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CRIME UPDATE: SUSPECT APPREHENDED!

by LINDSAY MAPES

In early August, State Police apprehended an individual with stolen property that can be pinpointed to the robberies that were sweeping through Taos County last month. If you have any property that was stolen, it is recommended you contact the Questa Police Department to identify your property. The individual that was caught was not from the Questa area. There are believed to be other individuals passing through town from Colorado that are committing acts of burglary. "They know we're on to them, so they're moving stuff around and hiding property," said Chief of Police, Nick Lamendola. He also noted that there have not been any reported burglaries in Questa since the individual was apprehended. Thank you to Questa Police, New Mexico State Police and the Taos County Sheriff's office for your coordinated efforts and for keeping us safe! As usual, continue to lock your doors and be aware of anything strange. Report any unusual activity to 911.

"ROOTS~RAICES" at NeoRio 2018!



Courtesy of LEAP

Artist talk at NeoRio 2015 at Wild Rivers, Rio Grande del Norte National Monument

by CLAIRE COTÉ

NeoRio offers thought-provoking art installations right on the rim of the Rio Grande Gorge, along with a farm-to-table feast, poetry and music. Questa is proud to be a part of the biggest outdoor contemporary art weekend of the year. This outdoor contemporary art and community event is an opportunity to discover the sublime Wild Rivers area of the Rio Grande del Norte National Monument, or to experience it in a whole new way. Now in its 10th year, each annual event offers a unique experience.

NeoRio's theme this year is Roots ~ Raices, which "digs deeper" into the botanical strand of recent years. Roots are mysterious, complex, often unseen,

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but also innate and essential. This year's theme intentionally encourages deep, metaphorical exploration and interpretation, invoking concepts of cultural herit-

age and place as well as other discoveries throughout the afternoon and evening. Featured artists include Scott Sutton, Kacie Smith and students of the UNM Land Arts of the American West program.

Land Arts of the American West - LAAW (LandArts.unm.edu) is a semester long, full-time, studio art program at the University of New Mexico, committed to mentoring undergraduate and graduate students into the field of Art & Ecology. LAAW Artists will convene at Wild Rivers before the event and camp on-site as they intimately explore the Rio Grande gorge.

NeoRio contributing artists are Martha Shepp and Nicholette Jean Coddling.

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What is Enough? The Amalia Tragedy

GUEST EDITORIAL
by TANYA BADGER

Living in a small community, what happens to one person always affects the entire community. The incident with the property near Amalia that my husband I own is certainly proof. We engaged with the people on our land frequently until the end of April or early May, when we learned that there were warrants out from Georgia for the adult male and a missing boy. We immediately contacted the number listed on the missing boy poster and spoke with Clayton County law enforcement, then called N.M. State Police, the missing and exploited children hot line, the FBI, and Taos County Sheriff Office. We told all those agencies that we saw the missing boy and his father, and that they were on our land. It would be more than three months later before anything significant was done by law enforcement.

After law enforcement raided the compound we endured our struggle with the fact that the missing child was found dead and buried on our property. We strenuously questioned ourselves, wondering if we did everything we could, if we could have done more to help this poor child. Law enforcement

made statements that there was not enough evidence to act sooner. What else could we have possibly done to give law enforcement enough probable cause? Why couldn't they investigate this sick and missing child's case as soon as we reported it?

What is enough? Law enforcement of all types failed this community, failed us, and failed this child. Law enforcement failed to protect an innocent, sick, helpless child who was incapable of speaking out or protecting himself. Regardless of when this child passed, law enforcement took too long to react to this child's case and failed to react to our concerns about those who were on our property. How is any missing child ever found if law enforcement does not act when eye witnesses state that they have seen that child and on more than one occasion? How could the system fail those who it was created to protect?

Going forward we hope that law enforcement can educate not only us, but the entire community on what should be done when a missing child is sited. What does the community have to do to ensure that action is taken immediately and that no other child suffers such a tragic fate? How do we prevent something like this from happening again in our community? If the "See something, say something" slogan does not trigger action, what will?

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Thank you so much for the article about my new fish guiding business in your monthly paper. It was exactly what I thought it would be when it went to print, couldn't be happier!!!

CHRISTOPHER MICHAEL
RIO GRANDE DEL NORTE OUTFITTERS

Paper is just growing and there is so much going on in our community, it is so good to have the paper to keep us in the loop of the goings on. I noticed that the Fishing Derby read that it was the first annual, but it was actually the second annual derby. Just thought I'd share that with you.

DINA COLEMAN
QEDF EVENTS COORDINATOR

The father is the head of the household, but the mother is the neck. She will turn the head as she pleases.

LORI JARAMILLO

**THE PARADOXICAL
COMMANDMENTS**
by DR. KENT M. KEITH

People are illogical, unreasonable, and self-centered.
Love them anyway.
If you do good, people will accuse you of selfish ulterior motives.
Do good anyway.
If you are successful, you will win false friends and true enemies.
Succeed anyway.
The good you do today will be

forgotten tomorrow.
Do good anyway.
Honesty and frankness make you vulnerable.
Be honest and frank anyway.
The biggest men and women with the biggest ideas can be shot down by the smallest men and women with the smallest minds.
Think big anyway.
People favor underdogs but follow only top dogs.
Fight for a few underdogs anyway.
What you spend years building may be destroyed overnight.
Build anyway.

People really need help but may attack you if you do help them.
Help people anyway.
Give the world the best you have and you'll get kicked in the teeth.
Give the world the best you have anyway.

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Dr. Kent Keith wrote this in 1968 and learned in 1997 that it had hung in Mother Theresa's children's home in Calcutta, India for many decades and it was widely ascribed to her.

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Celebrating our 4th year of integrating our unique New Mexico culture with global best practices, The Leadership Journey offers rising leaders in our community an opportunity to strengthen professional qualities. Our alumni are from Taos Pueblo, Taos Ski Valley, Kit Carson Electric Co-op, Ace Hardware, local banks, non-profits, insurance agencies, restaurants, lodging, plumbing businesses, school district employees, government employees, and entrepreneurs. Participants grow a powerful leadership presence, build outstanding customer service skills, and participate as leaders in our community through service projects (this year we had a special focus on helping people and the community with addictions). Additional outcomes include the ability to: Manage commitments, responsibilities, team & time; advance communication skills; enhance public speaking competencies; implement new management knowledge and practices; and align personal and organizational values as embodied leaders.

The program structure consists of a day and a half launch session in Sept 2018,



NMBE Leadership program offers guest speakers who regularly meet with our participants. Shown here is Allen Webber talking to students in a relaxed, outdoor setting.

four quarterly 2-day classroom sessions, concluding with graduation in August 2019. All sessions are held in Taos, NM. Guest speakers at sessions are members of our business, political and non-profit community, as well as program alumni. We experientially learn leadership presence, language and models. Participants gain self-awareness about their leadership and communication styles through leadership assessment inventories, and practice team dynamics through group learning labs. In between sessions there is fieldwork, consisting of one-on-one coaching, reading, meeting with learning partners, creating a community project with a project team, group coaching calls



Being a great leader involves solving every kind of problem in work and play. Here participants in a group exercise untie a human knot through co-operation and teamwork.

and building a Leadership Development Plan to actualize with the support of an organizational mentor.

Testimonials from past participants

include: “I have greater confidence and initiative in networking with other professionals in my field,” “...I have come to the realization that I have been contributing as a leader, I believe I can continue to grow,” “we have begun to express ourselves more as a team...” Questa Village Council Member John Ortega, a member of The Leadership Journey Cohort 3, expressed “I’ve become more vocal and able to take on more projects.”

NMBE Executive Director Andrew Cox says, “Our local staff is passionate about bringing the practices we’ve learned in our national and global business experiences back to our beloved local community. We designed The Leadership Journey to meet the needs we heard expressed by local organizational leaders and seek to encourage and elevate organizational excellence and local economic development.”

Sponsorship by individuals or organizations help support our program by providing subsidies for participants and to help pay for program costs such as facility rental and meals. For more information about becoming a sponsor, visit <http://nmbusinessexcellence.org/sponsorship/>.

— Rachel Cohen

Program enrollment ends August 27th and is extended for Questa Del Rio Colorado News readers! Visit <http://nmbusinessexcellence.org>.

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Embracing the Entrepreneurial Spirit

BUSINESS PROFILE
by LINDSAY MAPES

When George Rael and Lori Ortega chose Questa to settle down and start a family, they determined early on that working for someone else was not the road for them. Instead, owning their own business was appealing. “You have to work hard, but you’re working for yourself instead of someone else’s business,” said George about starting his own businesses.

George and Lori have started and operated four businesses, with lots of side projects keeping them and their three children very busy. But the hunting

service is where their hearts are and it started at least three generations ago with Fidel Martinez. “I hunted these mountains with my grandpa when I was seven years old, and then with my dad. Grandpa Martinez ran sheep and cows all over the mountains in Questa and I would help him, help the neighbors pick up lost sheep,” said George. This led to a lifelong infatuation with the outdoors and with the mountains of Questa.

George’s father, George Sr., was a hard rock miner for 40 years. From Questa, he traveled to find work in the mining industry but always returned home to Questa. After George graduated from Questa High School, he did what many

young men in Questa have done for generations; he began working at Molycorp Mine. “It sort of chapped me that I had to be at work every day when I wanted to be in the mountains,” said George. At the mine, George was able to work his way up to foreman and received his welding certificate and several heavy equipment operating certificates. He knew the mining business wasn’t going to be around forever, and that’s not what George wanted to do for the rest of his life. When some hunting buddies suggested he look into starting a guide business in 2012, that is exactly what he did.

Premier Outfitters, LLC was born in 2014. “Some fellow hunters were

impressed with the way I carried myself and how I knew the mountain, so that encouraged me to take hunting seriously. I gave it a shot and here we are,” said George of the motivation to turn his passion and lifelong knowledge into a business. Every member of the family plays a role. Lori prepares all the food for the fully-guided hunting experiences. Little George, 16 years old and a Junior at Questa High School, does just about everything that George does. “He wants to take over the business from his daddy one day, and so he works very hard at it, putting his whole heart into it and never asks for a dime,” said Lori with pride. Luke, who is 10 and in the 5th grade at

Alta Vista Elementary School in Questa, helps on some of the hunts too, as well as helps with watering and feeding the horses. Even seven-year-old Alexia, in second grade, plays a role in the hunts.

"It wasn't a plan to bring the kids into the business, but my dad brought me up like that and it just sort of carried on. They took to it," said George. The kids complete their morning chores and are part of most of the five-day hunts on the weekends before they head down the mountain to the grandparents for school days.

"It can be hard," said Lori. She wakes up every day at 3:00AM to start the breakfast preparations for the day. She sends the hunters out with fresh, hot breakfast burritos and a sack lunch. After the first two meals are prepared, she and the kids take care of the cleaning at basecamp on the mountain and then care for the horses. Then it's back to meals in getting dinner ready. The best part of the hunts are the campfires each night. "They LOVE that, sitting around the campfire, talking about the hunt the next day, or talk about experience they had from getting an elk. They don't want it to end," said Lori about the incredible experience their guests have.

Premier Outfitters offers a unique hunting experience. The guiding is almost always one-on-one, not a group setting. "This way, our guests get a very customized experience. They get George all to themselves," said Lori. The hunts are five days long. And the whole family is involved, which is unique. "One of the best parts of this business is the people

you meet. We've made so many lifelong friends," said George.

Shortly after Premier Outfitters was started, George and Lori realized that their out of town hunting guests needed a place to stay. They decided to build a few cabins on their property to fill the gap. "We thought, we should give this a try, why not?" They list the cabins on www.VRBO.com. "It's so easy with smart phones," said Lori. Lori's people skills come in handy when interact-

ing with guests, whether hunters or the general public.

Hunting season starts in August with the big horn sheep season and goes all the way into October with the elk muzzle loading. When it's not hunting season, George does welding on the side using the knowledge he acquired at the mine, and he has a second business

city and get a big-dog job. But I was in love and I knew I couldn't get George to move to the city. And even though I wanted to move to the city, my heart is here in Questa." George taught Lori to love hunting and the mountains just as much as he does. "When you get up early in the morning, it's dark, and you get to your hunting spot and the sun starts coming out, and you're just in awe of the scenery, the mountain, the green, the trees, the mist coming off of the ground. I'm hooked," said Lori.

When asked if George and Lori had any advice for other Questeños thinking about either renting out a room or home, or starting a new business, Lori said, "You can't be afraid to do it, that's what Questa needs, for people to try something. And it seems like a lot more people are trying to do it with their homes, to get lodging going, it's really nice to see that." George added, "The biggest thing is you can't give up. You'll never know how far you can go if you throw in the rag, you just gotta muscle your way through."

To contact any of the George Rael Jr. family businesses call (575)779-7037 or email georgespremierhuntingservices@yahoo.com

*"You can't be afraid to do it,
that's what Questa needs, for people
to try something.*

– George Rael Jr.

called Groundbreaking Excavation he started in February. Lori also started another business this winter called Cabres-to Landscape. "The two businesses go hand in hand," said George. If that wasn't enough, Lori works two days a week at Questa Lumber & Hardware. "I've been with Questa Lumber on and off for ten years. I'm a people person so I love it."

When asked about Lori's goals as a high school graduate back in the day, she said, "My intention was to go to the

Questa Business and Entrepreneur Network

by LINDSAY MAPES

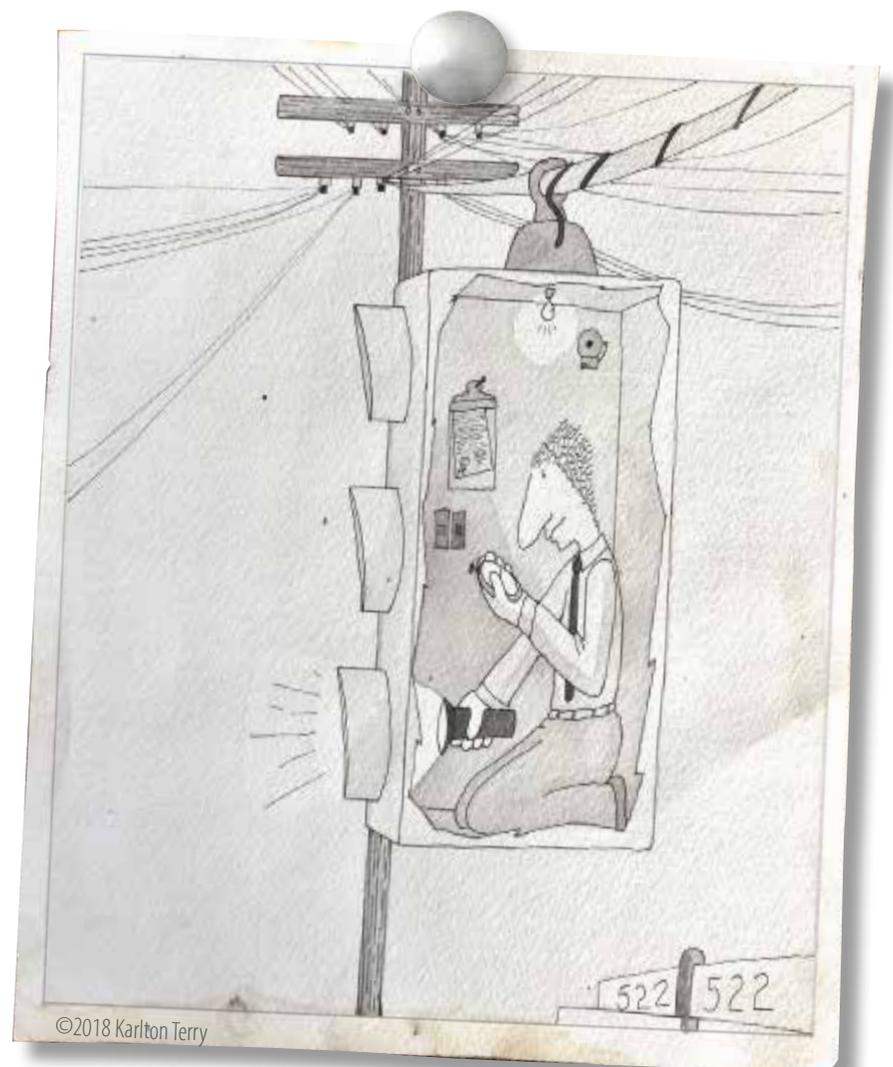
A few years ago, the Questa Business and Entrepreneurs Network, or QBEN for short, began meeting to discuss and create a networking alliance for local businesses. The group was successful in bringing together the local business community, but efforts fizzled and it didn't go further.

This go-around, Berna Trujillo from the Village Stop-n-Go, decided that Questa businesses were stronger together. "I have been wanting to get QBEN back together again for a while and the time is ripe," said Berna. A phone call was made to Frank Rael of Frank's Eats & Sweets and a couple of weeks later the group converged. About a dozen Questa

business people gathered after hours last month to discuss how to build a business networking alliance in Questa.

"I think we were successful for our first gathering," said Malaquias Rael, Jr, owner of NorthStar Auto & Tires. Each entrepreneur introduced themselves, their business, and talked about what was new with their establishments. "It was great to hear what was happening with all of these businesses that I pass by everyday but don't necessarily get the time to stop in and talk because I'm so busy running my business," said Berna.

Off to a positive start, QBEN will host their second meeting on Wednesday, September 12 at 7:00PM at Frank's Eats & Sweets in Questa. Light snacks will be served, and all are welcome to attend.



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Lava Tube Springs: Dancing Stones in the Rio Grande Gorge

by DR. MARK WHITE

Additional reporting by
Dr. Paul Bauer and Local Guides
Rob and Tracy Preston

One of New Mexico's natural wonders distinguishes the Rio Grande Gorge between Ute Mountain and Sunshine Valley Road. Known to some locals as "The Big Boil," the largest spring in the state was unknown to science before 2009. At what geologists now call Lava Tube Spring, thousands of gallons of artesian water a minute flowing into the river clears away sediments from above the riverbed. As new sediments roll down the Rio Grande, this spring throws them up to the surface where smaller stones continue downstream and larger stones fall back into its crater to recirculate up to the surface. This remarkable spring is the stuff of local lore, with many people searching for it but not finding it, most likely because only very low river levels make it visible.

Dr. Paul Bauer is Emeritus Principal Geologist from New Mexico Tech and author of "The Rio Grande: A River Guide to the Geology and Landscapes of Northern New Mexico." Dr. Bauer put Lava Tube Spring on the map, documenting "...spectacular dancing plumes of gravel that look like volcanic eruptions." One possible origin for the spring ground water is flow through a lava tube in the Servilleta Basalt. The downcutting river intersected the lava tube, resulting in the highly localized artesian vent. (See Figure 1 diagram) The Servilleta Basalt erupted and flowed across the Taos Plateau about 3 million years ago. Lava tubes are common features in the canyon walls.

The public owns lands right up to the gorge rim by Lava Tube Spring. As the BLM works with New Mexico to align the Rio Grande Trail in the Rio Grande del Norte National Monument, now is a good time to consider a local/state/federal partnership to improve public knowledge of, and access to, this amazing spring. This phenomenon may only last a geological blink of an eye and it's not always observable, so making it accessible while people can still appreciate it would be a boon for both interested tourists and for the people of Questa who would host them. September is an excellent time to visit the spring, as the water level is low and the dancing stones are clearly visible.

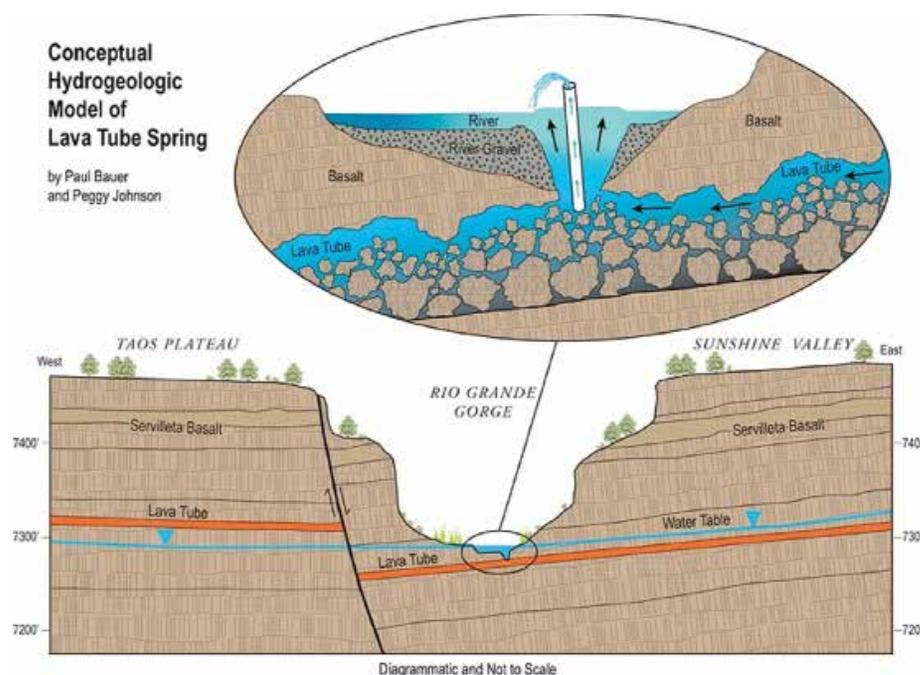
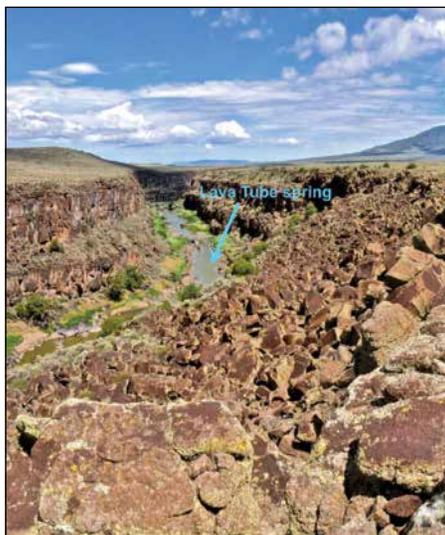


FIGURE 1: The spring is named Lava Tube Spring because our preferred Model for its existence is that pressurized groundwater flowing through a lava tube is venting from the river bottom.



It is believed that Lava Tube Spring is currently the largest single spring in New Mexico, emitting about 5,835 gpm. This marvelous spring could fill a large tanker truck in 90 seconds, and an olympic-size swimming pool in less than 2 hours. In comparison to other springs in New Mexico, Lava Tube Spring dwarfs the famous Ojo Caliente Springs, which discharge less than 100 gpm, and the Gila Hot Springs at about 150 gpm.



Currently public access is difficult. Dr. Bauer's expeditions, along with other scientists and recreationists, found the best way to see Lava Tube Spring is by boat, rafting being a very popular option. Although there are a number of rock cairns marking routes, descents are

quite treacherous. A recent guided tour offered this warning: "...participants who choose to hike down to the river-side from the rim will do so at their own risk. No trail exists from the rim and the walk down through the basalt talus is treacherous. Only sturdy hikers should



Underwater photo of a gravel plume in Lava Tube Spring. These dancing plumes consist of rounded river gravel as large as an inch in diameter.



Lava Tube Spring has excavated a 12-ft-deep, 15-ft-wide crater in the river bottom. Clearly visible in this photo is a plume of coarse gravel in the center of the crater. At higher water levels the spring vanishes from view.

attempt that walk." Lava Tube Spring merits improved public access through New Mexico public lands. That investment should help the Rio Grande Trail bring more visitors to Questa.

BLM's John Bailey says the agency will be working to improve access and trails to this "notable geologic feature." As the Rio Grande Trail continues to develop, hikes down to the gorge near the spring are included in their planning for the next few years. Bailey acknowledges a number of volunteer groups who help build and maintain the trails and do an excellent job and will be helping with the development of the trails to the spring. These include Wilderness Volunteers, the Rocky Mountain Youth Corps, and most recently the Enchanted Circle Trails Association.

We invite our readers to share their Lava Tube Springs/Dancing Stones stories with us! Send to the editor at news@questaedf.com.

Dr. Mark White of Cerro holds a Master's degree in Mineral Economics and a Ph.D. in Finance from the University of Arizona, in Tucson. His area of expertise is finding idle assets and looking for opportunities for economic growth.

Fishing in September: An Abnormal Year

by TONER MITCHELL

If 2018 wasn't New Mexico's driest year, I don't know what was. We received paltry winter snows, and it was rarely cold enough to warrant putting on a coat. Spring was warm as well and amazingly dry. Counter-intuitively, I relished the severe heat that settled in through late May and June, for I knew it portended a strong monsoon season. And I was right, everything's green from Santa Fe to Albuquerque, because it's rained at least once a week.

Not so in the north, where it's been crispy through the summer because the storms have not materialized. There's good news and bad news as-

sociated with this. The bad news, of course, is that the small streams are drying up, or have so little water that the fish are quick to spook. If not, the water's often so warm that the fish don't feel like eating.

Here's the good news: all is not lost. Trout have long had the reputation of being delicate and fragile, but this is far from true. Consider New Mexico, Questa in particular. If it's not hot, it's cold; it's snowing, blowing, avalanching or flash flooding. Animals don't survive here unless they're fit for rugged conditions. During this historic drought, although animals such as trout have suffered (sometimes fatally), most have adapted.

Understanding these adaptations

is important for successful fishing as we enter fall. Until irrigation season is over, the nights get longer, or we get some strong storms in the meantime, the factor with the most influence over fish behavior will be water temperature. Water has been too warm this year for normal fishing, but fish have adjusted by changing their hours. In other words, heavy feeding during the mid-day hours is out. Fish will prefer the cooler hours of evening but especially morning to do their dining. Seriously, set your alarm clock for first light and you won't be disappointed.

Understand that temperature-strained fish might prefer smaller bites to accommodate slower metabolisms (metabolism is like an engine in that if

it's not doing much it doesn't require a lot of fuel). The fisherperson might choose a small fly over a big one, or a fly over a spinner or spoon.

If you're planning on releasing your catch, you'll want to avoid the midday hours simply to reduce temperature stress on the fish. At any time of day, land fish quickly for the same reason. Use heavier line, though not so heavy as to limit your bites, and take the barbs off your hooks for quick removal. Minimize the amount of air time your fish have to endure, leaving them in the water if at all possible. If necessary, hold your fish underwater and move them back and forth to aid in its recovery.



Photo by Toner Mitchell

Rainbow trout found in the Rio Grande is one of the most temperature tolerant of the trouts.



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The Brown trout, noted for being yellow with a brown back is found in the Rio Grande and like the Rainbow trout is very temperature tolerant.

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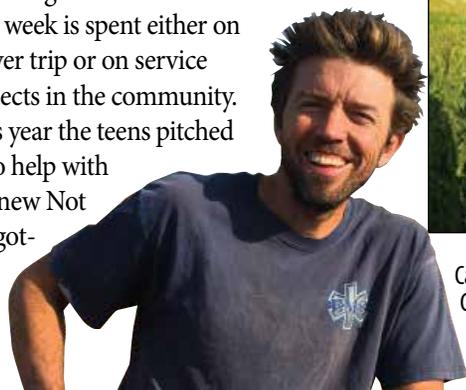
by OAK BLACKHEART

When Daniel Hutchison lived in El Rito as a child, he had such fond memories of that time that he returned in 1996. He brought with him the desire to live an environmentally responsible life and to be of service to others in the community. This goal led him as a young man into guiding hikes to the Rio Grande Gorge with Wild River Tours. At age 22, Daniel began working at, and eventually running, Aaron and Maggie Rael's Singing River Day Camp. Since the early 1990s, the day camp has served Questa kids with a curriculum of intercultural and ecological literacy on the Rael's ranch in Cabresto Canyon. At Singing River Daniel continued to mold his vision of a camp experience that would teach children how to live happy and meaningful lives.

A few years later, Daniel was working with Wyman Edwards to start an outdoor adventure summer camp. While teaching a wild land fire academy, he met Dr. John (Bud) Wilson. Since 1985, Bud—a pioneering heart surgeon—had been providing a summer camp on his 700-acre ranch in Lama. The three men decided to collaborate on Bud's month-long camp, the Sangre de Cristo Youth Ranch.

Since then the residential program has been a constantly evolving camp for kids ages 8-12 years where the goal is "self-reliance through interdependence". This completely cost-free camp for the participants includes days filled with work projects around the ranch and in the surrounding community. Enrichment activities include hikes and swimming and just plain fun in the evenings where the campers play games and sing. This is a place where kids can leave all their problems behind and reinvent themselves while learning valuable lessons in respect, leadership, team building, conflict resolution and the joy of service.

In 2007 a teen program was added for kids 13 to 15 years of age. This two-week program is an overnight camp that revolves around a 7-day wilderness hike in the high Colorado Rockies. The first week is spent either on a river trip or on service projects in the community. This year the teens pitched in to help with the new Not Forgotten



Daniel Hutchison



Photo by Oak Blackheart
Two kids at the Sangre de Cristo Youth Ranch



Photo by Oak Blackheart
Sangre de Cristo Youth Ranch Wild Camp campers go with the flow in the upper Rio near Ute Mountain



Photo by Oak Blackheart
Roots & Wings students make s'mores during a regular school day at Sangre de Cristo Youth Ranch



Photo by Oak Blackheart
Roots & Wings student make peak.

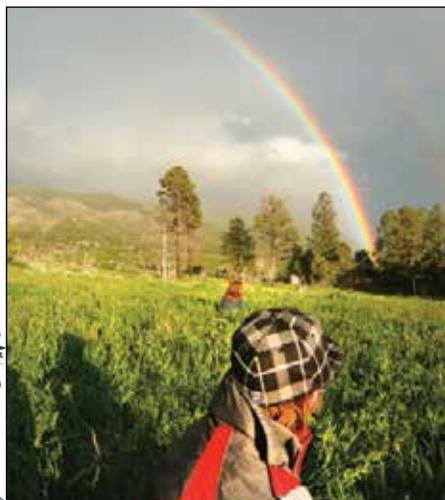


Photo by Oak Blackheart
Campers are at the end of the rainbow at Sangre de Cristo Youth Ranch



Photo by Oak Blackheart
Roots & Wings students head up Lama Canyon on a regular school day

Outreach Veterans Gardening project in Taos. They have also helped at St. James Food Pantry as well as doing work on a women's shelter in Taos. This camp helps the teenagers learn to work in a team and all campers are responsible for planning and cooking meals as well as helping to make decisions about activities through consensus. There's also plenty of time to laugh and enjoy the great outdoors together. Since phones are not allowed, it gives the campers a chance to experience how much more there is to do each day without the distraction of tech devices. Musical instruments are encouraged and singing is always a fun part of the evening campfire. Exact dates for the July 2019 teen camp are yet to be determined.

The one-week day camp at Singing River Ranch will take place in 2019 from

mid-June to mid-July, exact schedule not yet decided. Cost of the camp is on a sliding scale, so a tight family budget can't stop any campers from attending.

In order to defray the camp cost, a non-profit organization called Localogy was established in 2008. The goal of Localogy is: "move passive consumers into being active producers of livelihoods and culture". This 501-c3 organization partners with LEAP, the Questa Farmers Market as well as the camps at Sangre de Cristo Youth Ranch, Singing River and other entities in the community.

Daniel Hutchison welcomes input about other things that Localogy can help make happen in our communities. If you have questions, please contact Daniel at: www.localogy.org or 575-613-6805. Localogy, HC 81 Box 41, Questa, NM 87556

Library Summer Reading Program Wraps Up The Season

by SHARON NICHOLSON

Thanks to many parents, 11 volunteers, two librarians, four very special performers, and 25 lively youngsters, the Questa Library rocked this summer! Dawn Provencher created incredible weekly programs for our volunteers to present. The program ended July 27. Our total attendance for the nine weeks was 208, including adults, with an average of nine kids attending weekly. Rachel Leon, Andy Mason, Dulcimer Dan Arterburn, and Chris Arellano, all made quality presentations entertaining and educating our kids. Volunteers who made the program happen were Judy Rutledge, Lynn Galusky, Linda Betz, Margaret Lejuste, Linda Nicholson, Quannah King, Olga Gressot, Esperanza

Quintana, Elena Quintana, and Ann Gleeson.

The Questa Hardware folks loaned us their snow cone machine (operated by our Village Administrator, Nicholas Maestas!) and Taos Mountain Energy Bars provided snacks. Jay's Thrift Store loaned us some great props. We made everything from bird whistles to rain sticks, ate some creative snacks, and played awesome games. (Those rain sticks obviously worked!) A special surprise on the last day was a new backpack for each kid. Credit goes to Chevron Mine for a generous grant that provided us with programs, supplies, prizes, and program themed books for our collection that the kids used to amass a grand total of 7,960 minutes read during the program. Libraries Rock!



Photo by Margaret Lejuste

Young readers show off their new backpacks, one of the many benefits of the Library's Summer Reading Program.

Creative Problem Solving Fills Staffing Gaps

by LINDSAY MAPES

There are several new teachers in the halls of Questa Independent School District this year and they're excited. Thanks in part to a cultural exchange program to fill vacancies for nearly impossible positions to fill that have been vacant for months, if not years, Superintendent Salazar utilized the Federal J-1 program to fill some of those gaps.

"We have new teachers coming from the Philippines to fill some of these vacant positions that have been published throughout the state. Positions like math teachers that went unfilled most of last year. Math and science teachers are difficult to find," said LeAnne.

The Philippines has gained a reputation for producing very smart self-starters that are willing to advance their careers outside of their home country. It's not uncommon for our neighboring ski resorts to use the J-1 Program to recruit international residents to fill their vacant positions, too. So why not use the program to fill our teaching vacancies? "These teachers are incredibly intelligent and want to be part of the community and part of the Church," added Salazar. The Filipino teachers are Charicel Roque, M. Lilibeth DeLa Pena, Emely Guzon, Seanna Jean Jacildo and Nickie Sann Bravo.

In addition to at least five new teachers from overseas, there are some familiar



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Back row: Felipe Blea, Geri Roybal, Rhonda Gomez, Sophia Rodriguez, Amelia Eshleman, LeAnne Salazar **Front row:** Laura Vallejos, Elizabeth Williams, Nickie Sann Bravo, Seanna Jean Jacildo

teachers returning to the District after a hiatus. Sophia Rodriguez, a bilingual teacher for grades K-6 is returning along with third grade teacher, Jeri Roybal. If you walk the halls of Questa Schools you'll also meet enthusiastic sixth grade teacher, Amelia Eshleman along with a new music teacher, Elizabeth Williams, who just finished her master's degree in Texas and is creating a new music program and Marie Avery will be teaching Social Studies and Journalism.

We are also pleased to welcome Sophie Moreno as our new school nurse and Donna Abreau as our new school counselor. It is shaping up for a great school year in our district!



Courtesy Photo

LeAnne Salazar, QISD Superintendent was selected to participate in the National ALAS Leadership Program.

ALAS Announces 2018-2019 Superintendents Leadership Academy Class

WASHINGTON, D.C.—August 1, 2018—The Association of Latino Administrators and Superintendents (ALAS) announced the participants selected for Cohort VIII of the Superintendents Leadership Academy. Questa Independent School District Superintendent, LeAnne Salazar was selected to participate.

The Superintendents Leadership Academy (SLA) is designed to prepare the next generation of Latino education leaders to serve as superintendents. With a rigorous application and interview process, 16 outstanding educators emerged from across the nation and were selected to engage in the year-long leadership opportunity. The leadership development program runs through May 2019.

Sticky Notes Are A Godsend



**LIVE
LOVE
LAUGH**
by Ellen Wood

I want to know the Mind of God. I want to live in the Mind of God. Actually, I want God to live through me. So, every day - almost every day I say, "Enter unhesitatingly, Beloved, for in this abode there is naught but my longing for thee," a quote from that great Sufi poet, Hazrat Inayat Khan.

Well, it hasn't happened yet—at least not that I'm aware of. I believe that I do live in the Mind of God, that is my real home. But it's my Higher Self, my Soul, that lives there, the one that is eternal, divine, pure and perfect.

My personality, the one I call "me," lives somewhat below that pure and perfect realm. To be clear, it's not that I think I'm bad. I love my life and believe

I'm on the right track. But I still perceive myself as separate from the Mind of God and judgment ensues, rather than discernment.

What does that judgment look like? Well, I get impatient and annoyed with telephone customer service reps who put me on hold and then go for a lunch break, and I get frustrated and sometimes shout when my printer gets jammed, and if I hear gossip, I might add my own two cents, and...you get the picture.

But I have a little trick up my sleeve that puts me back on the right track: sticky notes. They are a Godsend for when it comes to creating new habits that rejuvenate my life and allow me to be the best I can possibly be. I use the notes for a couple of my daily practices, including as reminders to watch my thoughts. I write "What Am I Thinking Right Now?" or just "WAITRN" on several notes and place them in plain sight around my house: on my kitchen counter, in my bedroom, in my bathroom...

Of course, I have to move them every

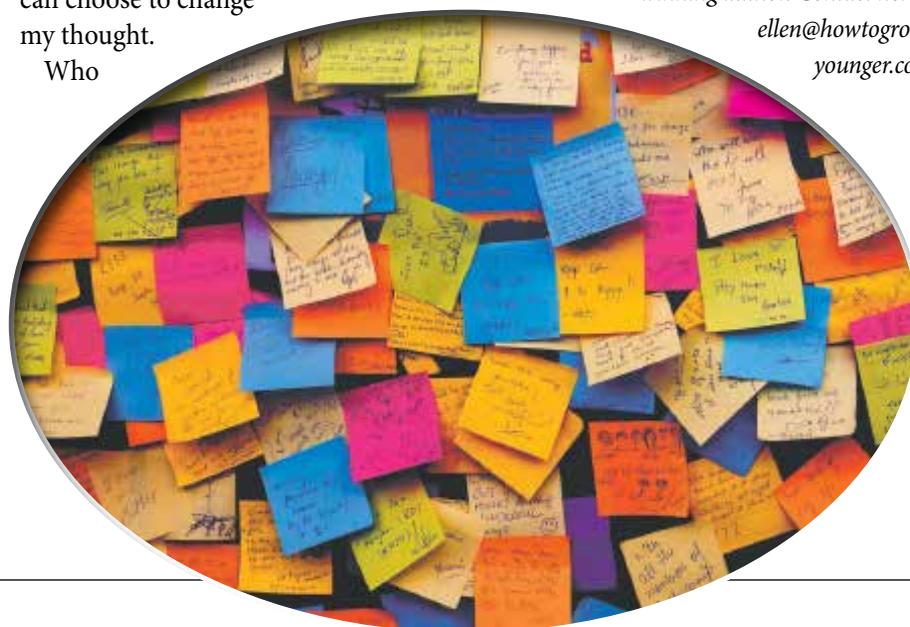
"What Am I Thinking Right Now?"

week or so or my brain won't see them any longer. But, you know, they sure do the trick. When I notice the sticky note, I see what's going on in my mind and then I have a choice: I can choose to continue to entertain what was in my mind (especially if it was positive) or I can choose to change my thought.

Who

knows? Maybe one of these days I won't need those little sticky notes anymore and God will be in charge of what I do and think and say.

Ellen Wood of Questa is an inspirational speaker, columnist and award-winning author. Contact her at ellen@howtogrowyounger.com



Las Notas Adhesivas Son Un Regalo Del Cielo

Quiero saber la Mente de Dios. Quiero vivir en la Mente de Dios. Actualmente quiero que Dios viva a través de mí. De modo que cada día, o casi cada día, Digo, "Entra sin vacilar, Amado, porque en esta morada no hay más que anhelo para ti," una cita del gran poeta Sufi, Hazrat Inayat Khan.

Bueno, no ha pasado todavía—por lo menos no que yo sepa. Creo que si vivo

en la Mente de Dios, que es mi hogar real. Pero es mi Ser Supremo, mi Alma, que vive allí, lo que es eterno, divino, puro, y perfecto.

Mi personalidad, lo que llamo "yo," vive más abajo del reino puro y perfecto. Para ser clara, no creo que sea mala. Amo a mi vida y creo que voy en el buen camino. Pero todavía me percibo a mi misma separada de la Mente de Dios y el

juicio sigue en vez del discernimiento.

¿Cómo parece el juicio? Bueno, me pongo impaciente e irritada con los Representantes de

Servicio telefónicos que me colocan en espera y luego toman su almuerzo, y también me irrita y a veces grito cuando mi impresora se atasca, y si escucho chisme, pudiera añadir mis dos centavos, y...bueno ya ven.

Pero, tengo un truco en mi mango que me pone otra vez en el buen camino: notas adhesivas. Son un regalo del cielo porque cuando se trata de crear hábitos nuevos para rejuvenecer mi vida y me permite ser lo mejor posible, Uso las notas por algunos de mis practicas diarias, como recordatorios para cuidar mis pensamientos. Escribo "¿Qué estoy pensando ahora?" "QEPA" en varias

notas y las pongo en vista normal por toda la casa: en la encimera de la cocina, en recámara, en mi baño...

Claro, los tengo que mover cada semana, más o menos, o mi cerebro las ignorará. Pero si me sirven. Cuando veo la nota adhesiva, veo lo que está pasando en la mente y puedo elegir; Puedo continuar con lo que estoy pensando (especialmente si es positivo) o puedo elegir cambiar mis pensamientos.

¿Quién sabe? Tal vez algún día no necesitaré esas notas adhesivas y Dios estará encargo de lo que hago, y pienso y digo.

Ellen Wood de Questa es una autora galardonada, columnista, y presentadora inspiradora. Contacte la enellen@howtogrowyounger.com

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"¿Qué estoy pensando ahora?"

Eat Wild

by LOU MCCALL

Purslane (Portulaca Oleracea) is known locally by its Spanish name, verdolagas. It is an annual succulent and has a tart, salty flavor that is delicious raw, cooked or pickled. Tacos de Verdolagas with fresh Mexican cheese, oh wow! Our highly trained culinary staff here at Del Rio Colorado Kitchens suggest that purslane is probably even good dehydrated. If any of our readers want to try it, let us know how it works!

Purslane's leaves, stems, flowers, and even seeds are edible and very nutritious. Its health benefits include aiding in cardiovascular health, weight loss

and stomach ailments. It is said to improve vision and bone growth as well as the immune system. Most people consider purslane a weed, so imagine the surprise of researchers when they discovered that it has very high levels of omega-3 fatty acids as well as antioxidant qualities and high levels of fiber, vitamins A, B and C, and a treasure trove of minerals.

If you see this delightful, vegetable growing where you do not want it, be sure to cut it, rather than pull it up by the roots, otherwise you won't have a crop next time. Wash it really well because it can be very hard to clean the sand off the plant, especially if the roots are not involved.

PURSLANE AND GRILLED CORN SALAD WITH AVOCADO LIME DRESSING

INGREDIENTS FOR DRESSING

- 1 avocado
- 1 cup plain yogurt
- 1/2 red onion chopped
- 3 tablespoon fresh squeezed lime juice
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 clove garlic smashed and minced
- 1 tablespoon Italian parsley or cilantro
- 1/2 teaspoon sea salt
- 1/4 teaspoon ground cayenne pepper
- 1/2 teaspoon sriracha hot sauce (optional)

TO ASSEMBLE THE SALAD:

- 1 bunch purslane
- 2 ears corn grilled
- 1/2 red onion sliced paper thin
- pinch sea salt
- fresh ground pepper to taste

For dressing, combine all ingredients in blender until smooth. Check salt and acid levels and adjust as needed, adding more lime or salt. Refrigerated, dressing will keep well for several days.

To assemble salad, wash purslane and trim off any large stems. Tear stems into bite-sized lengths. Meanwhile, husk grilled corn (if needed) and cut kernels off the cob. Toss purslane, corn, and red onion together with a pinch of sea salt in a large salad bowl. Drizzle with dressing and turn to coat. Drizzle a bit more dressing on top and finish with lots and lots of fresh ground pepper. Enjoy!



ZUCCHINI-OAT CHOCOLATE CHIP COOKIES

INGREDIENTS

- 1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 tsp ground cinnamon
- 1/2 tsp baking soda
- 1/4 tsp salt
- 1/2 cup unsalted butter, softened
- 1/2 cup granulated sugar
- 1/3 cup packed light-brown sugar
- 1 large egg
- 1 1/2 tsp vanilla extract
- 1 1/2 cups shredded zucchini (from about 1 - 1 1/2 medium)
- 1 cup quick oats
- 3/4 cup chopped pecans or walnuts
- 1 2/3 cups semi-sweet chocolate chips

■ Preheat oven to 350 degrees. In a mixing bowl whisk together flour, cinnamon, baking soda and salt for 20 seconds, set aside.

■ In the bowl of an electric stand mixer fitted with the paddle attachment whip together butter, granulated sugar and brown sugar until creamy. Mix in egg and vanilla extract. Add zucchini and with mixer set on low speed, slowly add in flour mixture. Stir in oats, walnuts and chocolate chips (I reserved 1/3 cup of the chocolate chips to press into the tops of dough balls before baking, just for looks which is totally optional).

■ Shape dough into balls, 2 Tbsp each, then transfer to a Silpat or parchment paper lined baking sheets, spacing cookies 2-inches apart. Bake in preheated oven 11-14 minutes until edges are lightly golden. Cool on baking sheet 2 minutes then transfer to a wire rack to cool completely. Store in an airtight container.

Fill Up at Banana's



Photo by Robyn Black

Banana's Grill located inside the Chevron Gas Station, Questa.

by ROBYN BLACK

On any given day you can run into fishing guides, fishermen, Chevron Mine workers, locals, and people just passing through at Banana's Grill in the Chevron Station here in Questa. The reason for the gathering of various people? The food! Banana's has an enticing menu of breakfast and lunch fare. Breakfast burritos, with your choice of ham, bacon, sausage, chorizo, or chicharron are all winners. Add their homemade chopped green chile, pico de gallo, salsa or smother them with red or green chile and you have a flavor explosion for your taste-buds.

Juan "Johnny" and Nancy Gonzales started Banana's in 2003; it has been growing ever since. They are well known to all the fishing guides that come to the area for their early hours and fresh, delicious food.

Lunch offerings include burgers, Frito pie, smothered burritos, tacos, wraps, and more. Their wonderful, fresh burritos are by far the best sellers, and I suspect the rest of the menu is just as fresh and delicious. We had breakfast burritos, one with chorizo, pico and green chile and a cheese and egg with pico and salsa (homemade and delicious). Rumor has it that their chicharron burrito is what put Bananas Grill on the map with anglers around the country.

Prices range from \$3.75 for an egg and cheese burrito to \$8.25 for a loaded



Photo By Robyn Black

The welcoming smile of Ramona Gonzales who makes sure everything is fresh, homemade and delicious.

open-faced burger with fries, tots or onion rings. Ramona Gonzales makes sure everything is fresh, homemade and delicious. You can eat in at the station in a nice, clean dining area or you can take out, which is what the

local fishing guides do to provide breakfast or lunch for their clients, knowing they will get the best burrito around!

Banana's may be Questa's best kept secret; there is no large signage out front, people may assume it is just the local Chevron Gas Station, but don't let the lack of signage discourage you. If you haven't yet, stop in for breakfast or lunch and eat like a local. You won't be disappointed!

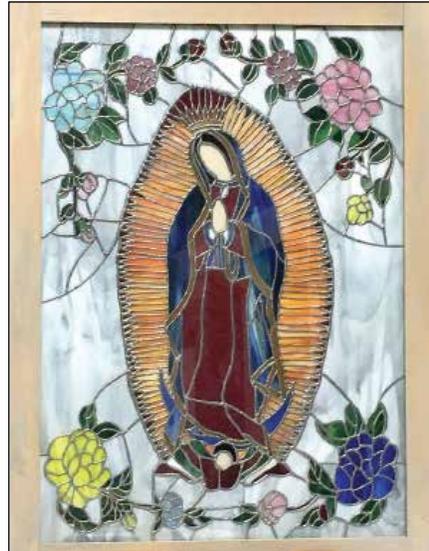
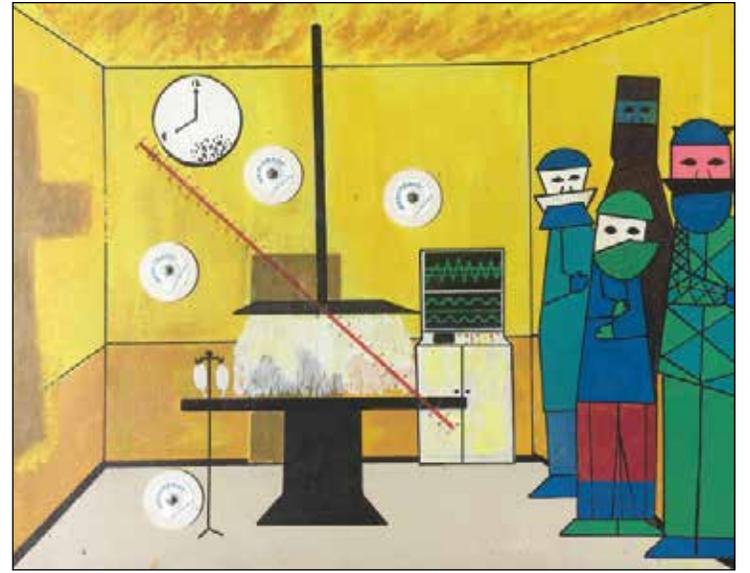
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THIRD ANNUAL QUESTA STUDIO ARTS TOUR A GREAT SUCCESS!

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Reciclar es Para Todos. ¡Podemos Reciclar en Cerro!

por LOU MCCALL

Para ustedes que no reciclan, piensen en hacerlo ahora. ¡Es un hábito beneficiario en cual se acostumbre fácilmente! Primero, necesita motivarse en hacer algo bueno. Si salvar el planeta no le interesa, puede reciclar por otras razones como dejar de tirar cosas en el basurero/vertedero. ¿Sabía que 70% de lo que termina en el vertedero se puede reciclar? También puede reciclar para traer ingresos al gobierno del condado y contribuir a una economía ecológica. El Condado de Taos recoge productos y los vende a industrias que los usa como materiales naturales para hacer otras cosas. Algunos de los productos reciclados tienen más valor que otros. De-tes-to ver latas de aluminio en la basura porque estos pudieran ayudar a pagar por un programa de reciclar. Papel hecho trizas tiene más valor que papel mezclado porque las fábricas de papel pueden fácilmente convertirlo en papel reciclado.

No hay ningún costo para ir al cen-

tro de reciclaje, y usted si tiene que pagar para ir al vertedero. Algunos de sus impuestos ayudan a mantener a los vertederos y es una operación costosa, un hoyo sin fin de impuestos sin resultado útil. Los residentes del Condado de Taos no tienen el lujo del servicio de "Waste Management" para recoger su basura como lo hacen en la aldea de Questa. Si algunos no pagan directamente para tener su basura recogida, alguien está pagando, usualmente es el que paga los impuestos...

Para empezar a reciclar, preste atención a lo que se recicla localmente. Vea la lista, al pie de la página, de productos que se reciclan en nuestra estación local en Cerro.

Entonces solo necesita uno o dos cubos en su ropero o garaje. Alguna gente pone todo su reciclado en un bote de basura, un cubo de reciclar o un balde de 5 galones y luego lo ordena cuando van al centro de reciclaje. También puedes usar un balde

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o caja para cada cosa. La mayoría de personas tienen mucho plástico que toma mucho lugar. Puede aplastar el plástico para reducirlo, primero quite las tapas y si tienen la flecha adentro, también se pueden reciclar. Si no, a la basura. El plástico que tiene el símbolo triángulo de reciclaje con número 1 o 2 se puede reciclar localmente. Por favor, enjuague todos sus recipientes incluso las latas de soda y especialmente los recipientes de leche antes de reciclarlos.

Además, nuestro centro de reciclaje acepta aparatos que no funcionan, incluso refrigeradores, lavadoras, y secadoras. Trate de encontrar casa para sus aparatos que todavía funcionan. Acuérdesse-Reduje, Reutilice, y luego Recicle.

Nuestro centro de reciclaje se opera por el Condado de Taos y se llama estación de transferencia. Nuestro amable vecino y profesional de reciclaje, Roberto, espera ansiosamente para servirlos y puede contestar sus preguntas y darles más información.

La estación de reciclaje esta situada a poca distancia de Cerro. De la Intersección de la Carretera 522 y el Camino Estatal 378 siga al oeste pasando Cerro, aproximadamente tres millas hasta la Intersección del Camino del Condado B-038. Proceda 0.75 millas al oeste al sitio en el lado sur del camino. Las horas de operación son de las 8:00 de la mañana a las 4:00 de la tarde de martes a sábado.



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Cerro Recycling Centre Now Open To Public!

by LOU MCCALL

For those who do not recycle, think about trying it. It is a good habit that you can quickly get hooked on, it is easy! First, you need to be motivated to do something good. If saving the planet isn't your thing, you can recycle for other reasons, like to keep things out of the landfill. Did you know that at least 70% of what goes into the landfill can be repaired, reused or recycled?

Another reason to recycle is to bring revenues to your county government and contribute to a sustainable economy. Taos County collects recycled goods and sells them to industries that use them for raw materials and turns them into something else. Some of our recycled goods are more valuable than others. It's a shame to see aluminum cans in the trash because they go a long way toward paying for a recycling program. Schools and churches can do aluminum recycling drives to raise money for youth programs. Aluminum pie pans can be recycled, too. Did you know that it takes 95% more energy and resources to mine aluminum than it does to reprocess/recycle it? New aluminum also adds cost to the con-

When you throw something away, where exactly is away?

sumer. White shredded office paper is worth more than mixed paper because paper mills can so easily process it into recycled paper.

Here is another reason to recycle: going to the recycling center is free while you have to pay to go to the dump or pay someone to haul your garbage away. And where exactly is away? Most people do not consider what happens

very long distances, using fossil fuels, and again, adds to the costs of managing wastes. Even if you don't pay directly to have your trash taken away, someone pays for it, usually the taxpayer. Those who are residents of Taos County do not have the luxury of paying Waste Management, Inc. to haul garbage away, like they do in the Village of Questa.

To start recycling all you need are

to something when they throw it away. Some of your tax dollars go to maintaining landfills and it is an expensive operation, a bottomless pit of taxpayer dollars with no useful outcome. Big cities have no landfill space, so they spend billions trucking it, sometimes out of state, to poorer, outlying regions with land available. The trash gets hauled for

recycle bins, boxes, buckets or plastic bags (re-useable, of course!) to keep in your closet or garage. Some people put all their recycling in one garbage can, recycle bin or 5-gallon bucket and then they sort it when they go to the recycling center. Or, you can have one bucket or box for each item.

Look on the bottom of your plastic containers for the triangular recycling symbol with a number inside. If it says 1 or 2, you can recycle it locally. Please rinse out all your containers, including soda cans and especially milk jugs before you recycle. Most people end up having a lot of plastic and it takes a lot of room, so smash your empty bottles, especially the milk jugs. Take the lids off be-

fore you stomp them. Most plastic lids, for some reason, are not recyclable, so check inside for the arrow. Usually you just trash the lids.

In addition, our recycling center takes non-working metal appliances, including refrigerators, washers and dryers. Be sure to find a good home for any functioning appliances before taking them to the recycling center. Remember—Reduce, Reuse and THEN Recycle!

Our local recycling center is operated by Taos County and is called a transfer station. Our friendly neighborhood recycling professional, Robert, is eagerly waiting to serve you and can answer your questions or give you more information.

The recycling transfer station is located just past Cerro. From the intersection of State Road 522 and State Road 378 proceed west and go through Cerro, approximately three miles to the Intersection of County Road B-038. Just past the Rio Grande del Norte National Monument sign, veer right onto the dirt road. Proceed 0.75 miles

west to the site on the south side of the road. Hours of operation are 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM Tuesday through Saturday.

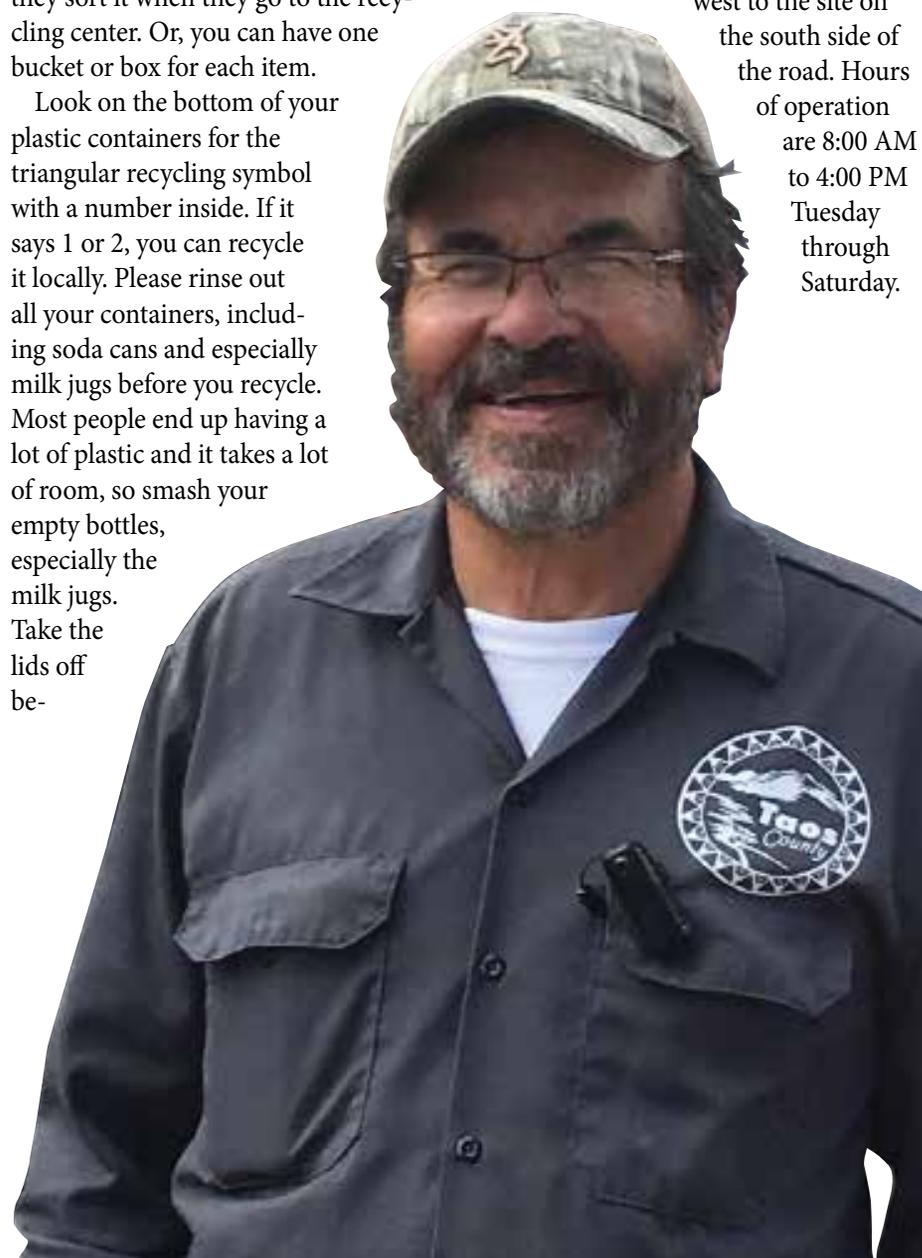
TO START RECYCLING, BE AWARE OF WHAT IS RECYCLED LOCALLY.

OUR LOCAL RECYCLING CENTER TAKES THESE ITEMS:

- aluminum cans
- steel (a.k.a. tin) cans
- shredded office paper
 - mixed paper
 - #1 & #2 plastic*
- corrugated cardboard
- newspapers
- motor oil
- old batteries
- metal appliances, such as non-working washing machines and refrigerators



**Plastic containers that are recyclable have a little triangle on the bottom with a number in it. If it is #1 or #2, it can be recycled locally.*



Robert, at our local recycling transfer station (just past Cerro) can help you with any of your recycling questions and welcomes newcomers.

Photo by Pete Crider

Foto: Robert, en la estación de reciclaje (a poca distancia de Cerro) les puede ayudar con sus preguntas de reciclaje y da la bienvenida a todos los recién llegados.



Courtesy Photo

Brew menu, lots to choose from and lots on tap. Looking down into the crowd of the new Red River Brewing Company.

A New Award Winning Brew in Red River

by ROBYN BLACK

Faster than a bolt of lightning, Michael and Sharon Calhoun's Red River Brewing Company has established itself as a force of nature among breweries in Northern New Mexico. Since their recent opening in May of this year, their Bad Medicine Honey Double IPA placed 4th in the state in the New Mexico Brewer's Guild IPA Challenge. And to top that, Red River Brewery has been nominated for New Mexico's Brewery of the Year Award!

RED RIVER BREWING COMPANY
 217 West Main St.
 Red River, New Mexico
HOURS ARE:
 Mon-Thurs
 11am - 10pm,
 Fri-Sat
 11am - 11pm,
 Sunday
 12pm - 10pm.

The path to the brewery's success has featured excellent beers by head brewer, Chris Calhoun, with locally sourced ingredients, a fantastic menu by Steve Garrett, with something delicious to eat for everyone AND superior service. Add stellar music, and you come up with a great destination for people to eat, drink and be merry. For non-drinkers, rumor has it that their homemade root beer is the best! This family-friendly, dog-friendly spot in Red River is quickly establishing itself as the place to be and be seen. They sell canned beer and growlers to go, not to mention other cool swag.



Photo by Robyn Black

Red River Brewery's award-winning Bad Medicine Honey Double IPA and soon to be famous root beer.

The brewery is located at 217 West Main St., Red River, New Mexico, 87558.

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

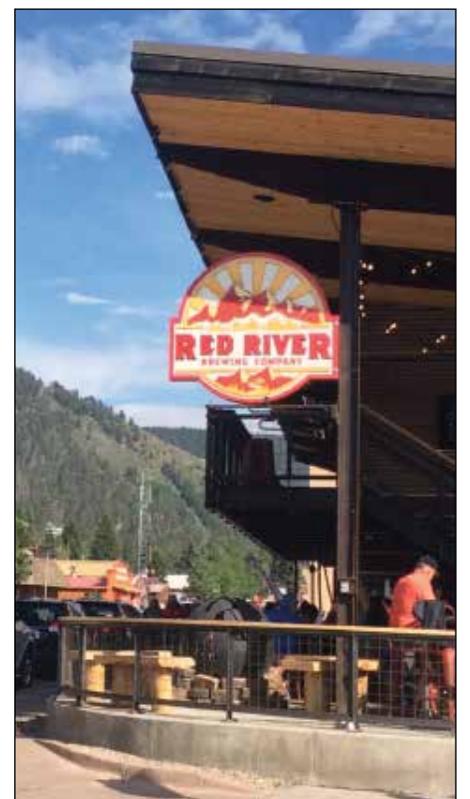


Photo by Robyn Black

The new Red River Brewery offers mountain view seating on Main Street.

The Traditional Arts Advocate

by PEGGY TRIGG

When I look around Questa for someone who has done a lot for the arts and preserving the history of Questa, who do I see? Cynthia Rael-Vigil. To me, she has worked her whole life focused on the four things she loves the best; her family, her church, visiting with others, and supporting the arts and community. Love for the arts has always been strong in Cynthia and has been apparent in the many artistic ventures she has undertaken. She started working with others by helping children as an elementary school room mother which lead to becoming a 4-H Leader. Both of these volunteer jobs focused on helping the youngsters appreciate and understand the arts.

Traditional arts have always been her love. With woodcarving and stained glass practiced for generations in her family, Cynthia has worked along with family members in the stained-glass studio. She also works with the craft of tin-smithing. Most of us know Cynthia as first and foremost a seamstress. Because Cynthia works on multiple crafts it has helped her appreciate all the arts. Through her artistic interaction with others, whether through the schools or later through area galleries, Cynthia has passed down her love for local crafts. She realizes that it is something not to be lost, but to be treasured.

Cynthia's desire to help adult artists started while attending the local Fiesta. Cynthia saw a need for a place to show local artists' work so she worked with others and they formed *Artesanos de Questa* where artists could show and sell their work. The gallery also offered workshops and classes; again, passing down those artistic traditions. She and her husband,



Photo from Library of Congress
Rael's Store, 1943. The Store and Coffee Shop is still located in the same location. Photo by John Collier, who worked for the U.S. Government to document people, places and things.

Armando, and their children, Enriquetta, Armando III, Val, Esperanza, Javier, and Daisy have now moved on to reinvent her grandfather's store. Rael's Market, which has been around since 1927, has become the "new" traditional art gallery as well as a little local historical museum.

The original family run business was first a general merchandise store that carried everything from coffins to clothing. It was the place to get anything you needed. It even held one of the first phones booths in the area. In the 60's the business was temporary moved to the SPMTDU building, which is the current OCHO location. Here is some Questa history: That building, La Sociedad Protección Mutua de Trabajadores Unidos or Society for the Mutual Protection of United Workers was established in 1900 to protect Hispano workers from discrimination and to provide burial aid and other assistance. During the time that the Rael Store operated out of that location, the original store was rebuilt by the family to reflect its current look.

Throughout the years, and the generations, the store has changed and now it

represents a local artist market, a rich, historical museum, and a great little coffee shop. It is a place to step back in time, to slow down, to visit and to reflect on today and also the past. Cynthia and her family try to keep Rael's Store going. She says it is a place to "Live Our History." It is the arts, the history and the culture of the area that her family has focused on and Cynthia wants to keep that going. Most days, you can find multi-generations of Cynthia family helping in the store. Her daughter, Enriquetta works alongside her and most days Cynthia's grandchildren are playing or doing homework on her mother's old couch.

The Rael Store started as a family run business and continues to be one. Her family is active in helping with the business, and the grandchildren have a second home. In the store, Cynthia represents over 12 local artists. She has their art for

sale and offers them selling venues for different festivals including a Mother's Day Show, a Christmas Show, a Valentine's Day Show and the store acts as a hub for the Studio Art Tour. She is constantly going out of her way to help the artists have what they need and to help them sell their work. She also works hard to encourage her community to engage and honor the arts and history. I feel, as a new member of this community, that the area's history and the area's cultures are a huge influence on the arts. It is the richness of the past and the family all wrapped up into one. We need to keep it growing and keep it strong. My thanks to Cynthia and her family for living their history and keeping the historic, traditional arts alive!

Rael's Store & Coffee Shop
2430 State Highway 522,
PO Box 612 Questa, NM 87556
(575) 779-9249

This photograph, circa 1930 could be called "Grandmothers and Creativity of Questa." It was discovered by Dr. Estevan Rael-Gálvez in the floorboards of his grandmother's house in Questa; photographer unknown.



Do you have a photo, story or memory to share? Add it to the local digital archive! "Questa Stories: Community Memory Project" is a collection point for local stories, oral histories, images and fotohistorias for and by community members of Northern Taos County. It is a collaborative project organized by LEAP. Learn more at QuestaStories.org or contact QuestaStories@gmail.com or (575) 586-5692.

Thank you from Claire Coté and Gaea McGahee.

BOOK REVIEW

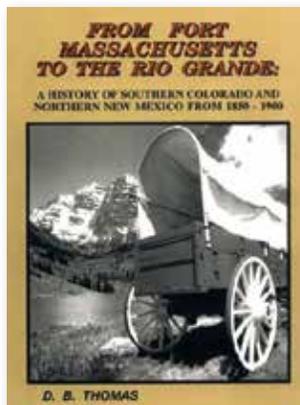
PRISCILLA SHANNON GUTIÉRREZ

***From Fort Massachusetts to the Rio Grande: A History of Southern Colorado and Northern New Mexico from 1850 – 1900* by D.B. Thomas**

This handsome book is still in high demand since its publication in 2002. D.B. Thomas opens with recounting the forays of Cabeza de Vaca, Coronado, Oñate and Escalante. The book continues with the Zebulon Pike expedition, Fort Massachusetts, the Fremont

expedition, Francisco's Fort and Hiram Vazquez in the La Veta area, as well as the Gunnison expedition.

From there, the book moves into railroad and toll road building and includes contributions by railroad builder and entrepreneur Otto Mears and American frontiersmen "Uncle Dick" Wootton. Mining in the San Juan Mountains and Creede, Colorado, the Fort Pueblo Massacre and the Sand Creek Massacre



constitute several chapters. Thomas' contribution to history spans a wide variety of events impacting Hispanos, Natives and newcomers across both states. Of note to Questa readers is the chapter that deals with the Espinosa Brothers, as well as a soldier's life in New Mexico.

Thomas was wise to include a number of historic photographs throughout the book, as well as maps that add greatly to the reading ex-

perience. Far too often historical books omit maps, assuming that the reader will know the area.

Try to see if your local library can get a copy through inter-library loan if you can't afford the hefty price tag it is going for. You won't be disappointed...

Priscilla Shannon Gutierrez is a historian, writer, and educator, based in Santa Fe. She developed a keen interest in the history of Colorado and New Mexico many years ago, which continues to this day. Priscilla really enjoys sharing what she learns with others and is grateful for the opportunity to write about a variety of historical interests!



Cambalache in Questa set for Oct. 7th!

by LINDSAY MAPES

Mark your calendar for Questa's annual fall harvest festival – Cambalache! On Sunday, October 7, 2018 in downtown Questa. Expect live music, dancing, and a dancefloor, freshly pressed apple cider, local food booths, a bounce house for the kiddos and pumpkins. AND we can't forget Cucui, who we burn up at dusk. Write down all your cares and worries, or penas and give the papers to Cucui. He will burn up, along with your problems! If you are interested in being a vendor for \$25, email QuestaEvents@Gmail.com or call 586-2149. See you next month at Cambalache!



Photo by Kelly Butwinski

Cucui with some event guests from Questa's 2017 Cambalache. Write down all your penas on papers and give them to Cucui. He will be burned at dusk, along with all your worries!

El Cucui con invitados del Cambalache de 2017. Escriban sus preocupaciones en papel y entréguelas Al Cucui. ¡ Los quemara al anochecer!

¡Cambalache in Questa! 7 de octubre

por LINDSY MAPES

¡Anoten en sus calendarios la celebración el vigesimoséptimo anual de la cosecha de otoño - El Cambalache, domingo, 7 de octubre de 2018 en el centro de Questa! Pueden esperar música en vivo, bailando, y una pista de baile, sidra de manzana recién prensada, puestos de comida local, una casita de saltos para los niños y calabazas. Además, no nos olvidamos del Cucui, el espantoso coco cual se quema al anochecer. Escriban todas sus penas y entréguelas al Cucui. ¡El los quemará junto con sus problemas! Si le gustaría ser comerciante, cuesta \$25, puede contáctenos a QuestaEvents@Gmail.com o llame a 586-2149.

Blessings from Harvest Questa

Yes, Harvest Questa has been busy showing love in our community.

Summer was a whirlwind! Harvest Questa was happy to allow the cheerleaders, Questa Flamin' Blues & Sparx, use of our facility twice a week for their practices. They've taken a little break, but will resume practicing here soon. We'd like to give a special thanks to Ricky's Mechanical, a local business owner and grandfather of 4 cheerleaders, for donating over \$400 worth of paint and supplies for our large classroom. The cheerleaders' coaches and a couple of parents kindly volunteered their time and labor to paint the large classroom.

Vacation Bible School had over 70 students! Harvest collaborated with another local church, Living Word Ministries, to make it happen successfully and for FREE. It was fun and each child that attended received snacks, played games, enjoyed an interactive lesson, and received a T-shirt. We had over 20 local volunteers and greatly appreciate all their time and investment.

Harvest Questa decided we needed to show support to our local schools, considering all the negativity they are up against. So, we asked how we could help



Photo by Mary Gomez

Pastors Kristi & Johnny Gonzales of Harvest Questa

QISD and were given a list of areas they needed help with and we took on a few of those things.

One area was to collect furniture items for their five new Special-Ed teachers who moved here from the Philippines with only a suitcase of clothes. The school district had two trailers with air mattresses for the teachers to live in. And now they also have nice beds, dining room tables and chairs, TVs, sofas, dishes and other household items that we collected. We are grateful to all the people who heard we were collecting donations and quickly responded by donating items. The Admin office is still accepting donations.

We donated a couple dozen backpacks for students who the teachers noticed needed them. Last year we gave away over 70 backpacks stuffed with school

supplies! We discovered this year students of QISD didn't need to purchase school supplies because the school district provided them.

Harvest Questa is excited that we could give the QISD Superintendent over 80 Wildcats school-spirit T-shirts, one for every QISD staff member. Hopefully the staff realizes we appreciate and value all their work and dedication to our students and children. Beginning in August, Harvest Questa will be hosting the Questa Girl Scouts, so they have a place to conduct their meetings. We are already discussing how we can work together for future community events.

We are always looking for ways to serve our community and have a few events and activities planned for this fall. Thank you for the opportunity to spread the word in your newspaper, we will keep you posted.

Blessings,
Pastors Kristi & Johnny Gonzales
Harvest Questa

[Editor's Note: thank you Pastor Kristi Gonzales for sharing news from your congregation. If anyone else out there in the community is proud of the work your church or organization is doing, tell us about it!]

Vida Del Norte Coalition-Change of Leadership

LETTER FROM
AMBER BENAVIDEZ

Dear Friends,

It is with a heavy heart and a very difficult decision that I have decided to resign as Coalition Coordinator for Vida Del Norte. My resignation was official August 17, 2018.

I will be taking it upon myself to complete my Level 2 Teaching License and the requirements to keep my teaching license is to complete a year of teaching along with submitting an extensive dossier. This is a strenuous and quite difficult process and I believe I would do a disservice to the Coalition if I were to take on both teaching and coordinating the Coalition at the same

time. I have put many years into obtaining my teaching degree and license and I don't want to abruptly lose it all.

I want to thank each and every one of you for the amazing opportunity of allowing me to coordinate this beautiful mission and vision for Vida. I know the Coalition will continue to grow and thrive. It is my hope that the Coalition will understand my decision and I still look forward to supporting Vida's overall mission from a community member standpoint.

The Coalition has named a new Coalition Coordinator and she is doing a great job taking over the leadership of Vida Del Norte. This will be officially announced pending SAMSHA approval, which should be coming soon.

She's going to be an amazing asset to the Coalition and I'm so happy she obtained the position because she's immensely passionate about our mission!

The transition has been good, yet difficult. I'm submitting the Coalition's progress report and inputting data while trying to get everything ready for the school year! I'm now working at Vista Grande High School and so far, I'm in awe of this place. I love the environment so much that I can see myself here long term.

Again, thank you all so much and may our Coalition continue to work towards an amazing goal to help our youth.

Best,
Amber

**Have a news worthy story about what's happening in Questa?
Letters to the Editor is a great place to make your opinion heard.**

CALL/EMAIL US AND LET US KNOW! 575.586.2149 or news@questaedf.com

Questa's Own Municipal Motor Vehicle Division



by NICHOLAS MAESTAS

The Village of Questa Motor Vehicle Division is open daily for your convenience. Our small MVD is a municipal MVD which means that the operation is run by the Village of Questa for the State of New Mexico. Municipal MVDs are able to take care of most of your license, license plates and VIN inspection needs; however, if you have a specialized need, you may want to call ahead to confirm they can help you.

People travel from all over Northern New Mexico to see the friendly faces in our Questa MVD. We handle transactions for our neighbors in Costilla and Amalia and some folks will travel all the way from Peñasco. Many of our customers say they travel to the Questa MVD because the lines are short, the service is always friendly, and our office hours are consistent. Questa MVD is open daily from 8AM until 4PM and closed for lunch from 11:45AM to 1PM.

A municipal MVD office has authorization from the state to charge a municipal fee for the service we provide to the community. Each office is independent and decides how much to charge and allocate where the fees will go in their municipal budgets. The state system is set up so that the Village collects the fee in cash. Customers receive a receipt for the fee transaction.

Municipal MVD offices each have a website that state their fees. Questa charges one of the lowest service fees in

the state at \$4 per customer. The City of Rio Rancho charges \$10 per transaction, The City of Aztec charges \$7 per transaction and City of Jal charges between \$6 and \$25 depending on the type of transaction.

In 2014 when the Village Council approved the \$4 fee (Resolution No 2014-25), they decided that the Village could use the funding to supplement four areas of the budget: our Parks, Municipal Streets, Animal Welfare and Emergency Medical Services are each allocated \$1 of the \$4 fee.

1. The parks fund last year went toward the Rocky Mountain Youth Corps for their work at Moly Corp Miner Memorial Field. Additionally, the parks fee goes toward supplies for maintenance of the Questa Park, the Island (pathway along 522), and the Questa Memorial Park (SE corner of Hwy 522 and Hwy 38).

2. Fees raised for municipal streets go toward maintenance of street lights, signage and supplies necessary to repair roads and remove snow.

3. Fees budgeted for animal welfare go directly to a local non-profit in exchange for their services to pick up, house and feed stray animals picked up from around the Village.

4. Lastly, the fees raised for the EMS Department is used to purchase equipment necessary to provide emergency care for Questeños and surrounding communities along Highway 522. The fee pays for ambulance supplies, employee training, and vehicle maintenance.

Each year the Village sees a fluctuation in revenue from the MVD fees. This year the Village estimates total revenues of \$9,600 split evenly between the four line-items (\$2,400 each). For the past

couple of years, the Village has not received the budgeted amount in revenues. (Please support your local MVD!) In this situation the Village uses money from its general fund to cover the costs for any expenses incurred from the unrealized budget.

The Village of Questa appreciates all of our community members who utilize our local MVD service. Our MVD is a value that is seen from community members across our county. It's because

of you that we have this resource available. Please keep our dollars local and take advantage of our MVD. If you have any suggestions for where the Village allocates these fees, please share with the Village Council at a Village Council meeting held on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at 6PM, where you can address the whole Village Council during "Public Comment" period. Visit our website at www.questa-nm.com or call us at 586-0694.



Photo by Austin Wilde

MUSIC EVERY SUNDAY AT THE QUESTA FARMERS MARKET!

The Questa Farmers Market is OPEN 10am to 2pm. The music happens for 2-3 hours!

HERE'S OUR SEPTEMBER LINEUP:

SEPT 2 • Madcat Jack Lorang and the Geminis out of Seco/Hondo/Taos

SEPT 9 • Nat Wilson from Lama

SEPT 16 • Chris Arellano of Costilla, New Mexico

SEPT 23 • Nick Hans of Karhu Farms, Arroyo Seco

SEPT 30 • Wear and Tear, Peter Oviatt and Jimmie Killingsworth out of Taos

Neorío

10th Annual Outdoor Contemporary Art Event

Sat. September 15, 4 - 9 pm
Montoso Campground, Wild Rivers
Rio Grande del Norte National Monument

FREE and OPEN to all

4 pm, Art Installations & Activities

Thought-provoking artworks on the rim of the gorge by artists Scott Sulton, Kacie Smith, UNM Land Arts, Martha Shepp, and Nicholette Coddling; hands-on, family-friendly activities.

5 pm, Poetry & Music Salon

Local Poets & Musicians

6 pm, Local Fall Feast & Music

Feast by Questa Farmers Market; Music by High Desert Acoustics Duo (Justin Dean & Mark Dudrow)

7 pm, Solar-Powered Artists Talks

8 pm, Evening Campfire & Music

Gather 'round with friends; bring an instrument!

LEAPsite.org (575) 224-9066

Organized by LEAP - a BLM Public Lands Day event

This project is supported in part by New Mexico Arts, a division of the Department of Cultural Affairs, and by the National Endowment for the Arts, also by MAE Private Foundation, Taos County, Questa Economic Development Fund, Chevron Questa Mine, FPC Solar, Za Event Design, Rio Grande Ace Hardware and others.



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NeoRio from Page 1

invited to tour and interact with the art installations and projects and explore family-friendly, hands-on activities. The roots-inspired late afternoon poetry and music salon will begin at 5:00 pm, featuring youth poetry and local musicians, followed by music from the High Desert Acoustic Duo Justin Dean and Mark Dudrow. At 6:00 pm, a locally-sourced northern NM fall feast from the Questa Farmers Market growers, cooks and bakers which is free to all. At dusk, on the heels of dinner, portable solar power provided by PPC Solar will allow NeoRio featured artists to offer short, informative, illustrated talks.

This year marks the 50th anniversary of the Wild and Scenic Rivers and Trails Acts which will be celebrated at NeoRio along with National Public Lands Day. NeoRio is organized by LEAP-Land, Experience and Art of Place, (a program of local nonprofit Localogy) in partnership with the new Questa Creative Council, the Bureau of Land Management's Taos Field Office and others. NeoRio is made possible by individual donations, sponsorships from PPC Solar, Zia Event Design, Questa Farm-



Willow rooting by Scott Sutton

Courtesy of the artist



Participant using "Migrate" pack by Kacie Smith at Valle de Oro, 2017

Photo by Calvin Burgstahler

ers Market, Cid's Market, North Star Toys, Rio Grande Ace Hardware and others. This project is supported in part by New Mexico Arts, a division of the Department of Cultural Affairs, and by the National Endowment for the Arts. Special thanks also to grants from the MAE Foundation, Taos County, Questa Economic Development Fund and Chevron Questa Mine Grants for Good.

NeoRio 2018 SCHEDULE, MONTOSO CAMPGROUND, WILD RIVERS:

- 4 pm: Roots-Inspired Art Installations and Activities
- 5 pm: Poetry and Music Salon
- 6 pm: Farm-to-Table Feast and Music by Justin Dean and Mark Dudrow
- 7 pm: Artist Talks by NeoRio Featured Artists
- 8 pm: Campfire and Music (bring an instrument!)



Questa Community Clean-Up Day
Saturday, September 29th

Our annual community clean-up will take place on Saturday, September 29th from 9:00am-2:00pm.

Please Meet at the Village Center at 9:00am and bring work gloves and bags for trash and recycling. If you have any questions, please contact Nicholas Maestas at the Village of Questa, 575.586.0694 or nmaestas@villageofquesta.org.

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ESOTERIC ASTROLOGY

SKYDANCE ESOTERIC ASTROLOGY by Charlene Johnson
For the month of September 2018



ARIES

Planet: Mercury
MARCH 20 – APRIL 19

Dynamic: Rapid forward movement, challenges midway through the month.

Direction: Watch for the bumps in the road.

Soul Thought: Fast isn't always the preferred mode of travel.



TAURUS

Planet: Vulcan
APRIL 19 – MAY 20

Dynamic: Positive first half of the month, and positive second half if careful.

Direction: Establish foundations first.

Soul Thought: "Our greatest glory is not in never falling, but in rising every time we fall." Confucius



GEMINI

Planet: Venus
MAY 20 – JUNE 20

Dynamic: Nice things going on around you, but relationship stuff might be tough.

Direction: Curb the tendency to react, rather than careful response.

Soul Thought: The point of conflict is to find resolution and eventually, harmony.



CANCER

Planet: Neptune
JUNE 20 – JULY 22

Dynamic: Intuition is running particularly deep and clear.

Direction: Your clarity can be used to help others, even financially.

Soul Thought: What is the higher meaning of personal resources?



LEO

Planet: Sun
JULY 22 – AUG 22

Dynamic: Determined and dogged desire can be balanced out by month's end.

Direction: Planning is a good thing.

Soul Thought: The devil isn't always in the details.



VIRGO

Planet: Moon
AUG 22 – SEPT 22

Dynamic: You are involved in some major blessings and challenges.

Direction: Knowing which is which isn't even necessary.

Soul Thought: Reap the Harvest Moon.



LIBRA

Planet: Uranus
SEPT 22 – OCT 22

Dynamic: Things seem pretty crazy right now.

Direction: When foundations shake loose, build new ones.

Soul Thought: "The left and right wing belong to the same bird." Monica Sparks and Jessica Ann Tyson, twin sisters running for election. One is Republican, one is Democrat.

SATURN

"Moral epochs have their course as well as the seasons. We can no more hold them fast than we can hold sun, moon, and stars. Our faults perpetually return upon us; and herein lies the subtlest difficulty of self-knowledge." —Johann Wolfgang von Goethe

Recently, Saturn entered its own sign of Capricorn where it will remain until March of 2020. Any planet landing in its own sign where it's happiest, is also at its strongest. This month, Saturn also shifts from retrograde to direct. Saturn is a planet we pay extra attention to, like Mercury which makes most people say, "Oh no!" when it goes retrograde. Yet, in Esoteric Astrology, we consider retrogrades the most spiritual expression of a planet. We (who are on this incredible ride we call spiritual evolution) never say, "Oh No!" Rather, we say, "Bring it on!" Challenges are considered the ways that we grow, and when challenges are set up in our horoscopes (our lives), we are taught by the Wisdom teachers to thank our Soul for having so much faith in us.

Saturn is a challenge in and of itself when direct. Understanding that it rules long-term karma might be explanation enough. Old Father Time with his back bent from carrying heavy burdens is an apt symbol for this planet. Saturn offers us the opportunity to right wrongs, make amends and clean up our act through hard work, heavy responsibility and due diligence to our journey on the Path. When retrograde, the burdens become much lighter and the dark clouds lift. It's still Saturn, but even the karma seems easier, the path a little less rocky. This month, as we shift from the more pleasant aspect of Saturn to its harsher, remember that your Soul expects much more of you, than your personality. As the saying goes, it didn't assign anything it didn't believe you could accomplish.

Everyone: Take advantage the first third of the month while Saturn is still retrograde with another major blessing assisting. It will be followed by a strong, but short challenge, then things even out. Relationships may feel particularly rough.



SCORPIO

Planet: Mars
OCT 22 – NOV 21

Dynamic: A focus on relationships this month.

Direction: Be sure to look at the big picture.

Soul Thought: When reality can shift.



SAGITTARIUS

Planet: Earth
NOV 21 – DEC 20

Dynamic: Just as you gain energy, the burden may feel heavier.

Direction: Shift it from one shoulder to the other.

Soul Thought: Sometimes we carry burdens for others.



CAPRICORN

Planet: Saturn
DEC 20 – JAN 19

Dynamic: It was fun while it lasted.

Direction: But now it's time to get to work.

Soul Thought: He/She ain't heavy, he's my partner.



AQUARIUS

Planet: Jupiter
JAN 19 – FEB 18

Dynamic: You stay fairly clear of the turmoil around you.

Direction: Time to find the Joy Button within.

Soul Thought: Yours is an internal battle.



PISCES

Planet: Pluto
FEB 18 – MARCH 20

Dynamic: It's a good month and easy work.

Direction: Things begin to shift by month's end, so enjoy.

Soul Thought: Make hay while the Sun shines.

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

CLASSIFIEDS

IMMEDIATE OPENING— Front Desk staff at the Ponderosa Lodge, Red River. 21 hrs/wk to start, Fri/Sat/Sun, 2-9pm. More hrs available in ski-season. Join our loyal team; you'll need good computer & phone skills, be friendly, reliable and professional. Pay based on experience. Pick up application at 200 W Main St.

HELP WANTED: Carpenter for turning a window into a door and building a small deck with stairs and a ramp. Call or text (575) 737-8689.

HELP WANTED: Auto mechanic for older Carbureted engines. Toyota and Nissan pickups. Also need a torque converter swapped. Paying cash. Call or text (575) 737-8689.

HELP WANTED: resident carpenter for work trade on vintage travel trailer. Needs pex water lines, interior sanding and staining, new flooring and finish carpentry. Live there for free while fixing the trailer. Call or text (575) 737-8689.

LEARN TO BUILD YOUR OWN AFFORDABLE OFF-GRID LUXURY HOME! Ravenhawk Sustainable Living is offering ongoing FREE workshops in the Questa area. Open Call for Volunteers to learn how to build with Cob (sculpted adobe), Rocket Mass Heaters, recycled materials and many artistic details. Text Willow 512-743-1922 for details!

FREE—Think and Grow Young audiobook—3 CDs. Get one (or more for gifts) at the Visitor's Center. It won the GOLD Nautilus Book Award, I was so excited I ordered too many! Now other boxes want that space in my garage. New paperback release coming soon. — Ellen Wood, Author

WANTED: QUESTA DEL RIO COLORADO NEWS looking for back issues of June Edition (headline: Fire Season is Upon

Us). If you have copies of this paper, please drop it by Questa Visitor Center, open 10:00AM to 3:00PM, seven days a week. Or email news@questaedf.com.

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WANTED: Older house in Questa that is sitting empty. Hoping sellers will accept payments so that I may buy it in time and fix it up to make it livable again. Call or text (575) 737-8689.

QUESTA DEL RIO COLORADO NEWS —New rates for business listing ads for only \$25 per month! Obituaries, Wedding and Birth Announcements, only \$25. Contact delriocoloradoads@gmail.com or 575.649.0832 for all your advertising needs!

WANTED: French doors or nice double pane sliding glass. Call or Text (575)737-8689

FOR RENT: Available 9/16 a 650 sq foot one bedroom studio apartment. Has 400sq foot covered deck for grilling and watching the sunset. Close to fishing and town. Has a cute retro kitchenette. Laundry in unit. Has fiber internet. 1-year lease preferred. \$750 a month plus electric. Call or Text (575) 737-8689

JOB OPPORTUNITY Sarah Welch Pottery in Jaroso, CO is looking for shop help. Part-time position would include shipping and pottery production. \$10 per hour, no experience necessary. Position available immediately, 10-20 hours week. Please email or call Sarah (575) 202-1762

WANTED: IDEAS FOR QUESTA VILLAGE ENTRANCE SIGNS!

The Questa Creative Council is working with the Questa Economic Development Fund to gather local ideas for three

signs at the Highway entry ways to the Village. Please submit your idea to the Questa Visitors Center or to Peggy Trigg or Roger Harrington of the QCC. If you have an idea but can't draw it out, let us know and we can help! You can drop off your design and/or idea at ArtQuesta or email it to the QCC at questacreativecouncil@gmail.com. This is your village; what do you want the signs to look like?

FREE GRAPHIC DESIGN FOR QUESTA BUSINESSES

Do you own a business in Questa? Would you like a professionally designed rack card at no cost? Pinch, pinch, you're not dreaming! The Questa Economic Development Fund is offering FREE graphic design services for 10 Questa-based businesses. QEDF covers the design of a one-panel rack card, you pay for the printing. First come first served. Please email Lindsay@QuestaEDF.com or call (575) 586-2149.

NOTICES

The 44th Annual Southwest Pickers Bluegrass and Old Times Music Festival Thursday, September 13, 2018 - Sunday, September 16

At this annual event you can look forward to bluegrass, old time and Americana bands, instructional workshops, dancing, food, beer garden and vendors. Join us at various venues across town to be a part of this exciting annual event! Visit redriverbluegrass.com Brandenburg Park 101 W. River St. Red River NM 87558

Red River Folk Festival at Aspencade Friday, September 21, 2018 - Sunday, September 23, 2018

Browse through booths of hand-crafted items, jewelry,

home furnishings, food, art, pottery, and specialty goods while you enjoy delicious food, live entertainment, and the crisp air and changing colors of fall in Red River.

Talented folk artists from all over the US converge in Red River to delight and entertain guests at Aspencade. Special 3-day pass to all events available at The Motherlode and Brandenburg Park. www.redriverfolk.com. Contact the Red River Chamber of Commerce for more information, (575) 754-2366. Brandenburg Park & Red River Conference Center 101 W River St Red River NM 8755

DO YOU HAVE POETRY, SHORT STORIES OR ESSAYS YOU'D LIKE TO SEE PUBLISHED?

Author Ellen Wood is looking for nine good writers! She is planning to publish a book in Spring 2019 with nine other Taos County writers who are 50 or older.

TITLE: "Late Bloomers"
SUBTITLE: "Literary Gems by Taos Boomers in Their Prime"
TYPES OF WRITINGS CONSIDERED: poetry, short

stories, essays. They can be poignant and heartrending, light-hearted and funny, spiritual, provocative (preferably not about current politics), romantic, fantasy, or other.

SUBMISSIONS: Send as few pages as you want but no more than 25, along with a bio (3 to 5 sentences) about yourself written in first person that is interesting and refreshing, rather than just facts.

DEADLINE: November 30 Nine authors will be chosen by December 15. One person might have one poem or story chosen out of a number of their writings; another might have all their pieces chosen. This is a partial fundraiser for Questa Creative Council and SOMOS. For exact submission details, contact Ellen at ellen@howtogrowyounger.com

SEPTEMBER EVENTS AT WILD RIVERS

September 1 - Star Party at Wild Rivers Visitor Center. Beginning at 8pm. El Valle Astronomers will set up their telescopes in the parking lot for all of us to gaze into the heavens. With some of the finest night skies in the country, we are happy to host this popular event.

September 15 - NeoRio, See front page for details

September 21 & 22 - Video Prism Equinox 2018. 43rd New Mexico Confluence of Artists and Rivers. This will be a screening of unusual videographic content by contemporary artists from New Mexico, Texas, Oregon and Colorado. The event will be held at the Wild Rivers Outdoor Amphitheater beginning after dark. Bring warm clothes and be prepared to have your mind blown!

QUESTA COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP DAY

Our annual community clean-up will take place on **Saturday, September 29th from 9am-2pm.** Please Meet at the Village Center at 9am and bring work gloves and bags for trash and recycling. If you have any questions, please contact Nicholas Maestas at the Village of Questa, 575.586.0694 or nmaestas@villageofquesta.org.

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Lama Lodu and Dr. Fred Cooper to Teach in September

Dr. Fred Cooper – September 9

Dr. Fred Cooper will be teaching on the White Tara Sadhana. He will give reading transmission for those who have not received either the lung or the empowerment.

NOTE: This teaching is open only for those who have taken refuge in the Buddhist tradition.

Lama Lodu – **September 18-19**

Kagyu Mila Guru Sangha is delighted to announce that Lama Lodu Rinpoche, Tibetan Buddhist teacher from the KDK Buddhist Center in San Francisco, will be teaching at the Herman Rednick Center the evenings of **Tuesday and Wednesday,**

September 18 and 19.

A shared visit, he will also be teaching at Tres Orejas Sangha KDC across the gorge, near Taos, on

Thursday and Friday, Sept. 20 and 21.

The schedule and topics are yet to be determined. Check out our blog and our Facebook pages for updates: Kagyu Mila Guru Stupa, and Earth Journey Spiritual Retreat Center. For directions, or more details, please contact gabrielle.herbertson@gmail.com

Thanks to Herman Rednick Trust and Earth Journey, Inc. who make these activities possible.

COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

QUESTA WILDCAT SOCCER • SEPTEMBER SCHEDULE 2018

Sept 1	Sat	Questa vs. Rehoboth	A	6:00PM	V
Sept 11	Tues	Questa vs. Waldorf	A	3:30PM	V
Sept 14-15	Fri – Sat	Desert Academy Tourn	A	TBA	V
Sept 18	Tues	Tierra Encantada vs. Questa	H	4:00PM	V
Sept 20	Thurs	Questa vs. Moreno Valley	A	3:30PM	V
Sept 22	Sat	Monte del Sol vs. Questa	H	1:00PM	V
Sept 25	Tues	Taos vs. Questa	H	4:00/6:00PM	V/JV

QUESTA WILDCAT SOCCER • OCTOBER SCHEDULE 2018

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

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

QUESTA WILDCAT VOLLYBALL • SEPTEMBER SCHEDULE 2018

Sept 8	Sat	Questa vs. Springer	A	3:00PM	V/JV/JH
Sept 14-15	Fri – Sat	Cimarron Tournament	A	TBA	V
Sept 21-22	Fri – Sat	Mesa Vista Tournament	A	TBA	V
Sept 27	Thur	Questa vs. Antonito	A	4:00PM	V/JV/JH

QUESTA WILDCAT VOLLYBALL • OCTOBER SCHEDULE 2018

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

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

QUESTA WILDCATS FOOTBALL • SEPTEMBER SCHEDULE 2018

Sept 8	Sat	Raton JV vs. Questa	H	11:30AM	
Sept 13	Tues	Questa vs. Cloudcroft	A	7:00PM	Estancia HS
Sept 28	Fri – Sat	Questa vs. Newcomb	A	7:00PM	

QUESTA WILDCATS FOOTBALL • OCTOBER SCHEDULE 2018

Oct 5	Mon	Dulce vs. Questa	H	7:00PM	
Oct 13	Sat	MAS* vs. Questa	H	4:00PM	Homecoming
Oct 19	Mon	Questa vs. Escalante	A	7:00PM	
Oct 27	Thurs	Questa vs. McCurdy	A	1:00PM	

Varsity Head Coach: Daniel Gallegos *Mission Achievement & Success High School in Albuquerque

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DATES TO REMEMBER

SEPTEMBER 1 • 8:00 PM

Star Party at Wild Rivers Visitor Center

SEPTEMBER 2 • 10AM-2 PM

Questa Farmers Market

SEPTEMBER 3

Labor Day

SEPTEMBER 4 • 6:00 PM

Questa School Board Meeting

SEPTEMBER 5 • 6-7 PM

Vida Del Norte Coalition Meeting, Rael's Market

SEPTEMBER 7 • 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM

North Central Food Pantry

SEPTEMBER 9 • 10AM-2 PM

Questa Farmers Market

SEPTEMBER 9

Rosh Hashanah begins at sunset

SEPTEMBER 10 • 6:00 PM

SARHP Restoration Group, Rael's Market

SEPTEMBER 11 • 6:00 PM

Questa Village Council Meeting

SEPTEMBER 12

State Library Bookmobile, Questa Post Office & San

Cristobal Community Center

SEPTEMBER 12 • 7:00 PM

QBEN Meeting at Frank's Eats & Sweet

SEPTEMBER 13-16

Southwest Pickers Bluegrass and Old Times Music Festival, Red River

SEPTEMBER 15 • 4-9PM

NeoRio Montoso Campground, Wild Rivers, RGDNNM

SEPTEMBER 16 • 10AM-2 PM

Questa Farmers Market

SEPTEMBER 18

Yom Kippur begins at sunset

SEPTEMBER 18 • 6:00 PM

Questa School Board Meeting

SEPTEMBER 21 • 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM

North Central Food Pantry

SEPTEMBER 22

Autumn Equinox, First day of Autumn

SEPTEMBER 21 & 22

Video Prism Equinox, Wild Rivers, beginning at dusk

SEPTEMBER 21-23

Red River Folk Festival at Aspencade

SEPTEMBER 23 • 10AM-2 PM

Questa Farmers Market

SEPTEMBER 24 • 5:00-6:00PM

Community Full Moon Yoga Class at OCHO

SEPTEMBER 25 • 6:00 PM

Questa Village Council Meeting

SEPTEMBER 29

Eagle Rock Lake

SEPTEMBER 29 • 9AM-2PM

Village Clean Up, Questa Village Center

SEPTEMBER 30 • 10AM-2 PM

Questa Farmers Market

OCTOBER 7

Annual Cambalache!

OCTOBER 7

Pick Your Poison Trail Race, Rio Grande Del Norte National Monument

To see what is going on in Questa, go to Facebook/Visit Questa - For a complete list of September Events in Red River, go to <https://redriver.org/events/calendar/2018/09>

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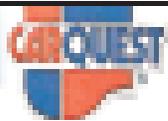
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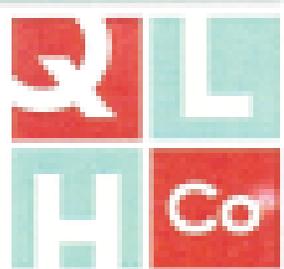
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