



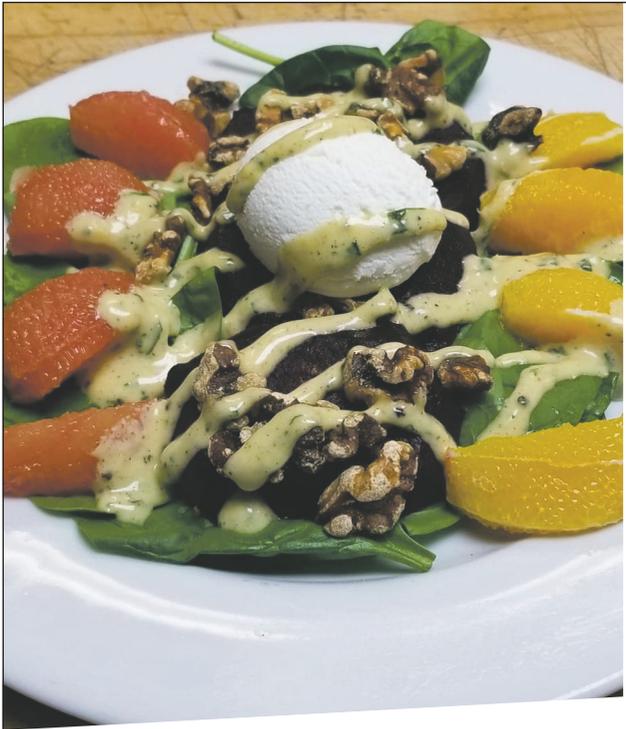
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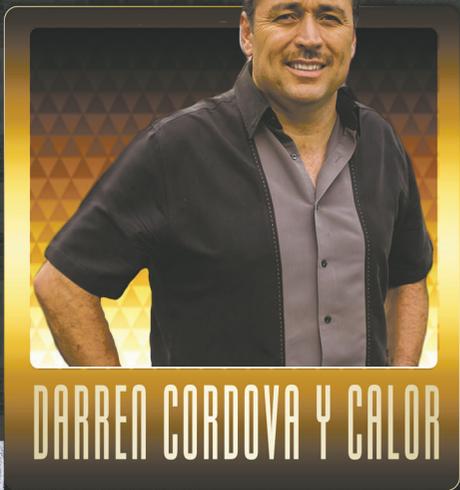
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President's Welcome

¡Bienvenidos!

Dear visitors and fellow Taoseños:

On behalf of the Taos Fiesta Council and myself, we welcome you to our annual celebration, Las Fiestas de Taos. Our celebration represents the feast days of our patron saints Santiago y Santa Ana, Santiago, a Fisherman and Warrior, Santa Ana, the Mother of the Virgin Mary.

We thank God for the many blessings that have been bestowed upon us over the past year and ask God's grace in preparing us for yet another year.

The centuries-old tradition of Las Fiestas de Taos has been passed from generation to generation, and is our way of preserving the rich cultures that we have developed in Taos over the last 400 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 each other's company. It is a time to listen to the mariachi and to the traditional Northern New Mexico music that makes Taos so special. It is a time to taste the delicious food and to view the many talented groups performing Spanish flamenco, Mexican and New Mexican dances, and to experience the ambiance of Taos' Historic Plaza.

Our theme for this year's celebration is, "This is about life in Taos, where our Grandparents implanted in us, as did their Grandparents before them, the importance of our families and friends, and all visitors to the Taos community, to unite as one people.

We thank our past Reina and her court. We congratulate and welcome our new Reina and her Court and wish them well in representing Taos in all they do.

We welcome all of our neighboring Royal Courts and Cuadrillas in celebrating our



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Las Fiestas Council President Anna Herrera

culture and traditions. Without the support of the entire Taos community, we would not be able to continue with this age-old celebration, and thus we thank each and everyone for your generosity and help. The annual Las Fiestas de Taos belongs to the people of Taos, and the Taos Fiesta Council is honored to serve as stewards for you and your Fiesta.

We invite you and our visitors to tour and visit the many cultural and historic sites throughout the beautiful community of Taos. Stop in and visit the local shops and treat yourselves to the great food on the Historic Taos Plaza. Have a safe and festive Fiestas weekend. God Bless, y Que Dios los bendiga y Que vivan Las Fiestas!

ANNA HERRERA
PRESIDENT, TAOS FIESTA COUNCIL



2018 *Las Fiestas Council*

SEAN KELLY PORTRAITS/CHUCK MCLAUGHLIN

2018 Fiesta Council in back row from left: Isabel Chacón; Vice President Thelma Móntez; Charles Lane, Treasurer Joseph Quintana; Annabelle Garcia-Noga; and Marlene Rael. Front row from left: Bernadette Trujillo; Rene Medina Lavadie; President Anna Herrera; Elma Vigil; and Secretary Christine Barela. Not pictured: Immediate past President Kathleen Branchal; Hon. Judith 'Judi' Cantu; Manuel Medina, Theresa Trujillo, Tina Jo Martinez; Helio Sanchez; Hon. Don Francisco Trujillo II; and auxiliary members Christina Rose Martínez; Donna Jo Martínez; Durin McCash; Celsa Vigil; Patrick Vigil; Sonya Vigil-Torres; and Wilbert Vigil.

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The Taos Fiesta Council, Inc., cordially invites you to attend the following 2018 Fiestas de Taos events:

FRIDAY, JULY 20 MARIACHI FIESTA MASS AND CROWNING OF THE FIESTA QUEEN AND COURT

Our Lady of Guadalupe Church / 5:30 - 6:45 p.m.
Procession with Mariachi Sonidos del Monte

OFFICIAL FIESTA OPENING CEREMONIES

The Historic Taos Plaza / 7 - 8 p.m.

SATURDAY, JULY 21 CHILDREN'S PARADE

Enos Garcia Elementary School to Historic Taos Plaza / 11 - 11:30 a.m.

GRAN BAILE DE LAS FIESTAS

Featuring Gonzaloo from Las Vegas, New Mexico
Historic Taos Plaza / 8 - 11 p.m.

This is a family event, open to the public at no charge.

SUNDAY, JULY 22 MARIACHI MASS

San Francisco de Asís Church / 8 a.m.
Music by Mariachi Sonidos del Monte

HISTORICAL PARADE

Paseo del Pueblo Sur / 11 a.m.

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2017 Reina Farewell



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La Reina Mariana Fatima Jimenez-Gonzales

A FAREWELL FROM LA REINA 2017, MARIANA FATIMA JIMENEZ-GONZALES

To the community of Taos,
On behalf of myself, Mariana Fatima Jimenez-Gonzales, La Reina de Santiago y Santa Ana de Las Fiestas de Taos 2017 and Las Princesas Ariana Baca and Gabriela Pérez, I would like to say thank you to the community of Taos for supporting us throughout this experience. Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to learn and experience more of the culture of my home, Taos and other communities in New Mexico. I enjoyed traveling to the different communities as a representative for Las Fiestas de Santiago y Santa Ana and meeting new people. The people I met were all very kind, enjoyable and shared stories of their traditions and cultures. When speaking and traveling to the communities, the people confirmed my beliefs in strong family values and strong religious views.

I know that in this coming Fiesta year, the new Reina and her Princesas will make many lifelong memories and have fun. I would like to thank the Fiesta Council for providing me with this wonderful opportunity. I would also like to thank my family for supporting me. I hope to see this tradition carried on as it has been because, it has been a memorable experience.

Thank you y ¡Que Vivan las Fiestas!

Sincerely,

Mariana Fatima Jimenez-Gonzales
La Reina de Las Fiestas de Taos 2017

2018 Reina Welcome



SEAN KELLY PORTRAITS
La Reina Alicia Romero

A WELCOME FROM LA REINA 2018, ALICIA MARIE ROMERO

Beinvenidos todos a Las Fiestas de Taos. Welcome everyone to Las Fiestas de Taos. It is a huge honor to represent the Taos community as your Reina de las Fiestas de Santiago y Santa Ana for 2018-2019. I look forward to the journey ahead of me, with integrity to proudly serve the Taos community. I am ready for my role, responsibilities and commitment in preserving our culture, religion and traditions. I look forward to deepening my education, preserving this centuries-old celebration of Las Fiestas de Taos for generations to come. I am eager to meet each and every one of you and to see the excitement in your children's eyes. I hope to encourage all youth to pursue their dreams. With faith, all things are possible. I am an active member of Holy Trinity Parish at Our Lady of Sorrows Capilla in Arroyo Hondo. I look ahead to the events I will encounter throughout our beautiful Northern New Mexico communities and churches. I am devoted and committed to my faith, and it is with great honor I represent Taos County in this capacity.

To my Princesas, Jazmine Medrano and Katrina Gonzales, I look forward to this journey alongside the two of you. You are beautiful young ladies; we will work together enriching and preserving our faith and culture in our amazing community. We will make memories together that we will treasure for the rest of our lives. I am very proud of where we are today and excited about where we are headed. Together, we will stay engaged and proactive to help shape future reinas and princesas.

In honor of this year's Las Fiestas de Taos theme, "Culturas Unidas en Nuestra Comunidad - United Cultures in Our Community" – a special invitation to all of the town of Taos, Taos County, the surrounding communities and visitors; come together as one people, united in our community history, cultures and traditions.

Thank you to my family, especially my parents Soveida and Andres, who are my main supporters. Mom and Dad, you have shaped me to believe in myself, my heritage, my Hispanic roots, my religion, *mi familia*. Thank you for teaching me important life lessons and the encouragement to follow my dreams.

Thank you to my Grandma Anna for always being there for me. You are the one who pushed me to never give up and achieve my goals. You have provided me with the strength to acknowledge the importance of religion and culture.

Thank you to my older sister, Ashley. You are the one who I look up to. I owe all my accomplishments to you.

Thank you to my younger sister, Andrea. I hope you know that I always strive to do my best so that you have someone to look up to.

My personal respect and thanks goes out to all of my sponsors for your monetary donations and words of encouragement. I genuinely appreciate you. Thank you to the Taos Fiesta Council for your work and dedication that keeps this historic event alive. Without you, my Royal Court and I would not have the opportunity to embrace this wonderful tradition. Thank you to the town of Taos, Taos County and you, my people. *¡Que viva Las Fiestas de Taos!*

Gracias a todos y que Dios los bendiga. Thank you to all and God bless you.

Alicia Marie Romero

La Reina de Las Fiestas de Taos 2018

WELCOME

from the Mayor's Office



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Mayor Dan Barrone

As the mayor and spokesmen of the town of Taos Town Council, we are proud to host the 2018 Fiestas de Taos here in the heart of our community on Historic Taos Plaza.

Our fiestas are a time for gathering together, sharing old memories and making new ones. The theme for 2018 is "Uniting cultures in our community." "Culturas unidas en nuestra comunidad." Unity is something that has been of great importance to the council and myself. The Taos Fiestas is a perfect time for us to unite. This wonderful blend of our religious, agricultural, Hispanic culture and rich heritage brings us all together in one place for one beautiful New Mexico summer weekend in celebration of the 2018 Fiestas de Santiago y Santa Ana.

Whether you are a lifelong resident who fondly remembers your first ride on the Tio Vivo and your first Fiesta parade or if it will be your first time to attend the Taos Fiestas, there will be memories made on Taos Plaza. There is nothing like dancing on the Plaza under the trees surrounded by neighbors, friends and family. It is a great time to make new friends. Your attendance will give you a memorable experience of Taos and its wonderful people.

We would like to thank the Fiesta 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 2018.

Thank you for being willing to serve and represent the Taos Community.

¡Bienvenidos, nuestra comunidad es su hogar!

Welcome, our community is your home!

MAYOR DAN BARRONE AND THE TAOS TOWN COUNCIL



WELCOME

¡Bienvenidos! Taos County



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Jim Fambro

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. This year's theme, "Culturas Unidos en Nuestra Comunidad," incorporates colorful parades, music and dancing in the Plaza, which have historically been part of this community celebration.

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 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 2018 Fiestas de Taos from July 20-22 on the Historic Taos Plaza.

*¡Que Vivan Las Fiestas de Taos
y Nuestra gente!*

JIM FAMBRO, CHAIRMAN, TAOS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



WELCOME

Taos Pueblo



RICK ROMANCITO

2018 Taos Pueblo Gov. Gilbert Suazo Sr.

The Taos Pueblo Governor and War Chief wish to join the neighboring communities of Taos to welcome visitors and friends to the annual Town of Taos Fiestas on July 20th, 21st, and 22nd, 2018. This celebration is in honor of the patron saints, Santiago and Santa Ana.

This is the opportunity to celebrate the richness of the cultural diversity that Taos is well known for and also bring friends, relatives and visitors together to enjoy the blessings of the patron saints.

It is the hope of Taos Pueblo that the cultural traditions are sustained in honor and respect of the surrounding communities and patron saints.

May we be blessed with peace and happiness during the Feast of Santiago and Santa Ana.

**GOVERNOR GILBERT SUAZO
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WELCOME LETTER FROM

*Bobby
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Roberto "Bobby" Gonzales

¡Bienvenidos to the 2018 Taos Fiestas!

The Taos Fiestas bring family and friends from across the country together to celebrate the feast day for Santiago y Santa Ana. The mass for the crowning of the queen and her court, gazebo performances, the children's parade, historical parade and of course, the food stands, are opportunities to visit with family and renew old friendships.

Welcome to one of the unique traditions of Taos and the state of New Mexico. Enjoy your weekend and return each year to our community of old and new traditions.

Como siempre,

ROBERTO "BOBBY" GONZALES
STATE REPRESENTATIVE

WELCOME LETTER FROM

*Carlos
R. Cisneros*

STATE SENATOR



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Carlos R. Cisneros

¡Bienvenidos a La Fiestas de Taos!

Taosños and visitors from far and near, welcome to the annual Fiestas de Taos spanning over a three-day period.

The Fiestas de Taos is an annual community celebration in the Historic Taos Plaza in a tradition passed from generation to generation as a way of preserving the rich tri-cultural way of life that has developed in Taos over the last four centuries.

The 2018 Fiesta them, "Culturas Unidas en Nuestra Comunidad," or "United Cultures in Our Community," fits into our everyday way of life among our cultures.

Enjoy the festivities, which include musical and dance performances, parade, good food and crafts and above all else, be safe.

Como siempre,

CARLOS R. CISNEROS
STATE SENATOR



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Burning at 9:30 p.m.

Historical Lecture
6 p.m. / Wed., Sept. 5
NM History Museum
Tickets: 505-476-5200

**Concierto de Mariachi
Matinee**
2 p.m. / Wed., Sept. 5
Lentic Performing Arts Center
Tickets: 505-988-1234

Pregón de la Fiesta
6 a.m. / Fri., Sept. 7
Rosario Chapel
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Bandstand on the Plaza
10 a.m. - 10 p.m. / Sept. 7
10 a.m. - 10 p.m. / Sept. 8
10 a.m. - 5 p.m. / Sept. 9
Santa Fe Plaza

City and State
Opening of Fiesta
Noon / Fri., Sept. 7
Santa Fe Plaza

**Desfile de Los Ninos
(Pet Parade)**
9 a.m. / Sat., Sept. 8
Santa Fe Plaza Area

**La Merienda
(Fashion Show)**
3 p.m. / Sat., Sept. 8
James A. Little Theatre
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Solemn Procession
9:30 a.m. / Sun., Sept. 9
Palace of the Governors

Pontifical Mass
10 a.m. / Sun., Sept. 9
Cathedral Basilica of
Saint Francis of Assisi

Desfile de La Gente
Historical / Hysterical Parade
12 p.m. / Sat., Sept. 9
Santa Fe Plaza Area

Closing Ceremonies
5:15 p.m. / Sun., Sept. 9
Santa Fe Plaza

**Mass of Thanksgiving and
Candlelight Procession**
7 p.m. / Sun., Sept. 9
Cathedral Basilica of
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Entertainment Schedule

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Friday, July 20

NOON-12:30 P.M.
Spanish Soundtrack

12:30-1:30 P.M.
Northern Revolution

1:30-2:30 P.M.
The UZ Band

2:30-3:30 P.M.
Mystic Dance

3:30-4 P.M.
Niños Bailadores

4-5 P.M.
Legacy of Santa Fe

5-6 P.M.
Singer-songwriter Gustavo Rodriguez (Austin, Texas)

5:30-6:45 P.M.
Fiesta Mass at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, crowning of La Reina and Princesas, procession with Mariachi Sonidos del Monte

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

7-8 P.M.
Opening Ceremonies

8-9 P.M.
Mariachi Sonidos del Monte

9-10 P.M.
Dawn Luz Padilla y Los Cantu's con Aaron Trujillo

Singer-songwriter Gustavo Rodriguez (Austin, Texas)

11:30 P.M.
Taos Plaza closes

Saturday, July 21

9-9:30 A.M.
Spanish Soundtrack

9:30-10:30 A.M.
Mystic Dance

10:30-11 A.M.
Mariachi Sonidos del Monte

11-11:30 A.M.
Children's Parade

11:30 A.M.-NOON
Mariachi Sonidos del Monte

NOON-1 P.M.
Azero Norteño

1-2 P.M.
Emi Arte Flamenco

2-4 P.M.
Legacy Band of Colorado Springs

4-5 P.M.
Baile Español

5-6 P.M.
Maggie "La Rancherita" Vigil & Stash

6-7 P.M.
Antonio Reyna y Mariachi Sonidos del Monte

7-8 P.M.
Dickie Córdova y La Plebe

8-11 P.M.
Gran Baile de Las Fiestas – Gonzalo with special guest appearance by "El Gringo" Shawn Kiehne

11 P.M.
Taos Plaza closes

Sunday, July 22

9-10 A.M.
Spanish Soundtrack

10-11 A.M.
St. Francis Choir

11 A.M.-NOON
Lluvia Negra

11 A.M.
Historical Parade

NOON-1 P.M.
Mariachi Sonidos del Monte

1-2 P.M.
Po'Pay's Pueblo Dancers

2-3 P.M.
Severo y Grupo Fuego

3-4 P.M.
El Grupo Mezcal

4-5 P.M.
Ernestine Romero

5-6 P.M.
Sangre Joven

6-7 P.M.
Perfección de Chimayó

7 P.M.
Closing Ceremonies

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The face, the man of Seco

By Angela Duran

Jose Abel Garcia, 95, was born in 1923 in Arroyo Seco. He was raised by his aunt and grandmother after his mother passed away at a young age. Abe is the eldest of 12 children. He married Grace Córdova Garcia, from San Cristóbal, in 1949. Abe is the father to three daughters: Teresa, Olympia and Lina Garcia. Playing a large role in his life are five grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. Abe is the proud owner of Abe's Cantina y Cocina in Arroyo Seco. Working by his side are his wife, Grace, and his daughters, Olympia and Lina. This "Seco" landmark and gathering place has been in business for 77 years.

A WWII Veteran, Abe served in the U.S. Army from 1942 to 1945. He retired from the United States Postal Service in 1988 after 26 years of service as the postmaster in Arroyo Seco.

Abe has had many interests over the years ranging from hunting and fishing to skiing, bowling, carpentry, gardening and golfing. He continues to golf to this day – he is an honorary lifetime member at Valle Escondido Golf Course.

Abe is a very social person and enjoys being around his friends and family. Abe and Grace celebrate his birthday every year while sharing his famous, homemade chokecherry wine with friends and family. Abe has been an active part of his Arroyo Seco community, establishing the Arroyo Seco Domestic Water Association and for many years participating with the Fraternal Order of the Eagles; He is the only original chartered Taos member alive today.

Abe has enjoyed traveling throughout his years with friends and family. During his various travels he has taken pleasure in deep-sea fishing, visiting national parks, attending postmaster conventions



Fiestas de Taos Honorée Abe Garcia

ANGELA DURAN

and attending NFL games. In 1984, he went to the World's Fair and has been on excursions to many amusement parks with his grandchildren. Abe recently participated in a Northern New Mexico Honor Flight visit to the WWII National Memorial, Lincoln Memorial and The Vietnam National Memorial in Washington, D.C.

Abe continues to live a very active lifestyle. He spends his weekdays socializing with his friends and customers at Abe's Cantina y Cocina, all while working on various projects around his home and the cantina.

Angela Duran is Abe Garcia's granddaughter.

An adventurous spirit, a master potter



HONORING GERONIMA (GERI) TRACK

By Judi Cantu

Born Geronima Suazo, Sept. 21, 1917, Geri will be celebrating her 101st birthday this year. She was born to Elizeo and Tonita Suazo at Taos Pueblo. As a young woman, Geri loved to ride her horse bareback through the Taos Pueblo mountains. She has always had an adventurous spirit.

Geri married George Track and they had five children: Bernadette, Soge, Darlene, Maxine and Abran. She has six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Geri is a world-renown pottery-maker. She is famous for creating little pueblo villages out of traditional mica clay from Taos Pueblo. She has collectors throughout the United States and a number of European countries. Geri also taught many people how to make pottery.

Geri is such a joy to be around. She loves to talk with people and has many stories to tell. One story is about surviving a landslide while driving through the canyon to Española where they were nearly pushed into the river. She likes to tell another story about a "talking" crow they raised named Jimbo; she laughs about it often. Geri also giggles when telling you about when she and her husband got married in Reno, Nevada, which was quite an accomplishment back in the day.

Happy 101st Birthday Geri. You are loved.

'En casa de música todos son músicos'

CHILDREN'S PARADE GRAND MARSHAL NORBERTO 'NORBIE' MARTÍNEZ



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Children's Parade Grand Marshal Norbert "Norbie" Martínez inspires his Mariachi El Tigre students and the community to express themselves through music.

Norberto "Norbie" Martínez, un nativo de Taos, Nuevo México is honored to be the grand marshal of the 2018 Taos Fiesta Children's Parade. Norberto is the son of Esther and the late Norberto Martínez, el primer locutor o DJ. en español en Radio KKIT en Taos. Norberto always admired the way his father brought New Mexican culture to life through the music. After the passing of Norbie's father, his mother, Esther, accepted the offer to continue the Spanish program. Norberto watched the way his mother echoed his father's presence in radio and knew that this was something he wanted to be a part of. Norberto's radio career began in 1980, when he joined his mother on the airwaves until KKIT went off the air in the '90s. His musician padres, Esther Martínez and el finado Norberto Martínez Sr., inspired their son to fervently continue their legacy; "En casa de música todos son músicos" (In the house of music, all are musicians). Thus, Norberto's journey of bringing his culture to life through music began with his parents, and has continued with the young adults he teaches every day.

Norberto's career as a teacher began in the Questa Schools as the mariachi director for five years. Since then, he has been employed with the Taos Schools for 15 years where he taught music at the elementary and secondary levels – it was experiences like these that he will never forget.

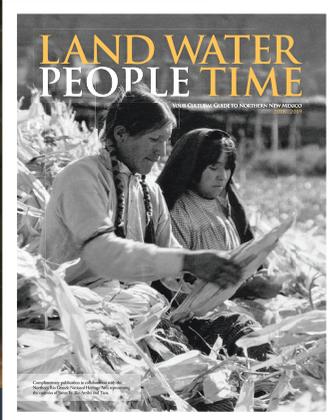
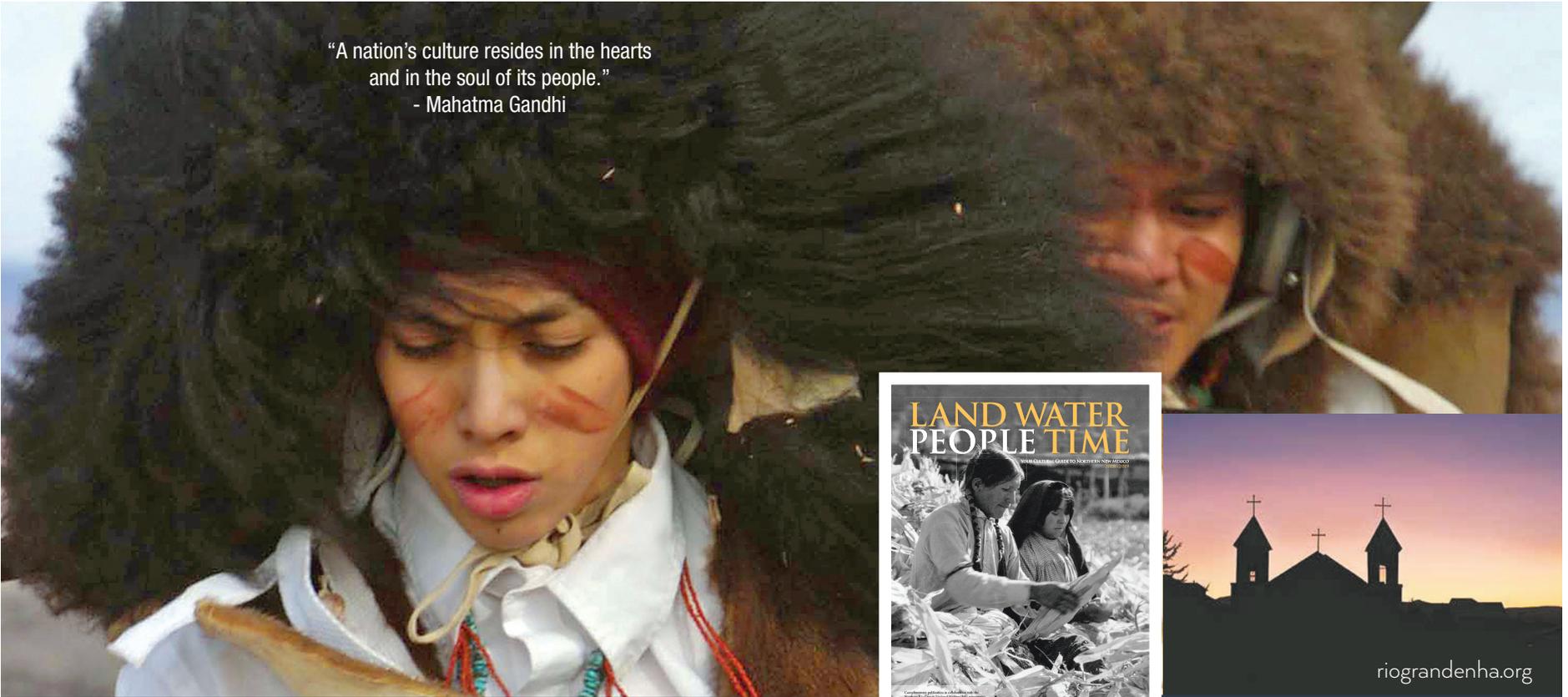
Currently, Norberto is the mariachi director for both the Taos Middle and High schools, alongside the dream team of Audrey Davis and Nick Branchal. There, they take great pleasure in helping over 150 students reach their full potential as musicians and members of the community. His goal has always been to create everlasting passion, a sense of family, commitment, discipline and real-world experiences that his students can rely on throughout their lives. This year will mark the 10th year in the 38-year-old history of the mariachi group at Taos High School. In fact, Norberto was a part of the very first mariachi group to receive course credit in the state of New Mexico. From 1981 to the present, he has witnessed the progression of this program. Because of that, he is proud to see his students go on to accomplish their dreams, and he anticipates that they will carry on the tradition of passing on their culture through music to others in their lives.

Yet, none of these accomplishments would have been possible without the continuous support of his loving family, his student musicians, school administration, community members, friends and generations of alumni. Norberto hopes to continue inspiring his students and community to express themselves through la música and to give his listeners a little rhythm to their step.

¡Y que vivan los estudiantes de la música mariachi!

– Contributor's report

"A nation's culture resides in the hearts
and in the soul of its people."
- Mahatma Gandhi



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HISTORIC PARADE GRAND MARSHALS TRINNIE AND LUÍS BARELA



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Taoseños Trinnie (retired from Taos Municipal Schools) and Luís (retired from Carson National Forest) Barela, are proud to be grand marshals of this year's Historic Parade.

Trinnie and Luís Barela were born and raised in Taos and have lived here all of their lives. They have four children: Carlos, Pat, Louie and Christine, who all live in Taos. Luís retired from the Carson National Forest and Trinnie retired from the Taos Municipal Schools.

They have always enjoyed the Fiestas de Santiago y Santa Ana. They look forward to attending many

more Fiestas, *siendo Dios servido*. They are active members of San Francisco de Asís Catholic Church in Ranchos de Taos.

They enjoy traveling and have been to many different places including Hawaii, Alaska, Italy, Florida, St. Thomas, St. Croix and Mexico.

They enjoy spending time with family and friends. Their home is always open to anyone who comes to visit.

They also enjoy working. Trinnie loves her flower gardens and Luis gets his daily exercise by bringing, chopping and stacking wood for the winter.

They are honored this year to be the Grand Marshals of the Historic Parade.

¡Que Dios los bendiga y Que Vivan Las Fiestas!

– Contributor's report

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Taos Fiestas Royal Court for 2018

Santa Ana

MEET THE

2018

Royal
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SEAN KELLY PORTRAITS
Reina Alicia Romero

La Reina Alicia Romero

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y name is Alicia Romero. I am 17 years old. I will be a 2019 graduate from Taos High School. I am a member of the Tiger Classics dance team and have been since my freshman year. This year, I am also one of the team captains. I am enrolled in dual credit classes at the University of New Mexico-Taos. I enjoy spending time studying various types of medical practices. I also enjoy spending my Sunday mornings at Mass at Our Lady of Sorrows Capilla in Arroyo Hondo.

In 2015, I traveled to England, France and Italy. While there, I took the opportunity to study and learned a lot more about my religion. I have always had a strong passion for my religion and when in Rome, I got to not only visit Vatican City but, also walked through the beautiful Sistine Chapel. This is where I fell in love with my patron saint, Michael. Along with my love of my religion, I also love spending time hunting, fishing, dancing, reading, skiing, camping, archery, cooking in the Taos High School culinary arts program and spending time with my family.

My plans after graduation are to stay in Taos for two years and start my pre-med schooling at UNM-Taos. Then, I plan to move to Albuquerque and continue my studies at the University of New Mexico's main campus in pursuit of a medical degree with a minor in culinary arts. My goal is to become an anesthesiologist.

My parents are Andres and Soveida Romero of Arroyo Hondo. My siblings are Ashley Gallour and Andrea Romero. My maternal grandparents are Louella Garcia and the late Leroy Mondragón. My paternal grandparents are Anna Herrera and Andy Romero.

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Princesa Katrina Angelica Gonzales

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I'm Katrina Angelica Gonzales born in Taos on June 16, 1998 and I'm a 2016 Taos High School graduate. I'm currently a student at Central New Mexico College in Albuquerque and am enrolled in the EMT basic paramedic program. I'm looking forward to receiving my certification by December 2018. I've served as a Rocky Mountain Youth Volunteer and was voted by my crew members and supervisor to receive a leadership award. I enjoy cooking with my grandmother, Quirina, using her historical recipes passed down by our ancestors. Our recipes are a combination of Native, Spanish, Mexican and American cuisine. Because I want to live life to the fullest, I try to do the things I love as much as possible such as camping, fishing, reading, playing the piano or playing basketball and drawing, and most important, gathering with friends and family.

My family playing traditional music and being proud of our heritage and tradition is what encouraged my mother to run for Fiesta Queen in 1987, which also gave me a lot of encouragement to run this year. I am glad I am a part of this because I want to keep up the tradition and keep my heritage alive.

My parents are Renée Lavadie and Joseph Gonzales. My maternal grandparents are Quirina Córdova Medina and Robert Medina. My paternal grandparents are Rosalie Varos Gonzales and the late Simon Gonzales.

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Princesa Katrina Angelica Gonzales

Princesa Jazmine Medrano



*H*i, my name is Jazmine Medrano. I'm 16 years old. I'm the daughter of Crystal Lane and Roberto Medrano, and granddaughter of MargaretAnn Lane and Tommy Tafoya. My Grandpa Tommy is very invested in the community through his agriculture, construction and his great ability to make his well-known, hand-spinning tops. He was born in Taos. The last year my Grandma MargaretAnn was with us, she fought breast cancer. She was very strong and fought till the end.

I was born and raised in Taos. I have four siblings: sisters Chanelle and Alexia and brother Favian. I am a junior at Taos High School and am a former Tiger Classics dancer.

My plans after high school are to pursue a degree in law and become a New Mexico State University dancer. Dancing is my passion. In my free time I like to go camping, fishing and just be outdoors. I also love to spend time with family and friends.

The Royal Lineage

LAS REINAS THROUGHOUT LAS FIESTAS DE TAOS HISTORY

2017
MARIANA FATIMA
JIMENEZ-GONZALES

2016
MARISSA JOSETTE
VIGIL

2015
MARIA ERNESTINA
ELENA ARCHULETA

2014
JENNA ROSE LOUISA
AMELIA PERALTA

2013
ANGELICA
ESPERANZA
RODRIGUES

2012
JULIETTE
ELIZABETH
REBEKAH PERALTA

2011
ANNA ELOISA
VÁSQUEZ

2010
DESIREE BRIANA
APODACA

2009
ANGELICA LYDIA
SALAZAR

2008
AMOGENE OLAYA
MARTÍNEZ

2007
ANA ALICIA
ROMERO

2006
MICAYLA
CORRAL-JEANTETE

2005
MARIA ELENA
MARTÍNEZ

2005
ELENA VILLA FRANCA

2004
STEPHANIE
ROMERO

2003
JESSICA QUINTANA

2002
CONTESSA TRUJILLO

2001
SONYA FRANCESCA
ROMERO

2000
CRYSTAL MARTÍNEZ

1999
MAYA MARTÍNEZ

1998
SAMANTHA
GALLEGOS

1997
MONICA TAFOYA

1996
CRUCITA ROBERTA
MEDINA

1995
ROXANNE
ANDERSON PÉREZ

1995
EVELYN TRUJILLO

1994
KARINA GALLEGOS

1993
SANTANA TAFOYA

1992
LEANDRA MEDINA

1991
KATRINA LUCERO

1990
GINA VAROS

1989
ALBERTINA
ESPINOZA

1988
DENISE JEANTETE

1987
FATIMA SUAZO

1986
STEPHANIE
CÓRDOVA

1985
ERLINDA SÁNCHEZ

1984
WENDA MARTÍNEZ

1983
JUDY SUAZO

1982
CARMEN VIGIL

1981
LORRAINE ROMERO

1980
DARLENE VIGIL

1979
NATALIE PADILLA

1978
DIANA VALERIO

1977
GRACE COCA
(CHÁVEZ)

1976
GINA ORTIZ
(OSBURN)

1975
VERONICA ROMO
(MIERA)

1974
BERNICE
SANDOVAL

1973
CARMAN LEDOUX

1972
CHRISTINE
MONDRAGÓN
(VARGAS)

1971
STELLA LUCERO
(HOKANSON)

1970
CARLA MARTÍNEZ

1968
YVONNE
SANTISTEVAN

1967
CARMAN MARES

1966
TEODORA VIGIL
(MEDINA)

1965
LUPE VALERIO
(DOMINGUEZ)

1964
SYLVIA STRUCK
(ROYBAL)

1963
FRANCES COHN
(MILLER)

1962
GLEECY MARTÍNEZ
(BUTTLER)

1961
MAIDA MARES
(MARTÍNEZ)

1960
ROSALIE
OTERO

1959
ELIZABETH NAOMI
VAROS

1958
DIANA RAEI

1957
MARTHA MARTÍNEZ

1956
MANUELITA
MONDRAGÓN
(MULLINS)

1954
STELLA
MARTÍNEZ

1953
LUCILLE TRUJILLO

1952
CECILIA
MARTÍNEZ Y
SALAZAR TORRES

1949
LUCILLE ORTIZ

1948
PORFERIA VALERIO

1936
ALICE
MARTÍNEZ
(KNIGHT)

1927
MARCIA ANAYA
(WHEATON)