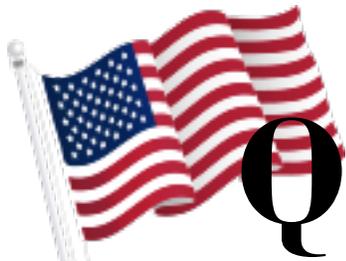


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Truck Into Reading at Questa Library



Photo by Valerie Vigil

The Questa Public Library launched their Summer Reading Program on Friday, June 3 with the theme of "Trucking Into Summer Reading". Thirteen trucks, including fire trucks, dump trucks, and ambulances were parked around the perimeter of the parking lot. Little Emmanuel Vigil in the foreground, behind him is the truck from the fish hatchery which they use to transport fish.

By MARGARET LEJUSTE
FRIENDS OF THE QUESTA
PUBLIC LIBRARY

On Friday, June 3 at 8:30 in the morning, residents of Questa witnessed an impressive sight—a long line of the coolest trucks ever rolling into the Questa Public Library. Thirteen mostly enormous trucks were parked around the perimeter of the parking lot. Each truck had a friendly driver who was ready to answer kids' questions, lift them into cabs, let them blow the vehicles' horns, and see what it was like to be in the driver's seat. The kids visited each truck, got the driver's initials, and returned their form for a library program button. Favorite trucker awards went to J.C. Mascarenas and his giant green John Deere tractor on its even bigger trailer, and to Tim Clinefelter, the Questa ambulance driver. Many of the truckers had treats to hand out, and Library Director Sharon Nicholson sent more treats up in the bucket truck to be showered down on the kids.

"Trucking into Summer Reading" was the first day of the Questa Public Library's 2022 summer reading program, with the theme of "Oceans of Possibilities." Sessions are held on



Photo by Valerie Vigil

Treats were sent up in the Kit Carson Electric Co-op bucket truck and lineman Jared Herrera of Questa threw candy and treats to the children below.

Tuesday and Friday mornings, each featuring a theme related in some way to water and reading, such as fire trucks! In addition to the truck parade, the library hosted local award-winning children's author/illustrator Jenny Kostecki Shaw reading her latest book, Papa Brings Me the World. Internationally known illustrator, painter, digital artist, author, and educator Mark Lewis Wagner and his crew, The Rocks,



Photo by Laura Vallejos

Zachary Cardenas gets to sit in a big rig owned by JC Mascarenas of MTC Trucking, which was voted favorite truck on opening day of the Questa Public Library's Summer Reading Program "Trucking Into Summer Reading."

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Former Resident of Uvalde, Texas, Speaks Out

By LOU MCCALL

Stephanie Gallegos is owner of the Questa salon, Eternal Cuts, located by Best Care Pharmacy. She moved back to New Mexico from Uvalde, Texas, and has been in Questa for about eight months.

She knew some of the victims of the May 24 shooting at Robb Elementary. When asked what she thought of recent events, there was a long pause before she finally said quietly, “disgusting,” still in disbelief. She was appalled by the comments of Texas Governor Gregg Abbott, who said, “It could have been worse.” Gallegos does not agree. For those families, it could hardly be worse. In April, Abbott had aggressively cut \$211 million in mental health program funding. Although one of our most affluent states, Texas ranks last in the country for access to mental health services.

Gallegos is among the majority of US citizens who want to see sensible gun reform. They wonder why an assault weapon was in the hands of a mentally ill young man. Salvador Ramos, 18, lived with his grandmother, Celia Gonzales, and was angry that his grandmother tried to take his gun away two days before the shooting. She did not want firearms in her house. Before he went to Robb Elementary, he shot his grandmother in the face and was being pursued by police (she survived and is in stable condition). Gallegos believes he ducked into the elementary school, which was left unlocked by a teacher who had gone out to her car. Gallegos said that the response from local law enforcement is under investigation. An hour and five minutes went by before law enforcement went in. Finally, specially trained members of the US Border Patrol arrived, who bravely entered the building and stopped the shooter, who died

at the scene.

It was difficult to identify the 19 students and two teachers who died from the AK-15 type weapon, which destroys its target—from the inside out. Their bodies and features were unrecognizable and, in the end, only their shoes and clothing were the identifying characteristics. The coroner who was tasked with identifying the dead, is among the students and other Uvalde residents who now suffer from PTSD—it was a troubling and very emotional experience for all involved.

For years, Stephanie cut hair for many Uvalde residents, including the son of Irma Garcia, the 48-year-old teacher who died in her fourth-grade classroom. It was sad for Gallegos to think of the son, now a high school student, as well as his three siblings who just lost their mother to gun violence. And this story became even more sad; Irma’s husband of 24 years, Joe Garcia, age 50, died of a heart attack after placing flowers at the memorial site, just two days after the shooting.

Why is gun violence such a problem in our country? Gallegos agrees that our youth are raised with violence in the media: television, movies, and video games. Adults and children are conditioned to accept all forms of violence as just what happens, a part of life. It seems normal, and we are used to it.

So far in 2022, there have been over 8,000 deaths in the US from gun violence. Every year it gets worse, and every year nothing is done. Students from Parkland High School in Florida, which was the scene of a horrific slaughter in 2018, have stood up to take action. They said, “ENOUGH.” They influenced Florida’s Republican-controlled legislature to pass legislation, signed into law by Republican

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Dear editor and readers,

It has been an honor to be this paper's assistant editor for one year and eight months, and before that, a volunteer, helping with copy editing, distributing papers, writing, taking photos, and recruiting new advertisers. I have especially enjoyed smoothing out wrinkles, making copy flow more smoothly, helping our editor Lou McCall, and making everything as professional and readable as possible, as well as the diverse writings of all you contributors.

Life's seasons change for everyone, and so also for me. June was my last issue as

your assistant editor. My plans are to focus on my Questa Creative Council community contributions and pursue other artistic and musical dreams. What a pleasure to watch the growing engagement of the readership in making our community vibrant and kind.

Thank you. As Lou would say, "Keep up the good work!"

Martha Shepp

Dear Editor,

Many people knew Dennis Robbins, the founder of Taos Outback Pizza years ago. It's now renamed Taos Pizza Outback. He has been a very dear and close friend of ours for many years. Dennis passed away on June 7, 2022. He had stage 4 cancer. Many people in Taos knew him from the

restaurant which is now under a different owner.

He was quite a guitar player and made a one and only great CD album that we have been playing a lot more now just to hear his familiar voice. It's so hard to believe he is not here with us. Oh, yes, he was a world traveler at one time and also an actor. In fact, we have some photos he used for auditions. He was a prolific storyteller about the events of his life, especially his worldly travels.

A song on his music album is titled "Looking for some silence in my life." Our dear friend, I believe you have found that sweet silence you were looking for.

Much love,
Barbara Tracy

Dear Editor,

Beautiful issue [June]. I think the article on the evacuees from Mora to be especially both moving and excellent reporting. Congratulations to Dylan R. N. Crabb! Thank you.

Elizabeth Brunazzi

Dear Editor,

I loved the feature story by Ms. Archuleta about the history of this area and the San Luis Valley. My favorite part was about how they knew when it was going to rain or snow by looking at the cloud above Ute Mountain!

I thoroughly enjoyed this piece.
Thank you!
Shera Maher

New Kid on the Block: *The Enchanted Circle News*

By STAFF WRITERS

Cris Brisbin is the publisher and editor of *The Enchanted Circle News*, based in Eagle Nest, NM. They published their first issue in May 2022, covering community news and information that proudly represents the villages of the Enchanted Circle—Eagle Nest, Red River, Angel Fire, and Questa—and their surrounding communities.

In her high school days, Cris was on the yearbook staff as a photographer, and in college was a paginator and photographer for her school's award-winning. She went on to win awards in Texas journalism with various publications, especially in the San Antonio area. She also enjoyed being a media instructor for a private school. When she moved to New Mexico full-time in 2011, she worked for the Sangre de Cristo Chronicle in Angel Fire.

"My family has been in the Moreno Valley since 1947. My grandparents honeymooned in Red River in 1927 and fell in love with the Enchanted Circle. They



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Cris Brisbin, publisher and editor of *The Enchanted Circle News* based in Eagle Nest, NM.

were young college kids from Amarillo and saved up their 'shoestring money' and in 1947 started building a cabin in Idlewild in Eagle Nest during the sum-

mers. They finished it in 1954. The next generation used the cabin as a summer respite from the unbearable heat in Texas. I continued in this tradition, knowing that as soon as I could get to the valley 'full-time' I would. After my children graduated from high school in 2011, I officially became Bi-State-ual (yes, I have trademarked that word!), and now go back to Texas for family business, and to check on my 90-year-old mother."

The Questa Del Rio News welcomes this new media outlet to the Enchanted Circle! We know the importance of independent, local journalism and we know its challenges. We are in this together. In the June edition, *The Enchanted Circle News* printed several Questa news stories and will be featuring monthly columns from our columnists.

This month, we continue to share news stories and will also feature articles from freelance reporter Edward Camp, who is writing for *The Enchanted Circle News*. Thank you, everyone, for supporting local news from the inside out!



EDWARD CAMP

The Questa Del Rio News welcomes Edward Camp to our team. He was a resident of Austin, TX for 20 years and has lived in northern Florida and New Orleans. He has a keen interest in history and language. Edward recently received his Associates degree from UNM-Taos and is a Red River resident. He is launching his career in journalism by writing for our neighboring local monthly newspaper, *The Enchanted Circle News*, of Eagle Nest. Edward is writing several stories of mutual interest, which we will share with our readers in these pages.

Welcome, Edward!

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Wilson's Woodyard

By DYLAN R.N. CRABB

Wilson's Woodyard is based in Red River and is run by Eddie Wilson, a Texas-born former firefighter. Wilson's Woodyard specializes in hazardous tree removal and serves the entire Enchanted Circle area. Mr. Wilson has 12 years of experience working for the US Forest Service, from which he retired in 2012. Wilson's private business began as a hobby and "side hustle" as he calls it, when he was still with the forest service, and he built a reputation for himself as an expert in tree removal.

"All of my crew, we're all retired wild-land firefighters, so that's how I got the

start in the business," Wilson explained in a June 22 interview with the *Questa del Rio News*. "We're all really good with chainsaws, so I carried that into the business."

Wilson started with one truck. Today he owns two bucket trucks, a log grapple truck, skid steers (Bobcats), chippers, and four dump trucks.

"I challenge [anyone] to find us a tree we can't take down," Wilson says with pride.

Wilson has done some recent work in Angel Fire in response to the Cerro Pelado fire in the area, and will be working down in Mora County later this month—all private work. "The Forest Service doesn't pay as well as private individuals," Wilson said with a chuckle.

The *Questa News* asked Wilson about basic things that every homeowner can do to make their homes more fire resistant.

"The best thing someone can do is create a defensible space around their house... If possible, clear dry brush at



Photo by Dylan R.N. Crabb

least a hundred feet around the house, clear branches on trees up to eight feet high from the ground, take out all the dead material... never stack up firewood underneath your house... Lawns are fine; it's mainly the dead material you want to get out of there. And every property is different."

Pricing for Wilson's knowledge and

services can vary, depending on the properties he surveys, but he offers a free consultation to survey the property in question so he can analyze and determine what needs to be done to improve fire resistance. Generally, the more simple a project, the cheaper it will be. The more dangerous a project is, with more liability he takes on, the more expensive the cost.

"If I just have to cut down a single tree in a field, it's pretty cheap. If you have a big tree hanging over your house, that will be more expensive."

Wilson moved to Red River from Texas in 1995 and stayed here because he enjoys skiing. Between 1995 and 2000 he worked as a ski instructor until he decided to start building a career as a firefighter.

If you would like to contract with Wilson's Woodyard, you can find more information about the business at <https://www.wilsonswoodyard.com>. You can also contact Eddie Wilson at (505) 316-6039.

QFM Internship Supporting Entrepreneurial Youth

By GAEA MCGAHEE

Entrepreneurial youth are working on an intern-led business this summer season at the *Questa Farmers Market* (QFM) - the creative development of a coffee stand. The coffee stand provides work-based learning, mentorship, and skill development.

QFM, a program of the nonprofit *Localogy*, has been developing a youth internship program since 2019. The program employs teens ages 14 through 18. Youth interns bring their perspectives, hopes, questions, and vision, and are supported by mentors and learning experiences.

Los Alamos National Laboratory Foundation (LANLF) awarded the QFM an Education Enrichment Grant, for a 2-year period, to support the youth internship aspect of the market's mission. The goal during the 2022 and 2023 seasons is to connect youth to agricultural education opportunities, such as farm apprenticeships and entrepreneurial opportunities, including an intern-led farmers market business.

The marketplace supports small, local businesses to help regenerate the agricultural community in northern Taos County and foster skills and opportunity for a new generation, including youth entrepreneurs.

Returning intern Eliot Moody reflects on his experience this season. He'll be an intern for six weeks. "This year I've learned that it's important to use my voice and creativity to make the coffee stand more efficient. I'm really grateful to have had the opportunity to work here; I've made lots of new friends and learned a lot. It's been a fun summer and I hope I can do it again." Eliot designed and painted the new signs for the coffee stand.

A new intern, Tulsi Shaw writes, "The coffee stand doesn't just have coffee. It has mistakes, and learning from them. It has laughs and smiles. It has new friends and new experiences."

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Will Place and Eliot Moody, QFM interns this season, working together in the coffee stand at the June 19 market.

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The Cat Came Back: Wildcat's Den Re-Opens

Wildcat's Den Returns with New Owners

By EDWARD CAMP

Sometimes, a restaurant is more than just a restaurant. Sometimes a restaurant can transcend the boundaries of mere eatery and become that most hallowed of institutions, a hangout. Not just a place to refill a growling belly but a place to refill the soul, a place to see friends and catch up with neighbors and a place with warm comfort on even a tough day.

The Wildcat's Den in Questa was one of those hallowed hangouts. Of course, in 1980 when Robert LaFore opened the Den, as it's affectionately called by locals, he probably had little idea what his burger and shake shop would come to mean to the community. But over the decades, the Den became a hub for the people of northern Taos County, as generations grew up on their handmade goodness. So it was with heavy hearts that Robert's children, Phil, Dynell, Debbie, Jake and his partner Jolton, made the difficult decision to shutter the Den in September 2021. It's been a long winter for local burger lovers. (See our story on the Wildcat's Den closing in the December



Photos by Edward Camp

New owner Miguel Rael serving up the goods while showing his Wildcat pride.

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"Since the very first time they opened, I've been a customer here many years," said local Vangie Leyba, of the beloved burger joint. "I work for the PMS Health Center and when the Den shut down it was something sad for all us employees."

But now, like a phoenix with green chiles and cheese rising from the deep fryer, the Den is back. And just like before, The Wildcat's Den remains a family affair; 23-year-old Miguel Rael is taking the lead on day-to-day operations while his parents, Malaquias "J.R." and Danette Rael, and Miguel's sister, Danielle Lovato with her husband Jose, also own shares in the business. J.R. manages one of his family's businesses, Northstar Automotive, the tire shop just across the street

from the Den. J.R. and his brothers and sister also own Questa Lumber & Hardware, and CarQuesta.

When the Den shut down "...we kind of started talking as a family," says Miguel. "You know, the Wildcat's Den meant so much to so many people in the area, it was hard to see it go. It was the longest serving restaurant in Questa. It was the place to come when we were in high school. It was somewhere you could come and always have good, consistent food. So, we said 'let's look into it and look into getting it open; give it back to the community.'"

It started giving back on June 7 with a soft reopening. The only announcement was the sign out front, which changed from "Closed" to a short message: "Opening June 7, We're Back! Mon 2 Sat 11-7." Jake LaFore and Jolton were there to help ease Miguel's new employees into the job. It was a little while before the first customer came along, a man named Matt. "Been waitin' for this Frito Pie for a long time!" he said.

A week later, the scene was much different. Word spread quickly and the place was popping with customers by 11:30 am and was still busy two hours later. Miguel said "I have people coming from south of Taos and down from Colorado. Business is good!"

Miguel, a college graduate with a bachelor's in business, cut his teeth in restaurants when he started working at the Red River Brewing Company when it first opened. Now he has big plans for taking that community connection to "the next level," saying he wants the restaurant to "be kind of like the ambassador for the schools, because the Questa schools are the Questa Wildcats. We want to make sure we promote the schools as much as we can."

In addition to expanded regular hours, Miguel has plans to keep the Den open late after school events. "Sometimes, games will end at 9 o'clock. There's like a basketball game and there's nothing open in the area. Certain days like that, we'll stay open for the students and parents."

He also sees the business making some modest expansions over the next few years. "After we get our rhythm going... eventually, we'd like to do an outdoor patio, like a beer garden. Very simple, just a few beers on tap. People can come up and order a burger or a meal and, especially this time of year, just go outside and enjoy a beer while you eat your burger," Miguel says. He sees this patio with stunning views of Flag Mountain and the Sangre de Cristos, as another way to strengthen the Den's bond with the community.

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New Staff Sworn in at Village of Questa

By DYLAN R.N. CRABB

Dominic Martinez, Valerie Vigil and Karen Quintana Shannon were sworn into their respective positions of Village Administrator, Village Clerk and Finance Director by Judge Michael Rael of Questa Village Clerk on Tuesday, June 14, 2022.

Mrs. Shannon started with the Village as Finance Director in July 2014. She is appointed by the Mayor and approved by the Council every time there's a Mayoral election. She has a Bachelor of Accountancy from the College of Santa Fe.

Mrs. Valerie Vigil is a native of Taos, a Taos High School graduate. She pursued her Bachelor's degree at UNM in Albuquerque, majoring in psychology with a minor in business management. She has lived and worked in Questa for about eight years, has two beautiful children, and a wonderful husband. She believes in giving back to her community. She began working for the Village as the Procurement Officer, and still does purchasing, in addition to her clerk



Courtesy Photo

Questa's Village Administrator, Dominic Martinez.

duties. "I want my kids to grow up in a place that not only makes our family happy but can help them thrive too," Mrs. Vigil said in an interview with the *Questa del Rio News*.

The Village Clerk's primary duty is to catalog the Village Council meetings but the position works closely with the rest of the office to ensure smooth operations. The Clerk also functions as a human resources position and works



Photo by George Shannon

Village of Questa Finance Director, Karen Quintana Shannon

closely with the Village Administrator.

Mrs. Vigil explained that her main goal as the Village Clerk is to "help Questa grow in a good manner and to help bring more revenue to the local businesses here." She encourages people to come to the Village and be heard.

Dominic Martinez is a native of Taos County, a Taos High School graduate (1993) with 20 years of experience in law enforcement. The Village Administra-



Courtesy Photo

Valerie Vigil, newly sworn in as Questa's Village Clerk.

tor's primary duty is to work closely with the Mayor to oversee general operations at the Village offices. Mr. Martinez explained that his main goal at the Village is to "make the administration more efficient and basically make sure we're progressing."

The full interview is available at the following web link: <https://soundcloud.com/dylan-r-n-crabb/interview-valerie-vigil>.



By DYLAN R.N. CRABB

On Tuesday, June 14, Questa's Village Council gathered in the village chambers to officially fill three positions, as well as renew services with law firm Robles, Rael & Anaya. The Council also approved the purchase of two new highway emergency signs at \$16,700 each (negotiated down from \$20,000), as well as a loan for a new fire truck.

Dominic Martinez, Karen Shannon, and Valerie Vigil were all sworn into their respective positions of Village Administrator, Finance Director, and Village Clerk by Judge Michael Rael.

The Village also revealed that the Cabresto waterline project turned up 250 feet short of its desired length and funding will need to be secured to finish the project. Funding will likely come from the Federal American Rescue Plan, the economic stimulus legislation passed



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Questa's Village Administrator, Dominic Martinez, being sworn into office on Tuesday, June 14 by Judge Michael Rael.

by the 117th United States Congress and signed into law last year.

Our Village Attorney, Chris DeFillippo, is drafting an ordinance to create a new committee for purposes of planning and zoning within Questa to be called the Planning & Zoning Board. Councilor Louise Gallegos hopes to solicit letters of interest from community members that would like to serve on Questa's new P&Z Board. Mayor John Ortega said the new Planning & Zoning Board will be

made up of volunteers.

Questa's new Village Administrator, Mr. Martinez, in an interview with the *Questa del Rio News* revealed his own views about what the Village should be focusing on in the near future.

"Economic development is always a priority; also infrastructure - maintaining our roads, sewers, water, and such up to date. . . . We're hoping to update our zoning districts within the next year. It'd be nice to hire a Planner to work with

the new [Planning & Zoning Board]," said Mr. Martinez.

Karen Shannon has been serving as the Village's Finance Director for the past seven years, her swearing in was a formality for the new administration.

From Questa Village Clerk Valerie Vigil:

On Friday June 3, Fire and EMS personnel were present at the Truck event at Questa Public Library. Daniel Mandonado drove the Cerro fire truck, Miguel Romero drove the Questa rescue truck, Devin Hurst drove a Tinder 7 Firetruck, and Raynelle Sanchez-Cordova drove the Engine 6 fire truck. Tim Clinefelter drove the Questa Ambulance and was voted a favorite truck driver by the students present! See the front page story for more details.

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El Prado Water and Sanitation District ^b	20-425	8.8125%
El Valle de Los Ranchos Water & Sanitation District	20-419	7.6250%
El Valle de Los Ranchos Water & Sanitation District ^b	20-429	8.8125%
Picuris Pueblo (1)	20-917	7.3750%
Picuris Pueblo (2)	20-918	7.3750%
Questa	20-222	8.4375%
Questa Airport	20-160	7.3750%
Red River*	20-317	9.3000%
Taos (city)	20-126	8.5625%
Taos Airport	20-163	7.3750%
Taos Pueblo (1)	20-913	7.3750%
Taos Pueblo (2)	20-914	7.3750%
Taos/Taos Pueblo (1) ^a	20-915	8.5625%
Taos/Taos Pueblo (2) ^a	20-916	8.5625%
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Remainder of County	20-020	7.3750%

Disaster Relief Loans for Wildfire and Wind Damage

By CYNTHIA COWELL,
PUBLIC INFORMATION
OFFICER, SBDC

President Joseph Biden made a disaster declaration for the State of New Mexico in response to the wildfires and straight-line winds that began April 5, 2022. This makes FEMA and Small Business Administration (SBA) assistance available to residents of New Mexico.

SBA offers low-interest, long-term loans to businesses of all sizes, private non-profit organizations, homeowners, and renters who need help to recover from the wildfires and straight-line winds. We loan up to \$200,000 to homeowners to make repairs to their primary residences and up to \$40,000 to help homeowners and renters replace their personal property in Colfax, Lincoln, Mora, San Miguel, and Valencia counties. The application deadline for physical damage assistance is July 5, 2022.

SBA offers up to \$2 million to

businesses and private non-profits for both physical and economic injury to businesses to help them recover from the wildfires and straight-line winds. A business may not have had physical damage but suffered economic losses in the days after the event. For this reason, we offer Economic Injury Disaster Loans in the declared counties and in the neighboring New Mexico counties of Bernalillo, Chaves, Cibola, De Baca, Guadalupe, Harding, Otero, Quay, Rio Arriba, Santa Fe, Sierra, Socorro, Taos, Tarrant, and Union; and the Colorado counties of Costilla and Las Animas. The application deadline for EIDLs for this event is Feb. 6, 2023.

Applicants may apply online at <https://disasterloanassistance.sba.gov>. Those who have questions should contact our Customer Service Center at FO-CWAssistance@sba.gov or by phone at (800) 659-2955, Mondays through Sundays from 9 am to 9 pm central time.



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Northern New Mexico Friends of Animals, Free Micro-Chipping for Dogs and Cats!

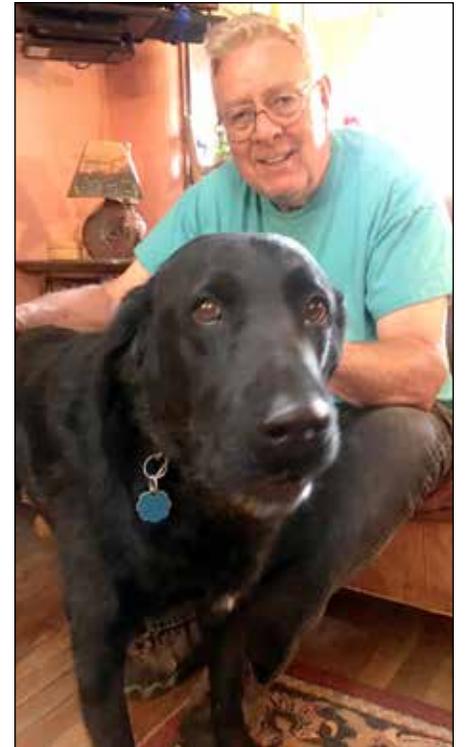
BY LOU MCCALL

We recently decided to get a microchip for our dog, Kobe. We moved to a new neighborhood and were concerned that our dog might get lost. I saw a notice on a bulletin board for free chipping and called the number. It was so quick and easy and the folks at Northern New Mexico Friends of Animals are so nice, I decided to spread the word!

To get a microchip for your dog or cat, all you do is call Jim Vaughn at (575) 779-5543 and set up a time and he will come to you. Your pet will make a fast friend in Jim; Kobe loved him! The organization deserves its name because they are truly friends of animals. Jim has that same ability that veterinarians have—you know how animals just feel safe and comfortable in the hands of most vets? Jim is the same way. You can tell that he loves animals and animals love him.

We filled out a quick form with our phone number, contact email and address so that NNMFOA can register the chip. Each chip is assigned a number and Jim gave us stickers with a bar code and a number on them so we can put them in our records or give them to our vet. Then Jim installed the chip, which is about the size of a grain of rice. The process took less than a minute and our dog didn't feel a thing. Now, if he gets lost, animal control or animal shelters, veterinarians or NNMFOA can scan the chip for the number to track down the owner and contact them. Kobe now has a heart-shaped Smart-Tag to go on his collar that indicates that he is well-loved and cared for because someone got him chipped.

Any microchip is only as good as the information that is registered on file. NNMFOA registers the chip for the pet, to make sure the information gets into the database. If the owner changes



Staff Photo

Jim Vaughn of Northern New Mexico Friends of Animals makes a house call to give Kobe a free microchip.

their phone number or email address, it is important to update the contact information. The owners can go to their microchip website to update the contact information. The chip will last for the pet's lifetime.

Jim has stories to tell about people being reunited with their dogs and the miracle of microchips. It is not uncommon for tourists to come here and lose their dogs. Sometimes they have already gone home before the dog is found and they then have to make a special trip back to get their pet. Owners and dogs are always so happy to be reunited.

Want to help Northern New Mexico Friends of Animals?

NNMFOA became their own 501(c)3 non-profit organization in 2012. Tax-deductible donations are always welcome and appreciated; please send to: NNM Friends of Animals, PO Box 346, Questa, New Mexico, 87556. For more information call Holly Howard at (575) 586-0784 or Jim Vaughn at (575)779-5543.





LIVE LOVE LAUGH

by Ellen Wood
a.k.a. Maruška

At 85, I vividly remember that day

It's a Saturday afternoon in July 1986. I'm at home in High Bridge, New Jersey and it's hot. Hot and sticky—and the lazy fan is not making a dent in the

withering heat. I'm at the dining table writing the semi-annual report for the bank I work for, but it's difficult because my deep-fried brain is stalled like an overheated jalopy.

The only thing I can think of is how good a cigarette would taste right now. My future husband and I are newly together and Jacques says he doesn't like kissing an ashtray, so I quit smoking. I know my lungs will thank me for it.

My hair is sticking to the sides of my face and neck, so I go and get a hairbrush. Returning to the table, I brush my hair and pull it up onto the top of my head into a ponytail and put a band around it. Slight relief. Not a lot. I put the brush on the table and prod my brain to write. But my brain is urging my mouth to continue begging for a cigarette.

My mouth wants something, any-

thing—mostly a cigarette—so I go into the kitchen and take a ripe peach from the bowl on the counter. I also grab a dish towel to protect my white linen shirt and pants.

Just as I sit back down and take a bite of that juicy peach, I hear the screen door open and shut and I listen to Jacques' footsteps as he walks through the kitchen. My heart was aware of him even before he shut the screen door and it's throbbing in my chest. He peeks into the dining room and that handsome smile lights up his face and his mesmerizing, cornflower blue eyes seize mine. I feel like a schoolgirl with my first crush, and I giggle a little.

Smelling of masculine sweat and freshly mowed grass, Jacques leans over my chair and kisses me on my peachy, juiced-up lips. Then he wordlessly takes

the band out of my hair, picks up the hairbrush, and begins brushing my hair. I take another bite of the peach; the towel slips off me and peach juice runs down my chin onto my white linen pants. I don't care. As he slowly and tenderly brushes my hair, I lean back against the chair and give myself over to the sensation in my scalp. The peach rolls out of my hand and plops on the floor. Jacques could shave my whole head and I wouldn't stop him.

I forget about a cigarette.

Ellen Wood of Questa is an award-winning author as well as an artist using the name, Maruška. The website for her books and paintings is www.NorthernNewMexicoArtists.com/ellen-wood. Contact Ellen at ellen@howtogrowyounger.com.

Translation by Teresa Dovalpage

A los 85 años, recuerdo claramente ese día

POR ELLEN WOOD

Es una tarde de sábado del mes de julio de 1986. Estoy en mi casa de High Bridge, Nueva Jersey, y hace calor. Se siente caliente y pegajoso —y el ventilador, perezoso, no hace nada para aliviar el tremendo bochorno. Estoy en la mesa del comedor escribiendo el informe semi anual del banco para el que trabajo, pero es difícil porque mi cerebro frito está trabado como el motor de un coche recalentado.

Solo puedo pensar es en lo bien que sabría un cigarrillo en este momento. Mi futuro esposo y yo acabamos de empezar nuestra relación, y Jacques dice que no

le gusta besar un cenicero, así que dejé de fumar. Sé que los pulmones me lo agradecerán.

El cabello se me pega a los lados de la cara y el cuello, así que voy a buscar un cepillo. Al regresar a la mesa, me cepillo el pelo, me lo recojo en la parte superior de la cabeza en una cola de caballo y lo rodeo con una banda. Esto me produce un ligero alivio. No mucho. Dejo el cepillo sobre la mesa y animo al cerebro para que escriba. Pero el cerebro insta a la boca a seguir suplicando un cigarrillo.

Mi boca quiere algo, cualquier cosa —especialmente un cigarrillo— así que voy a la cocina y tomo un melocotón maduro de la bandeja que está en el mostrador. También tomo un paño de cocina para proteger mi camisa y mis pantalones de lino blanco.

Justo cuando vuelvo a sentarme y le doy un mordisco a ese jugoso melocotón, escucho que la puerta mosquitera se abre y se cierra y oigo los pasos de Jacques mientras camina por la cocina. Mi corazón estaba consciente de él incluso antes de que cerrara la puerta y late con fuerza en mi pecho. Jacques se asoma al comedor y una hermosa sonrisa le ilumina el rostro. Sus fascinantes ojos azul aciano se apoderan de los míos. Me siento como una colegiala con mi primer amor y dejo escapar una risita.

Oliendo a sudor masculino y a hierba recién cortada, Jacques se inclina sobre mi silla y me besa en los labios, que tengo jugosos y con sabor a melocotón. Luego, en silencio, me quita la banda del cabello, toma el cepillo y comienza a cepillarme el cabello. Le doy otro mordisco al melocotón; la toalla se me resbala y el jugo de melocotón me corre por la barbilla hasta

los pantalones de lino blanco. No me importa. Mientras Jacques me cepilla el cabello lenta y tiernamente, me recuesto en la silla y me entrego a las sensaciones que me pasan por el cuero cabelludo. El melocotón cae de mi mano al suelo. Jacques podría afeitarme toda la cabeza y no lo detendría.

Me olvido del cigarrillo.

Ellen Wood de Questa es una autora galardonada y una artista que usa el nombre de Maruška. El sitio web de sus libros y pinturas es www.NorthernNewMexicoArtists.com/ellen-wood. Para ponerse en contacto con Ellen escriba a ellen@howtogrowyounger.com.

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Teen Night and Movie Night are Back at Vida Del Norte!

By RACHEL KUC

For those readers who have not already heard, Vida Del Norte has started having free Family Movie Nights and Teen Nights again this summer, woo hoo! These events will be hosted throughout the summer until it starts getting too cold outdoors.

Movie Night will be held every other Thursday outside the Vida Del Norte

office, with free popcorn for all. Please bring chairs and blankets if you want them to sit on. Showtime starts at dusk, which is at about 8:30 pm. Movies are rated G, PG, and PG-13. July Movie Nights will be on July 14 and July 28.

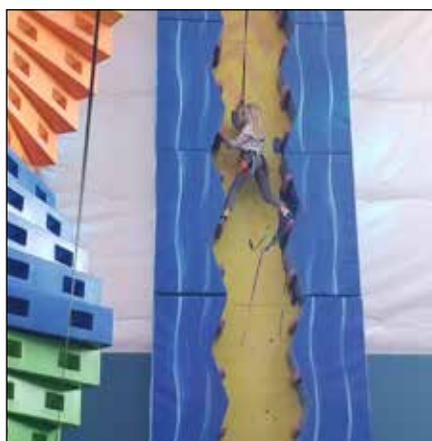
Teen Night will be held every other Friday at Vida Del Norte from 7:00 to 10:00 pm. Youth ages 11 and up are welcome. Movie Night and Teen Night will be on alternating weeks. July Teen

Nights will be on July 8 and July 22. Please check the Vida calendar to get the exact days, check for cancellations, and get details about the movies, www.vidadelnorte.com/calendar.

If your young person is going to attend Teen Night, please make sure they know to check in and out with a staff member and provide an emergency contact number of a responsible adult. Teen Night at Vida Del Norte provides a

drug-, alcohol-, and bully-free space for youth to socialize in.

Vida Del Norte is always looking for donations of indoor or outdoor games, and arts and crafts supplies for youth activities, including for Teen Night. We are also looking for games for an XBOX 360. If you have any games or arts and crafts supplies that you would like to donate, please contact Rachel Kuc' at (575) 495-0019.



What If?

By JOHN WALSH

PHOTOS By REICHELLE CUNANAN

On May 23, the last Monday of the school year, 4th, 5th, and 6th graders from Alta Vista Elementary and Inter-

mediate School made the pilgrimage to Urban Air in Albuquerque. After a pit stop in Espanola, we were on our way to an urban adventure like I have never experienced, outside of a full-blown circus!

When we arrived, the kids flew out of the bus and signed in for their four hours of adventurous experiences. I walked around in awe at the different activities they had set up in a giant warehouse. My personal favorites were the climbing walls and zip line.

Staff members had set up in different areas and supervised an enthusiastic student body. It was a wonderful experience to hear all those peals of laughter and see the giant smiles on students' faces. This

adventure allowed them to push their limits, build confidence, dare to expand their horizons, and gave immediate feedback on what they accomplished. When Lorraine Trujillo, our 5th-grade teacher, introduced the idea of this trip as our final activity of the year, I was skeptical. Reflecting on the ride back home, I realized what genius this trip really was.

I kept thinking WHAT IF?

- What if your child finished an activity with a giant smile on their face?
- What if your timid child spent a half hour deciding whether they could trust a mechanical belay system; finally decide it will catch them when they jump off any height element, and then

finally end up bailing off a 40-foot-high rock wall? What an empowered smile on that face!

- What if your child could ride a zip line around the perimeter of a huge warehouse building, swinging, swaying, screaming, and smiling?
- What if your child could challenge their teacher into a duel on the sponge pool beam challenge?
- What if your child could build relationships with staff in a ball pool?

All these things were possible due to 5th-grade teacher Lorraine Trujillo at Alta Vista Elementary. THANK YOU FOR THIS LIFE ALTERING EXPERIENCE!



Questa High School Graduation Ceremony 2022

There were 20 graduating seniors in the QHS Class of 2022. The graduation ceremony was held on May 21. Congratulations, graduates!

Photo by Alyana Leon

KCEI, 90.1 FM Creating Media for Youth, Arts & Activism

By KAY MATTHEWS

Many people and many organizations are suffering financially in these times of economic uncertainty. Those who've lost their jobs or fallen ill during the pandemic are still recovering, while the overall economy staggers amidst foreign wars and entanglements. Top that off with the thousands of people in northern New Mexico who've been displaced by the devastating fires in the Sangre de Cristos of Mora and San Miguel Counties as well as fires in the Jemez Mountains.

Non-profits and individuals have come forward with monetary donations (President Biden just released Wildfire Disaster federal funding), housing for evacuated people, and pastures and hay for livestock. Those who can afford to give have been very generous, but that means monies that flow on a more regular basis to other non-profit organizations may come up short.

Creating Media for Youth, Arts & Activism in Northern New Mexico & Southern Colorado

As a board member of Cultural Energy's KCEI 90.1 community radio station, whose mission is to create media voices for youth, arts, and activism in northern New Mexico and southern Colorado, I'm only too aware of the need. Station director Robin Collier and Mike Tilley of "Taos Currents," interview all kinds of organizations and non-profits in Taos and other northern New Mexico communities, to keep the public informed of the work they do, which tangentially affords the opportunity to elicit donations. During this now month-long raging fire, the station has kept people informed on fire behavior, weather predictions, evacuations notices, and available resources.

Many, many voices are heard on KCEI: Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham on



Photo Courtesy of Robin Collier

On left, Cultural Energy Radio board member, David Barsamian with KCEI Station Director, Robin Collier, in Crestone, Colorado.

what the state and the feds need to do to prevent fires like the ones we're dealing with in Mora and Las Vegas; Dr. Sylvia Rodriguez and Arroyo Hondo parciante Phaedra Greenwood on the impacts of Taos Ski Valley on the Rio Hondo and dependent communities; candidates for the Taos County Commission; J.R. Logan, the Taos County Wildland/Urban Interface director on forest restoration; Paula Garcia of the New Mexico Acequia Association and Pat Leahan of the Las Vegas Peace and Justice Center on the state legislature's redistricting bill; David Barsamian of Alternative Radio; Taos Environmental Film Festival; US Representative Teresa Leger Fernandez; the Los Alamos Study Group about pit production at Los Alamos National Laboratory; Coral Bernal and other artists and activists from Taos Pueblo; and many more. As editor of La Jicarita,

I've covered many of these same issues and contributed my views on KCEI, particularly on the Abeyta/Taos Pueblo Adjudication and Settlement and forest restoration and stewardship projects.

In addition to these local voices, KCEI is a member of the Pacifica Affiliate Network, an extensive association of progressive broadcasters who provide much more nuanced and comprehensive reporting on domestic and world issues than NPR or other mainstream networks. Livestreams and archives of the Pacifica network and local programming are also available on the KCEI website, <http://www.culturalenergy.org/listenlinks.htm>

To do this work, Cultural Energy depends entirely on listener donations. The station is truly a community radio station: we don't accept corporate, government, or business underwriting. Robin Collier

and other station volunteers contributed countless hours to get the station on the air in 2016 via the tower on San Antonio Mountain to serve northern New Mexico and southern Colorado. Robin continues to work tirelessly to extend the station's range throughout New Mexico with a tower on Picuris Peak.

We're all assessing our finances and juggling our donations, but if you can, become a member of KCEI by donating with the link on the Cultural Energy website, with PayPal, or mailing a check to Cultural Energy, 112 Civic Plaza Drive, Taos, NM 87571. ¡Muchas gracias!

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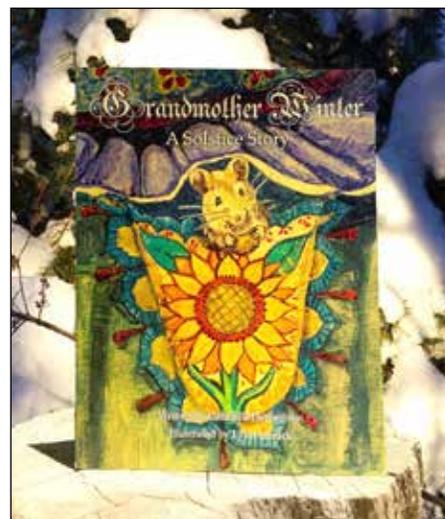


We are excited to announce the publication of a new children's book by local author, Gabrielle Herbertson and Taos artist, Lynn Garlick. Gabrielle, of the El Rito area north of Questa, is best known for her

brilliant poetry and as co-editor of Earth Journey I and II by Herman Rednick, and other works.

Lynn Garlick is well known for her "pocket saint" and larger retablos, which she has been painting and sharing since 1993. See her work at www.garlick-retablos.com.

We will have a more extensive article about the book, which will include interviews, in our December issue to help celebrate the Winter Solstice. Watch for announcements of a book signing event in December. In the meantime, please do your Christmas shopping early!



Grandmother Winter, A Solstice Story

A children's book that reflects kindness, generosity, and inclusion of all creatures. By Gabrielle Herbertson, with hand-painted illustrations by Lynn Garlick Ages: 4 - 12
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Art for All! Weaving Workshop Continues

Art for All! Workshops are for everyone! Part Two of the introductory weaving class is now happening, where interested people of all ages (12 or under must be accompanied by an adult) can learn enjoyable basic weaving techniques. A small loom will be provided, as well as wool from our local Virsylvania Farms. Any skill level is welcome to join the informal group, for ongoing learning and discussion on the many weaving techniques that exist and can be innovated! Be sure to hold your space, though. We cannot hold the class unless a minimum of three participants reserve their space.

When: Every Sunday, 3 - 5 pm, through July 31

Where: Questa Youth Center, next to the library

Cost: FREE

More info and to reserve your space: Text or call Nick Nagawiecki; (847) 691-1250.

POEM OF THE MONTH

MY FIRST GARDEN

A sense of Place
Of coming home
to the Heart
of the matter
This is where it all starts;
to mend... to restore... to redress
and... Observe...
How Things Grow... How We Grow—
The infinite care and fragility
Of Each New Seed
Vulnerable to every Thought, Word and
Deed!

Lisa Fox

Questa Studio Art Tour Invitational Preview Show

By PEGGY TRIGG

If you want to experience a little preview of what's to come at our highly anticipated Questa Studio Art Tour on August 13 and 14, stop by the Questa Public Library! Starting July 9, from 1 to 4 pm, the opening celebration spotlights work by all our creative and talented local artists and craftspeople! Come see and

appreciate the beautiful display of paintings, drawings, woodwork, ceramics, quilting, jewelry, leatherwork, and more. This show captures the high quality and uniqueness of the arts and artists in our area. The show will be here through September 30. All work is for sale.

For more information about the QSAT, visit northernnewmexicoartists.com. The annual studio art tour is a proj-

ect of the Questa Creative Council; visit questacreative.org.

Opening Reception

Saturday, July 9

1:00-4:00 pm

Snacks will be served

Hosted by the Questa Public Library

Catered by The Friends of the Library

Questa History Trail Celebrated National Trails Day

By QUESTA CREATIVE
COUNCIL BOARD MEMBERS

The Questa History Trail was celebrated again on National Trails Day on June 4. Visitors from surrounding states, new residents to our village, and neighbors from Taos walked the route, discovering the unique history and culture of Questa. Guest experts along the half-mile route provided deeper more comprehensive information. These in-

cluded US Forest Service archaeologist Carrie Leven; parishioner of St. Anthony's Jean Rael, and the Vida del Norte Coalition Director Maria Gonzalez.

The local 3-man band, Tripwire, played music and volunteers Kate Cisneros, Martha Shepp, Alberta Bouyer, and Betsy Irwin started and closed out the day, with much-appreciated aid from Yolanda Acosta, Jeannie Masters, and Flavio Cisneros.

This self-guided route with its interpretive signage is open for walking anytime. Come explore, bring your friends and family, and celebrate our unique history along this valuable community asset! The related websites QuestaTrail.org and QuestaStories.org host much deeper and very interesting research. For more information, please contact questacreativecouncil@gmail.com or call (575) 586-5658.



Photo Courtesy QCC

Kate Cisneros, on left and Jeannie Masters, long-time Questa History Trail advocates and QCC board members, enjoy "manning" the booth on National Trails Day at the Questa History Trail. Live music was provided for walkers at the event by local band Tripwire.



Photo Courtesy QCC

On June 4, to help celebrate National Trails Day, the Questa History Trail had a special event which attracted visitors from neighboring communities, surrounding states, and new residents of our area. Shown here are two visitors walking the trail, enjoying the beautiful day, and reading interpretive signage about Questa's unique history.



It's a boy!

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Congratulations to Ruby "Rae" Sofrae and Jeff Allred. They are happy to announce the birth of their baby, Meade Aspen Allred, on May 21 at 11:00 am, at their home in Sunshine Valley. He weighed 9 lbs., 9 oz. and measured 21" long. What a sweet, beautiful baby!

Sustainable Clothing To Dye For: Part 4

By JONATHAN HUTCHISON

In the third installment of our series on sustainable fashion, we explored that segment of the fashion industry known as “upcycling,” taking unwanted garments and making them into something new and of higher value. We saw handbags crafted in Taos with yarn made from old t-shirts, surplus parachutes cut and dyed in the Navajo Nation to make designer skirts, and overstock hoodies rescued from the landfill in Boston and redesigned for the youth market.

This month, we bring it all home to Questa, focusing on yet another fledgling upcycling project, known as “Dyed & Reborn.” Ola Sun and Ruby Sofrae are two fabric artists taking pre-owned clothing and giving it new and improved life. Their statement of purpose: “We aim for sustainable fashion by coloring used clothing made of natural materials with plant-based dyes. We enjoy sharing the magic of it with others.”

I sat down with Sun and Sofrae in the leafy back garden of Yoga Sala, on Questa’s south end, as they took a break from their dyeing process, and listened as they explained what they do and why.

Both Sun and Sofrae come from fine arts backgrounds, having worked as painters, sculptors, and fabric artists. The seeds for Dyed and Reborn were sown when Sofrae developed sensitivity to conventional pigments and began to explore alternative, natural color sources. Independently, the two women found their way to the Enchanted Circle and their shared interests bore fruit when they were introduced in 2021 by fellow Yoga Sala teacher Jaide Stover, fellow artist, herbalist and birth doula.

Dyed & Reborn is not primarily a commercial enterprise, but a labor of love—the work of two artists whose main interest and passion is combining natural materials and dyes. The idea of a small operation appeals to their sense of aesthetics far more than going big, so there are no plans to scale up production. “Selling is not where our heart is,” they say. “We’re both visual artists... we like experimenting. Standardizing things for mass production sounds so boring!”

Their clothes and fabrics are sourced from thrift stores and donations from friends, who may or may not want the transformed items back. Occasionally, they start with new organic, ethical, fair-trade, natural fabric items, such as women’s underwear.

Because each batch of dye has unique characteristics and interacts unpredictably with different fabric blends, every item is truly one-of-a-kind. Says Sun, “That’s the fun part, not knowing in advance exactly what’s going to happen.”

“Every piece is unique. The ‘personalness’ of it is so special. These patterns... you look at them and they remind you of things in nature. The single most interesting part of all of this is that both the fabrics and the dyes are plant-based, so it’s natural and so beautiful.”

The keynote for Dyed & Reborn is experimentation. Sun and Sofrae research ancient dyes and production methods from all around the world, such as Japanese shibori—similar to tie-dye, but employing more intricate folding techniques. They are conversant with contemporary pattern styles and dye-making technologies as well. “There are so many plants for dye that we haven’t tried yet and so many variations of patterns.” Sun and Sofrae specialize in using dyes that were in use before chemically-based industrial dyes were developed, derived from plants such as comfrey, indigo, and turmeric, with a special interest in harvesting dye plants from local sources. Hanging nearby were rich golden garments, dyed with marigolds cut from Yoga Sala’s garden that morning.

When things go well and their clothesline sags with a bounty of new items, they pack them off to farmers’ markets, craft fairs, and thrift stores, or sell them to family, friends, and neighbors.

Rather than increase production, thoughts of expansion are taking the form of offering workshops to help others discover the joy of working with fabrics. They say, “It’s really cool to teach people!” Both Sun and Sofrae already lead classes at Yoga Sala and the proprietor, Gaea McGahee, has invited them to host dyeing workshops as well, as part of her own commitment to foster creative projects in Questa.

In that same vein, another anticipated spin-off is the Moon Bloomers project with their friend, Jaide Stover. The three young women are creating rites of passage for pubescent girls learning about their changing bodies. “Part of being a woman is death and rebirth, embodied in the menstrual cycle,” says Sofrae. Moon Bloomers offers girls an opportunity to engage in a ceremonial process while creating their own works



Photo by Jonathan Hutchison

Ruby Sofrae, with baby Meade and Ola Sun and their marigold-hued garments.



Photo by Jonathan Hutchison

New creations from *Dyed & Reborn*, drying sustainably in the sun.

of art in the form of dedicated, hand-dyed menstrual undergarments. Such community involvement reflects Dyed & Reborn’s emphasis on spirituality and service.

Sun and Sofrae state: “We’re hobbyists who make enough to share. Dyed and Reborn began as a project to fund our love of dyeing. The market for sustainable, handmade fashion has come through enough to keep us going. For now, it’s just an artistic project between

friends. We hope our actions and products might inform, influence, or inspire others to adopt more sustainable practices in their own lives.”

And we hope that their actions and products might inspire readers to express their own commitment to sustainability and support for the arts by making a purchase from Dyed & Reborn. You can do so via email at: olaprimordialsun@gmail.com or rubbysofrae@gmail.com.

Questa and the Questa Mine: Part 5

By MARTHA SHEPP (AND MANY OTHERS)

This community paper is endeavoring to offer a Questa mine history series over the next few issues, to bring you stories from the earliest discovery of molybdenum right up to the present with the goal to review, freshen up the facts, and celebrate the story of our place.



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Panorama of the current landscape of the Chevron Questa Mine area from a very high vantage point taken in May 2022.

From last month:

Development work at the Questa mine continued in the year 2000, and the orebody was expected to be in production by mid-year. Reserves were estimated to provide for at least 15 years of production.

Part 5: A New Owner

2005 Chevron acquires Unocal. Along with Unocal's global oil and gas operations, this purchase includes the Questa Mine.

2007 Molycorp officially merges with Chevron Mining Inc. (formerly known as P&M Coal).

2008 Given the mining industry's continuing economic volatility, the Village of Questa and Chevron recognize the need to diversify Questa's economy away from an over-reliance on the mine. As a result, they partner to establish the Questa Economic Development Fund (QEDF), a stand-alone 501(c)3 non-profit, whose purpose is to "provide the initial resources necessary to bring new economic opportunities to the Village of Questa, promote job growth, and encourage new investment in the community of Questa, and to provide resources to assist the community of Questa with economic diversification consistent with its history and heritage." Chevron commits to funding the QEDF \$320K per year through the year 2015 with \$200K

available each year for economic development projects and \$120K being deposited into an endowment fund.

2009 The mine experiences significant layoffs as molybdenum prices plummet.

2010 The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") selects remedies under its Record of Decision which include regrading/reclaiming the rock piles with native vegetation cover, reclamation of the tailing site, and making improvements to Eagle Rock Lake. The rock piles are the large sloping piles of earthen material leftover from the open pit mining operation."

2011 The mine site is placed on the National Priorities List of Superfund Sites by the US Environmental Protection Agency. In partnership with Kit Carson Electric Cooperative and the Village of Questa, Chevron constructs and begins operation of a 1 megawatt solar array on the tailing site west of town. This is equivalent to Questa's power demand, so the community becomes a 100% solar-powered village.

2014 Due to continuing low molybdenum prices, the mine is permanently closed, resulting in significant layoffs. Fortunately, many of the former miners obtain jobs with Chevron's onsite contracted companies for site maintenance and remediation. Management of the site is transitioned to Chevron Environmental Management Company. Chevron



Photo by E. Wilde

This road, nicknamed "Stairway to Heaven" by the employees is located at the highest elevation on the mine's site.

recognizes the need to increase its social investment in economic diversification projects, and so extends the QEDF's annual funding of \$320K per year through 2023, provides \$500K for economic planning, and an additional \$1 million into the endowment fund.

2015 Chevron begins demolition of mine infrastructure, including the mill. Improvements to Eagle Rock Lake are completed. In partnership with the Village of Questa and the US Forest Service—installing a headgate, dredging the lake bed and lining it, and installing ADA accessible recreational infrastructure—paved

access, picnic tables, and restrooms. The beautifully refurbished lake is regularly stocked with trout by New Mexico Game and Fish and becomes a major recreational asset for residents and tourists alike.

2016 Chevron begins working with the New Mexico Office of State Engineer to develop plans for divestment of its surplus water rights for the benefit of Questa and surrounding communities.

2017 Construction of the wastewater treatment plant is completed. Operations begin under Chevron's contractor, Golder. All water collected from the underground mine and which drains off the mine site



Photo by E. Wilde

Interior of the Chevron Water reclamation plant. Shown here is Larry Vasquez, maintenance planner and tour guide for the comprehensive tour of the facility on June 3 for the *Questa Del Rio News* staff.

(including the rock piles) is treated at the plant and released through a permitted outfall into the Red River. Approximately 1 million gallons of water are treated per day.

2018 Recognizing the need to incorporate community input in Chevron's water

rights and land divestments, the Village of Questa and Chevron establish the Questa Land and Water Board to vet economic development proposals for over 1,400 acre feet of water and 4,000 acres of land.

2019 Removal of the former tailings pipeline that ran from the mine site to the

tailings site outside the village, some 10+ miles, is completed. Initial plans are made by Chevron, the Village of Questa and the Forest Service to convert parts of the former tailings pipeline route into a public walking trail, connecting Questa with the Town of Red River.

2020 Chevron completes the Tailing Cover Demonstration Project, which reclaims approximately a third of the tailings area with a two-foot depth of revegetation with natural plant ground cover. In addition, specialized landscaping provides for water management in the area.

2021 The Village of Questa completes construction of the Questa Business Park with the installation of drainage, water, sewer, utilities, and roads. Chevron provided the initial \$500K funding which was subsequently matched by \$2 million in federal and state funding. Chevron hires sub-contractors Granite Construction for the Rock Pile Pilot Project. Work begins on the regrading and covering of two of the mine's rock piles resulting in significant local hiring and an influx of Granite employees to Questa and surrounding communities.

Do you have specific mine-related stories to share? QuestaStories is an archive for your contributions (go to <https://questastories.org/contact>) and you can also contact the editor at news@questaedf.com. We want to draw upon real people and real stories by way of illustrating what makes Questa what it was, what it is, and what it can become.

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By TONER MITCHELL

Casting Outward

BOOK REVIEW

In the world of today—200,000 years into human evolution and a couple centuries into the Industrial Age—few living beings can embody the concept of pristine Nature like native fish. We have shuffled animal and plant species around the globe and caused many others to go extinct. So, it's pretty special to know that if you want the story of what a place used to be like before modern humanity messed with it, there might be a native fish that can tell it to you.

Such is the premise of *Casting Outward*, a book by Steve Ramirez chronicling the author's journey across America in search of native gamefish. A certified master naturalist, Ramirez describes the unique features of each

species' ecosystem and elucidates the threats and perils facing these environments. These accounts are in the format of the everyday fishing trip, wherein Ramirez hits the water with people familiar with the fish in question. Each chapter features a different fish and fishing buddy. Full disclosure: I accompany him in one chapter.

This book is a gift to the hopeless fish geek. We meet northern pike and muskies, striped, Guadalupe, and smallmouth bass, redbird on the Gulf Coast of Texas, bluefish near Cape Cod, sunfish, and several forms of cutthroat trout throughout the Rocky Mountains. Ramirez takes us to the original home of the brook trout (and no, brookies are definitely NOT native to Cabresto Creek). I was generally glad for the thorough treatment of the southwestern trout species—Gila and Apache trout—that have managed somehow to eke out an existence in the hot and dry landscapes of southern New Mexico and Arizona.

I do wish Ramirez had written a chapter on the rainbow trout. Common though it is throughout the world, its native domain is the Pacific Rim from California around to Japan, and in aboriginal form, it's something to behold. Still, given how much airplane

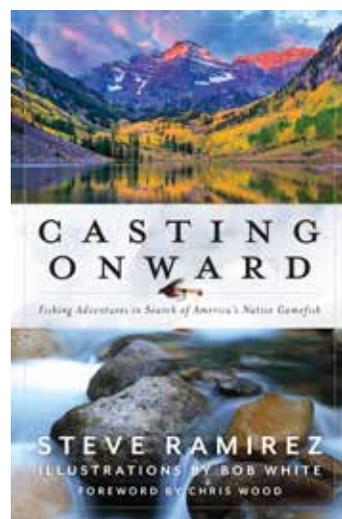


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Book jacket for *Casting Outward* by Steve Ramirez

and windshield time the author already invested in this enjoyable journey, I'm grateful to have learned about a fish like the longnose gar.

Importantly, *Casting Outward* reminds the reader that, in addition to natural evolutionary hurdles these fish have cleared, they are currently under assault by new threats like pollution, habitat loss, climate disruption, over-fishing, and competition with non-native fish. He makes clear the urgency of recover-

ing native fish.

As I mentioned earlier, I accompanied Ramirez in one chapter. In it we fished for Rio Grande cutthroat trout on Jack's Creek near Pecos as well as Questa's own Columbine Creek. Hanging out with someone writing a book on something so near and dear to me had a sobering effect; surrounded by spruce, aspen, chipmunks, and piñon jays, we could have been anywhere else in the Rockies. It was the type of fish we caught and nothing else that placed us in New Mexico, in the Rio Grande basin to be exact.

The fact that Alamitos Creek, a wonderful cutthroat stream, has been chewed up by the Hermits Peak wildfire is a painful pill to swallow. The fact that Columbine—and Cabresto, Rio Chiquito, and other Rio tributaries—could meet the same fate (or pass over to generic brown trout dominance) is a dagger to our hearts. One after another, unique natural areas are becoming homogenized and altered permanently, which speaks to the importance of this book. Not only does Steve Ramirez show us a native fish-eye view of the world we live in, he proposes, and convincingly, that losing that view would not be OK.



Mindful Birding

In case you didn't notice, we're in some hard times right now. This month's article is about a way I've found to cope with increasing stress through combining mindful meditation with birding, and I hope it helps you as well.

For those unfamiliar with it, mindfulness describes the practice of being wholly conscious and aware in the present moment, accepting your thoughts and feelings without judgment, and letting them wash away. Research has proven that regular mindfulness practice helps alleviate feelings of stress and anxiety and create a more balanced, deliberate mind. Mindfulness is just that: a practice, a

stepping stone on the path to better mental and physical health. You can practice mindfulness anywhere, any time. The most common mindfulness meditation is to simply focus on your breathing, noticing each inhale and exhale. Your thoughts or worries may intrude and that's okay; the key is to acknowledge that you're having the thought, then let it go and return to watching your breath.

With that in mind, mindful birding is the act of bird watching at a much slower and intentional pace. Rather than walking around trying to find birds or check off a list, you'll simply plop yourself down in a nice open space and let the birds come to you. Notice the songs you hear, the sweet and shrill notes created by such tiny little throats, notice the colors of their feathers, woven to their bodies in such precise patterns, and notice how they move—how they swoop, flutter, hop, and dive about the air with ease.

If you decide to keep notes of what you see, then go for it—there is no “correct” way to go birding. Writing down the details of what you see will keep you in a mindful state and improve your birding ability by noticing both large and subtle differences between bird species.



Photo by E. Wilde

Young Magpie located on Kit Carson Road, Taos NM.

The four main characteristics birders look for are:

- Size and shape
- Color pattern
- Behavior
- Habitat

Most bird sizes can be classified in three categories: sparrow (small), robin (medium), or crow (large). For color patterns, keep in mind what sort of “brush stroke” painted it; is the bird streaked with brown, or patched with yellow, or tipped with red?

With behavior you'll want to pay attention to how the bird moves. Does it fly around in slow circles or dramatic arcs? Does it hop and peck for food or

crawl up tree trunks hunting for insects? Lastly, habitat is where you are—beautiful northern New Mexico during the summer months, so are you in a forest, near a body of water, or out on the arid plains?

Now you just need a bird identification book. I personally use *Birds of New Mexico* by Stan Tekiela, but any book covering the American Southwest will work just fine. Please remember to support small, local booksellers, including used bookstores and online sites, such as thriftbooks.com. You can also use an app like the Cornell Lab's Merlin app, which includes bird songs and calls as well.

Consider the following as you let yourself absorb the sights and sounds of wilderness: How do you look to the native fauna? What would a “bird's eye view” of your surroundings be like? How many generations of birds have led to the one you see before you? What are your senses telling you; what do you see, smell, feel, hear, and taste? Approach this with a beginner's mind, a child's mind, and let curiosity compel you. If you have a good friend or two, or a family member, bring them along. You'd be surprised at what simply sitting in silence together for 20 minutes in nature can be.

Department of Game and Fish Educational Programs

FROM NEW MEXICO GAME AND FISH

The New Mexico Department of Game and Fish has many educational programs. By far, the most popular is Hunter Education. Students 10 years of age and older can take their course on-line: courses may be found here <https://www.wildlife.state.nm.us/education/hunter-education/>.

For those seeking in-person classes, a course schedule can be found here: <https://www.wildlife.state.nm.us/education/hunter-education/course-schedule/>

Classes are typically held by volunteers and department staff, with the peak occurring in the months of February and March. Bowhunter Education classes are also offered and can be found in the above links. Hunter Education camps may also be found on the department's public website on the first link above. The coordinator for the hunter education program is Jennifer Morgan and she may be reached at (505) 263-8581.

Off-highway vehicle (OHVs) operators may find a course schedule here: <https://www.wildlife.state.nm.us/ohv/ohv-education/> for any training

opportunities. Chris Johnson is the OHV Educator and can be reached at (505) 239-1092.

School groups, clubs, and organizations interested in fishing opportunities may contact the Sportfishing Education Coordinator, Dennis Segura, at (505) 946-8733. And if groups are interested in a wildlife presentation where specimens include hides, horns, antlers, and skulls, they are encouraged to contact the conservation education manager, Storm Usrey at (505) 490-1095.

National Archery in the Schools Program (NASP) is very popular in New

Mexico. The Archery Program manager is Bruce Atencio at (505) 467-9929.

The Shooting Program manager is Cody Johnston, who can be reached at (575) 291-2138. Information on his program can be found here: <https://www.wildlife.state.nm.us/education/shooting-program/>.

Those interested in becoming department volunteers may contact Darcie Schalip at (505) 235-2841 or find information here: <https://www.wildlife.state.nm.us/home/contact/wildlife-conservation-volunteer/>

Registration Now Open for Enchanted Forest Trail Race

By EDWARD CAMP

Stretch out, get your running shoes on, and start training now for the Enchanted Forest Trail Race on Saturday, July 30 in Red River. The "extremely family-friendly" event, organized by Gemini Adventures will feature 8-mile, half-marathon, and marathon courses, all starting and ending at Brandenburg Park on Main Street in Red River and winding through the Enchanted Forest just outside Carson National Forest.

Awards will be given to the top three competitors, male and female, by age group; under 20, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, and 60 and over. Crewing will be allowed and encouraged on the marathon. While the focus is on fun and enjoying nature, it will be a competitive race and participants are reminded that there are no shortcuts, and to stay on the

trail or face disqualification. Information packets will be distributed and late registration allowed from 5 to 7 pm the day before, at a location to be announced, in Red River.

Gemini Adventures will be emphasizing the "leave no trace" mindset and asks participants to respect the forest and dispose of trash properly. Accordingly, disposable cups will not be provided along the course and participants are asked to bring a collapsible cup, water bottle, or a hydration pack. Dogs on lead will be allowed at the start/finish area, but will not be allowed on the course.

There will be a medical tent at the start/finish area, with a trained EMT and other medics. Additionally, each aid station along the route will have basic first-aid gear and radio contact with the medical tent. NSAIDs, like aspirin and ibuprofen, will not be available at the

aid stations.

Gemini Adventures is based out of Boulder, Colorado and says they specialize in holding "races that most competitors wouldn't be able to do on their own," and "that draw those looking for a unique challenge." They will also be holding the Mountain RATS Race in

Eagle, Colorado on September 17-18.

For more information and updates, visit <https://geminiadventures.com/enchanted-forest-trail-races/> or <https://www.facebook.com/GeminiAdventures>

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Governor Rick Scott. The Florida state laws raised the age to buy long guns, including AR-15-style rifles, from 18 to 21; required a three-day waiting period between when a firearm is purchased and when the buyer can get access to that gun; and allowed trained school staff to carry guns. While not all concerned citizens wanting gun control agree with these measures, the point is that something was done.

Florida also put \$400 million toward mental health services and school security. The legislators created an extreme risk law, or "red flag" law, that can bar individuals from possessing firearms if they are thought to pose a danger to themselves or

others. With more and more mass shootings, measures such as these are drawing bipartisan support, both on the federal level and by other states.

The only reason Florida passed these laws is because young Parkland High School survivors demanded it. If you agree that there have been enough lives lost to gun violence, please speak out, take a stand, and tell politicians to do something about it. If your representatives in Washington or Santa Fe take money from the gun lobby, chances are they will not vote for change, so don't vote for them. Vote for those policy makers who will make a difference and have your best interests at heart.

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Highly Anticipated Pay Implementation for Wildland Firefighters

By KELLY MARTIN,
PRESIDENT OF GRASSROOTS
WILDLAND FIREFIGHTERS

The Grassroots Wildland Firefighters applaud the Biden administration's announcement of a pay increase for federal wildland firefighters, authorized in the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) of 2021. Most federal wildland firefighters across broad geographic areas will soon receive a base salary increase retroactive to October 1, 2021. The pay increase will be \$20,000 or a 50% per year increase, whichever is less.

"We have been working tirelessly with legislators and USDA Forest Service and Department of Interior officials on significant reforms for federal wildland firefighters," said Kelly Martin, President of Grassroots Wildland Firefighters. "We believe that through determination and focused advocacy we have day-lighted the many urgent reforms necessary for the next decades of wildland fire management. We are deeply grateful to the original sponsors of the bill that became the IIJA for allowing us to have a seat at the table in this important first step towards critical reforms. We also want to thank President Joe Biden for signing the bill into law and for advocating for federal wildland firefighters. Federal wildland firefighters are on the front lines of destructive wildfires that are becoming more intense and lasting longer. They work tirelessly and selflessly in service to their country, communi-

ties, and natural resources. We want to acknowledge those brave women and men and their families, for the hard work and ongoing sacrifices they make on a daily basis."

"The administration got this right," said Martin. "By including all geographic areas and the majority of those working in wildland fire they acknowledge that retention challenges are not just a western [USA] problem but a national one." Grassroots Wildland Firefighters would also like to thank Secretaries Tom Vilsack and Deb Haaland and Office of Personnel Management Director Kiran Arjandas Ahuja, as well as the others in the Biden administration, for their support.

While we have said all along that the IIJA is a first step to stem the exodus of wildland firefighters from federal service, it is more important than ever for our elected officials to pass H.R. 5631, Wildland Firefighter Pay Parity and Classification Act (Tim's Act), for

permanent, comprehensive reforms. Pay, classification, comprehensive well-being, and a system that does not leave our wildland firefighters broken, depressed, and suicidal is paramount to providing a workforce that is flexible, fluid, and capable of operating in dynamic situations in the field while fulfilling their obligations at home. Grassroots Wildland Firefighters call on senators to develop a companion bill and pass this important legislation through both the House and Senate. We owe federal wildland firefighters, and the citizens and communities and wildlands they serve nothing less. Martin also said, "Forest Service Chief Randy Moore stated in a Senate hearing on June 10, 2022, that his intent is to develop a permanent pay raise for wildland firefighters. As the only advocacy group made up of current and former wildland firefighters, we stand ready to serve as subject matter experts in these next reforms."

"We all must urge Congress to move Tim's Act forward. Wildland firefighters show up when they're called to duty, no matter the circumstances; now the time has come for lawmakers and Americans to show up for firefighters."

—Pete Dutchick,
Comprehensive Health and Wellbeing
subcommittee team member



Courtesy Photo

Tim Hart, smokejumper from Cody, Wyoming, sustained injuries when he parachuted into the Eicks Fire in Hidalgo County, New Mexico and died on June 2, 2021. His loss inspired legislation known as Tim's Act to help wildland firefighters and their families.

Read Tim's Act bill text

https://neguse.house.gov/imo/media/doc/NEGUSE_036_xml.pdf

View Tim's Act fact sheet

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For more information

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Carson National Forest Mostly Re-opened

By ZACHARY BEHRENS

Carson National Forest managers rescinded local fire restrictions and re-opened most of the Carson National Forest on June 24, after a week of significant rainfall with more in the forecast. Similar changes occurred throughout national forests in New Mexico.

"We're relieved by the early onset of monsoonal flows, not just for decreasing fire danger and activity but also getting people back into the Forest," said Forest Supervisor James Duran. "Some areas and limitations will temporarily remain in effect, so we are asking visitors 'know before you go' and check conditions before heading out."

The Camino Real Ranger District, where the northern end of the Hermit's Peak and Calf Canyon Fires are located with 72% containment, remained fully closed as of press time, and are set to also re-open. Trails closest to Taos will remain unavailable. Forest service staff are developing a smaller closure footprint to include the fire burn area and related debris flow and flash flooding locations, as well as roads and areas affected by work on a fuel break contingency line north of the fire area.

An area surrounding the Midnight Fire on the El Rito Ranger District, as of this writing has 98% containment and will also remain closed. Details with a map, is posted on the Carson National Forest.

Other closures in effect prior to the implementation of the mid-May Stage 3 fire restrictions closure will remain so. Those include limitations in Valle Vidal and some roads west of Tres Piedras, all due to elk calving.

Some campgrounds will have a delayed reopening due to staff and concessionaire needs in ramping up operations, including hazard tree and branch removal. Campers should be prepared to bring their own water as it may not be initially available as campgrounds reopen. Other services may be limited. Visitors should call ahead or check the forest webpage at <https://www.fs.usda.gov/carson/> for open/closed statuses.

All trails are reopened, but some

remain severely impacted by windfall from the winter squall in December. Trail crews and partners diligently worked through the spring to clear effected trails, including those to Wheeler Peak and Lake Williams (with a temporary reroute at the trail-head). Trails that remain very difficult to pass and are not recommended for travel include those that make up the Lost Lake Loop, which are the Lost Lake/Middle Fork (#91) and East Fork (#56) trails, and Lake Fork (#82) trail out of Cabresto Lake. Not all trails have been surveyed and more may be unpassable.

While all local fire restrictions will be rescinded, regional fire restrictions and federal law regarding fire on national forests remain in force.



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Talpa Community Market: Small Market, Big Heart

By CORILIA ORTEGA

The Talpa Community Market has begun their second year of providing a community-focused market for the south side of Taos on Fridays. Like the Questa Farmers Market, the Arroyo Hondo Farmers Market, and the Taos Farmers Market, the need and want for seasonal fresh fruits and veggies is increasing and community members have responded. More and more customers want to support their local growers and ranchers to ensure our agricultural lifestyles continue throughout Taos County. This is made possible when space and resources are made available to all types of growers, farmers and ranchers, and craftspeople.

The Talpa Community Market invites vendors from across the county to join us on Fridays. All types of experience are welcome, with various produce and items including—but not limited to—fruit, vegetables, plants, shrubs, and handmade crafts, jewelry, homemade foods, and pastries. You can enjoy a

breakfast tamale from Ofelia, a prune pie or biscochitos from Manuelita, cool down with a fresh fruit paleta from Carmen, and find a fruit tree from Clay or fresh cut bouquets from Casey. It's a perfect spot to find unique gifts ranging from hand-carved wood figurines, quilts, oven mitts, soaps, pillows, and more.

The market aims to welcome first-time growers or vendors who have excess produce or product, and so far, this approach has encouraged many new neighbors who appreciate the ease and affordability of being a first-time vendor. Vendors arrive at 7:30 am to set up (first-come first-serve), with same-day registration, all for an affordable table space of \$10. If you need a table, you can rent one.

With generous funding from the LOR Foundation, the Talpa Community Center is hosting the weekly Friday Market from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm at 4 Archuleta Road, Ranchos de Taos. Neighbors are welcome to begin their weekend with a festive and friendly atmosphere to find special treats and



Photo by Corilia Ortega

Talpa Community Market is open every Friday from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm until mid-October with produce, crafts, and food. There's room for more vendors and visitors—they are a small market with a big heart.

goodies. Children have a playground to pass the time and meet new friends, parents and grandparents get to catch up, and everyone enjoys the live performances, from musicians to mime acts!

They're a new market, still small and cozy, and are seeking more neighbors to join as vendors and performers. Prices are affordable to ensure vendors earn as much as possible, and customers can

make their money stretch, all by hosting a space where we can all be together. They're truly a small market with a big heart! Go see for yourself this Friday, and every Friday until mid-October.

For more information please email talpacommunitycenter@yahoo.com or call (575) 751-1014 and follow them on Facebook/Instagram [@TalpaCommunityMarket](https://www.instagram.com/TalpaCommunityMarket).



By ELIZABETH BRUNAZZI,
FOOD EDITOR

MID-SUMMER FARE

I am a mid-summer girl. Born on July 13, 1944, in New Orleans, Louisiana, I assume there was no air conditioning anywhere that day. Growing up, I learned to swim at the age of four. My favorite memories are of being a fish in the pool every long summer until I reached adulthood. Then there were those hamburgers waiting, grilled fresh by the pool at the center where we swam!

I celebrate my birthday this year with a love letter of recipes to New Mexico. Historically, it is the eve of the taking the Bastille in Paris and the founding of the French Republic on July 14, Le Quatorze, as it is called in France.

To peace, international cooperation, good cooking, and joy in living!

Red Beans and Rice

2 C dried red beans, preferably small red beans rather than large or kidney
2 white onions, diced
2 cloves garlic
2 t coarse salt
2-4 bay leaves
Red pepper, preferably flakes
Dollops of fresh aromatic herbs, basil, thyme, or rosemary
Dollops of pepper sauce, to taste, Tabasco, or Cholula
1/2 C fresh diced tomatoes, preferably Roma
Ham hocks (if you can get them, if not, thick slices of ham)
Cooked white rice, Texmati, Carolina or Riceland; if not, Jasmine
Andouille Sausage, sliced (or Chorizo)

This recipe can be doubled. Cover beans in cold water and soak overnight. Drain and place in a deep, heavy pan. Cover with cold water. Bring to a boil. Add all over ingredients including the ham hocks. Simmer for an hour and a half. Add sliced sausage for the final 30 minutes. Cool, rest and serve over fresh cooked rice. Extra sausages cooked on the grill and served as a side with a choice of pepper sauces makes a more ample meal. I also like to offer slices of a favorite cornbread made with sautéed spring onions or a stovetop

skillet cornbread that can also be put on the grill and cooked while preparing other entries.

24-Hour Slaw

1 medium head of cabbage, shredded or sliced in ribbons
2 medium white onions, thinly sliced
1/2 C sugar (to taste)

Dressing:

1 t celery salt
1 t sugar
1-1/2 t salt
1 t dried mustard
1 C white vinegar
1 C salad oil

Split the cabbage into halves. Stir 1/2 C sugar over one half the cabbage. Place the other half of the cabbage and onion rings in a large bowl. Combine all dressing ingredients except the oil, put in a pan on the stove and bring to a boil. Stir in the oil. Bring to a boil again. Cool and combine with the cabbage and onions. Combine with the other half of the raw cabbage. Do not stir. Cover and refrigerate 24 hours before serving. Keeps well.

Nectarine/Peach Ice Cream

6 large very ripe peaches or 8 or more nectarines
1 C sugar (to taste for quantity and sweeteners)
4 eggs
3 C sugar (to taste for quantity and sweeteners)
2 qt milk
1 qt whipping cream
2-1/2 T vanilla

Peel, cut and mash fruit, leaving coarse bits for texture and flavor. Stir in sugar and set aside. Beat eggs in a large bowl, add additional sugar and mix well. Heat one quart of milk to scalding point and add to egg mixture, beating constantly. Pour into a freezer container and blend in the other quart of milk. Beat whipping cream not too stiff and fold into mixture in the container with fruit and vanilla. Freeze. Remove from freezer about five minutes before scooping.



Lemon Icebox Torte

1 C graham cracker crumbs
6 T sugar (to taste and preferred sweetener)
3 T butter or plant substitute, melted
2 eggs, separated
1 C Eagle Brand milk
1 T grated lemon rind
1-1/2 C fresh lemon juice
1/2 t almond flavoring
Dashes of cinnamon, nutmeg, cardamom, or ginger, to taste

Combine crumbs, 2 T each of sugar and butter. Reserve 2 T for topping and press remainder in a 9 x 9-inch pan. Chill. Beat egg yolks, add milk, lemon rind, juice, and flavoring. Cook on low heat until thick. Cool. Beat egg whites until frothy and gradually add remaining 4 T of sugar and beat until stiff peaks form. Fold into cooled lemon mixture. Pour into prepared pan. Sprinkle crumbs. Freeze. Remove from freezer about 5 minutes before serving. Slice into squares and remove to dessert plates or cups with a spatula. Serves 6 to 8. As children, we loved this dessert, always delighted to see it rolling out of the freezer in metal ice trays.

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Art & Wine Festival Returns to Red River

By EDWARD CAMP

After a three-year hiatus, the Red River Art and Wine Festival made its triumphant return to Brandenburg Park. The three-day event, which took place June 17–19, featured wineries, breweries, food vendors, and artisans from around New Mexico, showcasing our state's vibrant craft beverage industry and internationally renowned art scene. Even a little sorely needed off-and-on rain could not spoil the event's sunny mood.

Among the wineries on hand was Sheehan Winery, out of Albuquerque. Owner Sean Sheehan was thrilled with how the festival turned out. "Even with the weather being what it's been this weekend, we've had really awesome people to talk to, lots of good sales, and lots of happy people. The goal of the winery is always to make the very best wine that can be made in New Mexico, but also share it with people." Sean said he appreciates the opportunity afforded by the festival to bring his vintage directly to wine lovers.

Noisy Water Winery's booth was set up next to Sheehan's, and not by coincidence, according to Sean. "We're buddies with the Noisy Water Winery. Both here and in Albuquerque we have tasting rooms that are quite close to each other and we're able to bounce business back and forth. New Mexico wine is all about teamwork. Without all of us pulling together, there's no way we'll convince people that NAPA makes auto parts and New Mexico makes wine!"

Joseph Martinez, who owns the recently founded El Alamo Winery in Alcalde, said he had been looking forward to bringing his vino to Red River for a while. "It's our first year coming here, so we didn't know what to expect. COVID has been kind of messing up things—we were supposed to come last year and it got canceled... but a lot of people that are coming in are buying bottles of wine, and they're giving us a lot of good feedback."

Black Mesa Winery out of Valverde was also on hand and got rave reviews from the attendees. Patrons had a fine selection of craft beers to choose from as well. Santa Fe Brewing Company, New Mexico's oldest brewery, was there to show off some of their latest creations and offered samples of some old favorites. They were joined by the award-winning Red River Brewing Company, who also brought samples of their distilled



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A sommelier from Sheehan Winery giving patrons a chance to test their pallets.

beverages, and by Albuquerque newcomer The 377 Brewery. "The festival is incredible!" said 377 employee Sayer Key-Towne. "The weather has been great, not too hot. I'd love to come back, not working!" Beer drinkers were just as impressed with 377's and the other breweries' offerings as Sayer was with the Sangre de Cristo climate.

The purveyors of potent potables were joined by a variety of craftspeople and artists, like Joseph Esquibel of Albuquerque, owner of Smokin' Joe's Custom Art, who makes highly detailed pencil work to order. "It's been great. The people are awesome."

Soap-maker Sara Stennett of Lubbock, Texas, like centuries of artists before her, found a creative spark in New Mexico's natural beauty. She recently founded Frontier Soaps and brought her colorful Land of Enchantment-inspired creations back to the place it started. "I was making soap for my own use, and we came up here a year ago and I was so inspired by everything I saw, I thought, 'I can make that image into a soap, and that one!'"

The atmosphere was "classy," as one guest put it. The convivial nature of the attendees was one factor, and so were performances of classical pieces by Enchanted Music of Taos. Band member and pianist Martha Shepp, who also



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Martha Shepp performing on Sunday.

works at Frye's Old Town, was happy to share her passion with a receptive audience. "It was great to be able to do what we love, which is classical music, and have people respond to it!" Classical guitarist Genevieve Leitner of Albuquerque played solo classical Spanish and Latin American compositions as well. When asked if they would like to play the festival again next year, both musicians answered, "Absolutely!"

Many of the visitors were happy to see the festival return after the long pause. "This is better than the previous years we've been," said Paula Manuel of Rio Rancho. She and husband Jerry were attending their third Red River Art and Wine Festival. "So far, it's been great!" they said late on the first day.

Ami Russell of Round Rock, Texas, who came with her two best friends, said "I loved it! I've been trying to get here for the last three years, but it's been canceled,



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Joseph Esquibel of Smokin' Joe's Custom Art in Albuquerque shows off his skills.

so I'm glad we finally were able to get here—we got our girls' trip!"

Guests came from around the region and from as far away as Oregon and London, England, but no matter where they came from, everyone agreed the Red River Art and Wine Festival was a relaxing and fun time. With many of the vendors coming back to Red River for Oktoberfest, we can look forward to doing it all over again when the leaves change.

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Red River's 26th Annual Car Show

By EDWARD CAMP

Despite fears that the closure of Carson National Forest would put a damper on this year's fun, the 26th Annual Red River Car Show on Saturday, June 4, at Brandenburg Park went off without a hitch. Sunny weather and mild alpine temperatures prevailed as 117 auto enthusiasts gathered from around New Mexico and the surrounding states to show off their rides. Entrants came from as far away as Las Cruces, Big Spring, Texas, and Hugoton, Kansas to compete for bragging rights and cash prizes, including \$500 for Best in Show.

Some who came took the competitive aspect more seriously than others; "Every vote for me comes with a free beer," joked one particularly relaxed car owner. Others stood by their vehicles to campaign passersby, showing off their restoration skills and their cars' technical aspects to the curious, making the case for their pride-and-joy projects. Those with vehicles in crowded categories, like "Cars 1960-1969," were amongst the most eager competitors.

The more than 1,500 tourists and locals who attended came as much for the fun and festive atmosphere as the contest. Owners like Michael Torres of Mountainair, New Mexico, who decorates his all-original black 1957 Buick Special with cartoon character toys and a fake In-N-Out Burger meal, says; "I come to car shows and I see the adults with their kids, and the kids are all bored. They don't want to see that. But I started doing this [decorating] and it attracted the kids. That way it's not boring for them," he said, while the 1960 hit song "The Twist" played from his car's speakers.

Everyone was ready to share their enthusiasm for cars. "It's just plain fun," said Janice Baker of Sedalia, Colorado, who owns a 1963 Chevy Nova SS convertible with her husband David. "It's been a personal hobby since I was a 16-year-old," he said. "This is the first one I ever really restored. [I've had it] since '95," he says of his cream white classic, which he bought from the quintessential "little old lady from Las Vegas... who only drove it on the weekends." Beaming with pride, he said, "It was halfway through the wringer when I got it," although now it looks like it just rolled off the showroom floor.

The owner of the show's oldest car, Matt Ratzlaff of Monte Vista, Colorado,



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Michael Cedillo from Placitas, NM won Best in Show for his hot rod Ford Model-T Roadster..

was happy to explain the method for driving his 1916 Ford Model-T racer. "It's the most confusing thing ever to drive... the wide one that should be the throttle, that's the brake pedal. Then the two levers up on the steering column... the one on the right is the throttle. You got to take a minute and remember what you're driving before you just go." It was a family affair, as Matt's wife Christina brought her own yellow 1972 Chevy El Camino to show off as well.

Their kids came too, as did hundreds of other children. Thankfully, the city thought of everything and provided some non-automotive activities for the wee ones, including hula hoops and bean bag toss games, in addition to the park's playground equipment. Vendors experienced brisk business selling food and refreshments; one stand selling "tin cup lemonade" rarely had a break in their line.

Planning the show was not as simple as opening a park and making an announcement. Red River Tourism and Economic Development Director Max Khudiakov said planning for the show began in December. "We've done a lot of research on how to categorize the vehicles for the show. We also worked with the New Mexico Car Club Council on getting the word out to all the car clubs in the state. Then there were all the graphics—t-shirts, posters, that kind of stuff. Then there was getting the concert together." To make the most of all the foot traffic, a citywide garage sale was held by residents and businesses all along Main Street, another feat of coordination for the planners.

All their hard work paid off when Tourism Service Coordinator Sydney Von Strohe announced the winners of



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Classic beauties lined up in Brandenburg Park along Main Street for the Red River Car Show.

the 20 categories. And, while all the winners were thrilled to be selected, none were more thrilled than Best in Show winner Michael Cedillo of Placitas, New Mexico. "I was very surprised!" So surprised he called his 1927 Ford Roadster hotrod a '72!

Following the announcement of the winners and an impromptu parade of cars leaving the park, Nashville singer John King, who co-wrote Randy Hous-

er's hit song "We Went," played a show in support of this debut album "Always Gonna Be You" to an enthusiastic crowd.

Chevy Nova owner David Baker may have summed the whole day up best when he said, "This is an awesome car show!"

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Our Ukraine: Part 2

AS TOLD TO LOU MCCALL

Last month we began this conversation with two American friends, Chris and Luz, who met in Ukraine while serving in the Peace Corps. They bonded when they learned that they both had grandparents and great-grandparents from Ukraine. They each worked in Ukraine after their service. They are now in the US, having been evacuated from their overseas jobs because of Russia's invasion in February 2022. In part one, they shared their experiences of living and working in Ukraine. This month, the conversation turns to war.

Luz: The war in Ukraine, it's tragic. I haven't processed it all... I am still working, and I feel like if I process it too much, I'm not going to be able to keep it together to work. I have to help save the lives of my colleagues or my former colleagues, it's very hard. I know people who are in the military who are near the front lines. People who I would call family are heavily involved with protecting the country, and other people are just giving up everything. Their whole future plans are to participate in the community, to be part of helping in whatever way they can. The internally displaced people (IDPs) are moving from the east and the areas of heavy conflict further to the center, further west.

Chris: This little village I was describing has over 500 additional people living in it now. Can you imagine 500 more people coming into Questa?

Luz: Since the fall of the Soviet Union, there has been a demographic decline due to outmigration and low fertility rates. In all Ukrainian villages there's been a huge population decline due to internal migration, and people moving to cities. In the first Russian invasion in 2014, over a million people

fled from east to west.

The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees or (www.unhcr.org) report that more than 14 million Ukrainian people are thought to have fled their homes since Russia's invasion of Ukraine. Some six million of these Ukrainians have crossed an international border, making them refugees, while others are internally displaced, or IDPs. Poland has received an estimated four million Ukrainians, whereas Moldova and Romania have also provided refuge. Before the 2014 invasions, many Ukrainians were working in Russia, often because it was harder for them to get jobs in Europe, or they preferred Russia because they could speak the language.

Chris: One of my friends messaged me and said, "You know it's horrible, this is terrible, it's tragic. I hate it. But, if there is one positive thing, we are going to be better because we are more unified." I've seen this, it is much more positive now. As my friend was saying, "... for those of us who are LGBTQ it's already more positive." He said this is helping us recognize that we're each valuable in different ways and our diversity is important. I've seen in the Ukrainian news about their LGBTQ military personnel; Ukrainian media is highlighting progress made on inclusion and praising their first transgender high-level military official.

Chris: The other positive trend I see emerging is youth leadership. Ukraine has a relatively young president; the Cabinet of Ministers is also very young... everybody that I see on the news is under 40 and this administration embodies the "New Ukraine." Zelensky won by a majority of votes. It is true, he was an actor, and please watch *Servant of the People** on Netflix. He is also a

gifted speaker and a businessman who owned a media company before getting elected.

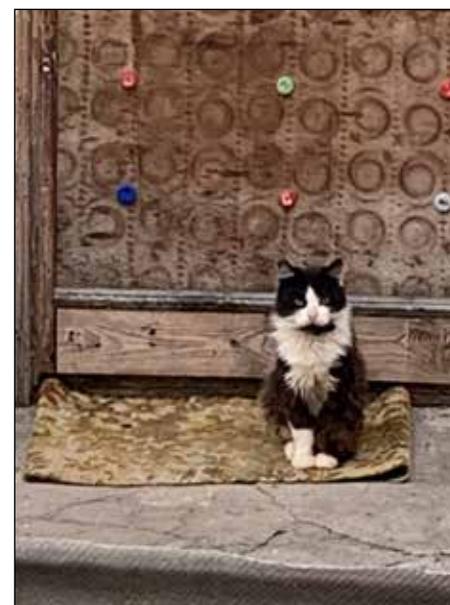
Just before the war, we started to see how this "New Ukraine" translated into a better life for an ordinary Ukrainian. It is easier for them now to get their ID cards, passports: access to services has increased and improved. Internet access in Ukraine is so much better than in the US!

People continue to believe in Ukraine's sovereign territory, which would also include Crimea. Before leaving Kyiv, my housemate was an IDP. He is a Crimean Tatar, an ethnic group that speaks a Turkic language. He went back to Crimea in January for the first time in four years. He struggled to get across the border and was able to prove that his parents were still there. He is connected to his schoolmates and his family. They don't want Russia there at all, they don't believe that Russia is their ruler—this is true for young and old alike. It is hard to speak up because Crimeans are detained daily, as are many people living in the Russian Federation.

Luz: A lot of the US government money spent in Ukraine went to good causes. Close to 3,700 Americans have served as Peace Corps volunteers in Ukraine. There is a program, the Future Leaders Exchange where high school students from Ukraine have been coming over to live with American families for nearly 30 years. There are strong ties between our two countries.

Luz: This war in Ukraine is devastating. It is devastating to infrastructure, to global food security, health systems, transportation systems, human rights, everything. So much of the prized agricultural land has been contaminated by land mines; de-mining will take decades. The human rights violations are depraved. The gender-based violence is a tool of the Russian Federation and rape is being systematically used as a weapon of war. In 2014 this practice was not rampant. Now, children are being raped until they die. This is depraved and it is meant to traumatize a population for generations to come.

Chris: And the Ukrainian Diaspora—In addition to many Americans who served in Ukraine, there are many who trace their roots to Ukraine. My grandmother would talk about Ukraine, and I couldn't understand all the stories she told, but I wondered about her father who left Kyiv in 1898 because of the pogroms. Sometimes, while working



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Cat on the street in Kaminets Podilsky, a city in western Ukraine.

in Ukraine, people would ask if I had Ukrainian roots, and I could genuinely answer yes.

Luz: We have been reading in the news about Irpin and Bucha, and for most people, they are just dots on a map. For Peace Corps, we held our training events there. Alina, one of the host mothers of Peace Corps volunteers, was hiding in a basement with her son and husband. Her husband had to go out to look for insulin because of their son's diabetes. He was missing for a month and then his body was exhumed and identified. The forensic team determined he had been tortured and his hands were tied behind his back. Two days later, Alina's father died. These are people we know. These war crimes have been felt in Questa.

When I talked to Alina, she said the only thing that keeps her going is teaching. She is continuing to teach and supporting the children and helping them normalize and recover from this trauma. We started working with other returned Peace Corps volunteers to raise money so she can buy school supplies.

Luz: About the Russian misinformation campaign: I am reminded of Svetlana Alexievich's book *The Zinky Boys*. Alexievich is a Belarusian writer who won the Nobel Prize for Literature. During the first invasion of Afghanistan, so many young Soviet citizens signed up and went to war. Some thought they would go and get a cassette player. [Being promised a cassette player was a

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The Camino de Santiago, A Pilgrim's Path

By JENNIFER PARIS

The Camino de Santiago has been walked by pilgrims for over 1,000 years. The destination point is Santiago de Compostela, in Galicia, Spain, where the relics of St. James the Greater, the brother of John the Apostle, and also one of the Apostles of Jesus, are buried beneath the main altar of the cathedral. To walk the entire distance (depending on where one starts) takes seven weeks or more, but many return again and again to walk a portion of the route. In centuries past, people left from their homes in various parts of Europe, and that's where their paths began. Today, there are several main routes, called GRs—Grand Randonnées, that are known and mapped, and pilgrims are supported by places to eat and sleep.

Rachael Sanborn, who was raised in local El Rito, heads a tour company called Red Monkey Travel that offers a few supported walks per year on the pilgrim's path. When her mom, Janie Corrine—my frequent walking buddy—mentioned that she was interested in walking on the

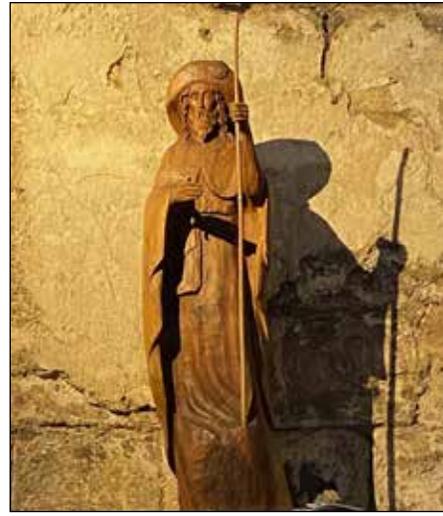


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One of the many crosses where pilgrims leave something from home.

Camino this year and asked if I would also like to consider it, I immediately said yes! I thought it would be great to do a meditative walk (How hard could that be, right?), especially if it included walking in the south of France on the Chemin de St. Jacques-de-Compostelle (The Way of St. James). So, I signed up for a section of the walk reputed to be an interesting and varied part of the Camino—from Le Puy-en-Velay to Conques. Well! Then I found out the length of the daily treks (on average, over 11 miles per day) and the first lesson of the Camino began. For me, it was about fear!

What is a pilgrimage? Wikipedia defines it as “a journey, often into an unknown or foreign place, where a person goes in search of new or expanded meaning about their self, others, nature, or a higher good, through the experience. It can lead to a personal transformation, after which the pilgrim returns to their daily life.” This was indeed the attitude we



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Carved wooden statue of St. James the Pilgrim, at the Conques Cathedral in Galicia, Spain.

assumed as we left on our adventure.

This is traditionally a Catholic path, a path of devotion, and there are beautiful crosses, crucifixes, chapels, churches, and cathedrals open and well-maintained along the way. There is a sense of purpose in the walking and openness to what wants to be learned and integrated by the pilgrim that comes from the depth of human nature, no matter the spiritual practice.

Rachael helps pilgrims focus with a morning circle of centering, sharing intention, meaningful poems, and a final “Buen Camino!” to start the well-spaced, personal-paced daily walk. Relationship to self and nature accompany one throughout the day.

A rich pleasure on the trip is meeting other pilgrims along the same path, often staying in the same village, often sharing a dinner table in an abbey, government facility, or a chambre d'hôte (modest hotel). There is a sense of comradery, heartfulness, and openness that pervades the journey.



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Jennifer and Janie after their 16.8-mile day.

What became evident was that the Camino gives the pilgrim what is needed for his/her stage of life. Many are walking at retirement to reflect back and look ahead, many for an age marker, many for a life crisis, grief, or (like me) a test and conversation with the body. Time is given for answers and insights.

The trip was so worthwhile—beautiful landscapes, wildflowers, pasture animals, and fellow travelers. The challenges of 11 days of walking were met, fears faced, and I felt tremendous gratitude for all who made it possible. The benefits of time away from one's normal routine and daily tasks are great, and this can even be done on pilgrimage paths in our own country (although the system of support isn't as well-developed as it is for the Camino)!

One of the major take-aways for me is realizing that my path and my fellow travelers are right here in northern New Mexico! May you also have the opportunity to walk in nature to explore your inner landscape. Buen Camino!



Forest Farming

Conventional agriculture, intended to feed the world, can also create soil erosion, poison the ecosystem, and deplete soils at an alarming rate: ultimately threatening our ability to produce food for future generations. In the quest for more sustainable methods of food production, many growers are returning to the past by farming in forests.

Agroforestry is an ancient form of agriculture that was common on many

farms until the advent of chemical fertilizers and machine-based farming. It worked in partnership with field-based methods, in places that often were not ideal for tilling, such as hills, slopes, and rough terrain.

Crops are grown vertically in layers, where hardwood trees like chestnuts, hickory, and walnuts share space with smaller trees such as cherries and apples. Beneath this canopy, berries and other food-producing shrubs create an understory that provides cover to perennial vegetables like asparagus and rhubarb. Mushrooms, ginseng, and herbs can also thrive in the woods.

“The forest is a very stable ecosystem. The food coming out of there is much less vulnerable than our cropping systems,” says Steve Gabriel, a mushrooms

and agroforestry specialist at Cornell University's Small Farms program. He'd like to see a return to forest farming as a way to save trees and grow food simultaneously.

Agroforestry can also provide additional, repetitive income to farmers who grow trees for wood or other commercial products, which is often a lengthy process.

Forest farming also creates feed for livestock, which are used to eat grasses, unharvested nuts, and insects, all while fertilizing the woodland floor. The entire system works together to produce fertility, sequester carbon, retain water, and improve the health of local waterways.

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CODA



CODA (Child of Deaf Adults) won all three Oscars for which it was nominated, including this year's best picture race. A simple story, simply told; but one so appropriate for our times. If you haven't seen it, definitely add it to your list.

Ruby Rossi, played by Emilia Jones in an Oscar-worthy performance, is a high-school senior in a Massachusetts fishing town. Ruby is much like any other senior, except for a couple of things that make her unique. She is the youngest

in a family of four, and the other three family members are deaf.

Her father, Frank, is played by Troy Kotsur, this year's supporting actor winner. Frank is a lifelong fisherman and owns a trawler. He is madly in love with Ruby's mother, Jackie, played by Marlee Matlin, and, importantly, "they can't keep their hands off each other." (Thirty-five years ago, Matlin became the first deaf actor to win an Oscar.)

Daniel Durant plays Leo, Ruby's very protective older brother. All four family members wake up each morning at 3 am and bring in a haul of fish for market, before Ruby gets on her bicycle to go to school.

As the only hearing person in her family, Ruby is often called on to help her family communicate with the outside world. In one hilarious scene, she has to mediate between her parents and their doctor when they have to discuss a certain problem they are both having with their private parts. In other meetings, she must stand up for her family's fishing business in a roomful of people who are clearly not her equals and who don't view her parents as their equals either! The responsibility that falls on Ruby for her family is huge, and not

typical for someone her age.

There is one other difference between Ruby and other kids her age—she can sing. This is established early in the movie when she sings on the trawler, though neither her brother nor father has the faintest idea what she is singing or what it sounds like. In a delightful series of encounters, her talents are finally recognized by the high school choir instructor, played by Eugenio Derbez. He convinces her that she can sing very well indeed, and encourages her to apply to a prestigious music college in Boston.

Ruby must now choose between two futures. In one future, she remains a much-needed interpreter for her family, helping them interface with the outside world. In the other, she has the opportunity to follow her dream and allow the blooming of her own budding talents: the real promise of making it on her own.

CODA is tied with Dune for second place among all 28 mainstream Oscar films in audience ratings. Perhaps what makes this film resonate so much with audiences is the essential conflict in this story shared by all of us, despite the setting in a deaf family. That conflict is the eternal one between the expectations

and norms of the various groups that we as people belong to, and the fundamental need for self-expression, to become one's own person.

Ruby, as the only hearing person in a deaf family, plays a very important role. But if she is to become her own self, she can't continue to play that role of communication liaison forever. Ruby's family must come to this understanding, and release Ruby from their lives. Especially poignant is that Ruby's dream is based upon something the family cannot possibly understand. They cannot appreciate Ruby's singing talent because they can't hear it. If they really love her, they must let her go—for something totally beyond their comprehension.

"Go!" is a command used at least three times in this film. Each time it is in a different context, but it always retains a special meaning. It is not used in a negative way to indicate contempt or anger, but rather, especially towards the end, as an expression of love and of the desire to see someone become their own person. When you get an opportunity "go" see CODA! (4.5 STARS)

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The winds have been crazy, drying everything out. What a welcome relief to see the start of the monsoons. The smell of rain and the sound of raindrops falling is a huge blessing for all of us. And here it is, July. Is there a situation, tradition, or memory of July Fourth that today you are grateful for that impacted your life in some way? It could be a family barbecue, a parade or a certain kind of food like hot dogs, potato salad, watermelon, and ice cream. In Taylorsville, California, where

I lived for many years, there was a big parade and a rodeo. It was about the only exciting thing that happened all year long in that small town.

What do you do on the Fourth of July or what is a memory you have that you are grateful for?

Lee:

Clouds, rain, coolness, moisture. Two things come to mind. I always wanted to do a barbecue and I hope to someday do that. Fireworks are upsetting to my dog, so of course, I wish they would spend money that was more helpful to the community.

Mark:

My favorite memories of the Fourth are that I grew up in the city. A big parade would go through the neighborhood, and we would get our bikes out and ride around with flags on them. In the Arroyo

Seco parade, we would walk the goats with the kids. The kids rode the goats, Rocky and Shadow, with saddles, they were the size of donkeys. We liked to go for hikes and camping trips with the goats; they followed us like puppies.

Mike:

The memory of seeing the Boston Pops with family and friends on the Boston Commons. We would throw out a blanket and have cold drinks and snacks to eat. It was sooooo hot. We waited until dark and the fireworks would start. It was a fun event back then. I would not do it now; I was in my teens then.

Tyler:

"Explosions in the sky. Fireworks are cool. The smell, sound, and color of the fireworks. I am including this year snaps and sparkles."

Martin:

Great firework displays in the yard. We lived in Grants, New Mexico, and we lit them off in the road.

Crystal:

My most significant memory of July Fourth was the local hand fireworks. One shot up my shirt, a spark from the firework and burned a mark on my skin and we laughed hysterically, and it only hurt a little. It happened in the mountains of California. I was 25 and I will never forget it.

Crew:

I was Batman on a home-made Batmobile. I was three years old in the Seco parade with my grandmother, who was Catwoman. I got a free burrito. I also enjoyed the years going to the Red River parade for all the candy that is thrown out to spectators!

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huge incentive in a culture with a limited market for electronic goods and other Western merchandise.] The title of the book is called The Zinky boys because so many young Soviets came back in zinc coffins. It is so hauntingly similar

now. You can see videos taken of Russian POWs who thought they were still in Russia, or they didn't realize what was happening. They were not told it was an invasion of a sovereign nation, they thought they were doing training operations. To date, over a dozen Russian Generals have been killed in Ukraine.

Luz: Russia occupies parts of Moldo-

va in Transnistria, and part of Georgia. These small "breakaway" regions are only recognized by each other. It is the model repeated in three countries. The Russian Federation has strategic interests in creating a land bridge. This is a whole other conversation.

Next Month:

Part 3, Conclusion: What can Americans do?

*Servant of the People** on Netflix starring Volodomar Zelensky, a great comedy which gives perspective about life in Ukraine.



Photo by Valerie Vigil

Kit Carson Propane drivers Stevie Duran, on left and Mario Wilson with young Emmanuel Vigil who loves trucks!



Photo by Valerie Vigil

On left is Devin Hurst, firefighter with the Questa Fire Department with Raynelle Sanchez-Cordova, Questa EMS Director.

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led the kids in chalk drawings. Returning magician Kyle Groves, a favorite from past summers and Denise Gard's famous border collies, Joey and Kira, performed tricks. Everyone led kids on a fantastical journey of adventure and storytelling.

The summer reading program is the latest in a series of activities and services that are offered to the Questa community and the surrounding area and made possible with the new Carlos R. Cisneros Wing of the Questa Public Library, dedicated last year on June 12. After doubling

its space, the library now has room to grow its children's programming, create a separate space for tweens and teens, and offer computer classes for adults. There is an area for art shows, curated by local artist Peggy Trigg. A new archivist will be hired to preserve local history, and the meeting space has already accommodated community gatherings, most recently featuring New Mexico Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham.

All of this is offered at no cost to the community. While the construction of the library's addition was made possible through an allocation of \$580,000 in the

state's 2019 capital spending bill, most of the interior furnishings and equipment were made possible by grants and other funding obtained by the Friends of the Questa Public Library, a 501(c)3 charitable organization whose sole mission is to support the Questa Public Library both financially and with in-kind services.

A community space is only as good as the community it serves. "We invite everyone to get a library card," said Nicholson. "If a patron requests a certain book that is not on the shelves, we will obtain it, either by purchase or inter-library loans."

Volunteers are always welcome. "Even

two hours a week watching the front desk, restocking books, or helping with the programs make a big difference," added Nicholson. "It's a wonderful chance to meet new people and serve the public. Besides, it's great fun!"

If you would like more information about how you can become involved with the Questa Public Library, call (575) 586-2023.

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JOAN DEHART BLAZ

Joan DeHart Blaz, age 78, a resident of Lama, passed away peacefully on June 14. She was preceded in death by her parents, Raymond and Mary DeHart, and brother Raymond DeHart.

Joan was known for being the “Avon Lady” of Taos. She sold Avon in Taos for many years. When Joan was not busy with her beautiful customers, you would find her volunteering with her husband at the Lama Volunteer Fire Department. She loved helping her community of Lama. She especially enjoyed spending time outdoors camping and doing her amazing photography. Her beautiful smile and great personality will be missed by many.

Joan is survived by her husband, Roy Blaz, children Lawrence Johnson (Katherine), Natalie Gray (Jason), Nick Blaz (Ginger), and Christopher Blaz (Erin); eight grandchildren, and three great grandchildren; her siblings Marjorie Corozolla and David DeHart, plus many other loving relatives and cherished friends.

A Celebration of her Life will be held at a later date. The family of Joan DeHart Blaz has entrusted the care of their loved one to DeVargas Funeral Home of Taos.

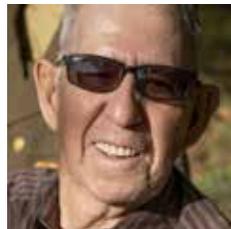


GARY COGGINS

Gary Coggins age 77 passed away on June 22, in his home with his beloved wife Evelyn by his side. Gary was born and raised in Arkansas City, Kansas. After high school he received an appointment to West Point. As a career Army Officer, Gary served in numerous countries and positions. A Vietnam Veteran, he retired in 1989. After retirement Gary taught high

school in Virginia. Gary married Evelyn Ortega, another Army Officer in 1985. Gary was preceded in death by his parents Irliff and Ann Mae Coggin, and his sister Cheryl Martin.

Gary is survived by his wife Evelyn, sister Paula Kay Coggins, daughter Kathy (Chad), grandchildren, Moira, Aly and Gray (Kelsey) Gideon and adopted family, Percilla Jett (Doug), Don Ortega (Suzanne), Floyd Trujillo (Shirley deceased) and numerous nieces, nephews, and loving relatives. In keeping with Gary’s wishes there will be a Memorial Service on July 9, 2022, at 10am in the Evergreen Chapel of DeVargas Funeral Home of Taos. An inurnment with full military honors will take place at the Santa Fe National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers the family requests a donation be made to the Questa Public Library. The family of Gary Coggins has entrusted the care of their loved one to DeVargas Funeral Home of Taos.



RICARDO MEDINA

Ricardo Medina, age 96, of San Cristobal, passed away peacefully on June 5, 2022. He is preceded in death by his wife of 60 years, Refugio C. Medina, and infant son Reyes E. Medina; daughter in-law Elizabeth Medina; mother Lucaria Medina; brothers Celestino, Anselmo, Epimenio, Antonio, Alfonso Medina; sister Mary Martinez and their spouses; in-laws Jose Benito and Juana Refugio Vigil, Leopoldo and Licia Vigil, JM and Julia Rael, and Nicolas Martinez.

He is survived by his children: Felix Medina (Brenda), Ricardo B. Medina (Winda), Roberto R. Medina, Theresa Mitchell (Benny); 11 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren, sister-in-law Beatrice Martinez; many nieces, nephews, godchildren, other relatives, and countless friends.

A true northern New Mexico gem, Ricardo Medina was a World War II Veteran, beloved husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather, a faithful servant of the

Lord, the first to lend a helping hand when asked to serve as a mayordomo for his church, his community, and his country. He was a loving caretaker to his mother, in-laws, and the love of his life, until their passing.

He was a member of the VFW #7688 and LULAC Council #78 where he served in various capacities including district commander for the VFW. He served as the mayordomo for the San Cristobal Ditch Association and always believed that the water should flow to all parciantes in his beautiful valley. He was instrumental in the creation of the San Cristobal Mutual Domestic Water Consumers Association, providing drinking water to households in the valley.

He retired from the University of New Mexico D.H. Lawrence Ranch. Additional career highlights include working for the Tooele Army Depot, working for the railroad companies in Nebraska, a logging company in Wyoming, Taos Ski Valley working on ski lifts and the Hondo Lodge. Later he worked for Gordon Construction refurbishing the hatchery and plumbing for housing projects.

The joy of his life was spending quality time with his family, especially his grandchildren. Rosary was recited on June 9 at the Rivera Funeral Home Chapel in Taos. Funeral mass was held on Friday June 10 at San Cristobal Church. Celebration of life was held at the San Cristobal Community Center. Burial was June 14, 2022 at the Santa Fe National Cemetery at 2 pm. Serving as pallbearers were Ricardo “Manny” Medina, Angelo and Juan Carlos Mitchell, Reyes Medina, Jason Medina, and Francis Vigil. Arrangements by Rivera Family Funeral Home, Taos. To share a memory, please visit our website at www.riverafuneralhome.com.

The Questa Del Rio News published a story about Mr. Medina in our October 2020 edition. Photo by Cynthia Najim



AYLVIA MARIE MAES

Age 80, beloved mother, grandmother and friend, went home to be with the Lord on May 31, 2022. She passed away peacefully at home with her family by her side. She is dearly loved and her presence in our daily lives will be truly missed. Sylvia was born to Ventura and Rebecca Maes in Amalia, New Mexico on February 27, 1942. She was a graduate of Costilla High School and Santa Fe Vocational School. She was a retiree from the State of New Mexico Department of Labor, Employment Division and was employed for several years thereafter with Kmart Corp. Sylvia was the fourth of six siblings. She was preceded in death by her parents, three sisters, two brothers and her son, Andrew Mascarenas. She is survived by her three daughters and son; Sharon (Keith) Bowers, Yolanda (Richard) Romero, Annette (Anthony) Martinez, Robert (Netty) Mascarenas; as well as ten grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. A special thanks to the love of her life, Joe Sisneros, who was always by her side and so lovingly took such wonderful care of her. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, July 23, 2022, 11:00am at Living Word Ministries Church, 12 Llano Rd, Questa, New Mexico 87556



DENNIS LIONEL ROBBINS

Born March 7, 1941, Dennis Lionel Robbins passed into the universe June 7, 2022 at 7:54 pm in the home of his loving daughter and son-in-law.

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ESOTERIC ASTROLOGY

SKYDANCE ESOTERIC ASTROLOGY by Charlene R. Johnson
JULY 2022

THE COSMIC DANCE

Question: "What do we do with the others?" Answer: "There are no others."

—Ramana Maharshi

Jupiter, our largest, most benevolent, and lucky planet began a new cycle in May, but this month it's thinking twice about it. Typically, Jupiter sits in a sign for a year before moving on to the next sign, thus taking 12 years to make a full round of the zodiac. Every year it also retrogrades for about four months, a month later each year. Depending upon when in each sign it retrogrades it is possible that it can shift back into the sign it just left. Such is this year.

It's a little more interesting than usual however, because of the signs which represent the End and the Beginning. For the past year Jupiter was in the sign of Pisces, the last sign of the zodiac. Pisces represents the end of a cycle, a time for reflection, pondering and preparation for a new cycle. Jupiter in Pisces can also mean conspiracies, crime, subterfuge, big secrets.

In May, Jupiter shifted into the sign of Aries, the first sign of the zodiac, the beginning of a new cycle. This is a time for starting over, creating a new way of being and thinking. It is also a time for exposure, bringing things into the light of day, giving us the ability to trace things to their origins.

But this month it retrogrades until November, at first still in Aries, then in October traveling back into Pisces. Jupiter retrograde in Aries can be about the perceived need to create a Noah's Ark, to escape. Jupiter retrograde in Pisces is a symbol of discipleship, committing to something, some teaching greater than oneself. All of this seems so appropriate for the current shift of the Ages themselves. This is like a last gasp from the Age of Pisces for the old teachings, the old dogma while the Age of Aquarius is about the need for thinking and believing in new ways, as if we really did all come from the same Source and we really can all work together. Now that's a dance worth dancing!

Everyone: Delta Aquarids Meteor Shower peaks July 28, 29. Normally an average show, New Moon creates darker than usual skies.

ARIES ♈ **Planet: Mercury** ♀ **MARCH 20 – APRIL 19**

Dynamic: A lot of shifting energies this month.

Direction: Be willing to dance!

Soul Thought: Which will it be?

TAURUS ♉ **Planet: Vulcan** ♁ **APRIL 19 – MAY 20**

Dynamic: Lots of changes can mean lots of confusion

Direction: But actually, the way is clear... visually!

Soul Thought: And in other ways?

GEMINI ♊ **Planet: Venus** ♀ **MAY 20 – July 20**

Dynamic: Communication may break down.

Direction: Family is the key.

Soul Thought: Notice we didn't say, "the problem."

CANCER ♋ **Planet: Neptune** ♆ **July 20 – JULY 22**

Dynamic: A rare time free of confusion.

Direction: Now is the time to act.

Soul Thought: "They always say time changes things, but you actually have to change them yourself!" Andy Warhol.

LEO ♌ **Planet: Sun** ☉ **JULY 22 – AUG 22**

Dynamic: It's your strongest time of year.

Direction: Choose when to roar like a lion.

Soul Thought: Or purr like a pussycat.

VIRGO ♍ **Planet: Moon** ☾ **AUG 22 – SEPT 22**

Dynamic: You may reflect that which is around you more than ever.

Direction: Be SuperMoon.

Soul Thought: When to reflect and when to shine?

LIBRA ♎ **Planet: Uranus** ♁ **SEPT 22 – OCT 22**

Dynamic: That chronic condition might have lightened up recently.

Direction: Just say it has.

Soul Thought: "Words can Change your Brain." Book

SCORPIO ♏ **Planet: Mars** ♂ **OCT 22 – NOV 21**

Dynamic: That potentially explosive situation should resolve by mid-month.

Direction: Define precious resources.

Soul Thought: What's worth arguing over?

SAGITTARIUS ♐ **Planet: Earth** ☉ **NOV 21 – DEC 20**

Dynamic: Shifting relationships.

Direction: The focus could be on the big picture.

Soul Thought: Think: Hologram.

CAPRICORN ♑ **Planet: Saturn** ♄ **DEC 20 – JAN 19**

Dynamic: Rarely has the air, the view been so clear.

Direction: You can overlook the seeming faults of others.

Soul Thought: "And still, after all this time the Sun never says to the Earth, 'You owe me.' Look what happens with a love like that. It lights the whole sky." — Hafiz

AQUARIUS ♒ **Planet: Jupiter** ♃ **JAN 19 – FEB 18**

Dynamic: It really is a cosmic dance.

Direction: Choose to participate.

Soul Thought: What does it mean to start a new cycle?

PISCES ♓ **Planet: Pluto** ♇ **FEB 18 – MAR 20**

Dynamic: Things should be feeling lighter.

Direction: Go to Black Mountains.

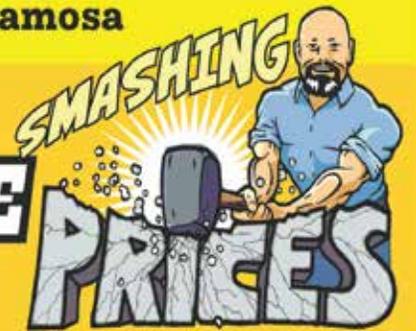
Soul Thought: From the deepest depths to the highest peaks.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR • JULY 2022

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO EVERYONE BORN IN JULY!

JULY 4: MON 10:00 am
4th of July Parade in Red River

JULY 5: TUES 9:30 – 11:30 am
Summer Reading Program at the Questa Public Library. It's "Blue Tuesday" so be sure to wear blue... is water really blue? Take a virtual reality tour around the world with a favorite teacher! Fun, food, and prizes. Call (575) 586-2023 for more info.

JULY 8: FRI 9:00 am – Noon
Food for All at North Central NM Food Pantry, 140 Embargo Rd. in Questa. (575) 586-1807 or (505) 238-1145; www.questafoodpantry.org

9:30 – 11:30 am
Summer Reading Program at the Questa Public Library. Is there more to our lakes, rivers, and streams than just fish? A Forest Service representative will help answer these and other questions. More fun and prizes! Call (575) 586-2023 for more info.

JULY 9: SAT 1:00 – 4:00 pm
Questa Studio Art Tour Invitational Preview Show. Snacks will be served, and the exhibit will run through September. At the Questa Public Library. For more information about the QSAT, please see northernnewmexicoartists.com

JULY 12: TUES 9:30 – 11:30 am
Summer Reading Program at the Questa Public Library. Reuse it! Recycle! Let's find out more about our part in a cleaner, greener world. Bring an old t-shirt and we will give it a new life as a bag. Bring something you were going to throw away and figure out how to reuse it. Snacks and prizes! Call (575) 586-2023 for more info.

6:00 pm
Village of Questa Town Council Meeting in person at Village Council Chambers. For agenda see VOQ Website or *Questa Del Rio News* Facebook page or call (575) 586-0694.

6:00 pm
Questa Independent Schools Board Meeting In person and live streamed: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCuLsXpB9jyDriW0iuG> Dates have changed and are not available at presstime. Please call to confirm meeting dates: (575) 586-0421.

JULY 13: WED 6:00 pm
Questa Business Entrepreneurial Network (QBEN) Promoting Questa area businesses, everyone is welcome to attend and share info about your business with the community. In person at Rael's Store and Coffee Shop and via Zoom, email for zoom link: lynn@questaedf.com

JULY 15: FRI 9:30 – 11:30 am
Summer Reading Program at the Questa Public Library. "THE END" of the Reading Program - let's have a party! Fun games and activities, special prizes, pizza, and our colossal bicycle drawing! Call (575) 586-2023 for more info.

JULY 15-16: FRI-SAT Noon
5th Annual Nuevo Americana Music Festival. Torres Ranch, 4400 Hwy 522, Costilla, NM. Gates open at noon on Friday. Contact Chris Arellano at (541) 223-2614 or quitboxman@live.com

3:00 pm
Cerro VFW Post #9516, monthly meeting at 108 NM Highway 378 in Cerro. (575) 586-1112 or litameadphoto@gmail.com. Please call to confirm meeting date.

JULY 18: MON Noon
Questa Economic Development Fund Board Meeting. In person at the Questa Visitor Center and via Zoom, for link contact lynn@questaedf.com

6:00 pm
Neighborhood Watch Meeting and potluck to bring our communities together (Questa, Cerro, Costilla, Amalia, Sunshine, Latir/El Rito, etc) to express concerns and ideas to keep our communities safe. At the Vida Del Norte Coalition Office, 62 Highway 38 in Questa is held every third Monday of the month. Please contact Jason Gonzalez for more information: lowrider632000@live.com; (575) 741-5013. All are invited.

JULY 19: TUES 9:30 – 10:00 am
Bookmobile at Questa Post Office; no school stops in June! (575) 376-2474; laura.gonzales@state.nm.us

JULY 21: THURS 2:00 – 3:00 pm
Questa One-on-One Business Counseling drop-in hour by the Small Business Development Center at UNM-Taos with Anwar Kaelin. FREE and CONFIDENTIAL. <https://zoom.us/j/5757376219> Join by phone: +1 346 248 7799. For appointments call (575) 737-6219.

JULY 22: FRI 9:00 am – Noon
Food for All at North Central NM Food Pantry, 140 Embargo Rd. in Questa. (575) 586-1807 or (505) 238-1145; www.questafoodpantry.org

JULY 24: SUN: 3:00 pm
Annual Meeting for the Latir Neighborhood Association and the Vecinos Virsylvia Land and Neighborhood Association at the Cerro Community Center located on Highway 378 and Abrogadero Road in Cerro, NM. (575) 586-1055.

JULY 25-29: MON - FRI 6:00 – 8:30 pm
Free Kids' Sports Camp for 6-15 year olds, three different sports. Sponsored by Faith Mountain, River Community Church, Freedom Center Church, and Living Word Ministries. Call to register and for more information (575) 613-8010.

JULY 25-27: MON-WED 6:00 – 8:30 pm
Free Creative Arts Camp for 4-12 year olds, dance, music, and art. Sponsored by Faith Mountain, River Community Church, Freedom Center Church, and Living Word Ministries. Call to register and for more information (575) 613-8010.

JULY 25: MON 6:00 pm
Vida Del Norte Coalition monthly meeting at Vida office, 62 Highway 38. Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82819602608> (575) 779-2260; maria.gonzalez@vidadelnorte.com.

JULY 26: TUES 6:00 pm
Village of Questa Town Council Meeting in person at Village Council Chambers, for agenda call (575) 586-0694.

6:00 PM
Questa Independent Schools Board Meeting In person and live streamed: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCuLsXpB9jyDriW0iuG> Dates have changed and are not available at presstime. Please call to confirm meeting dates: (575) 586-0421.

JULY 30: SAT 6:30am Registration
Enchanted Forest Trail Race in Red River. 8-mile, half marathon and full marathon runs. For more information and updates, visit <https://geminiadventures.com/enchanted-forest-trail-races/> or <https://www.facebook.com/GeminiAdventures>

WEEKLY**SUNDAYS**

10:00 am – 2:00 pm
Questa Farmers Market & the new Questa Art Market, next to Questa Visitor Center. Every Sunday through October 2. <https://questafarmersmarket.org/>; (575) 224-2102. For the Questa Art Market, please contact Lynn@questaedf.com or (575) 586-2149.

July Music Line-up for Questa Farmers Market

JULY 3: Michael Rael and Guests
JULY 10: Owen Robert Johnson
JULY 17: Madcat Jack Lorang
JULY 24: The Arcane Ramblers
JULY 31: Blue Cloud: Caitlin and Sebastian

3:00 – 5:00 pm
Free Intro to Weaving Workshop, Questa Youth Center, next to the library. Contact Nick at (847) 691-1250 to reserve your space. All skill levels are welcome. Materials provided. Every Sunday through July 31.

MONDAYS

Classes at Yoga Sala. Check website for times and offerings, at yogasalaquesta.org/.

TUESDAYS

Classes at Yoga Sala. Check website for times and offerings, at yogasalaquesta.org/.

WEDNESDAY

Classes at Yoga Sala. Check website for times and offerings, at yogasalaquesta.org/.

9:00 am – 3:00 pm
Repurposing Plastic Project: Come smash plastic and make wire walls! Meet the team, work your body, lift your spirit, and help the planet! At the old "Movies at Home" building opposite Questa SuperMarket on Hwy 522. Call (575) 770-8681 or (575) 224-7386. Also meets Fridays.

10:00 am – 11:30 am
Oceans of Possibilities summer reading program at Red River Public Library. Listen to sea-sational stories from guest readers, make ocean-themed crafts with your friends, and read books for tickets to win fun-tastic prizes at our weekly raffles. The program is geared toward children 12 and under and visitors to the area are welcome to attend. Last day is July 27. More (575) 754-6564.

11:30 am – 12:30 pm
Wildcat Kitty Club at the Questa Public Library, for our younger population, ages 0-3. Stories, songs, and play. The fourth Wednesday of the month will feature our friends from Taos First Steps. (575) 586-2023.

6:00 – 8:00 pm
Bible Studies Series, Freedom Center Church 2558 Hwy 522, Questa. Facilitated by Pastor Johnny. All are welcome to join on Zoom or in person. For link contact Pastor Kristi (575) 770-1714.

THURSDAYS

2:30 – 4:30 pm
Dropped Stitch Club at the Questa Public Library. We knit. We crochet. We laugh. We teach. We learn. Bring your latest project. If it has a fiber, it counts! All skill levels are welcome. Call the library for more information at (575) 586-2023.

6:00 pm
Thursday Night Jam Session at Rael's Market & Coffee House; bring your instrument to jam or just bring yourself and enjoy. Free! 2430 NM-Hwy 522 in Questa (575) 779-9249.

FRIDAYS

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6:00 pm
New Thirst Group: a Christian Approach to Recovery at Living Word Ministries, 14 Llano Rd., Questa. (575) 613-8010.

6:00 – 8:00 pm
Live Music every other Friday with Chris Arellano and family and friends, 101 Bar & Grill (formerly The Crazy Beaver), 101 County Rd 13.2, Garcia, CO 81152. Please call to confirm (719) 672-9022.

SATURDAYS

Classes at Yoga Sala. Check website for times and offerings, at yogasalaquesta.org/.

DAILY

Community Activities offered at Red the River Community House. Check calendar and please verify at <https://www.redrivercommunityhouse.org/calendar>; (575) 754-2349.

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FOR SALE:

St. James Episcopal Church Summer Rummage Sale: Friday, July 8 from 3:00 to 7:00 pm and Saturday July 9:00 am to 1:00 pm Clothing for all ages and occupations, household, office, and outdoor sporting goods, collectables and more. All proceeds go to outreach programs at St. James Episcopal Church, 208 Camino de Santiago in Taos. For more information contact (575) 770-6674.

FOR RENT

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Part-time assistant editor needed at Questa Del Rio News Duties include writing, editing, photography, and working

with technology. Experience with grantwriting and fundraising a plus. Must have ability to meet deadlines and interact with the public. Pay depends upon experience. Call us or email us! (575) 586-2149; news@questaedf.com.

NOTICES

Questa Studio Art Tour! Coming this summer, August 13-14. Mark your calendars and look for tour maps at Rael's Market & Coffee House, ArtQuesta, or Questa Visitor Center. northernnewmexicoartists.com

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Questa One-on-One Business Counseling Drop-in Hour by the Small Business Development Center at UNM-Taos with Anwar Kaelin. FREE

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JULY QUOTE FROM LISA FOX:

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LOST & FOUND

After the Red River Car show in June, some items from a vehicle went missing. An older model green Jeep is missing green canvas doors w/ yellowed plastic windows. These doors cannot be replaced. If you see them or know their whereabouts, please contact Scott at (505) 280-6417.

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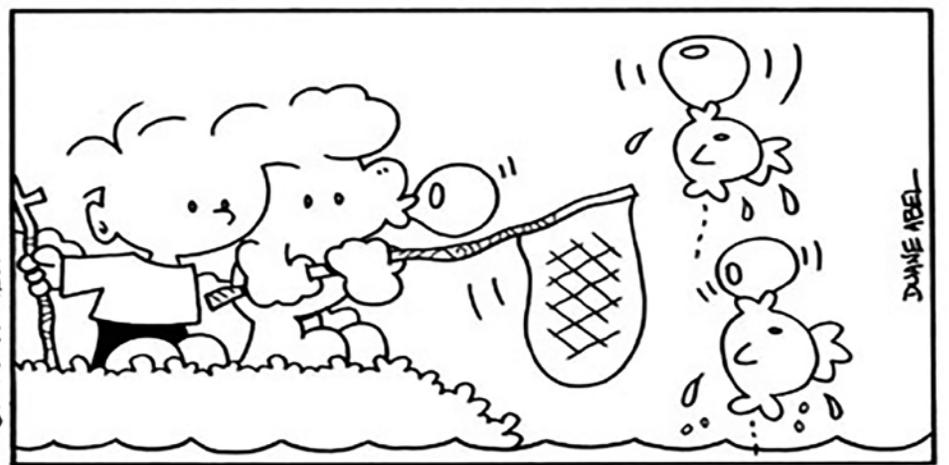
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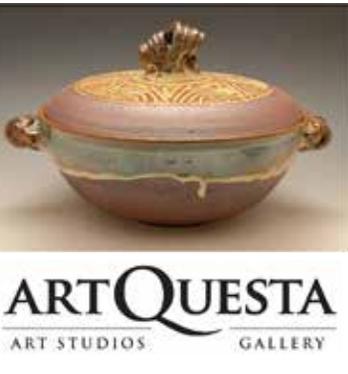
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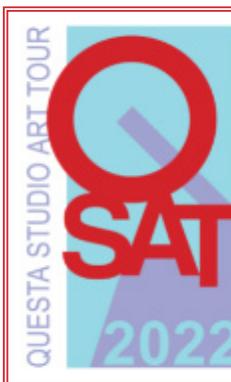
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