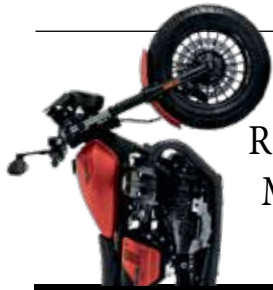


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Carolann Garcia-Scott: Valedictorian for QHS Class of 2019

By SARA MARTINEZ

Carolann Garcia-Scott has been named Valedictorian for the Questa High School Class of 2019. Carolann has a 4.18 GPA and has been taking college classes since 10th Grade. She studies everyday including weekends, with one of her hardest classes right now being Intermediate Math. Carolann currently attends high school half day and goes to UNM-Taos on Monday afternoons and also takes online classes. She has already received four scholarships and has chosen Adams State College to attend in the fall. She plans to major in Biology, eventually going into Pre-Med/Neuroscience and Behavioral Health.

Carolann lives with her grandparents, William Scott and Doreen Burchfield. Her Grandmother Joan Scott died in 2015, which was really hard for her. She attributes much of her success to living with her grandparents who have provided a safe and stable home for her and so much more. In her spare time, she plays guitar, listens to music, binges on Netflix and reads a lot.

As a sophomore, Carolann developed epilepsy and began having seizures. She said it took a while to get on the right medication and daily routines to get them to stop. Thankfully, it's been a couple years



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The Questa High School Graduating Class of 2019, going out in style! Back Row: Jasmine Salazar, Miguel Romero, Derek Vialpando, Rea Barrera. Next Row: Melissa Mascarenas, Alexis Padilla, Marissa Romero, Mikayla Chavez, Sasha Martinez, Linda Aguilar, Leon Ortiz. To the right of the banner: Sierra Cisneros, Joshua Arguello, Isaac Pacheco. Front row: Desiree Vallo, Enrique Vigil, Slade Wilson, Josiah Griego, Dominic Torres, Daniel Mandonado, Devon Hurst. Not pictured: Carolann Garcia-Scott and Joaquin Trujillo

since her last seizure.

Carolann said her best memories of QHS is the class of 2019 as a whole. She says that she has learned about community because people are so close here at the Questa Independent School District. Carolann has completed about 90+ volunteer

hours with the Latir Volunteer Fire Department and 10 hours with Stray Hearts Animal Shelter. She has also been involved in Drama, Chess Club, Ski Club, Future Educator's America (FEA), has been a class officer, and was in the National Honor Society since 7th grade.



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Questa High School, Class of 2019 Valedictorian, Carolann Garcia-Scott.

Carolann has mixed emotions about graduating. She feels happy about the future and sad about leaving her life here behind. She reports that she cares a lot about her education and wants to excel so that she can have everything in life that she ever dreamed of.

Positive Thoughts for May

By DONNA
MITCHELL-MONIAK

May honors mother with both international and national Mother's Day. Cinco de Mayo is May 5. May includes Global Love Day and the celebration of Spring - May Day. May offers us Teacher

Appreciation Day and Bike to School Day. We are to remember the spouses of military service members during May as well as all who have fallen in battle with Memorial Day. This month reminds us to stamp out hunger with a National Food Drive on May 11. And, billions of Bud-

dhists around the world celebrate the birth, enlightenment, and the passage into paranirvana of Buddha on the May full moon.

May Day traditionally is one of Europe's days of ritual that celebrated

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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Spring Fever

I am writing this on Earth Day, just one day after Easter, and I am still in the holiday mood. It's tough—sitting at the computer with a healthy dose of Spring Fever; it seems so wrong! Can I call in well today? Better not, if we want to deliver your paper on time.

Since I cannot get my hands in the garden, at least I can pay homage to Earth Day by hanging the laundry on the clothesline. Any excuse to be outside, right? I love our clothesline, it is big, in full sun, and always catches the wind. It usually dries clothes faster than our clothes dryer. Plus, I get to do weight-bearing exercise! It is a very healthy, natural lifestyle, having a clothesline and I don't have to pay power bills.

This month in our Sustainable Living Section on page 15, Michael Young continues his series on the Q House, with the mention of a solar/wind-powered clothes dryer (a.k.a. clothesline). This month we also are introducing a monthly column called Every Day is Earth Day by Angie Fernandez and Angela Herrera. You may know Angela as one of the friendly faces at the Questa Center Supermarket, more about the Questa Market on page 13.

Yesterday, being Easter and its theme of resurrection, it is especially significant to see life sprout again in Northern Taos County. I heard an Easter hymn, a haunting Medieval melody, that was as much about the resurrection of the Earth in springtime as it was about Jesus.

*Now the green blade riseth from the
buried grain, wheat that in dark earth
many days has lain;
Love lives again, that with the dead
has been:*

*Love is come again like wheat that
springeth green*

How nice to celebrate Spring with a song about a sprouting plant. I am sure you gardeners out there are also suffering from Spring Fever. Before you know it, you will be eating delicious food from your garden (unless you live in the shade of the tailings pile, see our article about the EPA Cleanup, on page 14). Everyone can look forward to another wonderful Farmers Market Season. Check out, also on page 14, how the Questa Farmers Market is working with other organizations and our area's youth to build community.

This is our Mother's Day issue and celebrating mothers fits right in with our theme of Mother Earth, Spring and nourishment. We have two Business Profiles this month, one is about Mother's Day and the Questa Center Supermarket where four generations of women carry on the family tradition. To highlight the 37th Annual Red River Motorcycle Rally we also bring you an article about Joe Gomez and his business, Wickedly Savage Custom Cycles. There is so much going on in the Enchanted Circle! Who knew you could have a custom motorcycle built right here, and a Wickedly Savage one at that?

Last but not least, we honor the Questa High School Graduating Class of 2019. Congratulations, you made it and you have a big, beautiful world out there just waiting for you to make a better place. When your 50th Class Reunion rolls around, or even your 10th or 20th, We hope it finds you happy, healthy, and fulfilled. Go out there and shine your light!

EDITOR: LOU MCCALL

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A note from the food editor:

To all my wonderful friends out there, an apology is necessary. It was brought to my attention that the recipe for "Sopa De Crakes" was not up to local standards! My recipe came from a longtime family friend, and it was not what everyone's grandma or mom made. I have had the pleasure of having a delicious taste of the local recipe (thank you, Jeannie) and I must say, the one in the paper might be good, but, stick to grandma's recipe...it's delicious!

THANK YOU,
ROBYN BLACK

Thank you!

One morning, the air began to vibrate with news that Questa was the mouth of an enormously ancient volcano. New Mexico geologists found it to contain deposits of minerals such

as gold, silver, and molybdenum. Decades of mining began. After attacking the virgin caldera, the mine was closed and the Corporality received a Superfund order to clean up the toxic waste that it had created. For example, Rio Colorado had become infected with deadly, toxic pollutants.

A neighbor visited a nearby recycler and retired molybdenum miner and saw a pile of 50-gallon metal containers that have been removed from the mine's storage field. The cans read ARSENIC, the poisonous element used with mercury to extract molybdenum. In other words, arsenic, mercury, together with uranium and radium are in the tailings. Water soluble lead, aluminum, and cadmium, too. Widespread water contamination is a likely outcome.

Chevron must be held accountable. The water of the Oglala aquifer (a vast underground ocean) has been to northern New Mexico what the buffalo contributed to the Plains Indians: our very survival. That water source has been compromised by the mine's processes. The Corporality wishes to

extend the clean-up and depend on future generations to do it right; but that plan is not acceptable! Covering the tailing site with 2 feet of topsoil (or even 3 feet) is an obsolete Band-Aid solution. The tailings must be returned to their original home: the open pit or the mine tunnels.

Into 2008, Google reported that the Mine's income was \$45 billion. That money left us job-barren. Ironically, the humble Village on the volcano has been nicked and dined. Fearful villagers purchase water in plastic bottles afraid to drink local water. Visitors to our historical Little Village can observe the dead, silent toxic lake and the tailings situated above it. How can this Village community with limited resources do battle with Chevron? Think on it leaders and guardians of Questa.

RESPECTFULLY YOURS,
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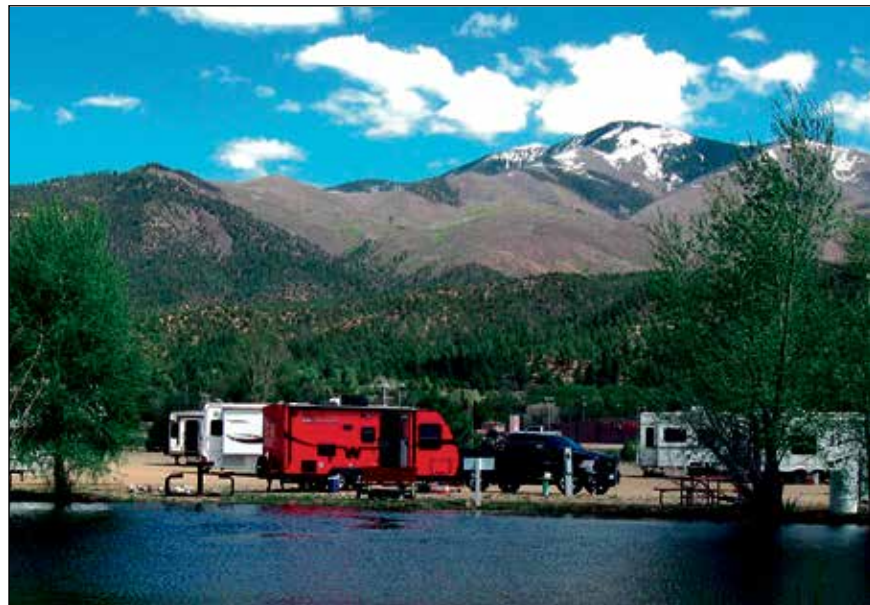
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Sierra Hermosa RV Park



By LINDSAY MAPES

As Questa transitions from a mining town to one that embraces recreation and tourism, one Questa entrepreneur has taken the plunge in the hospitality industry. Bobby Ortega, former Centinel Bank executive and former mayor of Questa, had been “looking into RV Parks since about 2005,” said Bobby. As he was planning ahead for retirement, he was thinking what he could do after leaving Centinel Bank. As he evaluated the feasibility of an RV park, he consulted with a friend who owns an RV Park in Albuquerque for advice, “so I could see first-hand what the business was about. My friend was very helpful,” he added.

In 2013, just before retiring, Bobby was approached by Chevron about a large expansion they were planning. They had heard that Bobby was thinking about opening an RV Park and they were going to need housing for new employees. “They encouraged me to open an RV Park. This would be a huge boost for a new business and was another reason I was looking into this type of business,” remembered Bobby. So, he started construction on Sierra Hermosa RV Park in April of 2014. “That June, the mine announced a shutdown, right in the middle of our construction. It was a major shock. A lot of people asked if I was going to stop the project, but I was committed to the idea and had studied my projections. Without the mine, I knew Questa would have to diversify the economy and our community more than ever.

A new RV Park that could draw people to Questa in a post-Chevron economy made so much sense,” said Bobby.

Being an advocate for local businesses and being the owner/operator of a local gravel pit, Bobby stayed firm on keeping it local. The RV Park was constructed by all local and experienced contractors, using all local materials and parts. “It didn’t cost any extra to stay local, and we have very talented people here,” commented Bobby. Bobby opened in July 2014 and retired from Centinel Bank in December 2014.

Despite the scare from the Chevron Mine shutdown, business has been great, in part due to the mine. “The remediation work that is going has been very beneficial to my business because some of the contractors are staying with me. Either way, it worked out. I’ve benefited from having a lot of business from some of contractors for the mine reclamation,” said Bobby of the mine shutdown. He added, “What’s most exciting is this business has been successful since I opened, but more so, I’m pleased with what it’s doing for the businesses in Questa because people that stay here are spending money in the community, they’re turning the dollars at the gas stations, stores and restaurants - these people are spending money here. I try to keep the business here as much as I can. Referrals are essential in helping each other. That’s important.”

Starting his fifth season in business, Bobby says there are many positives to working in the tourism industry. “It’s

very rewarding and a lot of fun, meeting people from all over the country. We are slowly turning the mindset that Questa is a good place to stay, that we have so much to offer.” A factor that many don’t consider when entering in the tourism business is the need for local knowledge to relay to the guests. “Because I grew up here, I know all the trails in the Monument, I know these mountains and the back country, so when anyone wants to know about a specific trail or fishing areas, I can give them pretty good information,” said Bobby. “This is a great business that goes hand in hand with promoting Questa and tourism,” he added.

When asked what advice he has for others in the area wanting to tap into tourism or hospitality, he suggested having a good website. “It’s been one of the most important aspects of the business, everyone finds me on the web.” He also appreciates all of the return business and the local referrals he receives. Bobby also sees opportunity for other tourism-related businesses for Questa. “Red River as an example does a lot of ATV, jeep, and horseback tours, why can’t we do that here?” He suggests developing a business plan and research what resources are out there to help Questenios start their own business to attract tourists. “I was fortunate to come from a business background. I think for someone who wants to start a business and doesn’t have that background, there are a lot of resources out there to help. I wouldn’t be dissuaded by the closed mine, there’s a lot of oppor-

tunity here. This is my home, I believe in this community. The history and culture of the area, including the historic St. Anthony Church are a big draw to promote our community.”

The name Sierra Hermosa RV Park was chosen because Bobby wanted a Spanish name that was true to the Questa culture. Sierra Hermosa means beautiful mountain and while standing in the Park, it looks like Flag Mountain is hovering right over you. The Park has 44 spaces with full hookups: water, sewer, electric and excellent wi-fi. “The traveling visitor demands connectivity,” said Bobby. He added, “it’s a big selling feature for me.” The park is surrounded by open space, a pond, and beautiful springs that attract elk, deer and a variety of birds and waterfowl.

Bobby is working on growing the business in phases which include a permanent office, with showers, restrooms and laundry facility and potentially adding more spaces on adjacent property if the demand warrants it. But we’re making Questa an option. Questa is in the hospitality and tourism game. It’s all about making a visit to our community one that is memorable and giving the guest a reason to come back,” said Bobby. “People have choices, they don’t have to stay in Questa, New Mexico.

Sierra Hermosa RV Park is located at 2348 NM Highway 522 in Questa. To book an RV space visit www.SierraHermosaRVPark.com or call Bobby directly at 575-770-0121.

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Wickedly Savage Custom Cycles



By LINDSAY MAPES

Joe Gomez of Questa is a bit of a small engine legend. He grew up on motorcycles in Questa thanks to his cousin, Abel Junior Gomez. "He had an old Indian Motorcycle. I was 9 or 10 years old. The bike broke down and my cousin said if I could get it started I could have it," recalled Joe. But this was no simple fix - the head of the engine was stripped where the spark-plug screwed in. "Everyone said I couldn't do it." And this is where Joe found his calling early in life. "I made a head out of wood and put a spark plug in it. No one thought it would work. I rode all over town on that bike for a couple of years," Joe added with a

chuckle. He's been hooked on motorcycles and engines ever since.

From his fond memories of Mac-Gyvering the Indian engine, Joe decided he wanted a career out of motorcycles. So, in 1997 he spent over a year in Green River, Wyoming becoming a Harley Davidson mechanic. Shortly after attaining this coveted certification, he returned to Questa to be close to his widowed mother, Kathleen Gomez. Joe worked on and off for Dave's Custom Cycles in Taos from 1999 to 2007 and then MolyCorp Mine before opening his first motorcycle shop: Attitude Cycles in Espanola.

"I chose Espanola both because there were no other shops and my mother

had relocated to the area," explained Joe. After the financial crisis of 2008, Los Alamos National Labs began laying off employees. "That's when I felt the recession," said Joe. He was forced to close his shop.

Later, Joe returned to Questa to work at the renamed Chevron Mine until they closed their doors in 2014. He tried the mine circuit for a while and relocated to Carlsbad, NM before coming home and opening up a motorcycle and small engine repair shop in Questa.

"I opened up Wickedly Savage Custom Cycles in November of last year out of my shop next door to my house," said Joe. A seasoned hand with an engine, Joe

had been busy building custom cycles and repairing just about everything imaginable: ATVs, dirt bikes, semi-trucks, side by sides, vehicles, you name it.

Joe still has side jobs but always makes time in the evenings and weekends for what he loves, he is a Master Mechanic for custom motorcycle builds and engine repair. If you've always wanted to feel the power of a motorcycle and the thrill of the road, or if you have an engine repair need, Joe may not need to create an engine head out of wood to get you going, but he has an uncommon knack to fix just about anything that's fueled by gasoline.

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Fishing Season is Officially Upon Us, Prepare to Fish!



Photo by Toner Mitchell

This is Alexx Vigil, age 4, from Questa, holding a 20 inch brown trout he caught in Cabresto Creek

By TONER MITCHELL

The 2019 fishing season is officially upon us, as of April 1st, time to get your fishing gear in order. Make sure your reels are working before you go out so as to avoid the surprise of finding line tangles at the lakeshore when you should be having fun. If your line is old or has been subjected to extreme temperature fluctuations (rods left in cars are worth special attention), consider replacing it. You don't want to learn the hard way that your line is brittle and prone to breaking.

Just as spinner fishermen inventory their lure collections to see what they need to stock up on, I go through my fly boxes to check my supply of renegades and humpies. Point being, if you have a favorite Panther Martin color, chances are you might not have it in your tackle box, since you use them and therefore lose them. That's me and my renegades;

at the beginning of every fishing season, I usually have to sit my butt down and tie a couple dozen.

And don't forget to buy your fishing licenses. Last season's has expired.

Runoff will be big this year, so lure and bait anglers should do especially well by focusing on the stream margins where fish will seek relief from heavy currents. You won't need long casts, just dunk your worm or lift and drop your spinner (Panther Martins flutter whether loose or under tension) in fishy-looking pockets. Fly anglers should employ this same technique with flies that have a lot of movement built into them. Wooly buggers, leaches, and Pistol Petes are great early season flies. The best colors are black, brown, and olive with a splash of yellow, orange, or red somewhere in the fly.

Remember that the rivers will be cold until mid-May or later. This is important because as cold-blooded creatures, trout

may be sluggish during the shady hours, when fishing bait might be your best option. Cold water can also be dangerous, especially during runoff when the currents are so fierce. If you fall in, find a sunny spot, or your car, to warm up in. Consider bringing a change of clothes during the early season. A thermos of hot coffee or cocoa isn't a bad idea either.

Know the regulations for the waters you intend to fish. Many streams and lakes in the Questa area allow anglers to harvest up to five trout per day. On some, like the Red River below the hatchery and the Rio Grande up to the Colorado state line, the limit is two. Cutthroat trout must be released, and in certain designated waters that cutthroats share with non-native brown, rainbow, and brook trout there is no harvest limit on non-natives.

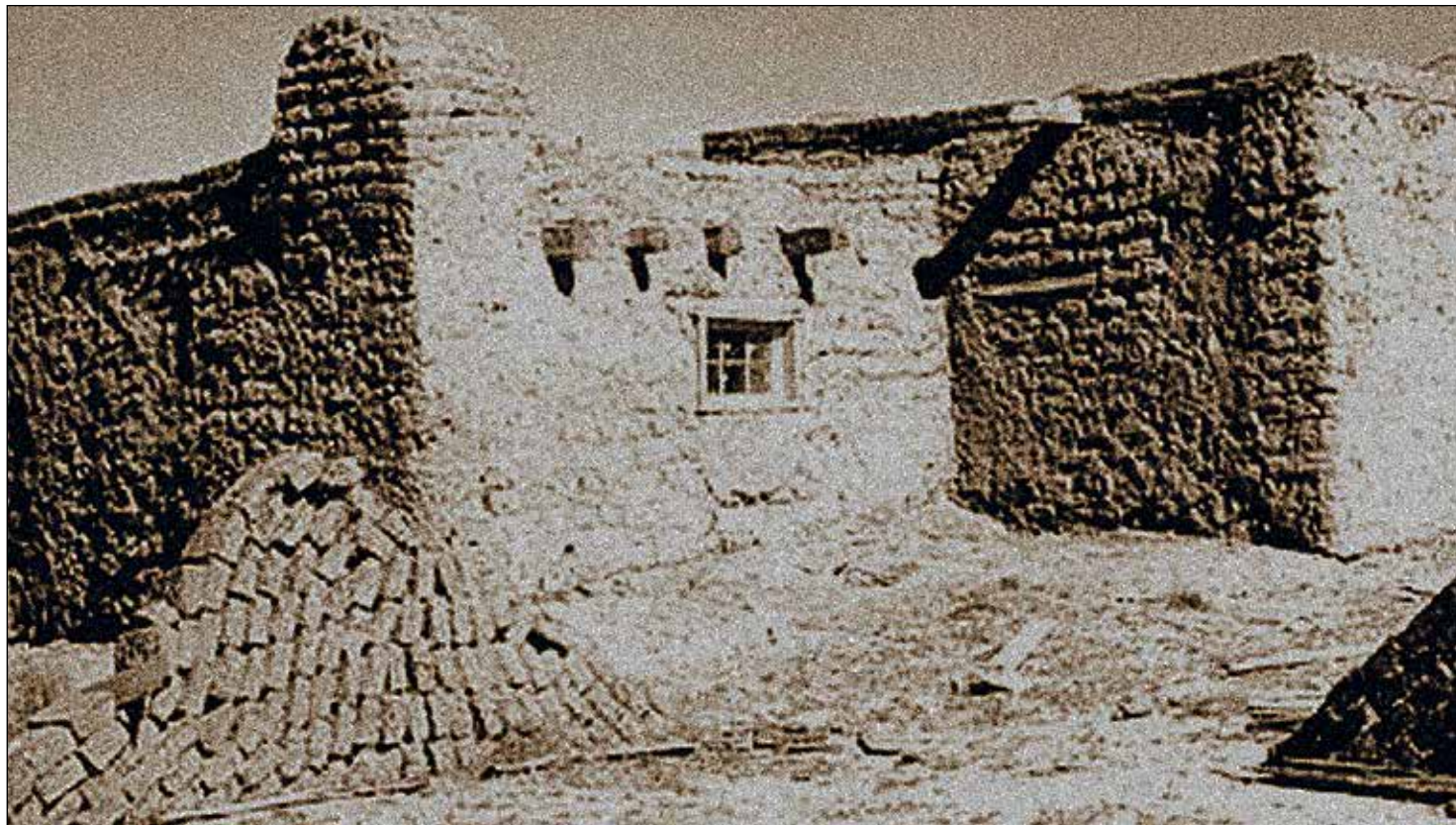
This is a good regulation for two reasons. First, trout are yummy, so the more, the merrier. More important,

however, competition from non-natives is devastating Rio Grande cutthroats. Brown and brook trout in Cabresto and Columbine Creeks and Rios Chiquito and Santa Barbara are replacing the natives far faster than the cutthroats are being restored. Plan a brown trout fish fry, New Mexico's cutthroats will appreciate it. But again, read your proclamation well to make sure you're fishing legally.

It goes without saying (but I'm saying it); let's leave our fishing spots in better shape than we find them, making sure we don't leave behind cans, sandwich bags, candy wrappers, or cigarette butts. Discarded fishing line takes a huge toll on birds and wildlife, which is extra sad given how easy it is to dispose of them properly. Please go the extra mile and bring a bag for picking up other folks' litter.

But most of all, have a great fishing season!

The Unique Legacy of Juan Bautista Rael, New Mexican Folklorist, Part 2



A penitente chapel in Arroyo Hondo, CA. 1920.

Courtesy Photo from the Library of Congress

By ROBERT WASSERSTROM

In 1930, a young teacher from Arroyo Hondo named Juan Bautista Rael (1900-1993) recorded 410 folktales in Spanish-speaking communities along the Upper Rio Grande. Ten years later, he added 108 stories, along with songs, ballads, religious plays, hymns, jokes and whatever else people were willing to tell him. In 1952, the stories were published in *Cuentos Españoles de Colorado y Nuevo México*, an invaluable record of New Mexico's disappearing oral heritage. The songs and other materials were included in *Hispano Music and Culture of the Northern Rio Grande: The Juan B. Rael Collection*, which is available online in the Library of Congress. Rael spent his career as a distinguished professor of Spanish language and literature at California's prestigious Stanford University.

As a graduate student in the late 1930s, Rael studied with Stanford Professor Aurelio Espinosa, a native of Carnero, Colorado. At the time, Espinosa was the country's foremost expert on Spanish language in the American Southwest. A generation earlier, Espinosa had put together the first major

collections of New Mexican folklore, which he then compared with the oral tradition of rural Spain. In his view, the two were virtually identical: very little had been added to Nuevomexicano stories from Mexican or American sources. "It is an established fact," he wrote, "that the folklore of New Mexico is for the most part of peninsular Spanish origin." Rael reached similar conclusions about the folktales he published in *Cuentos Españoles de Colorado y Nuevo México*. Somehow they had survived almost intact after two or three centuries in isolation.

Rael followed Espinosa's lead in other ways. In his collection, Rael adopted Espinosa's classification of Nuevomexicano stories. Scholars in Espinosa's day had deconstructed folktales into their basic plot elements, called "motifs" or "themes." For generations, storytellers have recombined these themes into limitless variations on a few basic story types or patterns. Each area of the world – North America, the Amazon Basin, Africa, etc. – has its own distinctive types with their characteristic heroes, villains and plot lines. In Western Europe, for example, common types

include "the enchanted prince," "the wayward son" and "the persecuted girl" (like Cinderella). When comparing folklore across languages or cultures – say, French stories to Spanish or Irish ones – scholars usually look for similarities among basic patterns, not the limitless number of individual stories. This is one way they can trace cultural contact and interaction over time.

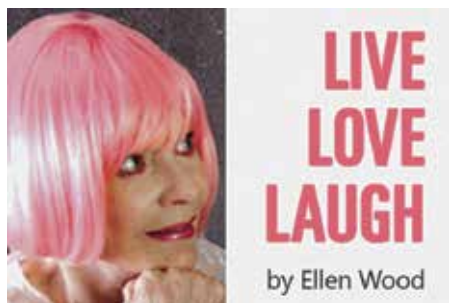
Rael heard *El torito azul* from 50-year old Salomé Cook in Questa during the summer of 1930. He identified it as a variation of the story type he called *la niña perseguida* ("persecuted girl"), which includes Cinderella. In the Questa version, a widower remarries to please his daughter, who is then mistreated by her stepmother. One day, a blue bull tells her that they both must run away. She climbs on his back and they set out. First, they come to a gold mountain, where he fights and defeats a tiger. Next, they come to a silver mountain, where he fights a lion. Before arriving at the king's palace, he gives her a wooden dress, a magic wand and a knife. He tells her that he's a soul in purgatory and she must kill him, bury his carcass and lay his skin on the grave. Anytime she

needs help, she should come to the grave and strike it three times with her magic wand.

She continues on to the palace and goes to work as a servant. One of her jobs is to wait on the prince, who mistreats her and knocks her down the stairs. But she is wearing her wooden dress, so she is unharmed. One day, when everyone else had left for Mass, she goes to the bull's grave and receives a beautiful dress, gold slippers and a fine horse, which takes her to church. When the prince asks her where she lives, she gives evasive answers and slips out before he can follow her. Twice more this scene is repeated. Then the king orders his men to put some pitch in the church door and she loses a slipper. The prince announces that he will marry the girl who can put it on. At first, he can't believe that it fits only the maid. But she soon reappears dressed in her beautiful clothes and the wedding proceeds.

If anyone has heard a similar story or can tell us more about Salomé Cook (born ca. 1880), please let me know. My email is wasserstrom-robert@gmail.com and my phone number is (713) 539-4728. Thanks!

Mamko Moja (Slovak for My Dear Mother)



She rode off into her final sunset in 1994 at age 82. Although I have many fond memories, there's one thing that I loved most of all about my Mom.

Was it her eyes? They were a brilliant yet soft blue – like the sky when it hasn't made up its mind yet whether to shout blueness or just say it subtly.

No, that's not it. They were certainly distinctive, but not the part of her I loved the most.

Was it the visions she shared with me? Of how her statue of the Blessed Mother moved and talked to her? Or the way she always chose me to go with her when she heard of a miracle happening somewhere? Like the time the leaves on the trees in the yard behind the saloon downtown formed a perfect face of Jesus. Or the time we took a long bus ride to see the tears that had formed beneath the glass on the eyes of a framed print of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Wonderful mystical memories, but not the thing I loved most about her.

Mom was a mediocre cook: she boiled the meat until it fell apart and fried everything until every molecule was saturated with grease. But – she was a terrific baker. I especially loved her baked bread. I would sit and watch while she punched the bread into submission,

sprinkling more flour here and there on the table and then punching it again. After that, she'd plump up that little round cushion of flour, water, egg, yeast and a pinch or two of salt into a large bowl, set it on the heat register in the dining room and cover it with an embroidered cloth of the Resurrecting Christ. Then the bread would rise, just like Jesus on Easter Sunday and puff out into a huge white soft pillow.

Yes, I loved that too, but that's not it.

The thing I loved best about Mom was her belly. It was big and round and soft like that bread before it was baked, and I loved sitting on her lap and feeling that belly jiggle when she laughed. Her belly was soft and squishy in the beginning, but then it began getting bigger and bigger and taut like a balloon. Soon she had to hold me just on her knees

because her belly was so huge.

It was one month before my third birthday when my brother Joseph came. That was a frightening time for me – not only did I not get to sit on her lap, but a few days later, Mommy disappeared altogether.

I yearned for my Mommy: her loving presence, her fragrance, her soft belly. I remember Daddy did a lot of sighing and oy, yoy, yoying because he missed Mommy, too.

I thought she might never come back to us, but many months later Mommy returned from the mental hospital. Even though I had to share her lap with Joseph a lot of the time, there were plenty of occasions when it was just me she pressed against her comforting, sacred belly. That is the thing I loved most about *Mamko Moja*.

Mamko Moja (“Mi querida madre” en eslovaco)

Por ELLEN WOOD

Se marchó con el sol en 1994 a los 82 años de edad. Aunque tengo muchos buenos recuerdos de ella, hay una cosa

que amaba sobre todo de mi mamá.

¿Eran los ojos? Los tenía de un azul brillante pero suave, como el cielo cuando aún no ha decidido si gritar azul a todo

pecho o nomás susurrarlo.

No, no era eso. Ciertamente que sus ojos eran distintivos, pero no eran la parte de ella que yo más amaba.

¿Eran las visiones que compartí conmigo? ¿De cómo su estatua de la Santísima Madre se movió y le habló? ¿O la forma en que siempre me llevaba con ella cuando escuchaba que un milagro estaba sucediendo en alguna parte? Como una vez en que las hojas de los árboles en el patio de atrás de un salón del centro de la ciudad formaron un rostro perfecto de Jesús. O la vez que hicimos un largo viaje en autobús para ver las lágrimas que se habían formado debajo del cristal en los ojos de una imagen enmarcada del Sagrado Corazón de Jesús.

Maravillosos recuerdos místicos, todos, pero no son lo que más amaba de ella.

Mamá era una cocinera mediocre: hervía la carne hasta que se desmenuzaba y freía todo hasta que cada molécula quedaba saturada de grasa. Pero —era una estupenda panadera. Sobre todo, me encantaba su pan horneado. Me sentaba y la observaba mientras ella amasaba la masa hasta domarla, esparcía más harina por aquí y por allá en la mesa y luego la amasaba otra vez. Después, apilaba ese cojincito redondo de harina, agua, huevo, levadura y una pizca o dos de sal en un tazón grande, lo ponía en el calentón del comedor y lo cubría con un paño que tenía bordado a El Cristo Resucitado. Entonces el pan se levantaba, como Jesús el

Domingo de Pascua y se hinchaba como una almohada blanca y grandotota.

Sí, eso amaba todo eso también, pero no era ello.

Lo que más me gustaba de mamá era su vientre. Era grande y redondo y suave como ese mismo pan antes de que lo hornearan, y me encantaba sentarme en su regazo y sentir que el vientre se agitaba cuando ella reía. Su vientre era suave y blando al principio, pero luego comenzó a ponerse más grande y más tenso, como un globo. Pronto tuve que sentarme nomás en sus rodillas porque el vientre ya estaba muy grande.

Fue un mes antes de mi tercer cumpleaños cuando llegó mi hermano Joseph. Resultó un momento aterrador para mí, no solo no pude sentarme en el regazo de mi mamá, sino porque unos días después, ella se desapareció por completo.

Extrañaba a mi Mamá: su presencia amorosa, su fragancia, su vientre suave. Recuerdo que Papi suspiraba mucho y decía ay, ay, porque extrañaba a Mami también.

Pensé que nunca regresaría con nosotros, pero varios meses después, Mamá volvió del hospital psiquiátrico. Aunque tuve que compartir su regazo con Joseph la mayor parte del tiempo, hubo muchas ocasiones en las que fui yo quien se acurrucó en su reconfortante y sagrado vientre. Eso es lo que más amaba de *Mamko Moja*.

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Mind is the Paint - Perception is the Paint Brush - Life is the Canvas

BODY | MIND

By BARBARA TRACY

Our perception is everything we experience and interpret. It is the paint and the paint brush of our own life. It creates how we see and respond to the world around us. This is abundantly clear in our relationships, be they with humanity, animals, plants or objects. We make the imprint that we live by with the way we have chosen to see. Think of our life as a painting. We have a blank canvas, and we have the experiences of life. We are the painter painting our environment with our perceptions. This environment contains our history at a glance.

We have trained minds beginning when we were born. The newborn baby is still immersed in the Creator Mind. It does not know it has been born into limitations or rules. It simply is here and

now. Then, as this earth realm dictates out of perceived necessity, this young being is entrained in the ways of the earth plane. Green means go, red means stop, there is good and bad, happy and unhappy – welcome to the world of duality! The young soul receives training from school systems, parents, siblings, friends, events, traumas, media—all experiences.

Eventually the aware connection to a higher conscious mind begins to fade into the silent background and the trained mind replaces the higher mind. The conditions of the world at large and our personal influences become the source-field we draw upon. It molds our thinking and our choices. One could say we came from a limitless reality to a confined and defined role of trained thinkers. We then follow the rules of society, parental guidance, education, peer pressure, and government. We need these disciplines to get along in the world and interact with others.

*“A man is but a product of his thoughts.
What he thinks he becomes.”*

— Mahatma Gandhi

Our track record though is not so shiny; we have gone so deeply into unfortunate perceptions, not only those we create, but the consensus mind that we subscribe to. It reveals a polarized world at war between what we perceive to be “the other;” be it political, religious, culture, or ethnicity. We are a society of judgments and opinions, forgetting that every being on this planet is part of the whole of the same creator and creation.

Knowing that our health is deeply dependent upon the focus of our mind, we can see that the mind entrainment throughout our life, has great bearing on our health. Especially if we are focused on the past or the future and any fears it may hold. So much so, that there are those who carry around fears of experiencing illnesses that their parents

suffered from, and their parents’ parents, etc. Could it be that familial and social thought patterns passed down through the ages could have a direct effect in this regard? I say a resounding yes! to that.

A possible solution to help “clean up” our perceptions would be to take a deep look at any thoughts, programs, habits, or beliefs we carry around from our entrainment that actually may not serve us in a positive way. An easy way to do this is to write down anything that we come across in our investigation that resonates as uncomfortable or untrue. Simply by acknowledging such patterns in our thinking can be very helpful. Perhaps on discovery, it would be helpful as well to write a small paragraph disclaiming the validity of such patterns.

Questa Public Library Receives Funds for Expansion!

By MARGARET LEJUSTE

From the moment the Questa Public Library opened in 2008, it was apparent that more space was necessary to accommodate the needs of our community. The Questa Public Library Expansion Committee, under the auspices of the Friends of the Questa Public Library, has been actively engaged in raising money to fund this much-needed expansion—an effort that has been supported by the Questa Mayor and Village Council. This year, library expansion will become a reality thanks to Senator Carlos Cisneros and the New Mexico State Legislature for allocating \$580,000 in the state’s 2019 capital spending bill for the planning, constructing, and equipping of an addition to the library, and to Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham for signing it.

The money should cover the majority of costs, she said. Once completed, the expansion will more than double the square footage of the library, which is an arm of the Village of Questa.

The Questa Public Library serves our rural community, providing free access to books, movies, computer access, and special programs for adults and children alike. It has become a focal point for the area, providing a place to meet, read, and use computers for research, education and job searches.

It is important to get planning for this project underway as quickly as possible. Thanks to the Questa Economic Development Fund Board for earlier providing a seed grant for initial architectural plans, the Village of Questa is now ready to advertise for bids for detailed architectural plans and cost estimates. It is hoped that construction for the library will begin by the end of summer.

Preliminary drawings for the library expansion are on display at the Questa Public Library. Watch this space for updates on the progress of the construction.

For additional information, contact the library at 575-586-2023.



MAY EVENTS AT QUESTA LIBRARY

May 3 1-3 PM

TWIRL! Crazy Vehicles!

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May 5

Annual Board Meeting 3-5 PM

Friends of the Questa Public Library Annual Board Meeting and Volunteer Recognition Party. Find out what we are all about, and enjoy appetizers and wine with us. Join us 3-5 PM at the El Monte Carlo.

MAY 9

Summer Team Meeting 12:30 PM

MAY 10

ArtKids 1-3 PM

ArtKids will be doing Kinetic art; artwork that moves! We will think about May breezes to develop artwork that plays in the wind. Make a windsock, a pinwheel and possibly a kite! Come join in on the fun. Space is limited. Prizes and snacks.

MAY 14

Board Meeting 4:00 PM

Friends of the Questa Public Library Board Meeting

May 16

Wildcat Kitty Club

10:30am - noon

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

May 17

Paper Mural Making 1-3 PM

Making a paper mura. Theme: A Universe of Stories. Artist lead. The community is invited to participate. No skills needed, but bring your imagination! Prizes and snacks!

MAY 30

Summer Reading Team Meeting 12:30 PM

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Urijah Griego, Local Spelling Bee Champ, Competes at State

By SARA MARTINEZ

Urijah Griego, 4th Grader at Questa's Alta Vista Elementary and Intermediate School (AVEIS), competed in the New Mexico State Spelling Bee on March 23rd in Albuquerque, NM. He represented Taos County as he went up against 51 other students from around New Mexico.

Urijah correctly spelled words such as mongoose, romaji, greengage, guillotine, endemic, sortie, éclair, kibe and espionage. Ultimately, he spelled the word "peculate" incorrectly and was eliminated in the 9th round. Amazingly, there were only 9 spellers left at the end of that round so he did pretty well, especially since he was one of the youngest spellers.

Becky Griego, Urijah's mother, reported that Urijah practiced about 2 hours per day during the week and up to 5 hours on weekends. She said he has always been a good speller. Urijah hopes to make it back next year with the goal of winning state before 8th



Photo by Sara Martinez

Urijah Griego, Questa 4th Grader at AVEIS, competed in the New Mexico State Spelling Bee on March 23rd in Albuquerque. Shown here with his First Place Trophy at the Taos County Spelling Bee on January 28th.

grade. We believe he has the talent and the drive to make that dream a reality. He has already made us so proud. Urijah and his parents would like to thank his teachers for getting him interested in spelling and to his family and friends for their support.

7th Grade Class Fills a Van with Supplies for Kids in Foster Care

By SARA MARTINEZ

Mrs. Santana Santistevan and her Community Service Class at Questa Junior High have completed amazing service projects all year long. In March, they successfully organized a drive for Children Youth and Families (CYFD) to bring in items that would help Foster

Kids. With the help of Pre-K through 12th Grade students, they were able to fill up the CYFD van with disposable diapers, wet ones, backpacks, blankets, pajamas, and so much more. Mrs. Santistevan expressed her gratitude for all the teachers, students and their families for their generosity, which will be felt throughout Taos County.



Photo by Santana Santistevan

Students of Ms. Santistevan's Community Service Class with all the amazing stuff they collected to help Foster Kids.

Kaylee Piper Competes In New Mexico State Spanish Bee

On April 13th, Kaylee Piper, seventh grader at Questa Junior High School, participated in the New Mexico State Spanish Bee along with 34 spellers from across the state. Piper was named Questa Independent School District Spanish Spelling Bee Champion back in March, where after nine rounds, Kaylee correctly spelled the word petalo to win first place (petalo: a flower petal). Piper is an Honors Student at Questa Junior High School and hopes to compete in the Spanish Bee next year as an 8th grader.



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Kaylee Piper before competing at the NM State Spanish Bee in Albuquerque.

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QISD Educator, Mr. Felipe Blea, Retires at End of June

By LOU MCCALL

After a distinguished career of 46 years in education, Felipe Blea has earned the right to retire. And retire he will, at the end of June. From Antonito, Colorado, Mr. Blea has been making the 67-minute drive each way to Questa since starting with this school district in 1996. He received his Bachelor of Arts degree in 1973 in Education from Adams State College in Alamosa and went on to receive his Master's in Guidance and Counseling in 1977, also from Adams State. He earned his Administrative

Credential from Western State College in Gunnison, Colorado.

Mr. Blea worked for 23 years in Colorado, most of his classroom work was at the junior high level before moving on to counseling and then administration. He came to work in Questa, first at La Cienega Elementary, Rio Costilla Elementary and also at Red River Elementary before it became a charter school outside our school district.

Mr. Blea has been principal of Alta Vista Elementary and Intermediate School (AVEIS), as well as Questa High School. He has been a teacher, counselor,

and also a trainer of counselors.

Mr. Blea says, "It has been a good ride; fun, challenging and full of diverse experiences. It is time to close this particular chapter." He turns 68 at the end of the school year and he has good health and has a lot left to do in life, "I'm hoping," He laughs. He plans to keep working as a volunteer, both in Colorado and New Mexico. He is especially interested in working with the senior community in Antonito as well as the Retired Teachers Association in the San Luis Valley. He has devoted his life to education and hasn't stopped.

Mr. Blea has grown to love and respect Questa and the surrounding communities. He has a lot of good things to say about the students and the parents here, "They are the best kids around, with lots of potential and ability to succeed, they can do anything they want, if they put their minds to it!" He goes on to say, "I would also like to thank the Questa School District, past and present; the staff, administration and school board for all the support you have provided all these year. Thank you and good luck!"

QUESTA HIGH HONOR STUDENTS 2018-2019 1st Quarter

PRINCIPAL ROLL (4.00 & UP GPA)

9TH GRADE

Bazan Granados, Kim
Gonzalez, Araceli
Lovato, Angelica
Martinez, Leah

11TH GRADE

Flores, Ivy
Rael, Isabelle

12TH GRADE

Garcia-Scott, Carolann

HONOR ROLL (3.19 – 3.99 GPA) 2018-2019 1ST QUARTER

7TH GRADE

Arellano, Joaquin
Cisneros, Faith
Coutu-Ulch, Cybelle
Gomez, Gerald
Gonzalez, Amalia
Leon, Anton
McKenney, Ashton
Ortega, Isaac
Piper, Kaylee
Rael, Nathaniel
Ramirez, Juan Carlos
Rivera, Martin
Romero, Antonio
Sanchez, Ricardo

Tannahill, Shyanne
Vialpando, Jeremiah
Vigil Martinez,
Destinee

8TH GRADE

Chavez, Josiah
Cisneros, Amaya
Gonzales, Juan
Gonzales, Marcus
Hernandez, Jennalee
Jackson, Cody
Lund, Karlee
Rael, Karina

Salazar, David Paul
Trujillo, Alexis
Trujillo, Kalena

9TH GRADE

Rivera, Annaliese
LaCome, Danielle a
Archuleta, Ashleigh

10TH GRADE

Cardenas, Anika
Cintas, Santana
Mandonado, Josiah
Martinez, Aaliyah
Martinez, Elizabeth
McKenney, Kiley
Rael, Honorio Justin
Ramirez, Mariah
Waltz, Zachary

11TH GRADE

Bailon, Joesyra
Chavez, Anjelica
Cisneros, Christina
Cisneros, Raven
Flory, Sean
Martinez, Janae
Martinez, Sonia
Ortega, Amber
Ortega, Arianna
Passino, Kiana
Rael, George
Sandoval, Julianna
Waltz, Joshua

12TH GRADE

Chavez, Mikayla
Mascarenas, Melissa
Padilla, Alexis
Romero, Miguel
Salazar, Jasmine
Torres, Dominic
Wilson, Preston

MERIT ROLL (2.85 – 3.18 GPA) 2018-2019 1ST QUARTER

7TH GRADE

Caraveo, Diego
Gomez, Esteban
Martinez, Alexis
Watts, Isabella

8TH GRADE

Coutu-Ulch, Shelby
Irvine, Maverik
Martinez Jr., Jason
Martinez, Jordyn
Medina, Emelina
Sanchez, Matthew
Sandoval, Jose
Tafuya, Jesse

9TH GRADE

McKenney, Emma
Rael, Matthew
Gurule, Santiago
Mascarenas Martinez
Quintana Nataniel

10TH GRADE

Rodriguez, Ikhiro

11TH GRADE

Abeyta, Marissa
Danis, Gabrielle
Garcia, Ellisa
Gonzales, Carlos
Gonzalez, Anastacia
Hernandez, Gabriel

12TH GRADE

Aguilar, Linda
Cisneros, Sierra
Trujillo, Joaquin
Vialpando, Derek
Vigil, Enrique

NATIONAL JUNIOR HONOR SOCIETY GRADES 7, 8, 9 7TH GRADE

Joaquin Arellano
Amalia Gonzalez
Kaylee Piper
Nathaniel Rael

8TH GRADE

Josiah Chavez
Cody Jackson
Karlee Lund
Karina Rael

9TH GRADE

Araceli Gonzalez
Angelica Lovato
Leah Martinez
Nataniel Quintana
Matthew Rael
Annaliese Rivera

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY GRADES 10, 11, 12

10th Grade
Santana Cintas
Aaliyah Martinez

Elizabeth Martinez
Honorio Justin Rael

11TH GRADE

Clarissa Arellano
Christina Cisneros
Raven Cisneros
Ivy Flores
Anastacia Gonzalez

Janae Martinez
Sonia Martinez
Arianna Ortega
Amber Ortega
Kiana Passino

Isabelle Rael
Julianna Sandoval
Joshua Waltz

12TH GRADE

Mikayla Chavez
Carolann Garcia-Scott
Melissa Mascareñas
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What is a Mother?

By TANYA BADGER

A Mother is not a title or someone defined by DNA. A Mother is not a position of obligation that happens to befall a few people. A Mother is someone who is defined by actions, thoughtfulness, and a heart’s intention. Mothers are often taken for granted and abused, under-recognized, and over-worked. Those who call themselves a Mother would not describe those as their feelings toward their calling. Mothers are nurturing, loving, and sup-

portive. A Mother is someone who you can always count on to hear your voice, in pain or joy, and cry with you or rejoice with you. Mothers can uplift your spirit and soothe your soul. Mothers worry about you and wonder if you have eaten enough; if you feel ok and have clean clothes; they ask how work or school is going, if you need anything, and often give more than their share of opinions on everything. A Mother will sit and wait for you, or with you, they will drive for hours

or in circles to see you, help you, or just hug you.

A Mother’s love is beyond measure and understanding, regardless if she gave birth to you, adopted you, or just knew you needed her. Mothers are geared to overcome adversity, to withstand the worst of circumstances and still smile and let you know things will be okay. Mothers are powerful yet graceful, strong but gentle. Mothers are selfless. Mothers sometimes must be Fathers, too or Fathers are often

someone’s Mother. Regardless of gender a Mother will always be proven by their heart’s intention.

How should society recognize Mothers? Society should honor Mothers, honor their ability to shape another’s life, honor their influence. We should give back to those who give so much. We should learn the value of kind words to Mothers and uplift them when we can. Although Mothers are nationally recognized once a year, everyday should be Mother’s Day.

CANTARAS

VIII (AN EXCERPT)

Now I am here before you.
What is your face like?
What is your soul like?
It is I who invokes you,
It is I who implores you,
Mother milk,
Mother breast,
Mother mist,
Mother earth,
Mother zontle,
You left the first footprint,
You made the first step,
Ancient mother,
Grandmother,
Your prayer is the highest
In this world of corn,
In this world of water,
In this rich world.
You are the cool breeze,
You are the mist,
Between your hands,
Between your fingers,
The tree grows hard,
The sky opens,
The moon blossoms,
The stars appear,
For you have come,
For you have blocked the demons who lived
before there was light
And the demons who live in hell.
You gave us light,
You gave us fire,
Guide mother
Luminous mother,
Sprout mother,
You left the first footprint,
You made the first step.
You are holy,
Blessed Trinity.

—Juan Gregorio Regino
Oaxaca 1962, Originally translated from
Mazatec, an ancient indigenous
language of Mexico.

CANTARAS

VIII (EXTRACTO)

Ahora estoy aquí contigo.
¿Cómo es tu cara?
¿Cómo es tu alma?
Soy quien te invoco,
Soy quien te imploro,
Madre de la leche,
Madre del seno,
Madre de la neblina,
Madre de la tierra,
Madre del zontle,
Dejaste la primera huella,
Hiciste el primer paso,
Madre antigua,
Abuela,
Tu oración es la más alta
En este mundo de maíz,
En este mundo de agua,
En este mundo rico.
Eres la brisa refrescante,
Eres la neblina,
Entre tus manos,
Entre tus dedos,
Endurece el árbol,
Se abre el cielo,
Florece la luna,
Aparecen los astros,
Porque llegaste,
Porque impediste a los demonios que vivían
antes del esclarecer,
Y los demonios que vivían en el infierno.
Nos diste la luz,
Nos diste el fuego,
Madre guía,
Madre luminosa,
Madre brote,
Dejaste la primera huella,
Hiciste el primer paso.
Eres sagrada,
Bendita Trinidad.

—Juan Gregorio Regino
Oaxaca, 1962, Redactado originalmente en
mazateca, un idioma indígena.
Traducción del inglés por Robert Wasserstrom.

THE BODY IS LIKE MARY

The body is like Mary, and each of us has a Jesus inside.
Who is not in labour, holy labour? Every creature is.
See the value of true art, when the earth or a soul is in
the mood to create beauty;
for the witness might then for a moment know, beyond
any doubt, God is really there within,
so innocently drawing life from us with Her umbilical
universe — infinite existence . . .
though also needing to be born. Yes, God also needs
to be born!
Birth from a hand’s loving touch. Birth from a song,
from a dance, breathing life into this world.
The body is like Mary, and each of us, each of us has
a Christ within.

by Mevlana Jalaluddin Rumi

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Mevlana Jalaluddin Rumi was a Sufi Shaykh who lived in Turkey 800 years ago, being one of the greatest Saints
that the world has ever seen. He has been the most popular poet in the USA for the last ten years, with people
still finding inspiration in his wisdom and beautiful language. He was the founder of the Mevlevi Sufi Order,
who are famous for their Sufi Whirling Ceremony.



“I’D HAVE ATTAINED ENLIGHTENMENT LONG AGO IF ONLY
I HAD LISTENED TO MY MOTHER.”

Questa Center Supermarket and Deli

By LOU MCCALL

For this Mother's Day issue, we would like to present The Questa Center Supermarket and Deli, a family business where four generations of strong women are there to greet you. Ofelia Martinez is the matriarch of the family. She has now stepped back and retired from the store, although there are frequent reports of Ofelia sightings there. Now her daughter, Esther Hall, is the manager. Esther's daughter, Tera is the assistant manager and Tera's daughter, Marissa, a junior at Questa High, works on weekends and after school, although now that she is taking college classes she is not in the store as much. One generation earlier, Ofelia's mother, Carmelita Gonzalez, was an integral part of the operation. Although she did not work in the store, Carmelita was always busy babysitting, cooking, and feeding the workers who built the store.

It all started when Marcelino Martinez and Sons started the market in 1965. The legendary Marcelino was very enterprising. He was the first Mayor of Questa, one of the town fathers who first brought electricity to Questa. As a state senator he was instrumental in getting schools built in Questa. More will be written about this historic figure in future issues!

Marcelino's son Gomersindo, or G.E. as he was known, married Ofelia (born Gonzalez) and worked at the mine. He and his father, Marcelino had a business selling scrap metal on the side. They took their earnings from the metal and used it to build not only the building that still houses Questa Market, but also Ofelia's house. GE and Ofelia Martinez begat Esther Lloyd, Les, Alfred and Debra who all grew up working in the market. Esther stayed with the family business and is continuing the tradition. Esther's children, Tera, Eric and Kevin also grew up working in the market. Tera is called *La Vieja*, since she is the oldest of the cousins and she always knew she would stay with the Market. Her brothers, Eric and Kevin have a lot of skills and help out at the store when needed, as does Esther's husband, Eric Hall, Sr.

Tera grew up working with her uncles and her grandfather Gomersindo.



Four generations of smiling business women greet you at Questa Center Supermarket. From left, Marissa Abeyta, her mother, Tera Hall, her mother Esther Hall, and her mother, Ofelia Martinez. HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

He was well known and loved, especially by his grandchildren. He and Tera were very close. She has fond memories of sitting on his lap and she learned a lot from him. Now Tera's daughter Marissa is *La Vieja Junior*, since she in turn is the oldest cousin. Marissa started working at the store when she was twelve. When asked what that was like for her, she replied that at age twelve she always had spending money, while a lot of her friends and classmates did not. Marissa's grandmother, Esther, has tried unsuccessfully to recruit some of the younger cousins to work in the store. Unfortunately, the starting salary did not motivate them to get to work. The family hopes that will change, as all things do.

Questa Market has indeed seen changes in its 54 years. Like most businesses in the area, it was affected by the mine closure and there were struggles to maintain. With the loss of income from the mine came a loss of population. It was sad for the community to see friends and family move away in search of employment. Questa Market rode it

out and continued to be a central part of life in Questa.

Today, many visitors are surprised at what is available at the market. Their produce section is bright, colorful, well maintained and often features organic and local produce. Their natural foods aisle provides staples that has affectionately come to be called the Hippie Aisle. Besides all the products you would expect in a grocery store, the Market also hosts a branch of Hillcrest Bank; full-service banking right here in Questa! The bank is open 9am-4pm, Monday through Friday and is closed for lunch between 11:15 and 11:45am.

In 2012, Questa Market opened their deli, which is still one of Questa's best-kept secrets. More about the deli in a future episode of the Enchanted Eats section of this paper.

The ladies at Questa Market like being in a small town. The community has been good to their family and they are good to their community, who they treat like family. Their employees, Katie, Adrian, Jose and Angela are also consid-

ered part of the family business. Gomersindo set the tone and said often, "The customers always come first," and that is still their company policy. And some old timers still call the store, "Gomersindo's Market." The store keeps items in stock that their loyal customers order. Some who are elderly or disabled call in their order and the store delivers to them in Questa. One older lady drives up to the store, honks the horn, and her groceries are delivered right to her car. Another community member who doesn't drive walks to the store and gets a ride home from the store employees with his heavy groceries. Ofelia sums up the business as being a blessing to us all.

Questa Center Supermarket and Deli is located at 5 Supermarket Road in beautiful downtown Questa and open seven days a week, from 8 am to 7 pm. Give them a call at 575.586.0233. The Questa Del Rio News appreciates the Market for being their number one distribution point for the newspaper. If you want extra copies of the paper, you can find them there!

WISHING ALL MOM'S A VERY HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

Questeños Frustrated With Mine Superfund Cleanup

A meeting was held on April 11th at the VFW Hall in Questa to provide updates on the current and future cleanup at the Questa Mine Superfund Site. In attendance were representatives from the Dallas Office of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the New Mexico Environmental Department (NMED) and the New Mexico Energy, Mineral, and Natural Resources Department.

Janetta Coats, EPA Community Involvement Coordinator organized the event and led the discussion. EPA Remedial Project manager, environmental engineer Gary Baumgarten, conducted much of the presentation, explaining the scope of work, what has been done so far and what is yet to be completed. He identified five areas being addressed:

1. Mill Area - Clean-up of PCB's completed in 2013
2. Mine Site - Regrading, covering rock piles, keeping water from discharging into the Red River
3. Tailing Facility - Dam pilot project covering 300 of the 1100 acres with 2 feet of cover.
4. Red River Tailing Field - Tailing spills addressed along the former pipeline between 2013-2015.
5. Eagle Rock Lake

Chris Barrios, of the NMED gave a detailed report of their monitoring process. According to their data aluminum is the only contaminant in the surface water with levels toxic to trout. Their 2017 study showed aluminum was in exceedance of safe levels and the 2019 was rated "impaired," rather than in exceedance, because their standards have been revised to be more lenient. He also talked about unacceptable levels of e-coli in the Red River, below the discharge of the Red River Water Treatment Plant.

The remediation plan calls for extraction wells to pump out contaminated water to be processed in a new water plant where the mill used to be. Other wells are located at the foot of the tailings pond dam. Contaminants have proven to have moved into the water table on residents' private land. French drains designed to intercept water have proven to be inadequate and further damage was done.

Much of the question and answer period centered around covering the tailings, a total of 1100 acres west of Questa. The plan of record is to cover the tailings with three feet of soil. The pilot project will try two feet of cover material on 300 acres. Based on other remedial sites, it is believed that two feet will be sufficient. If not, they will revert to the previous

plan of three feet, which may not happen for years. As audience members, including Pete Domenici, Jr., pointed out, it is better to cover it all with three feet now; dragging out an experiment takes time and money and wastes tax dollars, meanwhile contaminants continue to seep into the water table. Mr. Domenici is an attorney who represents citizens whose property has been impacted by contamination below the tailings impoundment.

During the Q & A period Questeños expressed frustration at what appear to be environmental justice issues. They feel that the problems arising from the mine's waste and how they affect their way of

According to the EPA website for the Questa Chevron Mine:
"Open pit mining took place from 1965 to 1983. Mining operations and waste disposal contaminated soil, sediment, surface water and groundwater. While the mine was operating, about 328 million tons of acid-generating waste rock were excavated and deposited in nine large waste rock piles. After molybdenum was extracted from ore, the tailing was transported by pipeline to a tailing facility where it was deposited in tailing impoundments."

life are not being addressed. Several shared that after generations of their families living on their land, they can no longer have vegetable gardens because their soil is contaminated. Questions were asked by residents of the Embargo area about the decline in property values near the tailings. The EPA spokesperson reluctantly agreed that low real estate prices are an issue around other Superfund sites. Environmental attorney for the EPA, Elizabeth Pletan, answered questions of a legal nature.

It was suggested by some that the tailings should be completely removed, and that sentiment seems to have growing support. Many community members would like to see the contaminated tailings dug up and hauled away, perhaps returned to the mine shafts, rather than simply covered. Of primary concern is the long-term health of our aquifers which would be impacted by seepage from the tailings. Agua es Vida or as the gringos say, "Water is Life."

The EPA will hold a public meeting for public comments sometime this summer. Chevron will also have a Questa Mine Hotline for questions and concerns of the community.

For more information, please visit www.epa.gov/superfund/chevron-questa-mine.

Questa Farmers Market, Singing River, and Vida del Norte Coalition Collaborate

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Questa Farmers Market, Singing River Field Center, and Vida del Norte Coalition are teaming up the second week of June to offer a hands-on project for youth; an opportunity to build and beautify a community event space. The vision is to build an horno, create raised gardens, and build shade structures at the site used by Questa Farmers Market (QFM).

The QFM began officially in 2017 after two experimental seasons (2015 & 2016). Our intention is to continue to grow a community meeting place for healthy, local economic and nutritional options. The goal is to create a truly local market: we welcome backyard gardeners and professional growers, people with historic orchards, and young, ambitious farmers growing their first harvests.

Questa Farmers Market participates in food benefit programs:

Double-up-food-bucks, EBT, WIC, and Senior Nutrition checks. QFM is calling all vendors, and is booking musicians now to host music every Sunday.

Call 575-224-2102, email growersmakers@gmail.com and visit QuestaFarmersMarket.org or facebook.com/QuestaFarmersMarket.

We work creatively to accommodate the maximum number and variety of vendors. We can arrange for group tables where multiple small producers' goods are sold and can arrange pickup at the farms or yards of those without transportation.

We have an excellent location provided by the Questa Economic Develop-

ment Fund and intend to make it a truly enjoyable space. Site improvements will raise its profile, aesthetic appeal, amenities for vendors, and its effectiveness as a community meeting point for everyone. This space is ideal; it is wide open with shade trees and sits at a major intersection on the Enchanted Circle. We want to provide easier and more appealing options for sun and rain shelter, create a well-organized space for musical performers, establish some raised gardens and build an horno!

To accomplish so much, many hands are needed: Vida del Norte Coalition and Singing River Field Center will share the energy and power of youth with Questa Farmers Market. Singing River will offer a special summer camp session, June 10th through June 14th, the final week of the day-camp, free-of-charge to local youth. The focus of this week will be building (particularly with adobe). Mentors will be on hand



Photo Courtesy of Locality

Questa kids will get their hands dirty building an horno, June 10th-14th,

to guide the work from the ground up. Campers will finish the week with valuable new skills, new friends, fun memories, and pride in making a lasting positive impact for their community.

For more information about the camp, or to sign up your child, visit www.localogy.org/daycamp, or call Maria Gonzalez: (575) 779-2260. Adults wanting to help during the camp can contact Gaea McGahee: (575) 649-0831, or email: growersmakers@gmail.com.

Electrical Power at QHouse

By MICHAEL YOUNG

Initially, our photovoltaic (PV) system included six 200-watt panels mounted on the roof. When we moved here full-time, we added two more for a total of 1600 watts. It only took one winter to learn that we needed much more capacity. We added a second bank of six 270-watt panels mounted on a pole in the backyard which solved the capacity problem. It was also easier and less dangerous to remove snow in the winter.

After the PV panels, come the wiring and electronic components which deliver electrical power to the house. Our system employs two charge controllers which manage the current coming from the panels: one for the solar panels on the roof and the other for the backyard bank. Then an inverter converts it from DC to AC, which is what most homes require.

Unfortunately, the sun doesn't shine 24 hours a day or 365 days a year. In winter, long nights and cloud-covered skies can reduce solar input significantly. Unless you have a 'grid-tied' system, you will most likely have a battery bank. We have enough solar panels to not only power our home, but also to recharge our batteries during the day. At night, we draw down the batteries to satisfy our power needs. Unfortunately, batteries are not only expensive, but they are the least technically advanced component of a PV system. My system uses 16 sealed lead acid batteries, each weighing about 100 pounds.

Sizing an off-grid PV system is more an art than a science. Regardless of how big the system is, it is probably not enough to handle a long winter storm. If we drop our power consumption down to the minimum, we can survive on our batteries for two or three days with minimum sunlight. Before we drain the batteries too much, we turn on the small propane-powered backup generator that provides



Inverter and charge-controller electronic components.



Pole-mounted PV panels in back yard.

more than sufficient power to the house and can be used to charge the batteries. In winter, we might fire up the generator for a few hours a couple times a week. In the summer, we turn it on once a month to clean out the cobwebs and chipmunks. We do not use it very often, although more frequent use is an option.

So, what is life like when you are off-grid? There are certainly changes you have to make to live this lifestyle. My favorite line, which summarizes it is, "You can't run the dishwasher at night!" Yes, we do have a dishwasher, in fact, we have a full suite of appliances and electronics. We have a normal and highly efficient refrigerator, a water-saving dishwasher, a normal size washing machine, and a propane-heated dryer (we dry clothes inside in our sunroom and there is nothing like the good old-fashioned solar/wind-powered clothes dryer, a.k.a. a clothesline). We also have a nice home theater system and enjoy watching movies, even at night. All



Battery bank of 16 sealed lead-acid heavy duty batteries. My next batch will be lithium ion batteries.



Rooftop PV panels

are standard, off the shelf, items.

In many homes, people load the dishwasher after dinner and turn it on or set it for the middle of the night. In a solar-powered home, nighttime is when you have the least amount of power. It isn't smart to consume a lot of power at night because you will be draining the batteries. Instead, you run appliances during the day when you can harness more solar energy and not impact your batteries. A good operating rule is to use power when you have more of it, when the sun is shining.

We go to extra lengths to conserve power, like unplugging appliances that carry "phantom loads." These are the small, ongoing electrical power drains such as those annoying little green or red lights. At night, when sleeping, we don't run things that typically run all night. It is good to turn off your computer and router. We have timers on our major power consumers that turn them off for

six to ten hours every night. The refrigerator, for example, goes off around 10 pm and comes back on at 6 am, conserving an amazing amount of power. As long as you don't raid the fridge at night, the food stays cold. Same thing with the entertainment center and the ultraviolet light on the water system—they aren't used at night, so a timer cuts off power for several hours. Think of power as money, every bit that standard households use goes into the pockets of power companies. The less energy you use the more goes to your own pocket. (More on the economics of solar in a future issue.)

Maintenance on a PV system is almost non-existent, contrary to what people think. Solar panels are maintenance free except for getting the snow off in the winter. The electronic components also require no maintenance, although having everything checked by professionals every couple of years is a good idea. Batteries have improved over time. Sealed batteries require virtually no attention except for an 'equalization cycle' once a quarter to burn off deposits on the plates. That takes about six hours. Batteries have the shortest life of any component (about ten years) so they need to be replaced eventually. My next batch will be lithium ion, which are smaller, cheaper, and last longer.

Otherwise, there are no real costs to living off-grid. As with our water catchment system, living off-grid means that you have to become more aware of your environment, the weather, and especially the daily and yearly cycles of the sun. But how bad is that? Yes, it is true that when something goes wrong with the power system, it is my responsibility to fix it. The other side of that coin is that we've only had one significant power outage in the last seven years. Can Kit Carson Electric Co-op say that?

Every Day is Earth Day

By ANGIE FERNANDEZ
AND ANGELA HERRERA

The internationally recognized day that we choose to celebrate our earth and be aware of our impact on the planet is April 22. That day has passed, and we can remember that we do not have to limit our mindfulness to only that day. After all, we do live on this planet every

day of the year. So, what if we treated every day like it was Earth Day? What might that look like?

Here's a few things to imagine: "I keep bags in my car. If I forget, I ask the cashier for a box for many groceries or skip the bag altogether for just a few items. I always have my own water bottle with me. I've got a good mug/glass/

cup/jar that I like, that I keep with me when I go out. Because I bring my own container, I'm less likely to buy drinks in a disposable can or bottle. Instead of a getting a Styrofoam to-go container, I use my own container. I bring my own bowl or plate to a celebration. I serve food on washable dishes and silverware. I skip on buying decorations that will

be thrown away. I celebrate Earth Day by not having to take out the garbage as often, by saving money, by keeping the land clean."

It's not a lot, but it's a little bit, a lot. As individuals, we have power in our habits. So, let's build habits that are better for ourselves and our home. Happy Earth Day!

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By MICHAEL YOUNG

MAY'S MOVIE REVIEW:
IF BEALE STREET COULD TALK



If Beale Street Could Talk is almost two entirely different movies somehow melded together into a seamless and nearly perfect whole. One story is the romance between two beautiful young people who, after being childhood friends most of their lives, discover that they mean so much more. Their story is touching and, when they are together there is an almost transcendent feeling.

The other movie is cruder and uglier. Tish and Fonny are blacks growing up in New York. When interacting with the

bigger world, it isn't possible to ignore their race - it literally colors in their boundaries and establishes an oppression that is withering in its persistence and staggering in its weight.

This movie combines these two storylines in amazing ways. We bounce back and forth between the beauty and goodness of their love for each other to the disgust and anger we feel towards the oppressive world that surrounds them.

Kiki Layne and Stephan James play Tish and Fonny, the two young lovers at the center of this story. When they are together, there is an intensity of feeling born of strong love. But in the presence of others, especially the larger white world, the goodness gets shattered. Fonny is framed by an evil white cop and a complicit, white justice system puts him in jail.

If you liked *Moonlight*, the Best Picture Winner in 2017, you are going to love *If Beale Street Could Talk*. Pretty much the same team that gave us the earlier movie has been reassembled to craft this picture and the heritage is strikingly clear. The Makeup and Costume Design are from the same talented people. Both movies also share the same distinctive styles in cinematography and editing, largely because of the same

crew. Both movies employ time-shifting, bouncing between story-lines. And both employ subdued lighting and nighttime imagery. They also include a technique where the character speaks directly to the camera, which then angles away to reveal that the camera was occupying the spot of another character. Nicholas Britell received original score nominations for this movie, as he did for *Moonlight* (and *Vice* and *The Big Short*). His rich use of strings and especially the underlying cello vibrato that is used repeatedly, reinforces the pathos and sadness that permeates the movie.

Perhaps the main creative force shared between the two movies is Barry Jenkins who was nominated for directing and writing both *Moonlight* and *Beale Street*. (He won the writing Oscar for *Moonlight*). *Beale Street* was based on the 1974 book by James Baldwin. The subtle writing style, whether Jenkin's or Baldwin's, is remarkably effective. The script generates two entirely different sets of emotions entertained by the two storylines. Although many scenes are long and drawn out, I never found them tedious, but waited anxiously for how they would tie back into the other story.

Regina King won the Oscar for Best Supporting Actress for her performance

as Tish's mother, Sharon. Her character expresses focused love for her daughters and a warmth that was, well, so 'motherly'. At the same time, she could be fiercely protective, especially as Tish reveals a very life-changing event. Supporting actors do not monopolize the screen - that's why they are 'supporting'. But their function is to serve as a foil against which the main characters can react and gain emotional support. Ms. King does that perfectly, not just with Tish, but again in Puerto Rico where she tries to bring home the truth desperately needed to salvage her daughter's happiness.

Perhaps, like Fonny's mother, some people can justify the evil of a racist social system as the penalty for some sort of 'original sin'. But I can't go there. The beauty of Tish and Fonny's relationship does not need to morph to the form we see it in. That is the result of accepting evil and not reacting against it.

If this movie does not make you alternate between intense feelings of joy and anger, I will be surprised. Although I have given out way too many stars already this year, I can't help but give *If Beale Street Could Talk* 4.5 stars, it's that good. Another 'must see' movie.

Questa Chamber Music Series Wrap-Up

By MARTHA SHEPP

The final concert, in our 3-part classical music series, was offered at the Red River Valley Charter School for the entire student body on Friday, April 12th. It was a snow make-up day and principal Kimberly Ritterhouse made it even more fun, as it was "Hat Day," so the kids had lots of fun toppers on their heads.

Cellist Mark Dudrow brought his two cellos, one from 1842, a traditional cello made from fine mahogany wood, a very fragile instrument. His other cello is made from carbon fiber and has traveled with him on skis to remote locations-it's practically indestructible and holds its tune fabulously. He discussed his musical life in rock 'n' roll as well as classical music. He played some riffs and improvisations as well as a bit of Bach.

Violinist and violist Suzie Schwartz brought three instruments: a 1/16th size violin for young students just learning how to play, her own violin, and her viola. She demonstrated how the violin voice can sing to the stratosphere in a romantic era piece by Massenet, accompanied by Martha Shepp on keyboard.



Mark Dudrow, left, and Suzie Schwartz, right, presented live music to the students at Red River Valley Charter School, on classical string instruments.

The trio finished the presentation playing as an ensemble with a modern composition by Argentinian tango master Astor Piazzolla.

In the next fiscal year, they hope to perform in Questa Schools and at La

Sala. The Questa Chamber Music Series is a program of the Questa Creative Council and is funded in part by a grant from New Mexico Arts.

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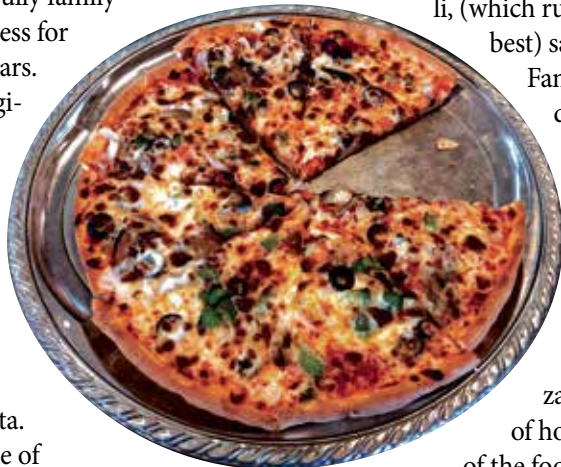
By FOOD EDITOR ROBYN BLACK

On the former Ortega homesite in Questa stands Primetime Pizza. Coming up in July, it will be 19 years since Fabian and Mary Flores began working to make Primetime Pizza a great little place. Fabian designed the building that has been home to an 8-year franchise before becoming a fully family-

owned business for the last 11 years. Fabian is originally from Questa and Mary came from Mora to build their business and family right here in Questa.

This is one of the longest continually running restaurants in Questa. The Flores family has watched many families and their children grow and thrive in our community. Fabian and Mary's two daughters, Saige and Ivy work with their mom and dad at Primetime, along with Fabian and Mary's niece Amy, and Amy's mom Marcia. This is truly a family business that we are lucky to have.

The day we were there we decided to try the Harvest Moon Pizza, a vegetar-



ian pizza on homemade (by Mary) thin crust. It was outstandingly and surprisingly delicious! We also got to try the garlic bread which was oh, so, good. They also have gluten free crust, on request. Their menu is quite extensive, anyone can find something delicious for lunch, dinner, or take out. There are pizzas (of course!), subs, calzone, stromboli, (which rumor has it are the best) salads and specials.

Family night is Thursday, you can get two large pizzas, two liters of soda, all for \$20.99 – a great deal for the whole family!

They have daily specials. If the pizza is any indication of how delicious the rest of the food is, you can't go wrong stopping here for a bite.

Fabian has decided he would like to retire, so the business is up for sale. Our only worry is, will Mary pass on her awesome crust recipe?

Closed on Mondays; Tuesday through Thursdays open 11 am until 7 pm, and Saturday and Sunday noon until 7 pm. You can find Primetime Pizza and Subs on Facebook. Their location is (for those who don't know) 2431 Hwy 522, Questa, New Mexico 87556. Phone (575) 586-2328



Questa Del Rio News Offers June 1 Writer's Workshop

Have you written for this newspaper or would you like to? The Questa Del Rio News is offering a free workshop for writers and wannabe writers on Saturday, June 1 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Questa Youth Center. Anyone with a sincere interest in writing is welcome, especially if you would like to contribute to the Questa Del Rio News.

From 9 a.m. until noon the theme of the workshop will be Writing For Publication with a little Journalism 101 thrown in. Questa Del Rio News Editor Lou McCall will be presenting the morning session along with former journalist J.R. Logan, a resident of San Cristobal, who many may remember from his days as a reporter for The Taos News.

Topics covered during the workshop will be exploring story ideas and telling compelling stories, getting words on paper and finding one's voice as a writer.

Techniques for revising, self-editing, working with deadlines and conducting research and interviews will also be discussed. Participants are asked to bring a notebook and pen and plan to do some writing and sharing. From noon to 1 p.m. a delicious lunch will be provided.

Our afternoon session entitled "Want to tell complex stories about northern New Mexico?" will go from 1 to 3 p.m. and will be led by Sarah Gustavus. As Mountain West regional manager for the Solutions Journalism Network, she will lead a workshop on how to cover community responses to social problems. SJN works with journalists throughout the United States and supports collaborations between news organizations in our region. Join us to learn the basics of solutions journalism, how to spot solutions imposters and where to find evidence to strengthen your local reporting.

Pancake Breakfast-Saturday, May 4th San Cristobal Community Center

The San Cristobal Community Center will host its second annual PANCAKE BREAKFAST from 8 – 11:30 am, serving pancakes and all the fixings made to order, and open to everyone. Last year visitors were impressed by the all-natural pancakes, real maple syrup, gluten free options and excellent coffee. Cost will be \$7 for adults, and \$5 for children and seniors. All proceeds will benefit the community center.

Along with the breakfast, there will be a FireWise Wood Chipping opportunity for a limited number of San Cristobal residents from 8 until 3. Please call Fran Reynolds (303-877-8975) for further information. If you are in

a different fire district, please contact your fire department for their chipping opportunities.

Also from 8 until 3, a crew of volunteers will be working on the basketball court and yard. After the breakfast, residents are invited to meet to discuss the (1) formation of a Fire Department Auxiliary group, and (2) to develop policies for the use of the Community Center's Commercial Kitchen. Please call Mary or Jim Gilroy (776-8450) to learn more or to volunteer for helping with the breakfast, yard work, and/or meetings. Check the San Cristobal community bulletin board for updates and exact meeting times.

ANNOUNCE YOUR EVENT HERE!

email news@questaedf.com - Submit before the 15th of the month prior

Summer Events Begin in Red River

Bacon and Brews Festival & Memorial Day Motorcycle Rally.

By SHELBY WERLEY

While it may not feel like summer quite yet, Red River is kicking off summer in the middle of May with a couple big events: the Bacon and Brews Festival and the 37th Annual Memorial Day Motorcycle Rally.

Second Annual Bacon and Brews Festival

The Second Annual Bacon and Brews will take place Friday, May 17th through Saturday, May 18th in the middle of Red River at Brandenburg Park. New Mexico Breweries and Wineries and some of the best bacon you've ever had will be at the park for you to enjoy. Friday festivities will be from 3 - 8 pm. The Chamber of Commerce will host their Cornhole Tournament in Brandenburg Park beginning at 5 pm. Come compete for the best Bacon and Brews Cornhole team! The A-Town Rockers will perform all evening, an eight-piece band you don't want to miss!

Saturday the event continues from 11 am until 6 pm. Join us all day long to continue sampling New Mexico Beer and eating delicious food. BC and the Big Rig will be rocking all day Saturday with amazing live music on the stage in the middle of the park.



Photo by Reed Weimer

37th Annual Memorial Day Motorcycle Rally

Take a few days off to recover and relax after Bacon and Brews and then head back to Red River from May 23rd to the 27th for the Memorial Day Motorcycle Rally. The Motorcycle Rally has been held for decades with people coming back year after year for days of fun. Red River is filled with vendors offering everything from lace to leather and funnel

cakes to gyros. The Town of Red River has also brought back the Busted Knuckles Stunt Show for the third year! This is fun for the entire family with shows on Friday and Saturday in the Municipal Parking lot.

During the evenings, head down the street for live music at the Bull O' the Woods Saloon and the Motherlode Saloon. Both bars have incredible line-ups for music all weekend long. For the first

time ever, there will also be live outdoor concerts near Brandenburg Park. War-rant and Lita Ford are performing Friday and Saturday night and are sure to put on a show you won't forget!

Memorial Day is also home to Steve Stucker's Rally in the Valley. This ride is hosted by Steve Stucker, New Mexico's favorite Weatherman from KOB-TV. The ride goes from Red River to the Veteran's Memorial for a catered lunch and then back to Red River. This event raises a ton of money for Beds4Kidz and is a great reason to get on your bike and enjoy the beautiful weather. While you are on your bike, take a ride through Questa and visit the 15th Annual Veterans Healing Field of Honor. This field off of HWY 522 is filled with 1,000 US Flags on Memorial Day weekend to honor the community's veterans. It is a stunning display and sure to take your breath away as you reflect on the beauty and ultimate sacrifice so many veterans have given while serving our country. Join the community for the Healing Fields Ceremony on Sunday, May 26th at 1 pm.

Summer is just beginning, and the Enchanted Circle is already preparing for many more events to come!

For more information about Bacon and Brews and the Memorial Day Motorcycle Rally, visit www.redriverchamber.org.

Questa to Red River Trail Update

By LINDSAY MAPES

The Questa to Red River Trail Committee met in April in Questa for the first time since the government shut-down in December. The Committee is comprised of a large, diverse group of stakeholders, including the USFS, Chevron Mines, Inc., Trout Unlimited, Amigos Bravos, the Village of Questa, the Town of Red River, Questa Economic Development Fund, Enchanted Circle

Trails Association and is being facilitated by the National Forest Foundation with other participation from entities including the North Central Regional Transit District, New Mexico Mining and Minerals Division, among others.

The Committee is tasked with the design, construction and maintenance of a trail system for multi-use groups from Questa to Red River, primarily following the Red River. It is multi-year project

expected to surpass a million-dollar budget. Jack Lewis, Ranger of the Questa District of the Carson National Forest, initiated the process about two years ago with the help of the National Forest Foundation. "The broad support from both Questa and Red River, and the continued work of each of the entities involved is very promising," commented Lewis.

Despite being unable to convene a

meeting for four months, the Committee made significant progress at the recent meeting. There will be several meetings of working committees between now and an anticipated large August event where politicians, potential funders, and regional stakeholders will be present. The groundtruthing is almost complete and expect to see maps in the near future. Please look for future articles and for notification about this event.



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15th Annual Veteran's Healing Field of Honor

By LOUISE GALLEGOS

Many readers may not know what the Veteran's Healing Field of Honor is and why we put it up every year. Its history and meaning is worth repeating and it is important to remind people what the Healing Field means to us.

The idea came in 2003 when Charlie Gonzales was Questa's Mayor and Brent Jaramillo was the Village Administrator. They were attending a conference in Indiana where Colonial Flag, a non-profit company from Sandy, Utah, made a presentation about a field of flags that they started to honor the fallen officers and firemen that lost their lives in the 911 attack. This Healing Field of flags has been adopted into many different types of Healing Fields. The Mayor and Council at that time felt that it would be a way for the Village of Questa to honor Veterans from our community (Questa, Cerro, Costilla, Amalia, San Cristobal and Lama) who served in the seven different conflicts that the United States has participated in.

The decision came to include all who are currently serving as well. At that time our local 1115th National Guard Transportation Unit was being deployed to Iraq for the first time and the Mayor and Council wanted to honor them in a special way. So, they decided to fly 1,000 flags to allow for growth. Another decision was made to have our ceremony on Sunday of Memorial Day weekend at 1:00 pm instead of Monday, when all the other Military groups have their ceremonies. This way more people can attend our event. The field is now open



Photo by Carrie Leven

No one can see this Healing Field of Honor without being moved. This display of 1000 flags can be seen in Questa on Memorial Day Weekend. Join us for the Ceremony at 1 PM on Sunday, May 26th.

to anyone who would like to purchase a flag for a loved one for a minimal cost to cover the materials.

This breathtaking event requires many hands to make it a reality every year; the committee is dependent on volunteers, who are the heart and soul of the Healing Field. They put so much of their heart, time and talent into what they do year after year. Without volunteers this annual event could not continue, thank you to all our volunteers!!

The Claudio Rael family have generously donated the use of their field every year and John Rael has taken on the role of watering the field and getting it prepped for the big event. We are very fortunate that Chevron Mining and Entact have taken on the role of putting

up and taking down the flags and donating the use of the lights at night. Thank you to Questa Schools for the loan of the stage and Andrew Rael for donating the port-a-potties. We can't forget the 1115th National Guard Transportation Unit that assists with the ceremony,

along with the Questa Fire Department and Questa Police Department. There is a lot of behind the scenes planning for the execution of this event. Thank you to the Village of Questa employees for their hard work year after year. This is such a spectacular time for us and the feeling you come away with after seeing it, even if you are just driving by, just cannot be explained. The feeling is very meaningful to our volunteers, and especially to veterans or someone who has lost a loved one.

We also ask for monetary Sponsorships. Without them we would not have the monetary resources to host such an event. There are many costs, replacing the flags alone can be very expensive. Some years when the winds are high, we replace as many as 150-200 flags.

Please remember we always need volunteers! Contact the Village Office to volunteer your time, talent or services. If you would like to get involved to honor those who have served our country or are currently serving, please contact the Village of Questa at 575-586-0694.

May God bless us all and may God bless America.



Village Councilwoman and Mayor Pro Tem Louise Gallegos (on left) presents Questa Library Director Sharon Nicholson with Library Week Proclamation.

Photo by Evelyn Coggins

Village Council Proclaims Library Week April 7-13

By SHARON NICHOLSON

The Village Council honored Questa Library Workers at the April 9th Village Council meeting. Mayor pro tem Louise Gallegos proclaimed April 7-13 as National Library Week,

and Library Director Sharon Nicholson was presented with a formal proclamation. A recess was called to enjoy refreshments and a time for thanking Library Workers for their contribution to the library and the community.

MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND

SUNDAY | MAY 26 | 1:00PM

15th Annual

Healing Field of Honor

1,000 flags on display to honor Veterans.

Village of Questa
2500 Old State Road 3, Questa New Mexico 87556
Phone: 575-586-0694

POSITIVE THOUGHTS from Page 1

Spring. It was typically an honoring of women, fertility of the mother Earth, together with the beauty springing from the ground and embodied by women. Mother's Day may stem directly from May Day. We come from the sacrifice of our mother's body, just as all life comes from Mother Earth's fertility and selfless giving.

In the 1960's, during the Civil Rights Movement, Cinco de Mayo was a symbol of social justice and social movement forward for the Mexican-American

community. It has become a celebration of Mexican heritage and culture.

The Festival of Lights is one illustration of the light within that the Buddha called humanity to live from and give from. That festival is typically held in southeast Asian countries and is derived from one of the Buddha's final statements, "Be a lamp unto yourselves." This simple instruction is a statement of the light within the heart and mind of each person. If one follows a path of light and warm-heartedness, the whole world would be healed and helped. Hardship caused by one another would end and

peace and well-being for everyone and everything would ensue.

Memorial Day is dedicated to those who have served this nation, fallen in battle, or now are passed on. My father-in-law, Don, served in WWII under Patton in Europe. Three uncles-in-law served in the Pacific. All but one came home and lived long honorable lives. When Don passed two years ago at 90, he was saluted, his body draped with a flag, and honors said before his body left the house and my mother-in-law. Standing with her, I was moved to tears at this show of respect and gratitude by the

funeral home. One man was a veteran himself. You probably have family members that have served our nation. May the memory of their selflessness never be forgotten and may we as a nation progress to not needing men and women at arms any longer.

Check the calendar for the dates of these May celebrations. As mothers, veteran's spouses, teachers, and those who fought for liberty are commemorated this May, we are reminded of the power of the heart, of selflessness, and of supporting others. The best in us and in the world comes from doing so.

Audubon Day: A Celebration of Birds

On May 4, 2019, the Center for New Mexico Archaeology (CNMA), an affiliate of the Museum of Indian Arts and Culture (MIAC), will collaborate with Audubon New Mexico to host Audubon Day: A Celebration of Birds, at CNMA from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The event coincides with Birds: Spiritual Messengers of the Skies, an exhibition currently on view at CNMA, and celebrates the importance of birds across the Southwest.

The event will be family friendly and includes live demonstrations and hands-on activities. Attendees will have the opportunity to see CNMA's exhibition which illustrates the prominence of birds in our ecosystems and cultures.

Diana Sherman of CNMA and MIAC curator of the exhibit will discuss the making of the birds exhibit. Sherman says, "Birds appear in nearly all facets of life in Native American culture, both in the past and today. The spiritual power of birds—or 'bird power' as I like to call it—extends to every culture, everywhere."

Live birds of prey from On a Wing and a Prayer, a raptor rehabilitation program, will be presented; which provides the public an opportunity to meet these birds close up. Attendees are invited to participate in making clay figures, viewing bird-related objects under a microscope, and creating balls out of bird seed. Other activities include "Birding 101," which teaches attendees the basics of birding skills.

Jon Hayes, Audubon New Mexico's Executive Director, will speak at 11:00 a.m., on conservation, followed by Marlon Magdalena of Jemez Pueblo on the importance of birds in his culture. Magdalena will discuss how he makes bird bone flutes and whistles, as well as



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Two Canadian Geese, Photo by Rob Curtis/VIREO, Courtesy of the National Audubon Society.

Audubon Day: A Celebration of Birds

- The Center for New Mexico Archaeology, 7 Cochiti Road, Santa Fe, NM, 87507
- May 4th, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., speakers begin at 11:00 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.
- This event is free and family friendly
- The exhibition, Birds: Spiritual Messengers of the Skies, may be viewed from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday until September.

wooden flutes, designed from traditional flutes he has studied.

Demonstrations include the making of a turkey feather blanket by Mary Weahkee (Santa Clara Pueblo/Comanche) and flute and whistle playing by Marlon Magdalena (Jemez Pueblo).

CNMA and MIAC are also pleased to present a demonstration of pottery making and other bird objects by renowned Pueblo potter, Robert Tenorio of Santo Domingo (Kewa) Pueblo.

"Birds are essential beings for the earth's success," Sherman says. "We have to protect the earth for their sake and in turn, we will be protecting it for ourselves. Our fates are essentially intertwined; we will either fly or falter together!"

About Audubon:

The National Audubon Society saves birds and their habitats throughout the Americas using science, advocacy, education and on-the-ground conservation. Audubon's state programs, nature centers, chapters and partners have an unparalleled wingspan that reaches millions of people each year to inform, inspire and unite diverse communities in conservation action. Since 1905, Audubon's vision has been a world in which people and wildlife thrive. Audubon is a nonprofit conservation organization.

QBEN Meeting Presents Rural Small Business 0% Loans



By LINDSAY MAPES

The Questa Business and Entrepreneurs Network (QBEN) met on Wednesday, April 10th at Rael's Market with over 20 business people and community members present. They met to hear a short presentation from Lindsay Taylor from the Rural Development Corporation (RDC), a non-profit organization in Española funded by Los Alamos National Labs. For the past 22 years, the RDC has worked in seven counties in Northern New Mexico and is launching a revised small business zero percent interest loan program next month. "We are reaching out to rural northern New Mexico communities because this is where we need to be, helping small businesses in places like Questa," said Taylor. The flexible loan program will be seeking small business applicants starting as early as June for capital requests of \$500-\$5,000.

If you are interested in this program, contact Lindsay Taylor at the RDC at (505) 820-1226

ESOTERIC ASTROLOGY
SKYDANCE ESOTERIC ASTROLOGY by Charlene R. Johnson
MAY 2019

WESAK, MAYDAY & SATURN RETROGRADE

“The time is coming when all three Festivals will be kept throughout the world and by their means a great spiritual unity will be achieved and the effects of the Great Approach, so close to us at this time, will be stabilized by the united invocation of humanity throughout the planet.” –The Arcane School materials

This month is a full month of many significant – if unknown by most people – events. With divine timing, Saturn turns retrograde on Mayday, May 1. As if to celebrate the season of warmth and flowers, nesting and dancing, Saturn launches into its lightest form, releasing the bondage of heavy karma, chronic suffering and never-ending time. Due to this timely retrograde shift, burdens are lightened for the next four months or so. Then on May 18th, the full Flower Moon is also a Blue Moon by Astronomical definitions. This rare event occurs when four full moons instead of just three occur in a single season. (Some folk say a blue moon is two full moons in the same month; astrologers say it's when two full moons are in the same sign.)

On this full moon day, May 18th, the entire world also celebrates one of the most important festivals of the year, Wesak, otherwise known as the Festival of the Buddha. Every full moon is a festival by esoteric standards, but three of them set the tone for the year. The first one was last month, the Festival of Easter and the celebration of the love teachings of the Christ. Wesak celebrates the wisdom teachings of the Buddha. The third festival held in June is called the Festival of Goodwill. This one is about all of humanity recognizing both great teachers and that ultimately, we are all aspiring towards God. These three Festivals incorporate the energies of Restoration (Easter), Enlightenment (Wesak) and Reconstruction (Goodwill).

Everyone: Celebrate! It's Spring and astrologically a gentle month.

ARIES ♈ Planet: Mercury ♀ MARCH 20 – APRIL 19

Dynamic: It's a month of rapidly shifting energies, all good.

Direction: Be prepared to shift gears; it's not a time for standing still.

Soul Thought: Energy follows thought.

TAURUS ♉ Planet: Vulcan ♀ APRIL 19 – MAY 20

Dynamic: Now's the time to bring that creative idea down to earth.

Direction: You know how to do this; it's you.

Soul Thought: “We have to continually be jumping off cliffs and developing our wings on the way down.” – Kurt Vonnegut

GEMINI ♊ Planet: Venus ♀ MAY 20 – JUNE 20

Dynamic: A squabble earlier in the month can turn to understanding later.

Direction: Be open to good advice from a source you don't always like to listen to.

Soul Thought: Father Knows Best.

CANCER ♋ Planet: Neptune ♆ JUNE 20 – JULY 22

Dynamic: It might feel like you're the only one who can't reach your goals.

Direction: This month you might be but strive anyway.

Soul Thought: What are your highest aspirations?

LEO ♌ Planet: Sun ☉ JULY 22 – AUG 22

Dynamic: It's a good, clear month to experience the wisdom of the Buddha.

Direction: Ponder first, then communicate.

Soul Thought: When Fire and Earth meet.

VIRGO ♍ Planet: Moon ☾ AUG 22 – SEPT 22

Dynamic: It's one of those special times when you are part of something bigger than yourself.

Direction: Be more than you think you can.

Soul Thought: What is a Blue Moon?

LIBRA ♎ Planet: Uranus ♁ SEPT 22 – OCT 22

Dynamic: If all is in order, this could be a time for financial success.

Direction: Consider well how to manage that which you value.

Soul Thought: What is the Law of Supply and Demand?

SCORPIO ♏ Planet: Mars ♂ OCT 22 – NOV 21

Dynamic: Time for a bivouac.

Direction: Even soldiers for a cause need rest.

Soul Thought: It means all is peaceful on the home-front.

SAGITTARIUS ♐ Planet: Earth ♁ NOV 21 – DEC 20

Dynamic: You have a good handle on what needs doing.

Direction: Channel that energy first, then release.

Soul Thought: Get ready! Set? Go!

CAPRICORN ♑ Planet: Saturn ♄ DEC 20 – JAN 19

Dynamic: Challenges fade as the month goes on; work becomes easier.

Direction: Instead of the usual cautious steps, a great leap forward?

Soul Thought: When hard work pays off.

AQUARIUS ♒ Planet: Jupiter ♃ JAN 19 – FEB 18

Dynamic: You may feel dampened down, blocked.

Direction: It's one of those times you just don't give up.

Soul Thought: When joy seems far away.

PISCES ♓ Planet: Pluto ♇ FEB 18 – MAR 20

Dynamic: The next business decision should be clear, if challenging.

Direction: Trust in your hard-won experience.

Soul Thought: When the secret of success is exposed.

DATES TO REMEMBER
MAY 2019

MAY 1: 10:00AM-4:00PM

Small Business Administration at Red River Town Hall

MAY 1: Global Love Day, May Day, Mother Goose Day

MAY 3: 1:00-3:00PM

Questa Library Kid's Program, TWIRL!

MAY 4: 8:00–11:30AM Pancake Breakfast, San Cristobal Community Center

MAY 4: 11:00AM–2:00PM

Mother's Spa Day Out, Living Word Ministries, 12 Llano Rd. Questa

MAY 5: Cinco de Mayo

MAY 5: 3:00-5:00 PM Friends of Questa Library Annual Board Meeting, El Monte

MAY 7: Teacher Appreciation Day

MAY 7: 6:00PM

Questa School Board Meeting

MAY 8: Bike To School Day

MAY 8: 2:30-3:00PM BookMobile, San Cristobal Community Center

MAY 8: 3:15-4:00PM

BookMobile, Questa Post Office

MAY 8: 6:00PM Planning & Zoning, Taos: Syncarpha Solar Array update

MAY 10: Military Spouse Appreciation Day

MAY 10: 1:00-3:00PM Questa Library Kid's Program, ArtKids!

MAY 10: 11:00AM-2:00PM Free Food at North Central NM Food Pantry!

MAY 11: Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive Day

MAY 12: Mother's Day

MAY 14: 6:00 PM Questa Village Council Meeting, Village Hall

MAY 16: 10:30 – Noon Wildcat Kitty Club Questa Public Library

MAY 17: 1:00-3:00PM Questa Library Kid's Program, Homeschoolers Welcome!

MAY 17, 18:

Red River Bacon and Brews Festival

MAY 18: 5:30-6:30PM

Full Moon Community Yoga, Free at OCHO

MAY 20: 3:30PM Questa Public Library Book Club at Rael's Market

MAY 20: 6:00PM Vida Del Norte Coalition Meeting at the Questa Youth Center

MAY 21: 6:00PM

Questa School Board Meeting

MAY 21: 10:00AM Red River Chamber Board Meeting, RR Conference Center

MAY 23: 10:00AM-4:00PM Small Business Administration at Questa Visitor Center

MAY 23-27: 37th Annual Red River Memorial Day Motorcycle Rally

MAY 24: 1:00-3:00PM Questa Library Kid's Program, ArtKids!

MAY 24: 11:00AM-2:00PM

Free Food at North Central NM Food Pantry!

MAY 24: 6:00PM QHS Senior Night

MAY 25: 10:00AM QHS Graduation

MAY 26: 1:00PM

Healing Fields of Honor Ceremony in Questa

MAY 27: Memorial Day

MAY 28: 6:00PM Questa Village Council Meeting, Village Hall

MAY 28: 5:00PM Red River Town Council, RR Conference Center

MAY 31: Deadline for application fee for Questa Studio Arts Tour (see page 22)

JUNE 1 : 9:00AM-3:00PM

Writing Workshop, Questa Youth Center (see page 18)

For a complete list of May Events in Red River, go to <https://redriver.org/events/calendar/2019/5>

MAY IS:

Celiac Disease Awareness Month
Dental Care Awareness Month
Stroke Awareness Month
Military Appreciation Month
Motorcycle Awareness Month
Mental Health Awareness Month
Wild Fire Awareness Month
Brain Cancer and Brain Tumor Awareness Month
Date Your Mate Month
Older Americans Month
Bike (bicycle) Month
Blood Pressure Education Month
Cystic Fibrosis Awareness Month
Inventor's Month
Lyme Disease Awareness Month
Photography Month
Recommitment Month
Salsa Month
Water Safety Month

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.



FOR SALE

Whirlpool Refrigerator for Sale

Only 4 years old, very clean, runs great, no noise. Asking \$150. Call Krissie or Lynn at 586-0515.

Mariachi Questa still has chile for sale! Green (\$9) and red medium and hot (\$7). Please spread the word! Ask any Mariachi member or call 779-5601.

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.

Freshly harvested Tipi (teepee) poles for sale. Poles are pre-order and harvested for you. Denedubbed, peeled, and dried. Delivery and set up available for an extra charge. Multiple lengths available. Contact Wendy for price: thetipilady@gmail.com or 541-497-0287.

WANTED

Semi-retired professional couple with 2 adult well-behaved girl dogs seeking a rural home to rent starting in June or July for at least 6 mos. and possibly longer. Love to find a home in San Cristobal, Llama, Arroyo Hondo....possibly Questa. Please call (252) 588-0058.

SCRAPPED VINTAGE VEHICLES

for truck bed garden landscaping at the Farmer's Market site. Old and rusty, one piece or different parts. Contact Farmers Market Manager Gaea McGahee at (575) 224-2102 or growersmakers@gmail.com

LAND FOR SALE

35 gorgeous off-the-grid acres in Sunshine Valley. \$45,000. Call 575-586-1363

Half acre Lots for sale by owner with financing 10% down, \$250.00 a month payments. Located in Questa, Village water and Sewer, natural gas, power and telephone. Close to schools with village maintained streets. Located on Shirley Drive off Don Martinez Street. Call Jana 575-770-3812.

NOTICES

SEND US YOUR NOTICES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS! Please limit your announcements to 150 words. Send before the 15th of the month to news@questaedf.com.

A message from Lisa Fox, Host of Voices from Questa and Beyond on KCEI 90.1 Radio. Please contact me if you have any information that you would like to share about events or places of interest that are relevant for our neck of the woods for our May, June & July broadcasts. I'd love to hear from you. Contact me at swcfox@icloud.com or 575 224-0299

Questa HeadStart Teachers and Staff would like to send a belated but gigantic THANK YOU to Santa's Helpers Del Norte for donating gifts for Christmas. This was a tremendous help for the families and the children really enjoyed their gifts!

Questa Del Rio Colorado News Writers Workshop Have you written for our newspaper or would you like to? We are offering a writers' workshop on June 1st from 9am -3pm at the Questa Youth Center, see page 17 for more details. Contact us if you would like more information, news@questaedf.com or call 575.586.2149.

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).

The Fourth Annual Questa Studio Art Tour is August 17-18. Over 40 local artists showcase Questa as an arts destination, JOIN US! Last year we had over 300 visitors come through 14 different hubs (locations), some hubs have one artist's work and others have many. New hubs include the Youth Center and one

south of Questa. Each year is more festive and exciting, and visitors see the beauty of our area and the beauty produced by our artists. The fee to be included is \$50, used to promote the artist on the event brochure, in local advertising and on the QSAT website. THE DEADLINE TO BE INCLUDED IN THE ADVERTISING IS MAY 31st, please apply now! 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.

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

Weekly Music Jam Rael's Coffee House in Questa, Every Thursday at 6:00 pm.

Friends of the Questa Public Library Annual Board Meeting & Volunteer Recognition Party. Find out what we are all about. Enjoy appetizers and wine with us. Join us on May 5th, 3-5 PM at the El Monte Carlo.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Questa Del Rio Colorado News would like to do a monthly column entitled Comunidad catolico, featuring news and information about, not just our own churches and missions, but all stories of interest to our Catholic community. Last month we had a feature called Lenten Season by Flavio Cisneros, in March our column was about Ash Wednesday. We would like to have an article about each church in the area and their Saints and Fiestas. If you would like to write this column every month, help out in some way or join a team to write an occasional column, let us know. The St. Anthony Fiesta is coming up! Call 586-2149 or email news@questaedf.com.

Questa Del Rio Colorado News is looking for a Social Media Director to manage our Facebook page and our upcoming website. Let us hear from you! Call 586-2149 or email news@questaedf.com.

QUESTA LODGING PROJECT CLASSIFIEDS

Call 586-2258 or email Lodging@QuestaEDF.com

HOUSING WANTED

Semi-retired professional couple with 2 adult well-behaved girl dogs seeking a rural home to rent starting in June or July for at least 6 mos. and possibly longer. Love to find a home in San Cristobal, Llama, Arroyo Hondo....possibly Questa. Please call (252) 588-0058.

Young father and son looking for 1 or 2 bedroom in the Questa area.

Couple with 2 dogs looking for a long-term rental of 2 or 3 bedroom home with enclosed fenced yard.

HOUSING AVAILABLE

Beautiful lofted 1 bedroom 1 bath home in Lama, house sites on 3 acres and is only 5 years old. Perfect for a 1 person or a couple. There are many special features to this home. Available April 1, 2019 rent is \$1250. per month. plus utilities.

3 bedroom 2.5 bathroom available in El Rito, north of Questa. Available now. Rent is \$1200. plus utilities

1 bedroom 1 bathroom, large living area, duplex style living. \$695. per month plus utilities. Available now.



QUESTA WILDCATS BASEBALL • APRIL-MAY SCHEDULE 2019

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

May 3	District Meet	Escalante
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ACKNOWLEDGMENT

The family of Horacio Martinez wishes to acknowledge the many expressions of sympathy and gestures of kindness shown to us following our sad loss.

We offer our heartfelt thanks to the many family, friends, neighbors, who visited our home, attended the services and burial. Sent floral tributes, cards, messages of condolences, as well as those who made charitable donations.

Thank you, Espanola and St. Vincent's Hospital, the Morada (Trampas), Fr. Julio, Fr. Andrew, eulogist, music ministry; Big Dawgs Catering and Rivera's Funeral Home, for their sensitive and professional handling of arrangements.

Please accept this acknowledgement as an expression of our deepest gratitude.

*With sincere appreciation,
Rosina, Martin, Arlene & Family*

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The Questa Public Library's Summer Reading **Begins June 1** with programs every Friday through July 27 for kids 4-12.

Music & reading! Games & entertainment!

1:00-3:00.
 Drawings every week.

Yoga Sala 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

Full Moon Community Yoga, Free
 May 18th 5:30-6:30 PM

First Class Free at OCHO!
 8 Highway 38, Questa
 Yogasalaquesta.org
 Facebook: yogasalaquesta



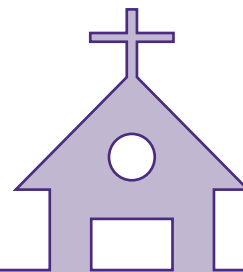
AA MEETINGS

Sundays 10-11:00 am
 Open Meeting
 Questa Youth Center

Mondays 7:00pm
 Harvest Questa
 2558 Highway 522

Tuesdays 7:00pm
 Erik's Workshop
 417 E. High St., Red River

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 Fear of people and of economic insecurity
 will leave us.



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QUESTA

ST. ANTHONY DE PADUA CHURCH IN QUESTA

Father Andrew Ifele 586-0470
 Saturday 6pm,
 Sunday 7am in Spanish - 11am in English

MISSION CHURCHES:

Sagrado Corazon in Costillo - Sunday 9am
 Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe in Cerro - 2nd & 4th
 Saturdays 4PM
 Santo Niño in Amalia - 1st & 3rd Saturdays 4pm

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