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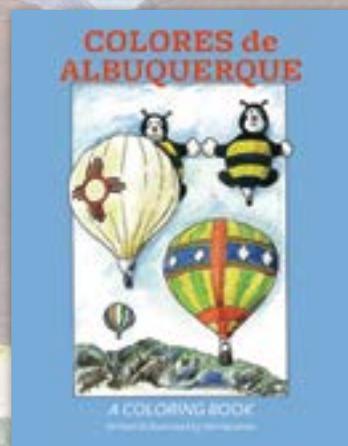
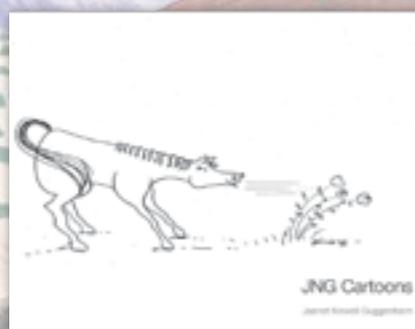
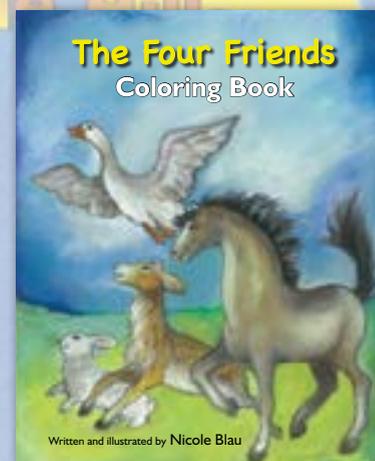
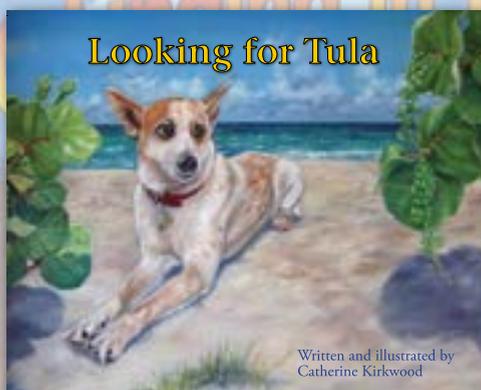
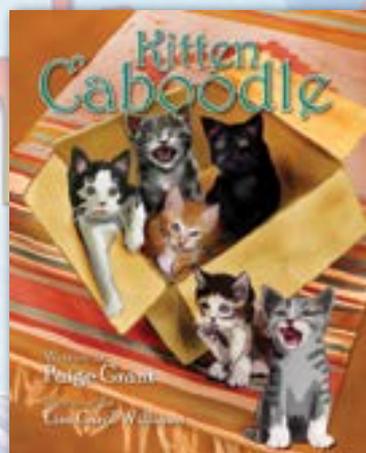
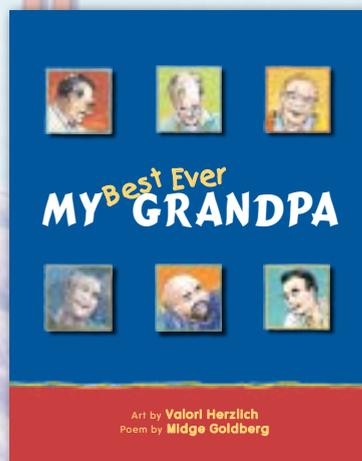


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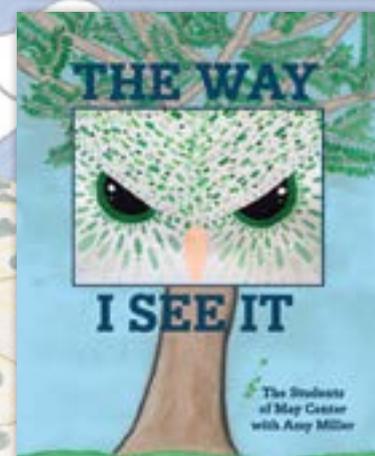
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Come fall, my memories

return to the September day, a few years ago, when my son and I first visited the preschool he would attend. It was a cool Santa Fe fall day, and the sun cast a million little shadows through the leaves. Holding Ariel's then-littler hand, I walked him from the door of our car, up the sidewalk to the door of the school.

This was the first paragraph in my very first "Notes from Claudette," written back when Ariel was 6. Revisiting 20 years of those editor's notes for this anniversary issue has been a little like flipping through old photo albums, losing track of time in verbal snapshots of changes in our family and in the Santa Fe family community.

Back when Tumbleweeds was born, in the summer of 1995, Ariel was about to enter first grade. For Charles and me, our home life, and my columns, centered on our child and our entourage of pets: the dogs, cats, snake, rabbits, lizards, turtle, chickens and other species around which we shaped our family. We were focused, in those fledgling days as parents, on maintaining a stable household, often easier said than done without a lot of relatives nearby, and the animals helped anchor us.

Life in the parenting lane gave me abundant material on the seismic changes children inflict on the adults who love them. Baby Harry's

Drawing by Alexandra, El Dorado Elementary, from our Spring 1996 issue.

birth came late in the lives of our friends Susie and Bill:

Bill's word to describe his feelings about Harry was "scary." This beautiful little boy with the wispy red hair that won't lie flat has meant more to him than he thought anyone could. Since Harry's birth, Susie said, when she hears news of efforts in Congress to destroy environmental protection laws, she wonders, "Don't these people have children?" (Winter 1995-96)

In these pages I found reminders of loved ones who left our family. Our gentle black Lab, Emily, died when Ariel was 7:

Emily was the first member of my Santa Fe family. When Ariel was born, Emily graciously added him to her circle of care. Emily faithfully endured his pokes, pulls and climbs as part of the duty of love.... On a great fishing day last July, Ariel caught a fish especially for Emily. Back at the campsite, poor Em was so tired from the day's hike that she could barely lift her head to gobble up the fish placed before her. Our girl was getting old. By the winter, she was unable to walk. We realized we had to prepare....

Our vet waited respectfully while we said some prayers and cried. Ariel was leaning forward with eyes wide as the doctor gave Emily an injection. We buried her under the lilac bushes. (Spring 1996)

Raising a boy brought delights and challenges my girly childhood hadn't prepared me for. There was the Power Rangers obsession; the joy of building things that was surpassed by the glee of knocking them apart. And then there was the language thing.

Imagine our delight when he discovered the "hole" words. You know the sort of words I'm talking about. Until recently, Ariel thought 'manhole' was a nasty word. With my nephew Johnny, that particular era seemed eternal. He couldn't say "s" yet, so the word of choice came out more like "ath-hole." A visiting cousin asked, "Who's Ethel?" (Winter 1996-97)

I also watched changes in how our society sees fathers, a topic on which a few writers in this issue also reflect.

The whole institution of fatherhood seems to be correcting itself. If mothers are stereotyped as saints

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ON THE COVER: Four-year-old twins Arnold and Olivia Twocrow were on Tumbleweeds' cover (inset) back in 2011, when they were 6-month-old tots. This summer their parents, Sarah Bateman-Twocrow and Jim Twocrow of Albuquerque, will take them to a naming ceremony in Pine Ridge, South Dakota, and to the family cabin in Colorado. Photos © Ana June.

ARTWORK IN THIS ISSUE is a selection of some of our favorites from our first 20 years.

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(I'm wincing), fathers get the other rap. The word "dad" gets free-associated with "deadbeat," "abusive," "absentee"... There has been a rash of books and movies recently about dads who discover — often after divorce — the crushing, heart-wrenching importance of their children. Our society seems to be relearning how to raise fathers. (Summer 1997)

Having a child encourages us to see world events through their eyes, and see how they interpret things that might defy the understanding of adults. When the Clinton/Lewinsky scandal erupted, topics came up that I hadn't planned to discuss with my pre-tween boy:

When John Kennedy was shot, I was not quite 6 years old. From the fat, across-the-page headline of the Washington Post, I learned a new word: "Sniper." This week, my son learned "affair." It's hard to imagine how a child who puts his hands over his eyes and makes gagging noises during kissing scenes in movies interprets a president's alleged sexual escapades. What must this boy, snugly ensconced in his "latency period," think of the national scandal dubbed "Zippergate?" (Spring 1998)

Friends, near and far, provided food for thought about Santa Fe as a place to raise children. My friend Diana moved back to her hometown of Dallas with her special-needs son after several years in Santa Fe.

"Sean had some good, caring teachers in New Mexico, indeed some excellent ones," she wrote me, and I quoted in a column back in 1998, "but well-funded districts make such a difference. Politicians mouth off about education, but if you don't put your money where your mouth is, you end up with what you didn't pay for."

Funding our schools is one of those "more things change, more they stay the same" issues. In the late

90s, I wrote about the dreary mood among parents and teachers after the school board discovered a \$2 million shortfall and looked for ways to trim nonexistent fat from the budget. That figure seemed quaint by 2011, when a \$7 million deficit led the board to hold public hearings on closing small elementary schools. "We all recognize that it takes a village to raise a child," an Acequia Madre mom told the board. "I'm asking you not to split our village." (The board voted not to close Acequia Madre, but it did close Kaune, Alvord and Larragoite.)

Grandma Cynthia and Grandpa Mike, my parents, made visits to Santa Fe (and my columns), until just a few years ago, when their health turned a corner.

We all know we're going to lose our parents someday. It's Chekhov's proverbial gun on the wall in the first act that will go off by the end of the play. It's actually the "better" grief, compared to seeing children go before their parents. I told my brother our dad had been "blessedly spoiled" by good health for so long. But age was gaining ground. (Summer 2012) (Mom and Dad are still alive and kicking, a little more slowly, and not making such long trips to the mountains anymore.)

Ann Hackett, Tumbleweeds' graphic designer, suggested I call this column "My Two Children." Tumbleweeds is indeed my beloved baby, along with my little boy who is now a 26-year-old junior analyst at a financial firm here in town. Not quite the same, though; only one of my children hugs me when he comes home, or makes me tea when I'm tired. Only one will make my grandbabies some day. (Are you listening, hon?)

But looking through all back issues, I see how much Tumbleweeds has been a part of my com-

munity, how many of the amazing people I know came into my life through these pages. I can't sum it up better than my younger self did in that column about losing Emmy-Dog:

This circle of support, the people (and critters) with whom I connect, who receive my words and feelings, are what give my life wealth. Whatever else we share, we keep each other company on the trail.

I often ask myself how much longer I'll want to publish Tumbleweeds and I don't have an answer. I still enjoy it, I love Team Tumbleweeds, and the articles still please me. I guess it's a little like labor; after each bouncing baby Tumbleweeds comes out, I forget the deadline craziness that went into its birth — at least until the next time!

Whether you are a first-time reader or a long-timer, you are part of the Tumbleweeds community, and I hope you'll celebrate with us: at Rock Paper Scissors Salonspa on July 24, and the Santa Fe Children's Museum's "Friendship Day" on August 2 (part of their own yearlong 30th birthday celebration). You'll find details on page 46, and updates on our website and social media. I'd love to reconnect, or meet you for the first time!



SUMMER READING GUIDE FOR WATER-WISE KIDS

School's out for summer, but learning takes place year-round!

Water-wise living starts at home so be sure to add these water conservation books to your list of summer reading.



Artwork above is by Alondra Caizadilla, a 1st grade finalist in the Santa Fe Water Conservation Program's annual poster contest.



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The Evolution of a Hive

Why, for our kids' sakes, we have to hold on tight to independent bookstores

By Christian Nardi

My introduction to reading was an excruciating experience. The memory of sitting at the kitchen bar in miserable, frustrated tears before my impossibly challenging homework, which looked nothing like it was supposed to, is still vivid in my mind. Both in reading and writing, my letters were backwards and my numbers were reversed. I was severely dyslexic, and I was pissed.

And, fortunately, determined. It wasn't until I'd spent countless after-school hours sitting on the floor of my bedroom, with *Hooked On Phonics* playing over and over on my plastic record player, that the world of books and reading unfurled before me. Possibly because entry to that world was so hard-won, it became one where I wanted to spend every moment I possibly could.

My coming of age was marked by books: *The Trumpet of the Swan*, *Beezus and Ramona*, *Tuck Everlasting*, *Little House on the Prairie*, *Betsy and Tacy*, *Nancy Drew*, *Anne of Green Gables*, anything and everything by Judy Bloom, the guilty pleasure of Sweet Valley High! J.D. Salinger, George Orwell, John Knowles, Ray Bradbury, Jack Kerouac, Shakespeare! In college, I majored in University Studies so I could cut out science and math and take nothing but English classes. I favored upper-level courses that focused solely on single authors, like J.R.R. Tolkien, Virginia Woolf, Mark Twain, E.M. Forster, Raymond Carver, James Joyce and Flannery O'Connor, so I wouldn't miss a single book by any of them. This is all to say that despite, or possibly because of, that painful start, books have been the sun around which my life has orbited.

I have always considered reading to be an amazing gift, as if I had outsmarted fate or something. And so wherever I go, bookstores — those temples of the tomes I value so dearly — are always the first places I seek out. A good bookstore is a little like a song; whenever one pops into my head, I instantly associate it with a time, a place and a feel. I can't think of Manhattan without thinking of Strand Books, where I spent many a lunch hour hiding out from the city; or Portland without thinking of Powell's, where there is a dimly-lit aisle in the depths of the store where I would lose myself in the Beats while escaping the rain; or Bird Song, the little house across the street from the University of New Mexico that held shelves and shelves of used trade paperbacks, where I bought the stacks of books I needed for my countless college reading lists.

For me, bookstores made falling in love with reading a three-dimensional experience. They hold wonder and awe. The smell; the countless shapes, textures and colors of the books on the shelves; the people who are there for the exact same reason. Bookstores are the magical places that you can step into and know, with a quickened pulse, that you will leave with something that could quite possibly transform your life. At least for a moment or two. Or possibly a lifetime of moments.

For kids, a good bookstore is a place where they can simply march up to the counter and tell the bookseller what they are into, what books they've liked or what genre, and that person will lead them to their perfect next read that will inspire and transport them. No matter what age. That book will somehow, even if just a little, help develop them into the person they will eventually grow up to be.

I hear people on a regular basis lamenting the fact that kids' bookstores are an anomaly and that bookstores themselves are becoming a thing of the past. The hard truth is, you often don't realize how valuable something is until it's gone. Many independent bookstores have closed and left gaping holes in their communities. Santa Fe simply can't do without a place where kids can create memories and be transformed by books at an early age. It would be a drought of sorts.

Imagine living in a town with no place where your kids can see, smell, feel and pick out books, no place that supports that process of falling in love with reading. I started imagining that town four years ago when Borders closed its doors, and it wasn't somewhere I wanted to raise my kids.

Yes, Santa Fe is very fortunate to have many amazing independent bookstores. But I was imagining not having an extensive space just for kids, a place that they could walk into and know: "This is just for me." Initially, it felt like the disappearance of Borders and their kids' section left a hole, but it soon became clear it was the perfect time to create that space for the kids and families of this town. There was a rippling of disenchantment with Amazon and a resurgence of love and support for small, independent bookstores. I talked to consultants and people in the industry, and there was a consensus that yes, it could be done. When the lovely little house on Montezuma Street, with big trees, a white picket fence and a supportive landlord, became available and all else seemed to fall into place, there was no denying that Bee Hive was meant to be.

It's tricky, opening your doors and getting the masses to come, but bookstores are the perfect vessels for building community. The goal is to bring people together at a story time or a workshop or a reading — to be a hub, a hive of sorts — or simply to provide a place where people of any age can hang out, browse, discover and, hopefully, dish about the most recent book they've read. I believe that, with desire and consciousness, any community can sustain a kids' bookstore. And I've got a history of deep determination when it comes to books and reading.

It's my intention that, 20 years from now, when we're celebrating *Tumbleweeds* 40th anniversary, Bee Hive will also still be alive and

well and thriving, fostering a love of reading in our grandkids and bustling as a well-established cornerstone of this community. The kids in this town are way too awesome, and there are way too many books and way too much reading to do, for there to be any other option.

Christian Nardi is the founder and owner of Bee Hive, an independent kids' bookstore in Santa Fe.



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The unexpected course of dad's year "off"

By Michael Golluber

"Daddy, he peed on me!"

"Well, he peed on me first!"

"No, I didn't!"

"Yes, you did!"

These were simple and innocent times. My two boys were approximately half the ages they are now (which are, as I write this, 8 and 10.) This was a time when they could both say, and genuinely *believe*, that they were not the original perpetrators of such a messy crime — a time also when they could immediately giggle at the situation when I pointed out, laughing aloud with a towel and cleanser in my hands, how absurdly they were acting. It really *was*, as I think back even now, a very funny exchange (not of urine, but the argument that followed). And I was able to remain admirably calm and emotionally distant from the fact that I was living in a virtual insane asylum. I was, it occurs to me now, a mere visitor. I had an escape from the madness — a position as a full-time faculty member at St. John's College.

Demanding as my job was, I was being paid to read the greatest books of our Western intellectual tradition. I got to talk about those books with others who (at least in the classroom) were devoted to rational and polite conversations, about the ideas of the most sensible and sober minds of the past. Ideas surprised and challenged me, but the objects of my intellectual gaze — unlike my children — were somewhat comprehensible to me.

Five years later, when I was in the middle of a much-needed yearlong sabbatical, a friend called to ask me how my year as a stay-at-home dad was going. She was curious how it felt to trade responsibilities with my wife, who had just become a full-time 4th grade teacher in the Santa Fe Public Schools.

"You know, this year will provide an interesting perspective. You should write it down," she said, not knowing what can of worms she was opening.

When I got her call, I was in the middle of attempting to replace the kitchen faucet. I was staring at the old faucet, *still* in place after several hours' work. I was frustrated beyond belief, dirty and exhausted. Putting in the new faucet would be easy enough, but I had no idea how hard removing it would be. Did I mention that I was an academic and not a plumber? After failing to get the rusted and corroded bolts off properly from underneath, I cleverly decided to attack the faucet from above with a hammer and screwdriver (and many other tools, which had names that I had never bothered to learn). The violence of the attack was evident in the twisted remains of what I was afraid would be left behind as a lasting monument to my incompetence.

This project was going nowhere fast and my wife, whom I had hoped to surprise with my accomplishments, would be home from school soon. I had fully expected to have it all installed and working by now and had been imagining what I was sure to receive upon her entrance — the hand lovingly caressing me, the gentle kiss, the words of approval, the recognition of my manliness. So much for that.

All this set a strange backdrop to my friend's suggestion to examine my life and write about it. What was going through my mind was: Not only am I now the full-time caregiver of our two boys, who helps with the homework and does all of the shopping and all of the cooking, and dropping off and picking up the boys to and from school and tennis and art and violin and religious school, but my wife has made it clear that with all of my new free time, I am also going to have to be a plumber, electrician and general fix-it guy. And she wonders why,

two months after first getting on the job, I still have not finished retiling our bathroom floor. Yes, I have something to write about.

Stubborn old plumbing may be the easy part. Why is it that only now, in what I anticipated would be a peaceful year off from teaching, have my boys suddenly and alarmingly changed? What happened to that simple and silly madness from what is, for them, half a lifetime ago? Is it just that I have not been around enough these past several years to notice? While they once, with devilish joy, aimed at each other in the bathroom — not to hurt one other, but just because they sensed it was very, *very* naughty — now they loudly vocalize fratricidal desires. They can be downright mean, not just to one another but also to me.

The latter meanness is always, at each and every new instance, incomprehensible to me. As a stay-at-home dad, I take care of them physically and emotionally. I only want what is best for them. I spend my time loving them like I have loved nothing else before, and worrying myself sick about them. How is it possible that they think of new ways to hurt and disarm me? Why do they find the need to make it so personal?

Not long ago my older son, who had just run into his room and slammed the door so as to make the whole house shake, came back out screaming, "You know what I have to say, Daddy? I HATE my religion!" He thought this would upset me much more than it ever could. I knew, after all, that he was simply infuriated that he could not go skiing with his friends on Sundays because he had to go to religious school. And what I also knew (and this was something that I have skillfully hidden from him) was that I have grave reservations as well about the religion under which I was raised. I make sure that I keep my animosity to myself, in the hope that he will grow up with some sort of foundation in morality, and maybe even a belief that there are things that are true in this messy world. My fear has always been that if I don't provide him with this foundation, he will one day rebel and become some kind of religious extremist or cult member. Or cult leader. He already had his younger brother and friends, during a recent camping trip, chanting around a campfire, conjuring up someone or something named "Bob." "We all pray to Bob!" In any event, the point is that he put effort into finding a way, even if it failed, to best hurt my feelings. And that hurt my feelings.

My days during the week are fairly routine. I wake up to my wife's alarm. Since she needs some exercise before going to teach, this means waking up at 5:30 am. Some sabbatical. My wife leaves us a half-hour before it is time for the boys to go to school. This is the longest half-hour of every single day. How many times do I have to remind them to put on their shoes? Why are they not the slightest bit hungry for the most important meal of the day? Why can I get them to eat or drink only something that has chocolate in it? Why am I afraid to mention any of this to my wife? Why can't I go back to teaching that morning class? How much longer until cocktail hour?

After they've left for school, and after I have rounded up the Nerf bullets already at this hour scattered around the entire house, I begin my attempt at recovery. I run on the treadmill while watching "Shoah" — Claude Lanzmann's 1985 documentary on the Nazi Holocaust — on my computer. Then I make my way into the bathtub, with history books on the Middle East. One atrocity after another: So many children being killed, going hungry, losing their homes, losing their parents, never having a chance of innocence. Some of my friends tell me I am not making the best use of my leisure time. I don't agree.

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Photo by Don Usner

A dad and son make music together at the Española Head Start Center.

BEING THERE

Reel Fathers uses film to put men in their proper, nurturing place

By Allan Shedlin

During my research in three countries since

1997, doing hundreds of hours of in-depth interviews with children and youth, as well as with fathers, grandfathers and great-grandfathers, I learned that the characteristics children want in an excellent dad are the same ones that dads want to cultivate. The top five qualities kids desired from their dads were: Be there! Take us as seriously as we take ourselves. Be a passionate advocate for us. Show us you love us and be affectionate. Provide us with security and protection. These happen to be the same qualities that child development experts believe children and youth need to flourish.

I also learned that there is all too often a daddy-yearning, held by men and children alike. The large majority of the dads, granddads and even some great-granddads I interviewed told me they wish their father was or had been more engaged in their life, and that they wish they were more engaged in their own child's life. Too many kids were left with holes in their hearts the shape of their fathers, and too many dads with holes in their hearts the shape of their children.

And so Reel Fathers was born, in New Mexico in 2007, to address this yearning. Our programs provide men with the encouragement and skills needed to become the fathers they wish to be. We do this by tapping the power of story told through film. Showing a film or video is nonthreatening and fun. So men come. We select a film with a focus on family and fatherhood that provides a launch pad for discussion and discovery. Guided by a Reel Fathers facilitator, men learn and practice positive new ways to communicate with their children and partners.

Reel Fathers is collaborative: We partner with community-based organizations in central and northern New Mexico, including Head Start programs, Warehouse 21, Youth Shelters, Adelante, the New Mexico Department of Corrections and several others. Our four distinct program designs reach some of the most underserved members of the community. Dads and Kids Night reaches low-income, immigrant and Hispanic men and their young children. Phoenix Fathers supports men in prison and on parole. Fathers in Focus is a selection of audio pieces written and recorded by youth whose families were experiencing homelessness. Campfire Movie Night is a new program for youth, drawing on the ancient human practice of gathering in the dark to tell stories, but in place of a fire, we show a film.

We have done much in the two decades since Tumbleweeds' birth to help fathers be the excellent dads their children need. It's important work, because dads matter to kids, kids matter to dads, and families and communities are better off when fathers and children are positively engaged in each other's lives.

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ARE DADS IMPORTANT? D'OH!

Young Fathers of Santa Fe helps young men become great dads

By Barry McIntosh

New Mexico has the highest teen pregnancy rate in the nation, along with pregnancy and child health outcomes nearing the top in negative ranks. That is the bad news. The good news is that Young Fathers of Santa Fe (YFSF) exists, is expanding and is funded by over 30 local and state agencies.

YFSF provides services and case-management to males who in many cases are poorly prepared for fatherhood, emotionally immature and barely out of the nest themselves. Our programs center around mentoring, teaching and group activities designed to establish trust and build support. YFSF helps dads with job placement, education and connection with local services and trains them to be peer educators and community activists. YFSF helps young men — typically society's most unsupported group of dads — become great fathers.

YFSF was created in 2009, after the New Mexico Young Fathers Project closed its Santa Fe site. Today YFSF serves about 200 dads a year. It runs weekly support groups at the Teen Parent Center at Santa Fe High School, Street Outreach, Youth Works and Initiate Skate Shop; biweekly groups at the Juvenile Detention Center; and individual case management at our offices at United Way Agua Fria and elsewhere in the community. We have recently expanded to Albuquerque and central New Mexico.

Our Future Man Project, a weekly empowerment, mentoring and prevention program for young men in seventh and eighth grade, runs two groups at Ortiz Middle School, and we hope to expand it to another middle school next year. Our work also involves training local and state organizations to be more father-sensitive and encourage more male involvement.

Twenty years ago fathers were called the “disposable parents.” The importance



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The Father's Day Fiesta is a community-wide celebration in the Santa Fe Railyard, co-produced by Reel Fathers and Young Fathers of Santa Fe.

of a father's role in a child's life was often questioned. Never, ever was the significance of a mother's role questioned. TV depictions of dads were typically as beer-guzzling, insensitive dolts, like Homer Simpson.

The “Is Dad important?” question is still around, but the tide is turning. Father advocacy groups have emerged all over the globe. I take heart from the fact that during the 2015 Super Bowl, the most-watched television show in U.S. history, commercials from Dove, Toyota, Nissan and Cheerios jumped on the fatherhood theme with amazing pro-father gusto. Now it's cool to inspire and admire men for the biggest role in their life, dad-hood.

The simple fact is, fathers (or father figures) aren't just important; they are essential. Women show our children how women are in the world; men are needed to show our children how men are in the world. Mothers and fathers parent differently, but both are essential. There are still lots of issues needing societal attention — including child support, paternity leave, child visitation — but progress is being made. People are heeding Margret Mead's words: “The most important task of any civilization is to teach its young men how to be fathers.”

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Going with the Flow (Continued from page 10)

I love to do the food shopping and come up with delicious meals for my family. I always wanted to be a chef, if I couldn't be a college teacher. Now I get to be one. I love to teach the boys how to cook. I spent the entire winter season skiing with them. Sometimes while speeding down the ski run Gayway, I screamed, “I love skiing with my boys!” I get to take my older boy to his art class. He loves to show me what he is working on with his teacher, Oceana, and I want to kiss his whole face. I love that I have taken over violin practice with my younger son. I take him to Mr. Rick, who is so proud of my son's progress. I never cared before about the whining screeches of that miniature violin — I used to hate every sound that came out of it. Now I am in awe — of that instrument and of my son. I want to keep doing this. But I will have to wait another seven years before I can really do this again. Who knows if they will want to do any of this with me when they are 15 and 17? I am told not to count on it.

I encouraged my wife to get that absurdly underappreciated job at a public school, and I am so proud of her determination and success. Yet some part of me wants her

to quit that job when I go back to mine. I can't wait to go back, but at the same time I terribly dread going back to teaching. How are we going to do this?

I hope to Bob we can figure it out. For now, my faucet works beautifully, although my bathroom floor is still in the same sad, unfinished state. Sometimes I call on friends for help with my kids or home improvement projects (i.e. the faucet), and I notice them as they grin while looking at the work I tried to accomplish on my own, and, with the help of these friends or with sheer tenacity or both, things are set right. It's all running so beautifully somehow.

While I was writing this, my older son asked what it was all about. I paused, feeling a bit panicked, wondering if he would tolerate the publicity of some of the most private moments of our lives together. As I threw caution to the wind and read it to him, we both cracked up together and almost peed ourselves.

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READING JOURNEYS

A marvelous voyage,
with no single path

By Dawn Wink

“Mom, I’m stupid.”

Wyatt slumped over a book at the kitchen table. Homework had become an increasingly tearful experience for my 7-year-old son in second grade. He wasn’t reading. He didn’t follow what research said he would do. Raised in a home filled with books, read to aloud for hours every day since birth, Wyatt should’ve been reading by now, according to all the research studies. Yet he wasn’t.

I didn’t understand what was happening, and the months slipped by. I talked for hours with my mom, a professor in education and expert in literacy, trying to figure out what was happening. Nothing fit. What I did know is that research showed the most effective way to create a reader is pleasure reading and a balanced approach to instruction, which weaves together both a sight word and phonetic approach.

Wyatt bombed at standardized tests and prescribed reading programs. Yet we spent three hours a day reading aloud. He inhaled the Redwall Series, Harry Potter and *The Lord of the Rings* aloud. He LOVED to be read to. The mystery of what was happening grew. The school began talking about “reading intervention” programs. Everything in my 20 years of education and my maternal intuition told me that a prescribed reading program would extinguish any hope we might have of Wyatt not only learning to read, but *loving* to read.

I did something I never thought I’d do. I’ve spent 20 years working for and promoting education. I pulled Wyatt out of school in January of second grade — to read.

I wasn’t sure what we’d do, but I did know what we would *not* do. We would not test. We would not use a deadening prescribed reading curriculum that leaches away any relevancy or love of reading away through lack of context and story. Wyatt would never be forced to read aloud, in private or public. We would only read what Wyatt wanted to read.

Which brings us to my own paradigm shift. Mom, the professor in education, said to me over the phone one day, “He can’t read any of the books you read to him. They’re too hard.” I scanned our shelves of Tolkien, Jacques, the classics. Wyatt had the verbal vocabulary of a doctoral student of literature, but within these books there was nothing he could *read*. “I’m sending him the Captain Underpants series,” she said. My own literary snobbery reared its ugly head. “Mom, you can’t! The primary vocabulary word in those books is ‘poop!’”

“I can. There will be a box addressed to Wyatt. When it arrives, you are not allowed to touch it.”

The box arrived. I gave it to Wyatt. He pulled out the series of graphic novels for young children, the primary literary focus of which is the body sounds and functions that so delight young boys the world over. Filled with drawings, these books convey story even for a young reader who can’t read every word. I hesitantly began to read them aloud to Wyatt. He giggled, thrilled in the inappropriateness, pointed at

the underwear — and delighted in reading. I left the books scattered randomly around the house, where he would find them.

Wyatt began to *read*. Captain Underpants, the weird little dude running around in his tighty whities, did what no prescribed reading program or standardized test ever could: He drew Wyatt into the world of reading for the sheer pleasure of story. I heard him giggling as he read Captain Underpants’ mantra of success, “Tra-la-laaaa!”

Wyatt went back to school in the fall of third grade. He’s been reading wheelbarrows full of books ever since. He soon made the leap from Captain Underpants to Harry Potter to J.R.R. Tolkien on his own, and I’ve long since lost track of the tomes of adventures, places, emotions and ideas that have become a part of him through reading. He is now a freshman at Adams State University in Colorado and continues to be a voracious reader.

Which brings us to the prescribed curriculum and standardized testing so rampant in today’s schools. Research study after research study demonstrates the most effective way to create fluent readers is self-selected reading (pleasure reading!) and a balanced approach to literacy instruction.

Literacy occurs best for all kinds of learners when it is relevant and meaningful. Relevancy, meaning and critical-thinking tend to be lost in prescribed reading programs. Research demonstrates again and again that self-selected reading (pleasure reading!) is one of the most effective ways to develop literacy. We don’t need more tests, we need more libraries and time every day in schools for students to read for pleasure. Let kids choose what they want to read and create time for them to do so.

This research includes children in this country whose primary language is one other than English. Research demonstrates that the most effective way for English Language Learners to learn to read in English is let them read what they want *in whatever language they choose*. Literacy in an additional language is based in literacy in the primary language. Want Spanish-speaking kids to read well in English? Let them read as much as possible in Spanish. We only learn to read once. Then, we apply that to whatever language we’re reading.

The tsunami of standardized testing doing its best to destroy public education in recent years is based not in pedagogy but in profit. No research proves its efficacy. None. This wave of standardized testing, dressed up in finery of “accountability” and “standards” (who could possibly be against those?) is founded in profit for testing and publishing companies. Requirement of standardized tests, their accompanying study materials, and prescribed curricula have turned public education into, by some estimates, a \$750 billion industry. The results include not only an exponential loss of time to learn. There is also the loss of the humanity of all that creates a depth of learning, a reveling in ideas for their sheer brilliance and potential, an opening of the world.

As a professor in the field of teacher education, I see the effect that standardized testing has on teachers and

Reading should not be presented to children as a chore or duty. It should be offered to them as a precious gift.

—Kate DiCamillo



A good book goes better with a good dog.

Courtesy photos.

children. A third grade teacher in one of my classes said, "My students barely survived the Smarter Balanced Assessment (SBA). I was prepared to grit my teeth and bear it. I was not prepared to be in tears within an hour of starting the test. One little third grader, who has been struggling to write this year, [and] who was doing better with gentle encouragement and clustering, broke into tears and was literally sitting in front of her computer crying within 40 minutes of starting the test. Crying. Sobbing."

I wish I could give teachers like her a solution. Instead, I tell them that standardized testing doesn't equate with learning; standardized testing often doesn't even authentically evaluate knowledge. What it *does* do is detract from exponential amounts of quality instructional time that students could be exploring, learning, experimenting and growing. The most powerful dynamics in education are not found on Scantron forms.

They are found in the hearts of teachers and students.

I thank the stars that the madness of the Third-Grade Reading Retention Bill did not pass the state legislature in the 2015 session. The average age around the world when children learn to read is 8 years old, when their brains have reached an appropriate level of development. There is no single path to reading. There are kids who learn to read at 3 years old and others who learn at 9. The beauty and mystery of the human brain is there is no single time at which this occurs in all children.

I think of all of the little Wyatts in schools today, all of the boys and girls drowned in standardized tests and prescribed curriculum and content, rather than lifted to the world of thinking, of reading, of ideas, of exploration, of brilliance. All of the children telling their parents, "I'm stupid," based on a test unfounded in pedagogy. I think of all of the teachers who enter the profession for the love of ideas, content and children, whose hands are now bound, their expertise questioned and stripped away, by standardized and prescribed curriculum created not by experts in education who understand pedagogy, but by business profiteers.

What I know in my heart is that had I left Wyatt in school, subjected him to a prescribed reading program, he never, *ever* would have



Research shows pleasurable reading experiences, including family reading times like this one that Wink shared with her children in 2003, are some of the most effective ways to develop literacy.

known the magic of reading. Yes, he would have learned to read technically, to decode, and would have struggled the next steps of the trail, but he never would have stood at the top of the mountain to drink in the vast view from its peak. He would not have become a *reader*.

There are very real human costs to education for profit. Families choose to leave public education to give

them and talk about what we love about the book. Keep the power and the magic of reading alive.

Reading and learning are meant to be meaningful ways to transcend time and space, to grow and explore, to travel anywhere anytime, to be reminded that, no matter our circumstances, we are human and walk a shared path. Reading opens the world of

ideas, emotions, events and experiences. To reduce reading to a prescribed curriculum, rote memorization, or to an experience of shame when one is forced to read aloud or made to feel less than another, is a travesty and betrays all that reading is meant to create and encompass. How marvelous that we learn to read best by reading what we want! Dav Pilkey, author of Captain Underpants, wrote, "If you read, you can explore and experience all kinds of new and exciting things."

That is what reading and school should be all about.

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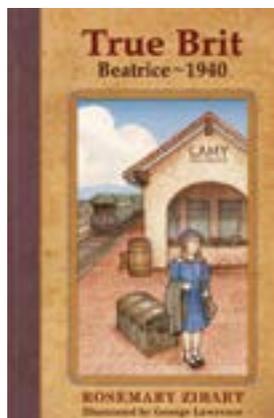
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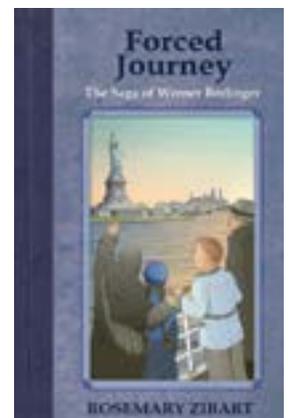
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The Anime Connection

From Pojoaque to Tokyo, Via Hearts and Minds

By Denise Martinez Arevalo

What can you learn about a different culture

merely by watching some of its animation? This is a question we at the Pojoaque Anime Club like to answer with, “A lot.”

As students who enjoy watching Japanese animation known as *anime*, we come across many references from their culture, such as gods, legends, day-to-day manners, traditions and much more. These references are sometimes hard to understand for someone who has not grown up around their usage, but that does not mean we can't learn to understand them!

With that in mind, The Pojoaque Anime Club takes a closer look at anime. We watch and learn through club activities such as researching an aspect of our favorite anime and presenting our findings to the club. We study character development and how it relates to Japanese culture, which differs so much from ours. Games that the characters mention in the films are familiar to Japanese children and unfamiliar to us, but are important to understanding the film as a whole.

There are many examples in anime of how different our two cultures can be and how these differences affect the way we tend to think, which is why the club places such emphasis on exploring how these cultural influences shape the film's

story. Club members get to see those differences, and then by taking part in club activities we can learn why they developed, where the ideas behind them came from, and how they affect what we watch.

The club is also a place to meet others who enjoy the same hobbies. It's never boring for the members! In one of our Socratic seminars, we take turns discussing why we believe an ending was satisfying or perhaps uncalled for. Here, we can connect with someone who agrees with us on an anime ending. We do this by looking back on the events and the character's personalities throughout the anime to support our opinions. We can also connect with fun, new people who can make great recommendations for something to watch, or simply talk about something we both have seen.

With games, jokes and friendly clubmates, The Pojoaque Anime Club creates a perfect setting for all anime-loving teens. You never know what you can learn at each meeting!

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Denise Martinez Arevalo is president of the Anime Club at Pojoaque Valley High School, where she will be a senior this fall.



Natsu, by Marisa Lopez.

Kindness Rules, in Anime and School

By Amanda D. Moore

When school began last August, I was invited to be a sponsor of the Pojoaque Valley High School Anime Club. I had *no idea* what anime was! I thought, “It’s short for animation, cartoons, right?” I figured it was a club where artsy kids would draw characters and display them in the halls, maybe do a service project or two and that’s it! “No problem,” I said; yes, I would be their sponsor. It’s only one day a week after school for just over an hour or so. No worries!

However, after a couple of those meetings I learned that Anime Club is more than the sum of the characters that the kids enjoy and learn about. Our club is a collection of kids who have amazing personalities, ideas and creativity. They love these anime characters and are fascinated by the Japanese culture and history that gave birth to the anime. The club members are very respectful and responsible — qualities that are at the foundation of Japanese culture and the anime characters that these kids enjoy so much!

The club members have given me many days of smiles, giggles and ah-ha moments. They have brought in some incredible speakers who, after seeing and meeting our club members, brought fresh ideas, growth and opportunities for our worthy members. That’s the cool part of being this year’s Anime Club sponsor. I am witnessing and excited about the potential growth and opportunities that our kids have now, by being a member of this wonderful little club. I love these kids. They are unique in their personalities and cultural diversities and each has a kind heart — which incidentally reflects our school motto for this year, “Kindness Rules.” It is certainly true in “our” club here at Pojoaque Valley High School!

Amanda D. Moore is a teacher in the social studies department of Pojoaque Valley High School and the Anime Club sponsor.

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Honoring some of Santa Fe's kid-serving arts organizations • Compiled by Nina Bunker Ruiz

Clockwise from upper left: Santa Fe Performing Arts' 2010 production of "Rent"; NDI-New Mexico rehearsals; the crew at the "old" (pre-renovation) Warehouse 21; ARTsmart "I Made It" Plate Project kids, 2004; and the Santa Fe Opera's 1994 Pueblo Opera Program.

As Tumbleweeds looks back

over its 20 years, we give a standing O to some of the many longstanding arts organizations here in our art-rich community that provide topflight programs for children. A common theme among their histories is that small, often humble beginnings in living rooms or in borrowed public spaces led to fully realized, fully fledged organizations bedecked with awards, accolades and grander facilities.

Below are glimpses into the histories of some of Santa Fe's most beloved and enduring art organizations.

santa fe performing arts

When Santa Fe Performing Arts (SFPA) was established by Freddie Johnson in 1988, it did not have its own space. This theater company for children and teens theater bumped around between any and every available theater in Santa Fe for its performances.

Nicholas Sabato was hired as executive artistic director in 1993 and has been with the organization ever since. In 1995, seven years after its inception, the state awarded SFPA the lease to the Armory for the Arts Theater, and the program has resided there ever since.

SFPA partners with the public schools through its community outreach program to deliver performing arts training, with a special focus on underserved students. The City Different Players, an after-school program, works with 7- to 12-year-olds to stage a full-scale production. The Teen Company, which also performs full-length shows, is comprised of teenagers who have advanced

through SFPA's programs for younger students.

The program initially worked with the Santa Fe Public Schools, teaching a few thousand children. Now SFPA collaborates not only with Santa Fe Public Schools but with schools all over northern New Mexico and serves over 5,000 children.

Santa Fe Performing Arts is the recipient of the 2012 Mayor's Award for Excellence in the Arts, Education and Community Outreach. National Education Association of New Mexico endorsed SFPA in 1992, and the Santa Fe Community Foundation honored SFPA for its Outstanding Contribution in the Arts and Humanities. For 10 years, readers of the Santa Fe Reporter have chosen SFPA as the best theater company in town.

This July, SFPA's 6- to 12-year-old City Different Players will perform "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown," and the Teen Ensemble will rock the stage with a performance of "Grease."

national dance institute – new mexico

In 1994, Catherine Oppenheimer relocated from snappy, fast-paced New York to dusty New Mexico and began teaching National Dance Institute (NDI) dance classes in the Santa Fe Public Schools. That year, NDI-New Mexico served 100 children in one school in Santa Fe, with a 30-week outreach program based on the teaching methodology created by retired New York City Ballet dancer Jacques

d'Amboise. NDI-New Mexico co-founders Oppenheimer and d'Amboise, with Valerie Diker, founding board chair, incorporated as a nonprofit in 1995.

Oppenheimer headquartered the organization in her living room until 1998, when NDI-New Mexico moved into the Pink Church Art Center on Pacheco Street. After quickly outgrowing the Pink Church, NDI-New Mexico, in collaboration with the Santa Fe Public Schools Board of Education, built a new headquarters, The Dance Barns, where each week, almost 1,000 children come to learn ballet, tap and jazz, among other classes.

NDI-New Mexico's outreach classes are physically accessible to any child. Boys and girls alike participate in fast-paced and energetic teaching techniques that focus on NDI's "Core Four" principals: Work hard, do your best, never give up, and be healthy. NDI-New Mexico's classes help children develop discipline, a standard of excellence, and a belief in themselves that will carry over into all aspects of their lives.

Today, NDI-New Mexico serves almost 9,000 children in urban and rural communities throughout the state. It has received awards of excellence from the Santa Fe Arts Commission, Santa Fe Community Foundation, the Santa Fe New Mexican, the Santa Fe school board, Santa Fe Living Treasures, United Way and the Albuquerque Arts Alliance. Most recently, the Wallace Foundation recognized NDI-New Mexico as a highly effective and exemplary urban afterschool arts program for tweens and teens.

wise fool new mexico

Wise Fool New Mexico is celebrating its 15th year in New Mexico, but the organization's roots go back 26 years to Wise Fool Puppet Intervention, a giant-puppet street theater company based in San Francisco. In 1997, California artists from Wise Fool joined with Clowns Without Borders and New Mexico based artists to bring a puppet circus tour to Zapatista villages in Chiapas, Mexico. Inspired by this collaboration, a small collective of women artists dreamed of creating an organization in New Mexico whose goal would be to offer hands-on experiences in puppetry and circus arts as a vehicle to build community and promote social justice.

Thus Wise Fool New Mexico was born! A decade and a half later, the organization continues to offer community performances and hands-on experiences built upon its core values of community, arts accessibility and social justice. From outdoor spectacles at the Railyard Park, Earth Day community puppet processions, and Circus Luminous performances at the Lensic, to summer circus camps and in-school programs, Wise Fool has become a vibrant and vital aspect of our local community.

During the last 15 years, Wise Fool's youth programs have grown from a once-a-year summer camp to an entire "ladder of progression" for youth to grow their skills, voice, discipline and commitment to themselves, their communities and the arts. Wise Fool programs currently serve 2,000 youth annually with hands-on activities, and 7,000 youth audience members.

In celebration of its 15th year, Wise Fool is proud to announce the inaugural performance of *CircAspire*, a full-length original circus production featuring our up-and-coming youth and adult pre-professional artists, with inaugural performances in May at the James A. Little Theater.

artsmart

Fine Arts for Children and Teens (FACT) was founded in 1990 by Juliet Myers and Rosanne Kadis, who believed in the power of art to transform lives. Myers and Kadis dreamed up a program that would bring the visual arts to underserved and at-risk Santa Fe youth. They felt that, with the chance to express themselves through the arts, these kids would not only learn how to work with different media but also feel empowered.

FACT began as Saturday morning community art classes, and after the school day as part of Girls Inc.'s public school latchkey program. In the years that followed, it served more and more children in school-based classes and in their studio on Pacheco Street. In 2013, FACT merged with ARTsmart, a nonprofit

founded by the Santa Fe Gallery Association, which had been offering programming since 1993.

FACT's core ideas and ideals live on in ARTsmart's programming today. Today ARTsmart provides six programs and student scholarships. Programs range from visiting artists to ARTclub after-school, as well as summertime Teen Mural Projects in partnership with Teen Court of Santa Fe. Since June 2014 the organization has served 1,217 new students: 490 through ARTreach in schools; 455 in camps and 272 in ARTclub after-school programs. ARTsmart has provided more than 2,200 hours of visual art instruction each year, with funding of over \$4.4 million to provide art programs and supplies in northern New Mexico.

The scholarship program has provided much-needed support for young artists. Scholarship recipient DaYoung Jung wrote: "For the past three years ARTsmart has held me firmly on the ground. I will always be grateful for your generosity, support and care in pursuing my dream of becoming a cartoonist."

santa fe opera

From its very beginning almost 60 years ago, the Santa Fe Opera has put a focus on youth education. Just two years after John Crosby founded the organization in 1957, Youth Nights at the Opera (now Family Nights and Dress Rehearsal Nights) were introduced in 1959.

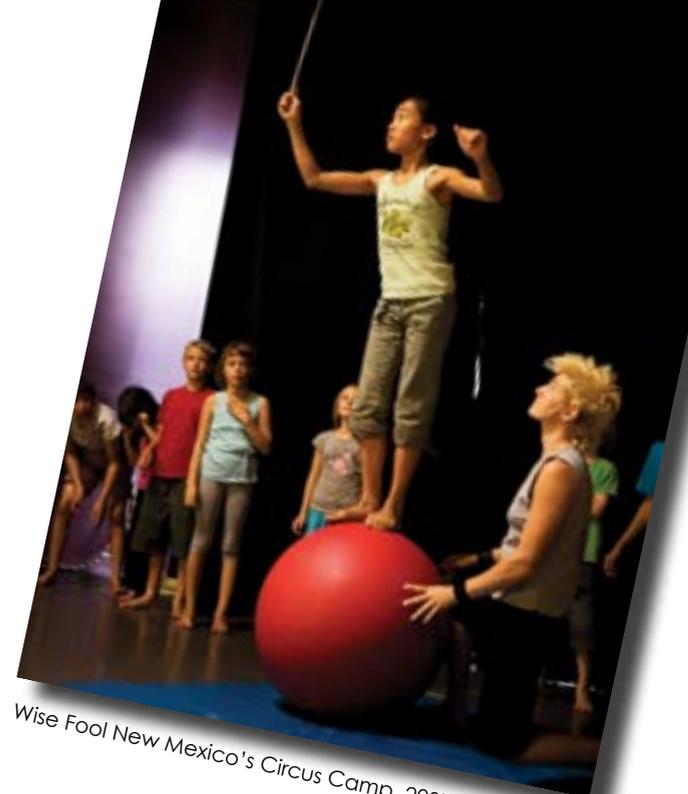
Over half a century later, SFO still prioritizes its work with youth, serving nearly 15,000 children each year. For the past two years, the National Arts and Humanities Youth Programs Awards has recognized SFO as a finalist.

Through the Pueblo Opera Program, many students have gone on to become internationally recognized artists. Children who have participated in SFO's Dress Rehearsal Nights (now Youth Nights at the Opera) and the Young Voices program have received full scholarships to undergrad and graduate programs in voice. Santa Fe community members who discovered the Santa Fe Opera through Dress Rehearsal Nights in their youth continue to be part of the Santa Fe Opera, taking their own children to see this magnificent form of storytelling.

warehouse 21

Warehouse 21 (W21) is a center for enriching, educating and nourishing teen artists, musicians and creative thinkers in the Santa Fe community.

W21 began as the Center for Contemporary Arts (CCA) Teen Project, and was created around 1989 as a youth program component for the CCA, an arts and cultural institution in Santa Fe. The CCA Teen Project moved into its own space, an old 3,000 square foot



Wise Fool New Mexico's Circus Camp, 2007.

warehouse off Paseo de Peralta, in 1992. Ana Gallegos y Reinhardt was hired in 1993 as the program's managing director, following seven years with the Santa Fe Performing Arts School. The CCA Teen Project, under the new name Warehouse 21, became its own nonprofit entity by 1997, due to the need to reorganize the CCA.

Warehouse 21 earned its name for several reasons, as Gallegos y Reinhardt explains: "Warehouse" seemed apt both for the actual housing structure and the location which, in the mid-90s, was a blighted property in the Railyard. The "21" was a nod to our entry into the 21st century, to moving, to a new start, and to the goal to carry on the vision and legacy of the CCA Teen Project.

In 1996, the City of Santa Fe purchased the 40-acre Railyard property, and the warehouse became a city-owned building. The old, beloved warehouse was demolished in April 2007. After an extensive fundraising campaign, W21 moved into a sparkling new facility in June 2008.

This year, with Gallegos y Reinhardt still at the helm, W21 will celebrate both its 19th anniversary and its 7th year at the city facility in the Railyard. The organization maintains a media arts lab, a black box theater, a concert hall, a gallery and fashion, recording and screen-printing studios.

Nina Bunker Ruiz is Tumbleweeds' staff writer and photographer.



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Pause for the Cause

Take a breath and explore your parenting style • By Shabd “Simran” Adeniji

In the parenting classes I teach, I often ask

parents to tell me about their parenting style. This never fails to get a discussion going about how much they want to raise their children differently from how their own parents raised them. For some parents, the idea of a “parenting style” is new to them, a concept they’ve never thought about before.

We start our childrearing journey with the skills we learned through watching and experiencing how our parents raised us. Many of us think of parenting as a skill that just comes naturally, or perhaps feel it’s a learn-on-the-job kind of skillset. As it turns out, much of parenting *is* based in common sense, and we do learn as we go along. However, if we want to act differently from how our parents did, or even just improve on their approach, it can help to have support. Identifying our specific style can offer the guidance and reinforcement needed to keep up with our little ones. On the occasion of Tumbleweeds’ 20th anniversary, I’d like to explore how parenting styles came to be and how they have evolved over time.

To be honest, identifying a parenting style is a relatively new phenomenon. Our grandparents weren’t debating the point much. It wasn’t until the 1960s, when psychologist Diana Baumrind conducted a study that established a connection between parenting techniques and child outcomes and behavior, that we started talking about styles of childrearing.

Baumrind evaluated four areas that she found had an impact on children’s behavior: disciplinary strategies, warmth and nurturance, communication styles, and expectations of maturity and control. From her observations, she identified three main parenting styles. Here’s a brief summary.

Authoritarian: Do As I Say

Authoritarian parents tend to be strict, rigid and are not very emotionally responsive to their children. There are clear rules, and clear punishments when rules are broken. Parents expect obedience and don’t feel the need to explain their reasoning to their children. They often come from the philosophy that “Children should be seen and not heard.” These parents maintain a level of fear in order to control children’s behavior, with punishments that are often harsh and punitive. Although this style actually produces well-behaved, obedient children, these kids are also often the ones who will get into all kinds of mischief as long as they don’t get caught. They behave well, not because they have learned right from wrong, but mostly to avoid punishment. Despite their obedient behavior, these kids often end up scoring lower in their levels of happiness, social competence and self-esteem.

Authoritative Style: Do As We Decide

Authoritative parents fall in the middle of the spectrum; they are seen as the most democratic and moderate of the three types. Their children are given clear rules and consequences, but harsh punishments are not applied. Children’s input is encouraged, and their thoughts, concerns and wishes are greatly valued in the family decision-making process. These parents are nurturing and supportive but also expect children to be respectful and cooperative. There is an emphasis on being emotionally responsive to children and treating them with respect and kindness. Children of these parents have the best outcomes across the board, in-



Finding our best parenting style fosters the qualities we most want to see in our children. Above and at right: Mantra Simran Khalsa, Sangeeta Khalsa, Jai Louder, Nadia DeClerck and Mateen Declerck.

cluding higher self-esteem. They are better behaved, happier, more socially capable and more successful academically. One study showed that even having just one authoritative parent can make impact on a child's future outcome.

Permissive Style: Do As You Want

Permissive parents see themselves more as friends to their children than as parent figures. In order to avoid conflict, the permissive parent offers little or no discipline, and children are the primary decision-makers. These parents allow their kids broad parameters and let them do what they want, with the goal of keeping them happy. Some call this the indulgent parent. These parents tend to be emotionally responsive and are very loving with their children; however, these kids are often out of control and lack boundaries with others, as they are used to getting their own way. Because they lack structure and limits at home, many of these children seek guidance and direction from their peers. They generally rank low in academic success, happiness, self-regulation and control. They also may struggle with structure and authority later in life.

Raising children isn't as simple as just picking a parenting style. Many factors influence us, including our culture, our child's temperament, the ways we were raised and our socioeconomic status, to name just a few. Choosing to act differently from our own parents takes commitment and practice. It's one thing to say, "I won't spank my kids or yell like my parents did," but in the heat of the moment we reach for the tools that come most naturally to us, which is likely to be what our parents would do in that situation. I have many par-

ents tell me they do not intend to yell, hit or throw things, but when pushed those are the reactions that come most easily.

The most useful tool I can offer parents who want to do things differently from their own, or just differently from how they have been acting up until now, is The Pause. When your kids are driving you crazy



Courtesy photos.

and you are about to lose it on them (and we all know when we are about to do something we might regret), just pause. Stop. Breathe. Think before you act. The simple act of pausing for five to 10 seconds before responding can change the entire cycle. Regulating

your behavior starts with being aware of what you are feeling (frustration, rage, irritation) and stopping before you react impulsively.

One clear shift in advice I've noticed over the past two decades has been an emphasis on addressing our own emotional issues as a key to improving our parenting. Dr. Shefali Tsabary, author of *The Conscious Parent* (Namaste Publishing, 2010), notes that if a young child could speak to us, they would say, "Mommy, Daddy, love me, protect me. I'll even let you lead me, but the best gift you can give me is to grow yourself up. Know who are you. Live your own dreams. Find your own purpose. And love yourself unconditionally." I couldn't agree more!

Over the past 20 years, there has been a surge in parent education that advocates the core concepts of the authoritative style. These methods, including the Positive Parenting Program I teach, focus on developing a responsive, warm approach that promotes secure attachments, emotional intelligence and independence through problem-solving skills, positive self-esteem and consistent boundaries. It seems the future of parenting styles lies in a focus on mothers and fathers who are evolving, growing, modeling the qualities we want to see in our children, and being the person we want our children to be.

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Digging In!

A dozen outdoor activities to fertilize your summer days

By Mollie Parsons

Your children are home for the summer and

you are wondering how to fill all those days. Getting outside is the answer. Escape from electronics, leave smart phones and other devices inside, and go play in the dirt. Your yard, neighborhood park and other nearby locations are waiting for you to explore. Here are some simple, low-cost activities you can do outdoors with your children.

1. Plant something. Summer is the time to be in the garden, planting flowers and edibles, experimenting and digging in the dirt. Visit one of our wonderful local nurseries and let your children choose seeds or small plants to grow in your yard. Teach them how to read the back of the seed packet, or the plant label, to make sure you are choosing the right plants for our area. Some seed suggestions for early-June: pumpkins, winter squash, radishes and beans. Later in the summer, ask the nursery for plants that will still have enough time to mature. You can plant directly in the ground if you amend the soil, build a raised bed for vegetables, or plant in pots.

2. Tend to your garden. Remember that if you plant something, you need to take care of it! Give your new plants good soil, water and lots of love. Plan daily visits to your plants, watering dry soil in the morning before 10 a.m. or in the evening after 6 p.m. You can even start a garden journal to record how the growing is progressing. This is a chance to practice measurement with your child. Read the book *Tops & Bottoms*, by Janet Stevens, to discuss the different parts of plants that we eat.

3. Participate in Citizen Science projects. Your family can help professional scientists through a program called Citizen Science. Some of these national projects include the Lost Ladybug Project, which asks citizens to hunt for rare ladybug species; BirdSleuth, designed to engage kids in scientific study and real data collection through the Cornell Lab of Ornithology; and Nature's Notebook, where you collect data on seasonal changes of the plants in your yard. Learn about all these projects and more at www.CitizenScience.org.

4. Press flowers and leaves. You have been looking for a good use of your paper phone book; use it as a plant press! Look around your yard for flat leaves, petals and flowers and place them between the pages of a phonebook. It is important to space the plants out in the book, leaving several dozen pages between samples so they can dry more quickly. Lay the book on a flat surface and put some heavy weights on top. Check on your plants after a week and see how they are doing. For a faster result, place colorful flowers between two sheets of white paper and use a rock or hammer to gently crush the flower pigments into the paper, resulting in flower prints.

5. Make art outside. Go on a walk through your neighborhood with your children to collect interesting materials. Bring out a bottle of glue and use your pressed flowers and leaves, seeds, soil, sticks, pebbles and other natural materials to make art. These objects can be collaged on paper or wood for a simple two-dimensional piece, or take it a step further with a coat hanger and a little wire to make a hanging mobile.





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Visitors to the Botanical Garden at Museum Hill can participate in group and family activities and check out "exploration packs."

6. Turn over a new rock. Some of the most exciting insects live under rocks. Get a good insect guide from a local bookstore, or download the "100 Common Insects of New Mexico" from New Mexico State University (Link: aces.nmsu.edu/pubs/_circulars/CR570.pdf). When you embark on your hunt, bring a clear plastic cup, which you can place over the insect to give yourself some time to observe its behavior. Try not to move insects from their habitat or to crush them when you put the rock back. Safety note: Have an adult flip the rock, and use gloves.

7. Feed the birds. From hummingbirds to scrub jays, all birds need to eat. You can attract more diversity to your yard by providing their favorite meals. Put out several feeders and types of food, and see which birds like each one. Place the feeders somewhere where you can sit and watch them. You can even create your own bird

guide for your yard, with drawings of birds you see and information about what you observe, including where and when you spotted them.

8. Hunt for rocks. Although you are not allowed to collect rocks on public lands, you will probably find a great selection in your local arroyo and your own yard. If you want to collect samples elsewhere, please check on the rules governing that area first. Look for specimens with an interesting color, shape or texture. Clean the rocks in a bucket of water and observe how the colors change when they are wet. Painted rocks can be used as paper-weights, "pets" and objects of art.

9. Explore nature on a hike. No matter what your age or fitness level, you'll find a great trail for your family. Explore the forest, in-city trails or nature preserves in and around Santa Fe. Have a goal for the hike. How many different shapes of leaves can you find? What tracks and scat can you find along the trail? How many birds can you name? Bring plenty of water, snacks and some investigation tools, such as a magnifying glass or binoculars.

10. Eat out of your garden. After you have spent so much time growing plants, it is time to enjoy the fruits of your labor! Sample raw beans and radishes directly from the garden. Use this opportunity to have your children sample foods they grew that might otherwise have them saying "Yuck!"

11. Build a fairy or gnome garden. Remember, there is magic in a childhood spent outside. Choose

a hidden area in your yard to dedicate to a fairy or gnome village. Use sticks, rocks, leaves, bark and other natural materials to make homes for the little people that might be living in your yard. This could also be a place to plant some small plants, such as creeping thyme, that add to the magic of the village.

12. Visit the Santa Fe Botanical Garden. Explore the natural world with your children in two beautiful settings of the Santa Fe Botanical Garden. In the Botanical Garden at Museum Hill, you can stroll walking paths, hunt for ladybugs, help in the fairy garden, participate in family activities and check out the "exploration packs." The Leonora Curtin Wetland Preserve, located off the frontage road in La Cienega, is 35 acres of walking trails, a pond, aquatic habitats and great birding. Look for pond life, participate in a scavenger hunt and explore giant cottonwood trees. The Botanical Garden at Museum Hill is open every day during the summer from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Leonora Curtin is open May through October, Saturdays from 9 a.m. to noon, Sunday from 1 to 4 p.m., and for groups by special appointment. Visit www.santafebotanicalgarden.org.

Summer is a time to explore, learn and get dirty with your children. Take time to participate in their play, showing your children that it is fine to get muddy and messy, and that learning is an exciting activity that doesn't end on the last day of school. Santa Fe is an incredible natural environment that offers a wealth of opportunities to children of all ages. Just remember to wear a hat and drink plenty of water.

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of Santa Fe was 40 years old when you were born. Wow! Two decades have flown by, and we are now celebrating 60 years serving the girls of Santa Fe.

As we reflect on the last 20 years, many things have happened. We had only become Girls Inc. five years earlier, after having formerly been known as the Girls Club. With that came the need for a mission that embodied our purpose. And so our motto was born: "Inspiring all girls to be strong, smart and bold."

Regardless of our name, our time at 301 Hillside has been remarkable. As the times changed, we changed to meet girls' needs in an ever-challenging environment. When you were publishing your first paper, we were serving 255 girls. Because of our many supporters, we were able to expand our programs offsite to many more girls. We now offer programs at five elementary schools during regular school hours (Salazar, Gonzales, El Camino Real, Nina Otero and César Chávez), an after-school program at Ortiz Middle School, and the Santa Fe Juvenile Detention Center, in addition to our after-school and summer programs at Hillside. For the coming school year, we have been asked by the Santa Fe Public Schools to offer more programs to more girls.

Years ago, girls in our programs learned how to sew and bake. Now, they participate in swimming, ropes courses, science projects, technology, engineering and math activities. They learn how to communicate more effectively, use their voices and practice mediation. Today, when they enter the kitchen to cook or bake something, they also explore the science behind it. So while the staff gets to smell Baked Alaska, the girls are discovering the properties that combine to make the tasty treat.

It is our sincere wish, Tumbleweeds, that in 40 years, you will still be benefiting the Santa Fe community and that we will both continue to bring Santa Fe the very best of all we offer.

On a final note, our community includes many amazing women, aged 18 to 80, who have attended Girls Club or Girls Inc. We need their stories and would love to include them in the special celebrations planned throughout the year. Any former members are welcome to call (505) 982-2042.

Rhynda Stephens is the development and events coordinator for Girls Inc. of Santa Fe.



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Editor's note: With this issue, Tumbleweeds launches a new feature honoring those people and organizations that have been serving Santa Fe's children and families for 15 years or more. We call it: The Long-Timers Club (figuring you wouldn't like being called an "old-timer" any more than we do!). If you would like to nominate yourself, someone else or a beloved Santa Fe institution for a place in the Long-Timers Club, please email info@sftumbleweeds.com or call 984-3171.

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Tumbleweeds' editorial team weighs in on favorite issues



STEVE HARRINGTON:

It is hard to zero in on a particular issue of Tumbleweeds as a favorite. Each issue educated or inspired. The best articles were personal; not dry reporting, but heart-felt, swimming-in-the-current family stuff, with direct relevance to our everyday lives. That was always, to me, the signature ingredient of the paper. The best one I read was actually in the most recent issue — Dawn Wink on the challenge of meeting an individual child's needs in an increasingly depersonalized and rigid educational system [Reading Journeys, page 14]. After many years, 'Weeds remains as relevant as ever. The most treasured memories were the alternate howling and groaning amongst us over informal "themes" and faux article headers, often irreverent and not fit for publication, at least in a family paper.

We want to use this opportunity to appreciate Claudette — who saw fit to keep the Tumbleweeds *familia* together virtually for all these years, as our trip away turned into a decade of expatriation, (as we sort of became actual tumbleweeds). Helping with Tumbleweeds allowed us to remain connected to Santa Fe in a unique way — constantly amazed at and inspired by the creativity and compassion that drive so many efforts on behalf of kids and families in the city and its environs.

SHIRL HARRINGTON:

Recalling favorite articles or issues of "T" brings back my fondest memories of laughing, crying and debating (always friendly, of course!) with Claudette and Steve over the multitude of articles, topics, titles and personal writing styles I have had the good fortune to read and edit. In all that diversity, what stands out to me the most is Claudette's unwavering commitment to keeping writers' voices intact while still receiving and processing unsanitized editorializing from Steve and me.

After living in Santa Fe for nearly 20 and 10 years (respectively, for me and Steve), we moved to Ireland, and now Vermont, but fortunately have been able to continue editing Tumbleweeds, which keeps our Santa Fe/New Mexico homesickness to a manageable level. When I am reading "T," I get to walk along some of my favorite trails with Curiosa Crow, look more deeply at New Mexico artists' paintings with my kids (thanks, Ellen Zieselman!) and put in practice the panoply of parenting advice and techniques "T" has had to offer. I am constantly impressed by all that is happening for children and families in Santa Fe; but most of all, I am reminded of how much I appreciate and miss the incredible diversity Santa Fe has to offer — culturally, environmentally, personally. Needless to say, our heartfelt thanks to "T" and "C" for fostering and nurturing our long-distance relationship — it only sweetens over the seasons.

NINA BUNKER RUIZ:

The task of choosing a favorite issue of Tumbleweeds feels close to impossible. There have been many issues that resonated deeply with me, with articles that taught me something about my hometown or made me reflect on my parenting choices. How could I choose a favorite?

The issue that comes to mind immediately is one dating nearly nine years back, that feels more like a mile-marker than anything. Relatively new to Tumbleweeds, I submitted a photo of my two children, which, much to my delight, landed on the cover. One of my daughters, an infant, stares at the camera in the classic baby expression of bland astonishment, while her older sister, a toddler, peeks over her shoulder wearing a wildly colorful Peruvian hat and a mischievous smile.

Now, the younger, a fourth grader, is plenty mischievous in her own right; the older, a mid-schooler, would rather die than be caught wearing such a hat. When I think of my time with Tumbleweeds, I think of that photo. It marks a place at the beginning of an arch spanning over a decade. My children have grown and changed, my friends' children have changed, and we have all changed as parents. Under Claudette's wise and nimble leadership, Tumbleweeds has continued to grow and change to meet the needs of a city that is growing and changing. My hope is that in another 10 years, (what the heck — another 20!) Team Tumbleweeds will still be at it.



CLAUDETTE SUTTON:

I'll go back a little more than 20 years, actually, to the first issue of The Tot's Hot News in the fall of 1991, the newsletter that preceded Tumbleweeds. Santa Fe had a "Birth Fair" in the courtyard of Santa Fe Prep that fall, and I remember walking in with my bundle of newsletters, grinning like a new mom carrying her firstborn. It was a simple production — four black-and-white pages, which I edited and designed myself and printed at Kinkos — homespun and funky, much like I was. But it was the first publication I produced myself and I was proud to present it to the world.

Then I think of a special issue devoted to reading in the summer of 2001. We ran theme issues more often back then, and this one was juicy. Barbara Gerber interviewed local teachers, a principal, a librarian, parents and others on their memories of learning to read. The cover photograph (taken by my husband, Charles — I think the only one he ever took) of the young girl reading an oversized book lit up by the sun was magical.

What strikes me most of all, though, looking back, is how much Tumbleweeds has changed and grown over the years, thanks to the enthusiasm of Team Tumbleweeds, and our amazing Santa Fe community. The issues seem to get stronger and more exciting. How many more years do we have in us? Time will tell. Onward!



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OUR STATE OF HUNGER

Food insecurity rises for New Mexico's kids

By Jill Gentry



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This, too, is New Mexico: Worst state in the nation for childhood hunger, and last in the nation for overall child wellbeing.

For many of our state's children, childhood is haunted by the anxiety of not knowing if there will be dinner on the table or whether the electricity will be on. One in four children in our state experiences poverty. One in three experiences hunger. One third live in households that struggle every month to make ends meet. Difficult choices are made every day between purchasing food and paying bills, between paying rent or eating dinner.

The Kids Count Data Book, published every year by the Annie E. Casey Foundation, gives a detailed picture of childhood wellbeing, nationally and by state, in four domains: economic wellbeing, education, health, and family and community. The 2014 report ranked New Mexico as last in the country on the basis of these criteria.

Hunger and poverty cause both day-to-day suffering and long-term damage to a child's health. Inadequate nutrition affects the cognitive and behavioral development of children. Low-income children who don't have enough to eat are more likely to experience irritability, fatigue and difficulty concentrating than other children, though the cause is not always evident to teachers. Research has also shown that food insecurity — not being assured of enough to eat — is associated with grade repetition, absenteeism, tardiness, anxiety, aggression, poor mathematics scores, psychosocial dysfunction and difficulty with social interaction among children ages 6 to 12.

As childhood poverty and hunger have increased over the last decade, the wellbeing of children has evolved as a central issue and has gained public attention. In this period, we have also made tremendous leaps in our knowledge of brain development in babies and young children. The stark consequences of poverty and hunger on our youngest children are becoming better understood, and a movement to invest in early childhood is growing.

As Nobel Prize-winning University of Chicago economist James Heckman states, "The best investment is in quality early childhood development from birth to age 5 for disadvantaged children and their families." His "Heckman Equation" estimates that for every dollar invested in early childhood, a society realizes a return of \$7.

Santa Fe Mayor Javier Gonzales recently took up the issue locally, as a panelist at a community discussion on food insecurity and hunger in March. Almost 70 percent of our kids in public schools qualify for free or reduced price meals, he noted. If we really are one community, one Santa Fe, we can't ignore the fact that our neighbors are falling through the cracks.

Poverty and hunger damage the life potential of thousands of children in New Mexico. It takes a village to create solutions and a brighter future for our children. Here are a few of the many programs and organizations working toward that future.

- **Brindle Foundation's Early Opportunities Initiative** awards grants to New Mexico organizations committed to early childhood development. P.O. Box 31696, Santa Fe, 986-3983, www.brindlefoundation.org/.
- **Children Youth and Families Department's "FOCUS on Young Children's Learning"** supports licensed family childcare homes, childcare centers and school-age programs with teacher development, student assessment, family engagement and health and safety practices. 440 Cerrillos Road, Santa Fe, 982-2002, www.uwsfc.org/.
- **Food 4 Kids**, a Food Depot program, provides backpacks filled with nutritious, child-friendly foods to hungry elementary school children each week. 1222 Siler Road #B, Santa Fe, 471-1633, thefooddepot.org/.
- **SFPS Adelante Program** works to strengthen opportunities for the academic achievement and life success of Santa Fe children and youth, and their families, who are experiencing homelessness. 1300 Camino Sierra Vista, Santa Fe, 467-2571, adelantesantafe.org/.
- **UNM's Family Development Program**, an outreach and public service program offered through the College of Education, provides early learning training to childcare workers, teachers and parents throughout the State of New Mexico. 1 University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, (505) 277-5800, fdp.unm.edu.
- **United Way of Santa Fe's First Born Program** supports families after a child's birth to help parents raise healthier, happier kids.
- **Youth Shelters** supports homeless, runaway and in-crisis youth in northern New Mexico by providing shelter and addressing health, safety, education and workforce opportunities. 5686 Agua Fria Street, Santa Fe, 438-0502, www.youthshelters.org/.

Jill Gentry is the director of development for the Santa Fe Food Depot.

Green Thumb, Helping Hands

It is planting season! Time to soak up some sun, get your hands dirty and take joy in growing your own food. Did you know your garden could also help feed your neighbor down the street, a child at Sweeney Elementary School or a senior citizen at Luisa Senior Center?

Every week, 70,000 New Mexicans seek food assistance, according to the Hunger in America study released in 2014 by the New Mexico Association of Food Banks and Feeding America. That's approximately the population of the city of Santa Fe. Nutritious foods, such as fruits and vegetables, can be hard to come by on a tight budget.

Last year, available produce distributed by the Food Depot dropped to 44 percent of the total food items we disbursed, down from 51 percent the year before because of a drop in produce donations.

You can help fill the gap by planting an extra row in your garden and donating the harvest to the Food Depot. Challenge your friends, family and co-workers to

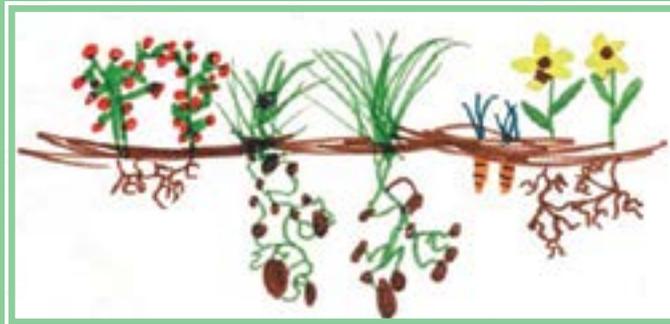
do the same. Are you lucky enough to have an outdoor break area at work? Ask your boss if the company can plant an employee garden. Your employer can also support the Plant a Row program through in-kind and financial contributions.

The fresh produce donated will be distributed to hungry children, seniors and working poor through the Food Depot's network of more than 145 nonprofit agencies throughout northern New Mexico.

Share your gift of produce with hungry New Mexicans. Every donation, small or large, can make a difference.

Bring your surplus fruits, vegetables and herbs to the Food Depot, 1222-A Siler Road in Santa Fe, during business hours (8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday).

The Food Depot is also seeking volunteers to pick extra produce from fields and trees around Santa Fe. Many residents are unable to reap their own crop, and precious food falls to the ground uneaten. Call the Food Depot at (505) 471-1633.



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MINING FOR HONEY



Navajo Bee Project employs beehives, pollinator gardens and medicinal fungi to heal uranium-poisoned land

By James Santiago Romero

A trip to the Navajo Nation in the summer of 2014

on an artist exchange opened my eyes to the environmental devastation wrought by uranium mining. The Navajo are still being poisoned by radioactivity from uranium mines left over from World War II and the Cold War, with over 2,000 sites still leaking significant amounts of radioactivity into Navajo communities. I met with Navajo who worked in the mines for decades and suffer from cancer, leukemia and lymphomas. These elders are finally getting medical attention and the mines are getting capped, but the land itself is devastated by radiation that affected miners and now affects Navajo who often live within sight of the mines. Livestock and crops have been also damaged by uranium poisoning, threatening traditional livelihoods and rendering local economies stagnant.

The mines — some enormous pits and others 10-foot holes in the ground — still emit radiation that is 10 to 20 times higher than the background level. I met Navajo who used these abandoned mines for storage, livestock sheds and even camping, not knowing they were dangerous. Many mines are on rivers, so the radioactivity flows down to Santa Fe and Phoenix and into the groundwater that goes into drinking water. It's not just a Navajo problem; it's everyone's problem.

Starting in 1941, permits were given to the Kerr-McGee Corporation to mine for low-grade uranium on Navajo land, using Navajo workers who were paid a dollar an hour. Although high-grade uranium was available from the Belgian Congo, the U.S. government wanted a domestic supply for the Manhattan Project, even if that meant sending Navajo men into poorly ventilated mines to chip away at radioactive rock with picks and shovels, without warning them about the dangers involved in inhaling the dust for up to 16 hours a day. Recently, the Navajo received a settlement requiring mining companies to cap the mines and treat medical issues related to the radiation, but little is slated to heal the land itself or help the Navajo make a living.

Honeybee hives, pollinator gardens and medicinal mushrooms can heal the land and spur economic development. Healthy vegetation is essential for rebuilding the land after mining, and bees are essential for the success of the plants. Natural beekeeping is a perfect fit with Navajo culture. Beehives are a

traditional income generator for the Navajo Nation, like many rural communities, since even a few hives can bring in substantial supplemental income from a good honey harvest.

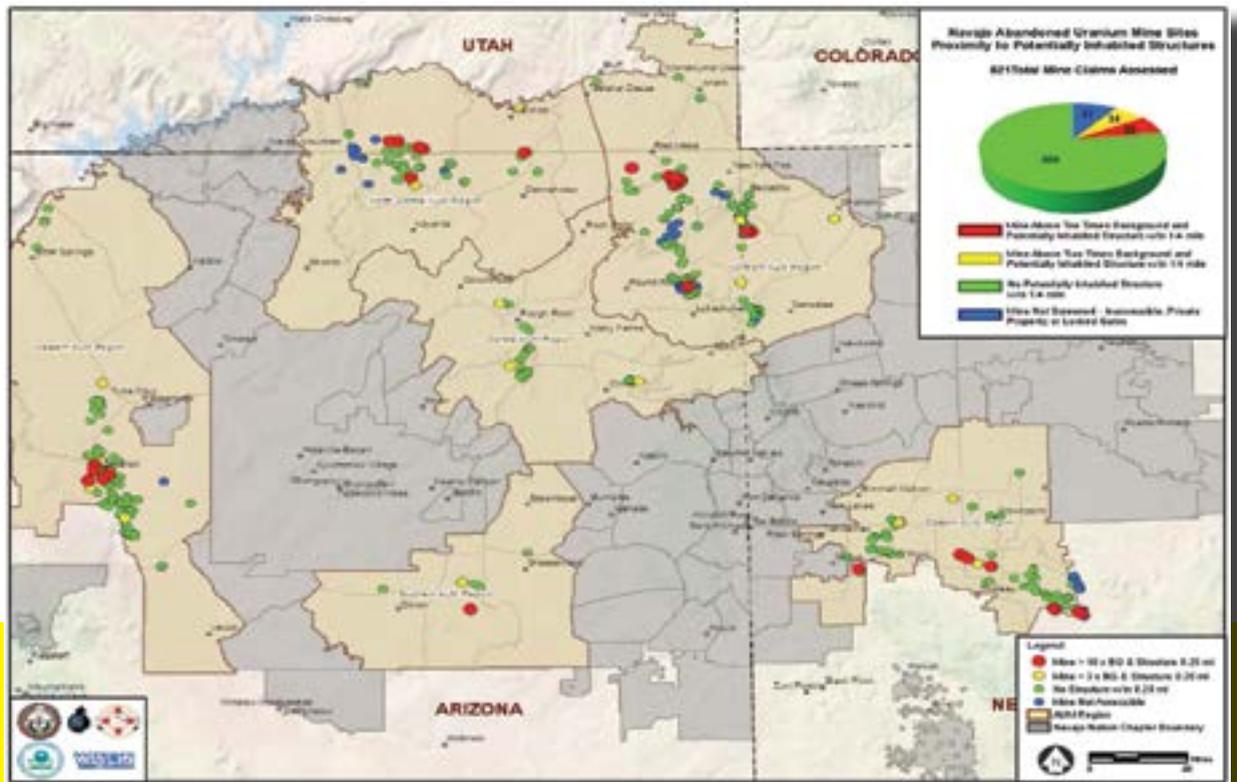
I became a natural beekeeper several years ago when a mentor gave me my first hive, and I fell in love with the bees. When I discovered that one in three hives die each year from Colony Collapse Disorder, I knew I had to do something. I took a course with legendary beekeeper Les Crowder and worked up to a dozen hives in my backyard in Santa Fe. In natural beekeeping, we don't kill the queen every year to increase productivity as commercial beekeepers do. We don't treat the hives with miticides or pesticides, or feed the bees sugar water. Instead, we support the hive to be as healthy and vital as possible.

Some of my Navajo and Anglo friends decided to do something to help the Navajo community recover from this environmental disaster and develop their local economies. We created the Navajo Bee Project, funded through an Indiegogo campaign, with these goals:

- Donate 25 honeybee hives to pollinate plants and provide honey and beeswax to create income for Navajo beekeepers.
- Create 10,000 native bee nests to encourage the over 4,000 types of solitary bees to thrive and pollinate a variety of plants, trees and fruits.
- Place bat houses to encourage bats to live on the land to provide natural pest control and handle the pollinators' night shift.
- Plant native grasses, flowers and shrubs to help the soil revive and provide stability from flash floods, as well as to filter rain for ground water.
- Create pollinator and bee gardens full of flowers, grasses and shrubs that bees, wasps, moths, hummingbirds and other pollinators love.
- Provide mushroom inoculation to help increase the rate of detoxification by 10,000 fold on land around the worst 50 mines, based on the research of Paul Stamet (see next page).
- Invite donors to visit the Navajo Nation and see the awesome work their donations make possible, to participate in dedication and celebration ceremonies for the beehives and gardens, and to befriend Navajo who rarely leave the reservation or meet Anglos.

We need your help. The Navajo reservation is huge, encompassing a large part of Arizona and New Mexico and parts of Colorado and Utah. Summer is short there, so we are trying to get the word out about our fundraiser as quickly as possible. Please share our Indiegogo campaign with your social networks, and donate as much as you can. (See the link below). For a contribution of only \$10, you can visit Navajo land and meet the Naat'áanii, elders and leaders of the Navajo community.

Santiago Romero, a Pueblo Indian, grew up in Los Angeles but spent summers in Santa Fe. After graduating from Dartmouth with a degree in environmental science and a studio art minor, he returned to Santa Fe and began creating ceramic sculpture under the watchful gaze of his father and uncle, two renowned Southwest artists.



These dots show just some of the over 2,000 uranium mines leaking radiation on Navajo land.

TO LEARN MORE:

The Navajo Bee Project is based on the work of Dr. Tammy Horn of Coal County Beeworks in Kentucky, who pioneered the use of honeybees in reclaiming mining lands. Check out their video here: www.youtube.com/watch?v=vi0iq9xz9J0, or search for Coal County Beeworks on YouTube.

To learn more about Paul Stamet, who has who has done incredible work using mushrooms to revitalize lands damaged by war, oil, toxins

and radioactivity, check out his Ted Talk on using mushrooms to save the world! www.ted.com/talks/paul_stamets_on_6_ways_mushrooms_can_save_the_world?language=

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A Groundswell of Grandparents In Charge

Increasing numbers of “second-time” parents face changing systems and limited tools

By Robyn Covelli-Hunt

Multigenerational households, and grandparents

who are actively involved in raising their grandchildren, are hardly new phenomena in New Mexico. In recent years, however, the number of grandparents providing primary care of their grandchildren has been increasing markedly. Statewide, approximately 26,700 grandparents are responsible for raising their grandchildren. In Rio Arriba County, 60 percent of children under the age of 6 are in the care of grandparents. In Santa Fe County, that figure is 35 percent. For these northern New Mexico families, the nature of grandparenting is vastly different from what it was in generations past.

These grandparents, many of whom are dealing with their own physical and emotional concerns, encounter noticeably changed systems from when they raised their own children. For many, the financial concerns of second-time-around childrearing are daunting. Navigation of school systems is quite different from when their own children were in public school. Courts, schools and hospital administrations may not recognize the authority of grandparents to seek services for their grandchildren.

Additionally, grandparents may face challenging dynamics with the grandchildren's parents, including the uncertainties related to potential reconciliation and reunion of the children and parents. In some cases the grandparents have stepped in when parents were absent due to substance abuse, domestic violence, poverty or incarceration. In other cases, grandparents are part of a multigenerational home, or grandparents provide care while parents work full-time jobs. Grandparents providing primary care often find that resources are limited and tools hard to find. The potential consequences for grandchildren, who may have experienced trauma in the home prior to being placed with their grandparents, include developmental delays, social and emotional challenges, and general health issues.

Las Cumbres Community Services' Grandparents Raising Grandchildren (GRG) Program in Española and Santa Fe offers support groups and access to information for grandparents. The agency's monthly group meetings provide a comfortable and confidential setting for grandparents to connect with peers who are experiencing similar situations. Las Cumbres' trained case managers and behavioral health staff are available to discuss shared emotional challenges and feelings of isolation that many grandparents share. The agency also hosts a GRG website (grglccs.com) and is preparing for a third agency-hosted Statewide GRG Conference in mid-October at the Santa Fe Convention Center.

An important and broader goal for the GRG program is to expand communication and collaboration between systems, including the New Mexico Department of Children, Youth and Families, the state Aging and Long-Term Services Department and other legal and educational agencies, so that they better understand what grandparents are experiencing.

Recent bills were introduced in the 2015 Legislative Session to draw public attention and create potential future funding for support services and resources for grandparents raising grandchildren in the state. A House Memorial passed, convening a task force to study and recommend policy changes to expand the availability of resources and assistance to grandparents as primary caregivers. Las Cumbres was



A grandpa and grandson enjoy a summer fishing trip.

named to that task force, as well as representatives of New Mexico Voices for Children, Pegasus Legal Services, a coalition of educational leaders, Court Appointed Special Advocates for Children, Parents Reaching Out and others.

In addition to the support groups, speakers and presentations offered by Las Cumbres, additional resources are available for grandparents. Pegasus Legal Services operates a helpline that offers information, advice and legal assistance to low-income individuals representing themselves, and referrals for direct legal representation to those who need help or have questions concerning kinship care of a child. Kinship care is defined as the raising of children by grandparents, great-grandparents, other relatives or close family friends, when the biological parents are unwilling or unable to do so. Relatives are the preferred resource for children who are removed from their birth parents because it maintains children's connections to communities, schools and family members.

Financial resources, in the form of Medicare and Medicaid, may be available through the state's Human Services Department. Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) and the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP, formerly known as the food stamp program), are also accessible through the Human Services Department. TANF is a child-only application,

that is, a child may be eligible if the family has limited assets and the parent does not live in the home. New Mexico Aging and Long-Term Services Department also provides a range of supports for senior and adults.

Grandparents raising grandchildren, more often than not, don't have the physical or financial re-

sources to raise their grandchildren but, selflessly, they do so. "It would be helpful if the government could contribute even a small portion toward the cost of childcare for grandparents caring for their grandchildren — not all of it, but some amount," states one grandmother. Still, she goes on to say, "Our grandchildren have brought us a lot of joy"

About her grandmother, one granddaughter exclaims: "She's everything to me."

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Robyn Covelli-Hunt is the director of development and communications for Las Cumbres Community Services. More about Las Cumbres can be found at lascumbres-nm.org.

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Las Cumbres' Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Program: Española

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 404 Hunter Street, Española, NM 87532
 (505) 753-4123, Beth Pacheco or Delfinia Romero.

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Las Cumbres' Santa Fe Community Infant Program Office
 United Way of Santa Fe Early Childhood Center
 3160 Agua Fria Road, Santa Fe, NM 87505
 (formerly Agua Fria Elementary School)
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New Mexico Aging and Long-Term Services Department

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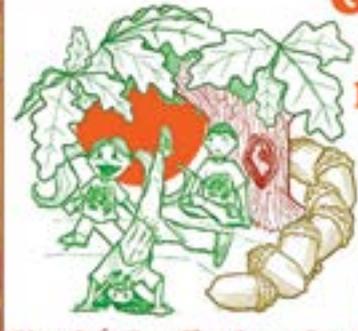
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ASPEN SANTA FE BALLET SUMMER SESSIONS

Learn in a supportive environment that fosters confidence, technique and artistry. Classes for children ages 3 and up, in creative dance, ballet, jazz, folklorico, hip-hop and more. Studio locations in Santa Fe and Eldorado. Summer session classes start June 6. For more information, call (505) 983-5591. Enroll online at www.aspensantafeballet.com.

BEE HIVE CREATIVE WRITING CAMP

For one magical week, campers will create a portfolio of several short pieces and develop one longer story. We'll also be busy playing games outside, crafting, stretching our imaginations, making friends, and frolicking in the sunshine. Perfect for writers ages 8 and up who are excited about imagining worlds, writing stories, and forming creative community. Two sessions: June 22-26, and August 10-14, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. \$275 plus tax (includes materials). Camp meets at Bee Hive (inside and out), 328 Montezuma Avenue, 780-8051.

BELISAMA IRISH DANCE

Belisama Irish Dance offers classes for the whole family to enjoy. Performance opportunities in the community, local competition and fun choreography classes. Ages 5 and up. 901 W. San Mateo, Suite X, Santa Fe. Contact Adrienne Bellis, director, (505) 670-2152, or go to www.belisamadance.com.

CAMP CORAZONES

Since 1995, non-profit Camp Corazones has served children between 5 and 12 affected by HIV/AIDS. Alongside trained counselors, campers participate in swimming, arts and crafts, horseback riding, rock wall climbing, sign language, fly-fishing lessons and more. This year, the camp will be at the Santa Fe National Guard from July 15 to 19. Campers can apply until July 1. Find us at kids-camp.org and like us on Facebook:

[facebook.com/CampCorazones](https://www.facebook.com/CampCorazones). Contact Executive Director Jewel Cabeza de Vaca at (505) 690-4837 or siete@sisna.com for more details.

CATRON COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTER SUMMER WORKSHOPS

Catron Community Learning Center is committed to providing high quality opportunities for academic, professional and personal development in a supportive and caring environment. The center offers a variety of programs for students Pre-K through 10th grade. Summer Sessions will include: Reading and Math Readiness, Arts & Crafts, Keyboarding, Multiplication Madness, Pre-Algebra, Algebra I, Algebra II and How to Become a Super Star Student. 306 Catron Street. Please visit www.catroncommunitylearning.com, or call 983-8102 for information.

CHILDREN'S ART SPACE SUMMER CAMPS

Discover a new arts program for children and their families, emphasizing drawing, painting and printmaking with some 3D projects as well. Small groups, 8 students, variety and continuity. June 1 through July 31, Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to noon. Register by the week for \$150, or single days for \$40. After-care option: noon to 1 p.m., \$5 per day. Scholarships available. Classes located at 1219 Luisa Street #6 Santa Fe. To register call 490-2119, email childrensartspace@gmail.com, visit www.childrensartspace.com or find our Facebook page.

CHRIST CHURCH SANTA FE HALF-DAY CHRISTIAN SUMMER CAMP

June 8 to 12, 9 a.m. to noon for ages 3 to 12 years. Pack a lunch and plan to have fun at our fifth annual Mission Camp Adventure. We've traveled the globe to solve mysteries -- and learned a lot about people in foreign lands and their cultures through games, food, crafts and Bible lessons. Camp is FREE but t-shirts cost \$10. Please RSVP by May 15 by emailing kids@christchurchsantafe.org. Christ Church Santa Fe is located at 1213 Don Gaspar in Santa Fe.

CHRISTIAN ADVENTURE CAMP

Coming this summer: Christian Adventure Camp. For kids in grades K to 3, come for arts & crafts, games, stories, projects, music, art and outdoor activities. Camp meets from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., July 13 to 24. Camp takes place in the gym at Adventist Academy of Santa Fe, 702 Bishops Lodge Road. For information or an application form, call 467-8603 or visit the school website by putting adventistacademyofsantafe in your browser. The Academy is also accepting applications for next school year in grades K to 8.

CREATIVEART INK SUMMER MULTI-ART PROGRAM

Join CreativeArt Ink for a weeklong arts experience with working artists, June 15 to 19 in Santa Fe on Old Pecos Trail. Create animations, sketches and sculptures with our artists-in-residence; compose photos with a pro; write a short story or poem with a published writer; improvise with a working actor. Half-day program \$295, or full-day in combination

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with Filmmakers Ink, \$495 (see listing below), making movies with award-winning filmmakers. Strengthen your foundation in the arts this summer! Email Patrick@CreativeArtInk.com, call (413) 320-6071, or visit www.CreativeArtInk.com or www.Filmmakers-Ink.com.

DRAGONFLY ART STUDIO SUMMER CAMP

For ages 6 to 16. Fine art classes designed to stimulate kids' imagination and creativity, while they have fun experimenting with a range of art mediums and materials. Summer Camp meets Monday to Friday, 8:45 a.m. to 4 p.m. in June, July and August. Each week has a different art theme. We also offer art birthday Parties, after-school classes and weekend workshops. For details, please visit dragonflyartstudioforkids.com or call Oceanna at 670-5019.

DRAGONFLY SCHOOL SUMMER CAMP

Located on the Santa Fe River at 935 Alto Street, Dragonfly Summer Camp for ages 2 to 5 will emphasize outdoor activities, including field trips and gardening, science and sensory play, creative arts and movement, and positive social skills. Two five-week sessions from June 1 to July 3 and July 6 to August 7, 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. daily, and part-time. Contact Stephanie at (505) 995-9869 or stephanie@dragonflyschool.com. Dragonfly School bases its developmentally-appropriate curriculum on the key tenets of community, creativity and ecology. www.dragonflyschool.com.

ENTREFLAMENCO YOUTH AND PRETEEN SUMMER CAMPS

The Santa Fe School of Flamenco & Entreflamenco will host a new summer intensive program of flamenco dance for boys and girls, ages 6 to 14. Monday through Friday, July 20 to 31, at our studio, 1730 Camino Carlos Rey, Unit 5, Santa Fe. Class schedule: ages 6 to 8, 1-2 p.m.; ages 9 to 11, 2-3 p.m.; ages 12 to 14, 3-4 p.m. Price: \$100 per student. Space is limited! For more information, please call (505) 209-1302 or visit www.entreflamenco.com.

FAM JAM! MUSIC TOGETHER

FAM JAM! is a Licensed Music Together Center in Santa Fe since 2003. Curriculum research-based, experiential, educational and community-building. Morning, after-school, after-work and weekend class times, and our popular Pajama Class. Convenient North- and Southside locations. Mixed-age family classes: newborn to 5 years. Sibling discounts offered. Babies-Only family classes: newborn to 8 months. Six-week summer semester, July 6 to August 15, includes three make-ups. Enroll at famjam.net/enroll or call Stacey, 660-8559. Schedule a preview class: famjam.net/preview.php. More information: famjam.net and musictogether.com.

FILMMAKERS INK SUMMER FILM CAMP

Make Movies! Filmmaking Camps June 15 to 19 in Santa Fe on Old Pecos Trail. Professional filmmakers work with students to create movies, script-to-screen. Afternoon Intensive for ages 11 to 15, includes filmmaking, acting and screenwriting. Morning Special FX program for 8- to 10-year-olds. Make it a Full Day in combination with CreativeArt Ink, an arts experience including animation, sculpture, photography, writing and acting (see listing above). All lessons presented by working artists. Email Patrick@Filmmakers-Ink.com or

call (413) 320-6071. Visit www.Filmmakers-Ink.com or www.CreativeArtInk.com.

GENOVEVA CHAVEZ COMMUNITY CENTER SPORTS CAMPS

Fun, Educational and Safe programming for ages 6 to 12 (proof of age required for 6-year-olds). Half-day camps, June 7 to August 13, 8:30 a.m. to noon: basketball, soccer, baseball, volleyball and cheer. Sports Camp \$55 per week: skills, drills, scrimmages, presentations for parents, pizza party and t-shirt. Combo Camp \$155: children participate in morning Sports Camp then join Day Camp and afternoon activities. Call Melissa at 955-4014 or Tiedra at 955-4005. www.chavezcenter.com.

GENOVEVA CHAVEZ COMMUNITY CENTER SUMMER CAMP FESTIVE

Fun, Educational and Safe programming for kids ages 6 to 12 (proof of age required for 6-year-olds). Weekly sessions, June 1 to August 3, 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Weekly Camp \$135 per camper. Half Day Sports Camp \$55. Combo Camps \$155. Activities include sports, swimming, ice-skating, visual art lessons, games, outdoor recreation and special field trips. Optional free breakfast and lunch program. Call Melissa at 955-4014, or Tiedra at 955-4005. www.chavezcenter.com.

GIRLS INC. SUMMER CAMP

Do you want your girl to have a memorable camp experience? At Girls Inc. of Santa Fe we inspire ALL girls to be Strong, Smart and Bold. Your girl will have an opportunity to participate in fun, hands-on activities in a safe, girl-centered environment, while also enjoying science, sports, fieldtrips, art and fun! Our hours are from 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sliding scale tuition and scholarships available. Contact us at (505) 982-2042 or go to www.girlsincofsantafe.org.

GOLDEN ACORNS CAMP OF LIVING ARTS & CULTURE

Join Golden Acorns Summer Camp of Living Arts & Culture in our seventh year of camp! Our core curriculum promotes and teaches healthy and sustainable living practices such as Yoga and T'ai Chi, Gardening and Permaculture, and Compassionate Communication. Each week we feature the story, song, and healing arts of a variety of world cultures. For ages 4 to 11. Camp is hosted at the Santa Fe Waldorf School from June 15 to July 10. Weekly cost: \$250. Some financial aid available. goldenacornscamp.com or call (505) 795-9079.

GROWING UP MONTESSORI SCHOOL SUMMER SESSIONS

For 2- to 6-year-olds. Sessions are a laid-back extension of our school-year program, based in the Montessori Method. Activities include circle and story time, classroom work cycle, outside play, art projects, cooking, neighborhood walks, gardening and water play. Monday to Friday: 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Aftercare available. Session One: Wednesday, May 27 to Friday, June 26. Session Two: Monday, June 29 to Friday, July 31. Call us at (505) 795-7256 or visit growingupmontessori.com.

JOJO'S SIZZLIN' SENSATIONAL SUMMER THEATRE CAMP

Ever want to write your own play? Teatro Paraguas Children's Theatre's talented JoJo Sena-Tarnoff will help kids write their own play by creating the plot, creating a character of their choosing, writing the songs and designing the sets! Summer camp for kids who have completed grades 3 through 8

takes place June 16 to July 25 at Teatro Paraguas Studio Theatre, 3205 Calle Marie on Tuesdays, Thursdays and some Wednesdays from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sliding scale tuition starts at \$200, with partial scholarships and payment plans available. tpchildrensprogram.weebly.com, tpchildrensprogram@gmail.com, 471-3140.

KIDS' SUMMER COOKING CAMP

A special introduction to the wonderful world of cooking for kids ages 7 to 12, July 6 to 10. Join the 16th annual weeklong cooking camp and cover a different topic every-day. Cook a wide variety of dishes, and gain the knowledge and know-how to become the real chef in your family. Chef Johnny Vee will help you earn your chef's hat and cooking diploma. Las Cosas Cooking School, 181 Paseo de Peralta, 988-3394.

LITTLE CHILDREN'S SCHOOL SUMMER CAMP

The Little Children's School is now enrolling for summer camp, ages 3 to 5, June, July and August. We are a preschool designed to create a fun, healthy and creative atmosphere for young children. Lots of natural outdoor space for exploring, riding bikes, playing in the playground, creating art, gardening, water play, wood working and, best of all, the Cooking with Kids program. We even have chickens and a few ducks! Visit our website www.TheLittleChildrensSchool.com, or call Ms. Jenn, (505) 983-8924.

LITTLE EARTH SCHOOL SUMMER DAY CAMP

Memorable summer experiences for children ages 4 to 12, June 1 through August 7. Five two-week sessions for all ages; minimum enrollment: one session. Three, four or five days per week. Tuition discount of 10 percent for children who enroll for the entire summer. Art, cooking, weekly nature field trips, swimming, yoga and games. Low student-teacher ratio. Enrollment limited. Little Earth School, 321 W. Zia Road, Santa Fe. For more information or a brochure and pre-registration form, call 988-1968.

MOTHER'S FARM SCHOOL SUMMER CAMP

Weeklong full-day camps with pre- and after-care for ages 5 to 12 and a Mentoring Program for ages 13 to 18, on a 10-acre farm off Highway 14 outside Santa Fe. Horseback riding, horsemanship games, Golden Retriever puppy training, nature painting, sculpting with hand-harvested farm clay, organic gardening, cooking, yoga, interactive group games, nonviolent communication, meditation, songwriting. May 22 to August 14 (except June 22 to 26). Transportation from Trader Joe's and Factory Outlet Mall. \$199/week, includes snack, materials and taxes. Sibling discounts. Visuddhi Brenda Wittner, 930-1838, mothersfarmsschool.com, cowgirlbrenda108@yahoo.com.

MOUNTAIN KIDS SUMMER CAMP

Mountain Kids Summer Camp immerses children ages 5 to 12 in nature all day, every day. Campers meet at Fort Marcy Park and go on daily adventures into the mountains to explore, learn and play in nature. Kids learn wilderness skills, make art, hike, sing, learn about nature and teamwork, and most of all — get dirty and have fun! New programming for 2015 includes backpacking, mountain biking, advanced wilderness skills and more. Weekly themes, weekly or biweekly enrollment. For more information visit www.santafemountainkids.com.

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NEW MEXICO HISTORY MUSEUM TIME TREKKERS CAMP

Take a trip to the action-packed 1860s, in Time Trekkers Summer Camp, June 15 to 19, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the New Mexico History Museum in Santa Fe, for children 9 to 11. Have fun and make new friends. Enjoy VIP access to the museum, along with hands-on learning, historic games and traditional crafts. \$125 (10 percent discount for children and grandchildren of Museum of New Mexico Foundation members). Space is limited. Register by June 1. Contact René Harris at rene.harris@state.nm.us or Melanie LaBorwit at melanie.laborwit@state.nm.us.

PANDEMONIUM PRODUCTIONS' MUSICAL THEATRE SUMMER CAMP

Students study acting, singing and dancing and perform in a classical musical fantasy "The Wizard of Oz." Pandemonium Productions offers its musical theater summer camp for ages 7 to 17, June 15 to July 26. Rehearsals take place at the New Mexico School for the Arts, Mondays through Fridays, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., call 920-0704 for information. Space is limited; scholarships available. For more information, visit pandemoniumprod.org. Tuition \$695 (\$100 deposit requested with registration).

POMEGRANATE SEEDS WORLD DANCE CAMPS FOR GIRLS

Self-Esteem, Empowerment and Education through Dance for girls ages 10 to 16. Explore world dance, sew a costume piece, learn stage make-up, dance, history, culture, costuming, film, journaling, poetry, art and talking circles. Camp 1: July 13 to 17. Camp 2: July 20 to 24. Camp 3: July 27 to July 31. Camps run Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. \$235 per week plus tax and materials fee. Contact Myra Krien, 986-6164, or pomegranatesfm@yahoo.com.

PRIVATE READING COURSES SUMMER TERM

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Riding Horses = FUN! Beginners welcome, kids and adults, ages 6 and up. Lessons on safe, gentle horses in a supportive atmosphere on a beautiful ranch minutes from downtown Santa Fe. Private or small group lessons on grooming, care, arena/trail course riding and games on horseback. After-school and weekend classes, and special weeklong summer sessions. Arrowhead Ranch is 2.5 miles west of St. Francis Drive, on W. Alameda. Call for rates and dates: Sandy, 424-7592, or email: sandybenson@earthlink.net.

RIO GRANDE SCHOOL SUMMER CAMP

Weekly camps for grades K through 6. Half day and full day options available. Morning enrichment classes in Chinese language and culture, computer programming, art, music, creative writing graphic design and more! Swimming, field trips and hiking in the afternoons. Camp runs from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. with optional early and aftercare. Contact Neal Turnquist at 983-1621 or email summer@riograndeschool.org for more information.

RIO RAPIDS NORTHERN SOCCER CLUB

Now taking registrations for their Recreational Spring Soccer Season. Our Developmental League is for boys and girls ages U4 to U14. Games are played every Saturday at the Santa Fe Downs starting September 19 for eight weeks. Coaching and team practices start September 14. Registration open through August 29. For more information and to register online go to www.northernsc.org or call 982-0878.

SANTA FE CHILDREN'S MUSEUM EXPLORERS SUMMER CAMP

For pre-K and K children, 4 to 5 year olds, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. (extended care available), \$270 per weekly session for museum members, \$295 for nonmembers, with a \$5 discount on multiple sessions. June 1 to 5: Sow Seeds & Sauté. June 8 to 12: Little Builders. June 15 to 19: Magic in the Garden. June 22 to 26: Color Me Happy. Preregistration required. For more information and to register, call 989-8359 ext. 115, or email summercamp@santafechildrensmuseum.org. 1050 Old Pecos Trail, Santa Fe.

SANTA FE CLIMBING CENTER'S CLIMBING ADVENTURE CAMPS & CLASSES

Indoor and outdoor climbing, wilderness survival skills, hikes and other outdoor adventure-based activities. Weeklong camps, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., \$349 per week. Multi-day summer camps, for ages 5 to 8: May 26, June 1, 8, 22, 29, July 6, August 10, 17, 24; and for ages 9 to 13: June 8, 15, July 13, 20, 27, August 10, 17 and 24. Summer indoor climbing classes: Tuesdays and Thursdays, 1 to 2:30 p.m. 825 Early Street. Call 986-8944 or visit www.climbsantafe.com/camps/.

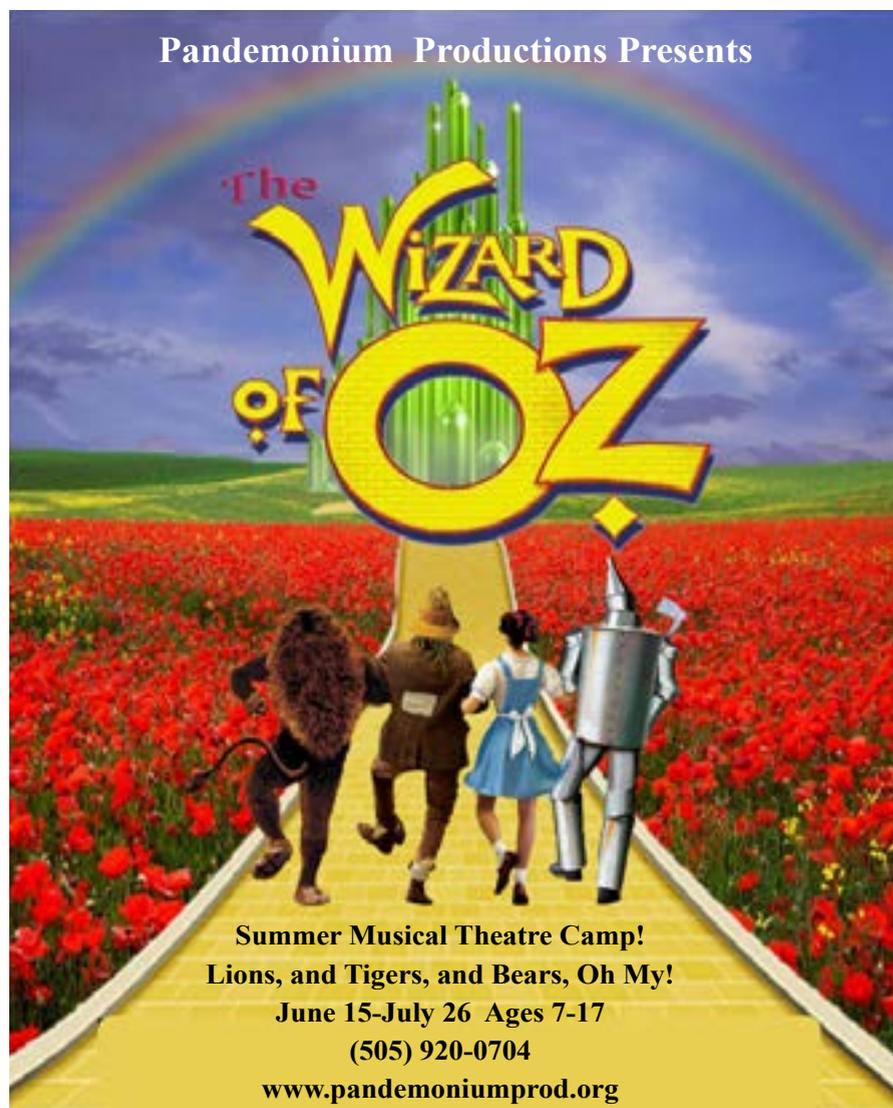
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SANTA FE OPERA STORYTELLER CAMP

Write and perform your own opera in 10 days! June 1 to 12, at Santa Fe University of Art and Design, for children entering grades 3 to 8 will create an original opera activating their voices, bodies, and imaginations: writing,

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SANTA FE PERFORMING ARTS SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMS

Programs run Mondays through Fridays, June 15 to July 26. Ages 7 to 12 meet 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., to produce "You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown." Teens meet 1:30 to 5:30 p.m. to produce "Grease." Performances are the last two weekends in July. Scholarships available. Call 982-7992 or email sabato@sfperformingarts.org or visit www.sfperformingarts.org and go to the "Classes" section. Endorsed by the National Education Association of New Mexico and the recipient of the 2012 Mayor's Award for Excellence in the Arts.

SANTA FE SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS & SCIENCES SUMMER CAMP 2015

June 8 to August 7 (no camp week of July 6 to 10). Ages 3 and 4: Move & Play Camps. Ages 5 and 6: Imagine That! Camps. Ages 7 and 8: Discovery Camps. Ages 9 to 13: Exploration Camps. Ages 13 and up: Investigation Camps. Themes include Ooey Gooley; Princesses, Dragons and Knights, Oh My!; Camp Minecraft; Project Runway; Backpacking; Japan Camp and Coding, just to name a few. Most weekly camps cost \$220. Financial aid available. For more information: (505) 438-8585, office@santafeschool.org, www.santafeschool.org.

SHELLABERGER TENNIS & SPORTS CAMP

Does running, jumping, swinging and meeting other kids sound like fun? Check out the Shellaberge Tennis & Sports Camp! Camps are held weekly with an option to attend just in the morning, afternoon, or play all day! Camp is held at the Shellaberge Tennis Center and Driscoll Field

House at the campus of SFUAD. Camps for kids ages 8 to 18. All athletes and athletes-to-be are welcome! For more information please see our website at shellabergertennis.com or contact us by phone at 473-6144 or by email at eric@shellabergertennis.com.

SIMPLY 3-DAY HORSE CAMP

Simply 3-Day, Jumping and Dressage is excited to offer Summer Camp for kids, ages 8 to 15, of all abilities and experience. Sign up for a fun-filled week of riding horses, horse management, games, arts and crafts, field trips and plenty of other horse-related activities. Camp will be held from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday. Private and group lessons will also be offered all summer long. For pricing and more information go to www.simply3-day.com or call (505) 670-2325

SKATE SCHOOL SANTA FE

Ramps and Bowls Camps: Young riders will get expert instruction, mornings at public skate parks and afternoon at our indoor park, for ages 8 and up, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. May 25 to 29, June 8 to 12, June 29 to July 3, July 20 to 24; \$250. Long Board Camps in Santa Fe: Ride the school's boards and learn to turn, stop and slide while riding local bike paths and at our indoor park, for ages 9 and up, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. June 1 to 3, June 22 to 24, July 13 to 15, August 3 to 5; \$180. 825 Early Street #H, Santa Fe, 474-0074, SkateboardSafety.com, 474-0074.

TEMPLE BETH SHALOM PRESCHOOL

Temple Beth Shalom Preschool is committed to supporting the child's innate joy of learning and sense of self through play. We nurture the developing emotional, creative and intellectual needs of each child, while helping them to develop a positive and compassionate relationship with the world. We provide a caring, safe, enriched environment in which to play and grow, centered on the tenets of Reform Judaism. Enroll for summer only or year-

round. Please contact Rabbi Jenny, (505) 982-6888 or preschool@sftbs.org, for more information and to schedule a visit.

THE LITTLE CHILDREN'S SCHOOL

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TRIO SCHOOL

Trio School is now accepting applications for their Summer Session from June 1 through August 7. Trio School is a nonprofit, parent and community cooperative Montessori, Suzuki and Reggio method school in Arroyo Seco. The experienced teaching staff encourages children ages 2½ to 6 to explore a wide variety of activities. Small class size allows for children to experience hands on learning with one another while in a nurturing environment. \$185 a week. For more information visit us at www.TrioSchool.com or call (505) 747-3962.

YOUTH TENNIS AND SPORTS PROGRAM

Come join the fun and sports progression, starting June 8 at Alto Park! Learn group participation and positive social skills while enjoying activities like tennis, swimming, baseball, basketball, court hockey, soccer, obstacle course and water sport fun. Our coaches have over 10 years of sports training experience, and our chef Andre provides local organic bread and snacks. Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., beginning June 8. Cost: \$40 per day (\$35 for siblings), or \$175 weekly. Drop-ins welcome. Call Yon, (505) 690-6105, or Jim, (505) 795-0543.

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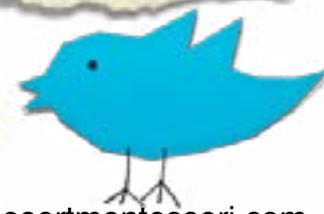
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1 MONDAY, 9-11 A.M. Toddler Time

A special time just for toddlers and their adult companions to enjoy all of Explora's exhibits. Activities include story time and music jams. Call for prices. Explora!, 1701 Mountain Road Northwest, Albuquerque, (505)224-8300.

1 MONDAY, 9:30-10:15 A.M. Family Yoga

Weave poses into story, song and games to foster creative expression while developing coordination and balance. Parents and children gain flexibility, strength and awareness. \$10 per session. Los Alamos Family Strengths Network, 1990 Diamond Drive, Los Alamos, 662-4515.

1 MONDAY, 10-11 A.M. Nature Playtimes

Toddlers, preschoolers and their caregivers explore the natural world, weather-permitting. Each playtime features a craft, story and outside activity. Pajarito Environmental Education Center at the Los Alamos Nature, 2600 Canyon Road, Los Alamos, (505) 662-0460.

P 1 MONDAY, 6:30 P.M. Birth Talk Los Alamos

Learn about options in pregnancy and childbirth and hear birthing experiences. Los Alamos Family Strengths Network, 1990 Diamond Drive, Los Alamos, 662-4515.

1 MONDAY, 6:30-7:30 P.M. Family Story Hour

Family stories and activities for all to enjoy. Oliver La Farge Branch Library, 1730 Llano Street, 955-4862.

P 2 TUESDAY, 9 A.M.-3 P.M. Project WET

Workshop for educators to learn hands-on activities to increase students' understanding of water resources and properties. All attendees receive a WET curriculum and activity guide. Call to register. La Cienega Community Center, 50 Camino San Jose, La Cienega, 955-4224.

2 TUESDAY, 10:30-11 A.M. Books and Babies

Books, songs and finger games for ages 6 months to 2 years. Caregivers welcome. Main Library, 145 Washington Avenue, 955-6781.

2 TUESDAY, 10:30-11:15 A.M. Preschool Story Time

Ages 2 to 5 and caregivers gather for stories, rhymes, songs and crafts. Oliver La Farge Branch Library, 1730 Llano Street, 955-4862.

3 WEDNESDAY, 9:30 A.M. Green Hour Hike

Meet at local trailheads for meandering hikes where kids set the pace and decide

the activities. Call for meeting points. Pajarito Environmental Education Center, 2600 Canyon Road, Los Alamos, (505) 662-0460.

3 WEDNESDAY, 10:30 A.M. Wee Wednesdays

Bilingual preschool stories, songs and games. Children up to 3 years of age. Santa Fe Children's Museum, 1050 Old Pecos Trail, 989-8359.

3 WEDNESDAY, 10:30-11 A.M. Books and Babies

Enjoy books, songs and finger games. For ages 6 months to 2 years. Caregivers welcome. Oliver La Farge Branch Library, 1730 Llano Street, 955-4862.

3 WEDNESDAY, 10:30-11:15 A.M. Toddler Tunes

Sing old favorites and learn some new favorites. Children and parents get a chance to experiment with percussion instruments and sing together. Los Alamos Family Strengths Network, 1990 Diamond Drive, Los Alamos, 662-4515.

3 WEDNESDAY, 10:45-11:30 A.M. Preschool Story Time

Ages 2 to 5 and caregivers gather for stories, rhymes, songs and crafts. Southside Library, 6599 Jaguar Drive, 955-2820.

3 WEDNESDAY, 2:30-3:30 P.M. Flying Debris

Amusement and wonder through juggling. Southside Library, 6599 Jaguar Drive, 955-2820.

4 THURSDAY, 9-10 A.M. Family Mornings

Hands-on activities for families. Play in the garden, make art and learn about the plants and animals of northern New Mexico. Weather permitting. Santa Fe, Botanical Garden, 725 Camino Lejo, Suite E, 470-9103.

4 THURSDAY, 10:45-11:15 A.M. Books and Babies

Enjoy books, songs finger games. For ages 6 months to 2 years. Caregivers welcome. Southside Library, 6599 Jaguar Drive, 955-2820.

4 THURSDAY, 10:45-11:30 A.M. Children's Story Hour

Weekly story time for children 6 months to 5 years. All children must be supervised by an adult. Collected Works Bookstore, 202 Galisteo Street, 988-4226.

4 THURSDAY, 11 A.M. Firefighter Storytime

Firefighters share a favorite book and a few fire safety tips on the first Thursday of each month. Firetruck will be present whenever possible. Santa Fe Children's Museum, 1050 Old Pecos Trail, 989-8359.

4 THURSDAY, 11 A.M.-NOON Flying Debris

Amusement and wonder through juggling. Main Library, 145 Washington Avenue, 955-6781.

4 THURSDAY, 2:30-3:30 P.M. Flying Debris

Amusement and wonder through juggling. Oliver La Farge Branch Library, 1730 Llano Street, 955-4862.

4 THURSDAY, 4-6:30 P.M. Thursdays Are Yoursdays

Free admission for children under 16. Santa Fe Children's Museum, 1050 Old Pecos Trail, 989-8359.

4 THURSDAY, 4:30 P.M. Meet Cornelius!

Watch the museum's snake eat his weekly meal, draw pictures of what you see, write a poem and learn new facts about snakes. Santa Fe Children's Museum, 1050 Old Pecos Trail, 989-8359.

4 THURSDAY, 6 P.M.

Pajama Tales from the Book Nook
Wind-down story time featuring a guest reader. Kids are encouraged to wear pajamas. Teddy bears & woobies welcome. Santa Fe Children's Museum, 1050 Old Pecos Trail, 989-8359.

5 FRIDAY, 9-10 A.M.

Garden Sprouts
Listen to a book and participate in interactive nature and garden related activities. For children ages 3 to 5, all ages welcome with an adult. Free to SFBG members and children under 6, \$5 for not-yet-members. Weather-permitting. Santa Fe Botanical Garden, 725 Camino Lejo, Suite E, 470-9103.

5 FRIDAY, 11-11:30 A.M. Preschool Story Time

Ages 2 to 5 and caregivers gather for stories, rhymes, songs and crafts. Main Library, 145 Washington Avenue, 955-6781.

5 FRIDAY, 12:30-2 P.M. Mom & Baby Yoga

Very gentle yoga, deepen your bond, meet other babies and get support with other moms. Mothers of all ages and stages are welcome, including pregnant moms. Indigo Baby, 185 Paseo De Peralta, 954-4000.

5 FRIDAY, 2:30-3:30 P.M. Open Art Studio

Explore the world of art using acrylics, pastels, watercolor, blocks, glitter and glue. Santa Fe Children's Museum, 1050 Old Pecos Trail, 989-8359.

P 5 FRIDAY, 5:30-6:30 P.M. Prenatal Yoga

Experience new ways to connect with your body and your baby; learn tools for comfort and relief through all stages of pregnancy; get the best preparation for labor and birth; receive instruction for postural form that is safe for you and baby. Indigo Baby, 185 Paseo De Peralta, 954-4000.

5 FRIDAY, 6 AND 7 P.M. First Friday Fractals

Award-winning planetarium show on the never-ending world of fractals. Call for prices. New Mexico Museum of Natural History, 1801 Mountain Road, Albuquerque, (505) 841-2800.

5 FRIDAY, 7 P.M.

Family Movie Night

Free showing of a family film on the big screen. Popcorn and juice included. Call for title and rating. Vista Grande Public Library, 14 Avenida Torreon, 466-7323.

6 SATURDAY, 8 A.M.

Bird Walks

Guided bird walks led by experienced birders. Get to know local birds, discover new species and witness their natural habitat. Randall Davey Audubon Center, 1800 Upper Canyon Road, 983-4609.

6 SATURDAY, 9 A.M.-NOON

National Free Fishing Day

Fish without a license, this day only. All three

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fishing ponds are open, as usual, from sunrise to sunset. Tingley Beach, 1800 Tingley Drive SW, Albuquerque, (505) 768-2000.

6 SATURDAY, 10-11:30 A.M. A Year of Celebrations: Opera Makes Sense

Exploring the theme of celebrations using "The Marriage of Figaro" in collaboration with the Santa Fe Opera. Performance, crafts and movement with visiting artists. A snack will be served. Santa Fe Children's Museum, 1050 Old Pecos Trail, 989-8359.

6 SATURDAY, 10 A.M.-4 P.M. Spring Festival and Fiber Arts Fair

Costumed villagers shearing sheep, fiber arts marketplace, baking bread. Animals, games and hands-on activities for kids. Adults \$8; seniors and teens \$6; children 12 and under free. El Rancho de las Golondrinas, 334 Los Pinos Road, 471-2261.

6 SATURDAY, 1-4 P.M. Reading Tune-Ups

Kids read, and they and their parents get help understanding what happens during the process, with time allotted for questions about improving reading skills. Registration required. Contact Floy Gregg, 570-1276.

7 SUNDAY, 9 A.M.-5 P.M. First Sundays

On the first Sunday of every month, the New Mexico Museum of Natural History and Science is free to all New Mexico residents. Bring NM ID or proof of residence. New Mexico

Museum of Natural History, 1801 Mountain Road, Albuquerque, (505) 841-2800.

7 SUNDAY, 10 A.M.-4 P.M. Spring Festival and Fiber Arts Fair

El Rancho de las Golondrinas. See June 6 listing.

7 SUNDAY, 4 P.M. Green Knees Radio

Aunt Agatha and Andy are back! Popular children's radio program returns after a seven year absence, with music, stories and special guests. First Sunday of every month on KSFR, 101.1 FM.

8 MONDAY, 9-11 A.M. Toddler Time

Explora!, Albuquerque. See June 1 listing.

8 MONDAY, 9:30-10:15 A.M. Family Yoga

Los Alamos Family Strengths Network. See June 1 listing.

8 MONDAY, 10-11 A.M. Nature Playtimes

Pajarito Environmental Education Center. See June 1 listing.

8 MONDAY, 10 A.M.-2 P.M. World Oceans Day

Discover the wealth of diverse and beautiful ocean creatures and habitats. Find out how daily actions affect and are interconnected with ocean life. Call for prices. ABQ BioPark

Aquarium, 2601 Central Avenue, Albuquerque, (505) 848-7180.

9 TUESDAY, 10 A.M.-2 P.M. Pottery Workshop

Hands-on workshops for ages 3 to 103. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Museum of Indian Arts and Culture, 710 Camino Lejo, 476-1272.

9 TUESDAY, 10:30-11 A.M. Books and Babies

Main Library. See June 2 listing.

9 TUESDAY, 10:30-11:15 A.M. Preschool Story Time

Oliver La Farge Branch Library. See June 2 listing.

9 TUESDAY, 3:30-4:30 P.M. Super Hero Craft

Make everything from masks to wristbands to wallets. Ages 5 to 12. Call to register. Oliver La Farge Branch Library, 1730 Llano Street, 955-4862.

9 TUESDAY, 3:30-4:30 P.M. Super Hero Craft

Make everything from masks to wristbands to wallets. Ages 5 to 12. Call to register. Southside Library, 6599 Jaguar Drive, 955-2820.

9 TUESDAY, 5:30-8 P.M. Family Night

Campfire fun in the summer: games, activities, experiments, crafts, songs, stories and a bit

of science. Ages 4 to 10. Adults requested to stay and join the fun. Pajarito Environmental Education Center, 2600 Canyon Road, Los Alamos, (505) 662-0460.

9 TUESDAY, 7-9 P.M. Twilight Tour at the Zoo

Experience the sights and sounds of the zoo at twilight. Observe interesting animal behavior while taking a tour of the zoo in a small group led by your personal guide. Call for prices. ABQ BioPark Zoo, 903 Tenth Street, Albuquerque, (505) 764-6214.

10 WEDNESDAY, 9:30 A.M. Green Hour Hike

Pajarito Environmental Education Center. See June 3 listing.

10 WEDNESDAY, 10 A.M.-2 P.M. Ramilletes Paper Flower Workshop

Hands-on workshops for ages 3 to 103. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Museum of Spanish Colonial Art, 750 Camino Lejo, 982-2226 x 121.

10 WEDNESDAY, 10:30 A.M. Wee Wednesdays

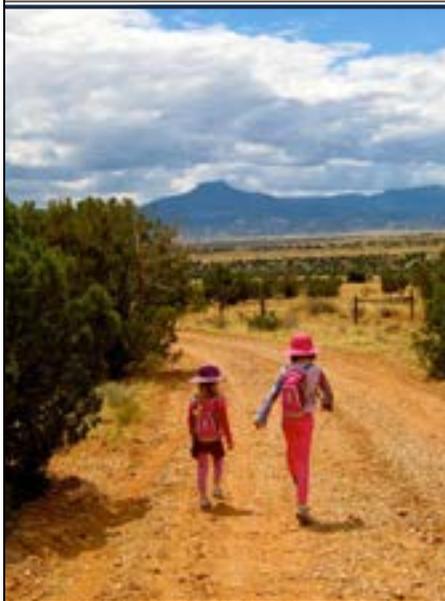
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10 WEDNESDAY, 10:30-11 A.M. Books and Babies

Oliver La Farge Branch Library. See June 3 listing.

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JUNE 29 - JULY 5

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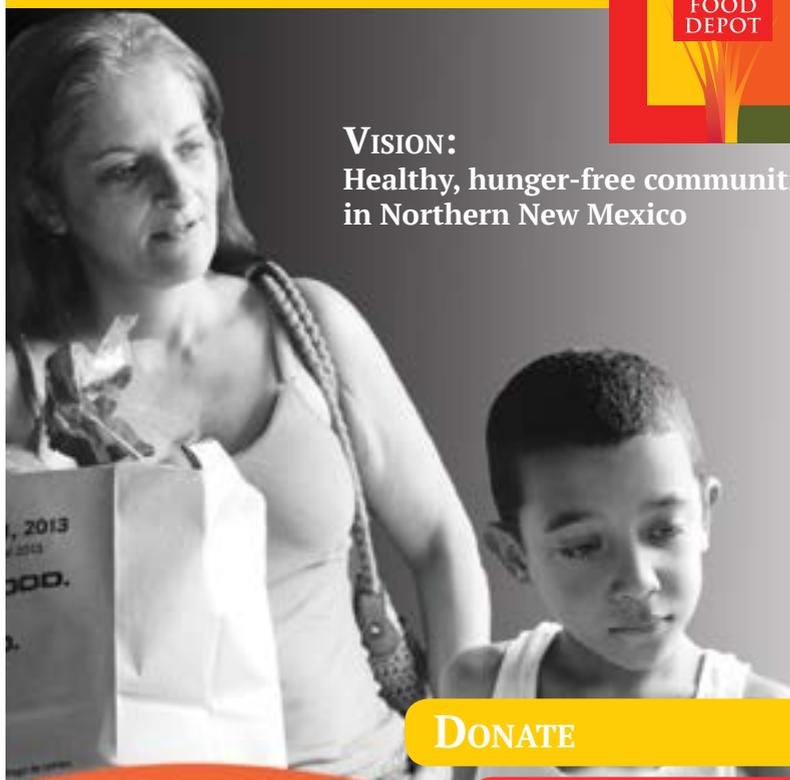


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New Mexico
Museum of Art

**Happy 20th Anniversary,
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from the NM Museum of Art!**

The New Mexico Museum of Art invites you to Color of Fun, Free Family Fun Day, Sunday, June 14, 1 to 4 p.m. Discover the world of art and spark your imaginations! Explore the galleries, color relationships and optical illusions, and make your own art in the courtyard of the Museum. This art experience is designed to engage both kids and adults in learning and creating together, in conjunction with "Colors of the Southwest" and Santa Fe's "Summer of Color." New Mexico Museum of Art, 107 West Palace Avenue, (505) 476-5072 www.nmartmuseum.org.

10 WEDNESDAY, 10:45-11:30 A.M.
Preschool Story Time
Southside Library. See June 3 listing.

10 WEDNESDAY, 3:30-4:30 P.M.
Super Hero Craft
Make everything from masks to wristbands to wallets. Ages 5 to 12. Call to register. Main Library, 145 Washington Avenue, 955-6781.

10 WEDNESDAY, 6-8 P.M.
Music on the Hill 2015
Concertgoers may picnic on the field or purchase food and refreshments. Shuttles available every 15 minutes to and from Museum Hill parking area. Today: Jono Manson with Brothers Keeper. St. John's College, 1160 Camino de la Cruz Blanca, 984-6199.

11 THURSDAY, 9-10 A.M.
Family Mornings
Santa Fe Botanical Garden. See June 4 listing.

11 THURSDAY, 10 A.M.-2 P.M.
Drawing and Painting Workshop
Hands-on workshops for ages 3 to 103. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Museum of Indian Arts and Culture, 710 Camino Lejo, 476-1272.

11 THURSDAY, 10:45-11:15 A.M.
Books and Babies
Southside Library. See June 4 listing.

11 THURSDAY, 10:45-11:30 A.M.
Children's Story Hour
Collected Works Bookstore. See June 4 listing.

11 THURSDAY, NOON-6 P.M.
Spring Book Sale
Used books of all kinds, as well as DVDs, music CDs and more. Funds go to support the Vista Grande Public Library. Vista Grande Public Library, 14 Avenida Torreon, 466-7323.

11 THURSDAY, 4-6:30 P.M.
Thursdays Are Yoursdays
Santa Fe Children's Museum. See June 4 listing.

11 THURSDAY, 4:30 P.M.
Meet Cornelius!
Santa Fe Children's Museum. See June 4 listing.

11 THURSDAY, 6 P.M.
Pajama Tales from the Book Nook
Santa Fe Children's Museum. See June 4 listing.

11 THURSDAY, 6-7 P.M.
Introduction to Essential Oils
Learn what essential oils can do for you and how easy they are to use. Indigo Baby, 185 Paseo De Peralta, 954-4000.

12 FRIDAY 6 P.M.-12 A.M.
Currents New Media Festival Opening Weekend
Sixth annual media festival will fascinate all ages. Opening weekend events include installations, multimedia performances, music, food and drink. El Museo Cultural, 555 Camino de la Familia, and in the Railyard. Festival continues through July 28, with exhibits, workshops, panel discussions and performances. For a complete schedule and list of venues, visit currentsnewmedia.org/festivals/currents-2015.

12 FRIDAY, 9-10 A.M.
Garden Sprouts
Santa Fe Botanical Garden. See June 5 listing.

12 FRIDAY, 10 A.M.-2 P.M.
High Desert Rose Garden Grand Opening
Celebrate the opening of the Botanic Garden's newest exhibit, the High Desert Rose Garden, featuring dozens of rare rose varieties. Call for prices. ABQ BioPark Botanic Garden, 2601 Central Avenue, Albuquerque, (505) 764-6200.

12 FRIDAY, 11-11:30 A.M.
Preschool Story Time
Main Library. See June 5 listing.

12 FRIDAY, 11 A.M.-NOON
Salida Circus
Scarlet Sisters super power hour. Main Library, 145 Washington Avenue, 955-6781.

12 FRIDAY, NOON-6 P.M.
Spring Book Sale
Vista Grande Public Library. See June 11 listing.

12 FRIDAY, 2:30-3:30 P.M.
Open Art Studio
Santa Fe Children's Museum. See June 5 listing.

12 FRIDAY, 2:30-3:30 P.M.
Salida Circus
Scarlet Sisters super power hour. Oliver La Farge Branch Library, 1730 Llano Street, 955-4862.

12 FRIDAY, 5 P.M.
Future Park
Innovative series of projects for children of all ages that include a virtual aquarium, Hopscotch for Geniuses, Light Ball Orchestra and a 3D Sketch Town. Zane Bennett Contemporary Art Gallery, 435 South Guadalupe Street, 982-8111.

12 FRIDAY, 5-8 P.M.
Edible Art Tour
EAT pairs Santa Fe's top galleries and finest restaurants. Friday night is dedicated to

downtown galleries; Saturday night focuses on Canyon Road galleries. Tickets \$35 per person, to benefit Santa Fe Public School art programs. For more information visit artfeast.org.

13 SATURDAY, 8 A.M.
Bird Walks
Randall Davey Audubon Center. See June 6 listing.

13 SATURDAY, 10 A.M.-4 P.M.
Spring Book Sale
Vista Grande Public Library. See June 11 listing.

13 SATURDAY 12 P.M.-12 A.M.
Currents New Media Festival Opening Weekend
El Museo Cultural and the Railyard. See June 12 listing.

13 SATURDAY, 2:30-3:30 P.M.
Salida Circus
Scarlet Sisters super power hour. Southside Library, 6599 Jaguar Drive, 955-2820.

13 SATURDAY, 5-8 P.M.
Edible Art Tour
Canyon Road galleries. See June 13 listing.

14 SUNDAY, 12 P.M.-7 P.M.
Currents New Media Festival Opening Weekend
El Museo Cultural and the Railyard. See June 12 listing.

14 SUNDAY, 1 P.M.
Family Fun Day: Color of Fun
Enjoy a hands-on art project in the patio exploring color relationships and optical illusions, in conjunction with the museum's "Colors of the Southwest" exhibit and Santa Fe's "Summer of Color." New Mexico Museum of Art, 101 W. Palace Avenue, 476-5072.

15 MONDAY, 9-11 A.M.
Toddler Time
Explora!, Albuquerque. See June 1 listing.

15 MONDAY, 9:30-10:15 A.M.
Family Yoga
Los Alamos Family Strengths Network. See June 1 listing.

15 MONDAY, 10-11 A.M.
Nature Playtimes
Pajarito Environmental Education Center. See June 1 listing.

15 MONDAY, 5:30 P.M.
Wildflower Walk
Join the Jemez Mountains Herbarium curator for an easy walk to identify local wildflower beauties. Meet at the Nature Center to carpool to trailhead. Pajarito Environmental Education Center, 2600 Canyon Road, Los Alamos, (505) 662-0460.

16 TUESDAY, 10 A.M.-2 P.M.
Native Foods Workshop
Hands-on workshops for ages 3 to 103. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Museum of Indian Arts and Culture, 710 Camino Lejo, 476-1272.

16 TUESDAY, 10 A.M.-2 P.M.
Shell Jewelry Workshop
Hands-on workshops for ages 3 to 103. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Museum of Indian Arts and Culture, 710 Camino Lejo, 476-1272.

16 TUESDAY, 10:30-11 A.M.
Books and Babies
Main Library. See June 2 listing.

16 TUESDAY, 10:30-11:15 A.M.
Preschool Story Time
Oliver La Farge Branch Library. See June 2 listing.

16 TUESDAY, 3:30-4:30 P.M.
Birdhouse Craft
Be a superhero and create a bird house for feathered friends. Ages 5 to 12. Call to register. Oliver La Farge Branch Library, 1730 Llano Street, 955-4862.

16 TUESDAY, 3:30-4:30 P.M.
Birdhouse Craft
Be a superhero and create a bird house for feathered friends. Ages 5 to 12. Call to register. Southside Library, 6599 Jaguar Drive, 955-2820.

16 TUESDAY, 7:30-9 P.M.
Bosque Moonlight Hike
Travel to the bosque wetlands to look for bats, hoot for owls and search for other nocturnal animals. Bring your flashlight and your sense of adventures as you hike through the woods. Tour begins at Tingley Café Train Station. Tingley Beach, 1800 Tingley Drive SW, Albuquerque, (505) 768-2000.

17 WEDNESDAY, 9:30 A.M.
Green Hour Hike
Pajarito Environmental Education Center. See June 3 listing.

17 WEDNESDAY, 10 A.M.-2 P.M.
Tinworks Workshop
Hands-on workshops for ages 3 to 103. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Museum of Spanish Colonial Art, 750 Camino Lejo, 982-2226 x 121.

17 WEDNESDAY, 10:30 A.M.
Wee Wednesdays
Santa Fe Children's Museum. See June 3 listing.

17 WEDNESDAY, 10:30-11 A.M.
Books and Babies
Oliver La Farge Branch Library. See June 3 listing.

17 WEDNESDAY, 10:30 A.M.-NOON
Toddler Crafts
Bugs Go Buzz arts and crafts for kids and adults. Los Alamos Family Strengths Network, 1990 Diamond Drive, Los Alamos, 662-4515.

17 WEDNESDAY, 10:45-11:30 A.M.
Preschool Story Time
Southside Library. See June 3 listing.

17 WEDNESDAY, 3:30-4:30 P.M.
Birdhouse Craft
Be a superhero and create a bird house for feathered friends. Ages 5 to 12. Call to register. Main Library, 145 Washington Avenue, 955-6781.

17 WEDNESDAY, 6-8 P.M.
Music on the Hill 2015
Today: Mil-tones Brass Band. St. John's College. See June 10 listing.

18 THURSDAY, 9-10 A.M.
Family Mornings
Santa Fe Botanical Garden. See June 4 listing.

18 THURSDAY, 10:45-11:15 A.M.
Books and Babies
Southside Library. See June 4 listing.

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18 THURSDAY, 10:45-11:30 A.M.

Children's Story Hour

Collected Works Bookstore. See June 4 listing.

18 THURSDAY, 4-6:30 P.M.

Thursdays Are Yoursdays

Santa Fe Children's Museum. See June 4 listing.

18 THURSDAY, 4:30 P.M.

Meet Cornelius!

Santa Fe Children's Museum. See June 4 listing.

18 THURSDAY, 6 P.M.

Pajama Tales from the Book Nook

Santa Fe Children's Museum. See June 4 listing.

19 FRIDAY, 9-10 A.M.

Garden Sprouts

Santa Fe Botanical Garden. See June 5 listing.

19 FRIDAY, 11-11:30 A.M.

Preschool Story Time

Main Library. See June 5 listing.

19 FRIDAY, 12:30-2 P.M.

Mom & Baby Yoga

Indigo Baby. See June 5 listing.

19 FRIDAY, 2:30-3:30 P.M.

Open Art Studio

Santa Fe Children's Museum. See June 5 listing.

19 FRIDAY, 2:30-3:30 P.M.

Peace Pets

Meet some of the exotic animal rescues. Oliver

La Farge Branch Library, 1730 Llano Street, 955-4862.

P 19 FRIDAY, 5:30-6:30 P.M.

Prenatal Yoga

Indigo Baby. See June 5 listing.

20 SATURDAY, 8 A.M.

Bird Walks

Randall Davey Audubon Center. See June 6 listing.

20 SATURDAY, 9:30-11:30 A.M.

Opera Makes Sense

It's never too early to fall in love with opera. Self-directed games and activities use all five senses to explore opera, with each session focusing on one of this season's upcoming productions. For ages 3 to 5. Georgia O'Keeffe Museum, 217 Johnson Street, 946-1039.

20 SATURDAY, 10 A.M.-2 P.M.

Pollinator Celebration

Learn about the fascinating jobs of bees, birds, bats, beetles, butterflies and some of the other 200,000 species of animals that act as pollinators. Activities and discovery stations for kids. ABQ BioPark Botanic Garden, 2601 Central Avenue, Albuquerque, (505) 764-6200.

20 SATURDAY, 11 A.M.

Rodeo de Santa Fe Parade

Kick off Rodeo Week with floats, giveaways and prizes for best entries. Parade map to be released.

20 SATURDAY, 11 A.M.-NOON

Peace Pets

Meet some of the exotic animal rescues. Main Library, 145 Washington Avenue, 955-6781.

20 SATURDAY, 2:30-3:30 P.M.

Peace Pets

Meet some of the exotic animal rescues. Southside Library, 6599 Jaguar Drive, 955-2820.

20 SATURDAY, 6 P.M.

Chuckwagon Supper

Enjoy a traditional chuck wagon show, barbecue dinner, wildlife presentation, falcon show and a Western music show or bluegrass band. Reservations required by 2 p.m.; vegetarian options must be requested at time of reservation. Adults \$25; seniors \$23; children (5 to 11) \$12. Wildlife West Nature Park, 87 West Frontage Road, Edgewood, (505) 281-7655.

21 SUNDAY, -

A Year of Celebrations: Father's Day and Summer Solstice

All dads and granddads get in free. Santa Fe Children's Museum, 1050 Old Pecos Trail, 989-8359.

21 SUNDAY, 10 A.M.-2 P.M.

World Giraffe Day

Celebrate the longest-necked animal on earth on the longest day of the year. Volunteers will have discovery stations with hands-on learning opportunities for kids. ABQ BioPark Zoo, 903 Tenth Street, Albuquerque, (505) 764-6214.

22 MONDAY, 9-11 A.M.

Toddler Time

Explora!, Albuquerque. See June 1 listing.

22 MONDAY, 9:30-10:15 A.M.

Family Yoga

Los Alamos Family Strengths Network. See June 1 listing.

22 MONDAY, 10-11 A.M.

Nature Playtimes

Pajarito Environmental Education Center. See June 1 listing.

23 TUESDAY, 10:30-11 A.M.

Books and Babies

Main Library. See June 2 listing.

23 TUESDAY, 10:30-11:15 A.M.

Preschool Story Time

Oliver La Farge Branch Library. See June 2 listing.

24 WEDNESDAY, 9:30 A.M.

Green Hour Hike

Pajarito Environmental Education Center. See June 3 listing.

24 WEDNESDAY, 10 A.M.-2 P.M.

Retablos Workshop

Hands-on workshops for ages 3 to 103. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Museum of Spanish Colonial Art, 750 Camino Lejo, 982-2226 x 121.



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24 WEDNESDAY, 10:30 A.M.

Wee Wednesdays

Santa Fe Children's Museum. See June 3 listing.

24 WEDNESDAY, 10:30-11 A.M.

Books and Babies

Oliver La Farge Branch Library. See June 3 listing.

24 WEDNESDAY, 10:45-11:30 A.M.

Preschool Story Time

Southside Library. See June 3 listing.

24 WEDNESDAY, 1-3 P.M.

Summer Reading Club: Every Hero Has a Story

Discover the stories of heroes real and imagined. Children, grades K to 4, enjoy books, crafts and activities to stimulate their curiosity and love of reading. Children can participate in the reading contest for prizes. Registration required. Vista Grande Public Library, 14 Avenida Torreon, 466-7323.

24 WEDNESDAY, 6-8 P.M.

Music on the Hill 2015

Today: Hillary Smith and Soul Kitchen. St. John's College. See June 10 listing.

24 WEDNESDAY, 6:30 P.M.

Summer Family Evenings: New Mexico Wildlife Center

Featuring rescued hawks and owls. Meet the birds and hear about their lives and their work as education animals. Pajarito Environmental Education Center, 2600 Canyon Road, Los Alamos, (505) 662-0460.

24 WEDNESDAY, 6:30-9:30 P.M.

Rodeo de Santa Fe

Rodeo events, children's events, carnival midway. Rodeo Grounds, 3237 Rodeo Road, 471-4300.

25 THURSDAY, 9-10 A.M.

Family Mornings

Santa Fe Botanical Garden. See June 4 listing.

25 THURSDAY, 10:45-11:15 A.M.

Books and Babies

Southside Library. See June 4 listing.

25 THURSDAY, 10:45-11:30 A.M.

Children's Story Hour

Collected Works Bookstore. See June 4 listing.

25 THURSDAY, 4-6:30 P.M.

Thursdays Are Yoursdays

Santa Fe Children's Museum. See June 4 listing.

25 THURSDAY, 4:30 P.M.

Meef Cornelius!

Santa Fe Children's Museum. See June 4 listing.

25 THURSDAY, 6 P.M.

Pajama Tales from the Book Nook

Santa Fe Children's Museum. See June 4 listing.

25 THURSDAY, 6:30-9:30 P.M.

Rodeo de Santa Fe

Rodeo Grounds. See June 24 listing.

26 FRIDAY, 9-10 A.M.

Garden Sprouts

Santa Fe Botanical Garden. See June 5 listing.

26 FRIDAY, 10 A.M.

Opera Ranch Tours

An extended tour of the grounds, known as the Opera Ranch, including an opportunity to "Meet the Artist." Call for prices. Santa Fe Opera, 301 Opera Drive, 986-5900.



Collage by Lesley Esparza, age 8, Aspen Community Magnet School (Spring 2011)

26 FRIDAY, 11-11:30 A.M.

Preschool Story Time

Main Library. See June 5 listing.

26 FRIDAY, 11 A.M.-NOON

Story Time

A special time for younger children to experience the joys of books and the library. Infants, toddlers and preschoolers enjoy stories, songs and crafts just for them. Vista Grande Public Library, 14 Avenida Torreon, 466-7323.

26 FRIDAY, 2:30-3:30 P.M.

Music Fun

Stories and songs of wonder with Michael and Lisa. Oliver La Farge Branch Library, 1730 Llano Street, 955-4862.

26 FRIDAY, 2:30-3:30 P.M.

Open Art Studio

Santa Fe Children's Museum. See June 5 listing.

26 FRIDAY, 6:30-9:30 P.M.

Rodeo de Santa Fe

Rodeo Grounds. See June 24 listing.

27 SATURDAY, 8 A.M.

Bird Walks

Randall Davey Audubon Center. See June 6 listing.

27 SATURDAY, 9:30-11:30 A.M.

What Makes Color?

Georgia O'Keeffe is known for her amazing use of colors. Explore basic principles of color, do some color mixing and experiment with colors'

relations to each other. Designed for ages 4 to 12. Registration required. Georgia O'Keeffe Museum, 217 Johnson Street, 946-1039.

27 SATURDAY, 11 A.M.-NOON

Music Fun

Stories and songs of wonder with Michael and Lisa. Main Library, 145 Washington Avenue, 955-6781.

27 SATURDAY, 1-4 P.M.

Reading Tune-Ups

Contact Floy Gregg, 570-1276. See June 6 listing.

27 SATURDAY, 2:30-3:30 P.M.

Music Fun

Stories and songs of wonder with Michael and Lisa. Southside Library, 6599 Jaguar Drive, 955-2820.

27 SATURDAY, 6 P.M.

Chuckwagon Supper

Wildlife West Nature Park. See June 20 listing.

27 SATURDAY, 6:30-9:30 P.M.

Rodeo de Santa Fe

Rodeo Grounds. See June 24 listing.

29 MONDAY, 9-11 A.M.

Toddler Time

Explora!, Albuquerque. See June 1 listing.

29 MONDAY, 9:30-10:15 A.M.

Family Yoga

Los Alamos Family Strengths Network. See June 1 listing.

29 MONDAY, 10-11 A.M.

Nature Playtimes

Pajarito Environmental Education Center. See June 1 listing.

30 TUESDAY, 10:30-11 A.M.

Books and Babies

Main Library. See June 2 listing.

30 TUESDAY, 10:30-11:15 A.M.

Preschool Story Time

Oliver La Farge Branch Library. See June 2 listing.

30 TUESDAY, 3:30-4:30 P.M.

Comic Craft

Create a superhero comic and make your own adventure. Ages 5 to 12. Call to register. Oliver La Farge Branch Library, 1730 Llano Street, 955-4862.

30 TUESDAY, 3:30-4:30 P.M.

Comic Craft

Create a superhero comic and make your own adventure. Ages 5 to 12. Call to register. Southside Library, 6599 Jaguar Drive, 955-2820.

JULY

1 WEDNESDAY, 9:30 A.M.

Green Hour Hike

Pajarito Environmental Education Center. See June 3 listing.

1 WEDNESDAY, 10:30 A.M.

Wee Wednesdays

Santa Fe Children's Museum. See June 3 listing.

1 WEDNESDAY, 10:30-11 A.M.

Books and Babies

Oliver La Farge Branch Library. See June 3 listing.

1 WEDNESDAY, 10:45-11:30 A.M.

Preschool Story Time

Southside Library. See June 3 listing.

1 WEDNESDAY, 1-3 P.M.

Summer Reading Club: Every Hero Has a Story

Vista Grande Public Library. See June 24 listing.

1 WEDNESDAY, 3:30-4:30 P.M.

Comic Craft

Create a superhero comic and make your own adventure. Ages 5 to 12. Call to register. Main Library, 145 Washington Avenue, 955-6781.

2 THURSDAY, 9-10 A.M.

Family Mornings

Santa Fe Botanical Garden. See June 4 listing.

2 THURSDAY, 10:45-11:15 A.M.

Books and Babies

Southside Library. See June 4 listing.

2 THURSDAY, 10:45-11:30 A.M.

Children's Story Hour

Collected Works Bookstore. See June 4 listing.

2 THURSDAY, 11 A.M.

Firefighter Storytime

Santa Fe Children's Museum. See June 4 listing.

2 THURSDAY, 4-6:30 P.M.

Thursdays Are Yoursdays

Santa Fe Children's Museum. See June 4 listing.

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2 THURSDAY, 4:30 P.M.

Meet Cornelius!

Santa Fe Children's Museum. See June 4 listing.

2 THURSDAY, 6 P.M.

Pajama Tales from the Book Nook

Santa Fe Children's Museum. See June 4 listing.

3 FRIDAY, 9-10 A.M.

Garden Sprouts

Santa Fe Botanical Garden. See June 5 listing.

3 FRIDAY, 11 A.M.-NOON

Story Time

Vista Grande Public Library. See June 26 listing. Vista Grande Public Library, 14 Avenida Torreon, 466-7323.

3 FRIDAY, 12:30-2 P.M.

Mom & Baby Yoga

Indigo Baby. See June 5 listing.

3 FRIDAY, 2:30-3:30 P.M.

Open Art Studio

Santa Fe Children's Museum. See June 5 listing.

P 3 FRIDAY, 5:30-6:30 P.M.

Prenatal Yoga

Indigo Baby. See June 5 listing.

3 FRIDAY, 6 AND 7 P.M.

First Friday Fractals

New Mexico Museum of Natural History. See June 5 listing.

4 SATURDAY, 8 A.M.

Bird Walks

Randall Davey Audubon Center. See June 6 listing.

P 4 SATURDAY, NOON-6 P.M.

Santa Fe Wine Festival

Sample New Mexico wines, buy directly from the vintners and enjoy food, music and arts & crafts. Adults \$13; teens \$5. El Rancho de las Golondrinas, 334 Los Pinos Road, 471-2261.

4 SATURDAY, 6 P.M.

Chuckwagon Supper

Wildlife West Nature Park. See June 20 listing.

5 SUNDAY, 9 A.M.-5 P.M.

First Sundays

New Mexico Museum of Natural History. See June 7 listing.

5 SUNDAY, NOON-6 P.M.

Santa Fe Wine Festival

El Rancho de las Golondrinas. See July 4 listing.

5 SUNDAY, 4 P.M.

Green Knees Radio

KSFR 101.1 FM. Today: Paige Grant reads her book Kitten Caboodle. See June 7 listing.

6 MONDAY, 9-11 A.M.

Toddler Time

Explora!, Albuquerque. See June 1 listing.

6 MONDAY, 10-11 A.M.

Nature Playtimes

Pajarito Environmental Education Center. See June 1 listing.

6 MONDAY, 1-4 P.M.

International Folk Art Market and Demonstrations

Hands-on projects for ages 3 to 103. Demonstrations include working with cochineal dyed fibers. Museum of International Folk Art, 706 Camino Lejo, 476-1200.

P 6 MONDAY, 6:30 P.M.

Birth Talk Los Alamos

Los Alamos Family Strengths Network. See June 1 listing.

6 MONDAY, 6:30-7:30 P.M.

Family Story Hour

Oliver La Farge Branch Library. See June 1 listing.

7 TUESDAY, 10:30-11:15 A.M.

Preschool Story Time

Oliver La Farge Branch Library. See June 2 listing.

7 TUESDAY, 1-4 P.M.

International Folk Art Market and Demonstrations

Hands-on projects for ages 3 to 103. Demonstrations include: working with soft wood carvings, papel picado, weaving, thangka painting and indigo dyeing techniques. Museum of International Folk Art, 706 Camino Lejo, 476-1200.

P 7 TUESDAY, 6-7 P.M.

Introduction to Essential Oils

Indigo Baby. See June 11 listing.

7 TUESDAY, 7-9 P.M.

Twilight Tour at the Zoo

Albuquerque BioPark Zoo. See June 9 listing.

8 WEDNESDAY, 9:30 A.M.

Green Hour Hike

Pajarito Environmental Education Center. See June 3 listing.

8 WEDNESDAY, 10:30 A.M.

Wee Wednesdays

Santa Fe Children's Museum. See June 3 listing.

8 WEDNESDAY, 10:45-11:30 A.M.

Preschool Story Time

Southside Library. See June 3 listing.

8 WEDNESDAY, 1-3 P.M.

Summer Reading Club: Every Hero Has a Story

Vista Grande Public Library. See June 24 listing.

8 WEDNESDAY, 5-8 P.M.

Community Celebration

Co-presented by the International Folk Art Market and Music on the Hill 2015. Starting at 5 p.m., enjoy food from Walter Burke Catering and A'viand's, and hands-on art making activities for children. 5:45: Market artists' procession, with artisans from around the world. 6:30 to 8 p.m.: Dance to neo-traditional South

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African music of Dizu Plaatjies and Ibuyambo. St. John's College, 1160 Camino Cruz Blanca (athletic field next to tennis courts).

9 THURSDAY, 9-10 A.M.

Family Mornings
Santa Fe Botanical Garden. See June 4 listing.

9 THURSDAY, 10:45-11:30 A.M.

Children's Story Hour
Collected Works Bookstore. See June 4 listing.

9 THURSDAY, 4-6:30 P.M.

Thursdays Are Yoursdays
Santa Fe Children's Museum. See June 4 listing.

9 THURSDAY, 4:30 P.M.

Meef Cornelius!
Santa Fe Children's Museum. See June 4 listing.

9 THURSDAY, 6 P.M.

Pajama Tales from the Book Nook
Santa Fe Children's Museum. See June 4 listing.

10 FRIDAY, 8 P.M.

Aspen Santa Fe Ballet
Mixed repertory. Tickets \$25-\$72. Lentic Performing Arts Center, 211 West San Francisco Street, 988-1234.

10 FRIDAY, 9-10 A.M.

Garden Sprouts
Santa Fe Botanical Garden. See June 5 listing.

10 FRIDAY, 11-11:30 A.M.

Preschool Story Time
Main Library. See June 5 listing.

10 FRIDAY, 11 A.M.-NOON

Story Time
Vista Grande Public Library. See June 26 listing. Vista Grande Public Library, 14 Avenida Torreon, 466-7323.

10 FRIDAY, 2:30-3:30 P.M.

Open Art Studio
Santa Fe Children's Museum. See June 5 listing.

10 FRIDAY, 2:30-3:30 P.M.

Rocky Mountain Puppets
Talking puppet show for children. Oliver La Farge Branch Library, 1730 Llano Street, 955-4862.

10 FRIDAY, 7 P.M.

Family Movie Night
Vista Grande Public Library. See June 5 listing.

11 SATURDAY, 8 A.M.

Bird Walks
Randall Davey Audubon Center. See June 6 listing.

11 SATURDAY, 11 A.M.-NOON

Rocky Mountain Puppets
Talking puppet show for children. Main Library, 145 Washington Avenue, 955-6781.

11 SATURDAY, 1-4 P.M.

Reading Tune-Ups
Contact Floy Gregg, 570-1276. See June 6 listing.

11 SATURDAY, 2:30-3:30 P.M.

Rocky Mountain Puppets
Talking puppet show for children. Southside Library, 6599 Jaguar Drive, 955-2820.

11 SATURDAY, 6 P.M.

Chuckwagon Supper
Wildlife West Nature Park. See June 20 listing.

12 SUNDAY, 9 A.M.-5 P.M.

International Folk Art Market Family Day
Reduced price admission today to this 16th annual event, with crafts from around the world, music and food. Sunday activities include Children's Passport Program. Admission: \$10 in advance, \$15 at the gate. Children 16 and under free. For more information go to internationalfolkartmarket.org.

12 SATURDAY, 8 P.M.

Juan Siddi Flamenco Santa Fe
Fourteen flamenco dancers and singers deliver a theatrical performance for all ages. Tickets \$25-\$72. Lentic Performing Arts Center, 211 W. San Francisco Street, Santa Fe, 988-1234.

13 MONDAY, 9-11 A.M.

Toddler Time
Explora!, Albuquerque. See June 1 listing.

13 MONDAY, 10-11 A.M.

Nature Playtimes
Pajarito Environmental Education Center. See June 1 listing.

14 TUESDAY, 10:30-11:15 A.M.

Preschool Story Time
Oliver La Farge Branch Library. See June 2 listing.

14 TUESDAY, 3:30-4:30 P.M.

Superhero Sculpture Craft
Create your very own superhero in 3D. Ages 5 to 12. Call to register. Oliver La Farge Branch Library, 1730 Llano Street, 955-4862.

14 TUESDAY, 3:30-4:30 P.M.

Superhero Sculpture Craft
Create your very own superhero in 3D. Ages 5 to 12. Call to register. Southside Library, 6599 Jaguar Drive, 955-2820.

14 TUESDAY, 5:30-8 P.M.

Family Night
Pajarito Environmental Education Center. See June 9 listing.

15 WEDNESDAY, 9:30 A.M.

Green Hour Hike
Pajarito Environmental Education Center. See June 3 listing.

15 WEDNESDAY, 10:30 A.M.

Wee Wednesdays
Santa Fe Children's Museum. See June 3 listing.

15 WEDNESDAY, 10:45-11:30 A.M.

Preschool Story Time
Southside Library. See June 3 listing.

15 WEDNESDAY, 1-3 P.M.

Summer Reading Club: Every Hero Has a Story
Vista Grande Public Library. See June 24 listing.

15 WEDNESDAY, 3:30-4:30 P.M.

Superhero Sculpture Craft
Create your very own superhero in 3D. Ages 5 to 12. Call to register. Main Library, 145 Washington Avenue, 955-6781.

15 WEDNESDAY, 6-8 P.M.

Music on the Hill 2015
Today: Lavay Smith and Her Red Hot Skillet Lickers. St. John's College. See June 10 listing.

16 THURSDAY, 9-10 A.M.

Family Mornings
Santa Fe Botanical Garden. See June 4 listing.

16 THURSDAY, 10 A.M.-2 P.M.

Traditional Weaving Workshop
Hands-on workshops for ages 3 to 103. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Museum of Spanish Colonial Art, 750 Camino Lejo, 982-2226 x 121.

16 THURSDAY, 10:45-11:30 A.M.

Children's Story Hour
Collected Works Bookstore. See June 4 listing.

16 THURSDAY, 11:30 A.M.-1:30 P.M.

Solar Astronomy
View the skies through a telescope. Oliver La Farge Branch Library, 1730 Llano Street, 955-4862.

16 THURSDAY, 4-6:30 P.M.

Thursdays Are Yoursdays
Santa Fe Children's Museum. See June 4 listing.

16 THURSDAY, 6 P.M.

Pajama Tales from the Book Nook
Santa Fe Children's Museum. See June 4 listing.

17 FRIDAY, 9-10 A.M.

Garden Sprouts
Santa Fe Botanical Garden. See June 5 listing.

17 FRIDAY, 11-11:30 A.M.

Preschool Story Time
Main Library. See June 5 listing.

17 FRIDAY, 11 A.M.-NOON

Story Time
Vista Grande Public Library. See June 26 listing. Vista Grande Public Library, 14 Avenida Torreon, 466-7323.

17 FRIDAY, 11:30 A.M.-1:30 P.M.

Solar Astronomy
View the skies through a telescope. Main Library, 145 Washington Avenue, 955-6781.

17 FRIDAY, 11:30 A.M.-1:30 P.M.

Solar Astronomy
View the skies through a telescope. Southside Library, 6599 Jaguar Drive, 955-2820.



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17 FRIDAY, 12:30-2 P.M.

Mom & Baby Yoga
Indigo Baby. See June 5 listing.

17 FRIDAY, 2:30-3:30 P.M.

Open Art Studio
Santa Fe Children's Museum. See June 5 listing.

17 FRIDAY, 2:30-3:30 P.M.

String Slinger
Luke Renner showcases his amazing yoyo skills. Oliver La Farge Branch Library, 1730 Llano Street, 955-4862.

17 FRIDAY, 5:30-6:30 P.M.

Prenatal Yoga
Indigo Baby. See June 5 listing.

17 FRIDAY, 7 P.M.

"The Wizard of Oz"
Pandemonium Productions brings to life a classic family favorite. Adults \$10; seniors and children \$6. James A. Little Theater, 1060 Cerrillos Road.

18 SATURDAY, 8 A.M.

Bird Walks
Randall Davey Audubon Center. See June 6 listing.

18 SATURDAY, 9 A.M.-4:30 P.M.

ABQ BioPark Half-Price Weekend
Half-price weekends happen once each quarter at the ABQ BioPark Zoo, Aquarium Botanic Garden. Purchase discounted tickets from any BioPark cashier on these days. BioPark Combo tickets, to all three museums and train rides, and online tickets, are regular price. ABQ BioPark Zoo, 903 Tenth Street, Albuquerque. Botanic Garden and Aquarium, 2601 Central Avenue, Albuquerque, (505) 768-2000.

18 SATURDAY, 10 A.M.-2 P.M.

Dragonfly Festival
The dragonfly is one of the largest, most ancient insects on earth, and New Mexico has well over 100 species of them. Find out more about dragonfly habitats, food preferences and how they help humans. ABQ BioPark Botanic Garden, 2601 Central Avenue, Albuquerque, (505) 764-6200.

18 SATURDAY, 10 A.M.-3 P.M.

Los Alamos Sciencefest
Family fun in downtown Los Alamos, where attendees can visit tents with non-stop interactive science demonstrations, a kids activity area, music, food, beverages and live musical performances. Ashley Pond Park, 109 Central Park Square, Los Alamos, 661-4844.

18 SATURDAY, 10 A.M.-5 P.M.

¡Viva Mexico! Celebration
Enjoy music, art, cuisine and crafts from Mexico. Adults \$8; seniors and teens \$6. El Rancho de las Golondrinas, 334 Los Pinos Road, 471-2261.

18 SATURDAY, 11 A.M.-NOON

String Slinger
Luke Renner showcases his amazing yoyo skills. Main Library, 145 Washington Avenue, 955-6781.

18 SATURDAY, 2:30-3:30 P.M.

String Slinger
Luke Renner showcases his amazing yoyo skills. Southside Library, 6599 Jaguar Drive, 955-2820.

18 SATURDAY, 6 P.M.

Chuckwagon Supper
Wildlife West Nature Park. See June 20 listing.

18 SATURDAY, 7 P.M.

"The Wizard of Oz"
James A. Little Theater. See July 17 listing.

19 SUNDAY, -

A Year of Celebrations: Mud
One of many special events this year to celebrate the Santa Fe Children's Museum's 30th anniversary. Santa Fe Children's Museum, 1050 Old Pecos Trail, 989-8359.

19 SUNDAY, 9 A.M.-4:30 P.M.

Half-Price Weekend
Albuquerque BioPark Zoo. See July 18 listing.

19 SUNDAY, 10 A.M.-5 P.M.

¡Viva Mexico! Celebration
El Rancho de las Golondrinas. See July 18 listing.

19 SUNDAY, 2 P.M.

"The Wizard of Oz"
James A. Little Theater. See July 17 listing.

20 MONDAY, 9-11 A.M.

Toddler Time
Explora!, Albuquerque. See June 1 listing.

20 MONDAY, 10 A.M.

Youth Concert Series: Santa Fe Chamber Music Festival
Renowned artists and great music engage kids and build their musical knowledge. Fun and free. Today: Jon Kimura Parker, piano. St. Francis Auditorium, New Mexico Museum of Art, 107 West Palace Avenue, 983-2075, ext. 113.

20 MONDAY, 10-11 A.M.

Nature Playtimes
Pajarito Environmental Education Center. See June 1 listing.

21 TUESDAY, 10 A.M.-2 P.M.

Dyeing with Cochineal Workshop
Hands-on workshops for ages 3 to 103. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Museum of International Folk Art, 706 Camino Lejo, 476-1200.

21 TUESDAY, 10:30-11 A.M.

Books and Babies
Main Library. See June 2 listing.

21 TUESDAY, 10:30-11:15 A.M.

Preschool Story Time
Oliver La Farge Branch Library. See June 2 listing.

21 TUESDAY, 8 P.M.

Juan Siddi Flamenco Santa Fe
Lentic Performing Arts Center. See July 12 listing.

22 WEDNESDAY, 9:30 A.M.

Green Hour Hike
Pajarito Environmental Education Center. See June 3 listing.

22 WEDNESDAY, 10:30 A.M.

Wee Wednesdays
Santa Fe Children's Museum. See June 3 listing.

22 WEDNESDAY, 10:30-11 A.M.

Books and Babies
Oliver La Farge Branch Library. See June 3 listing.

22 WEDNESDAY, 10:45-11:30 A.M.

Preschool Story Time
Southside Library. See June 3 listing.

22 WEDNESDAY, 1-3 P.M.

Summer Reading Club: Every Hero Has a Story
Vista Grande Public Library. See June 24 listing.

22 WEDNESDAY, 6-8 P.M.

Music on the Hill 2015
Today: Son Como Son. St. John's College. See June 10 listing.

23 THURSDAY, 9-10 A.M.

Family Mornings
Santa Fe Botanical Garden. See June 4 listing.

23 THURSDAY, 10 A.M.-2 P.M.

Dyeing with Cochineal Workshop
Museum of International Folk Art. See July 21 listing.

23 THURSDAY, 10:45-11:15 A.M.

Books and Babies
Southside Library. See June 4 listing.

23 THURSDAY, 10:45-11:30 A.M.

Children's Story Hour
Collected Works Bookstore. See June 4 listing.

23 THURSDAY, 2:30-3:30 P.M.

Tall Paul Magic Show
Summer reading party with magic show. Main Library, 145 Washington Avenue, 955-6781.

23 THURSDAY, 4-6:30 P.M.

Thursdays Are Yoursdays
Santa Fe Children's Museum. See June 4 listing.

23 THURSDAY, 4:30 P.M.

Meet Cornelius!
Santa Fe Children's Museum. See June 4 listing.

23 THURSDAY, 6 P.M.

Pajama Tales from the Book Nook
Santa Fe Children's Museum. See June 4 listing.

24 FRIDAY, 9-10 A.M.

Garden Sprouts
Santa Fe Botanical Garden. See June 5 listing.

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Tumbleweeds

Tumbleweeds' 20th Anniversary Celebrations!

Join us July 24 from 5-7 p.m. for Gallery Opening & Reception: Tumbleweeds Family Photos, Then and Now. If your child was on the cover or another photo of Tumbleweeds in the past 20 years, we'd love to include you in this show. Please call 984-3171 or email claudette@sftumbleweeds.com. Rock Paper Scissors Salonspa, Sanbusco Market Center, 500 Montezuma Avenue, 955-8500.

On August 2, noon-5 p.m., celebrate with us at the Santa Fe Children's Museum's Friendship Day, with crafts and activities in the spirit of friendship, 1050 Old Pecos Trail, 989-8359.

24 FRIDAY, 10:30-11:30 A.M.

Tall Paul Magic Show

Summer reading party with magic show. Southside Library, 6599 Jaguar Drive, 955-2820.

24 FRIDAY, 11-11:30 A.M.

Preschool Story Time

Main Library. See June 5 listing.

24 FRIDAY, 11 A.M.-NOON

Story Time

Vista Grande Public Library. See June 26 listing. Vista Grande Public Library, 14 Avenida Torreon, 466-7323.

24 FRIDAY, 2:30-3:30 P.M.

Open Art Studio

Santa Fe Children's Museum. See June 5 listing.

24 FRIDAY, 2:30-3:30 P.M.

Tall Paul Magic Show

Summer reading party with magic show. Oliver La Farge Branch Library, 1730 Llano Street, 955-4862.

24 FRIDAY, 5-7 P.M.

Tumbleweeds Photo Families: Then and Now

Gallery opening and reception, celebrating Tumbleweeds' anniversary. Rock Paper Scissors Salonspa, Sanbusco Market Center, 500 Montezuma Avenue, 984-3171.

24 FRIDAY, 6 P.M.

Edgewood Arts and Music Festival

Best of bluegrass, Western swing, Irish, singer/songwriter and other acoustic genres. Wildlife West's covered amphitheater and indoor venues provide shade, shelter and plenty of seating. Call for prices. Wildlife West Nature Park, 87 West Frontage Road, Edgewood, (505) 281-7655.

24 SATURDAY, 6 P.M.

Chuckwagon Supper

This weekly event moves to Friday this week to kick off the Edgewood Arts and Music Festival. Wildlife West Nature Park. See June 20 listing.

24 FRIDAY, 7 P.M.

"The Wizard of Oz"

James A. Little Theater. See July 17 listing.

24 FRIDAY, 8:30 P.M.

Family Nights: "The Daughter of the Regiment"

Family Nights provide an opportunity for families to purchase tickets that would normally cost \$100 or more. Tickets available at Santa Fe Opera Box Office. Adults \$25; children \$12. Santa Fe Opera, 301 Opera Drive, 986-5900.

25 SATURDAY, 8 A.M.

Bird Walks

Randall Davey Audubon Center. See June 6 listing.

25 SATURDAY, 10 A.M.

Opera Ranch Tours

Santa Fe Opera. See June 26 listing.

25 SATURDAY, 10 A.M.-2 P.M.

Shark Discovery Day

Learn about sharks' amazing adaptations, keen senses and important roles in ocean ecosystems. Have a hands-on experience with small sharks in the Shark and Ray Encounter. ABQ BioPark Aquarium, 2601 Central Avenue, Albuquerque, (505) 848-7180.

25 SATURDAY, 10:30-11:30 A.M.

Tall Paul Magic Show

Summer reading party with magic show. Oliver La Farge Branch Library, 1730 Llano Street, 955-4862.

25 SATURDAY, 11 A.M.-10 P.M.

Edgewood Arts and Music Festival

Wildlife West Nature Park. See July 24 listing.

25 SATURDAY, 2 P.M.

Sizzlin' Summer Sensational

A play written by the theater arts students themselves. General admission \$10; children 17 and under \$5. Email tpchildrensprogram@gmail.com for tickets and reservations. Teatro Paraguas Children's Theater, 3205 Calle Marie, 471-3140.

25 SATURDAY, 2:30-3:30 P.M.

Tall Paul Magic Show

Summer reading party with magic show. Southside Library, 6599 Jaguar Drive, 955-2820.

25 SATURDAY, 7 P.M.

"The Wizard of Oz"

James A. Little Theater. See July 17 listing.

25 SATURDAY, 8:30 P.M.

Family Nights: "La Finta Giardiniera"

Santa Fe Opera. See July 24 listing.

26 SUNDAY, 11 A.M.-6 P.M.

Edgewood Arts and Music Festival

Wildlife West Nature Park. See July 24 listing.

26 SUNDAY, 2 P.M.

"The Wizard of Oz"

James A. Little Theater. See July 17 listing.

27 SUNDAY, 8 P.M.

Juan Sidi Flamenco Santa Fe

Lensic Performing Arts Center. See July 12 listing.

27 MONDAY, 9-11 A.M.

Toddler Time

Explora!, Albuquerque. See June 1 listing.

27 MONDAY, 10 A.M.

Youth Concert Series: Santa Fe Chamber Music Festival

Today: Wind quintet with flute, oboe, clarinet, horn and bassoon. New Mexico Museum of Art. See July 20 listing.

27 MONDAY, 10-11 A.M.

Nature Playtimes

Pajarito Environmental Education Center. See June 1 listing.

28 TUESDAY, 10 A.M.-2 P.M.

Painting with Cochineal Workshop

Hands-on workshops for ages 3 to 103. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Museum of International Folk Art, 706 Camino Lejo, 476-1200.

28 TUESDAY, 10:30-11 A.M.

Books and Babies

Main Library. See June 2 listing.

28 TUESDAY, 10:30-11:15 A.M.

Preschool Story Time

Oliver La Farge Branch Library. See June 2 listing.

28 TUESDAY, 7-9 P.M.

Twilight Tour at the Zoo

Albuquerque BioPark Zoo. See June 9 listing.

29 WEDNESDAY, 9:30 A.M.

Green Hour Hike

Pajarito Environmental Education Center. See June 3 listing.

29 WEDNESDAY, 10:30 A.M.

Wee Wednesdays

Santa Fe Children's Museum. See June 3 listing.

29 WEDNESDAY, 10:30-11 A.M.

Books and Babies

Oliver La Farge Branch Library. See June 3 listing.

29 WEDNESDAY, 10:45-11:30 A.M.

Preschool Story Time

Southside Library. See June 3 listing.

29 WEDNESDAY, 1-3 P.M.

Summer Reading Club: Every Hero Has a Story

Vista Grande Public Library. See June 24 listing.

30 THURSDAY, 9-10 A.M.

Family Mornings

Santa Fe Botanical Garden. See June 4 listing.

30 THURSDAY, 10 A.M.-2 P.M.

Painting with Cochineal Workshop

Museum of International Folk Art. See July 28 listing.

30 THURSDAY, 10:45-11:15 A.M.

Books and Babies

Southside Library. See June 4 listing.

30 THURSDAY, 10:45-11:30 A.M.

Children's Story Hour

Collected Works Bookstore. See June 4 listing.

30 THURSDAY, 4-6:30 P.M.

Thursdays Are Yoursdays

Santa Fe Children's Museum. See June 4 listing.




Summer 2015 Calendar – July/August

30 THURSDAY, 4:30 P.M.

Meet Cornelius!

Santa Fe Children's Museum. See June 4 listing.

30 THURSDAY, 6 P.M.

Pajama Tales from the Book Nook

Santa Fe Children's Museum. See June 4 listing.

31 FRIDAY, 9-10 A.M.

Garden Sprouts

Santa Fe Botanical Garden. See June 5 listing.

31 FRIDAY, 11-11:30 A.M.

Preschool Story Time

Main Library. See June 5 listing.

31 FRIDAY, 11 A.M.-NOON

Story Time

Vista Grande Public Library. See June 26 listing. Vista Grande Public Library, 14 Avenida Torreon, 466-7323.

31 FRIDAY, 12:30-2 P.M.

Mom & Baby Yoga

Indigo Baby. See June 5 listing.

31 FRIDAY, 2:30-3:30 P.M.

Open Art Studio

Santa Fe Children's Museum. See June 5 listing.

P 31 FRIDAY, 5:30-6:30 P.M.

Prenatal Yoga

Indigo Baby. See June 5 listing.

31 FRIDAY, 8 P.M.

Aspen Santa Fe Ballet

Lensic Performing Arts Center. See July 10 listing.

31 FRIDAY, 8:30 P.M.

Family Nights: "Salome"

Santa Fe Opera. See July 24 listing.

AUGUST

1 SATURDAY, 8 A.M.

Bird Walks

Randall Davey Audubon Center. See June 6 listing.

1 SATURDAY, 10 A.M.-4 P.M.

Summer Festival and Wild West Adventures

Meet the lawmen, desperados and mountain men who put the "wild" in "Wild West".

Featuring Peruvian Paso Horse shows. Adults \$8; seniors and teens \$6. El Rancho de las Golondrinas, 334 Los Pinos Road, 471-2261.

1 SATURDAY, 1-4 P.M.

Reading Tune-Ups

Contact Floy Gregg, 570-1276. See June 6 listing.

1 SATURDAY, 6 P.M.

Chuckwagon Supper

Wildlife West Nature Park. See June 20 listing.

1 SATURDAY, 8 P.M.

Juan Siddi Flamenco Santa Fe

Lensic Performing Arts Center. See July 12 listing.

2 SUNDAY, NOON-5 P.M.

A Year of Celebrations: Friendship Day

Crafts and activities celebrating the spirit of friendship, in honor of the Santa Fe Children's Museum and Tumbleweeds' long, loving relationship, and the major anniversaries of both organizations. Santa Fe Children's Museum, 1050 Old Pecos Trail, 989-8359.

2 SUNDAY, 9 A.M.-5 P.M.

First Sundays

New Mexico Museum of Natural History. See June 7 listing.

2 SUNDAY, 10 A.M.-4 P.M.

Summer Festival and Wild West Adventures

El Rancho de las Golondrinas. See August 1 listing.

2 SUNDAY, 4 P.M.

Green Knees Radio

KSFR 101.1 FM. Today's guest: Claudette Sutton, Tumbleweeds editor. See June 7 listing. [Cool!]

3 MONDAY, 9-11 A.M.

Toddler Time

Explora!, Albuquerque. See June 1 listing.

3 MONDAY, 10 A.M.

Youth Concert Series: Santa Fe Chamber Music Festival

Today: Johannes String Quartet. New Mexico Museum of Art. See July 20 listing.

3 MONDAY, 10-11 A.M.

Nature Playtimes

Pajarito Environmental Education Center. See June 1 listing.

P 3 MONDAY, 6:30 P.M.

Birth Talk Los Alamos

Los Alamos Family Strengths Network. See June 1 listing.

4 TUESDAY, 10 A.M.-2 P.M.

Mexican Suns Workshop

Hands-on workshops for ages 3 to 103. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Museum of International Folk Art, 706 Camino Lejo, 476-1200.

4 TUESDAY, 10:30-11 A.M.

Books and Babies

Main Library. See June 2 listing.

P 4 TUESDAY, 6-7 P.M.

Introduction to Essential Oils

Indigo Baby. See June 11 listing.

4 TUESDAY, 7-9 P.M.

Twilight Tour at the Zoo

Albuquerque BioPark Zoo. See June 9 listing.

5 WEDNESDAY, 9 A.M.-7:30 P.M.

Santa Fe County Fair 2015

Annual events include large and small animal shows, agriculture and floriculture exhibits, livestock auctions, dances and other entertainment, food and music. For this year's schedule, go to www.santafecountynm.gov/community_services/fair. Santa Fe County Fairgrounds, 3229 Rodeo Road, 986-6200.

5 WEDNESDAY, 9:30 A.M.

Green Hour Hike

Pajarito Environmental Education Center. See June 3 listing.

5 WEDNESDAY, 10:30 A.M.

Wee Wednesdays

Santa Fe Children's Museum. See June 3 listing.

5 WEDNESDAY, 10:30-11 A.M.

Books and Babies

Oliver La Farge Branch Library. See June 3 listing.

5 WEDNESDAY, 1-3 P.M.

Summer Reading Club: Every Hero Has a Story

Vista Grande Public Library. See June 24 listing.

6 THURSDAY, 10 A.M.-2 P.M.

Mexican Suns Workshop

Museum of International Folk Art. See August 4 listing.

6 THURSDAY, 10:45-11:15 A.M.

Books and Babies

Southside Library. See June 4 listing.

6 THURSDAY, 10:45-11:30 A.M.

Children's Story Hour

Collected Works Bookstore. See June 4 listing.

6 THURSDAY, 11 A.M.

Firefighter Storytime

Santa Fe Children's Museum. See June 4 listing.

6 THURSDAY, NOON-8 P.M.

Santa Fe County Fair 2015

Santa Fe County Fairgrounds. See August 8 listing.

6 THURSDAY, 4-6:30 P.M.

Thursdays Are Yoursdays

Santa Fe Children's Museum. See June 4 listing.

6 THURSDAY, 4:30 P.M.

Meet Cornelius!

Santa Fe Children's Museum. See June 4 listing.

6 THURSDAY, 6 P.M.

Pajama Tales from the Book Nook

Santa Fe Children's Museum. See June 4 listing.

7 FRIDAY, 9-10 A.M.

Garden Sprouts

Santa Fe Botanical Garden. See June 5 listing.

7 FRIDAY, 10 A.M.-8 P.M.

Santa Fe County Fair 2015

Santa Fe County Fairgrounds. See August 8 listing.

7 FRIDAY, 11 A.M.-NOON

Story Time

Vista Grande Public Library. See June 26 listing. Vista Grande Public Library, 14 Avenida Torreon, 466-7323.

7 FRIDAY, 2:30-3:30 P.M.

Open Art Studio

Santa Fe Children's Museum. See June 5 listing.

7 FRIDAY, 6 AND 7 P.M.

First Friday Fractals

New Mexico Museum of Natural History. See June 5 listing.

8 SATURDAY, 8 A.M.

Bird Walks

Randall Davey Audubon Center. See June 6 listing.

8 SATURDAY, 10 A.M.-2 P.M.

Healthy Kids Celebration and Family Fun Day

Outside activities for kids and their families include a dunk tank, an obstacle course, interactive skateboard demonstrations with Apache skateboards. Indoor activities include vendor tables, CPR training, low-cost lab screenings and special performances by Wise Fool New Mexico performers. Santa Fe Community Convention Center, 201 West Marcy Avenue.

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Summer 2015 Calendar – August



Pets, pies, quilts, agricultural products, small and large animals and more grace the Santa Fe County Fair, August 5-8.

8 SATURDAY, 10 A.M.-4 P.M.

Animals & Nature

Annual Kindred Spirits Benefit Art Show featuring a variety of spectacular art including painting, photography, jewelry, sculpture, carvings, folk art, wearable art and much more. Many senior dogs will greet you with happy smiles and wagging tails. Refreshments provided. Kindred Spirits Animal Sanctuary, 3749 State Road 14, 471-5366.

8 SATURDAY, 10 A.M.-7 P.M.

Santa Fe County Fair 2015

Today: Family Fun Day. Events include Small Pet Show, Barnyard Olympics, Chile Challenge and more.

8 SATURDAY, 6 P.M.

Chuckwagon Supper

Wildlife West Nature Park. See June 20 listing.

8 SATURDAY, 8 P.M.

Family Nights: "The Daughter of the Regiment"

Santa Fe Opera. See July 24 listing.

10 MONDAY, 9-11 A.M.

Toddler Time

Explora!, Albuquerque. See June 1 listing.

10 MONDAY, 10 A.M.

Youth Concert Series: Santa Fe Chamber Music Festival

Today: Lukasz Kuropaczewski, guitar, Orion String Quartet. New Mexico Museum of Art. See July 20 listing.

10 MONDAY, 10-11 A.M.

Nature Playtimes

Pajarito Environmental Education Center. See June 1 listing.

11 TUESDAY, 10:30-11 A.M.

Books and Babies

Main Library. See June 2 listing.

11 TUESDAY, 5:30-8 P.M.

Family Night

Pajarito Environmental Education Center. See June 9 listing.

12 WEDNESDAY, 10:30 A.M.

Wee Wednesdays

Santa Fe Children's Museum. See June 3 listing.

12 WEDNESDAY, 10:30-11 A.M.

Books and Babies

Oliver La Farge Branch Library. See June 3 listing.

13 THURSDAY, 10:45-11:15 A.M.

Books and Babies

Southside Library. See June 4 listing.

13 THURSDAY, 10:45-11:30 A.M.

Children's Story Hour

Collected Works Bookstore. See June 4 listing.

13 THURSDAY, 4-6:30 P.M.

Thursdays Are Yoursdays

Santa Fe Children's Museum. See June 4 listing.

13 THURSDAY, 4:30 P.M.

Meet Cornelius!

Santa Fe Children's Museum. See June 4 listing.

13 THURSDAY, 6 P.M.

Pajama Tales from the Book Nook

Santa Fe Children's Museum. See June 4 listing.

14 FRIDAY, 9-10 A.M.

Garden Sprouts

Santa Fe Botanical Garden. See June 5 listing.

14 FRIDAY, 12:30-2 P.M.

Mom & Baby Yoga

Indigo Baby. See June 5 listing.

14 FRIDAY, 2:30-3:30 P.M.

Open Art Studio

Santa Fe Children's Museum. See June 5 listing.

P 14 FRIDAY, 5:30-6:30 P.M.

Prenatal Yoga

Indigo Baby. See June 5 listing.

14 FRIDAY, 7 P.M.

Family Movie Night

Vista Grande Public Library. See June 5 listing.

15 SATURDAY, 8 A.M.

Bird Walks

Randall Davey Audubon Center. See June 6 listing.

15 SATURDAY, 10 A.M.-4 P.M.

Hands on History

Become an expert in your chosen field. Whether it be colcha embroidery, leather-working, bow-making, tin-smithing or other Spanish Colonial or Territorial skill, get hands-on training and have fun while doing it. El Rancho de las Golondrinas, 334 Los Pinos Road, 471-2261.

15 SATURDAY, 9 A.M.-6 P.M.

Harvest Festival

Enjoy locally grown food, a tractor parade, the Pinto Bean Museum, music and fun. The weekend event celebrates the area's culture, traditions and agricultural heritage. Tractor parade begins at 9 a.m. All activities, except the Chuckwagon Supper, are included in regular admission fee: \$9 adults; \$7 seniors; \$5 students; free for children under 5. Wildlife West Nature Park, 87 West Frontage Road, Edgewood, (505) 281-7655.

15 SATURDAY, 6 P.M.

Chuckwagon Supper

Wildlife West Nature Park. See June 20 listing.

16 SATURDAY, 10 A.M.-6 P.M.

Harvest Festival

Today: Tractor games begin at 2 p.m. Wildlife West Nature Park, Edgewood. See August 15 listing.

17 MONDAY, 9-11 A.M.

Toddler Time

Explora!, Albuquerque. See June 1 listing.

17 MONDAY, 10-11 A.M.

Nature Playtimes

Pajarito Environmental Education Center. See June 1 listing.

18 TUESDAY, 10:30-11 A.M.

Books and Babies

Main Library. See June 2 listing.

19 WEDNESDAY, 10:30 A.M.

Wee Wednesdays

Santa Fe Children's Museum. See June 3 listing.

19 WEDNESDAY, 10:30-11 A.M.

Books and Babies

Oliver La Farge Branch Library. See June 3 listing.

20 THURSDAY, 10:45-11:15 A.M.

Books and Babies

Southside Library. See June 4 listing.

20 THURSDAY, 10:45-11:30 A.M.

Children's Story Hour

Collected Works Bookstore. See June 4 listing.

20 THURSDAY, 4-6:30 P.M.

Thursdays Are Yoursdays

Santa Fe Children's Museum. See June 4 listing.

20 THURSDAY, 4:30 P.M.

Meet Cornelius!

Santa Fe Children's Museum. See June 4 listing.

20 THURSDAY, 6 P.M.

Pajama Tales from the Book Nook

Santa Fe Children's Museum. See June 4 listing.

21 FRIDAY, 9-10 A.M.

Garden Sprouts

Santa Fe Botanical Garden. See June 5 listing.

21 FRIDAY, 2:30-3:30 P.M.

Open Art Studio

Santa Fe Children's Museum. See June 5 listing.

21 FRIDAY, 6:30 P.M. TO 22 SATURDAY, 8 A.M.

Aquarium Overnight

Pack your pajamas and pillow for the ultimate sleepover. Explore the Aquarium at night. Learn about ocean animals and their nighttime behavior. Overnights start at 6:30 p.m. on Friday and end at 8 a.m. on Saturday morning. Children under age 18 must be accompanied by an adult. \$30 per person. ABQ BioPark Aquarium, 2601 Central Avenue, Albuquerque, (505) 848-7180.

21 FRIDAY, 8 P.M.

Family Nights: "La Finta Giardiniera"

Santa Fe Opera. See July 24 listing.

21 FRIDAY, 8 P.M.

Family Nights: "Salome"

Santa Fe Opera. See July 24 listing.

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Summer 2015 Calendar – August/Ongoing Events

22 SATURDAY, 8 A.M.

Bird Walks
Randall Davey Audubon Center. See June 6 listing.

22 SATURDAY, 6 P.M.

Chuckwagon Supper
Wildlife West Nature Park. See June 20 listing.

22 SATURDAY, 8 P.M.

Family Nights: "Cold Mountain"
Santa Fe Opera. See July 24 listing.

24 MONDAY, 9-11 A.M.

Toddler Time
Explora!, Albuquerque. See June 1 listing.

24 MONDAY, 10-11 A.M.

Nature Playtimes
Pajarito Environmental Education Center. See June 1 listing.

25 TUESDAY, 10:30-11 A.M.

Books and Babies
Main Library. See June 2 listing.

26 WEDNESDAY, 10:30 A.M.

Wee Wednesdays
Santa Fe Children's Museum. See June 3 listing.

26 WEDNESDAY, 10:30-11 A.M.

Books and Babies
Oliver La Farge Branch Library. See June 3 listing.

27 THURSDAY, 10:45-11:15 A.M.

Books and Babies
Southside Library. See June 4 listing.

27 THURSDAY, 10:45-11:30 A.M.

Children's Story Hour
Collected Works Bookstore. See June 4 listing.

27 THURSDAY, 4-6:30 P.M.

Thursdays Are Yoursdays
Santa Fe Children's Museum. See June 4 listing.

27 THURSDAY, 4:30 P.M.

Meet Cornelius!
Santa Fe Children's Museum. See June 4 listing.

27 THURSDAY, 6 P.M.

Pajama Tales from the Book Nook
Santa Fe Children's Museum. See June 4 listing.

28 FRIDAY, 9-10 A.M.

Garden Sprouts
Santa Fe Botanical Garden. See June 5 listing.

28 FRIDAY, 12:30-2 P.M.

Mom & Baby Yoga
Indigo Baby. See June 5 listing.

28 FRIDAY, 2:30-3:30 P.M.

Open Art Studio
Santa Fe Children's Museum. See June 5 listing.

28 FRIDAY, 5:30-6:30 P.M.

Prenatal Yoga
Indigo Baby. See June 5 listing.

29 SATURDAY, 8 A.M.

Bird Walks
Randall Davey Audubon Center. See June 6 listing.

29 SATURDAY, 10 A.M.

Opera Ranch Tours
Santa Fe Opera. See June 26 listing.

29 SATURDAY, 10 A.M.-4 P.M.

Fiesta de los Niños: A Children's Celebration
Games, crafts and entertainment for the whole family. El Rancho de las Golondrinas, 334 Los Pinos Road, 471-2261.

29 SATURDAY, 1-4 P.M.

Reading Tune-Ups
Contact Floy Gregg, 570-1276. See June 6 listing.

29 SATURDAY, 6 P.M.

Chuckwagon Supper
Wildlife West Nature Park. See June 20 listing.

29 SATURDAY, 8 P.M.

Family Nights: "The Daughter of the Regiment"
Santa Fe Opera. See July 24 listing.

1 SATURDAY, 8 P.M.

Juan Siddi Flamenco Santa Fe
Lentic Performing Arts Center. See July 12 listing.

30 SUNDAY, 10 A.M.-4 P.M.

Fiesta de los Niños: A Children's Celebration
El Rancho de las Golondrinas. See August 29 listing.

30 SUNDAY, 1 P.M.

Opening Orchestra Concert
Party of a family concert series featuring renowned musicians. Call for tickets. Lentic Performing Arts Center, 211 West San Francisco Street, 988-1234.

31 MONDAY, 9-11 A.M.

Toddler Time
Explora!, Albuquerque. See June 1 listing.

31 MONDAY, 10-11 A.M.

Nature Playtimes
Pajarito Environmental Education Center. See June 1 listing.

Ongoing Events

Museums, cultural centers and other nonprofit organizations, within an easy drive of Santa Fe, offering exhibits, programing and activities for families

ABQ BIOPARK: ZOO, AQUARIUM, BOTANIC GARDEN

Open daily 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. Admission options: Buy a ticket to Zoo only, Aquarium/Botanic Garden, or "BioPark Combo" for all three. Call for prices. Zoo: 903 Tenth Street. Botanic Garden and Aquarium: 2601 Central Avenue, NW, Albuquerque, (505) 764-2000, www.cabq.gov/biopark.

ABQ BIOPARK: TINGLEY BEACH

Fish, hike, relax or sail a model boat. Year-round, sunrise to sunset. Free; no tickets needed. 1800 Tingley Drive, SW, Albuquerque. (505) 764-6200, www.cabq.gov/biopark.

BATAAN MEMORIAL MUSEUM

Artifacts from the Bataan Death March, Medal of Honor ribbons and biographies. Private tours available; call to arrange. Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. 1050 Old Pecos Trail, Santa Fe, 474-1670, www.bataanmuseum.com.

BRADBURY SCIENCE MUSEUM

Displays, videos and interactive exhibits on the history of the atomic bomb and contemporary research conducted at Los Alamos National Laboratory. Tuesday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Sunday and Monday 1 to 5 p.m. Admission free. 15th and Central Avenue, Los Alamos, (505) 667-4444, www.lanl.gov/museum.

CHALLENGER LEARNING CENTER NEW MEXICO

Nonprofit educational organization engages young people in science, technology, engineering and math education. Interactive educational Space simulations for students in grades 5 to 12. Special programs for grades K through 4. Activities for all ages. Open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. with some

evening activities. Call for prices and schedule; most activities require reservations. Located at the Unser Discovery Campus, 1776 Montañero Road, NW, Los Ranchos de Albuquerque, (505) 248-1776, www.challengernm.org.

EL MUSEO CULTURAL

Popular venue in the Railyard for classes and community events. Call or visit website to view calendar for upcoming events. 1615 Paseo de Peralta, Santa Fe, 992-0591, www.elmuseocultural.org.

EXPLORA

Family-oriented science center creating opportunities for discovery through interactive experiences in science, technology and art. Programs for toddlers to adults. Open Monday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sunday noon to 6 p.m. Ages 12 and up \$8; seniors \$5; children \$4; under 1 free. Children and toddlers must be accompanied by a paying adult. 1701 Mountain Road NW, Albuquerque, (505) 224-8300, www.explora.us.

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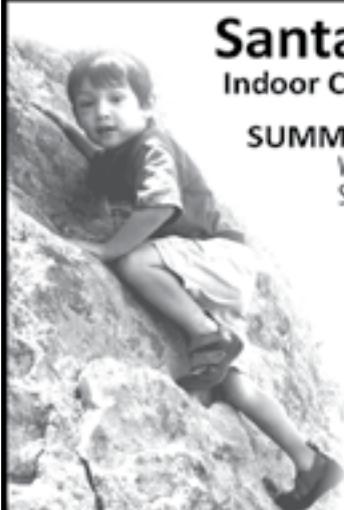
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HARWOOD MUSEUM OF ART

Historic and contemporary art and culture of the Taos region. Open Tuesday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday noon to 5 p.m. Monthly Homeschoolers activities, weekly Teen Art activities, and many family programs. Adults \$10; seniors, students and AAA members \$8; ages 12 and under free. New Mexico residents admitted free on Sundays with proof of residence. 238 Ledoux Street, Taos, (575) 758-9826, www.harwoodmuseum.org.

INSTITUTE OF AMERICAN INDIAN ARTS MUSEUM

The National Collection of Contemporary Indian Art. Monday and Wednesday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday noon to 5 p.m. Adults \$10; seniors, students with valid ID and New Mexico residents \$5; Native people, members and veterans free. New Mexico residents free on Sunday. Children 16 and under always free. 108 Cathedral Place, Santa Fe, 983-8900, www.iaia.edu.



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MUSEUM OF INDIAN ARTS AND CULTURE

Including The Roland Discovery Center: interactive exhibits, puzzles and games for the young and young at heart. Open Tuesday through Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. General admission \$9; New Mexico residents \$6 daily and free on Sundays; New Mexico seniors with ID free on Wednesdays. Children 16 and under always free. 710 Camino Lejo, Santa Fe, 476-1250, www.indianartsandculture.org.

MUSEUM OF INTERNATIONAL FOLK ART

Wide range of folk art displays from around the world. Museum open Tuesday through Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. General admission \$9; New Mexico residents \$6 daily and free on Sundays; New Mexico seniors with ID free on Wednesdays. Children 16 and under always free. 706 Camino Lejo, Santa Fe, 476-1200, www.internationalfolkart.org.

MUSEUM OF SPANISH COLONIAL ART

Special activities for families and children include "Possible Bags," an art activity bag; the MoSCA Treasure Hunt; puzzles, books, historical costumes and hands-on activities in the Youth Art and Activity Center. Docent tours at 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Special tours for children and adults may be arranged

by calling the education department at 982-2226, ext.122. Open Tuesday through Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. General admission \$5; free to New Mexico residents on Sundays. Children 16 and under always free. 750 Camino Lejo on Museum Hill, 982-2226, www.spanishcolonialblog.org.

NEW MEXICO HISTORY MUSEUM

Explore history from the pre-Colombian era through the Atomic Age, including the clash and melding of cultures. In addition to galleries, the museum features the Discovery Center, a gathering space for families to engage in hands-on, self-paced activities. Toys and Games: A New Mexico Childhood exhibit continues through May 1. Open Tuesday through Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. General admission \$9; New Mexico residents \$6 daily and free on Sundays; New Mexico seniors with ID free on Wednesdays. Children 16 and under always free. Free Friday Evenings: Free admission 5 to 8 p.m. on the first Friday of every month. Historical downtown tours Monday through Saturday 10:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. 113 Lincoln Avenue, Santa Fe, 476-5200, www.nmhistory.org.

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Guided tours free with museum admission. Drop In and Draw: Borrow a sketchbook and drawing materials to sketch the museum's exhibits, architecture and gardens, every day during museum hours. Open Tuesday through Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. General admission \$9; New Mexico residents \$6 daily and free on Sundays; New Mexico seniors with ID free on Wednesdays. Children 16 and under always free. Free Friday Evenings: Free admission 5 to 8 p.m. on the first

Friday of every month. 107 W. Palace Avenue, Santa Fe, 476-5072, www.nmartmuseum.org.

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Various exhibits, Planetarium and movies at the giant-screen Lockheed-Martin DynaTheater. Open daily 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. DynaTheater movies are shown hourly from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Museum admission: \$7 adults; \$6 seniors; \$4 ages 3 to 12; separate admission for DynaTheater and Planetarium. Museum admission free to New Mexico residents with ID on the first Sunday of every month. 1801 Mountain Road, NW, Albuquerque, (505) 841-2800, www.naturalhistory.org.

ORTIZ MOUNTAINS EDUCATIONAL PRESERVE

The Ortiz Mountains Educational Preserve of the Santa Fe Botanical Garden is open in winter months for docent-led hikes only. Located 30 miles southwest of Santa Fe, off Highway 14. Reservations required. (505) 471-9103, www.santafebotanicalgarden.org/visitors/ortiz-mountains-educational-preserve/.

PAJARITO ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTER

Nature center and outdoor education programs provide opportunities for people of all ages to explore the rich natural and cultural heritage of the Pajarito Plateau. Open Tuesday through Friday, noon to 4 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Nature playtimes for toddlers and preschoolers every Monday (except holidays) from 10 to 11 a.m. Preschool and homeschool discovery programs, nature clubs, middle school and high school environmental clubs and many other activities. Registration required for most activities. 3540 Orange Street, Los Alamos. (505) 662-0460, www.pajaritoeec.org.

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Winter hours: Thursday through Sunday 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. General admission \$7.50; seniors and military \$6; students \$5; ages 12 and under free. Members free. 715 Camino Lejo, Santa Fe, www.santafebotanicalgarden.org.

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