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For Kids ages 0-3. Coming at you
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27th Annual Cambalache!

Sunday, October 7th,
10:00 am - 6:00 pm

In downtown Questa we will celebrate the 27th Annual Cambalache with live music, dancing, and a dancefloor, freshly pressed apple cider, local food booths, a bounce house for the kiddos, pumpkins, AND we can't forget Cucui, who we burn up at dusk. Write down all your cares and worries, or penas and give the papers to Cucui. He will burn up, along with your problems!

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SEE YOU AT CAMBALACHE!

Day of the Dead–Dia de los Muertos

By CLAIRE COTÉ AND
GAEA MCGAHEE

Dia de los Muertos is a time-honored tradition to remember loved ones. It originated in Mesoamerica as a blend of Spanish, Aztec, and ancient traditions. Today, it is celebrated worldwide. LEAP and La Sala will host the 4th annual celebration in Questa with two events, both at La Sala.

LEAP is Land, Experience and Art of Place, an artist-run organization that creates arts and educational events and opportunities reflecting the natural and cultural ecology of Questa and surrounding communities. La Sala is a new space in Questa currently being renovated to host a yoga studio, music and other expressive arts, dance, and movement.

All are invited to see the film “Coco” on Tuesday, October 30, 5-7 pm. Coco is an award-winning animated Disney/Pixar film focused on Day of the Dead and the connection between history and healing, family and community. Suggested donation at the door, \$5.

Celebrate Dia de los Muertos on November 2, 4-7 pm with music, art making and a feast: posole, prune pies, hot chocolate, pan de muerto, and more! Bring a dish to share, perhaps a favorite of someone being remembered.

Participants can bring photos of loved ones or objects to add to a community altar. The Questa Stories Project will be present and available to record community members' remembrances of loved-ones, if families choose to share (QuestaStories.org).

There will be much to do and feast upon, and music to enjoy. A key aspect of



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Celebrate Day of the Dead, feast
and altar-making, Friday,
November 2, 4 - 7 pm, FREE

* Both events will occur at
La Sala, 2331 State HWY 522
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the evening will be art making and sharing in a supportive and festive environment. Participants can make sugar skulls, paper marigolds, and other art; supplies and instruction are provided.

The essence of Dia de los Muertos is to

honor loved ones with celebration and meaningful actions. This ritual offers a container for feelings of sorrow at the death of our beloveds. And by treating the eventuality with honesty and even humor, we recognize we are all sojourners; some are simply further ahead. There are few set parameters, besides food, music, bright colors, and active remembering; this may explain why Day of the Dead has spread across the world.

This collaborative event is coordinated by Gaea McGahee (LaSalaQuesta.com) and Claire Coté (LeapSite.org) with help from Dava McGahee (DavaCultural-Legacy.com), and many from Questa and surrounding communities. For more information visit LaSalaQuesta.com, or call (575) 224-2102. Volunteers are welcomed for both events.

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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Another month has gone by and as I write this, we are enjoying a beautiful late autumn rain. The desert is singing! How blessed we are to sit on the porch and listen to the crickets. It feels good to be in Northern New Mexico right now and Questa, in particular.

I like the saying, "It takes a village," and it truly does. Take this newspaper, for example. Our publication is an expression of so many individuals who, in the spirit of service, have stepped forward to help build community—our community. Every day I am grateful that the people of Questa are so generous and sharing; that is what makes this newspaper possible.

The Questeños are a tribe that I am happy to become a part of. Like many of the newcomers that are excited to be here, I have had the opportunity to learn about Questa; its people and families, its rich history, its beautiful land and water, and there is so much more to discover. Questa has developed its own very unique cultural identity; it is fun to watch and be a part of.

This month we celebrate the 27th Annual Cambalache, the 2nd Annual Pick Your Poison Race and the 4th Annual Day of the Dead Celebration. This is how tradition works. In August we celebrated our Third Annual Questa Studio Arts Tour and in September the 10th Annual NeoRio at Wild Rivers. We met people from Seattle, Southern California, and many other places, including Taos, Santa Fe and Albuquerque. Those who have not been here before were taken by surprise by just how beauti-

ful our area and people are. We hear reports about Questa, such as: we didn't know it was here... it is abuzz, electric with possibilities... so much happening here... a great community of artists... the landscape is incredible... it's popping... it's a cool place to be! These comments are often coupled with surprise, who would have thought that this little town on Highway 522 could be so interesting?

We are quite proud of our community AND our paper and I hope you are, too. This has been truly a community effort and we have so many people to thank. Every month we derive great joy in acknowledging individuals on our contributors list. We always feel that we are forgetting someone. We forgot our readers! What would we be without you? Thank you so much for reading this paper.

We are especially excited because, if you are a postal customer of Questa, Red River, San Cristobal, Cerro, Costilla or Amalia, you are now finding a copy of the paper in your mailbox. We are now delivering our paper to over 2300 postal customers. The United States Postal Service is a beautiful thing. We still talk to locals who don't know we have our own monthly newspaper! If you get it in the mail, it is harder to miss! Please remember us when you have a story to tell, an announcement to make, a car to sell, or email us your favorite poem or joke. This is your newspaper and it truly takes a village. See you again next month, we'll be here!

LOU MCCALL
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I wanted to let you know how much we have loved the paper and the information it brings to us. We moved to Questa in 2002 and have learned so much more about our community of choice. The biggest article that made us especially excited was the recycling in Cerro. We've been driving to Taos to recycle and now it's here. Thank you so much for bringing the local news to us with the things that affect our community!

LYNN GALUSKY

Thank you, Lynn, for taking the time to let us know you like our paper, we love fan mail! We are happy that the article made a difference for you. We believe that recycling is a civic duty and are happy to hear there are avid recyclers out there. Our local recycling center (and landfill transfer station) is an excellent resource and a nice drive. Thank you for doing your part!

What Gives?

Dear Editor,

I think you and the entire QUESTA economic development board members owe the citizens of Questa and Questa businesses an apology and an explanation for promoting a business outside of Questa with a full page article and picture. (September 2018 issue p.16) Isn't the responsibility of the QEDF to promote QUESTA businesses and not Red River's? We have yet to see MANY of our local businesses graced with a full page promotion or even a mention. Some of our local businesses have been around for decades, surely; the achievements of THESE businesses and other LOCAL businesses deserve mention, promotion or maybe even a picture. You should all be ashamed of yourselves. Many of the local businesses see this type of neglect and thoughtlessness as just another slap in the face by the QEDF. It would have been better to have seen one of our local lounges featured and hear about upcoming events that they have planned for our community. What gives?

Given the fact that this publication is FUNDED by the QEDF; shouldn't ALL the promotion be given to our community and our QUESTA businesses first over other communities? I wonder if the local Red River newspaper dedicates full page color articles and promotes local businesses in Questa; I doubt it. Perhaps the QEDF needs to revisit their mission

statement or adopt a vision statement that directly addresses the issue of promoting local businesses.

Questenos need to speak up when we see this type of injustice. If we just sit back and watch other businesses; outside of our community being promoted, over your LOCAL businesses, don't be surprised when the local businesses start to disappear. These are trying and tough times. Every dollar that stays in our community should benefit our community. Let's not be swayed by the pretty pictures and promotion of businesses outside of our community. Let's put QUESTA first. If not us; then who?

JAKE LAFORE

Thank you, Mr. LaFore, Your letter offers an excellent opportunity to clear up some misinformation and misperceptions. First of all, every single month, since our very first issue we have featured a Business Profile about a Questa Business.

Secondly, our readers should know that this publication is not "funded" by the QEDF. The paper initially began as the QEDF newsletter. The QEDF is a non-profit organization whose purpose is to promote economic development, a business incubator, of sorts. When it became a monthly publication, it was with the understanding that the paper would operate as a business and pay for itself. QEDF helped us get started and its survival now depends on the sale of advertising as well as the support of volunteers. If Questa businesses want to see the paper continue, they can support it by buying ads. The reason we are still in publication is because of the generous support of our advertisers. This is our 9th issue, and we owe our existence to them. It hasn't been easy to make the paper pay for itself with Questa advertisers. If Red River businesses wish to support our paper by buying ads, that is just good business.

The article you are referring to, about the Red River Brewing Company was on our "Red River Page." With 24 pages, we can offer one page of Red River News. And this month, the Red River Brewing Company has won the Brewery of the Year Award, so yes, that is good news and we have a RRBC story again this month... We may even have enough Red River advertisers to fill another page. Last month we added Red River Churches to our Church Directory, Red River Events to our Calendar. Still, if anyone is keeping score, Red River hardly rates beside our coverage of Questa news.

We offer this newspaper in the spirit of community and cooperation and we think there is enough goodness to spread

around. If Questa businesses have anything but praise for what we are trying to do, they have not said so to our face.

You also mentioned that we need to cover local events and that is what we are trying to do. If you or any of our readers have something to announce we hope you will let us know. Do not assume that we know everything that is going on here. If anything hurts our feelings, it is hearing about an event that was not covered in our paper!

Thank you for referring to our mission statement, "To Inform, Inspire, Connect and Unite the greater Questa Community" There seems to be a difference of opinion about what Unite means and also

how to define the Greater Questa Community. If it was defined by what was only inside the Village limits, then the majority of our readers would not be included. We have a policy that we will not print anything hateful or divisive, we mostly say good things. We think that is the way to inform, inspire, connect and unite. We offer this response to your letter in that spirit; we hope that you will work with us in continuing our mission.

Thank you again for your letter and if our readers want to chime in on any of these issues, please let us hear from you.

LOU MCCALL

EDITOR

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Lodging Spotlight: The Star House

Local author Ellen Wood is well known in our community. She is a columnist for this newspaper and others, the president of Localogy and a volunteer with the North Central Food Pantry as well as the Latir Fire Department Auxiliary. Ellen is the owner of the beautiful Star House in El Rito. The Star House was recently renovated by turning the first floor into a short-term rental apartment with all the amenities and gorgeous views. It offers a quiet retreat for writing, meditating and other creative pursuits, as well as a respite while hiking our glorious mountains. It is about 15 minutes from Questa and is close to great hiking trails. Well-behaved dogs are welcome.

In telling about the birth of the Star House, Ellen explained that her husband was an architect and while they were living in New Jersey, they visited this area of northern New Mexico in the early 2000s and were awestruck by the magnificent views, the Milky Way in the night sky, and the pure, fresh air and water.

They bought 2 acres and Jacques doodled with various designs for a house but wasn't satisfied until one evening when they were sitting in a restaurant. Jacques took one square paper napkin, then put another square napkin at an angle on top and said, "Voila! An 8-pointed Star House."

This beautiful, innovative design was built by Ellen's daughter, Summer Wood, then a contractor and now a novelist, and local artists and craftsmen who endowed the Star House with loving care. Jacques has passed away but Ellen has been living in her El Rito Star House for many years and can't think of living anywhere else. "This is a very magical place," she said.

Several months ago, Ellen moved her

office upstairs to the main floor and then realized she was using the first floor only for sleeping—the rest was unoccupied. That's when she decided to move her living quarters onto the second and third floors and turned the entire ground floor into a short-term rental with living room, bedroom, 2 baths, kitchen, laundry room and a separate driveway and entrance. For more info, photos and to make reservations, go to www.thestarhousenewmexico.com.

To find out about how you can supplement your income by renting your home or extra room, contact the Lodging Project at 586-2258.



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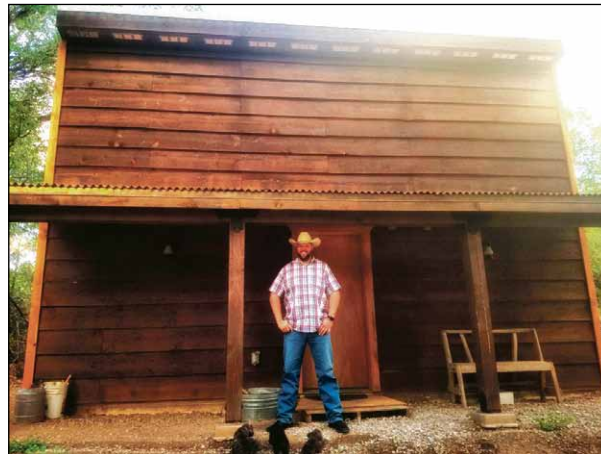
Photos at NeoRio 2018 by Loralee Mattison

Big B Studios: Brian Garcia



Photos: Lindsay Mapes

Brian Garcia in recording booth with engineering table at his new recording studio.



Photos: Lindsay Mapes

Brian Garcia in front of the newly-built BIG B STUDIOS.



Photos: Lindsay Mapes

Big B Studios Recording Booth Interior

By LINDSAY MAPES

When you step through the front door of Brian Garcia's new recording studio, it feels like you're in another place; the lights are low and cool, the floor is dark and shiny, the ceilings are high, and there are guitars and saxophones gleaming on their stands.

Through a large glass window on the far end of the big hollow room you see the recording booth with a fancy microphone, purple scone lighting, and black Styro-foam shapes that absorb sound. Right here in downtown Questa.

Brian first tasted music when his grandfather, Johnny Mascarenas, played his guitar. "He always had one laying around his house. I wanted to learn," said Brian. Right before his eleventh birthday, his grandfather told Brian that he would buy him a guitar for his birthday if he could play him a song. "I still have that guitar," said Brian with fondness.

Brian graduated from Questa High School in 2005. The son of Adrian and

Ruby Garcia, he joined the Questa Marching Band in the 5th grade. "I wanted to play the saxophone like my dad," said Brian. He was the youngest member of the band. From there, Brian went on to join Mariachi Questa where he started on vocals. Brian learned to play all kinds of different instruments.

As a young adult, Brian delved into music. At 14 he joined Duane Ortega's band as a drummer for a few years, then played the saxophone for Orgullo, a band based out of Espanola, and "a bunch of bands since then," said Brian. Today, Brian is lead vocalist and plays guitar with the country band, Perfect StrangR. They play from Denver to Las Cruces and everywhere in between.

He got the idea of a recording studio when he watched his friend, Archie Maestas of Orgullo, build a recording studio in Espanola. "I learned a lot about studios from him; how the recording process is done, I developed a recording ear," said Brian. Five years ago, Brian recorded and engineered his first album. "It was all done in a bedroom in my house," he added.

Since then, his label, Big B Studios, has built their own state of the art recording studio right here in Questa.

"My dad came up from Santa Fe every weekend for 18 months and we built this from scratch," said Brian. "I couldn't have done it without him." The studio, next door to his home, has every detail planned out, down to the corrugated metal that is pre-rusted to give that country feel. The angles of the ceiling are ideal for acoustics, the electrical wiring is specific to prevent noise interference, even the walls are doubled, or de-coupled, so no sound leaks through. "Each of the three rooms produces a different sound depending on what is needed—one large room to make a big sound, a small sound with sound-deadening foam, and a guitar-amplified room," said Brian.

Brian and his father just finished construction of Big B Studios in Questa. They have a waiting list of recording artists: three mariachi bands are booked, two country bands, one traditional New Mexico Spanish band, and even an alternative rock band from Colorado. "I would

love to get a jazz trio in here to record, or a salsa band with all that brass, to gain the experience. It's like an art form, and each style requires different skills," said Brian. He's no stranger to going big; now that he has his studio built, he wants to take some courses from the prestigious Berkley College of Music to improve his sound engineering.

His wife, Veronica, is supportive of Brian's work, which he hopes to turn into a full-time job in the next few years. Brian's two sons, Brian age 11, and Michael age 5, are in on the action already. Brian has been in Mariachi Questa playing trumpet the last two years, and Michael loves hanging out in the studio watching the bands record and watching dad engineer.

"Right now, I have more business than I can handle," said Brian with hesitancy about marketing. But soon he'll be caught up with the demand. If you want to get into Big B Studios to cut a track, email BigBStudiosNM@gmail.com or call him at 575-613-0085. Check out his Facebook Page at "Brian Garcia (Big B Studios)" to see videos of artists recording.

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50 Years on the Land: A Hippie's Account of Communal Life

By MARIA (LONSDALE)
MIKHAILAS

In 2019, the Lorien Commune will celebrate its 50th Anniversary. I eventually married the founder of the commune, Chick Lonsdale, and I am the last of the original communards. It was quite a time! There must have been 50-100 kids passing through this land in the summer of 1969. It was a restless and searching time and we were open to trying lots of new things. The Vietnam War was going on, and lots of kids wanted to have a different life. I came to Lorien in March when I was 18, with my Alpine goat, Foxy Lady, looking for a home. It was still cold, so I huddled in my sleeping bag in a teepee some people shared with me. We built a communal kitchen, made all our own food, fed everyone, and started trying to farm. Some of the kids came from farms in other parts of the country but farming in the southwest presented some different challenges and our local neighbors filled in the large gap of knowledge.

We had very kind neighbors, Rufino Garcia, who was in his late 60's, and his wife Cordilia, who was three years younger. They taught us so much and with such patience! When I look back, truly I cannot believe how they did it. Coming from the city, and from cultures and backgrounds so different from theirs, we were delighted to find them so kind and generous with their help. We had city dogs who couldn't help chasing the Garcia's sheep and occasionally brought one down. Rufino would amble over with his limp, and patiently tell us what had happened and that we needed to cover the cost of the sheep, which, to my knowledge, we always did. It took us all awhile to keep our dogs contained and eventually Rufino just got rid of his sheep.

In those early days, Cordilia helped me with canning, how to find wild herbs, what to do with stinging nettles-and she would have taught me how to crochet, if I had been interested, but no...

Rufino brought out his horses and his

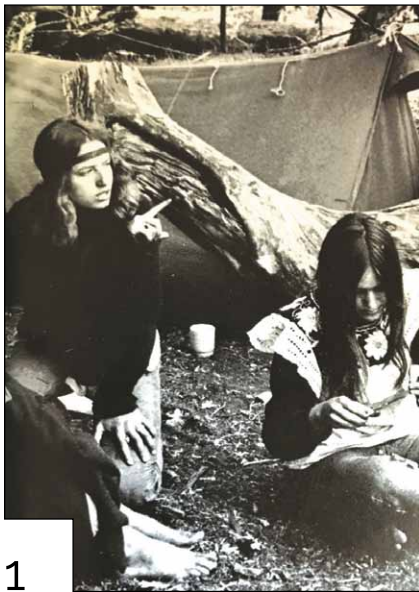
plow and taught us how to plow the field the way they did it long ago, how to plant in rows that went the right direction, and what to plant, which mostly I remember was a pinto bean type that looked like Vaquita roja.

Their daughter, Evangeline Garcia Jaramillo, who still lives on their land remembers how they heard lots of music and saw young people walking on the road as we didn't have many cars and relied on hitch-hiking and sharing rides. We got support from the next-door neighbors, the Mascarenas and the Quintana families and many others in Questa-Ruth and Arron Rael as well as Malaquias Rael, Sr. at Questa Hardware. I never forgot the sign Ruth and Arron had on their cash register that said, "The way to get rid of an enemy is to make him your friend.*"

Malaquias and his sons were kind, delivered supplies and extended loans, and came up to see what we were doing. We had parties. The neighbors showed us how to do a big pig roast once and

dug a big pit and we had a big bon-fire, roasted the pig all night, had a party and danced. Partying was a way of life here with drums, flutes, and singing and young Questa kids came to join us. I am sure we corrupted some of them terribly, and now I feel badly for that.

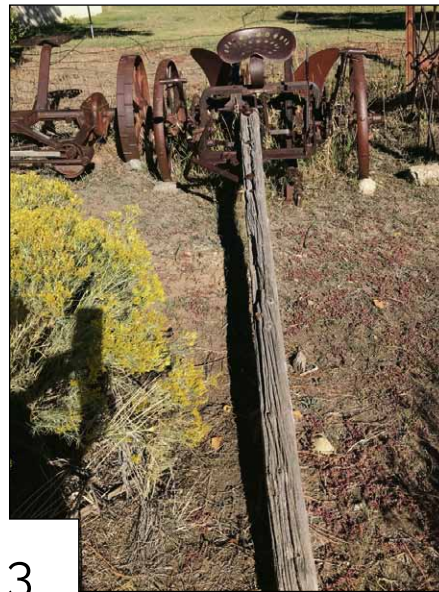
Cynthia Rael Vigil remembers her mother, Ruth, recalling how grateful she was for the hippies and the new comfort that came with us-no more nylons, corsets, or hair perms. So, I guess we were a good influence too! And my gratitude for how the local community took us in continues today. We have evolved since then into a retreat community (earthjourney.org) with mystical meditation taught by Herman Rednick, Tibetan Buddhism with a stupa and teachings with visiting Lamas, and Divine Feminine retreats focused on the feminine spiritual stream. So, we are still searching and learning here... only more quietly now! *[Editor's Note: Quote attributed to both Abraham Lincoln and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.]



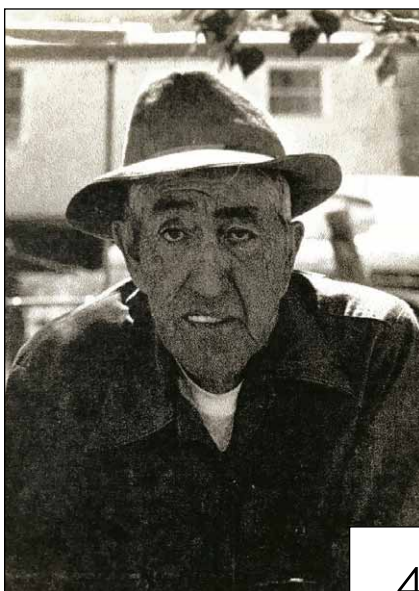
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1 Maria Mikhailas, on left, at age 18 or 19, sitting around camp talking. Photo: Dennis Stock

2 American Gothic, circa 1969; the field after Mr. Garcia plowed with the new scarecrow and unidentified hippie couple. Photo: Dennis Stock

3 Rufino Garcia's old horse plow, used to plow the Lorien fields in El Rito. (Photo courtesy of Evangeline Garcia Jaramillo)

4 Mr. Rufino Garcia as he is remembered by the author. Photo: Dennis Stock.

5 Mrs. Cordilia Garcia at 96 years of age. (Photo courtesy of Evangeline Garcia Jaramillo)

6 Rufino & Cordilia Garcia the day before their wedding. (Photo courtesy of Evangeline Garcia Jaramillo)

Photos originally published in the book, The Alternative By William Hedgebeth and Dennis Stock. At the time, Dennis Stock was a photographer with Life Magazine and went on to Magnum Magazine.

Gourds: Another Kind of “Pot” Plant

By BETSY IRWIN

From a utilitarian point of view, our “advanced” technologies have left gourds in the dust. Many of our prehistoric ancestors, however, found this plant indispensable. In fact, archaeologists have discovered that gourds were one of the earliest domesticated plants in the Americas.

Hollow inside, gourds provide a ready-made container. Lightweight and easy to carry, cut and clean, they come in a diversity of shapes and sizes. It's no wonder that early nomadic people the world over began using gourds to make vessels.

Scientifically, a gourd is broadly defined as the hard-shelled durable fruit from either the *Cucurbitaceae* or the *Bignoniaceae* families. Two gourd types are distinguished in the *cucurbit* family. The first is *Cucurbita pepo*. These are the small, brightly colored ornamental gourds found in the supermarket during the fall. If you've ever noticed, these gourds have a fairly thin shell. Artists often prefer gourds from the second *cucurbit* genus, *Lagenaria siceraria*, because of their thicker, harder shell. These gourds are brown colored when cured and are generally larger than ornamental gourds. The most common type is the bottle gourd, a small to medium sized gourd roughly shaped like a bowling pin.

The *Bignoniaceae* family gourds are commonly called calabashes and they grow on trees instead of vines. Scientists think these originated in Africa though they are now found in the Caribbean and North, Central and South America. They are also thick walled with a very hard shell and are generally round.

But, it's the bottle gourd that has the earliest roots in the New World, dating back to the Ice Age around 10,000 years ago. Anthropologists have two contrasting theories about how bottle gourds got into the Americas. The first is that nomadic hunters from Asia brought the bottle gourd with them over the land bridge that formed between Asia and North America during the Ice Age. The second is that bottle gourds floated over from Africa on the sea currents. With advances in genetic analysis, scientists have studied archaeological remains of these gourds and concluded they were all African in origin.

Regardless of how they got here, the fact that Paleo-Indian people pos-



sibly grew gourds 10,000 years ago is significant. These ancient people were nomads. Rather than settling into permanent villages and farming, they exploited their environment by making annual treks to seasonally available food sources. Consider how valuable a lightweight container must have been to these people who moved frequently, carrying all their possessions with them. Charred gourd seeds found at Ice

Age sites have led researchers to argue that these non-farming people probably planted their gourd seeds in key locations along their annual migration.

As thousands of years went by and people started a farming lifestyle, pottery was invented. Pottery's major advantage over gourds is you can cook in ceramics. Still, gourds played an important role in prehistoric life around the world. When Europeans came to the Americas, their metal pots took the place of ceramic ones fairly quickly. But, Euro-American settlers also adapted using gourds from native people.

Today many older folks remember the dipper gourd. Hanging near a well, the dipper was an everyday household item, ready to quench the next thirst that came along. Another example is the birdhouse gourd. Early historical documents from Southeastern North America talk about how Choctaw people hung up gourd birdhouses for Purple Martins around their villages. Today, lots of southerners still hang up gourd Martin houses. Martins eat mosquitos, so having a good many of them hanging around in the south's muggy climate provides a form of natural pest control.

Traditional people across the globe are still making gourds into household implements as well as elaborately decorating them for use in rituals and ceremonies. And, because of their versatility, both modern craftspeople and artists are taking advantage of the gourd's unique qualities. Among other things, they can be cut, wood burned, painted, carved, metal leafed and inlaid. Bottles, bowls, jugs, masks, birdhouses, jewelry, purses, hair pieces, dippers, Christmas ornaments and even lamps and luminaries are some of the items fashioned from this humble plant.

About the author:

Betsy Irwin is the retired education director from the University of Alabama Museums' Moundville Archaeological Park, a premiere late prehistoric ceremonial mound center. Teaching a variety of Native American inspired arts and crafts during her career, Betsy began collecting gourds around ten years ago. When she retired and relocated to Questa, she brought over 300 with her. Originally focusing her own work on pottery and ceramic sculpture, she's found new inspiration making ritual objects, jewelry and sculptural work from gourds.

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Questa Creative Council Workshops

by ANN GLEESON

What are your creative interests? The Questa Creative Council would like to help facilitate bringing together people that share common interests. Workshop ideas include exploring local history, drawing and painting, music, literature and writing, sewing...what would serve you?

We are currently planning a Traditional Holiday Foods Workshop, (dates to be announced) and are looking into hosting a drawing and painting group for monthly or bi-monthly meetings. Whether you are an accomplished artist or someone that simply enjoys the activity; the community aspect of gathering would be enriching. There are so many interesting faces and unique artifacts for still-life exploration here. Please look for more information on this possibility in the upcoming Questa News or on the QCC Website: www.questacreative.org. For more information, please contact Ann at 575-586-2492 or Peggy at 575-974-5314.

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How do you expect to age?



**LIVE
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by Ellen Wood

What role does society play in your aging expectations? Gerontologists and social scientists have grappled for decades with the question of how we age, both as individual biological creatures and as members of a wider culture.

You might know someone who, at fifty-eight, feels that the best days of her life are over – or another who puts in full days daredevil skiing in his seventies (like the guy I know who lives in Ques-

ta!). Still, the image of the vibrant, sexy, capable older person takes a back seat to our society's picture of the deteriorating, dependent elderly.

Other countries have a different view of living and aging and that view can affect the way their citizens age. In Okinawa there are six times as many centenarians per 100,000 people than in the United States. Six times!

No doubt Okinawans' unique blend of Taoism and Confucianism contributes to their healthy aging, but perhaps having women as the acknowledged spiritual leaders is an important factor as well.

Dr. Bradley Willcox, Harvard physician and researcher, calls theirs a "practical spirituality" in which the everyday and the divine are closely linked.

"Everything is spiritual – trees, rocks, anything – so that with everything you do, you're connecting with the spirits.

They believe in sharing as a society. It's called *yuimaru* – looking out for one's neighbor – and it's a central theme in the Okinawan value system."

One thing is certain in our country: with the average age of Americans rising steadily and advancing technology making it possible to live longer, our picture of the mature man or woman is beginning to undergo fundamental change.

There's a revolution happening, a movement made up of people like you and me who don't believe we're meant to age the way our parents did.

We believe that we can consciously stay healthy and independent right up to the end – and, conscious of our power, put it to good use practicing a form of *yuimaru*.

Who you expect to become as the years advance bears a huge responsibility for who you actually do become. If you're a

baby boomer, you may have no intention of growing older like your parents did. But it's probable that you have the mindset of your parents, and the same old images in your mind about what's going to happen to you as you age.

How we expect to be as we age may be different depending on our programming. And awareness of what's inside our heads about growing older is important in the process of changing our perceptions.

How do you take control of the aging process and bring your thoughts and actions into alignment with the results you want? The first step is to become aware of the programming that's present in your conscious mind. That's where my Daily Practice #1 comes in: observing your thoughts. Take a few minutes every day to watch what's going on in your mind. You might find it very revealing!

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Por ELLEN WOOD

¿Cómo esperas envejecer?

¿Qué papel tiene la sociedad en tus expectativas de envejecimiento? Gerontólogos y científicos sociales han luchado por décadas con la pregunta de cómo envejecemos, tanto como criaturas biológicas individuales y como miembros de una sociedad. Tal vez conocerás a alguien que, a los cincuenta y ocho años, siente que sus mejores días ya han pasado u otro que pasa días enteros esquiendo atrevidamente a los setenta años (¿Como uno que conozco quien vive in Questa!). Todavía, la imagen de esa persona mayor vibrante, sexy, y capaz toma un asiento trasero al de la sociedad que es una imagen de persona vieja deteriorando y dependiente.

Otros países tienen una perspectiva

diferente al respeto a vivir y el envejecimiento y esa perspectiva puede afectar como sus ciudadanos envejecen. En Okinawa hay seis veces más centenarios por 100,000 personas que en los Estados Unidos. ¡Seis veces!

No queda duda que la mezcla de Taoísmo y Confucianismo de los okinawans contribuye al envejecimiento saludable, pero tal vez teniendo mujeres como guías espirituales reconocidas es factor importante también.

El doctor Bradley Willcox, médico e investigador de Harvard, lo describe como "espiritualidad práctica" en que lo común y lo divino están vinculados. "Todo es espiritual –los árboles, las piedras, todo—para que en cada cosa que se hace, se conecta con los espíritus. Crean en compartir como sociedad. Se llama *yuimaru*—cuidando del vecino—y

es tema central del sistema de valores de los okinawans.

Una cosa es cierta en nuestro país: con la edad promedio de americanos aumentando constantemente y la tecnología avanzando haciéndolo posible vivir más tiempo, nuestra imagen del hombre o mujer mayor empieza a cambiar fundamentalmente.

Está pasando una revolución, un movimiento que consiste de personas como tú y yo quienes no creemos que deberemos envejecer como nuestros padres. Creemos que podemos ser saludables e independientes hasta la muerte—y, consciente de nuestro poder, poniendo en práctica una forma de *yuimaru*.

Quien esperas ser a medida que pasan los años pone gran responsabilidad en quien realmente serás. Si eres "baby boomer" no tendrás intenciones de

hacerte viejo como tus padres. Pero es probable que tengas la misma mentalidad de tus padres, y las mismas imágenes de como envejecerás.

Lo que esperamos ser al envejecernos puede ser diferente según nuestra programación. Y siendo conscientes de lo que está en nuestras cabezas acerca de envejecer es importante en el proceso de cambiar nuestras percepciones.

¿Como tomas control del proceso de envejecer y alineamos nuestros pensamientos y acciones con los resultados que quieres? El primer paso es ser consciente de la programación que tienes ahora. Aquí es donde mi práctica diaria #1 entra: observa tus pensamientos. Toma unos minutos cada día para observar que está pasando en tu mente. ¡Puede ser muy revelador!



What is Chair Yoga? Come Try it in Questa!

By GAEA MCGAHEE

Chair yoga is an ideal practice for many people. It can be for anyone who has ever sat in a chair, been cramped on a plane, taken a long road trip, or felt hunched over or slouched. Chair Yoga is a gentle practice that allows a person to carefully expand their body's mobility. Whether you're caring for an injury, or dealing with anything that limits your ability to exercise, or are frequently seated and want to improve the way you feel, Chair Yoga techniques can help.

Chair yoga is ideal for people who have difficulty getting up and down from the floor. How do we pair yoga and chair? We use chairs to support seated poses, reducing the up and down of a practice. We may stand and hold the chair back for balancing poses. When seated, gentle leg lifts help strengthen the hips, and the support of a chair can facilitate spinal twists.

If you're seated, try this now—come to sit a bit forward in your chair, so your

back is free and your feet rest flat on the floor. Place your left hand on the outside of your right knee, or thigh. Inhale and sit up tall, exhale and with your right hand reach further to the right, grabbing the side of the chair, or back of the chair. Look over your right shoulder. Let the twist originate from the base of your spine. Your hands are simply there for support, not to pull. Take a few deep slow breaths. With each inhale sit up tall and grow longer in the torso, and with each exhale; relax and soften into the spinal twist. Change your gaze; leave your body in the gentle twist and take your gaze over your left shoulder. Inhale to come back to center before you switch and try this on the other side.

Intention, focus of the mind and calm breathing—these are vital parts of any yoga practice. Being supported, in some cases by a chair, can help a person focus on the breath, and on inward listening, in order to move body and breath together. This kind of connecting helps produce the calm of yoga—it brings us back to ourselves.

Some clients at the Questa Health Center can share their Chair Yoga experience. As part of "Commit to Be Fit," the nutrition and healthy lifestyles program, nurse practitioner, Kia Tamaki Harrold, invites me to teach Chair Yoga. I have left each class feeling uplifted and grateful to be with sincere and willing folks, ready to try something new and give it their heartfelt best.

We are glad to offer a Chair Yoga class at OCHO on Wednesdays from 10 – 11am as one of Yoga Sala's classes this fall and moving into winter. Your first class is

always free. Come as you are, in any type of clothing, and in any shape. A gentle Chair Yoga class will be both energizing, and calming. Find more info at YogaSalaQuesta.org or call 575-224-2102.

Yoga teacher, Gaea McGahee, demonstrates a simple spinal twist with profound feel-good benefits.
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Make Pat's Place Your Destination

By ROBYN BLACK

Pat Conway, owner of Pat's place, is not new to the food industry, he has had a long affair with food in various capacities. He was a distributor for Rainbow bread for years, has worked for US Foods, was the chef at Taos Mountain Casino, put Stray Cats and Stray Cats 2 on the radar in Taos, just to mention a few of the things he has done in his food career, he knows the ropes. So, it seems he would be right at home at Pat's Place and he is! Pat started Pat's Place about 2-1/2 years ago. Since that time the restaurant has become a community favorite and an oasis for those traveling through. Right by his side is his

daughter Brittany, who has worked with him since the days at Stray Cats when she was just 14 years-old. Brittany is the face of Pat's Place, she greets everyone with a smile, delivers Pat's delicious food and keeps things going. Pat comes up from Taos every day to cook and run the restaurant, that is dedication to his restaurant and his patrons.

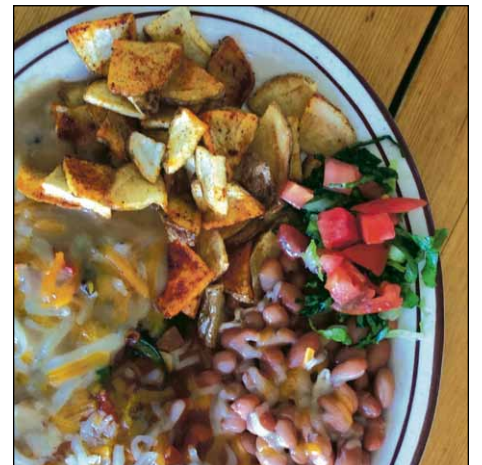
The atmosphere at Pat's is delightful. On any given day, you can usually find a friend or neighbor having a delicious meal there at Pat's Place. Pat's is a family run, family-friendly place here in Questa. It has become a local favorite because of the fresh, appetizing New Mexico fare. There are many choices on the menu to make your taste buds dance.

Especially surprising are their beautiful fresh salads, not easy to find in most restaurants. Vegetarians can find plenty of options, their veggie tostados are a delicious favorite.

Most recently when we were there, we started out with chips and salsa. The chips come hot and sprinkled with Pat's magic seasoning and the salsa is fresh and outstanding. My partner had enchiladas with red and green chile, rice, beans and pico de gallo. I had veggie scrambled eggs with red and green chile, papas, beans and pico de gallo. Both Pat's red and green chile are excellent (I personally like the green, but you can make your own decisions when you try them both). Our meals came in a timely

fashion, hot from the kitchen, fresh and seasoned well, and a big plate full! There is no scrimping on freshness, quality ingredients, generous portions and an extensive menu here at Pat's. Next time there is a special occasion, date night, after church or you just want a good meal make Pat's your destination. It is also a great place for meetings. We are so lucky to have Pat's Place right here in Questa!

Pat's hours are Monday through Wednesday 8 am to 6 pm, Thursday and Friday 8 am to 8 pm and Saturday and Sunday 8 am to 2:30 pm. You can find Pat's Place at 2422 NM Hwy 522, on Facebook, Trip Advisor and Yelp. Their phone number is 575-586-0111.



All Photos by Robyn Black

Red River and Questa Share Post Master-Temporarily!

Friday, August 31 was Wayne Trujillo's last day as Questa's Postmaster. He is now the new postmaster in Alamosa, Colorado and is excited about the new job. He became Questa's Postmaster a year ago when our previous postmistress, Trudy, retired.

Filling in for Wayne until a permanent Postmaster is hired is Red River's Postmaster, Kevin Holderby. He has been very busy overseeing not only the Red River and Questa post offices, but also those at Amalia, Costilla, Cerro and San Cristobal! Kevin is an 18-year veteran of the Postal Service and has been at the Red River of-

fice for six years. Before that he has worked for the USPS in Ute Park, Taos, Cimarron, Raton, Maxwell, Las Vegas and Tucumcari as well as a previous stint in Questa. Next time you're in the Questa Post Office, if you see Kevin, be sure to say hi!

The position for postmaster is filled internally, through the USPS, which vetts applicants and offers exams. For more information about becoming a USPS employee or to apply for a position, check out usps.com/careers. You may also like to visit this site: <https://www.wikihow.com/Apply-for-USPS-Jobs>.



Photo by Lindsay Mapes

Postmasters new and old: Left, Kevin Holderby is Questa's temporary Postmaster who will be filling in for outgoing Wayne Trujillo, right, who is now postmaster in Alamosa, Colorado.

QEDF CORNER

By MALAQUIAS RAE

In an effort to be more informative to our readers about what the Questa Economic Development Fund (QEDF) is up to, it was suggested that we host a regular column in the newspaper to update Questeños about the latest projects and developments within our organization.

For starters, and for those that haven't been introduced to the QEDF, we are a 501c3 non-profit based in Questa. We were formed in 2008 with a mission to diversify the economy of Questa as we shift from a mining town. Over the last 10 years, we've tried a lot of different approaches and several of them seem to have taken root in Questa, like the business park and this newspaper.

But back to our organization; our

founding document states that the community of Questa should plan an active role in determining the projects to be undertaken by the Fund. It also states that meetings are to be publicized and open to the public.

In that light, the QEDF is hosting our next board meeting on Monday, October 8 at 6:00PM at the QEDF Building at 1 State Highway 38, also known as the Visitor Center. The public is welcome to attend. At that meeting, we will be discussing upcoming projects for our next fiscal year. We would like to encourage the public to submit their suggestions for projects on or before October 6, 2018 in writing either by mail (P.O. Box 1072 in Questa, 87556) or by email to mvr@QuestaEDF.com

We look forward to keeping you in the loop each month through this column about upcoming projects and plans.



North Central Food Pantry Logo Contest

By ELLEN WOOD

It all started because Chuck Kroon, a Food Pantry volunteer from Sunshine Valley arrived one distribution day wearing a T-shirt that read: Volunteer – and the name of the organization.

Someone said, "We need a T-shirt for our food pantry!" And soon there was talk of what to put on the front of the shirt, what our logo should be, what our theme is and then the idea for a logo contest was born. (A logo is a symbol made up of text and image that identifies a company, product, service, or in this case: North Central Food Pantry.)

We did a little more mulling it over while stacking cans and boxes of food onto tables and putting 30 lb. bags of potatoes into smaller bags and crushing empty boxes. I ended up saying I'd get some publicity for the contest and then our first client arrived so we all got into our places to greet our neighbors and hand out food.

The winner will be chosen by a panel of judges. If a logo is chosen to be used on our T-shirts, the prize awarded would be \$100. Deadline for submissions is November 15.

Winner and design will be announced in the December issue of this newspaper.

Here are the contest rules:

1. Our theme is "neighbors helping neighbors" but use your imagination for the image – it does not have to depict people.
2. Design a logo with an image and the words: North Central Food Pantry. The words, Food Pantry, should be the most prominent.
3. Size: 8 ½ x 11 landscape format, in color. Convert it to a pdf.
4. **Email your entry** along with your name, town, email address and phone number to **email: wrmesquire2@gmail.com. Subject: Food Pantry Logo Contest.**
5. Your entry will be acknowledged via email.

Everyone who works at the food pantry is a volunteer, included the two founders, Kate Cisneros and Jeannie Masters, who put in long hours every week to keep the pantry humming and helping. Thank you all for all you do!

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River Source Questa High Interns Share Experiences

Dominic Torres is what people know me as— I'm one of the special two chosen for this internship opportunity with River Source. This experience gave me chances to do hands-on stuff that I wouldn't have been able to do anywhere else. I want to succeed in wildlife biology after my last year of high school coming up soon. Being able to be out there with Rich and Carlos gave me a good view of what other things I could do out in the back country I call my home. Now I know a lot more in depth about Red River and what possibilities we could do to make a better, safer place for our visitors and our fish in our beautiful country.

We were able to observe the campsites at June Bug, the Fawn Lakes, and Eagle Rock Lake. On this internship I learned which plants were invasive species and which were not. For example, we were able to spot Canada thistle which I never knew the name of—that piercing looking plant. I just knew if I ever went to touch it... it wasn't going to end well. On all the locations we went to we were able to find erosion either caused by runoff water or by us humans, and our job was to think of a way to stop it. At all the locations of ero-

sion we GPSed to show the Forest Service which areas are a problem or what might become a problem once a flood might occur.

Water quality!!!! What fun practicing, from collecting the pH of the water to collecting bugs on the bottom of the river that you would never know were there. Pretty cool seeing the bugs living in the water of the river. Now I know which flies to use when I'm out fly fishing. We were able to find a lot of mayflies, caddisflies and a few others.

The most nervous and most exciting part was flying a drone. When I first heard we were going to fly a drone, I was super excited but was anxious knowing that this drone is worth over \$2,000 so I couldn't mess up at all. I remember when I first held the remote, I was even shaking a little bit. I freaked out how high quality the camera on the drone was— it honestly looks clearer than my own eye.

We were able to use a laser level which I have used doing construction. This opportunity also gave me the chance to get more experience using this kind of level. We used the level to find out how much the river descends down the valley and to



Photo courtesy of River Source

Questa High students Dominic Torres and Angelica Lovato, learn good stewardship practices as well as a natural sciences during their River Source internship.

make sure the river is running at its best and not any higher points by Fawn Lakes that could cause flooding. By using this laser, we measured the depth of fishing holes and the sequence of water flowing downstream. I had a very cool experience keeping cool walking down the river.

Big thanks to Rich, Carlos and Emily for sharing some of their knowledge with me and making this opportunity hap-

pen. I thank the staff of the Forest Service (George Long, Richard Holmes and Eric Garner) and the McCune Foundation as well. This experience and the opportunity that you gave me was a huge help for me to see if I want to keep following in the direction of my dream working for the Forest Service. I hope one day I could be going to work walking through the doors of my hometown's Questa Ranger Station.

How to Become a Steward of the Land

My name is Angelica Lovato. I live in Questa, NM. I am 14 years old, and I am a freshman at Questa High School. I have always enjoyed science, and my middle school science teacher, Ms. Erica Zito referred me for this internship. She saw that I show a lot of interest in the field of science and that maybe I would be able to learn a lot through this internship. I was very excited when she told me that she thought I'd be perfect for the job.

I decided to apply because it sounded interesting to learn more about the watersheds in my small beautiful town. It also let me get outside and understand nature more. I also like chemistry so I was excited to test and sample the water quality of the streams.

On the first day of the internship we took a walk around Fawn Lakes and learned how to mark problem areas on a GPS. We marked issues like erosion and noxious weeds. We then did a cross section and learned how to take laser level measurements. We also took a particle test, which measures the strength of streamflow by observing the size of particles transported by the water. We did this by randomly measuring the diameter of 100 particles in a certain area near our cross sections.

After that we got to fly a drone to take videos and pictures of the lake, river, and most significant erosion issue at Fawn Lakes. We did a riparian survey which had us assess the area along the river bank, specifically the vegetation diversity, amount of ground cover, and animals like aquatic insects which indicate good or poor water quality. That helped me learn that streamside vegetation is important because it can create shade (a canopy) for the water which will help it keep cool. It also is a source of erosion control, to slow down or even possibly stop erosion from affecting the river.

The next day we got to test water quality at Junebug, Fawn Lakes, and Eagle Rock, which was my absolute favorite, besides the drone flying, which was amazing as well. We learned how to take temperature of the water, TDS (total dissolved solids, a measure of salinity), pH, dissolved oxygen, turbidity, the color, and how much phosphorus and nitrate were in the streams. I really enjoyed this because once they showed us how to do it at Junebug, we were able to do most of it by ourselves at Fawn Lakes and Eagle Rock. It was very hands on and I enjoyed it quite a bit.

We tested streamflow by measuring how

quickly a floating device can go through 10 feet of stream. We then did calculations later in the internship and were able to find how many cubic feet per second the stream was flowing. One other thing we did was sample benthic macroinvertebrates in each stream. We got to see Stoneflies, Mayflies, Caddisflies, Water snipes, Riffle Beetles, Crane flies, Blackflies, Midges, and some Aquatic Worms. It's important to see and identify the types of insects in each stream because some of them are pollution sensitive, and if you find those species in a stream then that means the stream is healthy.

The last three days we've done a longitudinal profile at Fawn Lakes. It required the laser level measuring again, which was interesting to learn how to do. Throughout that we also measured and estimated the width of the river and the percentage of different types of sediment in each riffle and pool. We then did two more cross sections at Fawn Lakes and across from Elephant Rock. We walked around every site and marked some areas where students like us, and volunteers could help with issues like erosion and noxious weeds, using Citizen Science protocol. We flew the drone again for videos and pictures of

the lake and river at Eagle Rock. We found some areas where we could possibly place a Picture Post which will help collect data at Eagle Rock throughout the years. Lastly, we tested the stream canopy cover, took a few more particle tests, and then finally analyzed all the data we collected throughout the internship.

I learned a lot at this internship, things that definitely will help me in life. First of all, the work we did could be part of a career that I definitely would like to consider. I enjoyed everything we did and I would definitely enjoy doing it all again. Another thing it helped me with is understanding how I can be a steward to the land and to this lovely community I call home. I learned different ways I can help the environment around me so that many generations after me can enjoy these lakes and rivers. Also, I learned about ways to help give animals that live here a better, healthier, and safer home.

I would like to thank Rich, Carlos, and Emily at River Source for giving me this amazing opportunity to be a part of this internship. Also, a big thank you to the US Forest Service and The McCune Foundation -- all of this wouldn't be possible without you.

Students Join River Source for Land Stewardship

By RICH SCHRADER

The Red River provides amazing outdoor experiences for Questa people and for travelers far beyond who come to visit our public lands. On Tuesday, September 11th, Questa 8th graders from Ms. Santana Santistevan's science class engaged in watershed science studies and land stewardship activities. The field trip was in partnership with U.S. Forest Service Questa District staff Richard Holmes, educator David Gilroy, and River Source which organized the event.

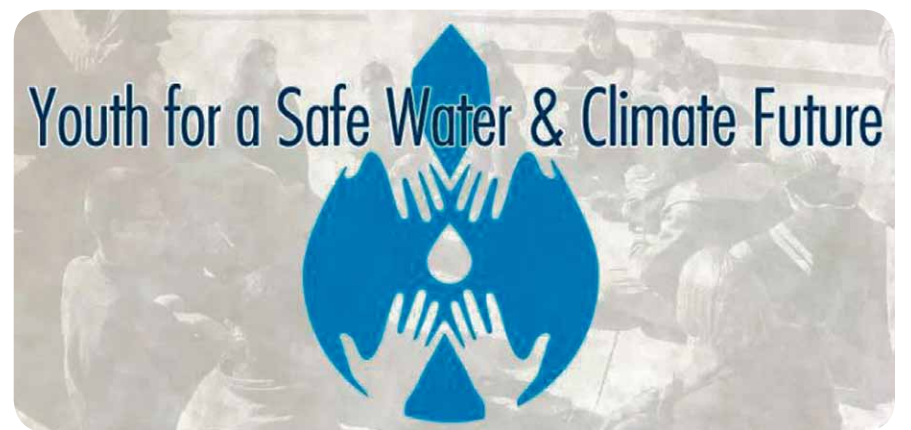
Students put on their waders and sampled water chemistry, aquatic invertebrates, and measured streamflow by the wooden footbridge on the River and later went to Eagle Rock Lake to do erosion control and water harvesting. They also performed land maintenance tasks that make conditions at the park more resilient to drought and heavy rains.

River Source is supported by U.S.F.S. Rural Schools funding and generous Questenños Leroy Romero who donated several cubic yards of rock. They will continue to



Questa 8th graders from Ms. Santistevan's science class learn hands-on watershed studies with River Source at Eagle Rock Lake. From left to right: River Source staffer Carlos Herrera, students Kalena Trujillo, Amaya Cisneros, Karina Rael, Karlee Lund, Kalani Puahi, Mya Lovato, and Emelina Medina. Photo: Santana Santistevan

work with youth in the Questa region to improve water quality, decrease erosion, and slow and plant water into our soils with low tech structures into next summer 2019. For more information go to www.riversource.net where you can find the online version of these articles by Angelica Lovato and Dominic Torres and other interns. Feel free to click the donate button to help River Source continue their good work with the Questa Schools.



Statewide Gathering Wednesday, February 13, 2019 in Santa Fe.

Youth for a Safe Water & Climate Future engages youth in watershed and energy policy issues since 2003 and has been sustained by the support of the Bosque School, Goodman Youth Leadership Project at the Black Institute, and the McCune Foundation. We bring over 130 youth each year to the NM Legislature to speak to their legislators about issues they care about, including securing a safe water and climate future. We also focus on advancing good policy on the local, state, federal and international levels.

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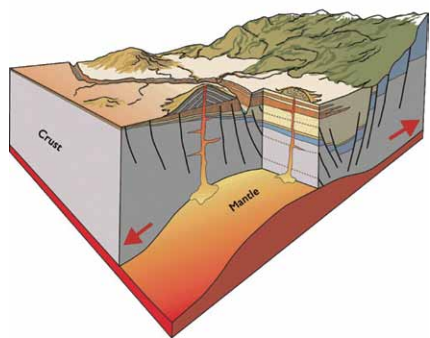
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A Little Questa Geology: The Rio Grande Rift



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The Rio Grande Rift

By DR. MARK WHITE

Questa sits beside the Rio Grande Rift, which has had a very explosive geological history. It is far from settled down even now. Its motions will still set off the occasional major earthquake, and scientists can't rule out future volcanos. You needn't stock up on emergency supplies right away, though. Occasional on a geologic time scale can let civilizations rise and fall between significant events. At the same time, scientists can't predict just when the next major event will happen, or just what it will be. Without raising any alarms, let's take a quick look at that geological history.

La Garita Caldera is the largest supervolcano in the world that geologists have found so far, and its visible remains, known as the Fish Canyon Tuffs and the La Garita Caldera itself, are across the San Luis Valley from Questa. There were many volcanos that popped off as the Rift started opening. Tuffs are the ash deposits spewed out as the supervolcano erupts, and calderas are the depressions left behind once the ash all spews out. Most calderas form after an explosive eruption, which partially or completely empties the magma chamber underneath. Without support, the weight of the overlying rock collapses into the magma chamber, forming a caldera. A drive up to Rio

Grande National Forest in southwestern Colorado or some surfing on the web can show you some pretty impressive views.

The Rio Grande Rift is about a mile deep by Questa, and deeper in other places. Geologists make it very clear that the gorge is not the rift itself. The gorge was formed by weathering and erosion from the river, not the plate pulling apart. Even at La Junta, The Gorge just scratches the surface of this enormous canyon we live so close to. Ashes from those supervolcanos and sediments eroded from the Sangre de Cristos. Lava has erupted out of the variety of ordinary volcanoes that dot the surface all around us. The lava has filled those miles, both deep and wide, that a stretching Earth's surface has opened up here. If the rifting here continues— some rifts keep spreading, some don't— in geological time Questa could be on the edge of an ocean that all the surrounding ashes, sediments and lava can't possibly fill. Being geological time, you won't need to get a surfboard quite yet.

The distance from the Tusas/San Juans west of our Sangre de Cristos tells you how wide the Rift is. At 7,600 feet in elevation, the San Luis Valley is large, flat, and varies from 20 to 50 miles in width, about 30 miles, on average, and is about 150 miles from north to south. The forces spreading the Earth's crust also push up mountains, and the ranges on either side of the Rift are some of the youngest mountains in the world—remembering that “young” is a relative term in geological time. Our local ranges are around thirty million years old, give or take a few million years. That's about the same age as the Rift and the series of supervolcanoes punching through the spreading crust. Young as they are in global terms, though, our mountain ranges are pretty old compared to volcanic mountains inside the Rift.

Before heading to relatively recent times

The Questa Caldera

BY MICHELLE CADWELL

The Columbine-Hondo Wilderness is a wild mountain basin, located in the majestic Sangre de Cristo Mountains. These mountains were pushed up around 20 million years ago, and are one of the youngest mountain ranges on earth. The northern boundary, along the Red River, sits at the base of a now extinct super volcano known as the Questa Caldera, which is said to have erupted 26 million years ago.

Questa itself sits on the Questa Caldera, a collapsed volcano. The landscape that we face today is the result of a huge volcanic explosion, centered on what is now Latir Peak, that occurred here some 25 million years ago. This explosion was so powerful that molten rocks from the explosion were thrown as far south as Peñasco as well as north beyond Costilla. The volcano collapsed, forming a caldera, and then the floor of the collapsed volcano, moved by tremendous geological forces, rose up again to form Pinabete, Venado, Cabresto, and Vir Sylvia Peaks.

Flag Mountain is the southernmost wall of this volcano; other boundaries have been found along Mallette Canyon (eastern boundary), Bonito Canyon (eastern margin), and further north to the north side of Jaracito Canyon (at Vir Sylvia Peak). Goat Hill is formed of volcanic rock from the Questa Caldera. The Mallette Canyon Road from Questa to Red River travels right through the caldera, and the Latir Wilderness area is the core of the caldera.

Today's Route 38 more or less follows the southern boundary of the Questa Caldera. The Amalia Tuff, erupted from the Questa Caldera in the Latir volcanic field and is an important regional marker in northern New Mexico. Volcanic rock from the Amalia Tuff explosion can be seen in the Costilla Valley and forms the ridge between Cabresto Creek and the Red River. Elephant Rock is actually a large block of quartz and latite that slid down from the southern wall of the Questa Caldera.

To the east, the plateau known as the Taos Valley is characterized by alluvial fans and terraces from the Sangre de Cristo Mountains, although volcanic features such as Ute Mountain, Guadalupe Mountain, the Questa Caldera, and associated basalt flows are present where the features have not been covered by alluvial material.

inside the Rift, it's worth mentioning what happened by Questa right as our mountains were forming and supervolcanos erupted all around.

One of those many volcanos was the Questa Caldera which spewed out the middling Amalia Tuff to help fill the Rift— at least for now. As various minerals flowed up from the mantle beneath the crust to infuse the crust left behind after

the volcano, one of them was the mineral molybdenum. Depositing a major ore body in the middle of Questa Caldera, these follow-on flows set miners up for a century or so of profitable digging these tens of millions of years later. Far less than the blink of a geological eye, the generations born and raised here on molybdenum wages tend to see a century as a long time on a human scale.

JOIN US!

NATIONAL PUBLIC LAND DAY - Eagle Rock Lake

Saturday, Oct 6th from 8:00am–2:00pm

National Public Lands Day is the nation's largest, single-day volunteer effort for public lands. More than 175,000 volunteers and park visitors celebrate the event at more than 2,000 public land sites in all 50 states. Federal agencies as well as nonprofit organizations, state and local governments, and businesses participate in the annual day of caring for public lands.

Collaborative work with local residents, the Village of Questa, Town of Red River, BLM, Enchanted Circle Trail Association, The National Forest Foundation, Chevron Mine, and the US Forest Service is generating additional recreational opportunities between the communities of Red River and Questa. A celebration at Eagle Rock Lake on Saturday, Oct 6th from 8:00am – 2:00pm will include

an opportunity for volunteers to assist helping to clean up trash, construct information kiosks and help the laying out future trails. **Come celebrate with food, fun, music, and environmental education at Eagle Rock Lake.**

Volunteers are asked to bring water, hats, sunscreen and gloves. Registration will be at the lake parking lot at 8:00am. The lake is 2 miles east of Questa on Highway 38.

It's a great opportunity to meet your public land stewards and participate in the stewardship role of our precious natural and cultural resources. So, lend a hand, they're your public lands. For more information, contact the Questa Ranger District at (575) 586-0520.

Comanche Creek Fen Wetland Restoration Project

By TONER MITCHELL

The Comanche Creek watershed is part of the Carson National Forest's Valle Vidal Unit in northern New Mexico. Comanche encompasses a legacy of intensive land management practices such as logging, mining, road building, and grazing. These practices caused incised stream and tributary channels and deep headcuts, the lowering of riparian water tables, and the conversion of wet meadows to dryland vegetation and shrubs. Since 2015, Trout Unlimited's Comanche Creek project has sought to reverse these impacts and enhance Comanche's capacity to store and convey water.

Comanche Creek is the largest tributary to the Rio Costilla, whose watershed

constitutes the largest metapopulation of Rio Grande cutthroat—New Mexico's state fish—throughout its range. Comanche provides habitat resiliency, migration alternatives, and redundancy for this imperiled species, improving its survival odds in the event of catastrophic wildfires, drought, and other scenarios associated with climate change. An important consideration with the cutthroat is its possible listing under the Endangered Species Act, which could trigger land use restrictions impacting ranching, recreation, and hunting so important to northern New Mexico economies. By improving hydrologic conditions in the Comanche drainage, this project promises to enhance cutthroat habitat and prevent

the listing of the fish.

Across hundreds of acres, Trout Unlimited's contractor has used logs and rocks to plug headcuts on tributaries and raise riffles in Comanche itself. Incised streambanks have been modified to allow high flows from snowmelt and monsoon rains to access the stream's floodplain, wetting adjacent meadows and growing high-protein forage for livestock and wildlife (the Valle Vidal is home to one of New Mexico's most prized elk populations). As a result of a rising water table, wetland vegetation is expanding.

This project is a continuation of Comanche restoration efforts dating back to 2000. Since then, a durable public/private partnership involving USFS, NM

Environment Department, NGOs such as the Quivira Coalition and Trout Unlimited, and hundreds of volunteer field workers has pioneered the use of low-cost restoration techniques to rejuvenate Comanche. Perhaps the most important partner has been the Valle Vidal Grazing Association. Especially in the last six years, the Association has been willing to adjust its operations to bolster project success, while committing its knowledge of the Valle Vidal landscape and significant labor to restoration efforts.

All told, the restoration of Comanche Creek has been a glowing testament to the necessity of wetland restoration and the power of diverse partnership, a model that should be applied to other landscapes.



Courtesy Photo: Craig Sponholtz of Watershed Artisans

Log and rock step-down structures spread water instead of concentrating it. The effect of our Comanche Project is to slow water's descent through the landscape, encouraging it to percolate into the ground, where it will cool, evaporate less, and feed streams gradually.



Courtesy Photo: Craig Sponholtz of Watershed Artisans

The log step-down is a lower profile beaver dam analog. It's designed to back up water and silt over time, and as the silt builds up, grasses take root and cover it until you can't see it anymore. That's what we're shooting for with most of our structures, eventual disappearance.

Pick Your Poison Race October 7th

We are excited to announce the second annual Pick Your Poison 5K and 10K foot races at the Rio Grande del Norte National Monument on Sunday, October 7th! Last year, the inaugural race hosted about 25 runners for vertically challenging runs that started on the top of the Gorge near La Junta Overlook, ran down either Little Arsenic or Big Arsenic Trails (depending on which distance a participant chose to run), and ran back up the steep 800 foot climb on La Junta Trail. This was not your

average 5K run!

"When we were imagining putting on this race, we wanted to feature our incredible National Monument and create something that was a real challenge," said race director Kimber MacDonald. "We love this monument, it's a treasure and we want to share it. "This race is a way to let people in the region know about this spectacular place," said Bill MacDonald, husband of Kimber and race course director.

This year, expect the same level of organization and high-energy from event volunteers from the Q-town Community Theater and Vida del Norte Coalition. The race proceeds benefit the Theater, a new non-profit focusing on community arts and bringing kids to performances such as a trip to see the play *Wicked* in Albuquerque in October. Because of trail closures on La Junta, the course will be re-routed so runners will not be ascending up La Junta. Instead, runners will

complete one of two awesome loops including the Big and Little Arsenic Trails.

And keep your eyes open for more community events put on by Q-town Drama and their partners, including a Haunted Hay Ride for Halloween and an upcoming Christmas Musical!

To register, visit the event website at www.PickYourPoisonRace.com, visit the Facebook page. And to volunteer, email Kimber at KimberMacD@gmail.com

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When Lightning Strikes: Betsy and Wyman Tell their Story

By LOU MCCALL

On August 25th, around 9:30pm, lightning struck and Betsy Peirce and Wyman Edwards of El Rito are still dealing with the aftermath. They were finishing up dinner with friends and family when they were startled by a thunderously loud crash, a big flash and they saw what they described as sparks and a fireball—and then their electricity went out.

At first, they didn't realize that their house had been struck by lightning. There were five people and five dogs there that night. They were scrambling around with flashlights in the dark looking for their dogs that had gotten spooked by the lightning. Betsy's niece went upstairs to look for her dog and saw smoke pouring out of the bathroom. The water heater had caught fire and with the door closed, it was not noticed immediately.

Betsy, who has been a volunteer with Latir Fire Department for 33 years kept her cool and sprang into fire fighter mode. She credits her training in fire school for not being totally terrified. She said she got really bossy, which by all reports was really appreciated. Miraculously, her cell phone worked, which isn't always the case at their remote house. She called 911 and told the dispatcher that they were in the Latir Fire District. Betsy immediately turned off the propane valve at the tank. They were so happy they were home; if not, the propane coming into their water heater could have destroyed their house completely!

They realized immediately that without electricity they had no water. Wyman ran next door to Vicki Duncan and Bobby Fowler's house to fill up 5-gallon buckets of water. When he got there, he was excited and looked a little crazed and screaming that their house was on fire. And did we mention that it was pouring rain and Wyman was soaking wet? Vicky and Bobby laughed and thought he was kidding! Nonetheless, Wyman and Bobby filled up buckets of water and ran splashing back to the house to put out the fire, which at that point had probably been burning for 15 to 20 minutes.

Meanwhile the girls were busy putting the dogs in the cars and moving their vehicles out of the driveway so the firetrucks could get in. First responders soon arrived from the Latir, Cerro, Questa and Lama Fire Departments. By the time they got there, the flames were out and the firefighters finished up with a fire extinguisher. They had thermal imaging cameras that sense heat, which were used to detect any

hidden embers or flames.

It is hard to believe the damage that occurred in that 15 or 20 minutes. The explosion blew a hole in their stucco and the nearby electrical junction box was destroyed, along with the conduit in the chase that led to the water heater. There was tons of damage in the floors and ceiling, with melted electrical lines in the mechanical room and both bathrooms. The phone box got blown over 30 feet away and all the underground telephone line melted. The entire photovoltaic solar system was destroyed.

The horses, of course were terrified. It is thought that there could have been a second lightning strike near the corral, which is about 100 yards from the house. The metal chain was welded to the metal gate of the corral, completely fused.

With the rain, the ash, the mud, fire suppressants and lots of foot traffic, the floors were quite muddy and a big mess. Cleanup didn't begin right away because of work with insurance investigators (thank God the house was insured!). Because of lack of power, it is still unknown how much of the electrical system and appliances are functional.

The couple have been without power and it is estimated that it will be several months before they can move back into their house. They tried to sleep in the house that night, which was impossible. The air was toxic with melted plastic and other fumes and they were told the place was uninhabitable and advised to stay away, even though the windows were kept open to air it out. It has been a shock for them and a disruption and they have been exhausted.

And they were not the only ones affected. Although the lightning hit their house directly, neighbors reported that they had pictures knocked off the wall and felt their houses shake from the same blast. One neighbor about a half mile away felt the lightning and immediately their internet went out and it took a couple days to get service restored.

Betsy and Wyman and their dog and horses initially stayed at a friend's studio/guesthouse for a few weeks and they extend a big thank you to Lynn and Dean Gitter for their generosity. In mid-September Betsy and Wyman rented a house in El Rito and they think they will be there for a few months while the reconstruction continues. It has been an expensive experience for the couple, renting housing and replacing destroyed items. The insurance will eventually reimburse them

for their expenses, which is a great relief.

In the meantime, they continue shelling out sometimes small and sometimes large sums of money to get their lives and their home back in order.

Betsy and Wyman began the search for contractors to clean up the damage. All the local builders they talked to were booked up. The couple and their insurance company have been working with the Paul Davis Company, a national franchise with an office in El Prado skilled in such residential repair and trained in disaster cleanup. Besides construction damage, the company is also cleaning everything in the house, which the insurance will pay for. Betsy and friends and family have been packing up and sorting through belongings, which is a huge job.

They have both been reflecting on the experience. Although it has been a major pain and disruption, on top of the catastrophe, it has turned out to be a cathartic opportunity. Much like moving, they are packing up, sorting and cleaning, an involuntary cleanup, for sure and hopefully therapeutic. Like spring cleaning on steroids!

This experience happened at the same time that people in other parts of the world were experiencing hurricanes, typhoons, tornados, flooding and wildfires. Betsy and Wyman spend a lot of time outdoors and study the natural world. They noted that just as other natural disasters seem to be intensifying and gaining in size and strength, it seems to them that lightning, of late also seems more intense. Recently many locals have mentioned seeing lightning that is exceptionally big bright, long in duration with many reports of fireball type lightning. They say with the earth being so out of balance, the old girl is taking extreme measures to achieve stasis.

Betsy and Wyman are very touched by the support and great kindness of all their friends, family and community. They have a huge garden and no water. Their kind neighbors, Vicki and Bobby, extended a very long garden hose to keep the garden alive. Bob and Sally Blair brought over a big water tank, which they are so grateful for! CenturyLink rigged a temporary phone line for them. Unfortunately, they are not living at their house and without electricity they have no answering machine. So, they still have to rely on their spotty cell phone connections.

People have stepped forward to weed their garden, cook for them, say prayers, help with the animals and provide many other support services. One friend called



Photo By

Betsy Peirce and Wyman Edwards find time to smile while dealing with the aftermath of their lightning strike at their El Rito home.



Photo: Betsy Peirce

Exterior view of where lightning struck, creating a hole in the stucco.



Photo: Betsy Peirce

Fire caused by lightning destroyed the water heater and mechanical room in the El Rito home.

to ask if there was anything he could do to help and Betsy told him, yes, I really need to ride the horses, please come out and join me on a ride! It has been a hard ride for Betsy and Wyman and they couldn't have done it without the support of their community. They want to extend a big thank you to everyone!

*Betsy Peirce has been a member of Latir Volunteer Fire Dept. since 1985 - the longest serving volunteer in the department!

Library Receives LANL Foundation Grant

Friends of the Questa Public Library (FQPL) was notified that it has been awarded a \$2,500 grant from the Los Alamos National Laboratory Foundation. The money will be used to support the library's Friday Special Programs.

After the Questa School Board introduced a four-day school week in 2017, the Questa Public Library started the Friday Special Program to provide the community with meaningful outlets for children free on Fridays. The Friday Special Program will continue as a weekly event during the 2018-2019 school year. The LANL grant money will be used to develop STEAM (Sci-

ence, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math) initiatives and will be produced by local businesses, area institutions and volunteers from the community.

"We are truly gratified to receive this LANL grant," said Evelyn Coggins, president of the FQPL. "It is an important contribution for our mission to support the Questa Public Library's valuable programs."

"This is wonderful news," said Sharon Nicholson, Questa Library Director.

"Our children will benefit greatly from the additional learning opportunities this grant will provide."

ABOUT FRIENDS OF THE QUESTA

PUBLIC LIBRARY

Friends of the Questa Public Library, a 501(c)3 charitable organization, was established in 2010 to provide a non-profit vehicle for donations and to support further development of the Questa Public Library. Its mission is to promote literacy in rural northern New Mexico by providing the library with financial and in-kind resources.

ABOUT THE QUESTA PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Questa Public Library provides open and equal access to diverse information and supports lifelong learning and reading as well as economic devel-

opment for all citizens of the Village of Questa and surrounding communities. The library sponsors children's story time, annual summer reading programs, author visits, book club discussions, computer instruction, wireless internet access, and the Dropped Stitch Group for local crafters. It provides a safe space for quiet study for students. The library's large collection of books and DVDs for adults and children offer the latest in media. Because it is a public library, there is no cost to patrons. For more information about the library and its programs, contact Sharon Nicholson 575-586-2023

October at the Questa Library

The library has scheduled a month of exciting activities for our youngsters on Fridays. All programs are from 1-3 PM. Enter a drawing for special prizes every week. Reserve your child's spot now... space is limited! Call 586-2023, or stop by the library.

October 5

We will be making some special decorations to remind of us the weather outside. And we will find some really cool books about fall in our library collection to read. And maybe some special goodies to decorate and, of course, eat!

October 12

EXPLORA MUSEUM will bring a program from Albuquerque. Their

programs are always so much fun and educational too! This program is geared for kids pre-school through 2nd grade. Older students are welcome. Don't forget to reserve your space.

October 19

We will have a special scavenger hunt and unique art project. What do you think we will be looking for? Come to the library and check it out!

October 26

Friday before Halloween. We will start by making a scarecrow. Then maybe decorate a pumpkin. We will read Halloween stories! How about something REALLY SCARY? And treats? Of course!



By SUPERINTENDENT
LEANNE SALAZAR

RESPECT

Definition: To have high regard for, to hold in esteem, to treat with courtesy and consideration.

Parents are instrumental in establishing core values; they set the tone and lead by example. Parents do make a difference and influence the lives of their children. Take advantage of your influence and spend time with your children. Talk about these important traits and family values. Remind your children that although we may look different on the outside, we all have the same feelings on the inside. Encourage them to respect others by treating them the way they want to be treated.

"Children may close their ears to advice, but they open their eyes to example."

- Unknown

The Questa Independent School District is working hard to develop a positive and supportive school culture. This begins with mutual respect, the willingness to listen and adaptation to change. Too often in life, in leadership, and in negotiations, we assume we have all the knowledge and information available or needed.

Many times we don't listen to the other side or anyone else because we've

convinced ourselves of our preeminence. Instead of listening, we are waiting for them to stop talking so we can talk and prove our point. QISD is mindful about working with students, families and staff to model the way. Our students are at the heart of every decision and we are eager to lead the way to success.

Please join us on October 13, 2018 for all of our Homecoming events. The QJHS student senate will be coordinating the events along with their sponsors, Ms. Williams and Ms. Cox. We will host a parade, a soccer and football game and to round out the day, a homecoming dance. Vida del Norte and other local organizations hope to partner with us for the homecoming dance; together we hope we can revive this tradition. Contact Ms. Williams if you are interested in participating in the homecoming parade or other events.

"If we want our children to possess the traits we most admire, we need to teach them what those traits are."

-William Bennett

Mr. Craig DeYoung, our new Dean of Students is eager to work with staff and students, he is eager to be an active member of the Village of Questa. This month he along with Ms. Renee Cox (counselor), Ms. Donna Abreau (counselor), and Ms. Lourdes Casinao (science teacher) are new staff in our district and they report they are happy to serve the families of this great community.

For ages 0-3

Wildcats Kitty Club

COME READ AND PLAY!

STARTING OCTOBER 25 AT 10:30AM

We are excited about a new program for our youngest community members. In a collaboration with the First Steps program, these children can now attend a program just for them at the Questa Library.





Please call the library for more information. 586-2023

Ocktoberfest in Red River



Courtesy Photo: Red River Chamber of Commerce

Contestant in the Ms. Oktoberfest competition participates in the stein holding contest.

By RED RIVER
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Enjoy Oktoberfest in Red River! This year the event will be held in Brandenburg Park, located in the center of town at 101 East River Street. Authentic German food and music, craft beer and New Mexico wines, arts and crafts vendors, games and contests, ski trip giveaway and more! Admission is only

\$5 for the whole weekend. You can buy your commemorative taster mug for \$10 or stein glass for \$20 when you get to the park, which includes beer tastings.

Activities include Oktoberfest Beard/Mustache Competition, prizes for Best Overall Beard and Best Overall Mustache and Children's Pumpkin Painting. Experience Live Polka Music by the band Eurofest, DJ JP will be spinning your favorite polka (and non-polka) hits all weekend

long.

Put on your dirndl or lederhosen and compete for a \$100 cash prize. The Miss Oktoberfest competition will begin at 12pm. Then the Mr. Oktoberfest competition starts with a stein holding contest, an obstacle course, and a possible surprise category. Sign up at the Chamber of Commerce booth when you arrive at the park. *Viel Glück* (good luck)!

Microbreweries will be present, with

voting for the best brews, food and craft vendors, German "OOMPAH" Polka music, activities for kids, and lots of contests including the chicken dance, yodeling and bratwurst eating! October 5-7th, Friday 10am-6pm, Saturday 10am-6pm, Sunday 10am-4pm. For more information call the Red River Chamber of Commerce, 575-754-2366 or visit redriver.org/events/oktoberfest

VOTED New Mexico Brewery of the Year

Red River Brewing Company Voted New Mexico Brewery of the Year By the New Mexico Restaurant Association!

Last month we published a story about the new Brewery in Red River and this month there is more good news to report.

The New Mexico Restaurant Association announced the winners of the 2018 Hospitality Industry Awards that took place on Monday, September 10th at Embassy Suites in Downtown Albuquerque. Taos County's own Red River Brewing Company received the award

for New Mexico Brewery of the Year.

RRBC is relatively new to the industry, and has already created many jobs, new dining options for visitors, and have come a long way in helping their town and the Enchanted Circle area of Northern New Mexico become a destination for craft beer lovers. They happen to be the highest elevation brewery in New Mexico, and their water and clean mountain air blend together to make crisp, satisfying beer. And for those who do not imbibe, try their homemade, non-alcoholic Root Beer!

The brewery is located at 217 West

Main St., Red River, New Mexico, 87558.

Hours are: Mon-Thurs 11am - 10pm, Fri-Sat 11am - 11pm, Sunday 12pm - 10pm. Stop by for a brew and a bite to eat; stay for the music and company. Check them out at redriverbrewing.com and on Facebook.

Sharon and Michael Calhoun, Owners of the Red River Brewing Company are pleased as punch to receive the Brewery of the Year Award.

Courtesy Photo: NM Restaurant Association



Homecoming at Questa High

By MS. ELIZABETH WILLIAMS

The QHS Student Senate met during lunch. Our theme for homecoming week will be “Decades!” Tuesday will be the 50’s, Wednesday the 70’s, Thursday the 80’s. Friday’s theme will be class colors and the prep rally. College classes are canceled on October 12th for fall break.

The dance will take place on Saturday October 13th starting at 7:30 until 9:00pm for middle school and 9:00-10:30pm

for high school. Each class will choose a decade and students are encouraged to dress up in their decade for their class for the dance.

Each class will be sponsoring a food table/game table. All tickets collected for a sponsored table will be exchanged for cash to put towards whichever group sponsored the activity. This is also open to clubs and sports.

The dance set up will occur directly after the parade, a student rep that is not in

soccer will be responsible for setting up their table. Students who volunteer to man the table will receive a free pass to play all games, free entrance to the dance, and two food items. It would be best to have two students per table with assigned shifts. Students sponsoring a table are required to be at both the middle school and high school dance to man their table as well as assist with clean up.

What still needs to be organized are the following: Each class needs to vote on their

specific decade. The decades to choose from are the 90’s, 80’s, 70’s, 60’s, 50’s and 20’s with seniority for older grades to the youngest with middle school included. Each class will organize their float and table. Please reach out to local business members who may be interested in participating in the parade! All school affiliated groups have a fee of \$5 to enter a float. Outside businesses will be charged \$20 per float and \$10 per walker. As always, please let me know any questions or concerns!

Questa Awarded \$750,000 from CDBG

By NICHOLAS MAESTAS

The Village of Questa has been actively seeking funding to update their water distribution system infrastructure. The Village intends to replace its current dated infrastructure with new and improved PVC piping, allowing Questa residents continued access to safe and clean drinking water.

The Village Council voted in July 2018 to apply for a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). Mayor Mark Gallegos made a presentation to the Community Development Council (CDC) explaining the need for this project on September 5, 2018 in Albuquerque. The Mayor’s hard work paid off on September 19, 2018 when the CDC awarded the full project amount requested of \$750,000.

The specifics of the project at this point are to replace as much of the aged

infrastructure along Cabresto Road as possible before running out of funding. “A majority of Village residents live along Cabresto Road and I know this project will have a positive impact on those residents” said Mayor Gallegos. The timing of the funding couldn’t be better as the Village was also recently awarded Municipal Arterial Program funding through NMDOT to repave Cabresto Road. The Village Council made the decision to seek funding to replace the waterlines along the project area first to prevent the need to cut and patch the road after the new asphalt has been laid.

“Now that the Village was awarded the funding, we are eager to move forward to complete both the water line replacement and the pavement project” says Nicholas Maestas, Village Administrator. “We hope to have both projects complete in 2019.”

Questa Business and Entrepreneurs Network Update

QBEN hosted another meeting on Wednesday, September 12 at 7:00PM at El Monte Carlo. Some updates from business owners that attended include James “Coony” Trujillo, who owns Coony’s Tee’s and Caps. They do custom printed t-shirts and apparel using a heat transfer method, which is more affordable to the customer, and will be offering embroidery soon.

Martin Rael from Car Questa announced their tool rental program and offers rentals of cement mixers, jack hammers, and wood splitters. They are now affiliated with Advanced Auto, a national company which purchased Car Quest corporation.

Dee Dee Lovato from Questa Lumber and Hardware announced that they are now offering a punch card promo-

tion and drawings for a barbeque grill. They plan to do three promotions a year. They’ve also ordered a photo kiosk to print your photographs, create invitations, Christmas Cards with a family photo, graduation announcements, etc. They will let folks know when the kiosk has arrived.

Lori Ortega with Premiere Outfitting talked about their cabin rentals through VRBO and new landscaping business. Frank’s Eats & Sweets has changed their hours to open and close one hour earlier: 11:00AM – 7:00PM, still closed on Wednesdays. Christopher and Patricia Michael talked about their new rack cards and business cards. The next QBEN meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 19 at 7:00PM, location TBA. For information call Berna at 586-0696.



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OCTOBER 24
Pre-conference workshops and networking events

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OCTOBER 27-28
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Vida Del Norte Coalition-Plans for October

VIDA DEL NORTE COALITION WELCOMES NEW COORDINATOR

Dear Questa Community,

I am pleased to announce that I have been officially hired as the Project Coordinator for the Vida Del Norte Coalition, an organization that is working to create a drug free community, both here in Questa and surrounding communities. I believe that this opportunity has been afforded me as a way to put my education, skills and experience that I have acquired to benefit our community. I hope to serve in this capacity to the best of my ability and look forward to bringing on new membership and expanding our Coalition.

The Coalition and the community have already begun work on a number of excellent projects and have made a big difference to our youth. I am excited to take on this challenge as it has been a passion of mine for quite some time. I would like to thank outgoing Project Coordinator, Amber Benavidez, Simon

Torres and our entire Coalition for making this transition as smooth as possible.

Feel free to contact me with any question or curiosities that you may have through our website Vidadelnorte.com, E-mail Maria.gonzalez@vidadelnorte.com, Phone 575.779.2260 or connect with us via facebook www.facebook.com/vidadelnortecoalition

Thank You so much, I look forward to working with you!

MARIA GONZALEZ

The Vida Del Norte Coalition is moving forward with collaborative efforts through our many community resources. We will be assisting Q-Town Drama with their fundraising efforts by making food and helping serve during the runner's dinner on October 6th as a prelude to the Pick Your Poison Race.

On October 7th we will have three booths at Cambalache supporting our community and bringing awareness about our coalition. Look for us, we have some fun things planned!

October 13th is Homecoming and Vida

will be assisting Questa High School Student Council in sponsoring the Homecoming Dance. See page 11 for more information.

On October 15th at 6:00 PM the Vida Del Norte Coalition will have its first monthly meeting at the Questa Youth Center! It is located at 6-1/2 Municipal Park Road, off Highway 522 next to the Library.

On October 29, 30, & 31 Vida Del Norte will also be collaborating with Q-Town Drama and another youth organization to host a haunted hay ride, stay tuned to our website and facebook page for more information. Vida Del Norte has entered into a Memorandum Of Understanding with the Village of Questa and will be opening our office in the Youth Center. We will be keeping the community space open on Mondays and Wednesdays from 9:00am- 3:00pm beginning in October. The plan is to eventually increase the hours. Other groups and organizations will be using the Youth Center also. Please contact the Village of Questa if you have any questions about the Youth Center, 586.0694.



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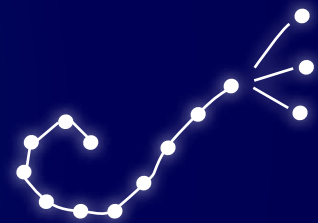
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ESOTERIC ASTROLOGY

SKYDANCE ESOTERIC ASTROLOGY by Charlene R. Johnson
For the month of October 2018



ARIES

Planet: Mercury
MARCH 20 – APRIL 19

Dynamic: This time may feel like shifting from flying to swimming.

Direction: Concentrate on building spiritual muscle and stamina.

Soul Thought: Wings to fins is just a different modus operandi.



TAURUS

Planet: Vulcan
APRIL 19 – MAY 20

Dynamic: Things are pushing and pulling from different directions.

Direction: You may need to watch your reactions, particularly with a partner.

Soul Thought: A tug of war doesn't actually have to be about war.



GEMINI

Planet: Venus
MAY 20 – JUNE 20

Dynamic: Possibilities open up; so do sensitivities.

Direction: Harmony, remember harmony.

Soul Thought: Wrong speech separates; right speech unites.



CANCER

Planet: Neptune
JUNE 20 – JULY 22

Dynamic: You are wonderfully clear of challenges this whole month.

Direction: While in this clear playing field, create!

Soul Thought: When the muses inspire.



LEO

Planet: Sun
JULY 22 – AUG 22

Dynamic: Hard work in partnerships early on, pays off later.

Direction: It's important to remember what's important.

Soul Thought: On the highest possible level, what IS important?

MARS & MERCURY DANCE

"There is nothing noble in being superior to your fellow man. True nobility is being superior to your former self." – Ernest Hemingway

An interesting relationship is set up this month as Mars and Mercury move into challenging positions to each other. Vulcan, who always lives close to Mercury, is also moving into a challenge with Mars, but it is Mercury we shall focus on this month. Aries is the sign which both Mercury and Mars rule. Mars is the traditional ruler; Mercury is the esoteric ruler. The shift into higher meanings which esoteric astrology is about, is clearly represented by these two planets. When Mars and Aries were related, it was about the potential strength, passion, volatility and reactivity of a warrior. Aries is a sign which demands recognition and expression and Mars helped assure that with a fiery sharp sword, both steel and tongue. But as we evolve, Mercury forms a better partnership with Aries, shifting into more diplomatic responses, bringing the mind to bear on any challenges or issues, as opposed to emotional sensitivities.

This time in the history of humanity is an emotionally charged one, a

time when use of the mind is much called for, but not always answered. This month, Mercury also slips into Scorpio, the same sign which esoteric Mars is now partnered with. Scorpio also can be reactive, emotionally charged, which is why they make a good partnership, but reactivity is not the higher goal. Rather, introducing the magic of the esoteric principles and laws and giving them real strength, is the goal. This is about being the spiritual warrior, on behalf of all of humanity. This month, Mars moves into the more detached sign of Aquarius, introducing yet another sense of reason into the equation. What if, instead of a battle, we recognized the potential for self-growth here? What if we became the Observer and watched our own reactions instead of so closely watching – and criticizing – those of others? Growing out of reactivity and into studied responses is one of the lessons we are all here to learn as Mr. Hemingway pointed out so well. This is the month we get to practice.

Everyone: From the 10th onward, strive to recognize when passions are reactive and oppositional rather than sensitive and compassionate. It may take some mind control.



VIRGO

Planet: Moon
AUG 22 – SEPT 22

Dynamic: You are the source of several blessings AND challenges.

Direction: Go with the flow.

Soul Thought: Though, sometimes, the pot needs stirring.



SCORPIO

Planet: Mars
OCT 22 – NOV 21

Dynamic: By the end of the month, all will be clean and clear.

Direction: Assuming you pay attention.

Soul Thought: When to stop and think first, is the question.



AQUARIUS

Planet: Jupiter
JAN 19 – FEB 18

Dynamic: Though you may feel extra sensitive, all is well.

Direction: It's okay if tears come.

Soul Thought: "Tears come from the heart, not from the brain." Leonardo da Vinci



LIBRA

Planet: Uranus
SEPT 22 – OCT 22

Dynamic: You may make an impulse purchase this month.

Direction: Impulse doesn't necessarily mean inappropriate.

Soul Thought: When intuition supersedes intellect.



SAGITTARIUS

Planet: Earth
NOV 21 – DEC 20

Dynamic: That which you began anew last month, becomes solid this month.

Direction: Set your keystone square.

Soul Thought: What is solid ground?



PISCES

Planet: Pluto
FEB 18 – MARCH 20

Dynamic: Things may begin to feel heavy.

Direction: Take one step at a time and keep on keeping on.

Soul Thought: No need for speed.



CAPRICORN

Planet: Saturn
DEC 20 – JAN 19

Dynamic: It may feel like you are trudging, but you have lots of help.

Direction: Smile!

Soul Thought: One step at a time.

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NOTICES:

QUESTA HOMECOMING PARADE

October 13 at 10:00AM
Line up starts at 8:30AM
Applications to participate are due October 5 by 5:00PM
\$20 for floats, \$10 for walker groups, and \$5 for school affiliated groups
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Oct 13	Sat	MAS* vs. Questa	H	4:00PM	Homecoming
Oct 19	Mon	Questa vs. Escalante	A	7:00PM	
Oct 27	Thurs	Questa vs. McCurdy	A	1:00PM	

Varsity Head Coach: Daniel Gallegos *Mission Achievement & Success High School in Albuquerque
Please note: Dulce High School has canceled their season, no October games with Questa as previously reported

QUESTA WILDCAT VOLLEYBALL • OCTOBER SCHEDULE 2018

Oct 2	Tues	Questa vs. Coronado	A	5:00PM	V/JV
Oct 4	Thurs	Mesa Vista vs. Questa	H	4:00PM	V/JV/JH
Oct 9	Tues	Escalante vs. Questa	H	4:00PM	V/JV/JH
Oct 11	Thurs	Peñasco vs. Questa	H	5:00PM	V/JV
Oct 16	Tues	Questa vs. Mora	A	5:00PM	V/JV
Oct 18	Thurs	Coronado vs. Questa	H	5:00PM	V/JV
Oct 23	Tues	Questa vs. Mesa Vista	A	4:00PM	V/JV/JH
Oct 25	Thurs	Questa vs. Escalante	A	4:00PM	V/JV/JH
Oct 30	Tues	Questa vs. Peñasco	A	5:00PM	V/JV
Nov 1	Thur	Mora vs. Questa	H	5:00PM	V/JV

District and State Playoffs TBD - Head Coach: Diane León - Assistant Coach: Connie Martinez

**QUESTA WILDCAT SOCCER • OCTOBER SCHEDULE 2018**

Oct 1	Mon	Questa vs. Tierra Encantada	A	4:00PM	V
Oct 4	Thurs	Desert Academy vs. Questa	H	4:00PM	V
Oct 13	Sat	Rehoboth vs. Questa	H	1:00PM	V
Oct 15	Mon	Questa vs. Taos	A	4:00PM	JV
Oct 18	Thurs	Questa vs Desert Academy	A	4:00PM	V
Oct 20	Sat	Questa vs. Monte del Sol	A	1:00PM	V
Oct 22	Mon	Moreno Valley vs. Questa	H	4:00PM	V
Oct 30	Tues	Questa vs. Peñasco	A	5:00PM	V/JV
Nov 1	Thur	Mora vs. Questa	H	5:00PM	V/JV

District and State Playoffs TBD - Head Coach: Bill MacDonald, Assistant Coach: Michael Rael, Jr.

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
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Fall Yoga Schedule

Tuesday, 9 – 10:30 am
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Wednesday, 10 - 11 am
Chair Yoga with Willow

Thursday, 10 - 11:30 am
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Thursday eve, 5:30-7 pm
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**DATES TO REMEMBER**

OCTOBER 2
6:00 PM Questa School Board Meeting

OCTOBER 3
1:15-1:45PM BookMobile, San Cristobal Community Center
2:15-3:15PM BookMobile, Questa Post Office

OCTOBER 5
1:00 -3:00 PM Questa Library-Autumn decorations,
cool books about Fall, goodies!

OCTOBER 5-7
Oktoberfest in Red River

OCTOBER 6
8:00AM–2:00PM NATIONAL PUBLIC LANDS DAY, Eagle Rock Lake

OCTOBER 7
10AM - 2PM Questa Farmer's Market, Music: Nat Wilson from Lama
10:00 AM - 6:00 PM, Cambalache! Downtown Questa
Pick Your Poison Race, [see page 15](#)

OCTOBER 8
6:00 PM QEDF board meeting Questa Visitor Center

OCTOBER 9
6:00 PM Questa Village Council Meeting

OCTOBER 12
11:00 AM - 2:00 PM Free Food at North Central NM Food Pantry!
1:00- 3:00 PM Questa Library–EXPLORA MUSEUM from Albuquerque

OCTOBER 13
10:00 AM QHS Homecoming Parade
4:00 PM QHS Homecoming Football Game
7:30 - 9:00 PM QHS Homecoming Dance for Mid-School
9:00 - 10:30 PM QHS Homecoming Dance for High School
1:00 PM QHS Homecoming Soccer Game

OCTOBER 14
10am - 2pm Last Questa Farmer's Market of the Season!
Music by Michael Rael

OCTOBER 16
6:00 PM Questa School Board Meeting

OCTOBER 15
6:00 PM Vida Del Norte Coalition Meeting at Youth Center

OCTOBER 19
Early Voting
1:00 -3:00 PM Questa Library–Scavenger Hunt
and Unique Art Project, goodies!
7:00 PM Questa Business and Entrepreneurs Network, [See Page 11](#)

OCTOBER 23
6:00 PM Questa Village Council Meeting

OCTOBER 24
5:00 - 6:00 PM Free Full Moon Community Yoga Class at OCHO

OCTOBER 25
10:30 AM Questa Library First day of
FIRST STEPS PROGRAM 586-2023

OCTOBER 26
11:00 AM-2:00PM Free Food at North Central NM Food Pantry!
1:00-3:00 PM Questa Library–Make scarecrow,
decorate pumpkins, Halloween stories and treats!

OCTOBER 30
5:00 - 7:00 PM "Coco" Film Screening At La Sala, [See Page 1](#)

NOVEMBER 2
4:00 - 7:00 PM Day of the Dead Dia de los Muertos
at La Sala Questa

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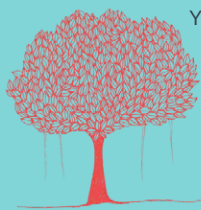
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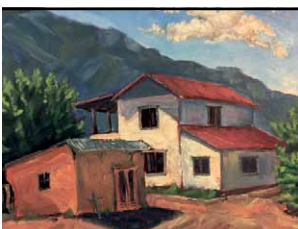
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