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2025 Fiesta de Taos Honoree

Carmen Dolores Romo-Trujillo



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2025 Fiesta de Taos Honoree Carmen Dolores Romo-Trujillo, right, seen at the Fiesta de Taos in 1960 on the historic Taos Plaza.

The Fiesta de Taos (Taos Fiesta Council) invites our community and guests to join us as we remember with love and admiration and celebrate the life of our 2025 Fiesta de Taos Honoree, Carmen Dolores Romo-Trujillo.

Dolores, a native Taoseña and matriarch of the Romo family, was born at her family's ancestral ranch in Las Colonias, Taos, New Mexico, on May 4, 1942. Her parents were Don José Francisco Romo of Talpa and Doña María Gregorita "Grace" Santistevan Romo of the historic Taos Plaza.

In Northern New Mexico, especially Taos, family connections are an important part of our local culture. What family do you belong to? What area of town or community are you from: Llano, Colonias, El Prado, Cañon, Arroyo Seco, Arroyo Hondo, etc.? Which Romo family, which Trujillo family (by marriage)? How long has your family been in the area: centuries, decades, recently? Are you from one of the original Spanish land-grant families?

Non-Taoseños might consider this to be intrusive or prying, but for native Taoseños, it is who we are, culturally woven into our fabric. In our colonial Spanish, we have a saying, "Digame con quien andas y te dire quien eres." "Tell me who you hang out with, and I'll tell you who you are." In other words, "You are the company you keep."

Within the local culture, this applies to the family you were born into, as well. Dolores was from a long-standing, time-honored, Spanish land-grant family, the granddaughter of Don José Manuel de Jesus Santistevan of the historic Taos Plaza, Doña Sinforosa Marina Naranjo Santistevan of Mora, and Don Maclovio Romo and Doña Dolores Rael Romo of Talpa.

The family lineage dates back to the early 1500s from several regions in Spain. Between the 1600s and 1700s, they settled in what is now modern-day Mexico. Some of the first ancestors arrived in la Nueva España (Northern New Mexico) as early as 1550 and settled in Abiquiú, Rio Arriba, and La Villa Real de La

Santa Fe de San Francisco de Asís before settling in the Taos area.

Dolores graduated from the Taos Tiger High School Class of 1961. Continued her education, earning a nursing license from Presbyterian Nursing School in Albuquerque in 1963, and other degrees and certifications in various medical procedures throughout her career.

In 1963, Dolores married her high school sweetheart, Rafael "Ralph" W. Trujillo II of Llano Quemado, the son of Don Rafael Tobias Trujillo and Doña María Solema Medina Trujillo. Widowed at the age of 32, she raised as a single mom their three children, Hon. Don Francisco Trujillo II, Yvette Louise Trujillo, and Ralph Michael Trujillo III.

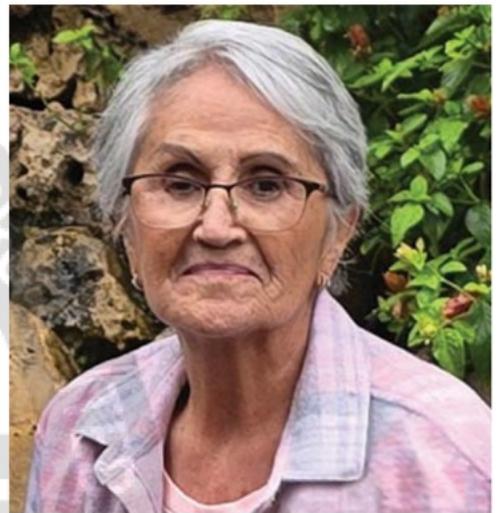
Dolores spent her 62-year career in the medical field taking care of her family, friends and countless patients as a private duty nurse in Taos, at Broadway Community and Downey Community Hospitals in the Los Angeles, California area, and La Residencia Nursing Home and La Familia Medical Center in Santa Fe. She was a strong, independent, loving woman with an uncompromising work ethic and dedication.

While Dolores was not an official member of the Taos Fiesta Council, she might as well have been. Behind the scenes, she assisted whenever and wherever needed, directly and indirectly. When someone needed to tend the table at an event, she and her sisters, Mary Ann and Linda, would collect tickets at the door, so that members of the Fiesta Council could dedicate their time to their guests. When decorating for an event was necessary, there she was. When last-minute items were needed, off to the store she'd go. When children or grandchildren of council members needed supervision so the members could concentrate on Fiesta activities, Dolores was there.

For 15 years, when her son Francisco resided out of state and flew in and out throughout each summer for Fiesta events, she'd pick



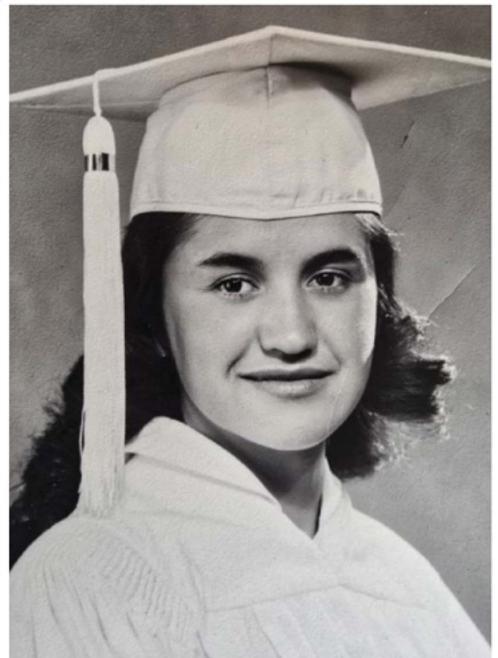
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Carmen Dolores Romo-Trujillo, left, at her college graduation



Carmen Dolores Romo-Trujillo graduated high school in 1961.



2025 Fiesta de Taos Honoree Carmen Dolores Romo-Trujillo

him up and drive him between Taos and the Albuquerque Sunport. She walked in countless parades with the Fiesta Council throughout Northern New Mexico in support of the Royal Court, with gritos of "¡Que Viva Taos!" Over 44 years in which her son Francisco has been actively involved with the Fiesta de Taos, Dolores was his primary support system, taking care of his son, Christopher, while he was growing up and transporting him back and forth so Francisco was able to concentrate on his Fiesta responsibilities and obligations. Over the last 10 years, Dolores did the same with her great-granddaughter Nevaeh. Dolores's presence at the Fiesta de Taos will truly be missed.

The Fiesta de Taos Inc. (Taos Fiesta Council) appreciates and thanks Dolores for her support, dedication and contributions to maintain the tradition, cultural value and over-

all experience of the Fiesta de Taos for us, our families and our community for generations to come.

The family of Dolores thanks the Fiesta de Taos Council from the bottom of our hearts for honoring and celebrating the life of our Mom, Grandma, Sister, Auntie and Niña.

Con todo nuestro amor y cariño, Don Francisco, Yvette, and Michael and Katheen Trujillo; grandchildren: LeRoy, Moses, Zechariah, Christopher, Marissa and Mateo, Evie Christina, Matthias, Destiny and Aadesh, Nevaeh, and Josiah; sisters and brother: Mary Ann, Fernando and Kathy, and Linda Romo.

¡Que Dios les bendiga!

¡Que viva Carmen Dolores Romo-Trujillo!

¡Que viva Taos!

¡Que viva La Fiesta de Taos!

CARMEN DOLORES ROMO-TRUJILLO: CELEBRATION OF LIFE

Saturday (June 28) at 1 p.m.

Order of service

1-2 p.m. - Welcome reception, Mariachi Xochitl y Antonio Reyna

2-3 p.m. - Celebration of life video

3-3:15 p.m. - Pastor Carlos Montoya, Blaze Christian Fellowship

3:15-4:30 p.m. - Fellowship luncheon

The Lodge at Santa Fe, 750 N. St. Francis Drive, Santa Fe.



*¡Bienvenidos! Hiyuwoho!
Welcome!*

ON BEHALF of the Taos Fiesta Council, I would like to extend a heartfelt welcome to the 2025 Fiesta de Taos. Celebramos la fiesta de Santiago y Santa Ana conocido como la Fiesta de la Gente. It gives us great pleasure to bring to our family, friends, neighbors and visitors a weekend of joyful celebration. The theme for the 2025 Fiesta de Taos, "Diversity is the one true thing we all have in common — La diversidad es lo único que todos tenemos sin distinción," is how we have honored our culture, traditions and all things Taos for generations.

La Fiesta de Taos is a tradition passed from generation to generation — a way of preserving the rich cultures that have developed in Taos over the last four centuries. Taos is a tricultural community that unites and promotes understanding. We all share the uniqueness and richness of the Spanish, Native American and Anglo traditions.

Our traditions and culture make us who we are. Taos' greatest charm lies within its people. We appreciate the participation and support of fellow Taoseños and neighbors from surrounding communities.

Enjoy the festivities, the food, the lively entertainment, ride the Tío Vivo, dance, and watch the parades, all of which make our celebration so great. Most of all, my sincere hope is that you enjoy our centuries-old Fiesta de Taos while visiting with your friends and neighbors. We invite our visitors to tour and visit the many cultural and historical sites throughout Taos.

¡La bendición de Dios y que viva la Fiesta de Taos!

Stephanie Cordova-Levy
President, Fiesta de Taos



Fiesta de Taos President Stephanie Cordova-Levy

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Taos County Commission Chair
Ronald Mascareñas

Welcome to the Fiesta de Taos!

IT IS WITH great joy that I welcome you to the Fiesta de Taos, our cherished annual celebration honoring our patron saints, Santiago and Santa Ana. This beloved tradition dates back to the early trade fairs and continues to unite our community in vibrant celebration.

This year's theme, "Diversity is the one true thing we all have in common," reflects a powerful and inclusive message that celebrates the richness of human differences whether in culture, background, beliefs or experiences. It reminds us that while we may come from different walks of life, our shared humanity is our strength. Join us at Kit Carson Park for a weekend filled with colorful parades, lively music, traditional dancing, and the rich cultural heritage that defines Taos.

The Taos County Board of Commissioners, along with the county assessor, county clerk, county probate judge, county sheriff, county treasurer, and our dedicated Taos County staff, warmly invite you to be part of this joyful occasion.

On behalf of those who proudly serve Taos County, I extend heartfelt thanks to the Taos Fiesta Council and the many volunteers whose tireless efforts make this historic and time-honored event possible.

We look forward to celebrating with you July 25–27, 2025. ¡Que viva la Fiesta de Taos y nuestra gente!

Ronald Mascareñas,
Chairman, Taos County Board of Commissioners



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District 6 state Sen. Roberto "Bobby" J. Gonzales

Fiesta message

WELCOME to this year's Taos Fiesta! We are thrilled to celebrate our vibrant traditions with you. In Taos, la diversidad es lo único que todos tenemos sin distinción ("diversity is the one thing we all have in common"). Our unique blend of cultures is what makes this place so special, and the Fiesta is a powerful reminder of our shared heritage, values and distinction.

This annual celebration also strengthens our local economy. As we gather in joy and reflection, we create vital opportunities for our small businesses, artists and cultural stewards to thrive. Tourism rooted in respect and authenticity makes room for culture to flourish, not just as history, but as living expression.

Thank you for supporting the people and traditions that make Taos shine. By joining us, you're helping build a stronger, more welcoming community for generations to come. ¡Que viva la Fiesta de Taos! Let the celebration begin!

Roberto "Bobby" J. Gonzales
District 6 state senator

¡Que viva la Fiesta de Taos y nuestra gente!

Bienvenidos, vecinos y amigos

IT IS WITH great pride and heartfelt joy that I welcome you to the annual Taos Fiesta — a cherished celebration of our community's vibrant spirit, deep cultural roots and enduring traditions.

Diversity reflects the heart of who we are as Taoseños. For generations, Taos has been a place of cultural convergence, where we have come together to shape a community unlike any other. It is in our differences that we find strength and in our shared celebrations that we build unity.

The Fiestas are a reminder of what binds us: respect for our ancestors, love for our traditions, and a hopeful vision for the future. As you enjoy the music, food and fellowship of this special weekend, may you be reminded that our diversity is not just something to be acknowledged, it is something to be celebrated.

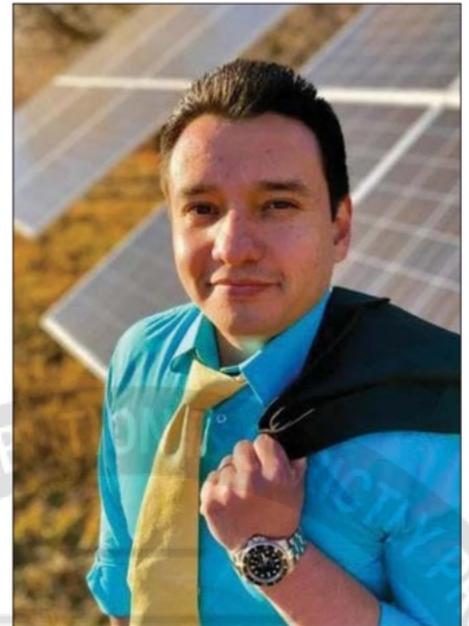
Thank you to the Taos Fiesta Council, performers, sponsors, volunteers and families who make this celebration possible, and congratulations to our 2025 Reina de Taos Amaya Struck y sus princesas Andrea Romero y Aliyah Torres! Your dedication ensures the spirit of Taos continues to thrive for generations to come.

¡Que viva la Fiesta! ¡Que viva la Reina! ¡Que vivan sus princesas! ¡Y que viva Taos!
Con gratitud,

Pascual Maestas
Mayor of Taos

Town of Taos Mayor Pascual Maestas

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La Reina farewell



2024 Reina Chantel Brumfield-Vigil

AS MY REIGN AS LA REINA DE LA Fiesta de Taos comes to an end, I am filled with deep gratitude and pride. It has been one of the greatest honors of my life to represent our beautiful community and to be a part of this cherished tradition.

Mi tiempo como Reina ha sido una experiencia inolvidable, llena de momentos de alegría, reflexión y mucho amor por nuestras raíces. Ha sido un verdadero honor continuar esta tradición tan rica, que une a nuestra comunidad en fe, cultura y familia.

To my court, thank you for your strength, grace and friendship throughout this journey. A nuestros caballeros, gracias por representar nuestras tradiciones con tanto orgullo y respeto.

To our families, your support and encouragement have been our foundation. A nuestra querida comunidad de Taos, gracias por sus sonrisas, su cariño y por mantener viva la esencia de lo que somos.

And to our Fiesta Council, thank you for your dedication, your hard work behind the scenes, and for giving us the opportunity to be part of something so meaningful.

Aunque mi reinado termine, siempre llevaré este año en mi corazón. I will forever treasure the memories, the lessons and the love I've received as Reina.

Gracias, Taos, por permitirme servirles. Thank you, Taos, for the honor of a lifetime.

Con todo mi cariño,

Chantel Brumfield-Vigil
Reina de la Fiesta de Taos 2024



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Que Viva

La Fiesta de Taos

The Taos County Board of Commissioners, together with the County Assessor, County Clerk, County Probate Judge, County Sheriff, County Treasurer, and the dedicated staff of Taos County, extend a warm welcome to all visitors and residents. We hope you enjoy your time in our remarkable community and join us in commemorating this esteemed annual celebration.

On behalf of those who are honored to serve the people of Taos County, we express our sincere gratitude to the Taos Fiesta Council and the many volunteers whose unwavering commitment and countless hours of planning have made this historic and time-honored event possible.

We are proud to uphold the traditions that define our community and invite you to celebrate with us in the spirit of unity, heritage, and pride.



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Fiesta Royal Court 2025

¡Que viva la Fiesta!

FIESTA DE TAOS Inc. invites you to the 2025 Fiesta de Taos at Kit Carson Memorial Park this weekend (July 25-27).

The theme for the 2025 Fiesta de Taos is, "Diversity is the one true thing we all have in common. / La diversidad es lo único que todos tenemos sin distinción."

The Fiesta de Taos is a centuries-old celebration that gathers generations, offering a chance to enjoy delicious cuisine, traditional music and fellowship while honoring the cultural uniqueness of Taos.

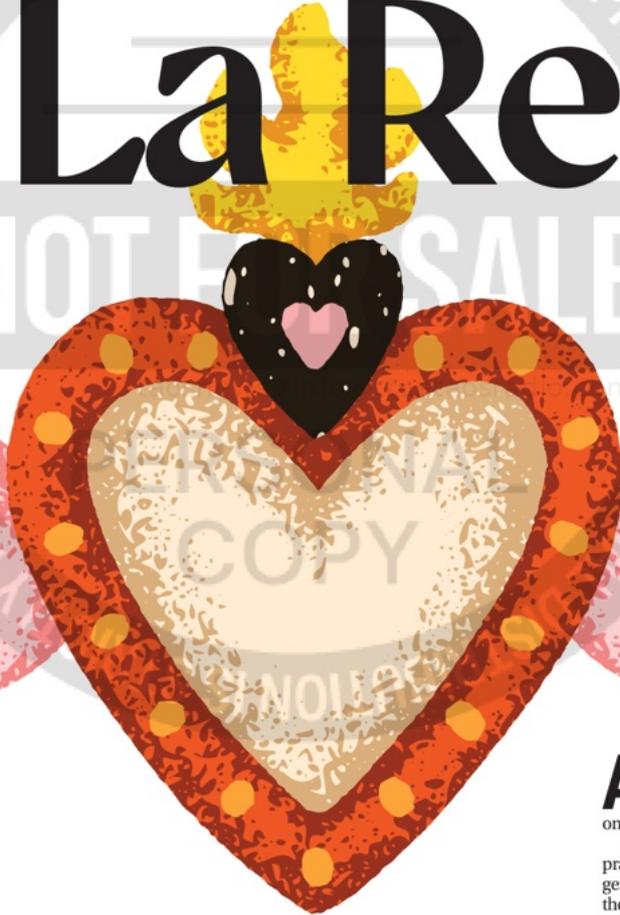
For the full schedule of events, visit fiestadetaos.com.

Fiesta Royal Court 2025, from left: Princesa Andrea Romero, Reina Amaya Córdova-Struck, and Princesa Aliyah Torres.

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La Reina

2025



BY AMAYA JADA JENAE CÓRDOVA-STRUCK

AS I BEGIN THIS JOURNEY as La Reina de la Fiesta de Taos, my heart is full of gratitude, excitement and deep respect for the traditions and people I promise to represent. I invite you to celebrate with us, embracing the theme: "Diversity is the one true thing we all have in common."

From the steady support of my family to the quiet strength I've found through faith and prayer, every step toward this moment has been meaningful. I'm especially grateful to the generous donors who made this opportunity possible. Thank you for believing in us and in the importance of preserving our traditions.

To my Fiesta family, the dedicated Fiesta Council and past royalty, thank you for your guidance, your heart and for keeping the spirit of the Fiestas alive. I'm honored to walk beside you in this role. To my fellow princesses, no puedo esperar a que lleguen todos los recuerdos y a ver el crecimiento en todos y cada uno de nosotros.

This experience is more than a crown; it's a chance to grow and deepen my understanding of who we are as people and where we come from, y también para aprender sobre las ricas tradiciones de Taos.

I look forward to meeting more of the people who make Taos and New Mexico so special. I promise to embody our heritage with dignity and pride. I see this as the beginning of a year filled with connection and celebration of our culture and faith. Let us gather in the spirit of unity and joy, honoring those who came before us and inspiring those still to come.

Thank you, God, for allowing me to serve You, to encourage others to turn to You, and to remember all glory is Yours. "The Lord is my strength and my shield, in whom my heart trusts." - Psalms 28:7

¡Que viva La Fiesta de Taos y que viva diversidad cultural!

Muchas gracias,

Amaya Jada Jenae Córdoba-Struck



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2025 Reina Amaya Jada Jenae Córdova-Struck

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Princesa

Aliyah Torres

Aliyah Jenee Torres is 17 years old and was born on Oct. 1, 2008 to Francine Jaramillo and Anthony Torres. Her grandparents are Ramon and Maria Jaramillo, and the late Kay Torres from Taos Pueblo and Arnold Julian Torres. Her great-grandparents are Reynaldo Branchal Jr., the late Mercy Branchal, Mary Lou Borth, and the late Ramon Jaramillo Sr., as well as Sam and the late Rose Chisholm, also from Taos Pueblo.

Aliyah is a 2025 University of New Mexico Taos Education and Career Center graduate, where she earned her high school equivalency diploma a year ahead of her scheduled class of 2026. She desires to earn her Certified Nursing Assistant degree through UNM, and soon after, she plans to pursue her career as a respiratory therapist. Born with a congenital diaphragm condition, she has been inspired

by her team of respiratory therapists. Their support has motivated her to help others who have respiratory ailments.

Aliyah was a member of Taos Xtreme Cheer and Taos Middle School cheer and was one of their cheer captains. In 2021, she earned the opportunity to represent her hometown of Taos at the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade in New York City with the Spirit of America Cheer Team. Her hobbies include dancing, singing and art, particularly pencil drawing.

Aliyah's favorite part of living in Taos is experiencing the diverse culture and having the honor to represent her tri-cultural heritage.

Aliyah is a parishioner of San Francisco de Asís parish, and her favorite Bible quote is: "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me" - Philippians 4:13



2025 Princesa
Aliyah Torres
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Taos Fiesta 2025 grand marshal: Carmen Martinez Lieurance

CHERISHED TAOSEÑA Carmen Martinez Lieurance proudly graduated from Taos High School in 1959. That same summer, she was privileged to be chosen as a princesa for the Taos Fiesta Queens Court, a recognition that celebrated her grace and local heritage. Her parents were Ernesto and Rosanna Lovato Martinez.

Her dream was to become a registered nurse and return home to serve her Taos community. She attended St. Luke's School of Nursing in Denver, Colorado, graduating in 1962.

Carmen met her future husband, Stephen Lieurance, in Denver. They moved back to Taos in 1973, where they raised their two children, Donovan and Francelia.

Her 42-year professional nursing career has included working in hospitals, public health clinics, the Taos Health Department and a health education project, as well as supervising a five-year demonstration project funded by the National Institutes of Health. She spent the final 17 years of her professional journey leading the Head Start program at Taos Pueblo before retiring.

Following her retirement in 2005, she has continued to contribute meaningfully to the community through dedicated service with the Taos County Historical Society, Taos Feeds Taos, and other local organizations. She is an active member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints.

She is deeply honored to serve as the 2025 Taos Fiesta grand marshal.



Historical Parade Grand Marshal Carmen Lieurance

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Princesa

Andrea Romero



ANDREA IS 16 YEARS OLD and was born in Taos and raised in Arroyo Hondo. She is the daughter of Andres and Soveida Romero. She is the granddaughter of Andy Romero, Anna Herrera, the late Leroy Mondragon, and Louella Garcia. She will be a junior at Taos High School next year and has a 3.5 GPA. Andrea was on the Taos Xtreme Cheer team from the ages of 6 to 15 and plans to be a coach for Taos Xtreme tiny team this year.

She has been a Taos High School varsity cheerleader since the eighth grade, making this her fourth year on the team, and has led her teammates to win three state championships.

She hopes to graduate from high school with her Certified Nursing Assistant certification, and after high school she would like to become a registered nurse.

In her free time between schoolwork and practices, she likes to spend time with family and friends, including her two sisters, Alicia and Ashley Romero, and her niece and nephew. She also enjoys going for rides on her Can-Am that her late uncle Jose Romero bought her, horseback riding with her sister and grandpa, and helping operate the family farm and business.

2025 Princesa Andrea Romero

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Children's Parade Parade grand marshals

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DYLAN AND LEANNE Etzel are a dynamic duo who have dedicated 21 years to youth sports in Taos, New Mexico. Over the years, they have coached and mentored countless young athletes, making a positive impact on this community that extends beyond the sports they coach.

Leanne Etzel has dedicated her life to growing the cheerleading program in Taos. Upon graduating from high school, Leanne became the assistant coach for Taos High School varsity cheer. Soon after, she began coaching multiple teams for Taos Xtreme Cheer, with ages ranging from 4 to 18. She continues to coach for both Taos High and Taos Xtreme, helping them achieve multiple championships throughout the Southwest. Her unwavering dedication to cheerleading and the young members of our community radi-

ates through the countless years she has spent molding these athletes into true champions.

Dylan Etzel has always had a soft spot for the youth of our community. His passion for youth sports stems from wanting to see the youth of our community thrive. His daughters often tease him because everywhere they go, they hear, "Coach Dylan! Coach Dylan!" Dylan currently coaches for both Taos Little League Baseball and Taos Youth Football League, where he serves as a board member. Dylan has a true passion for mentoring the youth of Taos and helping them grow into outstanding members of society.

The Etzels will continue to mentor and coach these young athletes well into the future, fostering teamwork, growth and fun. With a love for sports and a heart for kids, Dylan and Leanne are true MVPs in the world of youth athletics in Taos.

Children's Parade Grand Marshals Leanne and Dylan Etzel

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New Mexico State Police
Peralta's Dry Cleaning / Laundry Services
Randall Lumber & Hardware Inc.
Sagebrush Inn & Convention Center
Smith's Food & Drug
Super Save Discount Foods
Taos Center for the Arts
Taos County EMS
Taos County Sheriff's Department



Taos County Sheriff's Posse
Taos Fire Department
Taos Net LLC
Taos Police Department
Taos Roots Project
Thomas E. Gutierrez Farmers Insurance Agency
University of New Mexico – Taos
Walmart