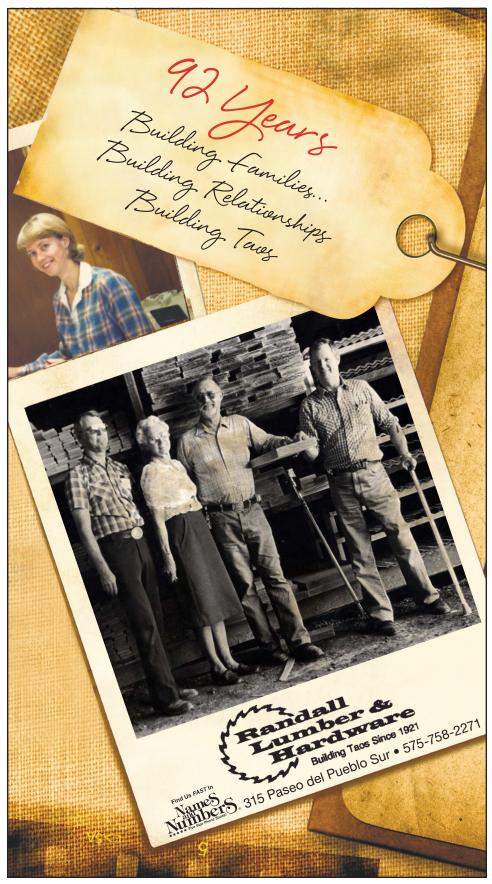
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President's welcome

¡Bienvenidos!

Dear Taos visitors y Mis Queridos Taoseños:

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Fiestas are a centuries-old tradition passed from genera-

tion to generation, a way of preserving the rich cultures that have developed in Taos over the last 400-plus years. This festivity is an opportunity for each of us to unite in fellowship. It is a special time for families, friends and visitors to join together and enjoy one another's company, while taking the time to taste delicious foods, listen to mariachis and traditional Northern New Mexico music, view the many talented people performing Spanish flamenco, Mexican dances, and other forms of entertainment throughout the weekend, and soak in the ambiance of Historic Taos Plaza.

This year's theme is "¡Bienvenidos, Nuestra Comunidad Es Su Casa! — Welcome, Our Community is Your Home!" This theme is taken from the traditional Hispanic culture in which, when we welcome guests into our homes we emphasize our hospitality by expressing, "Mi Casa Es Su Casa — My Home is Your Home."

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Our People is one of the greatest assets that our community has to offer. Yes, much is lost in literal translation, but the friendliness and hospitality of Taoseños are not. Take the time during this Fiesta weekend to thank God for what you have (not dwell on what you don't), breathe in the fresh mountain air, take the time to fellowship with one another, enjoy the cuisine and entertainment, and

always pray for rain; although, another tradition has been plenty of rain on Fiesta weekend.

We invite our visitors to tour the many cultural and historic sites throughout Taos County and receive with open arms, the *cariño* (affection) of our community. We invite our fellow Taoseños to spend quality time with one another, while never forgetting how blessed and special we are to have been, "Hechos, Nacidos y Creados en La Tierra de Dios — Made, Born and Raised in God's Country." For those who have moved from Taos, always remember, you can take you out of Taos, but you can't take Taos out of you (piensalo bien — think about it thoroughly).

¡Dios Les Bendiga! ¡Que Viva Taos! ¡Que Vivan Las Fiestas!

> Cariñosamente, Don Francisco Trujillo II President, Taos Fiesta Council, Inc.

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Friday, July 19

- Fiesta Mass & Crowning of Queen Our Lady of Guadalupe Church 5:30 p.m.
- Official Fiesta Opening Taos Plaza 7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, JULY 20

■ Children's Parade Enos García Elementary to Taos Plaza

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2012 REINA

JULIETTE ELIZABETH REBEKAH PERALTA

Bienvenidos Familia y Amigos de Taos,

am so honored and blessed to have represented my community of Taos, New Mexico as La Reina de las Fiestas de Taos. As my rein nears its end, I would like to look back and thank God for blessing us with a safe and wonderful year. Throughout the year, my court and I have had the pleasure of attending many fiesta events throughout Northern New Mexico. Traveling to different communities taught us how important it was to cherish our heritage, keep our traditions alive, and recognize

the value of our religion. The many people we have met over the past year have helped make this a memorable experience. The friendships and memories I have made with my court will always have a special place in my heart.

I would like to give my greatest thanks to my mother and father, Dina Peralta and Joey Peralta for their endless love and encouragement throughout my life. To my beautiful sisters, Jasmine and Jenna, for inspiring me every day to be the best I can be. To my grandparents, Virginia and Urban Romero, and Liz and Alfred Peralta, thank you for all the love and support you have given me all my life. A big thanks to my Godmother, Laurie Weathers for all the help, guidance, and love you have given me. I would not be where I am today without my family. I would like to thank all of our escorts for being there when we needed a dance partner, even if we only gave you a few hours' notice. Thank you so much to the families of each of my Princesas for everything vou have done for us.

Ultimately, I owe the deepest thanks to my lovely Princesas; Santana Martínez, Andra



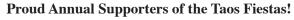
Lucero, Leeandra Munoz, and Sonrisa Medina for making it an incredible year. I have made such meaningful friendships with each of you that I will forever cherish in my heart.

On behalf of my court I would like to thank all of our friends, families, and sponsors. To the Taos Fiesta Council for making it possible for our youth to have this opportunity, for preserving the traditions of Taos, and for keeping the Fiestas alive every year. And of course, thank you Vangie, Elma, Sonya, and Remi for taking all of us under your wings, watching over us, and guiding us as we flourished into confident young women.

To the 2013 Royal court, I wish you the best of luck as you embark on this new journey. I know you will represent our beautiful community of Taos to the best of your abilities. Make every moment last and make friendships that will last a lifetime. God bless you all!

Muchisimas Gracias Por Todo y ¡Que Vivan Las Fiestas de Santiago y Santa Ana!

> Juliette Elizabeth Rebekah Peralta La Reina de Las Fiestas de Taos 2012



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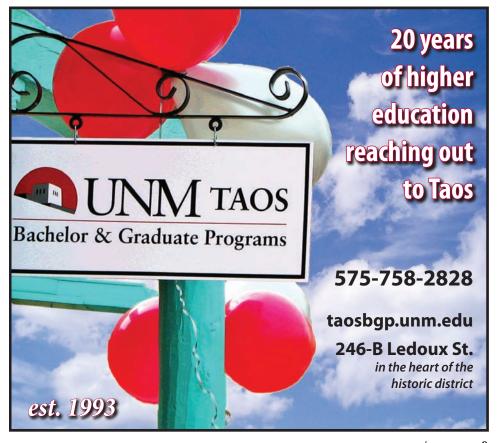


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Angelica Esperanza Rodrigues

Bienvenidos. Nuestra comunidad de Taos es su casa,

racias a todos por la oportunidad a servir como La Reina De Las Fiestas De Santiago y Santa Ana por 2013. I could not be happier to be representing such a beautiful and sacred place that I call my home. Taos is like no other place in the world; its uniqueness is remarkable for the reason that each culture has its own special features that contribute to the identity of Taos.

It is with great honor and delight to share and continue the traditions, customs and our multi-cultural community alongside my court. Although I hold the title of La Reina, I feel that my princesas, Krista Chavez, Dania Loya, Crestina Medina and Kathryn Valencia are all winners and we all hold the same level of importance within this royal court. These girls are all beautiful, wonderful and caring young ladies and together we will experience a lifetime of memories. We will represent Taoseños with pride, love and appreciation. Throughout the course of the year, I hope to meet new people, embrace new experiences and create everlasting memories with my princesas. The year has just begun and already it has been an experience of a lifetime. As members of the fiesta court I know we will represent la gente y la comunidad de Taos con muncho orgullo.

I thank Our Dear Lord, for I am truly blessed and privileged to celebrate my religion. I pray to our patron saints, Santiago and Santa Ana, to bless me and my court with a safe and unforgettable year as well as blessings for a peaceful and joyous celebration for our families and friends from near and far, and for all those who visit our community this



2013

fiesta year.

On behalf of the 2013 Fiesta Court, I would like to express my gratitude to our families who have been there for us throughout the years; without them we would not be who we are today. I would like to thank all our sponsors for their generous donations and support. I would also like to thank the Taos Fiesta Council for all the efforts they put forth to keep the annual tradition of Las Fiestas de Taos alive. Also, a huge thank you to our sponsors Evangeline "Vangie" Romero, Elma Vigil, Sonya Romero and Remi Medina for their hard work and dedication they set forth to guide and assist my princesas and myself. I look forward to working with you and nuestra comunidad de Taos throughout the year.

¡Gracias y Que Vivan Las Fiestas de Santiago y Santa Ana!

> Sincerely, Angelica Esperanza Rodrígues La Reina de Las Fiestas de Santiago y Santa Ana de 2013

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From the Mayor's Office

s the Mayor of Taos, I welcome you to join us during the Fiestas de Taos celebration from July 19 to 21.

During 2013, Taos has received national recognition in news outlets like *Yahoo.com*, *The Los Angeles Times* and *Today* as the home of the newest National Monument and for our unique vibe and attractions. You can read them all at taos.org. We invite you to discover what everyone has been talking

about and create your own Adventures de Taos
— our traveler education theme for 2013.

Traditionally, the Fiestas de Taos is a time when Taoseños are invited to put aside their labor for the weekend and enjoy this cultural celebration. This year's theme is "Welcome!



Our Community is Your Home! ¡Bienvenidos! Nuestra Comunidad es Su Casa!" This centuries-old fiesta celebrates the gathering of generations and culture through food, music and fellowship. Experience Taos traditions like El Vibaron and Tio Vivo (a historic merry-go-round) as well as traditional dance and more!

We hope you enjoy your time at this year's Fiestas and take away

fond memories. We also hope you create some unique adventures. To learn more visit *fiestas-detaos.com*.

Sincerely,

Darren M. Cordova, Mayor Town of Taos

¡Bienvenidos! para Taos County

t is with great pleasure that I welcome you all to the annual Fiestas de Taos. The Taos Fiestas is the annual celebration of the feast day for the community's patron saints. Taos County residents have been celebrating the Feast of San Geronimo since the days of the early trade fairs. Colorful parades and entertainment in the plaza have historically been part of this community celebration that brings us all together.

As the chairman of the Taos County Board of Commissioners, I and my fellow elected officials want to you to have a great time in our wonderful community and to help us celebrate this annual event. We encourage you to enjoy the festive blend of delicious cuisine, traditional music, dancing and spiritual fellowship, while honoring the cultural uniqueness of Taos.

We'd like to thank the Fiesta Council and



all of the volunteers, young and old, who spend countless hours organizing and planning this important annual event. Without the many committee members, volunteers, advertisers and sponsors who donate selflessly to make this celebration happen, we would not be able to continue to produce this traditional event.

We'd also like to extend a sincere thank you to the 250 employees of Taos County who work

hard every day to provide the best possible service to the many constituents who come to our county offices for assistance.

We look forward to seeing you at the 2013 Fiestas de Taos, July 19-21 on the Historic Taos Plaza. ¡Que Vivan Las Fiestas!

> Yours sincerely, Daniel R. Barrone Chairman, Taos County Board of Commissioners

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aos Pueblo would like to join the town of Taos and surrounding communities in welcoming everyone to the 2013 Fiestas de Taos. The Fiestas are a time when we join

neighbors in celebration and give thanks for the special place in which we live: the ancestral and ongoing home for the Taos Pueblo people.

We would also like to invite everyone to visit Taos Pueblo, July 25 and 26 when we celebrate our Santiago and Santa Ana feast days. We will perform corn dances around 2 p.m. each day. Our main feast day, for San Geronimo, is on Sept. 30, when we'll hold foot races, beginning around 7 a.m. Our annual feast, in addition to honoring traditions, is a trade fair that has a history



2013 Taos Pueblo Governor Ernesto Luhan



2013 Taos Pueblo War Chief Samuel Gomez

going back centuries, when we traded with other Indian tribes and later with non-Indians. Our Pueblo has been inscribed as a World Heritage Site and by the United Nations as

a place of significance worldwide.

UNESCO has recognized Taos Pueblo for its living culture, which we continue to practice as we have for centuries. WE hope you will be able to visit and join us during these celebratory times.

Kee nah soo Goo yah! Let's all have an enjoyable time!

Contact us at 758-1028, 758-9593 or visit our website, *taospueblo.com*.

Governor Ernesto Luhan War Chief Samuel Gomez

From the Intergovernmental Council

as Fiestas de Taos, honoring the town of Taos'
Patron Saints Santiago
and Santa Ana, is an annual
Taos celebration that has for
years and generations brought
together Taoseños and visitors
alike. For me, Las Fiestas de
Taos conjure up fond memories of the aroma of cotton
candy, riding the Tio Vivo as a
young man, beautiful señoritas dressed up in fiesta attire
and local musicians playing
their favorite tunes.

The members of the Intergovernmental Council of the Enchanted Circle representing Taos County, the Towns of Red River and Taos, the Villages of Angel Fire, Eagle Nest, Questa, and Taos Ski Valley, Picuris and Taos Pueblos, University of New Mexico-Taos, Peñasco Independent Schools, Questa Independent Schools, and Taos Municipal Schools, wish all of our fine residents and neighbors a safe and happy fiesta.

For almost 20 years, the Intergovernmental



Council of the Enchanted Circle has wished the Taos Fiesta Council, the Taos Fiesta Queen and her court a momentous fiesta celebration. We continue the same this year as we celebrate the Taos Fiesta Council's current theme of, "Bienvenidos, Nuestra Comunidad Es Su Casa. Welcome, Our Community Is Your Home." There are many reasons to celebrate: Taos and its surrounding neighbors are a

multicultural and colorful people. Las Fiestas de Taos offer a unique opportunity to come together to celebrate our home with its diversity and time honored traditions!

¡Bienvenidos! Welcome! ¡Que vivan Las Fiestas de Taos y toda su gente!

Gabriel J. Romero, Chairman, Intergovernmental Council Of The Enchanted Circle Vice Chairman, Taos County Board of Commissioners, Dist. III



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Tina Larki



2013 REINA

Angelica Esperanza Rodrígues

a Reina de las Fiestas de Taos in ■ 2013 is Angelica Esperanza Rodrígues. She is 18 years old and a 2013 Taos High School graduate. She enjoys dancing, acting and singing but spends a great amount of time watching WWE professional wrestling. La Reina is a devoted fan of the sport and will be competing soon in Albuquerque. "It was a secret wish but it became a reality," she said.

Just like being Reina de las Fiestas de Taos.

She has many plans for herself and her royal court. "We

will be traveling to interesting places and sharing our culture and traditions," she said. "I also want to help the community as much as I can, particularly the children and the older folks."

She volunteers often. One of her favorite places is Twirl, where she takes care of children so their mothers have a chance to relax. She also volunteers at the CAV Thrift Store and loves



to work with little kids as an assistant at the Taos Family Development Center at Taos High School.

La Reina Rodrígues is planning to stay with the Taos High School dance department to share her experience. She has also been part of the drama department and the Orange Crush drill Team.

She plans to attend the University of New Mexico-Taos and later transfer to the Albuquerque campus to pursue a career in medicine

and pediatric care. "I'd like to become a neonatal registered nurse practitioner," she said.

She is the daughter of Renell Romero and Lorenzo Rodrígues of Taos. Her maternal grandparents are Florence and Tim Romero. Her paternal grandparents are Maryjane and Larry Rodrígues.

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PRINCESA

Krista Genessa Genevieve Chávez

rincesa Krista Genessa Genevieve Chávez, the youngest roval court member, is 16 vears old and will be a 2015 Taos High School graduate. She is engaged in advance placement classes and has been a member of the Honor Society since seventh grade.

She participates in Taos High School cheerleading and was one of the members who won third place at state in 2012 and second place in 2013.

Princesa Chávez is proud to be a

member of the San Francisco de Asís Church community. "I have been a catechism helper for the last three years," she said.

She is energetic and athletic. She enjoys running, dancing, hunting and is a huge bas-



TINA LARKIN

ketball fan. But she also loves to read and is currently finishing "The Great Gatsby."

"I have a list of books that I'm going to read during the summer," she said

Her plans are to attend the University of Colorado to pursue a career in medicine.

"My goal is to become a radiologist," she said.

Princesa Chávez likes to spend time with her family. She is the daughter of Fatima and Herbert Chávez of Ranchos de Taos.

Her maternal grandparents are Rosie and Patricio Suazo and the late Genevieve Suazo. Her paternal grandparents are Porfiria and Pedro Chávez.

- By Teresa Dovalpage

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PRINCESA 9/10

Dania Georgina Loya

rincesa Dania Georgina Loya is 18 years old. She is fully bilingual and a self-confessed tech geek. "I love to work with audio and special effects on films," she said.

She is a 2013 Taos Academy Charter School graduate and has already taken several dual-credit classes. "I love my school," she said. "It prepped me up for my future college life, and for my life in general."

She participated in culinary arts classes through the Taos High School program and won second place in

the red chile judges choice at the annual Chile Cook-off. She was also a member of Las Tigres Boxing and helped manage the Taos Tiger Track Team.



TINA LARKIN

Princesa Lova loves learning about technology. She likes handson projects and is interested in video game designing, acting, film editing, and learning everything she can about automobiles.

Her plans are to attend the University of New Mexico to pursue a career in mechanical engineering and film production. "I'd like to become a production engineer," she said.

Her motto is: "Life gets better with patience."

She is the daughter of Flora and Jorge Loya of Taos. Her maternal

grandparents are Eva and Fernando Perez. Her paternal grandparents are Flora and Antonio Loya.

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PRINCESA

Crestina Quindaro Sarah Medina

rincesa Crestina Quindaro Sarah Medina is 17 years old. She is a 2013 Taos High School graduate. She has participated in Taos varsity cheerleading for four years and the UCA All American Cheerleading for three years. Medina was a member of the Poetry Society and the Leadership Council sponsored by Taos High School.

"I have many interests — sports, writing and music among them — but my favorite one is cooking," she said.

She was a member of the Taos High School culinary arts program and took part in competitions held for ProStart, a National Restaurant Association Educational Foundation program for high school students, and SkillsUSA, an or-



TINA LARKIN

ganization made up of students, teachers and industry professionals.

"My grandma
Lilly Vigil taught
me how to make
tamales, tortillas and
biscochitos," the
Princesa said.

Medina's mother was a Reina in 1966 and her sister in 1996. "I am happy to be a Princesa now," she said.

She plans to attend New Mexico State University to pursue a career in culinary arts. "I'd like to become a gourmet chef," she said.

Princesa Medina

is the daughter of Teodora and Cipriano Medina of Taos. Her maternal grandparents are Lilly and the late Cruz Vigil. Her paternal grandparents are Juanita and the late Roberto Medina.

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PRINCESA

KATHRYN ANNE CECILIA VALENCIA

rincesa Kathryn Anne Cecilia Valencia is 18 years old and a 2013 Taos High School graduate. She participated in the Taos Poetry Society and the Speech and Debate Club sponsored by Taos High School.

She has volunteered at the Taos
Living Center, been a mentor at Enos
García Elementary, and worked the annual enjarre of the
San Francisco de Asis
Church. "My parents were mayordomos in the Church," she said.

Princesa Valencia enjoys reading, dancing, poetry, talking and playing the piano.

She stands up for her beliefs. "I am advocate of Taos Alive, a society united to reduce substance abuse in Taos County; The



IINA LAKKIN

Gay-Straight Alliance of Taos High; and SOMOS, the Society of the Muse of the Southwest," she said.

She has published short stories in the SOMOS annual anthology "Chokecherries" and a poem in a poetry chapbook. She also performed a reading of one of her poems at the Night of 1,000 Stars in 2011.

Her plans are to attend the University of New Mexico to pursue a career in child psychology. "I'd like to become a school therapist," she said.

She is the daughter of Vivian and Frank of Ranchos De Taos. Her maternal grandparents are Alice and Max Baca. Her paternal grandparents are Rebecca and Jose Valencia.

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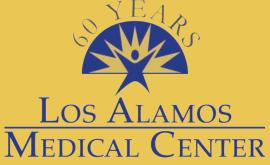


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Isabella Willard circles on the much loved and historic Tio Vivo.

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SOMOS gets ready to record memories of Fiestas past

he Taos Fiestas are a centuries-old celebration held once a year, commemorating the feast day of Santiago and Santa Ana, patron saints of the town. The 2013 Fiesta Queen is Angelica Esperanza Rodrígues. Her crowning will take place in Our Lady of Guadalupe Church on Friday, July 19, at 5:30 p.m.

There have been many Reinas and many Fiestas before this one. There are as well many Taoseños who remember them, and hopefully, want to share their experiences. The Society of the Muse of the Southwest (SOMOS), the literary society of Taos, encourages the community to come and share their memories, using modern technology to preserve one of the oldest and more cherished traditions of our town.

AN INVITATION FROM SOMOS

SOMOS and the town of Taos are collaborating in a special project that will keep the memory of previous Fiestas alive and invite the community to be part of this effort.

Are you a former Reina or Princesa de las Fiestas de Taos? Have you participated and

enjoyed the Fiestas before? Do you have any particular experience about them that you would like to share? If so, "We want to hear from you," says SOMOS Executive Director Kristina Ortez de Jones.

On Saturday, July 20, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., the SOMOS headquarters will host a recording booth for people interested in preserving memories of Fiestas past.

"We look forward to knowing about the experiences of Taos residents who have participated in the Fiestas, or those who don't live in Taos anymore but come here to be part of the celebration," said Ortez de Jones. "Las Fiestas de Santiago and Santa Ana are a beloved tradition and we would like to record as many details as possible about them."

The people interested in participating will have a space in the SOMOS offices with enough privacy to talk about their memories in a quiet setting. Each participant will have around ten minutes of recording time. There will be a moderator to ask questions and guide people, interview-style, if necessary.

"But spontaneity is very important too," said Ortez de Jones. "These are the kind of sto-

ries that you would be sharing with your kids and grandkids, in a very relaxed manner."

After the recordings are done, segments of them will be publicized on radio stations in *The Taos News* and through other venues.

STORIES AND HISTORIAS

This event is in conjunction with "The Big Read," a project sponsored nationally by the National Endowment for the Arts, and locally by SOMOS, Taos Public Library, Rocky Mountain Youth Corps and other community organizations.

A kickoff is planned for November and the activities, centered on the bilingual collection, "Sun, Stone and Shadows: 20 Great Mexican Short Stories," will include lectures, book discussions and public readings in English and Spanish.

"The Big Read" is the largest literature program in the Unites States, designed to revitalize the role of reading in American culture and promote the transformative power of literature

"'Sun, Stone and Shadows: 20 Great Mexican Short Stories' has the distinction of being the first book published expressly for 'The Big Read Program'," said Dana Gioia, National Endowment for the Arts Chairman. "Its stories,

selected with U.S. readers in mind, represent a remarkable array of Mexico's rich and vibrant literary history. 'Sun, Stone and Shadows' is a catalyst for cultural understanding and conversation between the people of Mexico and the United States."

The collection, edited by Jorge F. Hernandez and published by Fondo de Cultural Económica in Mexico includes short stories by Octavio Paz, Francisco Tario, Elena Garro and Juan Rulfo, among many other distinguished Mexican authors.

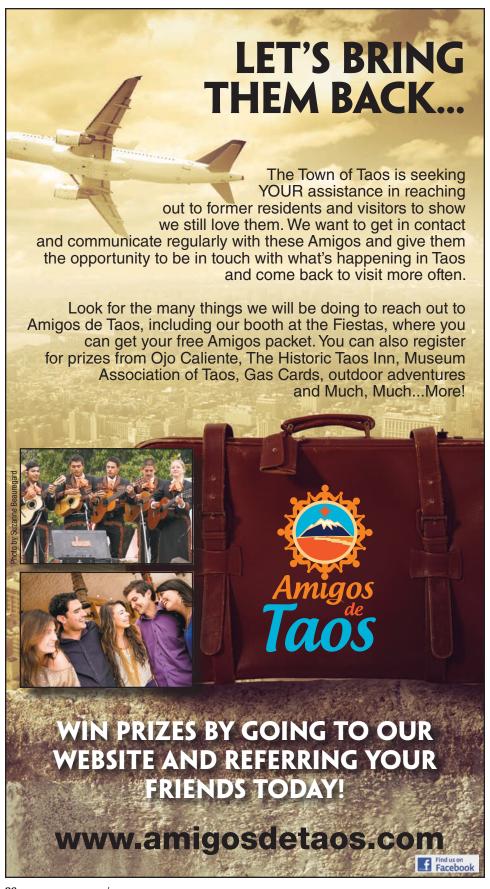
"Both 'The Big Read' and the recordings we plan to do are about stories," Ortez de Jones said. "Stories based on our collective memory, and bilingual stories, because we would love to include recordings about the Fiestas in English or Spanish, just like Taos elders have been transmitting their knowledge and wisdom from one generation to another. Our role is to keep them, so they can someday be collected in a bilingual book."

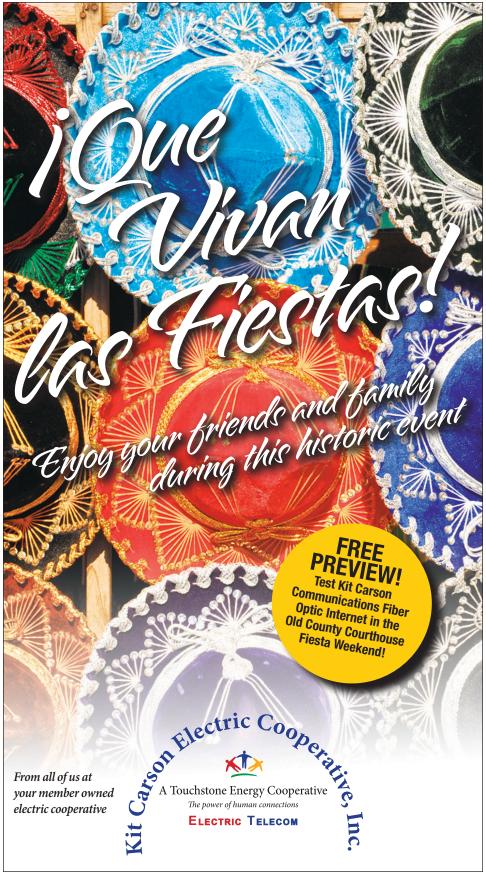
¡Que vivan las Fiestas de Santiago y Santa Ana!

SOMOS is located at 233 Paseo del Pueblo Sur, across the street from Smith's grocery store. Phone: (575) 758-0081; *somostaos.org*.

—Teresa Dovalpage







2013 Fiestas de Taos



Taos Fiesta Council 2013 Plaza Entertainment Schedule

Friday, July 19

Noon-12:30 p.m. — Spanish Sound Track

12:30-1:30 p.m. — Dickie Cordóva

1:30-2:30 p.m. — *Mystic Dance*

2:30-3:30 p.m. — The UZ Band

3:30-4 p.m. — Niños Bailadores

4-5 p.m. — Legacy of Santa Fe

5-6 p.m. — Catalina Río Fernandez and Flamenco Nuevo México

5:30-6:45 p.m. — Fiesta Mass, Our Lady of Guadalupe

6:45-7 p.m. — Procession with mariachi

6-7 p.m. — The Fun Adixx

7-8 p.m. — Opening Ceremonies on Taos Plaza

8-10 p.m. — Mariachi Encantadores del Río Grande

10 p.m. — Plaza closes

SATURDAY, JULY 20

9-10 a.m. — Mariachi Capitaleño

10-10:30 a.m. — Children's Parade/Mariachi

10:30-11 a.m. — Mariachi Capitaleño

11 a.m.-noon — Mystic Dance

Noon-1 p.m. — $Baile\ Ilusion$

1-2 p.m. — The Legacy Band of Colorado Springs

2-3 p.m. — *Los Zapateados*

3-4 p.m. — The Tanya Griego Band

4-5 p.m. — Baile Español

5-6 p.m. — Monica Yvette y Grupo Confianza

6-7 p.m. — Lydia Rael and Baile Folkloriko de Santa Fe

7-8 p.m. — *Suave*

8-9 p.m. — *Ana Maria*

9-10 p.m. — Izcalli In Nanantzin (Danza Azteca)

10 p.m. — Plaza closes

SUNDAY, JULY 21

9:30-10:30 a.m. — St. Francis Choir

10:30-11:30 a.m. — Audrey Davis Trio

11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. — Trio Los Gallos

Noon — Historical Parade

12:30-1:30 p.m. — *Ernestine Romero*

1:30-2:30 p.m. — *Dwayne Ortega*

2:30-3:30 p.m. — *Mezcal*

3:30-4 p.m. — Special Community Presentation

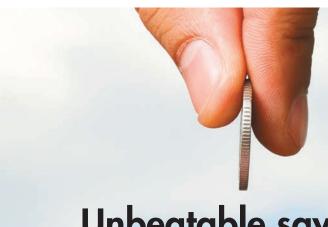
4-5 p.m. — *Gonzalo*

5-6 p.m. — Severo Martínez y Fuego

6-7 p.m. — Darren Cordóva y Calor

7 p.m. — Closing ceremonies

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Taos Fiesta Council works tirelessly to keep traditions alive

"A centuries-old Fiesta celebrating the gathering of generations to enjoy delicious cuisine, traditional music, and fellowship, while honoring the cultural uniqueness of Taos."

his is the basis for the Taos Fiesta Council's Mission. Through the years themes have changed, dedications have been made and honorees have been recognized, Reina's and Princesa's have been crowned, and Grand Marshalls have varied, but the traditions, and values of this incredibly significant event remain unchanged.

Fiestas are a time for families, friends and visitors alike to gather in celebration of life's abundant blessings. It's a given that you will see someone you haven't seen in ages and find the time to actually sit down and visit with them (comadrear). That special someone in your childhood, the high school classmate you lost touch with after graduation, that Taoseño you don't see any more, except during Fiesta time. Weddings, class reunions, family reunions and other special events — even a softball tournament — are scheduled specifically to coincide with Fiesta weekend. This is precisely the reason the tradition of Fiestas must be kept alive.

The Taos Fiesta Council is grate-

ful for Taos' ancestors who had the vision to bring community and family together once a year to celebrate one another, along with our history. We live for today and plan for our future, but we must never forget our past to know where we come from and remember those who forged our path for us to move forward.

It is also noteworthy to emphasize the Fiestas direct, overall economic impact for Taos as a whole. The community has continued to embrace "Fiestas" and has voted this historical celebration the "Best of Taos" yearly since the contest's inception. The Taos Fiesta Council works tirelessly throughout the year to continue to bring the Taos Fiestas to fruition. The community's exceptional support is the motivation behind the Council's efforts year after year in maintaining such a vital event in Taos County.

Thank you former Fiesta Council members for your selfless dedication and personal time to the Fiestas. Thank you, Taoseños, for your support in honoring Taos' ancestor's vision and in helping us to preserve our traditions.

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> Cariñosamente, El Concilio de las Fiestas de Taos

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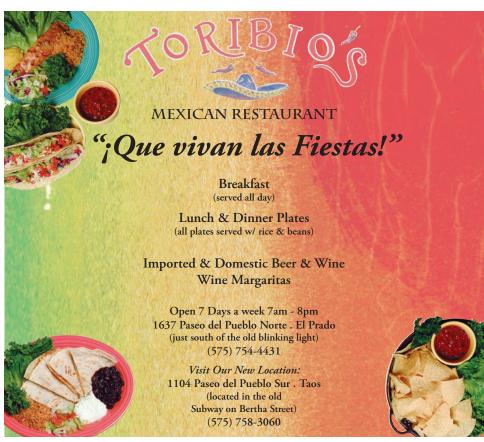
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2013 Fiestas de Taos grand marshals

EDDIE AND ANNA ABEYTA



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ddie and Anna Abeyta have been selected by the Taos Fiesta Council as the official 2013 Grand Marshals of the Historical Parade to be held Sunday, July 21, at noon.

Mr. and Mrs. Abeyta have been married for 45 years. They are blessed with two children, Lisa Abeyta-Valerio, vice principal at Taos High School and Eddie Joe Abeyta, a firefighter with the Taos Fire Department. They have six grandchildren — the eldest, Leah Abeyta, was a Taos Fiesta Princesa in 2007. Their children and grandchildren are involved in the Fiestas in one way or another, establishing their own fiesta memories that they too will treasure.

Eddie was an educator for 30 years and retired as superintendent of the Taos Municipal School System in 1989. Anna has been a nurse since 1965 and has been employed at Holy Cross Hospital for 43 years; she has been chief nursing officer for the past 17 years.

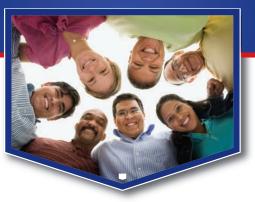
Eddie and Anna Abeyta have been supporters of the Taos Fiestas since childhood. Eddie recalls participating in the Fiestas with his school children's involvement in the Fiesta Parade. Eddie joined the Jaycees of Taos and became very involved with the Fiestas; prior to the establishment of the current Taos Fiesta

Council in 1980, the Jaycees would decorate the plaza with luminarias, arrange for the Reina selection, sponsor the Queen's Ball and even sweep the Plaza after each session.

Anna remembers coming to Taos every year for Fiestas and staying with grandparents, Cristoval and Kate Quintana. She, her brother and uncle would participate in the children's parade; their highlight was getting a ticket for the movies. Hanging out with her friend and cousin Yolanda Archuleta became a tradition every year since childhood. To this day, Eddie and Anna's out-of-town relatives arrange their vacations to coincide with the Fiestas, so essentially it has become a time for family reunions.

The Taos Fiestas have been an integral part of the couple's life, from childhood to the present. Eddie and Anna bring their folding chairs (rain or shine) and plunk themselves in the plaza for three days to thoroughly enjoy the entertainment throughout the Fiestas. The traditions that the Fiestas have brought to Taos as a community and to the Abeyta family will always be treasured.

In light of the honor of being grand marshals, the Abeytas say, "¡Que Viva la Fiesta de Taos! God Bless and Enjoy!"



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■he Taos Fiesta Council respectfully dedicates the 2013 Fiestas de Taos in memory and honor of Rosemary Vigil for her lifelong commitment and dedication to our children, and to the preservation of our centuries-old tradition of Las Fiestas de Taos. Vigil, a Taos educator, was born on Aug. 19, 1968, in Taos, to Adelmo and Regina Vigil and went on to be with the Lord earlier this year. She was a resident of Arroyo Hondo.

In speaking with family and friends, they had this to say about Rosemary:

As a little girl, Vigil demonstrated her intelligence, kindness and attractiveness; she was the family's little jolly girl, bringing everybody in the family ceaseless laughter, lightheartedness, and fun. Whatever she set her mind to, she did a great job; her interests were very diverse; she was naturally openhearted, energetic, verbal and communicative. With everyone, whether relatives, family friends, or neighbors — young or old — without exception she would develop meaningful relationships and make them happy.

Conserving the culture, traditions and language in her community was especially important to Rose. The Fiestas de Taos were on the top of her list. Since her childhood she attended the Fiestas with her family. As an



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adult, she would wake up early each morning of the Fiestas and leave immediately for Taos Plaza. She didn't want anyone to take her favorite spot on the plaza, since she had to have the best view of the stage to enjoy the entertainment throughout each day.

She was also very involved in her church community, belonging to the restoration committee of Our Lady of Sorrows

Catholic Church in Arroyo Hondo, where she taught the youth in preparation of receiving the sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Communion.

Vigil set her life career goals early on, determined to go abroad to see the world and become an independent and well-educated woman; she knew what she needed and never wavered in pursuing those goals. She entered a profession dedicated to helping young people achieve their full potential. In her career in education she worked diligently, and as a result shaped students' lives. She taught more than just science, math and language - she taught her students to live. Vigil was a pillar of support, an epitome of strength, as loving as a mother, as strict as a father, as caring as a friend, a disciplinarian, yet always so approachable and warm at heart. Her teachings will live long through the lives of her students.



2013 FIESTA DE TAOS



The royal lineage: Las Reinas throughout Fiestas history

2012	1992	1970
Juliette Elizabeth Rebekah	Leandra Medina	Carla Martínez
Peralta	1991	1968
2011	Katrina Lucero	Yvonne Santistevan
Anna Eloisa Vásquez	1990	1967
2010	Gina Varos	Carman Mares
Desiree Briana Apodaca	1989	1966
2009	Albertina Espinoza	Teodora Vigil (Medina)
Angelica Lydia Salazar	1988	1965
2008	Denise Jeantete	Lupe Valerio (Dominguez)
Amogene Olaya Martínez	1987	1964
2007	Fatima Suazo	Sylvia Struck (Roybal)
Ana Alicia Romero	1986	1963
2006	Stephanie Córdova	Frances Cohn (Miller)
Micayla Corral-Jeantete	1985	1962
2005	Erlinda Sanchez	Gleecy Martínez (Buttler)
Maria Elena Martínez	1984	1961
2005	Wenda Martínez	Maida Mares (Martínez)
Elena Villafranca	1983	1960
2004	Judy Suazo	Rosalie Otero
Stephanie Romero	1982	1959
2003	Carmen Vigil	Elizabeth Naomi Varos
Jessica Quintana	1981	1958
2002	Lorraine Romero	Diana Rael
Contessa Trujillo	1980	1957
2001	Darlene Vigil	Martha Martínez
Sonya Francesca Romero	1979	1956
2000	Natalie Padilla	Manuelita Mondragón
Crystal Martínez	1978	(Mullins)
1999	Diana Valerio	1954
Maya Martínez	1977	Stella Martínez
1998	Grace Coca (Chávez)	1953
Samantha Gallegos	1976	Lucille Trujillo
1997	Gina Ortiz (Osburn)	1952
Monica Tafoya	1975	Cecilia Martínez y Salazar
1996	The late Veronica Romo	Torres
Crucita Roberta Medina	(Miera)	1949
1995	1974	Lucille Ortiz
Roxanne Anderson Pérez	Bernice Sandoval	1948
1995	1973	Porferia Valerio
Evelyn Trujillo	Carman Ledoux	1936
1994	1972	Alice Martínez (Knight)
Karina Gallegos	Christine Mondragón	1927
1993	(Vargas)	Marcia Anaya (Wheaton)
Santana Tafoya	1971	

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La Reina Anciana Rufina Salazar and her husband Cipriano Salazar, dancing at Fiestas in 1992.



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