

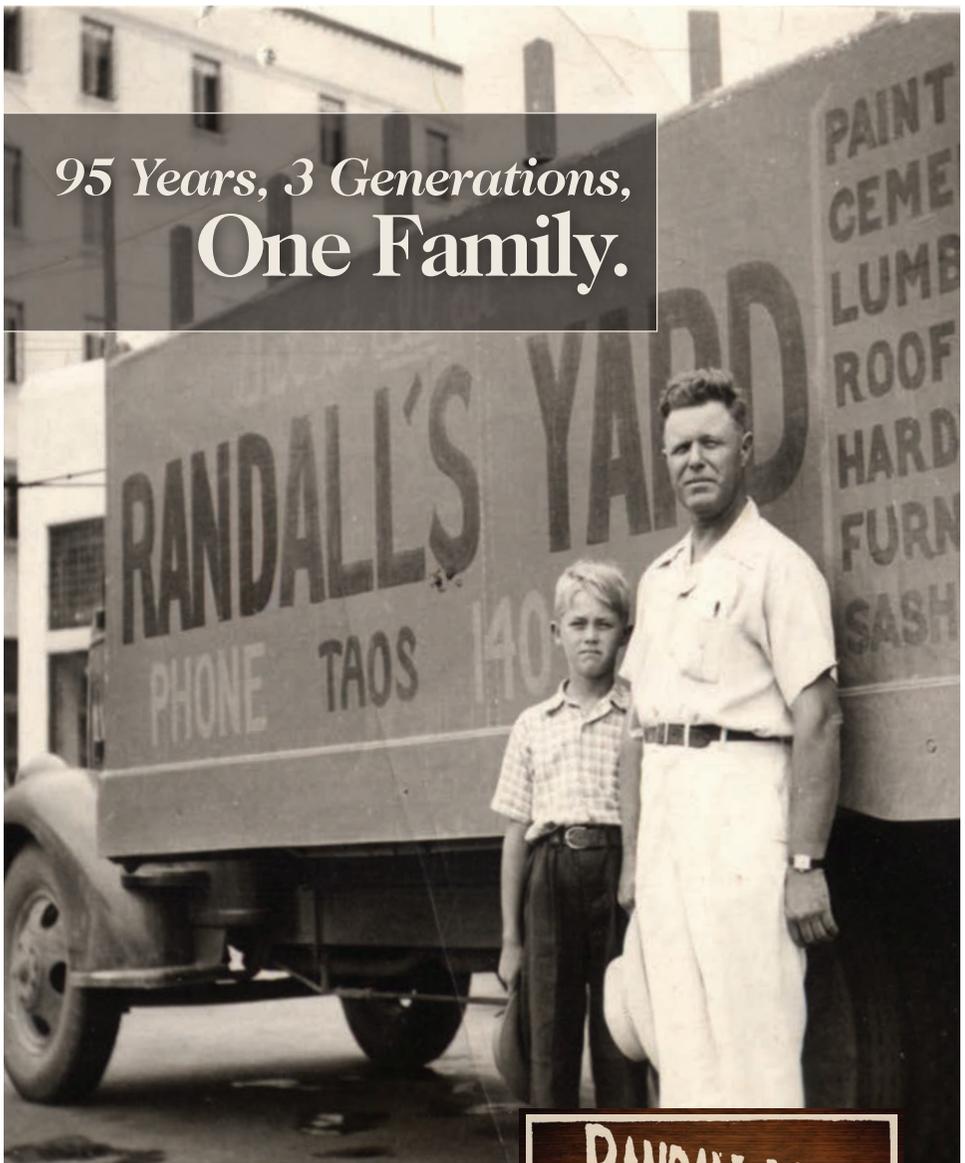


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Rosario Chapel
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Closing Ceremonies
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PRESIDENT'S WELCOME

‘Connecting the Past with the Present,
Creating a Legacy: *Conectando el Pasado con
el Presente, Creando un Legado.*’

When the 2015 Fiestas de Taos came to a close, I was renewed by the outpouring of joyful, positive reinforcement we received from the community. The centuries-old tradition of Las Fiestas de Taos continues to be the most celebrated historical event in our community as it continues to bridge the old with the new. Witnessing the excitement of the children waiting in line to ride the Tio Vivo is one of the most encouraging visions in keeping Fiestas alive. I imagine my grandmother's joy in realizing Fiestas was finally here as she patiently awaited her turn on the beautifully painted horse she lovingly mounted, while giving thanks to God for making it possible.

We live in a world of advanced technology where little by little we are losing the importance of conversing face to face, playing with the toys we crafted out of thread bobbins, running through the mud puddles on a rainy day and good old-fashioned family dinners talking about the day's events. Sundays were reserved for attending church and visiting family and friends, which always included the sharing of a meal. Those visions, although distant, embark a desire to remain somewhere



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in the past, while embracing the challenges we face in keeping those traditions in the foreground.

Las Fiestas de Taos gives us the opportunity to take a step back in time where all that mattered was riding the Tio Vivo, standing in line to eat our most anticipated scrumptious cuisine and all the while listening to our favorite musicians as we danced in joyful gratitude for a life deserving of a CELEBRATION!

This year's theme, "Connecting the Past with the Present, Creating a Legacy: *Conectando el Pasado con el Presente, Creando un Legado,*" embodies the spirit of the child within us to bridge those recollections of long ago, while fostering new memories during this year's festivities.

Thank you, once again, our beloved Taoseños for joining us year after year in keeping this most worthy and notable tradition ALIVE! We are all extended family — let's continue celebrating one another!

*Con Cariño su Hermana en Cristo,
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SATURDAY, JULY 23

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SATURDAY, JULY 23

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MARIA ERNESTINA ELENA ARCHULETA

A FAREWELL FROM LA REINA 2015

This past year has been absolutely amazing representing my beautiful community of Taos as *La Reina de Las Fiestas de Santiago y Santa Ana por el año dos mil quince*. When the year first began, I had no idea how much of an impact this would have on me and my family. I feel I have grown and matured in the knowledge and appreciation of my history, traditions, culture and religion. I am truly grateful to have had this opportunity to participate in so many events in our community and in other communities across Northern New Mexico. I would like to thank the countless individuals and organizations throughout our travels and fiesta events attended for receiving my court, and I with courtesy and generosity. I am proud that God brought us together to celebrate in our devotion and commitment in our faith which I will never forget.

A huge thank you to my parents, Darlene and Pablo Archuleta, for supporting, guiding and encouraging me to always do my best. Your example inspires me to accomplish whatever I set my mind to do. Thank you for instilling the value of hard work and perseverance. Thank you to my younger brother, Pablo, for participating in some of the events with the Royal Court and my older brother, Ryan, for always being just one phone call away. To Ursula Salazar for continuously encouraging me in all my endeavors and being present whenever I needed you. Aunt Helen Archuleta, thank you for all the jokes and



Tina Larkin

support throughout my life. Thank you to the rest of my family; I honestly don't know what I would do without all of you by my side.

I would like to give a special thanks to my wonderful *princesas*, Monique and Ashlee, their families and to all our escorts for sharing along this journey. I am thankful for having the both of you by my side in creating memories that will last us a lifetime.

On the behalf of my court and myself, I would like to thank the Taos

Fiesta Council for providing the opportunity to represent our community and guiding us to be leaders and role models. Also, my deepest appreciation to the entire community of Taos for supporting and sponsoring us with your generous donations and assistance that allowed us to have a successful year. A blessing and immense thank you to Vangie, Sonya and Elma for promoting and preparing us; you always treated us like royalty.

Congratulations to the 2016 Royal Court. I wish you luck, enjoyment and blessings on this new adventure you are about to partake. Enjoy these once-in-a-lifetime moments and cherish the memories.

Muchísimas Gracias a Todos y Que Dios Los Bendiga,

¡Que Vivan Las Fiestas!

Sincerely,
Maria Ernestina Elena Archuleta
La Reina de Las Fiestas de Taos 2015

MARISSA JOSETTE VIGIL

A WELCOME FROM LA REINA 2016

Muchas gracias a todos por la oportunidad a servir como La Reina de las Fiestas de Santiago y Santa Ana por el año dos mil diez y seis. It is a great honor to represent my loving family, my unique culture and my beautiful home of Taos. Las Fiestas de Taos means a tremendous amount to me, and as La Reina, I am willing to take on the roles and responsibilities needed to fulfill this honorable position. In doing so, I will give my full commitment to making our community proud. I hope to become more in depth with my religion, traditions and culture. I am especially proud to represent my small community of Arroyo Hondo and my church, Our Lady of Sorrows. I will continue to educate, not only the youth, but all people within the community and to the many acquaintances I will surely encounter during my reign as queen, in hopes of bridging our cultures and preserving many traditions for generations to come. I admire and respect every single culture in this community because they each add to the splendor of this town and they support each other in a positive way. Altogether, we have such strong community roots, which are something to be very proud of; we are *la gente!*

To *mis princesas*, Julia Johnson-Jaramillo, Angelica Lucero, y Justine Sandoval, you are all beautiful, strong, young women who I know value our culture, faith, traditions and community as much as I do. As we spread our love for Taos all around New Mexico, I hope to learn new and exciting things in our travels together, as well as make memories and friendships we will all cherish for years to come. I know that we will represent Taos y ustedes, *la gente muy bien.*

In honor of this year's theme: "Connecting the Past with the Present, Creating a Legacy," I would like to invite everyone to engulf themselves in the history and traditions of our home and culture of what are



Katharine Egli

the Fiestas, and our town of Taos.

Thank you to all my family for giving me the strength and courage to believe in myself and never give up on my dreams. I would like to give a special thank you to my loving mother, Marla Vigil, for being my best friend and my rock. You work so hard molding me to being the strong woman I am today. I am proud to be your daughter. Thank you to my grandparents, Nadine and Jesus "Rick" Vigil, for always supporting me in all that I do, and instilling in me morals and values. To my younger siblings, Dominic and Chantel, you give

me the strength and will power to be a strong role model and help shape a better world for you. Auntie Tanya and Uncle Dave, thank you for encouraging and teaching me important life lessons I will value forever. Thank you to my Nina, Amanda Arellano, for being like a big sister to me and supporting me in my faith. Lastly, thank you to all those who sponsored my court and I, your donations, support and well wishes are appreciated and will never be forgotten. I would like to recognize and extend my gratitude to the 2015 Royal Court for being beautiful, caring and respectable ambassadors of our community. I hope that Julia, Angel, Justine and myself follow in your footsteps and make you proud during our year. To the Taos Fiesta Council, my court and I could never thank you enough for maintaining the traditions of Taos for us and the community. Without your dedication we would not have the opportunity to begin our legacy in preserving all that represents Taos.

¡Que Vivan Las Fiestas!

*Muchísimas Gracias a Todos y Que Dios Los Bendiga,
Marissa Josette Vigil
La Reina de Las Fiestas de Taos 2016*

DAN BARRONE

WELCOME FROM THE TOWN OF TAOS

As the mayor and Town Council of the town of Taos, we are proud to host the 2016 Fiestas de Taos here in the heart of our community on the historic Taos Plaza.

With this year's theme of "Connecting the Past with the Present: *Conectando el Pasado con el Presente, Creando un Legado*," Fiestas is a time for reunions, parades, music, dancing and the celebration of all the wonderful memories and traditions of our community.

Whether you are a life-long resident who fondly remembers your first ride on Tio Vivo and your first Fiestas parade, or this is the first time you will get to dance on the Plaza under 100-year-old trees with your friends and neighbors, we promise that you will experience Taos at its best.



This wonderful blend of our religious, agricultural and Hispanic culture brings us all together in one place for one beautiful New Mexico summer weekend in celebration of the Fiestas de Santiago y Santa Anna and our rich heritage.

We would like to thank the Fiestas Council and the many volunteers and participants that make the Fiestas such a wonderful event. Congratulations to La Reina de las Fiestas de Taos y Las Princesas del

año 2016.

¡Bienvenidos, nuestra comunidad es su hogar!

Welcome, our community is your home!

Mayor Dan Barrone and the Taos Town Council

JIM FAMBRO

¡BIENVENIDOS! WELCOME! FROM TAOS COUNTY

It is with great pleasure that I welcome you to the Fiestas de Taos, an annual celebration of the community's patron saints Santiago and Santa Ana, which Taos County residents have been celebrating since the days of the early trade fairs. Colorful parades, music and dancing in the Plaza have historically been part of this community celebration that brings us all together.

The Taos County Board of Commissioners, county assessor, county clerk, county probate judge, county sheriff, county treasurer and Taos County staff invite you to have a great time in our wonderful community and to help us celebrate this annual event.



On behalf of those who proudly serve the people of Taos County, I would like to thank the Taos Fiesta Council and all of the volunteers for their countless hours organizing and planning this historic and time-honored event we call Fiestas.

We look forward to seeing you at the 2016 Fiestas de Taos from July 22-24 on the Historic Taos Plaza. *¡Que vivan Las Fiestas de Taos y nuestra gente!*

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WELCOME FROM TAOS PUEBLO



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Taos Pueblo joins the town of Taos and surrounding communities in welcoming everyone to the 2016 Fiestas de Taos. Fiestas de Taos is a time to join neighbors in celebration and to give thanks for the special place where we live.

Our main feast day of San Geronimo will take place on Sept. 30. On that day we will have foot races, beginning around 7 a.m. San Geronimo Feast Day, in addition to honoring traditions, is a trade fair that has a history going back centuries, when our people traded with other Indian tribes and later with non-Indians.

Our Pueblo has been honored by the United Nations as a place of great significance in the world. UNESCO has honored Taos Pueblo's living culture, which we continue to practice as we have for centuries. We hope you will be able to enjoy your stay and enjoy the town of Taos Fiestas!

Let's all have an enjoyable time! Contact us at (575) 758-1028 or visit taospueblo.com for more information.

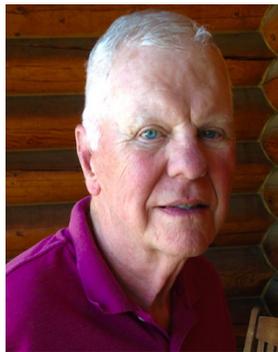
*Governor Benito M. Sandoval
War Chief Richard Archuleta*

WELCOME

FROM THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL COUNCIL OF THE ENCHANTED CIRCLE

On behalf of all the elected and appointed officials of the Intergovernmental Council (IGC) of the Enchanted Circle, we welcome Taoseños and visitors to Las Fiestas de Taos. Our 13 members include Taos County, town of Red River, town of Taos, Village of Angel Fire, Village of Eagle Nest, Village of Questa, Village of Taos Ski Valley, Picuris Pueblo, Taos Pueblo, Peñasco Independent School District, Questa Independent School District, Taos Municipal School District and the University of New Mexico-Taos.

Las Fiestas, a four-century tradition, has been passed down from generation to generation as a way to preserve Taos' rich and varied cultures. We invite our visitors



to tour the many cultural and historic sites throughout the Enchanted Circle and experience the cariños of our citizens and communities. This festive event is a wonderful opportunity to experience fellowship and unity while surrounded by the beauty of Northern New Mexico.

This year, it is a pleasure to celebrate connecting the generations of Taoseños. We honor the history and express our gratitude to them for the inspiration they add to our lives.

*Welcome! ¡Bienvenidos! Hee-Ya-Ho!
¡Que vivan Las Fiestas de Taos!
Chuck Howe, Chairperson
Intergovernmental Council of the Enchanted Circle
Mayor Pro-Tem, Village of Angel Fire*



ENTERTAINMENT SCHEDULE

Taos Fiesta Council 2016

FRIDAY, JULY 22

NOON-1 P.M.
Eddie Herrera y Vengancia

1-2 P.M.
Gustavo Rodriguez

2-3:30 P.M.
Legacy of Santa Fe

3:30-4 P.M.
Niños Balladores

4-5 P.M.
Mystic Dance

5-6 P.M.
Dawn Luz Padilla

5:30-6:45 P.M.
Fiesta Mass —
Our Lady of Guadalupe
Church

Procession with Mariachi
Buenaventura

6-7 P.M.
Catalina Río Fernandez y
Flamenco Nuevo Mexico

7-8 P.M.
Opening Ceremonies at
Historic Taos Plaza

8-9 P.M.
*Chris Arellano's Summer
School of Rock*

9-10 P.M.
Lori Ortega —
*Nuevo Mexico Lindo y
Querido*

10 P.M.
Plaza closes

SATURDAY, JULY 23

9-10 A.M.
Spanish Soundtrack

10-10:30 A.M.
Children's Parade

10:30-11 A.M.
Mariachi Calor

11 A.M.-NOON
Mystic Dance

NOON-1 P.M.
Simpático

1-2 P.M.
Baile Ilusión

2-3 P.M.
Lone Piñon

3-4 P.M.
Baile Español

4-5 P.M.
Tequila Rain

5-6 P.M.
Baile Encantado

6-7 P.M.
The Robert Parker Band

7-8 P.M.
Michael Rael y Cielo

8-9 P.M.
Dave Maestas Band

9-11 P.M.
*Jerome Grant y Los Amigos
Unidos*
(Gran Baile de Las Fiestas)

11 P.M.
Plaza closes

SUNDAY, JULY 24

9:30-11 A.M.
St. Francis Choir

11 A.M.-NOON
Audrey Davis & Johnny
Archuleta

NOON
Historical Parade

NOON-1 P.M.
UZ Band

1-1:30 P.M.
Dance Divas

1:30-2:30 P.M.
Suave

2:30-3:30 P.M.
The Tanya Griego Band

3:30-3:45 P.M.
Antonio Reyna

3:45-4 P.M.
Special Community
Presentation

4-4:30 P.M.
Antonio Reyna

4:30-6 P.M.
Severo Martinez y Fuego

6-7:30 P.M.
Darren Cordova y Calor

7:30 P.M.
Closing Ceremonies at
Historic Taos Plaza

**Italicized performers have donated their time and talents to the people and community of Taos. Others are being paid for their performances.*



Rick Romancito

HISTORICAL PARADE GRAND MARSHAL TONY REYNA

The Honorable Tony Reyna is a pillar of our community, our great state of New Mexico and our nation. As a veteran who suffered at the hands of the enemy and is one of the few living survivors of the Bataan Death March, we owe him a debt of gratitude for placing his life on the line to keep our country safe.

Our theme this year for the 2016 Fiestas de Taos falls under the auspices of Bridging Our Community: Connecting the Past with the Present, creating a Legacy: Conectando el Pasado con el Presente, Creandoun Legado. Who more appropriate than the honorable Tony Reyna, through his life's work, his legacy, at a young 100 years, to exemplify the true meaning of these words. He is a man of wisdom and as has been said many a time before, respected universally by all.

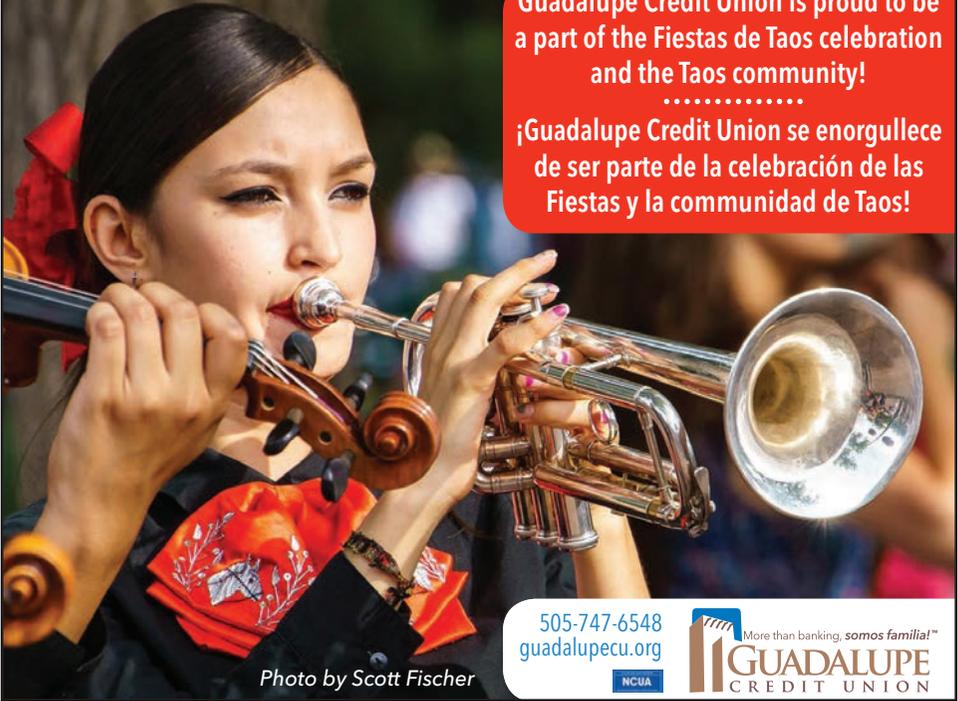
The Taos Fiesta Council takes great pride in naming the honorable Tony Reyna, Honoree of the 2016.

Fiestas de Taos and Grand Marshal of the 2016 Fiestas de Taos Parade, for his endless devotion and dedication to his family, to our community, to our state and to our nation.

May God bless Tony Reyna for many more years to come.

— *Don Francisco Trujillo II, Fiesta Council vice president*

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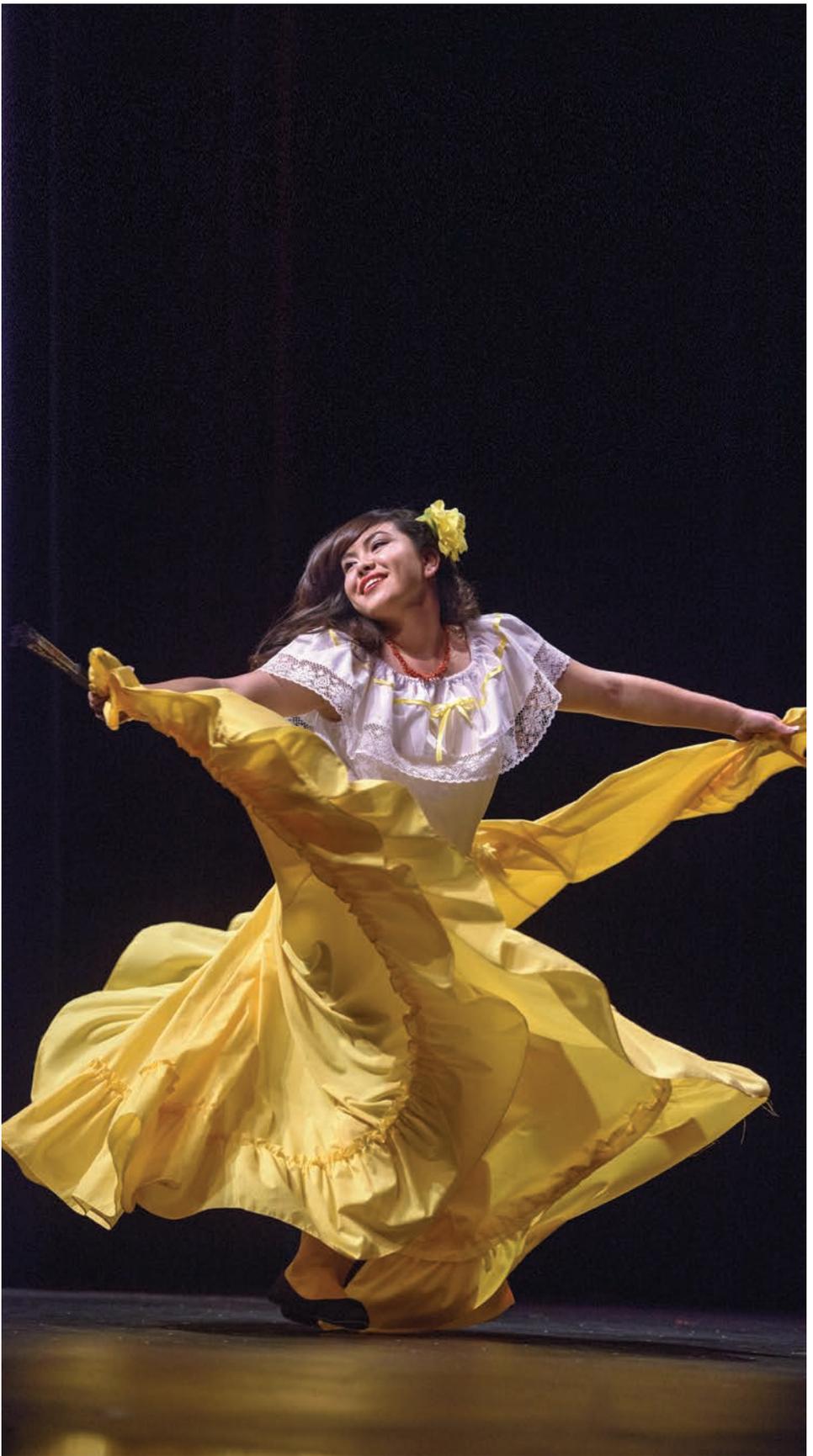
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'TODO' TAOS

A LOOK AT THE ROYAL PAGEANT

By Teresa Dovalpage

So many young girls in Taos dream of becoming reinas and princesas. A few make that dream a reality every year.

The Royal Court Pageant takes place in June, when the new queen is announced after a rigorous multifaceted competition. After la reina is officially declared, the remaining contestants become princesas of equal ranking. These young ladies will not only preside over the Fiestas celebrations, but also go on to represent Taos throughout the year at a number of events like the Santa Fe Fiestas and the State Fair Parade. They also travel to Española; Las Vegas, New Mexico; Albuquerque; Peñasco; Questa; and many other places.

The queen is crowned at Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish, in the month of July. The fiestas councils and royalties from Las Vegas, Santa Fe and Española also take part in this celebration, which is the official start of Taos Fiestas.

THE ROYAL PAGEANT

The annual competition has several sections and the judges, who all volunteer their time for the event, keep a tally on the young contestants' answers and poise. The contest

consists of six categories: fashion, speech, talent, group dance, impromptu question and essay.

The fashion section is where each contestant models a Taos Fiesta outfit. The attire they have borrowed, designed, or bought, is then described by the contestants while they show off their idea of a "Taos fashion."

The speech section incorporates both Spanish and English. Each contestant talks about why they want to become Fiesta queen. They explain how the Catholic religion plays an important role in the Fiestas and show their knowledge of Taos history.

The individual talent section shows a particular skill that the contestant feels is unique or specific to their culture, history or generation. It often consists of singing and dancing, but there are some talents that are difficult to exhibit in a theater setting like cooking, creating artwork, or sporting skills like archery. Short videos have been used in such cases.

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A choreographed group dance is also part of the competition. The contestants get to dance with Los Niños Bailadores de Taos, a dance group led by Luzita Trujillo that has been part of the pageant for the past 20 years.

"This is a very important part of the competition," Trujillo said, "because we can see how the contestants interact not only among themselves, but also with the little kids."

During the impromptu questions, each contestant is asked one open-ended question testing her knowledge of Taos history, culture and religion.

In addition to the visual, public part of the competition, the contestants write an essay of the history of Taos in relation to the Taos Fiesta theme. The essays, which aren't read in public, are also judged.

THE ROYAL COURT REQUIREMENTS

According to Evangeline "Vangie" Romero, who has been co-chair of the Pageant for 16

years, the main requirements to become a contestant are to be Catholic, 16 to 19 years old, and have a Hispanic surname, either maternal or paternal.

In addition to those requirements, "We aren't too keen on tattoos that are visible," she said. "Of course, the girls are not allowed to use drugs or liquor, and the same goes for their escorts. Maintaining a proper, dignified behavior is a key element since these young women will be representing not only themselves and their families, but also their sponsors, the Fiesta Council and our entire community, todo Taos."

THE OUTFITS

After the young women have expressed their interest in running for the Royal Court, the pageant chairs meet with them and their parents and explain to them the do's and don't's. They all sign the contestant's agreement and the girls are on their way.

"Then we start looking for material to have their attires made," Romero said. "We choose



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FIESTAS FACTS

THE CROWN THAT REINAS WEAR IS MADE OF SILVER AND POLISHED TURQUOISE. IT WAS CREATED ESPECIALLY FOR THE FIESTAS AND DONATED TO THE TAOS FIESTA COUNCIL BY TAOS ARTIST MELITON TRUJILLO IN 1980.

EVERY YEAR, A THEME IS CHOSEN FOR THE FIESTAS. THE 2016 THEME IS "CONNECTING THE PAST WITH THE PRESENT, CREATING A LEGACY."

THIS YEAR, ALL THE CONTESTANTS WERE THE FIRST IN THEIR FAMILIES TO RUN FOR FIESTA QUEEN.

TAOS FIESTAS CAN BE TRACED BACK TO THE 1930S, TO AN EVENT CALLED "AYER Y HOY" ("TODAY AND YESTERDAY").

the fabrics and colors of their dresses and take all the materials to Mrs. Linda Medina from Río Rancho, a great seamstress that has been making these beautiful outfits for over two decades. They all have a unique look that makes the girls come across as a unit."

This time-honored style consists of a traditional peasant blouse worn with a hand-pleated broom-stick skirt. "We are fortunate to have Mrs. Medina as our seamstress," Romero said. "She was one of the ladies who created the legacy of our Fiesta fashion and has since then continued it."

MOTHERS FOR A YEAR

The Fiesta Council, particularly Vangie Romero, Elma Vigil and Sonya Romero, act like motherly figures for the contestants. June is a busy month because they are working with the aspiring royal court, training the girls for the contest and meeting with them regularly, but they are still sponsoring the crowned court, the one that was chosen the previous year.

"In July we lose them, which is hard because

by then they have become our children," Vangie Romero said. "But right away we adopt the new court and we take care of them as if they were our own kids."

All the contestants collect sponsorship. "We use the sponsorship money to take them to events like other fiestas and processions," Romero said. "It helps to pay for their lodging and dining."

For council members like both Romero and Vigil, this is all volunteer work.

"We love it," Romero said. "We hope that the Taos community enjoys the pageant and the rest of the Fiestas as much as we do. These young women are the new faces of Taos. They are the future of our town."

¡Que vivan las Fiestas!



ROYAL COURT



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PRINCESA JUSTINE JESSICA SANDOVAL
LA REINA MARISSA JOSETTE VIGIL
PRINCESA JULIA ANN JOHNSON-JARAMILLO
PRINCESA ANGELICA ESTRELLA LUCERO

LA REINA

MARISSA JOSETTE VIGIL

Marissa is 16 years old and will be a 2017 Taos High School Graduate. She is engaged in both advanced placement classes as well as the University of New Mexico-Taos dual-credit classes. She is a member of the Tiger Classics Drill Team and the Taos Lady Tiger Track Team. Marissa also participates in Mariachi Los Tigrillos Dos where she plays the violin and performs the traditional New Mexico Spanish colonial dances.

She is a member of Our Lady of Sorrows Parish and serves as a lector of the scriptures and assists in the cleaning and preparing for mass as a *mayordoma*.

Marissa enjoys learning different styles of dance, playing the violin and singing. She likes reading, running and spending time with her family.

Her plans are to attend the University of New Mexico to pursue a career in the study of biology and medicine. Her goals are to become a pediatrician.



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She is the daughter of Marla Vigil of Arroyo Hondo. Her

maternal grandparents are Nadine and Jesus "Rick" Vigil.

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PRINCESA JULIA ANN JOHNSON-JARAMILLO

Julia is 16 years old and will be a 2017 Taos High School graduate. She is an honors student and is engaged in advanced placement classes. She is a member of Mariachi El Tigre and Taos High Varsity Singers. She participated in the winning eCybermission Team called the Crabyotics in 2014 that attended the White House Science Fair in Washington, D.C.

She is an active member of Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish, where she is involved in the Saint Michael Youth and Core Groups. She is a Confirmation Group Retreat Speaker as well as an alter server. Julia enjoys singing different styles of music from country to mariachi, playing the violin and writing poetry.

Her plans are to attend the University of New Mexico to pursue a career in medicine. Her goals are to become a pediatric and family practice nurse practitioner.

She is the daughter of Gabrielita Jaramillo of Taos and the late William Johnson of Albuquerque. Her maternal



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grandparents are Julia Jaramillo and the late Juan Flores. Her

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PRINCESA ANGELICA ESTRELLA LUCERO

Angelica is 18 years old and is a 2015 Taos High School graduate where she was engaged in advanced placement classes and was a member of the Honor Roll Society. She was involved in the Don Fernando Yearbook, Ski Club and Computer Animation and Multimedia classes.

She participates in the Xtreme Martial Arts (XMA) and has earned a second-degree black belt in Taekwondo. Angelica enjoys reading and traveling.

Angelica's passion lied in dancing and coaching the Mini and Youth Mystic Dance team. Furthermore, she was honored to be a participant of the Mystic Dance Studio representing the first-place winners in the Hip-Hop category in 2015 at the Show Stoppers National Dance Competition in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Currently, she is attending the University of New Mexico-Taos and will be continuing her education in Albuquerque to pursue a career in the scientific study of the mind and behavior. Her goals are to become a psychologist.

She is the daughter of Maria Lucero-Ospino and Aldo Ospino of Taos. Her maternal grandparents are Benita and James Lucero.



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PRINCESA JUSTINE JESSICA SANDOVAL

Justine is 19 years old and is a 2015 Taos High School Graduate where she participated in the Taos Tiger Varsity Swimming Club, coached youth swimming and was a lifeguard for the Taos Youth and Family Center for three years. She is also an active member of the Lucky 7's 4-H Club, where she raises livestock and participates in various shooting sports.

She is very involved in the Saint Michaels Youth and Core Groups as well as the Retreat Team. She taught preschool to middle school aged youth in Summer Vacation Bible Camp at Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish for four summers. Furthermore, she has volunteered in the Gallup Sisters of Charity soup kitchen and packaged boxes of goods in the Atlanta Food Bank.

Justine enjoys knitting, as well as loves spending time outdoors raising her livestock, fishing and practicing her shooting skills with her friends and fellow 4-H members.

Currently she is attending the University of New Mexico-Taos pursuing a career in the study of agriculture and extension education. Her goals are to become an agricultural science



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teacher.

She is the daughter of Katrina Chavez-Martinez and Matthew Martinez of Taos and Manuel

Sandoval of Taos. Her maternal grandparents are Dolores and Tino Chavez. Her paternal grandparents are Rose Mares and Henry Sandoval.

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Maria Ernestina Elena	Evelyn Trujillo	Stella Lucero (Hokanson)
Archuleta	1994	1970
2014	Karina Gallegos	Carla Martínez
Jenna Rose Louisa Amelia	1993	1968
Peralta	Santana Tafoya	Yvonne Santistevan
2013	1992	1967
Angelica Esperanza Rodríguez	Leandra Medina	Carman Mares
2012	1991	1966
Juliette Elizabeth Rebekah	Katrina Lucero	Teodora Vigil (Medina)
Peralta	1990	1965
2011	Gina Varos	Lupe Valerio (Dominguez)
Anna Eloisa Vásquez	1989	1964
2010	Albertina Espinoza	Sylvia Struck (Roybal)
Desiree Briana Apodaca	1988	1963
2009	Denise Jeantete	Frances Cohn (Miller)
Angelica Lydia Salazar	1987	1962
2008	Fatima Suazo	Gleecy Martínez (Buttler)
Amogene Olaya Martínez	1986	1961
2007	Stephanie Córdova	Maida Mares (Martínez)
Ana Alicia Romero	1985	1960
2006	Erlinda Sánchez	Rosalie Otero
Micayla Corral-Jeantete	1984	1959
2005	Wenda Martínez	Elizabeth Naomi Varos
Maria Elena Martínez	1983	1958
2005	Judy Suazo	Diana Rael
Elena Villafranca	1982	1957
2004	Carmen Vigil	Martha Martínez
Stephanie Romero	1981	1956
2003	Lorraine Romero	Manuelita Mondragón
Jessica Quintana	1980	(Mullins)
2002	Darlene Vigil	1954
Contessa Trujillo	1979	Stella Martínez
2001	Natalie Padilla	1953
Sonya Francesca Romero	1978	Lucille Trujillo
2000	Diana Valerio	1952
Crystal Martínez	1977	Cecilia Martínez y Salazar
1999	Grace Coca (Chávez)	Torres
Maya Martínez	1976	1949
1998	Gina Ortiz (Osburn)	Lucille Ortiz
Samantha Gallegos	1975	1948
1997	Veronica Romo (Miera)	Porferia Valerio
Monica Tafoya	1974	1936
1996	Bernice Sandoval	Alice Martínez (Knight)
Crucita Roberta Medina	1973	1927
1995	Carman Ledoux	Marcia Anaya (Wheaton)
Roxanne Anderson Pérez	1972	
	Christine Mondragón (Vargas)	

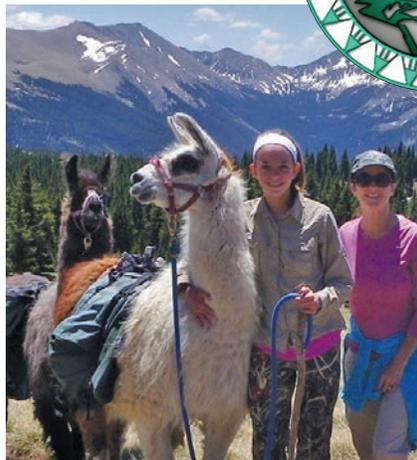
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