwhelming community support, including the backing of business owners, sportsmen, tribal leaders, land grant heirs, local elected officials, and grazing permittees.

Our new local wilderness areas serve as some of the world's great avian migratory routes and are home to wildlife such as bear, pronghorn and elk. The designations safeguard world-class recreation opportunities already enjoyed within

the national monument, such as hiking, hunting, and fishing. Overall, the two wilderness areas created by the Cerros del Norte Conservation Act comprise 21,540 acres of the 243,140-acre national monument.

In addition to New Mexico's 13 new wilderness areas, the public lands package reauthorizes the federal Land and Water Conservation Fund, which has provided funding for public lands and open spaces in all 33 New Mexico counties. Congress failed to reauthorize the fund in September 2018, leading to the loss of tens of millions of dollars for America's public lands. Senators Heinrich and Udall have been two of the fund's most ardent supporters in the Senate. On February 12, 2019, Senate Bill 47 passed the U.S. Senate by a voice vote of 92-8. On February 26, 2019 the package passed the U.S. House on a motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill by a count of 363-62.

Village of Questa Audit Successfully Completed

BY LINDSAY MAPES

The Council Chambers were buzzing with excitement, pride, and relief at the regularly scheduled Village of Questa Council meeting on Tuesday, February 27th. The presentation was from a familiar face, Daniel Trujillo, auditor with Kubiak, Melton & Associates CPA firm in Albuquerque, informing the Council and staff on the most recent Village audit findings.

Trujillo has been working with the Village Staff for the past six years. "When we started auditing, the Village had lots of audit findings, about 35. Questa has been on a long road of not good audits. Because of the commitment from the staff to work through these issues and the continuity of the staff, the Village FY19 audit has an 'unmodified



Photo by Lindsay Mapes

Village auditor, Daniel Trujillo, making his presentation to the Village Council regarding the most recent Village audit.

opinion' which is the best opinion possible. This is a really big deal and a long

time coming," reported Trujillo.

Each Council Member warmly praised Village staff and their diligence on the audits, especially the work of Karen Shannon, Finance Director for the Village and past Village Administrator, Loretta Trujillo.

Karen Shannon commented, "I take my job as a public servant very seriously and try to use the wisdom, knowledge, and understanding that God gives me every day. If the Mayor and Council enact ordinances and policies, Management enforces them and provides procedures for Staff, and Staff follows policies and procedures. We have a good team. In working together for the greater good we can make things better," Kudos to all the Village Staff in this huge accomplishment for our Village!

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Nonviolence Works Give Back to Schools and Community!

By DEBORAH CHAVEZ

In November 2018, Questa High School Seniors Marissa Romero, Sasha Martinez, and Sierra Cisneros organized a schoolwide sock drive at QHS. They collected over 100 pairs of socks which were greatly appreciated and declared "HOB0 GOLD" by the Taos Men's Shelter. The three also rewarded the junior and senior high classes who donated the most socks with a Root Beer Float Party. All items for the parties were donated by the Questa Center Supermarket.

In January, Nonviolence Works

members paired with Ms. Santistevan's Community Service Class and baked cookies for all QHS staff members to enjoy. The two groups continued to put their baking skills to good use and baked dozens of cookies for the Father-Daughter Dance in February. For Valentine's Day, QHS Senior members organized card-making events for both the Pre-K and Kindergarten classes at Alta Vista Elementary and Intermediate School (AVEIS). They helped the students in these two classes make Valentine's cards to take home and share with someone they love.

To make sure younger students did not miss out on the fun of preparing for St. Patrick's Day, Senior members again organized an event for the Pre-K and Kindergarten classes at AVEIS. They helped the students make personalized Rainbow Necklaces out of Froot Loops.

After hearing about the Catholic Daughters bottle cap drive for cancer patients in Mexico coming to an end, QHS Senior members decided to research the cause and will continue collection efforts. Members have partnered with Rocio Portales, from San Antonio, Texas who has been collecting plastic caps for

the past two years. Collection bags have been placed throughout AVEIS, QHS, and RCSLA, and the community. A collection box for larger donations is located at the Questa Center Supermarket. All donations will be shipped to Rocio who will then deliver them to Mexico.

Although the school year is winding down and QHS Seniors are extremely busy preparing for graduation, they continue to find ways to stay involved and give back to their community!

Deborah Chavez is the Nonviolence Works Mentorship Program Director

Fire Department Auxili-What?

By JANIE CORINNE

When you were a child, did you ever think about being a firefighter? Exciting stuff— sliding down the pole in big boots and yellow hats; saving children and kitties from burning buildings. And you get to have a Dalmatian!

Any firefighter will tell you, there's a lot of study, training, meetings, maintenance, drills and plain hard work. They also must keep their cool while responding to other emergencies.

In our area, most of that work is accomplished by volunteers, who can use support. More than a dozen neighbors

met with Latir Fire Chief Chris Côté on March 9th to become members of the new Latir Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary. During a big emergency, the auxiliary can bring food, coffee, cookies and water to the firefighters. In many cases, firefighters work together from several fire departments. The Latir Auxiliary plans to work closely with other area auxiliaries. The new auxiliary members will be doing more than simply providing food for the firefighters.

Several members will be getting training through CERT (Community Emergency Response Training) and can

help neighbors deal with emergencies, including evacuation in the event of wildfires. One issue stood out – how to mark every home so that first responders can find it when a fire or a medical emergency occurs. On our rural roads, house numbers are often out of sequence and confusing. Many houses do not have street numbers marked at the road. First responders lose valuable time trying to respond to 911 calls. Auxiliary members will be visiting neighbors who do not have fire numbers. They will provide information about creating a fire-safe home and property and to

discuss having visible house numbers at the road. If you are interested in the Latir Fire Department Auxiliary contact Vicki Duncan at 575.586.2359 or email vicduncan@icloud.com.

Everyone needs red reflective fire numbers for your driveway or gate. Please visit the Taos County Planning and Zoning office in the County Complex at 105 Albright in Taos. There you can get red reflective house numbers, free of charge, weekdays from 8 AM to 5PM. Please go in person, bring I.D. and proof of residence, such as an electric bill, that has your street address on it.

Questa Celebrates Enchanted Circle Day at 2019 Legislature

By NICHOLAS MAESTAS

On Ash Wednesday, March 6th, the Village of Questa joined our neighbors around the Enchanted Circle to swarm the Roundhouse in support of our legislative priorities.

Each year, the Enchanted Circle Marketing Co-op sponsors an Enchanted Circle Day at the Legislature to promote each of the members of the Co-op. Our booth displayed exciting things going on in Questa including the wonderful work of Vida del Norte Coalition, Questa Farmers Market, history projects, river projects, and library goals. Many folks were interested to learn of the community work to restore the San Antonio Church. Staff had the chance to meet and visit with folks, each with a unique connection to our community. Several hundred copies of the Questa del Rio News were distributed to legislators.

Questa Public Library Director, Sharon Nicholson, had the opportunity



Courtesy Photo

At the Capital Rotunda, from left to right, Antonio Caraveo, Gabe Cisneros, Renee Martinez, Dina Coleman, Sharon Nicholson, Russell Gallegos, Vilma Bailon, Judge Michael Rael, Nadine Herrera, Karen Shannon, Nicholas Maestas, Raynelle Cordova, Mayor Mark Gallegos

to visit Senator Carlos Cisneros, Representative Roberto “Bobby” Gonzales, and Governor Michele Lujan-Grisham’s offices to hand deliver postcards in support of SB 264 and SJR 11 “Rural Library Development, Program & Fund”, and

“Endowment to Support Rural Libraries” respectively. Today SB 264 sits on the Governor’s desk waiting to be signed into Law.

At 1 pm at the Capitol Rotunda, Mayor Gallegos addressed the audience

and highlighted the Village’s progress toward a post-mining economy. We also had special guests join us, including Cabinet Secretary Jen Schroer, Senator Carlos Cisneros, Representative Roberto “Bobby” Gonzales, and each of the Mayors from around the Enchanted Circle. Each had a chance to speak to the audience about the impact of the tourism industry in each of our communities. Also in attendance were Judge Michael Rael and Village Councilor Charlie Gonzales.

The opportunity to represent the Village of Questa by meeting in person with lawmakers is invaluable. Together with the other Enchanted Circle communities, we can demonstrate to our state’s leadership how important each of our communities are to one another, discuss how state resources are used to support the needs of the community, and finally promote the rich natural beauty that surrounds us.

Harvest Questa Community Events

By KRISTI GONZALES

Harvest Questa had an amazing Valentine’s Day Kid’s Night Out. We provided free child care, dinner, dessert, and games from 5:30-8:30 pm so parents could enjoy going out on Valentine’s Day. There were 25 kids in attendance, and they didn’t want to go home! We appreciate all who helped us get the word out about this event and thank you Prime Time Pizza for donating a pizza and drinks!

Harvest Kids are going to do a Free Car Wash on April 6th 9:30 AM - 1 PM to raise money for Kids Camp in

Ruidoso, NM. Ages 7-12 attend May 27-31 and Youth Camp for ages 12-18 is June 2-7. Donations are requested and greatly appreciated.

We are now accepting applications to attend camp until April 14th. For more information, contact Pastor Kristi 575-770-5906. Donations are welcome and tax-deductible.

Did you know the Village of Questa is doing their Free Community Easter Egg Hunt again April 20th 12-2 PM @ the Youth Center? And guess what? Harvest Questa is donating over 2,500 stuffed Easter Eggs again!



Photo by Melissa Rael

The 1994 Boys High School Basketball Division 2A State Champions from Questa High School were honored on March 16th at the UNM Pit. It was the 25-year anniversary of their momentous win. Pictured are QHS 1994 High School Basketball State Champions. Left to Right: Anthony Ortega, Cameron Gonzales, Davino Aragon, Donnie Santistevan, Jake Montoya, Jonathan Rael, Marshall Cisneros, Michael Rael, Tony Vigil, Tyrone Jenkins, Assistant Coach Manuel Gonzales, Head Coach James Branch. (not pictured are Victor Trujillo, Gilbert Bailon). By Jana Rael,

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VOLUNTEER MONTH *from Page 1*

Nancy Parker are at the library regularly to help with shelving, processing books and DVDs, cleaning computer equipment, plant maintenance, outdoor gardening, customer service, and just about anything they are asked to do. Nancy helps with children's programs

Stitch. Linda Nicholson reviews the DVDs you tell us will not play. Our fix-it man is Tommy Brittain (he also surprises us with fresh baked desserts!). The members of the Advisory and Friends boards show up to help when asked. Dawn Provencher creates our Summer Reading Program curriculum. Linda Betz helps with children's pro-

Volunteering is the ultimate exercise in democracy. You vote in elections every year or so, but when you volunteer, you vote every day about the kind of community you want to live in. –Author Unknown

and decorating for special occasions and holidays. Volunteer Ann Gleeson is on call to shelve books and DVDs when the stack gets too tall.

We depend on Dan Kuehn to keep our website current and functioning. Lynn Galusky helps with shutting down computers and closing up the library most Thursdays after Dropped

grams and puts up posters and flyers for upcoming events, those flyers are created by Margaret Lejuste. And Olga Gressott serenades the Wildcat Kitty Club with her violin! I am honored to work with ALL our volunteers. You are my rock. You bring sunshine to my days, I could not do this job without you. Would you like to be a volunteer?



Courtesy Photo

Nancy Parker volunteers and works with the Kid's programs.

Just stop by the library or call us at 575-586-2023.

Friends of the Questa Public Library is also supported by memberships. We urge you to become a member! Mem-

bership is \$10 for an individual, \$15 for a family. You can be a part of our library family. Pick up a membership form at the library.

Free Consultations for Small Business in Questa



By LINDSAY MAPES

The Small Biz Development Center (SBDC), sponsored by UNM-Taos, is a program of the Small Business Administration. They will be hosting free, monthly one-on-one business counseling sessions in Questa. The mission of the SBDC is to develop skilled entrepreneurs and strong businesses. "We help people start businesses, grow existing business, and stay in business," said Anwar Kaelin, the SBDC Center Director for the Taos office.

"Anybody who has an intent or de-

sire to start a business, needs assistance for every stage of business, or rounding out the business cycle - someone who wants to sell their business, we can help," he added. Examples of businesses that Anwar assists are crafts people or artists who need help marketing themselves, tourism-related businesses like hunting outfitters, and the fastest growing industry: the short-term rental business.

If you are interested in a free one-hour free consultation with Anwar while he is at the Questa Visitor Center/ Questa Economic Development Fund, he is taking appointments the second Wednesday of each month from 10:00am until 4:00pm. He is currently accepting appointments on April 10 and May 8. To schedule, call Anwar at 575-737-6219 or email anwar@unm.edu

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APRIL 2019

URANUS CONJUNCT SUN

“There is a light that shines beyond all things on earth, beyond the highest, the very highest heavens. This is the light that shines in your heart.” Chandogya Upanishad

In March Uranus moved into Taurus where it will live until 2026. Uranus is the planet of automation and change, a planet which prefers accuracy and precision over vagueness and ambiguity. It is “far-out,” demands an open mind, equality and is often about revolution. “Thinking outside the box,” is Uranus. Taurus is the box. Taurus hates change and demands status quo. This will be an interesting partnership which promises to shake things up over the next few years.

This month, the Sun also moves into Taurus and the two planets will be moving into and then out of conjunction, meaning in the same place at the same time from Earth’s perspective. The Sun rules things which go around, cycling and revolving, in another way, revolution. It is also about personal expression; everyone knows their “Sun Sign.” Thus, personal expression and a demand for equality for all mankind come as close as it is possible for two planets to be. “Cazimi” is a Medieval astrological term that refers to planets that are so close to a conjunction with the Sun that they are “in the heart” of the Sun. It is a Latin transliteration of the Arabic term kasmimi, which means “as if in the heart.” As revolution proceeds apace – and who can doubt that it is occurring now – let’s remember how we are meant to be expressing ourselves, as if in the heart.

Everyone: April 22 is the day of exact conjunction. Ponder on creative self-expression and how it can positively fit with the whole world, also expressing.

ARIES ♈ Planet: Mercury ♀ MARCH 20 – APRIL 19
Dynamic: Midway through the month, the energy shifts and you feel more comfortable in your own skin.
Direction: Now’s the time to BE all that you can be.
Soul Thought: You could call it, coming home.

TAURUS ♉ Planet: Vulcan ♀ APRIL 19 – MAY 20
Dynamic: It’s a creative time for you.
Direction: Create something in business or politics which can help everyone.
Soul Thought: What is “The Eye of the Bull?”

GEMINI ♊ Planet: Venus ♀ MAY 20 – JUNE 20
Dynamic: Gradually, this peaceful, pensive time will become more forceful.
Direction: Use the quiet to formulate your plans.
Soul Thought: Does it fit with The Plan?

CANCER ♋ Planet: Neptune ♀ JUNE 20 – JULY 22
Dynamic: You have a lot of basic intuitive know-how.
Direction: Learn to trust it.
Soul Thought: To float or to dive deep, that is the question.

LEO ♌ Planet: Sun ☉ JULY 22 – AUG 22
Dynamic: You’ve been planning and preparing for some time.
Direction: Now’s the time to manifest it.
Soul Thought: “If you want to make God laugh, tell him about your plans.” Woody Allen

VIRGO ♍ Planet: Moon ☾ AUG 22 – SEPT 22
Dynamic: While the supermoons may be over for the year, this month is the spiritual highpoint of the year.
Direction: Feel into this very significant full moon on April 19.
Soul Thought: “Super” is inside you.

LIBRA ♎ Planet: Uranus ♂ SEPT 22 – OCT 22
Dynamic: A time of creative self-expression within partnership.
Direction: Your sometimes far-out ideas can take hold now.
Soul Thought: When far out comes down to Earth.

SCORPIO ♏ Planet: Mars ♂ OCT 22 – NOV 21
Dynamic: The temptation may be to argue or fight.
Direction: The true goal is to communicate.
Soul Thought: What is the real value of words?

SAGITTARIUS ♐ Planet: Earth ☿ NOV 21 – DEC 20
Dynamic: A lot going on around you, but you can remain balanced and separate from it all.
Direction: Will to control your emotions and you’ll be fine.
Soul Thought: “I, the Soul in incarnation will to . . . purify and control my emotional body.” Alice Bailey

CAPRICORN ♑ Planet: Saturn ♄ DEC 20 – JAN 19
Dynamic: Although you are still strong a couple of challenges may affect your balance.
Direction: Cautious steps in business and relationships will help.
Soul Thought: Steady as she goes.

AQUARIUS ♒ Planet: Jupiter ♃ JAN 19 – FEB 18
Dynamic: Good fortune and good feelings may waiver a bit mid-month.
Direction: A good attitude is now needed.
Soul Thought: “We cannot direct the wind, but we can adjust the sails.” Dolly Parton

PISCES ♓ Planet: Pluto ♇ FEB 18 – MAR 20
Dynamic: Challenges off and on but also some lovely self-validation.
Direction: Some downtime for introspection would be good.
Soul Thought: A mountain cave makes a lovely get-away . . . including in your imagination.

To discover your Rising Sign, or for more information, contact Charlene R. Johnson, www.SkyDanceAstrology.com, or email: SkyDance@SkyDanceAstrology.com

Esoteric Astrology is focused on the rising sign more than the sun sign (we suggest you read both) and provides clarity, direction and answers for those seeking a higher level of life.

DATES TO REMEMBER
APRIL 2019

APRIL 1: April Fool’s Day

APRIL 6: 9:30AM-1:00PM
Harvest Questa Car Wash fundraiser for summer camp

APRIL 2: 6:00PM
Questa School Board Meeting

APRIL 3: 2:30-3:00PM
BookMobile, San Cristobal Community Center

APRIL 3: 3:15-4:00PM
BookMobile, Questa Post Office

APRIL 3: National Walking Day

APRIL 5: 1:00-3:00PM
Questa Library Kid’s Program, TWIRL—Robot Play!

APRIL 6: National Love Our Children Day

APRIL 7: World Health Day

APRIL 7: 2:00PM
QJSHS National Honor Society Induction Ceremony, QHS Gym

APRIL 9: 6:00PM
Questa Village Council Meeting, Village Hall

APRIL 10: Planning & Zoning Meeting in Taos, Discussion of solar array

APRIL 10: 10:00AM-2:00PM
Small Business Administration at Questa Visitor Center

APRIL 10: 6:00PM
Questa Business Entrepreneurs meeting at Rael’s Market

APRIL 11: 5:30-7:30PM
EPA Meeting-Chevron Mine Superfund, VFW Hall

APRIL 12: 1:00-3:00PM
Questa Library ArtKids! Easter Eggs and more.

APRIL 12: 11:00AM-2:00PM
Free Food at North Central NM Food Pantry!

APRIL 14: Palm Sunday

APRIL 14: National Gardening Day

APRIL 15: Tax Day

APRIL 16: 6:00PM - Questa School Board Meeting

APRIL 16: 10:00AM Red River Chamber Board Meeting, RR Conference Center

APRIL 16: World Voice Day

APRIL 18: 10:30AM-NOON
Wildcat Kitty Club Ages 0-3, Music, play, reading, snacks Questa Public Library

APRIL 18: 5:30-6:30PM
Full Moon Community Yoga at OCHO

APRIL 19: Good Friday

APRIL 19: Passover begins

APRIL 19: 1:00-3:00PM
Questa Library Kid’s Program, Homeschoolers Welcome!

APRIL 20 : NOON-2:00PM
Free Community Easter Egg Hunt at the Youth Center

APRIL 21: Easter

APRIL 22: Earth Day

APRIL 22: 10:00AM - 4:00PM
LEAP Earth Day Work Party, Questa Municipal Park, Library and Youth Center

APRIL 23: 6:00PM
Questa Village Council Meeting, Village Hall

APRIL 23: 5:00PM
Red River Town Council, RR Conference Center

APRIL 26: 1:00-3:00PM
Questa Library Kid’s Program, ArtKids!

APRIL 26: 11:00AM-2:00PM
Free Food at North Central NM Food Pantry!

APRIL 27: 10:00AM-NOON
Community Trash Pick-Up Day, Eagle Rock Lake

APRIL 28: Orthodox Easter

APRIL 28: 3:00PM
LNA and VVLNA – El Rito Community Meeting, former Living Word Church

APRIL 29: 3:30-5:00PM
Questa Public Library Book Club at Rael’s Market

Every Saturday During Ski Season 7:00-8:00 PM Torchlight Parade and Fireworks, Red River

For a complete list of April Events in Red River, go to <https://redriver.org/events/calendar/2019/4>

APRIL IS:
National Month of Hope
National Canine Fitness Month
Distracted Driving Awareness Month
National Child Abuse Awareness Month
National Donate Life Awareness Month
Keep America Beautiful Month
National Autism Awareness Month
National Garden Month
National Humor Month
National Parkinson’s Awareness Month
National Poetry Month
National Volunteer Month
Scottish-American Heritage Month
Sexual Assault Awareness Month
Stress Awareness Month

HELP WANTED

ROCKY MOUNTAIN YOUTH

CORPS is accepting applications for our Summer Questa Crew. Multiple positions for 17-25 year olds this summer. Earn \$760 every two weeks, and \$1,252 Education Award. We are also seeking an Assistant Crew Supervisor, and a Supervisor. Apply online www.youthcorps.org, or call (575) 751-1420.

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NOTICES

The Latir Neighborhood Association and Virsylvia y Vecinos Landowners Association will sponsor their joint community meeting on Sunday April 28th at 3pm followed by their individual association meetings. It will be held at El Rito's new community center, the former Living Word Church, located midway between the 26 and 27 mile markers on the west side of Highway 522. The community meeting will include a report on fire issues, updates on the solar array, and open discus-

sion of our community's future.

Chevron Questa Mine Superfund

Site Informational Meeting April 11th, 5:30-7:30 PM, VFW Post 2597, 2597 North Highway 522, in Questa. The EPA, New Mexico Environment Department (NMED), New Mexico Energy, Minerals, and Natural Resources Dept. and Chevron Mining, Inc. will hold a community meeting to provide an update on current and future cleanup work at the Questa Mine Superfund Site, followed by a Question and Answer session. For more information, please contact Janetta Coats, (800) 533-3508 or coats.janetta@epa.gov.

Calling all graduating seniors!

Are you or do you know a high school senior from Taos County or Western Colfax County? If so, please consider applying for or sharing this Taos Community Foundation Scholarship Opportunity. TCF hosts 5 scholarship funds and is accepting applications for all 5 scholarship opportunities. Applications may be hand delivered to our office (115 La Posta Rd. Ste. A) or postmarked by our application deadline. Early application submissions are strongly encouraged. For our scholarship announcement, eligibility requirements, and application materials, please visit: www.taoscf.org/scholarships Deadline to apply is Thursday, April 11, 2019 @ 5:00 PM.

Costilla-Amalia Community Reunion (including Garcia and Jaroso, CO)

Mark your calendars: July 6-7, 2019 at the Plaza De Arriba in Costilla. There will be a parade, historical ceremony, vendors and a music festival, a Catholic mass on Sunday, something for everyone and lots of family fun. The Facebook page "Families of Costilla and Amalia" will keep you current on all things Costilla, Amalia and that area of Northern Taos County (NoTaCo).

MilagroWolf equals Milagro Beanfield War onstage crossed with a Meow-Wolf-style venue!

This new arts collective with creative space at Cerro VFW looks to build a Lego diorama of Milagro (a.k.a. Questa) as its first stage for puppet performances. We are seeking donations of Legos and volunteer builders and their adult helpers. This first art installation will go on the road, first stop is Twirl's 5th Annual Invent Event at Enos Garcia Elementary School Gym in Taos on April 27th from 2-4 PM. Next stop is Paseo Outdoor Art Festival in September. We are raising awareness for a Kickstarter that raises funds to build a full-scale modular funhouse for staging live actors in performance. Create your own Milagro by bringing Lego builders and

artworks to Cerro! To participate or to donate contact Mark White at 575-224-4006 or whitemark1@yahoo.com.

The Fourth Annual Questa Studio Art Tour is right around the corner,

August 17-18. Please join the over 40 local artists in showcasing Questa as an arts destination. Last year we had over 300 visitors come through the 14 different hubs (either a business or private studio, where artists can show and sell their work). Some hubs have one artist's work and others have many. It was a festive, exciting event, visitors see the beauty of our local area and the beauty produced by our artists. This year, new hubs include the Youth Center and one south of Questa. The fee to be included in the QSAT is \$50, used completely to promote the artist. The artists' work is on the event brochure, in local advertising and on the QSAT website. If you are interested in joining, applications are at ArtQuesta, Rael's Market or the Questa Post Office. You can also find the application and more information on our website, <https://www.questaartstour.com/>. This is a Questa Creative Council Project.

Music lessons - piano, guitar, ukulele, accordion, base, saxophone and recorder, contact Nat Wilson, 575-779-2725, lessons at La Sala in Questa, 2331 Hwy 522.

Bluegrass Music Jam The Juice Caboose in Red River, every Thursday night at 6:30 pm

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QUESTA WILDCATS BASKETBALL • APRIL-MAY SCHEDULE 2019

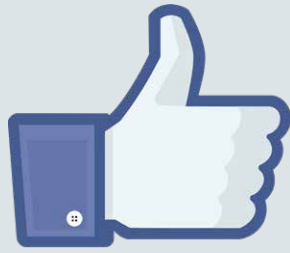
Antonito, CO	3/19	2 Games	Away	4:00PM & 6:00PM
Clayton	3/26	2 Games	Away	4:00PM & 6:00PM
Mesa Vista	3/28	1 Games	Away	4:00PM
Peñasco	4/2	2 Games	Away	3:30PM & 5:30PM
Tierra Encantada	4/8	1 Games	Away	4:00PM
Mesa Vista	4/11	2 Games	Home	3:00PM
Cimarron	4/15	2 Games	Home	2:00PM & 4:00PM
Peñasco	4/18	1 Games	Home	4:00PM
Mora	4/24	1 Games	Away	4:00PM
Mora	4/30	1 Games	Home	4:00PM
Tierra Encantada	5/3	2 Games	Home	3:00PM & 5:00PM
First Round States	5/8	1 Games	Away	TBA
Quarter-Finals	5/16	1 Games	Away	TBA
Semi-Finals	5/17	1 Games	Away	TBA
State Final	5/18	1 Games	Away	TBA

QUESTA WILDCATS TRACK & FIELD • APRIL-MAY SCHEDULE 2019

March 23	Dulce	Dulce
March 30	TBA	
April 6	Cimarron	Cimarron
April 12	Questa Invite Questa	
April 20	Lobo QuadEscalante	
April 27	NRG	Dulce
April 29	Ram Relays	Cimarron
May 3	District Meet	Escalante

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Yoga Sala
 April - May Schedule

Monday, 4:30-6 pm
 Slo Yo with Lou.

Tuesday, 9-10:30 am
 Gentle Flow/Restore with Gaea.

Wednesday evening, 5:30-7 pm
 Flow/Deep Stretch with Gaea.

**Thursday,
10-11:30 am**
 Gentle Basic Yoga with Willow

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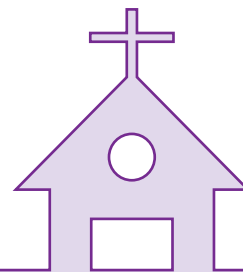
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 Questa Youth Center

Mondays 7:00pm
 Harvest Questa
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Tuesdays 7:00pm
 Erik's Workshop
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April 5 1-3 PM
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April 7-13
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April 12
ArtKids! 1-3 PM

ArtKids will work on multiple activities in-
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 in a colored paper collage and dying hard
 boiled eggs. April 12th will have something
 for everyone. Come and play with us!

April 18
Wildcat Kitty Club
10:30am - noon

Ages 0-3. Music, play, reading,
 Activities, and snacks. Bring the little ones!

April 19
Closed
 Spring holiday.

April 20
Easter Egg Hunt


April 29.
3:30-5:00 pm
Questa Library Book Club at Rael's
 We will discuss the book of your choice by
 Anne Hillerman. Questa Library has a good
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April 26.
1:00-3:00 PM
Friday Kid's Program

... to be announced.
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