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The Beloved Community

It was a song that lured me to the Roundhouse, one snowy day in January.

The surge of hateful speech and action following the November election, and the attacks on civil rights leader John Lewis, had left me depressed and angry. A few days before Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday, I attended Sabbath services at our family's synagogue, Temple Beth Shalom. Music director Aaron Wolf was playing "We Shall Overcome" softly on the piano as the crowd was gathering in the room, and I started to cry. My tears didn't stop all evening.

I sang the song around the house all that weekend and found versions of it on the Internet. A beautiful NPR documentary from 2013 recounted its 150-year history from its origins as a folk song sung by slaves in the

fields, to a lively gospel hymn in African-American churches, to the version published by Methodist minister Rev. Charles Albert Tindley in 1901 as "I Will Overcome." Tobacco workers striking in Charleston, South Carolina in 1945 picked it up as a rallying cry, and it has been adopted ever since by civil rights marchers, farm workers, union organizers, war protesters and members of resistance movements around the world, who have adapted its rhythms (and pronouns) to suit their message. Hearing its history comforted me with a sense of continuity and community.

So I bundled up, that snowy Monday in January, putting on boots I'd hardly used this long, dry winter, and walked to the Roundhouse for the NAACP's annual Martin Luther King Jr. Day Celebration. I figured no gath-

ering for Dr. King would end without that anthem of resistance.

By the time I arrived, a standing-room-only crowd had gathered in the rotunda and the balcony was ringed with onlookers. There was, actually, one empty seat on the floor, which several people offered to one another but no one took, like the last slice of pie that everyone politely leaves for someone else, or the extra cup of wine on the Passover seder table for the traveling prophet Elijah, a symbolic gesture of welcome.

African drummers set the mood for the multigenerational, multicultural crowd. Three high school seniors received honors for volunteer work in the community: Jason Duncan, of New Mexico School for the Arts; Irvin Peña, Santa Fe High School; and Jessica Sipos, Capital High School.

Dr. Natasha Howard, professor of Africana Studies at the University of New Mexico, spoke on Dr. King's notion of the Beloved Community. She described, with calm resolve, the experience of seeing swastikas and racist graffiti around the UNM campus the morning after Trump's election in November. With a historian's long view she explored those acts, and other recent instances of rhetoric and violence against Muslims, immigrants and women, in relation to

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Monet Lily Pond by Domacio, age 10

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ON THE COVER: Lily, age 8, Beckett, 5, and Nina Moulton, 2, attend Santa Fe Public Schools. The two "biggs" love skiing and swimming. Both did White Tornadoes at Ski Santa Fe this year for the first time. Nina is a big fan of blueberries and dancing, and loves to give you big eyes when asked. Photo by Ana June © 2017.
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Dr. King's concept of the "Beloved Community" — a society that goes beyond "tolerance" to true embrace of diversity. A society that does not accept racism, poverty, hunger or homelessness, and acts decisively against hate and discrimination.

The ceremony ended, as I had hoped, with the crowd linking arms and singing "We Shall Overcome." This time I didn't cry. I cherished adding my voice to the crowd.

Back outside, I saw a group of teens huddled together on the hill beside the west entrance for a group photo, before boarding the bus from the celebration back to their school. I offered to take the picture so the photographer could be in the shot. The kids scrunched together, laughing, teasing, making silly faces, putting up bunny ears behind each other's heads, leaving me smiling at their joyous, communal activism. This, I thought, is a task of the Beloved Community: nurturing the next generation of activists, the ones (or so I imagined) who will march, lobby, sing, celebrate successes and reel from defeats, in their efforts to overcome struggles of today and ones ahead.

I thought back to my childhood in Maryland in the 60s, a solid blue state long before we knew the term. In our liberal, Democratic household, the ideals of the civil rights movement were ones we took for granted. But in our mostly-white suburban neighborhood, racial equality was a belief we adopted, not our daily struggle. Dr. Howard's reflections stretch me to dive deeper in my own feelings, wishes and fears, to consider what a beloved community means to me and how I can contribute to its construction.

My beloved community is one that values the contributions of teens and helps them develop their strengths and share them with younger children, in

programs such as Randall Davey Audubon Center's Naturalist-In Training (see more on this in Samantha Funk's "Growing Naturalists").

A beloved community provides emotional and mental health support to families with young children as soon as it is needed, to help children be whole, and help parents break generational patterns of trauma and dysfunction. Jodi Rogers of Las Cumbres Community Services addresses this need in "Mental Health Begins In Utero." Flor de María Oliva, our Spanish translator, chose this article to translate because she realizes how many families benefit from services that help them with everyday challenges, especially with early childhood services and education.

A beloved community aims to make education accessible to everyone, through efforts such as Pre-K for Santa Fe, led by Mayor Javier Gonzales, seeking to raise money for families who can't afford private childcare or who can't get into "universal pre-K" for lack of available spaces. See "Bridging the Gap" by Danila Crespín Zidovsky. This program — and others like it — is the sort of work on a local level that builds strength, resiliency and vibrancy in Santa Fe.

Beloved children are heard and listened to from their very first words, as father Will McDonald relates in his essay, "Conversation."

Beloved elders share the culture and values they picked up in their own childhood by passing down stories of their heritage and culture, as does our prolific local treasure Nasario García. See "Nasario's New Mexico," by Barbe Awalt.

Beloved communities don't tolerate hunger or poverty and find creative ways to feed those in need. The Food Depot has added a new program to

provide hot meals to kids after school — just one of their many services for children and families in northern New Mexico. See Jennifer West's "Square Meals' Provides Hot Food After School."

Beloved critters are fed, housed and treasured. Our beloved intern, Brianna Neumann, describes her adventures in animal adoption as a kid and adult, in her article, "Four-Legged Family Members."

And beloved communities make a commitment to inclusivity of all religions and ethnicities. Our frequent contributor and wise friend Rev. Talitha Arnold writes straight to my heart in her letter, "Seeking Rainbows, Finding Helpers."

This year Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day coincided with my own birthday. My husband and son took me to dinner, and their beloved and loving company reminded me that the beloved community begins in the home and ideally ripples far, far beyond. You, *Tumbleweeds* readers and writers who care about children, who share your concerns, efforts and feelings on these pages and in our town, are co-constructors of this community, and I'm honored to have a place in it with you.



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Dear Tumbleweeds



Jordan, age 5, with Painting

Seeking Rainbows, Finding Helpers

Thank you for your wise counsel in the last *Tumbleweeds* on how to live in the current political and cultural climate [“Remedy for Unsettled Times,” by Claudette Sutton]. “Be kind. Get outside. Read. Play. Learn about other cultures” are all good ways to help our children and ourselves deal with the fear and hatred that mark our present time.

You also asked for additional ideas. Here are two: Search for rainbows and look for helpers.

Shortly after last November’s election, I was reminded of both. “I saw the most beautiful rainbow on my way here,” a friend said as she came for a meeting at the church I serve. “You can’t see it from here,” she continued as she stood at the front door, “but if you go out there, you can see it. Maybe you have already, Talitha.”

I confessed I hadn’t been outside all afternoon, so I hadn’t seen the rainbow. But my friend had, and it colored (no pun intended) her world that afternoon. She shared her vision with the others at the meeting. “It was one of the most beautiful rainbows I’ve ever seen,” she said.

Living in northern New Mexico, we can see a lot of rainbows, but when the daily news is so dark, it’s easy to overlook them. We need others, like my friend, to remind us to see them. We need to help our children learn to search for rainbows, too.

Sometimes rainbows appear arced across the sky. Sometimes they come in other forms, including human lives. The late Fred Rogers of “Mr. Rogers’ Neighborhood” wrote that when as a little boy, he saw scary things in the news, his mother would tell him, “Look for the helpers, Fred. You will always find people who are helping.” Mr. Rogers’ mother knew how to find rainbows, even in dark or scary times. Look for the helpers.

In my faith tradition (Christian), there are different kinds of “spiritual disciplines” — daily actions that help us, in the words of a 12th century mystic, “practice the presence of God.” Traditional disciplines include prayer, fasting, study,

service or worship. Such disciplines aren’t just to enhance our own personal growth. Their main purpose is to help us become the people God wants us to be and do the work God needs us to do.

So to the traditional list of spiritual disciplines — and to *Tumbleweeds*’ list of how to help children live in this time — I’d like to add the practices of “rainbow-searching” and “helper-seeking.” Both require intention and discipline. Yet like other disciplines and practices, they can give us and our children the hope and vision this time demands.

Whether we see the Creator’s beauty arching across the clouds or behold it through a human “helper” (in Mrs. Rogers’ words), we need to be open to the possibility of loveliness and love in this world. We need to help our children do the same.

“In such an ugly time,” the folksinger Phil Ochs once wrote, “the true protest is beauty.” It still is.

Rev. Talitha Arnold
United Church of Santa Fe

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Alicia Psenicka
Santo Niño Regional Catholic School

Mental Health Starts *In Utero*

Too young to talk; old enough to feel • By Jodi Rodgers

When I tell people that I work in the field of infant mental health, I get responses that range from bemusement to perplexity to downright skepticism. “How can infants have mental health issues?” people have asked. “They can’t even talk yet!”

Infant and early childhood mental health (IECMH) might seem like an oxymoron, but in fact, children’s social and emotional development begins in the womb and continues into adulthood. Defining “mental health” for this age group as synonymous with social-emotional growth (helping children reach developmentally appropriate milestones) can help caregivers, teachers, childcare providers and others understand this complex and highly effective specialty of mental health practice. Those in the field work closely with families to strengthen bonds and create the best environment possible for the children.

IECMH is based on an elegant combination of attachment theory (the idea that emotional closeness between babies

and their primary caregivers is essential to the child’s health), child development and trauma-informed care (the framework of trauma the parents, children and family have lived through). Babies develop in the context of relationships. IECMH therapists work with children ages 0 to 5 and their caregivers to support healthy social-emotional functioning for both parties in a caregiving “dyad,” or pair.

The client is actually the parent-child *relationship*, as both partners contribute to what is called “emotional co-regulation,” the ongoing, interactive process of influencing one another’s emotional state that happens in any family unit. For instance, if a father tenses and frowns when he sees a strange dog approaching his 14-month-old daughter at a park, the child, too, might become anxious, not because she realizes that the dog may be dangerous but in response to her father’s shift in expression and body language.

The child in many ways may be the more vulnerable party in the dyad, but parents are profoundly impacted by their child’s emotional and interpersonal world, since parenthood is an important phase in their own development. Part of what makes IECMH so powerful is that adults who may not have benefitted from mental health support early in their own lives have the opportunity to address some of their own emotional needs as they parent their child.

As parents learn ways to support their young children in experiencing, regulating and expressing feelings, they may become better able to experience and regulate their own emotions. These emotions may include past disappointments, losses, disruptions and hurts that interfere with their ability to form a strong attachment to their child. In the process, adults can potentially heal not only their own distress and trauma but those that have been passed down through generations.

Consider, for example, parents who seek services after recognizing the negative impact of their

marital conflict on their children’s well-being. Through the therapy process, they may discover long-standing patterns of emotionally undermining partnerships on each parent’s family tree. Motivated by love and hope for their children, such caregivers may increase their commitment to breaking this cycle to prevent their little ones from developing similar relationship patterns.

IECMH therapists offer a combination of parent-child sessions and individual parent sessions that support caregivers in developing their own emotional self-regulation. At Las Cumbres Community Services (and other services throughout Santa Fe and northern New Mexico; see box on next page), parents are also invited to participate in groups focusing on the self-regulation/co-regulation balance, as well as family sessions that might include the child’s other caregivers and siblings. Sessions are free of charge and might be held



Mental health support for young children gives parents an opportunity to address their own emotional needs and break cycles of stress and trauma.

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either in the child's home, school or community, or at the agency's offices. Therapists arrange to work with the family in the child's natural setting whenever possible, a core IECMH tenet that takes into account where the client may feel most comfortable.

Families seeking IECMH services may have a wide variety of concerns: children with developmental or medical needs; separated parents in custody disputes; preschoolers with difficulty adjusting to childcare or educational settings; foster parents of abused or neglected children; grandparents raising

their grandchildren; families who have survived accidents or natural disasters; refugee or immigrant families; children who have witnessed violence; and much more. In sum, any stressor that can impact a family with young children is good cause to seek support from an IECMH clinician or other early childhood services provider.

Jodi Rodgers is the behavioral health clinical supervisor for Las Cumbres Community Services in Santa Fe and Española.

Infant and Early Childhood Resources:



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- **Las Cumbres Community Services** — Las Cumbres is dedicated to promoting the health and well-being of people of all ages in northern New Mexico and has expanded to meet the growing and changing needs of the community. Services for children, families and adults include behavioral health services, the Conjunto Therapeutic Preschool, Grandparents Raising Grandchildren, Padres Unidos Fatherhood Program and many others. www.lascumbres-nm.org; (505) 955-0410.
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- **New Mexico Association for Infant Mental Health:** www.nmaimh.org
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La salud mental empieza en el vientre

Los niños aún no hablan, pero sí sienten

Por Jodi Rodgers • Traducción por Flor de María Oliva

Cuando digo que trabajo en el campo de la salud mental infantil, las reacciones van de la confusión a la perplejidad hasta el escepticismo. “¿Cómo es posible que los bebés tengan problemas de salud mental?” me han preguntado. “¡Ni siquiera pueden hablar todavía!”

La salud mental de la infancia temprana y los bebés (IECMH, por sus siglas en inglés) parecería una contradicción pero, de hecho, el desarrollo emocional y social de los niños empieza en el vientre materno y sigue hasta la edad adulta. Definir “salud mental” para estas edades como sinónimo de crecimiento socio-emocional (ayudar a los niños a alcanzar hitos apropiados de desarrollo) puede ayudar a quienes los cuidan, a los proveedores de cuidado infantil y a otros a entender esta compleja y efectiva especialidad de la práctica de la salud mental. Quienes trabajan en este campo lo hacen muy de cerca con las familias para fortalecer conexiones y crear el mejor ambiente posible para los niños.

La IECMH se basa en una combinación de la teoría del apego (la idea de que el acercamiento emocional entre los bebés y sus principales cuidadores es esencial para la salud del niño), el desarrollo infantil y la atención fundamentada en el trauma (el marco del trauma que los padres, hijos y demás familia han vivido). Los bebés se desarrollan en el contexto de las relaciones con los demás. Los terapeutas de la IECMH trabajan con niños de 0 a 5 años de edad y quienes los cuidan para apoyar un funcionamiento socio-emocional saludable para ambas partes en una díada o par.

El cliente es en realidad la relación entre los padres y el niño, ya que las dos partes contribuyen a lo que se llama “co-regulación emocional”, el proceso interactivo continuo de ejercer influencia en el estado emocional los unos de los otros dentro de cualquier unidad familiar. Por ejemplo, si un padre se pone tenso y frunce el ceño cuando ve un perro extraño acercarse a su hija de 14 meses de edad en el parque, la niña también puede ponerse nerviosa, no porque se dé cuenta de que el perro puede ser peligroso, sino en respuesta al cambio de expresión y lenguaje corporal de su padre.

En muchas maneras, el niño puede que sea la parte más vulnerable en la díada, pero los padres son profundamente afectados por el mundo interpersonal y emocional de su hijo, puesto que la paternidad es una fase importante en su propio desarrollo. Parte de lo que hace esta especialidad de la IECMH tan poderosa es que los adultos que no se han beneficiado del apoyo de la salud mental temprano en sus vidas tienen la oportunidad de tratar algunas de sus necesidades emocionales propias al criar a su hijo.

Conforme los padres aprenden a apoyar a sus hijos pequeños en experimentar, regular

y expresar sentimientos, ellos mismos pueden llegar a experimentar y regular sus propias emociones de una mejor manera. Estas emociones pueden incluir desilusiones del pasado, pérdidas, heridas que interfieren con su habilidad para formar una conexión fuerte con su hijo. En el proceso, los adultos pueden llegar a sanar no sólo sus propios sufrimientos y traumas sino aquellos que han sido pasados de generación en generación. Considere, por ejemplo, padres de familia que buscan servicios después de reconocer el impacto negativo de su conflicto matrimonial en el bienestar de sus hijos. Por medio del proceso de terapia, pueden descubrir viejos patrones de relaciones emocionalmente debilitantes en el árbol familiar de cada uno de ellos. Motivados por el amor y la esperanza por sus hijos, pueden fortalecer su compromiso de romper este ciclo para evitar que ellos desarrollen patrones de relaciones similares.

Los terapeutas de la IECMH ofrecen una combinación de sesiones para padres e hijos y también sesiones individuales que apoyan a quienes cuidan de los niños en el desarrollo de su propia autorregulación emocional. En Las Cumbres Community Services (y otros servicios disponibles en Santa Fe y el norte de Nuevo México; ver encuadre), a los padres de familia también se les invita a participar en grupos que se enfocan en el equilibrio entre la autorregulación y corregulación, así como a sesiones de familia que podrían incluir a otras personas que cuiden a los niños y a los hermanos y hermanas. Las sesiones son gratuitas y se pueden llevar a cabo en la casa del niño, escuela, o comunidad, o en las oficinas de la agencia. Siempre que es posible, los terapeutas hacen arreglos para trabajar con la familia en un entorno natural para el niño, un principio central de esta especialidad, que toma en cuenta dónde el cliente se puede sentir más cómodo.

Las familias que buscan estos servicios de la IECMH pueden tener una variedad de preocupaciones: niños con necesidades médicas o de desarrollo; padres separados en disputas de custodia; niños de edad preescolar con dificultades para ajustarse a los ambientes de guardería o educativos; padres de hogares temporales de niños víctimas de abuso o negligencia; abuelos que crían nietos; familias sobrevivientes de accidentes o desastres naturales; familias inmigrantes o refugiadas; niños que han sido testigos de violencia; y mucho más. En resumen, cualquier causa de tensión que puede afectar a una familia con niños chiquitos es una buena razón para buscar el apoyo de un clínico de la IECMH u otro proveedor de servicios para niños de edad temprana.



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In O'Keeffe's Footsteps

Fostering love of nature, beauty and self through the arts

By Hadeel Al-Essa

My daughter, Jumana, started Little Earth School

last year when she was 5 years old. I remember every morning when she arrived, children would be engaged in different activities that included building with blocks, dramatic play, drawing and painting. Often she wanted to draw or paint and I would hear her say, "I don't know how." My mind envisioned Peter H. Reynold's book *The Dot*, in which young Vashti's creativity is encouraged through drawing and exhibiting his dots. I also thought of my own fears around artistic endeavors and the ghosts in the nursery from my own education that primarily focused on academics.

I watched as Jumana's teacher, Anna, would sit down with her. They drew side by side. If Jumana mentioned dogs, they would draw dogs together. Her teacher would encourage Jumana to try. They would talk about different kinds of dogs. Jumana's love of dogs and her interest in drawing would be fostered gently, lovingly and intrinsically. From the side, I watched in wonder. As the days progressed, Jumana's love of art exploded. Cats, all kinds of cats, children playing in nature, her imaginary sister, led to all kinds of beautiful work that left me in awe.

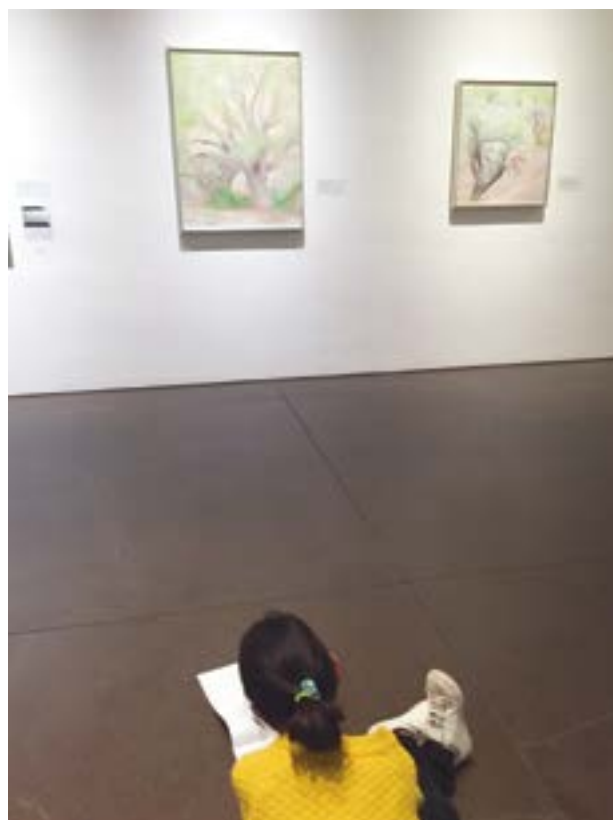
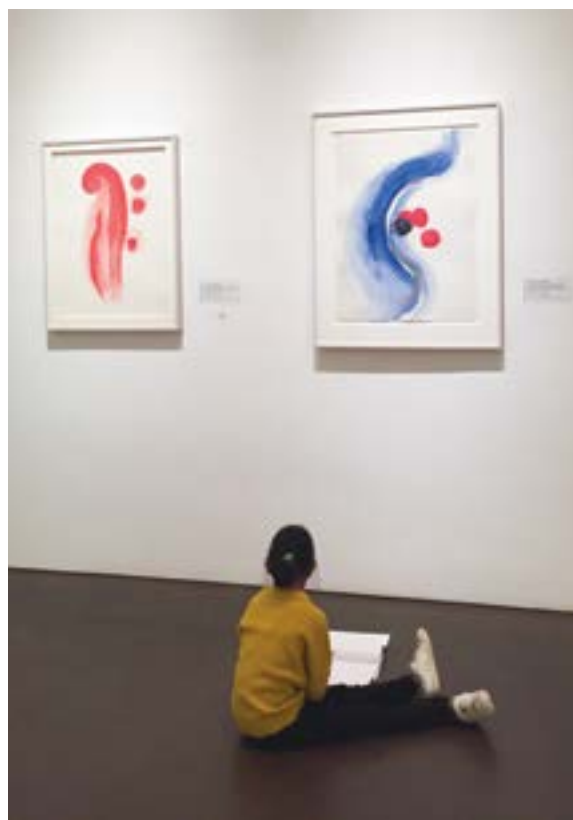
We started to explore artists together. Living in Santa Fe, we decided it would be important to start with Georgia O'Keeffe. We read *Georgia O'Keeffe Painted What She Pleas*ed. Jumana loved the part of the book where Georgia said "I paint what I want when I want." It made her laugh. O'Keeffe's fierce spirit resonated with her. It resonated with our family's choice to live in a country where we could be free. It resonated with our choice of a school where Jumana's unique voice and spirit would be recognized, valued and nourished.

Next we visited Abiquiu, "Georgia land." We toured her home and Ghost Ranch, where she painted. My daughter discovered that Georgia collected stones in nature just as she did. Georgia's collection of bones fascinated her. We went on the landscape tour at Ghost Ranch, where we could see the locations where Georgia drew many of her paintings. We stayed in Abiquiu, where we could see and feel the beauty, peace and quiet that Georgia fell in love with. We, too, fell in love with Abiquiu. Only an hour away from home, it felt like we had gone far away. In the morning, my daughter would wake me up and say, "Mama look at the views." Combining our love of nature, beauty and the arts — at Little Earth, in Santa Fe and in Abiquiu, we are in heaven.

These days Jumana, now 6, continues to draw when she feels inspired to do so or when I ask her if she wants to make a card for a teacher or friend. Most of the time she enjoys imaginary play and playing outdoors. Art comes in spurts when she has a story she illustrates and asks me to dictate. In a world where things sometimes feel overwhelming and confusing, it seems she has found her center.

Recently I told Jumana about an art camp and inquired about whether she was interested. I told her, "The teacher is an artist and she will show you her art." Her response: "And I will show her my art."

Hadeel Al-Essa lives in Eldorado with the light of her life, Juju. She is currently pursuing a Ph.D. in Family Studies at UNM. For her dissertation, she is recruiting mothers of preschool children in Santa Fe to complete a 20-minute survey; if interested, contact halessa@unm.edu.



To encourage creativity and observation, Jumana's mother took her to the Georgia O'Keeffe Museum to study her paintings, and her kindergarten teacher took the class outdoors so each child could study "their" tree.



Window into a Kindergarten Classroom

By Laura McCloskey

We were studying trees in my kindergarten

classroom: the parts of a tree, what they need to live, differences in the trees on the playground, and what trees provide for us. We went outside and the children sat by themselves with “their” tree and did some observations. What did they see? What did they hear? What did they feel? What did they smell? If their tree had fruit, what did it taste like?

We then continued into our art activity. We had been learning different art techniques using chalk pastels and watercolor, and discussing landscapes and portraits. The students chose their medium and then thought about how they were going to draw their tree. Was it tall? Was it wide? What colors did they see in the trunk? What did the branches and leaves look like? Does it float in the sky or is it rooted in the ground? Does the tree have fruit on it? Just a few leaves or many leaves? They began mixing and blending colors. What about texture? We came back together to share our artwork, our observations and the many ways we can “look” at a tree.

Laura McCloskey teaches kindergarten at Little Earth School in Santa Fe.

Recommended Reading:

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Bridging the Gap



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Extending Pre-K to all of Santa Fe

By Danila Crespín Zidovsky

It's an overcast Saturday morning at the

Boys & Girls Club on Santa Fe's south side. The room is abuzz with chatter: neighbors embracing after a busy work week, friends catching up, others busily jotting down questions and notes. They've gathered here to learn more about what their mayor is up to.

Three years ago, when Javier Gonzales was campaigning for mayor of Santa Fe, he spent a great deal of time talking about children and families. How would he create a better and safer place for Santa Fe families? As a father he felt the same obligations that so many of us experience as parents: We want our kids to be safe, nurtured and of course, to have every opportunity that we did not. In short, we want them to thrive.

On this chilly Saturday morning, Mayor Gonzales is making good on his campaign promise to increase access to high-quality early learning opportunities for all Santa Fe children.

His solution? Pre-K for Santa Fe.

Pre-K for Santa Fe aims to ensure that all of Santa Fe's 3- and 4-year-olds have access to high-quality, full-day, pre-kindergarten, to start kindergarten better prepared to learn. Research shows that 85 percent of the human brain develops in the first five years of life. This targeted policy would educate our youngest learners during a time of tremendous social, emotional, physical and intellectual development.

Pre-K students learn through play. Through a variety of play-based methods they learn socialization skills, how to negotiate conflict with their peers, basic literacy, confidence and self-esteem. Full-day pre-K benefits range from increased school readiness, enhanced social-emotional development and better physical health. Pre-K alumni show increased rates of high school graduation, higher rates of college attendance and greater earnings as adults.

Society also benefits from expanded access to early childhood education, including lower rates of juvenile delinquency, decreased rates of grade repetition and unnecessary special education placement, saving taxpayers millions of dollars. The benefits far outweigh the cost.

Yet despite all these benefits, and the establishment of New Mexico PreK initiative in 2005 providing state funding for early childhood programs, an estimated 1000 Santa Fe 3- and 4-year-olds have absolutely no access to pre-K, either because their families cannot afford the cost of private programs or because there is no availability in public programs due to insufficient funding. The statistics you may have heard are true: Childcare in New Mexico costs more than in-state college tuition and is, for many, more expensive than their mortgage or rent. The mayor's initiative will provide access to early childhood education programs for children of working parents who otherwise might be denied.

The initiative will also fuel an economic engine in our city. Pre-K for Santa Fe will create an estimated 200 jobs for Santa Feans in early education, with professional development and benefits. This program will both expand and further professionalize early childhood education.

We hear so much about third grade reading levels. Sadly, what we don't hear about often enough is how significant it is to read and talk to a child. The brain of a 3-year-old is two and a half times more active than an adult's. Long before children learn to read and write in the conventional sense, they are learning about literacy. By 3 years of age, there is a 30 million word gap between children from the wealthiest and poorest families. A recent study shows that the vocabulary gap is evident even in toddlers. By 18 months, children in different socio-economic groups display dramatic differences in their vocabularies. That gap can be closed through Pre-K for Santa Fe.

Pre-K for Santa Fe will be funded through a two cent per ounce tax on sugary drinks. These taxes have been passed in San Francisco, Oakland, Berkeley, Boulder, Philadelphia, Mexico City and the Navajo Nation and are currently being considered in other communities across the country.

A study cited by Harvard University's "Sugary Drinks and Obesity Fact Sheet" found that each 12-ounce soda consumed per day increases a child's risk of becoming obese by 60 percent during a follow-up period of a year and a half. This initiative would not only benefit parents, children and public health but would



Pre-K for Santa Fe estimates that 1000 children in Santa Fe are unable to attend quality early childhood programs either because of prohibitive expense or lack of availability. Pictured here: Kids Campus at Santa Fe Community College.



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support local businesses, who could attract families interested in relocating to the City Different by promoting the affordability and accessibility of pre-kindergarten. Dozens of business, including Back Road Pizza, Jambo, New York Deli, Meow Wolf and Sage Bakehouse, have already committed their support. You can see the full list at www.prekforsantafe.org.

If you would like to get involved, please sign up on the website or visit the Pre-K for Santa Fe Facebook page.

The Santa Fe City Council has scheduled a hearing on this proposal for March 8 at 5 p.m. Let

your voice be heard. Call your city councilor today at www.santafenm.gov/elected_officials, and please come to the vote at the city council chambers of City Hall, 200 Lincoln Avenue in downtown Santa Fe. Visitors should arrive by 4:30 p.m.

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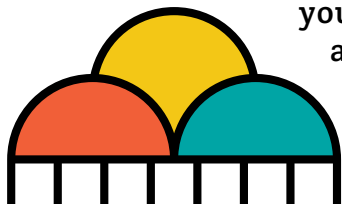
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JOY IN MUDVILLE

Spring literature celebrates the season of muck • By Dorothy Massey

Hooray for mud season! As everybody knows, mud season comes between winter and summer. Some people call it spring, but it's really mud season — puddles and dirt all over our clothes, the tires on trucks, the paws on animals and the boots on kids. Hooray for mud season, because a lot of water and dirt between winter and summer helps Mother Nature make sure that birds get born in nests and animals in hidey-holes in the woods and worms underground.

Fortunately for us, there are a bunch of wonderful books celebrating mud season, spring, reading and adventures that take place indoors and out.

For the littlest members of your family, *Way Out in the Desert*, by T. J. Marsh, is a sturdy board book

designed for small hands, with wonderful friendly creatures ready to bring smiles. *ABC Birds* is the American Museum of Natural History's colorful introduction to both the alphabet and an impressive array of winged friends. *Look! Flowers!*, by Stephanie Calmenson, is a rhyming page-turner about the sweet (and the not so sweet) habits of blossoms from all over the world. *Little Blue Truck*, by Alice Schertle, is the best book about getting stuck in the mud that we know.

Mud season means that the naughty bunny *Peter Rabbit*, by Beatrix Potter, is back in Farmer MacGregor's Garden, just one of our favorite books for kids. *Life in a Pond*, by Craig Hammersmith, is a great introduction to the wonders of creatures

above and below the surface. *Creatures of the Desert World*, a pop-up book from the National Geographic Society, is filled with surprises and interactive pages. *Egg*, by Kevin Henkes, with few words and endearing illustrations, is an award-winning early picture book that kids will read over and over again.

Click Clack Moo!, by Doreen Cronin, the classic story of Farmer Brown's cows who can type, comes in all sizes and shapes — board book, early reader, paperback — and is ever-popular at story hour. *The Big Book of Bugs*, by Yuval Zommer, answers mysteries such as, are bugs afraid of the dark, and why do ants march in a line?

More advanced readers have a great selection of outdoor books from which to choose. *A Seed*

is *Sleepy* by Dianna Aston and *How Flowers Grow* by Emma Helbrough are packed with facts and illustrations about the wonders of germination. *It's Our Garden* is the celebration of a school garden, featuring our own Acequia Madre Elementary School, from Santa Fe's own George Ancona. *Winging It*, by Catherine Coulter, is a beginners' guide to the birds of the Southwest with beautiful illustrations and text for the whole family, and *The Big Book of Nature Activities*, by Jacob Rodenburg and Drew Monkman, invites the whole family to a wonderful series of projects in the great outdoors.

Among novels for older kids, we love *Clem*, by Jennifer Owings Dewey, the story of an adopted raven; and *The Cats of Tanglewood Forest* by Charles de Lint, an award-winning fiction book with great illustrations and a tremendous ending. *Soar*, by Tracy Edward Wymer, is an adventure novel with birds in every chapter. *Pax*, a new book from Sara Pennypacker, is the winner of several awards and destined to become a classic. *The Penderwicks in Spring* is a National Book Award winner from Jeanne Birdsall, and of course Frances Hodgson Burnett's *The Secret Garden* has been thrilling readers for decades.

And once you have gone outside and gotten really dirty, we also recommend *101 Reasons Why I'm Not Taking a Bath* by Stacy McNulty. It's got the dirtiest kid you ever saw on its cover!

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Nasario's New Mexico

Author, educator and storyteller draws inspiration from his childhood and grandchildren

By Barbe Awalt



Nasario García is a local treasure: an educator,

oral historian, author, storyteller, linguist and, according to those who know him, one of the nicest people in New Mexico. García earned his Ph.D. in 19th century Spanish literature from the University of Pittsburgh. His creative output includes over 30 books, translations of the works of five authors including a novel that takes place in his native Río Puerco Valley written by a Spaniard, numerous scholarly articles and reviews, and more than 100 lectures delivered in this country and abroad, including Spain, Costa Rica, Mexico, Canada and Puerto Rico.

Among García's many awards are the first-ever Lifetime Achievement from the Historical Society of New Mexico, countless New Mexico-Arizona Book Awards, multiple International Latino Book Awards and the prestigious Western Heritage Wrangler Award. As a professor he garnered numerous honors for teaching excellence.

García grew up in the Río Puerco Valley, southeast of Chaco Canyon near the Navajo Reservation, until his family moved to Albuquerque when he was 9 years old. Today he lives in Santa Fe with his wife, Jan. They have three grandchildren in Denver. I recently talked to him at El Camino Dining Room in Albuquerque's North Valley, where he spent his teenage years. During our conversation he even had stories about visiting El Camino many years ago as a boy.

Why do you write books for kids in addition to the ones you have written for adults?

I think it is a way for kids — and parents — to learn about the rich Hispanic customs and traditions of northern New Mexico that are gradually disappearing from our midst. I enjoy writing children's books and am very proud of those that I have had published. In a number of ways their richness reflects my growing up in rural New Mexico.

How do your grandchildren influence your writing?

All three of my grandkids — two granddaughters and a grandson — are very intelligent. Very inquisitive. They ask a lot of questions, just as I did when I was their age. They have visited the Río Puerco valley with my wife and me. While

there, they asked questions about what life was like for me as a small boy; this has influenced me somewhat in determining the age level to gear stories for children their age — 14, 12 and 5. Otherwise the stories, both for children and adults, reflect solely how I was raised by my loving parents, who taught me and my siblings to be respectful of people, especially women, animals and the environment. To this day, those principles form part of my persona.

What advice do you offer to parents?

Let your children do everything with a sense of curiosity, enjoyment and responsibility. Let them ask questions. That is how they learn. Recently, a gentleman who lives near Cuba, New Mexico with his wife invited my wife and me to their home. He had several of his grandkids there, because they didn't believe the stories he had been telling them about his childhood. They had to hear them from me. His grandchildren were so attentive and willing to listen and to learn from a different voice. He asked his grandkids to select one of my children's books to remember my visit. I inscribed and signed each book. By the way, the gentleman and I had a similar rural upbringing, so some of my stories and experiences were the same as his. My visit was one of the most enjoyable experiences I have had with children.

What do you think is more important — oral histories or [scholarly] books?

Both have merit, of course. Oral histories are the voices of old-timers. Their testimony is real, genuine even if some of their stories (e.g., witchcraft) at times may be a tad exaggerated, but entertaining nonetheless. That's what kept stories alive. Oral histories grow into books. Children and adults in our day and age need at the very least to read oral accounts bequeathed to us by the elderly who lived and experienced a certain way of life different from our modern life. For over 30 years I recorded, transcribed, translated and published oral histories before the old-timers died. Today their stories are treasures troves. Oral history is a way not only of rescuing our precious cultural past from oblivion but also a way to educate parents as well as kids of its richness.

I think Hispanic parents of this generation as well as their children by and large have lost their Spanish language, customs and traditions. It saddened me when a student of mine once told me that his way of preserving his culture was to eat a *burrito grande* once a week at Taco Bell!

How do you stay so prolific?

I enjoy writing, although it does not consume my daily life in retirement. I write when I'm inspired. Sometimes I don't write for weeks, but I am self-disciplined so I utilize my time judiciously. My wife and I like to travel to Spain, Portugal or Italy, where our older daughter lives. We also enjoy the cultural amenities in Santa Fe and Albuquerque. Our way of life is quite balanced and healthful.

As mentioned earlier, my primary interest in publishing books (i.e., oral history, poetry, short stories for adults and children) is to expose both adults and children, regardless of their ethnicity, to the rich Hispanic culture of New Mexico. Secondly, I want to preserve as much of our customs, traditions and Spanish (all my books are bilingual) as feasible for future generations to enjoy.

Every single children's book of mine has a particular theme, a moral underpinning (e.g., respect for parents or grandparents), or subjects that take the reader back

to my childhood. I use my rural upbringing as the basis for my creative works. Such is the case in *Grandma Lale's Tamales: A Christmas Story* and *Grandpa Lolo's Matanza: A New Mexico Tradition*. By the way, Lale and Lolo were my paternal grandparents' nicknames.

What are your favorite books in your library?

Oh boy! I love the question. Being a student and teacher of literature I have a number of favorites, but at the top of the list is *Don Quixote* by Cervantes. My other favorite work is Dante's *Divine Comedy*. I would be remiss if I didn't mention at least one or two other favorite writers of mine. One is the Spanish poet Federico García Lorca; Juan Rulfo, the Mexican short story writer; and Eca de Queiroz, the Portuguese novelist.

Lastly, and without sounding self-serving, I must mention my other children's books for reasons already stated. Among them are: *Grandpa Lolo's Navajo Saddle Blanket*, a story of friendship between two men, one Navajo and the other Hispanic; *The Talking Lizard: New Mexico's Magic and Mystery*; and, *Grandpa Lolo and Trampa: A Story of Surprise and Mystery*. I am

very proud of these books, but I am equally proud of my memoir, *Hoe, Heaven, and Hell: My Boyhood in Rural New Mexico* that describes life in the 1940s that is no longer part of our cultural tapestry.

What projects do you have for the future?

I tend to juggle two or three works simultaneously, going back and forth to each one as I feel motivated. This is part of my creative process so that I don't get bored with any given work. At the present time I am working on three projects: my favorite Christmas memories (for children), a memoir on my academic career and a collection of poems that connects the reader with my boyhood in the Río Puerco Valley. I've just about finished a children's book called *Cool Silly Willy: 101 Quirky Poems for Kids*. Here's an example:

When Grandma's
baby chick
grew to be a hen,
the hen wrote me letters
using only a ball-point pen.

I continue to do talks and meet with children's groups. One of the nagging problems for me is the pov-

erty that plagues children in northern New Mexico. Kids who don't have enough food are not likely to have books as a priority. We must figure out a way to give books to kids who can't afford them and hope that they're encouraged to read and love books.

Is there anything else you wish to add?

Aside from my own work, I am especially excited about a documentary titled *Nasario Remembers the Río Puerco* by Shebana Coelho that currently is in progress. She is a talented writer and artist born in India now living in Santa Fe, whose work has been broadcast on American Public Television, National Public Radio, The Discovery Channel and BBC Radio 4. The film features yours truly as I wander through landscape and memory lane amid the ghost towns of my beloved Río Puerco Valley. Reviving tales of my childhood when the ranching villages thrived and old-timers shared stories about the river that once upon a time roared with water is the main focus of the documentary. The trailer is great. You can see it on the website: www.nasarioremembers.com.

Barbe Awalt is the author of several books and the co-publisher, with her husband Paul Rhetts, of LPD Press and Rio Grande Books.

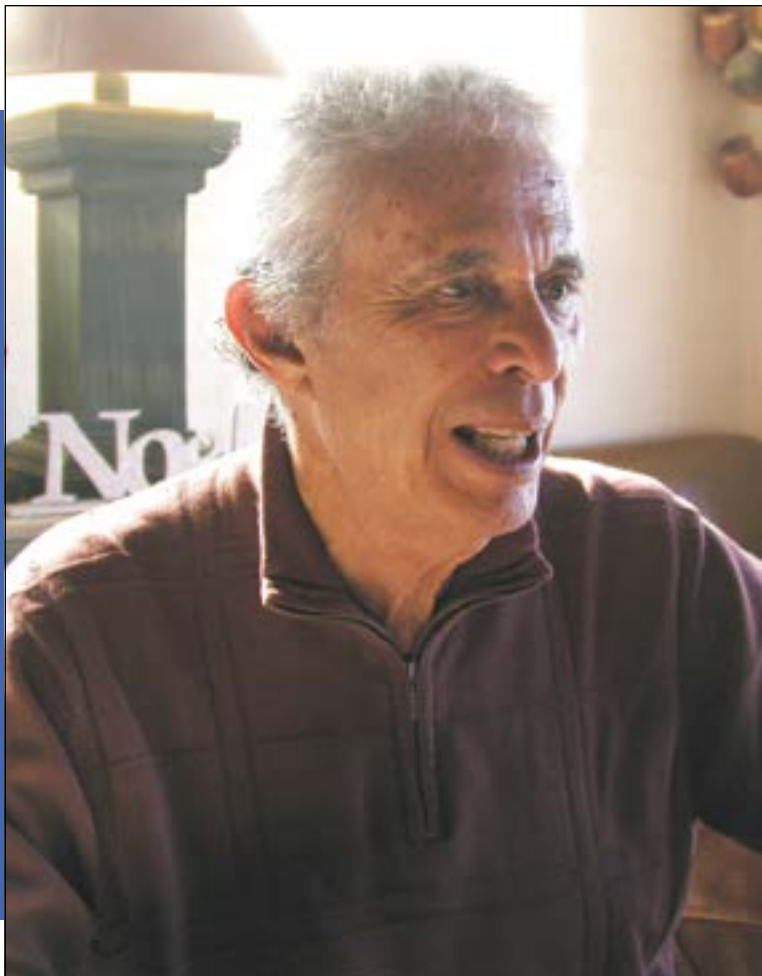


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Nasario García in his beloved Río Puerco Valley (left page) and at home.

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SPRING GO!

Countering Pokémon with Natural Phenomena

By Christina Selby

Convincing my kids to put down the Pokémon

cards and games and get out into nature can be a challenge these days. It's hard for real animals to compete with Pikachu's electric tail damage or mega-Charizard's signature Blast Burn move that melts glaciers.

If you have no idea what I am talking about, consider yourself lucky. I don't really either, but with two young boys my days are steeped in play that revolves around Pokémon. As Dave Ng, a father and biologist at University of British Columbia, told me, "Kids know more about Pokémon creatures than they do about real creatures." A walk in the woods that might result in seeing an elk, beaver or coyote can hardly compete with the kind of stimulus Pokémon offers. But for the future of the planet and my sanity, I keep trying to catch their interest.

Ng's response was to create a new card game called Phylo(mon). It's like Pokémon for science. When we got our starter deck I was impressed. It kept my son's attention for about a month and taught him about ecological relationships. But when his interest faded, I knew I had to step up my game to ensure my kids would fall in love with real creatures and nature.

Inspired by the 2015 book *Phenomenal*, in which a journalist and new mother, Leigh Ann Henion, sets out to see the world's most spectacular natural phenomena, I decided to try to wow my kids with New Mexico's version. These springtime outings, paired with tasty snacks and a little pre-research so you can describe the Pokémon-like qualities of real creatures, might get your kids excited about real world for a bit.

A FESTIVAL OF LADYBUGS

One sunny spring day on a walk in the foothills of the Sangre de Cristo mountains, my son and I chanced upon a massive pile of heaving red and black spots. Tens of thousands of ladybugs were crawling over each other as they emerged from hibernation. It's called an aggregation, and we were in awe of the spectacle.

Most of the year, ladybugs lead solitary lives hanging out in your garden, fattening themselves up on aphids. But when the weather turns cold, they seek out companionship at their annual ladybug gathering. Thousands of ladybugs congregate from October to March, seeking the same spot where their parents and grandparents gathered. Scientists believe they find the spot by following pheromones — a chemical trail — left by last year's ladybugs. Once they arrive, they crawl on each other, as females seek a mate. Then they bed down in logs and crevices for the winter and emerge again in spring to take care of any unfinished business — namely, mating — before flying off in search of food.

With their bright colors and docile nature (unless you're an aphid), ladybugs are a favorite even amongst the most insect-adverse kids. Good places to see these aggregations are along Atalaya Mountain and the Dale Ball Trails. These nature-ambassadors are unfortunately on the decline across the nation. Kids can help scientists keep track of them by participating in a citizen science project called The Lost Ladybug Project (www.lostladybug.org).

PASQUE FLOWER: HARBINGER OF SPRING

I go wild for wildflowers. My kids appreciate them but don't share my passion — yet. I decided to see if I could get my oldest son excited about a wildflower hunt for the pasque flower. I told him this elusive flower grows close to the ground, which can make it hard to spot. Its petals range in color from dark

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FREE, FUN, OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

Parks, hikes, picnic spots and more ways to get your "Vitamin N" • By Abby Bordner

Have your kids gotten their dose of "Vitamin N" this week? Vitamin N is nature, and for those of us living in Santa Fe and northern New Mexico, it's always close by. We've got about 275 days of sunshine per year, mountains, hiking trails and many outdoor activities. The natural world calms the body and mind and supports the wonder that young children bring to the world.

In celebration of springtime, here are some free and fun outdoor activities for you and your children. Meet your friends and family to experience the wonders of Santa Fe and enjoy the benefits of Vitamin N.

- **Have a picnic in the park.** For a complete listing of city playgrounds and parks, go to www.santafenm.gov/city_parks_list_alphabetical, and see some of our favorites below.
- **Have an ice cream or Frito pie on the Plaza.**
- **Play at the Railyard Park.** Ride a bike, stroll the gardens, climb in the playground. For a calendar of events, go to www.railyardsantafe.com/events/.
- **Go for a hike.** For a listing of Santa Fe hiking trails, including ones particularly dog- and family-friendly, go to: santafe.org/Visiting_Santa_Fe/Things_to_Do/Hiking/.
- **Enjoy the Santa Fe River Trail and Park.** Almost 10 miles of pathway from Patrick Smith Park on East Alameda, to Camino Real Park at the intersection of the river and NM 599.
- **Splash in Santa Fe's riverbanks.** When the water is flowing it's as close as Santa Fe gets to the beach. Take the kids and dogs!

- **Ride or walk the Santa Fe Rail Trail.** There are 17 miles of paved and dirt trail, from the Santa Fe Railyard to Lamy, with several access points in town.



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- **Walk the labyrinth at Frenchy's Field.** Osage Avenue and Agua Fria.
- **Head up to Hyde Park.** There is a playground in the campground, short hiking

trail and access along the stream (and it's cooler there on hot days in town).

- **Visit the Randall Davey Audubon Center & Sanctuary.** Beautiful grounds and 135 acres of hiking trails, at the end of Upper Canyon Road.

Here are some of our favorite parks for children:

- **Alto/Bicentennial Park**, 1121 Alto Street.
- **Amelia White Park**, Old Santa Fe Trail and Camino Corrales.
- **Atalaya Park**, 721 Camino Cabra (next to Atalaya Elementary).
- **Franklin Miles Park**, 1027 Camino Carlos Rey.
- **Las Acequias Park**, Camino Atajo off Rufina Street.
- **Los Hermanos Rodriguez Park**, on La Cieneguita, between Agua Fria Street and Cerrillos Road.
- **Monica Lucero Park**, 2366 Avenida Las Campanas.
- **Pueblos del Sol Park**, Governor Miles Road and Nizhoni Drive.
- **Salvador Perez Park & Pool (a.k.a. The Train Park)**, 601 Alta Vista Street.
- **SWAN Regional Park**, Jaguar Road.
- **Torreon Park**, 1515 West Alameda.
- **Young Park**, 322 Tesuque Drive, off Cerrillos Road across the street from the Santa Fe Indian School.

Take your Vitamin N! Make a point to get outside this spring. It's good for you and it's good for your kids.

Abby Bordner works for United Way of Santa Fe County, which provides free support activities and programs, including outdoor activities and sensory play, for families with young children. To learn more visit www.uwsfc.org or call 505-819-5484.

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purple to white and it is covered in fine, silky hairs. Scientists believe that the bell shape and white color of its interior petals act as a solar collector, warming its bright yellow stamen to attract pollinators. When the sunlight hits just right, the flowers glow like the aura around an angel, appropriate for a flower that gets its name because it blooms around Easter.

With these bits of information, my son was excited to help me find the flower. He made an arrow-shaped cardboard sign that said “Pasque flower or Bust!” with a picture of the flower to help remind us what it looked like. We loaded a backpack with his adventure supplies — a magnifying glass, binoculars, sketch pad and new pencil, snacks and a water bottle — hopped in the car, and headed to the Rendija Trail in Los Alamos, where I knew the plant had recently been spotted. Along the trail, we searched the needle-covered ground under the tall ponderosas, the flower’s preferred habitat. We came to a fork in the road where large boulders and felled trees made an obstacle course of the trail. We climbed the boulders and ducked under trunks, keeping our eyes open for a flash of glowing purple. The canyon narrowed then abruptly ended. Dark clouds rolled overhead and dripped a few drops on our heads. Disappointed by our futile search, we quickened our pace and headed back towards our car.

About 50 feet from our car, my son yelped and pointed under a tree. “There it is! We must have walked right by it,” he practically screamed with excitement. And there it was, a diminutive purple flower glowing under overcast light. We got down on our knees and admired it.

“It is a magical flower,” I said, “I don’t think we missed it, I think it bloomed while we were on the trail.” He smiled in his way that says, “I know you made that up but I’m going to believe it anyway.” This has become an annual outing for us, and still every year seeing this first spring flower takes our breath away.

Pasque flowers, sometimes emerging through the snow, mean warm weather and more flowers on the way. It blooms only for a few weeks, so you have to pay attention to catch it. Thankfully, the Pajarito Environmental Education Center publishes a bloom report on their website that alerts readers to the pasque and other flowers’ arrival. (<http://peecnature.org/>)

FANTASTIC FEATS OF CLIFF SWALLOWS

Paddling around on the glassy waters of Heron Lake in late spring, my family and I came across another of nature’s splendid wonders. As we launched the boat I noticed exotic looking birds with metallic-blue backs and red rumps gathering on the muddy shores. Spastically fluttering their wings, they repeatedly dipped their beaks in the mud. We paddled across the lake to the far bank and leisurely made our way back along the shore. Natural rock cliffs gave way to manmade walls as we approached the dam that birthed Heron Lake.

That’s when we noticed a flurry of activity in the air. Those same blue birds, which I then recognized as swallows by their pointed-arrow tails, swooped low over the water feasting on winged bugs — likely a hatching of mayflies, given the time of year. As we approached, I accidentally hit the side of the canoe with my paddle, making a loud ping. Thousands of birds suddenly took to the air and circled overhead. Their squeaks and purr-like alarm calls echoed across the lake. There weren’t enough of them to block out the sun as the passenger pigeons of yesteryear did, but their numbers were impressive.

We followed them back to the far side of the dam where it dawned on me that these were cliff swallows. Cliff swallows form mud into round pellets and transport it in their beaks, which is what those by the boat launch were doing. Clinging to the vertical wall, they form clusters of 900 to 1,200 individual mud pellets into gourd-shaped nests. Several males sat defending their finished nests, peeking their puffed-up red faces out an opening, ready to pounce on would-be intruders. Hundreds of new nests were being built as we watched. These birds are common, forming colonies on bridges, overpasses and culverts across the country. But their uncommon sociable and communal antics are remarkable to behold. We stayed for hours watching their aerial acrobatics and territorial battles as they vied for mates and occasionally knocked each other into the water for a swim. It’s a Pokémon-worthy phenomenon. To study up on their unique behavior before you head out with your kids, visit Cornell’s All About Birds website (www.allaboutbirds.org).

Christina Selby is a naturalist, science writer and photographer. You can read her work on www.christinamselby.com. Have a natural phenomenon or question about something you’ve seen? Email her at christinamselby@gmail.com. All seasons’ observations are welcome!





"After The Scream" by Charlie Hyde, age 3 1/2 Acrylic on Canvas

"SQUARE MEALS" PROVIDES HOT FOOD AFTER SCHOOL

"Thanks, I don't usually get to eat this much after school" – a Santa Fe fourth grader.

For many children, their best access to food is the meals offered at school. The Food Depot's pilot program "Square Meals" increases kids' access to nutritious food and supports children academically by providing hot meals at afterschool programs.

Parents may face difficult choices between expenses such as housing, childcare, utilities, rent, medicine and food. Recovering financially from an unexpected expense, such as a car repair, can be a challenge for many Santa Fe households.

Square Meals helps families make ends meet by providing children with a hot meal afterschool, such as a chicken potpie with vegetables, a biscuit and fruit; or spaghetti, green beans, fruit and milk. Children can focus on their homework with a full belly, without worrying about being hungry.

The Square Meals program is administered weekdays for the 2016-17 school year at these pilot sites: Salazar Elementary, Santa Fe High School and the Boys & Girls Club of Santa Fe/Del Norte at Zona del Sol. The Square Meals program is a collaboration between The Food Depot, New Mexico Appleseed, the city of Santa Fe, Santa Fe County and the New Mexico Children, Youth and Families Department.

– Jennifer West, *The Food Depot*



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Conversation

Who is this person? What's going on inside him? • By Will McDonald

When I first held my son, at the moment of his birth, I wondered what this moment was for him as he opened his eyes on the world for the first time. He seemed calmly amazed, interested and yet not totally surprised. Of course my son could never tell me about his experience of first breaths in the world, but as soon as he could talk we started a long, fascinating conversation.

One of the privileges of parenthood is being present for the emergence of my son's consciousness, watching the constant blossoming of a person up close. I've always felt a deep curiosity about who this person is. What is going on inside him?

Recently while waiting at the MVD to get his learner's permit, my son brought up an issue that he had obviously been pondering.

"How is it going to be," he wondered, "when our galaxy collides with the Andromeda galaxy?"

"The resulting galaxy will need a new name," I suggested.

He agreed that would be an issue. "But imagine," he went on, "with all those new stars around with their planets and moons, we might get a second sun

and even a couple of new moons." No cosmic xenophobia here; to him a collision of galaxies is an opportunity for a brighter future, and I welcome his optimistic view.

My father and I shared many wonderful conversations. Often the topic was our shared interest in science and engineering. I felt respected as I shared my emerging notions of the world, even when those notions were off base. In response to my question of what the biggest number was, he wasn't demeaning as he explained the disturbing concept of infinity. My good fortune of rich conversation with my father was a gift I had an opportunity to pass on.

As a baby, my son was content and quiet for the most part. We enjoyed that tranquil period. "I wonder if he will be much of a talker," I mused at that time to my wife. We laugh now because as soon as he transcended his baby language into comprehensible talk, there was a lot of it. I often talked to my son in his preverbal time, and who knows how that monologue contributed to the conversation that has followed? I imagine he's been trying to get even ever since.



Acrylic Landscape by Elie, age 9

Our conversations have happened around breakfast or dinner, my wife always and wisely encouraging family meals. Conversations in the car have been a constant, with things we see along the way serving as topics. Like any good conversationalist, I've looked for opportunities to expand the topic. As my father did for me, I entertained any question. Each of those questions were windows into who this person was and what was dawning in his mind. When he was 7 he was thinking of his several pairs of shoes and wondered if anyone had something like 10 pairs of shoes. I could no longer keep my child in the dark about excesses of political power and the consequences.

"Imelda Marcos, wife of Filipino dictator Ferdinand, had 3000 pairs of shoes. People who are very rich and powerful often go to crazy excess," I explained.

He was quiet for a moment pondering this previously unimaginable possibility.

"Did she have any cleats?" he asked.

"No, I think she didn't care about cleats."

My son now was truly puzzled; how could someone have so many shoes and none of the sort he prized most?

I had a rich inner life as a child and remember some of the evolution of my consciousness. Being human has common, archetypal experiences as we assemble our sense of our individual selves, the reality of the world we live in within that astonishing experience of conscious self-awareness. A fascination for what my son is seeing and wondering about keeps me in the conversation.

Conversations on walks have been a constant with us. The motion of walking seems akin to the flow of conversation. Living close to his elementary school made for daily walks and talks. On morning walks the subject was often dreams we woke with. Too often we arrived at school before we got through the conversation. On the way home we would talk about the day. There was always a lot to talk about.

When something is troubling him, my son often asks to go on a walk, which means talk. Sometimes I have to be patient as I hear things like "I don't know if I want to tell you this." If I express interest on the one hand and patience on the other, usually the story comes out. I don't need him to tell me

plained how sex would be on his mind and at times would dominate his thoughts. This was a part of growing up, and he would need to learn to manage this new energy in him.

"It's like being taken over by a ghost," he responded, a little trepidatious at the prospect.

"Yes," I said, "a ghost you will have to make friends with."

Since then there have been many talks of relationships, desires, expectations, hurts and growth. Yesterday he was looking at his phone.

"It's a text, a political discussion I am having," he told me. "A friend said she hated all straight guys and I told her I thought she was generalizing a little."

"Relationships between men and women can be political for sure," I replied. "It's so easy to idealize a partner and be critical or demeaning of someone who doesn't meet the ideal. Those ideal images get in the way of seeing the real person and loving them for who they are. It makes the sexual divide a political barrier at times."

And then the discussion went on to identity politics and the ways we tend to see the world through the prism of ethnicity, class or gender.

"But we are all human beings and the same," he said, "We need to focus on that."

Yes.

How did it happen that I have a child who talks? The nature versus nurture question is always there. Is he a talker by nature? Probably. Does he talk more because we talk to him or the way we talk to him? Maybe. Am I glad to have this long conversation? Of course. Hearing the musings, jokes, anger, sadness, epiphanies and awakenings of a life are simply one of greatest pleasures I have as a parent.

Will McDonald, architectural designer and fiddler of Irish music, reads poetry by candlelight almost every night.

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everything he knows or thinks, but I also know how much I value being able to confide with those close to me. These shared confidences comprise much of the substance of intimacy. As shared thoughts and feelings strengthen our relationship, I feel I am also showing my son the importance and opportunity of relationship. Having a friend and being a friend are skills to be learned.

In all this I'm not oblivious to the problems of a parent trying to be a friend. There are times a parent has to set limits that go beyond what a friend would do. "Be a bro" I hear these days, and I say, "I can't be your bro — but let's talk."

As puberty was on the horizon for my son I talked to him about the changes he would experience. I ex-

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Growing Naturalists

Randall Davey Audubon Center trains teens to share nature with kids

By Samantha Funk

Expectant faces crowd

around 13-year-old Jakob as he slowly reveals the treasure in his cupped hands. A Steller's jay caws from the top of a nearby ponderosa pine as if to urge the reveal. Carefully Jakob parts his hands and the children

jostle for position, crying out at the sight of the tiny horned lizard sitting perfectly still in his open palm. The children giggle as Jakob explains the creature's curious defense mechanism: squirting blood from the corners of its eyes! Once everyone has had a chance to look, the lizard is allowed to resume its quest (no blood squirted), and the children turn to the next moment of discovery in the outdoors.

Jakob is a Naturalist-in-Training, a volunteer counselor for the annual summer day camp at the Randall Davey Audubon Center & Sanctuary. This scene is one of countless such moments that transpire between teens and campers each year. Located at the end of Upper Canyon Road in Santa Fe, the Randall Davey Audubon Center serves as a living laboratory and a place for enthusiasts of all ages to engage with the natural world in a creative and fun way.

At the beginning of every summer, Audubon trains 10 to 15 teenagers to serve as volunteer camp educators and counselors. These teens receive training in science education, natural history and environmental education. They mentor children in the outdoors, offering an opportunity for Santa Fe's young adults to engage in fun and innovative science-based education and conservation work.

Many of our teen volunteers are past campers, some of whom have returned every year as campers from when they were 4 or 5 until they were old enough to serve as volunteers. The succession from camper to counselor has become an integral aspect of the Audubon summer camp and has helped to create a unique camp experience. Others come to camp for the first time as volunteers. One camp grandparent noted, "I have been along on many school trips and camp experiences with my children and grandchildren, but rarely have I seen teachers and counselors with such joyful enthusiasm and energy, depth of experience with their subject and skill in helping children learn with delight and engagement."

I spoke recently with two of last summer's Naturalists-in-Training about their experiences. Leina Gries (LG), age 16, is a past camper and has been a Naturalist-in-Training for three years. Jakob Warniment (JW), volunteered during last summer for the first time at age 13.

What made you want to participate as a volunteer counselor for Audubon's summer camp?

LG: When I was little, I attended Audubon's camp. I remember how much I looked up to the counselors and how they had instilled in me a love of nature's beauty and art. I wanted to be able to do the same for others.

What do you think are the benefits of volunteering as a camp counselor?

LG: The biggest benefit, I would say, is being able to work on your overall "people skills." You get to practice leadership skills when you guide a hike or teach a game, public speaking when you read stories, and problem solving/critical thinking when you help kids to resolve an issue on their own.

Why do you think it's important for teenagers to take part in teaching and guiding younger children in nature?

LG: When teenagers help to teach children about nature, they rekindle their own love and sense of awe at the beauty it holds, while helping to instill it in someone else.

Can you recall any instances where you were able to teach something new to campers?

JW: One day, while out on the hiking trail, a child asked me



Photos courtesy of the Randall Davey Audubon Center & Sanctuary

about a beetle she had found. Its shell was a beautiful shade of cyan, with black spots on it, like a gigantic ladybug. I noted its size and the fact that it did not have sharp fangs or pincers like you would see on a spider or some ants. This was a fungus beetle. The child was fascinated and [let] the beetle crawl around on her hand. I was happy to be a part of that.

What did you find challenging about working as a summer camp counselor?

LG: The most challenging part of being a counselor is learning to be aware of more than one child at a time. With some of the larger groups it can be easy to block out the bigger picture, but over the summers I've gotten better at engaging with individuals while keeping track of what is going on elsewhere. The individual interaction is important; it is what makes camp. Balancing the details and the bigger picture is essential and very challenging to learn.

If you could give one piece of advice to future teen volunteers, what would that be?

JW: The campers are eager to learn, adventurous and energized. They *always* come first. Be sure to interact with them! Answer their questions; if you don't know the answer, tell them you'll talk with the camp director or other staff and invite the camper along to discover the answer. Engage everyone, invite everyone to join in on games, and make sure it is always fun for the campers.

It is this enthusiasm and knowledge that the Randall Davey Audubon Center & Sanctuary provides for teenagers, allowing them to become leaders among their peers and to do so in an outdoor setting. For decades the center has engaged, educated and introduced thousands of people to natural and cultural history, helping them to better appreciate their role and responsibility within this precious region. The center encompasses 135 acres of striking landscapes and wildlife. As the city's only nature center, bounded by thousands of acres of National For-

est and Santa Fe River watershed land, the Randall Davey provides a peaceful haven for native plants, a variety of local wildlife, our visitors and our summer campers.

Each year, new teen volunteers interested in the Audubon Summer Camp submit an application and interview with the summer camp director. Following a successful interview, volunteers spend two days in late May training with camp staff and local experts and are scheduled to help out with at least two weeks of camp during the summer.

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FOUR-LEGGED FAMILY MEMBERS

What's a home without little paws and a cold nose?

By Brianna Neumann



Some of the many shapes and sizes of love available at the Santa Fe Animal Shelter.

My family's first dog, Misty, a rescue dog from

the shelter I lived near in Denver, was 8 years old when we adopted her. She had awkward, misshapen hips and crooked eyes, was dumb but sweet as could be. Misty only lived with us for six years. When she died, we all were so heartbroken that I convinced my mother to take us to get another dog. I remember being 12 years old, in the car with my brother on our way to the animal shelter, my mother swearing that we would only look. She said that every time, and it never stuck, and we found ourselves with a full house. The shelter pets we picked out were the sweetest, most loving animals, instant members of our family.

When I was 20 I moved into my own apartment in Santa Fe, and it wasn't long before I wanted a dog. I drove out to the Santa Fe Animal Shelter & Humane Society one afternoon, also telling myself I was just looking, that it was okay if I didn't see anyone I wanted to bring home. I should have realized by that point that there really isn't "just looking." Six months later, I spend countless hours hanging out with my rescue dog, Fabio, a Chihuahua who loves to cuddle, go running and snack on baby carrots. Whether I'm with my parents or on my own, I've always had a pet at the heart of my family. A house isn't a home without little paws and a cold nose.

I went back to the Santa Fe Animal Shelter recently to talk with Ben Swan, the public relations director, about what families adopting new dogs can do to make the experience fun and meaningful for everyone. The most difficult part of my visit was keeping myself from adopting three big-eyed, tiny Chihuahuas, all in the same kennel. The easiest part was sitting down in one of the shelter's visiting rooms and talking with Swann about the shelter and what it does for Santa Fe families. Immediately I was 12 years

old again, remembering sitting in a similar visiting room with my mom and our future pets, reaching our hands out to them, trying to win them over.

"The most important thing to ask," Swann said, "is, what role do you want the animal to fill in your life?" For families coming in to adopt a dog, it is best that this decision be made with the whole family, and its lifestyle, in mind. For example, I chose to get a Chihuahua because I live in a small apartment, while a family with a yard might be happier with a bigger dog who could run outside.

The Santa Fe Animal Shelter's adoption counselors help facilitate the right match and recommend that families "try-out" a possible dog; the shelter will always take an animal back if it's not working out.

"We're all about creating a relationship and a bond," Swann said. Adoptees should give that bond a chance to form, he explained, although counselors understand that some dogs are just not right for some families.

"A lot of our animals are traumatized," he said. In contrast to adopting a brand-new puppy, bringing home an older dog means taking on its flaws and experiences, which can be an enriching but challenging part of the experience. When I adopted Fabio, I discovered right away that he was afraid of stairs and grates. This may be because of something that happened to him or just because his little feet are so small. Working with him to overcome these fears has taught me a lot about patience and understanding. This could be a beneficial experience for kids, as I remember it was for



We are family: Brianna with her shelter cat, Leo.

Photo by Diane Neumann

Photos by Brianna Neumann

me with the dogs my family adopted. Learning to empathize with and recognize the importance of an animal's past teaches bigger life skills down the road.

Swann had some tips for families to help them acclimate an adopted dog to their new home.

The first step is to take things slowly, not expecting anything from a new pet. Introduce the pet to each room in the house one at a time. Try to stagger possibly scary experiences, such as running the vacuum cleaner. Remember that each pet and each family are different, and introducing the pet slowly to the house and family habits will allow both sides to understand each other. Younger children should never be left alone with a new dog, and families should be cautious until they understand the pet they've adopted. The best way to help a new dog adjust is to create that dog his own space. Fabio, for example, was immediately drawn to my closet, which has been his hideaway ever since. Letting a dog have its own space will help it feel safe in a new place.

Families who can't adopt a pet can participate in the Santa Fe Animal Shelter in many ways. The shelter is always looking for foster parents who can let a dog or cat live in their home for a few weeks. This gives the shelter a good idea of what the animal will be like as a pet and is also good for the animal, as they are able to get out of the shelter and feel what it is like to be in a home. Families who can't make a long-term commitment can experience having a pet for a temporary period of time. Children can learn about the fun and challenge of caring for animals and the benefits of helping out a local organization — as well as a valuable lesson about saying goodbye to new friends.

The shelter is always looking for volunteers, including kids as young as 15. Currently over 300 volunteers cuddle, groom and play with the pets,

as well as help maintain the facility. Volunteering exposes the animals to different types of people and helps them socialize.

For kids ages 10 to 13, the shelter has Critter Camp, weeklong summer sessions where kids in beginner and advanced camps learn about dog walking and training, cat socializing, house rabbits, animal welfare advocacy and the work of running the clinic. These camps are a bridge for kids who are not old enough to volunteer and those who simply want to know more about animals and the shelter. (This summer's camp dates are still being set.)

When I wake up in the morning, the first thing I see is my Chihuahua's black button nose sniffing at my face, waiting for me to wake up. We go on a walk, and even in the coldest snow he is ecstatic to be outside sniffing around, running into the other dogs in my apartment complex. Taking care of him, like all the dogs I adopted as a child, has been one of the most important experiences of my life. As a child, it changed me; it made me more empathetic, more thoughtful, more attentive. As an adult, it has taught me responsibility and humility, and reminded me that there's always something in the world to be happy about. Adopting from the Santa Fe Animal Shelter helps the shelter, the animals and the people who adopt. It can complete a family in a way we never thought possible.

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Brianna Neumann, Tumbleweeds' intern, is a creative writing student at Santa Fe University of Art and Design.



Bottom, Brianna's latest family member, Fabio, and top, Brianna and Fabio together in Santa Fe.

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VanGogh Flowers by Alvy, age 6

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GENOVEVA CHAVEZ COMMUNITY CENTER SPRING CAMP FESTIVE

Fun, educational and safe programming for ages 6 to 12, March 20 to 24. Full-day camp, \$145, Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., includes swimming, ice-skating, sports, arts and crafts, games and Fun with Food. Half-day Basketball Camp, \$65, 8:30 a.m. to noon, skills, drills and scrimmage games. Combo Camp, \$165: participate in morning Basketball Camp, then join Day Camp for afternoon activities. Parents must provide lunch and snack. Call Melissa at 955-4005 or Katelyn Johnson at 955-4014. www.chavezcenter.com.

GIRLS INC. SPRING BREAK 'S.T.E.A.M.' CAMP

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Weeklong, full-day camp with pre/after-care for ages 5 to 12, and for ages 13 to 16, 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. March 20 to 24. Transportation from Trader Joe's and Factory Outlet Mall. \$219/week includes snack, materials and taxes. Sibling discounts. Call about full-summer program, Friday afternoons and in-service days. Visuddhi Brenda Wittner, 930-1838, www.mothersfarmschool.com, cowgirlbrenda108@yahoo.com.

SPRING BREAK ART CAMP

Acrylic on canvas, clay sculpture, block printing and more! An exceptional fine art experience for creative children ages 5 to 12. March 20 to 24, 9 a.m. to noon. Instruction by Jillian Mazur, certified art teacher with over nine years experience. \$155 plus tax. All materials and snack included. Seats are limited. Register on jfmazurstudio.com. J.F.Mazur Studio, 1807 Second Street, Studio #58 at Second Street Studios.

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION PEACE CAMP

Peace Camp for grades K through 8, with Counselor-in-Training program, March 20 to 24, 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., with aftercare until 5:30 p.m. Using the Mosaic Project's "Peacing It Together" curriculum, camp emphasizes building empathy, resilience and community, empowering children to become peacemakers in the world. Registration: \$200 for grades K-5, \$100 CIT grades 6-8. Partial scholarships available. Children need to bring a bag lunch. Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Santa Fe, 107 W Barcelona Road. Visit uusantafe.org or contact Emily Carroll, dre@uusantafe.org, (505) 982-9674 to register.

WISE FOOL SPRING BREAK & SCHOOL HOLIDAY CIRCUS CAMPS

March 20 to 24. Ages 7 to 12. Kids walk tall on stilts, climb to new heights on aerial silks and trapeze, juggle and clown around, create shadow puppets and perform for their families on the last day. Also, new one-day camps on school holidays, including April 14. Wise Fool also offers Summer Camps, Afterschool Fools and Teen Troupe; visit

wisefoolnewmexico.org or call 992-2588 for details. (Psst, kids shouldn't have all the fun. We also offer a range of classes for parents and teens!)

SUMMER CAMPS & PROGRAMS

AARTZ WEST

Let your muse come out to play! Join Liza Myers, Vermont Art Educator of the Year, in her teaching studio, a creative haven for aspiring artists ages 7 to 17. Four separate bilingual full-day sessions of creative exploration, June 5 to 29. Each session runs Monday through Thursday. \$180 per session includes instruction, materials and healthy snack. Drawing, watercolor, acrylic, collage, clay, printmaking, book arts, metal foil, felt art and more! Call Liza (802) 236-8062 or go to www.lizamymers.com/aartz-classes/.

ACEQUIA MADRE SUMMER GARDEN CAMPS

June 5 to 9, June 12 to 16, June 19 to 23 and August 7 to 11, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Acequia Madre School Garden. Open to grades K through 6 from all schools. Campers explore the wonders of gardening in a small family-like setting, along with plenty of time for free play, team building games, creative art projects, simple plays and skits. Camps are \$175 per week. Maximum 20 campers. Email brooksmolly1@gmail.com to register.

ART CAMP @ JF MAZUR STUDIOS

An exceptional fine art experience for children in Santa Fe. Weekly art camps for creative children, age 5 to 12. May 29 to June 2, June 19 to 23, July 3 to 7, July 10 to 14. 9 a.m. to noon. \$175 per week, plus tax. All materials and snack included. All camps are led by Jillian, certified art teacher for nine years. Located at J. F. Mazur Studio, 1807 Second Street, at Second Street Studios. Seats are limited. Register at jfmazurstudio.com.

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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. Santa Fe and Los Alamos locations. Contact Adrienne Bellis, director, 670-2152, or visit www.belisamadance.com.

BIG SKY BUILD IT!

"There's nothing like 'Big Sky' and my kids just love it!" – Big Sky Parent. New Mexico's longest-running art and technology camps, in Santa Fe and Los Alamos. Weeklong, full-day programs with quality extended care. Kids ages 9 to 14 years old build radio-controlled off-road racers from the ground up in Arroyo Warriors FPV. Ages 7 to 8 enter the real world of electronic game design in Swine Craft Camp. Limited spaces. Scholarships available. Email infobigsky@gmail.com, call 428-7575 or visit www.bigskylearning.com.

CAMP HORSEMEN SUMMER 2017

St. Michael's High School is pleased to offer Camp Horsemen Summer 2017 for elementary and middle school aged children. From soccer and art to baseball and science, kids will have a fun and memorable summer on our 25-acre campus as they develop and expand their skills and knowledge. Camp Horsemen not only provides a safe environment for kids but also offers the most affordable summer camps in Santa Fe. Different camps are offered each week. Visit stmichaelsf.org for details.

CHRIST CHURCH

Free half-day church camp for kids ages 3 to 12. June 5 to 9,

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9 to 11:30 a.m. Campers will explore the world. Experience the food and games of children from other countries and learn about new cultures with a focus on the global outreach of Christ Church Santa Fe. Register early as space is limited. Located at 1213 Don Gaspar Avenue, at the corner of Cordova Road. Register online www.christchurchsantafe.org or call 982-8817.

DRAGONFLY ART STUDIO SUMMER CAMP

Fine art classes for ages 6 to 16 are 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 afterschool art classes, art birthday parties and weekend workshops. For details and to register, please visit dragonflyartstudioforkids.com or call Oceanna at 670-5019.

DRAGONFLY SCHOOL

Dragonfly School is offering two summer camp sessions of five weeks each, June 5 to July 7, and July 10 to August 11, with various daily scheduling options between 8 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Open to children ages 18 months through 5 years, camp will offer hands-on sensory, arts and science activities, including ample outdoor activities, and further field trips for older students. We're in our new building at 1320 Agua Fria Street. Call 995-9869, email stephanie@dragonflyschool.com or visit www.dragonflyschool.com for more information and enrollment.

GENOVEVA CHAVEZ COMMUNITY CENTER SUMMER CAMPS

Fun, educational and safe programming for ages 6 to 12 (proof of age required for 6-year-olds). Summer Camp Festive: weekly sessions, June 5 to August 4, 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., offering sports, swimming, ice-skating, visual art lessons, games, outdoor recreation and field trips. Half-day Sports

Camps: 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon, basketball, soccer, baseball, volleyball and cheer. Combo Camp: Children participate in morning Sports Camp then join Day Camp and afternoon activities. Optional free breakfast and lunch program. Call Melissa, 955-4005 or Katelyn Johnson, 955-4014. www.chavezcenter.com.

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Stop the suffering. I'll find the reading problem. Have your child caught up before school begins next fall. I guarantee two years level increase in silent reading, boosts in comprehension, reading rate, spelling, vocabulary and testing skills. Anxiety decreases and self-esteem skyrockets. Improvement follows in other subjects and homework takes less time. Created and taught by Floy Gregg, 21 year veteran Developmental Reading Specialist. Call 570-1276 to schedule a complimentary evaluation. See Symptoms List of Poor Readers at www.floygregg.com.

KIDS' COOKING CAMP

A special introduction to the wonderful world of cooking for kids ages 7 to 12, July 10 to 14, from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Join the 18th annual weeklong cooking camp and cover a different topic everyday. 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. \$300. Las Cosas Cooking School, 181 Paseo de Peralta, 988-3394.

LITTLE EARTH SCHOOL SUMMER DAY CAMP


Memorable summer experiences for children ages 4 to 12, June 5 through August 11. Five two-week sessions for all ages. Minimum enrollment: one session. 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 and games. Low student-teacher ratio. Enrollment limited. For more information or to request a brochure and pre-registration form, call 988-1968 or visit www.littleearthschool.org. 321 West Zia Road.

MARTIAL ARTS TRAINING CENTER SUMMER CAMP

Weekly camps from June through August: Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Learn traditional Japanese karate, empower yourself with amazing self-defense moves, experience Okinawan weaponry in a safe environment and play super-fun, fairly competitive games. Karate improves grades, increases self-confidence and helps kids get fit. Family rates and discounts for multiple weeks are available. Open to kids ages 7 to 14, no experience required. 982-7083. marialartstrainingcenter.biz

MAY CENTER FOR LEARNING

Eight-week Early Childhood Program for Preschoolers, ages 3 to 5, June 12 to August 4, 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Montessori-based instruction and materials with a special focus on pre-reading, language development and cooperative play, \$2,400. Five-week Summer LEAP for kindergarten through eighth grade, June 12 to July 15, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Morning academic intensive in reading, writing and math; afternoon choice of Outdoor Adventures, Arts in Motion or Reading in the Wild, \$2,750. For details, call 983-7407 or visit www.maycenter.org.



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MOUNTAIN KIDS!

Mountain Kids! is Santa Fe's go-to camp for outdoor adventure. Campers ages 5 to 15 go on daily adventures into the mountains to explore, learn and play in nature. Daily activities include games, art, hiking, singing, imaginative play, teamwork, fun and learning in nature. Two-week sessions allow plenty of time for connection and learning. Themes include forts and forests, art in nature, young archeologists, camping, backpacking, mountain biking, wilderness skills and more. For more information visit www.sfmountainkids.com.

PANDEMONIUM PRODUCTIONS' MUSICAL THEATRE SUMMER CAMP

For ages 7 to 17, June 12 through July 23. Students study acting, singing and dancing and perform in a Broadway-style musical at the James A. Little Theater. Past shows include "The Little Mermaid," "Wizard of Oz," "Peter Pan," "Grease" and more. Rehearsals take place at the New Mexico School

for the Arts, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Space is limited; scholarships available. Tuition \$695 if paid in full. \$710 with a payment plan. For more information call 920-0704 or visit www.pandemoniumprod.org.

RANDALL DAVEY AUDUBON SUMMER ADVENTURE CAMPS

Our 135-acre wildlife sanctuary is the ideal place for children to investigate, learn about and connect with their local environment. Campers ages 5 to 12 are invited to explore various themes related to nature, science and conservation. Camps run from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., with after-care available until 5 p.m. Most camps are \$225 per week, with some scholarships available. Call Samantha Funk at 983-4609, or email at sfunk@audubon.org, for more information and a brochure.

RIO GRANDE SCHOOL SUMMER CAMP

Weekly camps for grades pre-K through 6. Full-day, morning and afternoon options available. Morning enrichment programs in video game design, improv, math and logic, board games, coding and robotics, creative writing, folk dancing and more. Afternoon program focuses on adventure-based learning and design challenges. Camp runs from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. with optional early and after-care. Contact Neal Turnquist at 983-1621 or email summer@riograndeschool.org for more information. 715 Camino Cabra.

RIO RAPIDS NORTHERN SOCCER CLUB

Rio Rapids Northern is hosting several weeklong, half-day and full-day soccer camps this summer. Enjoy a summer of soccer from international camps for all levels of play, including One Week, One Passion; TetraBrazil Soccer Academy; Challenger Sports British Soccer Camp; and Callaghan's English Soccer Camps. Camps June through August for children ages 3 and older. For more information about camps and how to register, visit <http://www.northernsc.org/summer-camps.html>.

SANTA FE CLIMBING CENTER CLIMBING ADVENTURE CAMPS & CLASSES

New location, bigger and better indoor climbing. Summer camps with indoor and outdoor climbing, wilderness survival skills, hikes and other outdoor adventure-based activities. Week-long camps from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., \$349 per week. Multi-day summer camps for ages 5 to 8, May 22, 30, June 5, 19, 26, July 3, 10, August 7, 14 and 21. Ages 9 to 13: June 5, 12, July 10, 17, 24, August 7, 14 and 21. 3008 Cielo Court. Call 986-8944 or visit www.climbsantafe.com/camps/.

SANTA FE COMMUNITY COLLEGE KIDS STUFF

Offering programs for toddlers to teens. Intellectual and experiential learning through camps in swimming (ages 3 through 13), outdoor adventures (ages 10 through 15), computer programming (ages 9 through 17), plus cooking, music, art and design (ages 8 through 17). For information call 428-1676 or visit www.sfcc.edu/kids.

SANTA FE OPERA STORYTELLERS

Become an Opera Storyteller with the Santa Fe Opera. Children entering grades 3 through 6 will create and perform an original opera by activating their voices, bodies and imaginations, and expanding their individual potential through creative exploration and discovery. Participants will focus on writing, composing, singing, acting, designing and performing. June 5 through 16, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Santa Fe University of Art and Design, 1600 St. Michael's Drive. Email operastorytellers@santafeopera.org or Call 946-2417 for more information.

SANTA FE PERFORMING ARTS SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMS

Programs run Monday through Friday, June 19 to July 30. Kids 6 to 12 years old meet 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Teens meet 1:30 to 5:30 p.m. Both culminate in main-stage productions, weekends of July 21 and 28. Shows titles to be announced. Scholarships available. Call 982-7992 or email sfperformingarts@gmail.com or visit www.sfperformingarts.org. 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 PUBIC SCHOOLS SUMMER ARTS CAMP

Elementary music for pre-K through sixth grade. Grades 5 to 12 may choose band, choir, guitar or string orchestra instruction. A visual arts component for all students is optional. May 30 to June 23, Monday to Friday from 8 a.m. to noon at Gonzales Community School. Tuition is \$250 per child, or \$300 with visual arts. Limited partial-scholarship options available with early pre-qualification. Register March 14 to May 1. For more information, contact SFPS Music Department: lbrito@sfps.k12.nm.us or 467-2550.

SANTA FE SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS & SCIENCES SUMMER CAMP

Weekly camps for ages 4 to 16, June 12 to August 11. Themes include Bugs & Butterflies, May the Force Be With You, Pet Shop, In the Kitchen, Minecraft, Forest to Faucets: All About Water, Viva México, City Games, New Mexico Parks and Treasures, Project Runway, Japan Camp, Moving Images, Animation, Surrealism and Magic Realism, and more. Extended care available. Most camps \$230 per week. Financial aid available. For more information call 438-8585, email office@santafeschool.org, or visit santafeschool.org. 5912 Jaguar Drive.

SANTA FE TENNIS AND SWIM CLUB SUMMER CAMPS

Summer camps are offered Monday through Friday in all-day or half-day sessions. Superstars Camp for ages 6 to 11 offers a variety of activities designed to enhance the development of young minds and bodies. Tennis Camp is for ages 10 and up. These two camps alternate every other week through the summer, at our facility at 1755 Camino Corrales in the Museum Hill neighborhood. We also offer afterschool classes. Call 988-4100 or visit santafetenniscamps.com or santafetennis.net.

SANTA FE YOUTH SYMPHONY

Music instruction and performance opportunities for youth in orchestra, mariachi and jazz. The Elementary Strings (ES) program offers afterschool viola, violin and cello instruction. ES program currently available at Atalaya, Carlos Gilbert, César Chávez and El Camino Real Academy. Spring concert season from April 25 to 30: see calendar listings. Academy at Larragoite, 1604 Agua Fria Street. For details call 672-5565 x101, email andrea@sfysa.org, or visit www.sfysa.org.

SCHOOL OF 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, folklórico, hip-hop and more. Studio locations in Santa Fe and Eldorado. Summer session classes start June 5. For more information, call 983-5591 or visit www.aspensantafeballet.com.

SKATE SCHOOL SANTA FE

Ramps and Bowls Camps: Young riders get expert instruction, mornings at public skate parks and afternoons at our indoor park. Ages 8 and up, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. May 29 to June 2, June 12 to 16, July 3 to 7, July 17 to 21, \$275. Long-Board Camps: Ride the school's boards and learn to turn, stop and slide, on local bike paths and at indoor park, ages 9 and up: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. June 5 to 7, June 19 to 21, July 10 to 12, August 7 to 9, \$200. 825 Early Street #H, 474-0074, SkateboardSafety.com.

WEE SPIRIT NURSERY





Splashing in pools, sand play, painting, clay, woodwork, crafts, baking, songs, puppet shows, acting and much, much more. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., plus optional after-care to 2:30 p.m. Two teachers; 12 children; ages 3, 4 and 5. Eight-week summer session in June and July and year-round program. Call Joan Kennedy, Waldorf teacher, at 471-8932.



Amaya with her Money Water Lilly watercolor, age 3

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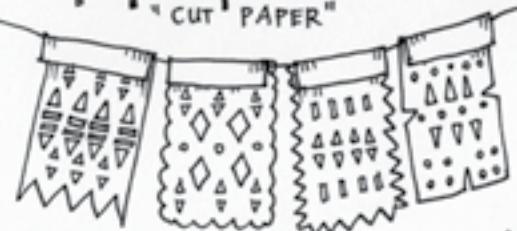
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- LAY OUT YOUR PAPERS AND STRETCH STRING ACROSS FOLD EACH SHEET ONE INCH OVER THE STRING & TAPE IT
- HANG YOUR "papel picado" IN A DOORWAY - enjoy!

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One Last Chance!

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Submit a description of up to 85 words by email (info@sftumbleweeds.com) or use the easy click-and-send form on our website, www.sftumbleweeds.com.

Deadline for sending directory listings and reserving display ads is April 28 for our Summer 2017 (June, July & August) issue. Publication date is May 18.

Questions? Call 984-3171 or info@sftumbleweeds.com

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Spring 2017 Calendar – March



O'Keeffe Poppy by Mia, age 4

Events are free, or included in the price of museum admission, unless otherwise noted. P indicates an event especially for parents.

MARCH

1 WEDNESDAY, 9-11 A.M.

Wee Wednesdays

Toddler activities, stories and games. Santa Fe Children's Museum, 1050 Old Pecos Trail, 989-8359.

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

Books & Babies

Books, songs and finger games for ages 6 months to 2 years to enjoy. Oliver La Farge Branch, 1730 Llano Street, 955-4863.

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

Children's Story Hour

Bookstore staff present picture book adventures for infants and toddlers up to 5 years old. Collected Works Bookstore, 202 Galisteo Street, 988-4226.

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

Preschool Storytime

Stories, rhymes and crafts for ages 2 to 5. Southside Branch, 6599 Jaguar Drive, 955-2828.

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

After School Reading Club

Children in grades K through 4 can enjoy books, crafts and activities to encourage their curiosity and love of reading. Free; registration is required. Vista Grande Public Library, 14 Avenida Torreon, Eldorado, 466-7323.

1 WEDNESDAY, 5:45-7:45 P.M.

Children's Chess Club

Play chess with other kids. The group also

organizes tournaments that include the Santa Fe Mayor's Cup. Drop in any time. Main Library, 145 Washington Avenue, 955-6781.

1 WEDNESDAY, 6-8 P.M.

Society for Creative Anachronism

Learn about the Middle Ages by recreating the arts and sciences of that period in history. Workshops in sewing, drumming, knot making, fencing and more. Warehouse 21, 1614 Paseo de Peralta, 989-4423.

1 WEDNESDAY, 8-10 P.M.

Ground Zero Youth Radio

A voice for youth on arts, social justice and issues relevant to the Santa Fe community. Youth from W21 broadcast live on the first and third Wednesday of each month. Tune in at 101.1 FM, KSFR.

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

Books & Babies

Books, songs and finger games for ages 6 months to 2 years to enjoy. Southside Branch, 6599 Jaguar Drive, 955-2828.

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

Preschool Storytime

Stories, rhymes and crafts for ages 2 to 5. Main Library, 145 Washington Avenue, 955-6837.

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

Thursdays Are YoursDays!

Hours extended to 6:30 p.m. Free admission for children under 16. Santa Fe Children's Museum, 1050 Old Pecos Trail, 989-8359.

2 THURSDAY, 4:30-5:30 P.M.

Seeds to Sprouts Junior Gardener Program

Hands-on gardening and nature-themed activities. A different theme each month. Santa Fe Children's Museum, 1050 Old Pecos Trail, 989-8359.

2 THURSDAY, 5:30-7:30 P.M.

Breakdancing

Weekly workshop for all ages. Warehouse 21, 1614 Paseo de Peralta, 989-4423.

3 FRIDAY, 10-11 A.M.

Garden Sprouts Pre-K Activities

An outdoor, hands-on classroom for ages 3 to 5 and caregivers. Listen to a book and participate in interactive nature and garden-related activities. \$5 suggested donation. Santa Fe Botanical Garden at Museum Hill, 715 Camino Lejo, 471-9103.

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

Children's Story Hour

Collected Works Bookstore. See March 1 listing.

3 FRIDAY, 11:30 A.M.-NOON

Story Time

A special time for younger children to experience the joys of books and the library. Bring your infants, toddlers and preschoolers for stories, activities and crafts. Vista Grande Public Library, 14 Avenida Torreon, Eldorado, 466-7323.

3 FRIDAY, 2:30-4:30 P.M.

Open Art Studio

Hands-on art activities sure to bring out your inner creative genius. Check website for special guest artists. Santa Fe Children's Museum, 1050 Old Pecos Trail, 989-8359.

3 FRIDAY, 3-5 P.M.

All Ages Chess Club

All ages and skill levels welcome. Vista Grande Public Library, 14 Avenida Torreon, Eldorado, 466-7323.

3 FRIDAY, 5-7 P.M.

First Friday Art Activity

Create your own drawings while exploring the use of color in modern artwork. All ages welcome. Georgia O'Keeffe Museum, 217 Johnson Street, 946-1039.

3 FRIDAY, 6 AND 7 P.M.

First Friday Fractals

Explore the never-ending world of fractals in this award-winning and inspiring planetarium show. The shows take the audience on a journey through the infinitely complex

patterns known as fractals. Call for prices. New Mexico Museum of Natural History and Science, 1801 Mountain Road NW, Albuquerque, (505) 841-2800.

3 FRIDAY, 7-8 P.M.

March Night Sky Show

Discover and identify objects visible in our night sky this month, and enjoy their beauty from our planetarium. Adult \$6, child \$4. Los Alamos Nature Center Planetarium, 2600 Canyon Rd, Los Alamos, (505) 662-0460.

3 FRIDAY, 7-8 P.M.

Spring Into Motion

Come see National Dance Institute of New Mexico's most accomplished dancers, including members of Company XCel, Apprentice Company, and Junior Company. Tickets \$5 to \$15. The Dance Barns, 1140 Alto Street, 983-7661.

3 FRIDAY, 8 AND 9 P.M.

Fractal Rocks

Zoom into the infinite world of fractals in this dramatic and beautiful live fractal show. New Mexico Museum of Natural History and Science, 1801 Mountain Road NW, Albuquerque, (505) 841-2800.

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

Book Donation Day

Donate your DVDs, CDs, books dated 2009 or newer and any children's materials. First Saturday of every month. Vista Grande Public Library, 14 Avenida Torreon, Eldorado at Santa Fe, 466-7323.

4 SATURDAY, 9 A.M.-4 P.M.

March Madness Flower Show

Welcome the coming of spring with colorful blooms at the Botanic Garden. ABQ BioPark Botanic Garden, 2601 Central Ave. NW, Albuquerque, (505) 768-2000.

4 SATURDAY, 7-8 P.M.

Spring into Motion

National Dance Institute of New Mexico. See March 3 listing.

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

Free Entry at Museum of Natural History

On the first Sunday of every month, admission is free to all New Mexico residents. Bring an ID or proof of residence. New Mexico Museum of Natural History and Science, 1801 Mountain Road NW, Albuquerque, (505) 841-2800.

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

Free First Sundays

Admission is free on the first Sunday of every month to New Mexico residents with ID to the Museum of Indian Arts and Culture, 710 Camino Lejo, 476-1269; Museum of International Folk Art, 706 Camino Lejo, 476-1200; New Mexico History Museum, 113 Lincoln Avenue, 476-5200; and the New Mexico Museum of Art, 107 W. Palace Avenue, 476-5072.

5 SUNDAY, 11 A.M.-NOON

Cookie Making Party

Fifth and sixth graders are invited to make cookies for the Interfaith Shelter. United Church of Santa Fe, 1804 Arroyo Chamiso, 988-3295.

5 SUNDAY, 2-3 P.M.

Spring into Motion

National Dance Institute of New Mexico. See March 3 listing.

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5 SUNDAY, 3-4 P.M.

Meet Cornelius

Informal meet and greet with Cornelius, the museum's corn snake. Learn fun facts about snakes and watch weekly feeding. Santa Fe Children's Museum, 1050 Old Pecos Trail, 989-8359.

6 MONDAY, 10-11 A.M.

Nature Playtimes

Explore the natural world through age-appropriate imaginary play, songs, games, and crafts. Pajarito Environmental Education Center, 2600 Canyon Road, Los Alamos, 662-0460.

6 MONDAY, 6-7 P.M.

Hospital Tour for Expecting Couples

Follow the path of getting admitted to the hospital when you are in labor, including where to go for registration and what will happen during your assessments. Offered by The Birthing Tree, at Christus St. Vincent Regional Medical Center, 455 Saint Michaels Drive, 552-2454.

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

Books & Babies

Books, songs and finger games for ages 6 months to 2 years to enjoy. Main Library, 145 Washington Avenue, 955-6837.

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

Preschool Storytime

Stories, rhymes and crafts for ages 2 to 5. Oliver La Farge Branch, 1730 Llano Street, 955-4863.

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

Breastfeeding & Postpartum Recovery Class

Postpartum planning and nutrition, home remedies for healing, what to expect with breastfeeding and hands on techniques. \$65 per couple. The Birthing Tree, 1315 St. Francis Drive, 552-2454.

8 WEDNESDAY, 9-11 A.M.

Wee Wednesdays

Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 1 listing.

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

Books & Babies

Oliver La Farge Branch. See March 1 listing.

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

Children's Story Hour

Collected Works Bookstore. See March 1 listing.

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

Preschool Storytime

Southside Branch. See March 1 listing.

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

After School Reading Club

Vista Grande Public Library. See March 1 listing.

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

Science After School

Fun science experiments for ages 6 to 12. Call to register. Main Library, 145 Washington Avenue, 955-6837.

8 WEDNESDAY, 5:45-7:45 P.M.

Children's Chess Club

Main Library. See March 1 listing.

8 WEDNESDAY, 6-8 P.M.

Society for Creative Anachronism

Warehouse 21. See March 1 listing.

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

Books & Babies

Southside Branch. See March 2 listing.

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

Preschool Storytime

Main Library. See March 2 listing.

9 THURSDAY, 1-2 P.M.

La Leche League

Support and information for all mothers and mothers-to-be who are interested in breastfeeding. Children are always welcome. Indigo Baby, 185 Paseo de Peralta, 466-2738.

9 THURSDAY, 3:30-4:30 P.M.

Science After School

Fun science experiments for ages 6 to 12. Call to register. Oliver La Farge Branch, 1730 Llano Street, 955-4863.

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

Thursdays Are YoursDays!

Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 2 listing.

9 THURSDAY, 4-7 P.M.

Desert Academy Art Opening

Exhibition opening featuring talented

community youth. Georgia O'Keeffe Museum, 217 Johnson Street, 946-1039.

9 THURSDAY, 4:30-5:30 P.M.

Seeds to Sprouts Junior Gardener Program

Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 2 listing.

9 THURSDAY, 5:30-7:30 P.M.

Breakdancing

Warehouse 21. See March 2 listing.

10 FRIDAY, 10-11 A.M.

Garden Sprouts Pre-K Activities

Santa Fe Botanical Garden. See March 3 listing.

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

Children's Story Hour

Collected Works Bookstore. See March 1 listing.

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

Story Time

Vista Grande Public Library. See March 3 listing.

10 FRIDAY, 2:30-4:30 P.M.

Friday Afternoon Art

Family program. All adults must be accompanied by a child. Southside Branch, 6599 Jaguar Drive, 955-2828.

10 FRIDAY, 2:30-4:30 P.M.

Open Art Studio

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

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10 FRIDAY, 3-5 P.M.

All Ages Chess Club

Vista Grande Public Library. See March 3 listing.

10 FRIDAY, 7-7:45 P.M.

Astronomy Show: Galaxies

Explore the structure and evolution of galaxies. Adult \$6, child \$4. Los Alamos Nature Center Planetarium, 2600 Canyon Rd, Los Alamos, (505) 662-0460.

10 FRIDAY, 7-8:30 P.M.

Family Movie Night

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

11 SATURDAY, 1:30-3 P.M.

Family Movie Matinee

Family-oriented movie for all ages. Southside Branch, 6599 Jaguar Drive, 955-2828.

11 SATURDAY, 5:15-6:15 P.M.

Try Hockey for Free

Santa Fe Hockey Association invites you to experience hockey first-hand, for free. Bring a bicycle helmet and winter gloves. Skates will be provided. Genoveva Chavez Community Center, 3221 W. Rodeo Road. sfcapitals@aol.com.

12 SUNDAY, 1-3 P.M.

Poetry Out Loud

Statewide high school students recite poetry in a national competition. New Mexico Museum of Art, 107 West Palace, 476-5072.

12 SUNDAY, 1-4 P.M.

No Idle Hands: The Myths and Meanings of Tramp Art

Exhibition opening. Hands-on art activities for all ages, music, lecture and demonstrations, refreshments and more. Free admission. Museum of International Folk Art, 706 Camino Lejo, 476-1200.

12 SUNDAY, 3-4 P.M.

Meet Cornelius

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

13 MONDAY, 10-11 A.M.

Nature Playtimes

Pajarito Environmental Education Center. See March 6 listing.

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

Books & Babies

Main Library. See March 7 listing.

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

Preschool Storytime

Oliver La Farge Branch. See March 7 listing.

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

Science After School

Fun science experiments for ages 6 to 12. Call to register. Southside Branch, 6599 Jaguar Drive, 955-2828.

15 WEDNESDAY, 9-11 A.M.

Wee Wednesdays

Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 1 listing.

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

Books & Babies

Oliver La Farge Branch. See March 1 listing.



Courtesy photo

Belisama Irish Dance presents Rhythm of Fire 2017, a St. Patrick's Day show for the whole family, 7 p.m. March 17 at the James A Little Theater, 1060 Cerrillos Road, Santa Fe.

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

Children's Story Hour

Collected Works Bookstore. See March 1 listing.

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

Preschool Storytime

Southside Branch. See March 1 listing.

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

After School Reading Club

Vista Grande Public Library. See March 1 listing.

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

School Age Craft

Cool craft activities for ages 6 to 12. Call to register. Main Library, 145 Washington Avenue, 955-6837.

15 WEDNESDAY, 5:45-7:45 P.M.

Children's Chess Club

Main Library. See March 1 listing.

15 WEDNESDAY, 6-8 P.M.

Society for Creative Anachronism

Warehouse 21. See March 1 listing.

15 WEDNESDAY, 8-10 P.M.

Ground Zero Youth Radio

101.1 FM, KSFR. See March 1 listing.

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

Books & Babies

Southside Branch. See March 2 listing.

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

Preschool Storytime

Main Library. See March 2 listing.

16 THURSDAY, 3:30-4:30 P.M.

School Age Craft

Cool craft activities for ages 6 to 12. Call to register. Oliver La Farge Branch, 1730 Llano Street, 955-4863.

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

Thursdays Are YoursDays!

Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 2 listing.

16 THURSDAY, 4:30-5:30 P.M.

Seeds to Sprouts Junior Gardener Program

Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 2 listing.

16 THURSDAY, 5:30-7:30 P.M.

Breakdancing

Warehouse 21. See March 2 listing.

17 FRIDAY, 10-11 A.M.

Garden Sprouts Pre-K Activities

Santa Fe Botanical Garden. See March 3 listing.

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

Children's Story Hour

Collected Works Bookstore. See March 1 listing.

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

Story Time

Vista Grande Public Library. See March 3 listing.

17 FRIDAY, 2:30-4:30 P.M.

Open Art Studio

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

17 FRIDAY, 3-5 P.M.

All Ages Chess Club

Vista Grande Public Library. See March 3 listing.

17 FRIDAY, 6:30 P.M. TO 18 SATURDAY, 8 A.M.

Aquarium Overnight

Explore the aquarium at night during this ultimate sleepover. Learn about ocean animals and their nighttime behavior, visit the Touchpool, play games and take in a marine movie at the Aquarium Theater. Children under age 18 must be accompanied by an adult. Registration required. \$30 per person. ABQ BioPark Aquarium, 2601 Central Avenue, Albuquerque, (505) 848-7180.

17 FRIDAY, 7-7:45 P.M.

Astronomy Show: Life in the Universe?

Discover what life on Earth is teaching us about extra-terrestrials. Adult \$6, child \$4. Los Alamos Nature Center Planetarium, 2600 Canyon Rd, Los Alamos, (505) 662-0460.

17 FRIDAY, 7-8:30 P.M.

Rhythm of Fire 2017

Belisama Irish Dance presents a St. Patrick's Day dance show for the whole family with live music. James A. Little Theater, 1060 Cerrillos Road, 670-2152.

18 SATURDAY, 8 A.M.-NOON

Senior Class Rummage Sale

Treasures await for the most discerning adventurer or shopper. Santa Fe Waldorf School, 26 Puesta Del Sol, 983-9727.

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

National Quilting Day

Celebrate National Quilting Day and enjoy dozens of handmade quilts. ABQ BioPark Botanic Garden, 2601 Central Ave. NW, Albuquerque, (505) 768-2000.

18 SATURDAY, 1-3:30 P.M.

Snowshoe Hike in the Valles Caldera

Easy to moderate snowshoe hike in the Valles Caldera National Preserve. Preserve entrance fee. Los Alamos Nature Center, 2600 Canyon Rd, Los Alamos, (505) 662-0460.

18 SATURDAY, 1:30-2:30 P.M.

Harrell House of Natural Oddities

All ages. Come and see crawly critters. Southside Branch, 6599 Jaguar Drive, 955-2828.

18 SATURDAY, 3:30-4:30 P.M.

Harrell House of Natural Oddities

All ages. Come and see crawly critters. Oliver La Farge Branch, 1730 Llano Street, 955-4863

19 SUNDAY, 1:30-2:30 P.M.

Harrell House of Natural Oddities

All ages. Come and see crawly critters. Main Library, 145 Washington Avenue, 955-6837.

19 SUNDAY, 3-4 P.M.

Meet Cornelius

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

20 MONDAY, 10-11 A.M.

Nature Playtimes

Pajarito Environmental Education Center. See March 6 listing.

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

Books & Babies

Main Library. See March 7 listing.

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21 TUESDAY, 10:30-11:15 A.M.
Preschool Storytime
 Oliver La Farge Branch. See March 7 listing.

21 TUESDAY, 3:30-4:30 P.M.
School Age Craft
 Cool craft activities for ages 6 to 12. Call to register. Southside Branch, 6599 Jaguar Drive, 955-2828.

22 WEDNESDAY, 9-11 A.M.
Wee Wednesdays
 Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 1 listing.

22 WEDNESDAY, 10:30-11 A.M.
Books & Babies
 Oliver La Farge Branch. See March 1 listing.

22 WEDNESDAY, 10:30-11 A.M.
Children's Story Hour
 Collected Works Bookstore. See March 1 listing.

22 WEDNESDAY, 10:45-11:30 A.M.
Preschool Storytime
 Southside Branch. See March 1 listing.

22 WEDNESDAY, 1-4 P.M.
Family Program: Spring Break Fun Fest
 Hands-on art activities and scavenger hunt throughout the Museum galleries. Meet in the courtyard. Georgia O'Keeffe Museum, 217 Johnson Street, 946-1039.

22 WEDNESDAY, 5:45-7:45 P.M.
Children's Chess Club
 Main Library. See March 1 listing.

22 WEDNESDAY, 6-8 P.M.
Society for Creative Anachronism
 Warehouse 21. See March 1 listing.

23 THURSDAY, 10:45-11:15 A.M.
Books & Babies
 Southside Branch. See March 2 listing.

23 THURSDAY, 11-11:45 A.M.
Preschool Storytime
 Main Library. See March 2 listing.

23 THURSDAY, 4-6:30 P.M.
Thursdays Are YoursDays!
 Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 2 listing.

23 THURSDAY, 4:30-5:30 P.M.
Seeds to Sprouts Junior Gardener Program
 Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 2 listing.

23 THURSDAY, 5:30-7:30 P.M.
Breakdancing
 Warehouse 21. See March 2 listing.

23 THURSDAY, 7:30-9:30 P.M.
Kodo: Taiko Performing Arts Ensemble
 With remarkable speed, precision and sound, the members of Kodo push the boundaries of

taiko, the traditional Japanese drum. Call for pricing. Lensec Performing Arts Center, 211 West San Francisco Street, 988-1234.

24 FRIDAY, 9 A.M.-5 P.M.
Backyard Garden Train Show
 Enthusiasts will demonstrate how to bring backyard gardens to life with motion and sound through the use of miniature trains. ABQ BioPark Botanic Garden, 2601 Central Ave. NW, Albuquerque, (505) 768-2000.

24 FRIDAY, 10-11 A.M.
Garden Sprouts Pre-K Activities
 Santa Fe Botanical Garden. See March 3 listing.

24 FRIDAY, 10:30-11 A.M.
Children's Story Hour
 Collected Works Bookstore. See March 1 listing.

24 FRIDAY, 2:30-4:30 P.M.
Pysanky Egg Decorating
 Family program. Create pysanky, traditional decorated Ukrainian Easter eggs. Registration required. Southside Branch, 6599 Jaguar Drive, 955-2828.

24 FRIDAY, 2:30-4:30 P.M.
Open Art Studio
 Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 3 listing.

24 FRIDAY, 7-7:45 P.M.
Astronomy Show
 Explore the night sky from the comfort of the planetarium. Adult \$6, child \$4. Los Alamos

Nature Center Planetarium, 2600 Canyon Rd, Los Alamos, (505) 662-0460.

25 SATURDAY, 1-3:30 P.M.
Snowshoe Hike in the Valles Caldera
 Los Alamos Nature Center. See March 18 listing.

25 SATURDAY, 2-2:30 P.M.
Rocky Mountain Children's Choir
 Choir will travel to Santa Fe with 50 student singers to sing in the museum's newly remodeled outdoor amphitheater. Santa Fe Children's Museum, 1050 Old Pecos Trail, 989-8359.

26 SUNDAY, 3-4 P.M.
Meet Cornelius
 Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 5 listing.

27 MONDAY, 10-11 A.M.
Nature Playtimes
 Pajarito Environmental Education Center. See March 6 listing.

27 MONDAY, 10-11:30 A.M.
Homeschool Art
 Homeschool families are invited to a special art program exploring the Harwood's collection and creating art in the Museum's Fern Hogue Mitchell Education Center. This program is designed for kids 4 to 12, but all ages are welcome. Parent participation required. Contact education@harwoodmuseum.org for more information. Harwood Museum of Art, 238 Ledoux Street, Taos, (575) 758-9826.

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- "Young Adventurers" (5th/6th)—11:00
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28 TUESDAY, 10:30-11 A.M.

Books & Babies

Main Library. See March 7 listing.

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

Preschool Storytime

Oliver La Farge Branch. See March 7 listing.

29 WEDNESDAY, 9-11 A.M.

Wee Wednesdays

Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 1 listing.

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

Books & Babies

Oliver La Farge Branch. See March 1 listing.

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

Children's Story Hour

Collected Works Bookstore. See March 1 listing.

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

Preschool Storytime

Southside Branch. See March 1 listing.

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

After School Reading Club

Vista Grande Public Library. See March 1 listing.

29 WEDNESDAY, 5:45-7:45 P.M.

Children's Chess Club

Main Library. See March 1 listing.

29 WEDNESDAY, 6-8 P.M.

Society for Creative Anachronism

Warehouse 21. See March 1 listing.

P 29 WEDNESDAY, 6:30-7:30 P.M.

Finding Your Center: Mindful Parenting and Raising a Mindful Child

An experiential evening led by Karen Lundeen that introduces parents and educators to the practice of mindfulness to help themselves and their children manage their reactions. May Center for Learning, 2019 Galisteo, Building B, 983-7407.

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

Books & Babies

Southside Branch. See March 2 listing.

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

Preschool Storytime

Main Library. See March 2 listing.

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

Thursdays Are YoursDays!

Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 2 listing.

30 THURSDAY, 4:30-5:30 P.M.

Seeds to Sprouts Junior Gardener Program

Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 2 listing.

30 THURSDAY, 5:30-7:30 P.M.

Breakdancing

Warehouse 21. See March 2 listing.



Acrylic landscape by Ariel, age 7

30 THURSDAY, 7-8:30 P.M.

Dr. Nicholas Kardaras: Glow Kids

Addiction expert details how compulsive technology usage and reliance on screens can neurologically change the developing brain of a child the same way that drug addiction can. Presented by Journey Montessori School. Adults \$25, students \$10. James A. Little Theater, 1060 Cerrillos Road, 470-8928.

31 FRIDAY, 10-11 A.M.

Garden Sprouts Pre-K Activities

Santa Fe Botanical Garden. See March 3 listing.

31 FRIDAY, 10 A.M.-3 P.M.

Community Day at the Garden

Free admission to the Garden for New Mexico residents and students (please provide NM and school identification). Daily docent tours at 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Santa Fe Botanical Garden at Museum Hill, 715 Camino Lejo, 471-9103.

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

Children's Story Hour

Collected Works Bookstore. See March 1 listing.

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

Story Time

Vista Grande Public Library. See March 3 listing.

31 FRIDAY, 2:30-4:30 P.M.

Open Art Studio

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

31 FRIDAY, 3-5 P.M.

All Ages Chess Club

Vista Grande Public Library. See March 3 listing.

31 FRIDAY, 7-7:45 P.M.

Astronomy Show: "Phantom of the Universe" Film and Talk

Explore dark matter with Dr. Galen Gisler, and a new planetarium film. Adult \$6, child \$4. Los Alamos Nature Center Planetarium, 2600 Canyon Rd, Los Alamos, (505) 662-0460.

APRIL

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

Book Donation Day

Vista Grande Public Library. See March 4 listing.

P 1 SATURDAY, 10:30 A.M.-NOON

Meet the Doulas

Meet the Birthing Tree's doulas, ask questions and learn more about how doulas make a difference during childbirth. RSVP to info@thebirthingtree.com. The Birthing Tree, 1315 St. Francis Drive, 552-2454.

1 SATURDAY, 6-9 P.M.

Lights, Camera, Auction! Gala to Benefit Dragonfly School

Support early childhood education with a glitzy movie star vibe. Silent auction, food and spirits, fancy photo booth and DJ Max Neutra. HQ Santa Fe, 411 West Water Street, 995-9869.

1 SATURDAY, 8-9:30 P.M.

Star Wars Universe

The Star Wars Universe clashes with Star Trek & Battlestar Galatica with music only heard in the cosmic proportions. Performance by New Mexico Philharmonic with special guest Gerald Fried. Tickets \$22 to \$75. Popejoy Hall, 203 Cornell, Albuquerque, (505) 323-4343

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

Free Entry at Museum of Natural History

Museum of Natural History. See March 5 listing.

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

Free First Sundays

Museum of Indian Arts and Culture, Museum of International Folk Art, New Mexico History Museum, New Mexico Museum of Art. See March 5 listing.

2 SUNDAY, 3-4 P.M.

Meet Cornelius

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

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Spring 2017 Calendar – April

3 MONDAY, 10-11 A.M.

Nature Playtimes

Pajarito Environmental Education Center. See March 6 listing.

3 MONDAY, 6-7 P.M.

Hospital Tour for Expecting Couples

Christus St. Vincent Regional Medical Center. See March 6 listing.

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

Books & Babies

Main Library. See March 7 listing.

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

Preschool Storytime

Oliver La Farge Branch. See March 7 listing.

5 WEDNESDAY, 9-11 A.M.

Wee Wednesdays

Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 1 listing.

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

Books & Babies

Oliver La Farge Branch. See March 1 listing.

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

Children's Story Hour

Collected Works Bookstore. See March 1 listing.

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

Preschool Storytime

Southside Branch. See March 1 listing.

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

After School Reading Club

Vista Grande Public Library. See March 1 listing.

5 WEDNESDAY, 5:45-7:45 P.M.

Children's Chess Club

Main Library. See March 1 listing.

5 WEDNESDAY, 6-8 P.M.

Society for Creative Anachronism

Warehouse 21. See March 1 listing.

5 WEDNESDAY, 8-10 P.M.

Ground Zero Youth Radio

101.1 FM, KSFR. See March 1 listing.

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

Books & Babies

Southside Branch. See March 2 listing.

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

Preschool Storytime

Main Library. See March 2 listing.

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

Thursdays Are YoursDays!

Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 2 listing.

6 THURSDAY, 4:30-5:30 P.M.

Seeds to Sprouts Junior Gardener Program

Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 2 listing.

6 THURSDAY, 5:30-7:30 P.M.

Breakdancing

Warehouse 21. See March 2 listing.

7 FRIDAY, 10-11 A.M.

Garden Sprouts Pre-K Activities

Santa Fe Botanical Garden. See March 3 listing.

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

Children's Story Hour

Collected Works Bookstore. See March 1 listing.

7 FRIDAY, 11:30 A.M.-NOON

Story Time

Vista Grande Public Library. See March 3 listing.

7 FRIDAY, 2:30-4:30 P.M.

Open Art Studio

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

7 FRIDAY, 3-5 P.M.

All Ages Chess Club

Vista Grande Public Library. See March 3 listing.

7 FRIDAY, 5-7 P.M.

First Friday Art Activity

Georgia O'Keeffe Museum. See March 3 listing.

7 FRIDAY, 6 AND 7 P.M.

First Friday Fractals

New Mexico Museum of Natural History and Science. March 3 listing.

7 FRIDAY, 8 AND 9 P.M.

Fractal Rocks

New Mexico Museum of Natural History and Science. March 3 listing.

8 SATURDAY, 6:30 A.M.-4 P.M.

Free Fishing Derby

Catch rainbow trout, stocked by New Mexico Game & Fish, at Tingley's biggest event. The Central Pond will be stocked with over 5,000 rainbow trout, including 200 tagged fish. Catch one of the tagged trout and win a prize. Fishing licenses are required for anglers 12 and older. ABQ BioPark's Tingley Beach, 1800 Tingley Dr SW, Albuquerque, (505) 768-2000.

8 SATURDAY, 10 A.M.-NOON

Special Saturdays

Special Saturdays is for children with developmental or physical special needs. The program provides fun for kids and a break for parents. Each session includes activities and snacks. Enrollment is limited. Different Saturdays may be appropriate for different children. \$10 per session. Los Alamos Family Strengths Network, 1990 Diamond Drive, Los Alamos, 662-4515.

8 SATURDAY, 1-2 P.M.

Teatro Paraguas

Live theater for all ages. Southside Branch, 6599 Jaguar Drive, 955-2828.

8 SATURDAY, 3:30-4:30 P.M.

Teatro Paraguas

Live theater for all ages. Oliver La Farge Branch, 1730 Llano Street, 955-4863.

8 SATURDAY, 6-8:30 P.M.

Wizard of Oz Ballet

The fabulous classic combined with the dance spectacular of New Mexico Ballet Company brings new energy to the stage of a familiar tale. Tickets \$22 to \$75. Popejoy Hall, 203 Cornell, Albuquerque, (505) 292-4245.

9 SUNDAY, 1:30-2:30 P.M.

Teatro Paraguas

Live theater for all ages. Main Library, 145 Washington Avenue, 955-6837.

9 SUNDAY, 2-4 P.M.

Performance: Still on the Hill

Folk Music Duo: Ed Stillely's guitars and Ozark

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

9 SUNDAY, 2-6 P.M.

All-Age Pilgrimage to Chimayo

Carpool from the church for the seven-mile walk. The United Church of Santa Fe, 1804 Arroyo Chamiso, 988-3295.

9 SUNDAY, 3-4 P.M.

Meet Cornelius

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

10 MONDAY, 10-11 A.M.

Nature Playtimes

Pajarito Environmental Education Center. See March 6 listing.

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

Books & Babies

Main Library. See March 7 listing.

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

Preschool Storytime

Oliver La Farge Branch. See March 7 listing.

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

Science After School

Southside Branch. See March 14 listing.

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

Breastfeeding & Postpartum Recovery Class

The Birthing Tree. See March 7 listing.

12 WEDNESDAY, 9-11 A.M.

Wee Wednesdays

Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 1 listing.

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

Books & Babies

Oliver La Farge Branch. See March 1 listing.

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

Children's Story Hour

Collected Works Bookstore. See March 1 listing.

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

Preschool Storytime

Southside Branch. See March 1 listing.

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

After School Reading Club

Vista Grande Public Library. See March 1 listing.

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

Science After School

Main Library. See March 8 listing.

12 WEDNESDAY, 5:45-7:45 P.M.

Children's Chess Club

Main Library. See March 1 listing.

12 WEDNESDAY, 6-8 P.M.

Society for Creative Anachronism

Warehouse 21. See March 1 listing.

Santa Fe Youth Symphony Association

2017 SPRING CONCERT SERIES

April 28, 7 P.M. Jazz

April 29, 3 P.M. Elementary Strings

April 29, 6 P.M. Mariachi

April 30, 1 & 3 P.M. Orchestras

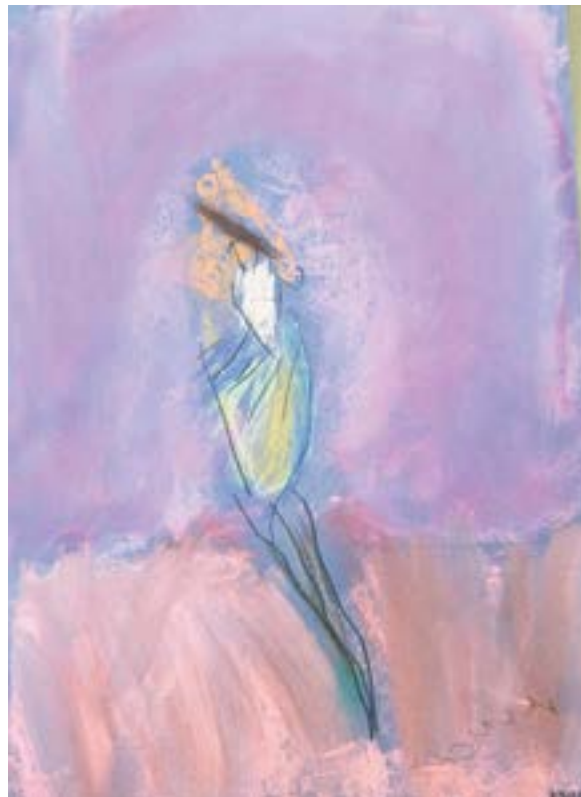
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Spring 2017 Calendar – April



Left: Athena, age 3, with Dega Ballerina, Right: Degas Ballerina, pastel on paper

13 THURSDAY, 10:45-11:15 A.M.
Books & Babies
 Southside Branch. See March 2 listing.

13 THURSDAY, 11-11:45 A.M.
Preschool Storytime
 Main Library. See March 2 listing.

13 THURSDAY, 1-2 P.M.
La Leche League
 Indigo Baby. See March 9 listing.

13 THURSDAY, 3:30-4:30 P.M.
Science After School
 Oliver La Farge Branch. See March 9 listing.

13 THURSDAY, 4-6:30 P.M.
Thursdays Are YoursDays!
 Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 2 listing.

13 THURSDAY, 4:30-5:30 P.M.
Seeds to Sprouts Junior Gardener Program
 Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 2 listing.

13 THURSDAY, 5:30-7:30 P.M.
Breakdancing
 Warehouse 21. See March 2 listing.

14 FRIDAY, 10-11 A.M.
Garden Sprouts Pre-K Activities
 Santa Fe Botanical Garden. See March 3 listing.

14 FRIDAY, 10:30-11 A.M.
Children's Story Hour
 Collected Works Bookstore. See March 1 listing.

14 FRIDAY, 11:30 A.M.-NOON
Story Time
 Vista Grande Public Library. See March 3 listing.

14 FRIDAY, 2:30-4:30 P.M.
Open Art Studio
 Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 3 listing.

14 FRIDAY, 3-5 P.M.
All Ages Chess Club
 Vista Grande Public Library. See March 3 listing.

14 FRIDAY, 6:30 P.M. TO 15 SATURDAY, 8 A.M.
Aquarium Overnight
 ABQ BioPark Aquarium, Albuquerque. See March 17 listing.

14 FRIDAY, 7-8:30 P.M.
Family Movie Night
 Vista Grande Public Library. See March 10 listing.

15 SATURDAY, 1:30-3:30 P.M.
Family Movie Matinee
 Family-oriented movie for all ages. Southside Branch, 6599 Jaguar Drive, 955-2828.

16 SUNDAY, 6:30 A.M.-12:15 P.M.
All-Age Celebrations of Easter
 Sunrise Service at 6:30 a.m. Communion at 8:30 a.m. Easter Celebration with Kids' Choir at 11 a.m. The United Church of Santa Fe, 1804 Arroyo Chamiso, 988-3295.

16 SUNDAY, 11 A.M.-1 P.M.
Easter Egg Hunt
 Win prizes and get your picture taken with the Easter Bunny. Adults \$5, children 12 and under are free. Santa Fe Botanical Garden at Museum Hill, 715 Camino Lejo, 471-9103.

16 SUNDAY, 3-4 P.M.
Meet Cornelius
 Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 5 listing.

17 MONDAY, 10-11 A.M.
Nature Playtimes
 Pajarito Environmental Education Center. See March 6 listing.

18 TUESDAY, 10:30-11 A.M.
Books & Babies
 Main Library. See March 7 listing.

18 TUESDAY, 10:30-11:45 A.M.
Preschool Storytime
 Oliver La Farge Branch. See March 7 listing.

18 TUESDAY, 3:30-4:30 P.M.
School Age Craft
 Southside Branch. See March 21 listing.

19 WEDNESDAY, 9-11 A.M.
Wee Wednesdays
 Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 1 listing.

19 WEDNESDAY, 10:30-11 A.M.
Books & Babies
 Oliver La Farge Branch. See March 1 listing.

19 WEDNESDAY, 10:30-11 A.M.
Children's Story Hour
 Collected Works Bookstore. See March 1 listing.

19 WEDNESDAY, 10:45-11:30 A.M.
Preschool Storytime
 Southside Branch. See March 1 listing.

19 WEDNESDAY, 3-4:30 P.M.
After School Reading Club
 Vista Grande Public Library. See March 1 listing.

19 WEDNESDAY, 3:30-4:30 P.M.
School Age Craft
 Main Library. See March 15 listing.

19 WEDNESDAY, 5:45-7:45 P.M.
Children's Chess Club
 Main Library. See March 1 listing.

19 WEDNESDAY, 6-8 P.M.
Society for Creative Anachronism
 Warehouse 21. See March 1 listing.

19 WEDNESDAY, 8-10 P.M.
Ground Zero Youth Radio
 101.1 FM, KSFR. See March 1 listing.

20 THURSDAY, 10:45-11:15 A.M.
Books & Babies
 Southside Branch. See March 2 listing.

20 THURSDAY, 11-11:45 A.M.
Preschool Storytime
 Main Library. See March 2 listing.

20 THURSDAY, 3:30-4:30 P.M.
School Age Craft
 Oliver La Farge Branch. See March 16 listing.

20 THURSDAY, 4-6:30 P.M.
Thursdays Are YoursDays!
 Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 2 listing.

20 THURSDAY, 4:30-5:30 P.M.
Seeds to Sprouts Junior Gardener Program
 Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 2 listing.

20 THURSDAY, 5:30-7:30 P.M.
Breakdancing
 Warehouse 21. See March 2 listing.

21 FRIDAY, 10-11 A.M.
Garden Sprouts Pre-K Activities
 Santa Fe Botanical Garden. See March 3 listing.

21 FRIDAY, 10:30-11 A.M.
Children's Story Hour
 Collected Works Bookstore. See March 1 listing.

21 FRIDAY, 11:30 A.M.-NOON
Story Time
 Vista Grande Public Library. See March 3 listing.

21 FRIDAY, 2:30-4:30 P.M.
Friday Afternoon Art
 Southside Branch. See March 10 listing.

21 FRIDAY, 2:30-4:30 P.M.
Open Art Studio
 Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 3 listing.

21 FRIDAY, 3-5 P.M.
All Ages Chess Club
 Vista Grande Public Library. See March 3 listing.

21 FRIDAY, 7-8:30 P.M.
"The Wizard of Oz"
 Presented by the Santa Fe Performing Arts City Different Players and Teen Ensemble. General Admission \$8. Armory for the Arts Theater, 1050 Old Pecos Trail, 984-1370.

22 SATURDAY, 9 A.M.-5 P.M.
Community Day at the Garden
 Santa Fe Botanical Garden. See March 31 listing.

22 SATURDAY, 9 A.M.-4:30 P.M.
ABQ BioPark April Half-Price Weekend
 Visit the Zoo or Aquarium and Botanic Garden for half-off single admission tickets purchased at the gate. Combo tickets and online tickets are regular price. ABQ BioPark Aquarium and Botanic Garden: 2601 Central Ave. NW, Albuquerque; Zoo: 903 Tenth Street SW Albuquerque (505) 768-2000.

22 SATURDAY, 11 A.M.-4 P.M.
Earth Day Celebration
 Celebrate the planet with hands-on activities and special guests in the Earthworks Garden. Santa Fe Children's Museum, 1050 Old Pecos Trail, 989-8359.

22 SATURDAY, 2-5 P.M.
Desert Montessori Spring Festival
 Celebrate Earth Day with handmade creature card trading, a scavenger hunt, rummage sale, costume catwalk and more. Desert Montessori School, 316 Camino Delora, 983-8212.

Spring 2017 Calendar – April

22 SATURDAY, 7-8:30 P.M.

“The Wizard of Oz”

Armory for the Arts. See April 21 listing.

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

ABQ BioPark April Half-Price Weekend

ABQ BioPark Zoo, Aquarium and Botanic Garden. See April 22 listing. (505) 768-2000.

23 SUNDAY, 11 A.M.-2 P.M.

Earth Day Sunday for All Ages

Earth day activities. The United Church of Santa Fe, 1804 Arroyo Chamiso, 988-3295.

23 SUNDAY, 3-4 P.M.

Meet Cornelius

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

23 SUNDAY, 7-8:30 P.M.

“The Wizard of Oz”

Armory for the Arts. See April 21 listing.

24 MONDAY, 10-11 A.M.

Nature Playtimes

Pajarito Environmental Education Center. See March 6 listing.

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

Books & Babies

Main Library. See March 7 listing.

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

Preschool Storytime

Oliver La Farge. See March 7 listing.



Klee Cat by Kai, age 7

25 TUESDAY, 7-8:30 P.M.

Student Showcase

A collaborative evening of jazz, mariachi,

orchestra and dance. For details visit www.sfysa.org. Lencic Performing Arts Center, 211 West San Francisco, 672-5565.

26 WEDNESDAY, 9-11 A.M.

Wee Wednesdays

Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 1 listing.

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

Books & Babies

Oliver La Farge Branch. See March 1 listing.

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

Children's Story Hour

Collected Works Bookstore. See March 1 listing.

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

Preschool Storytime

Southside Branch. See March 1 listing.

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

After School Reading Club

Vista Grande Public Library. See March 1 listing.

26 WEDNESDAY, 5:45-7:45 P.M.

Children's Chess Club

Main Library. See March 1 listing.

26 WEDNESDAY, 6-8 P.M.

Society for Creative Anachronism

Warehouse 21. See March 1 listing.

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

Books & Babies

Southside Branch. See March 2 listing.

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

Preschool Storytime

Main Library. See March 2 listing.

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

Thursdays Are YoursDays!
Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 2 listing.

27 THURSDAY, 4:30-5:30 P.M.

Seeds to Sprouts Junior Gardener Program
Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 2 listing.

27 THURSDAY, 5:30-7:30 P.M.

Breakdancing
Warehouse 21. See March 2 listing.

28 FRIDAY, 10-11 A.M.

Garden Sprouts Pre-K Activities
Santa Fe Botanical Garden. See March 3 listing.

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

Children's Story Hour
Collected Works Bookstore. See March 1 listing.

28 FRIDAY, 11:30 A.M.-NOON

Story Time
Vista Grande Public Library. See March 3 listing.

28 FRIDAY, 2:30-4:30 P.M.

Open Art Studio
Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 3 listing.

28 FRIDAY, 3-5 P.M.

All Ages Chess Club
Vista Grande Public Library. See March 3 listing.

28 FRIDAY, 5:30-8 P.M.

Picnic in the Park
All ages picnic. The United Church of Santa Fe, 1804 Arroyo Chamiso, 988-3295.

28 FRIDAY, 7-8:30 P.M.

Spring Concert Series: Jazz
Santa Fe Youth Symphony Association Jazz student performance. Adults \$10; kids 5 and under free. One ticket provides admission to entire spring concert series. Santa Fe Prep, 1101 Camino de Cruz Blanca, 672-5565 ext.10, www.sfysa.org/tickets.

28 FRIDAY, 7-9 P.M.

CircAspire 2017
Pre-professional adults and youth are featured in this circus for all ages. Wise Fool New Mexico, 1131 Siler Road, Suite B, 992-2588.

29 SATURDAY, 8-10 A.M.

13th Annual Wood Gormley Panther Run
5K Run, 2 Mile Walk and grade-level kid's 1K Fun Run. The start and finish line is at Wood Gormley Elementary School. The 5K course goes up Old Santa Fe Trail to Museum Hill/Folk Art Museum and back. For details visit www.woodgormleypantherrun.com. Wood Gormley Elementary, 141 E Booth St.

29 SATURDAY, 2-4 P.M.

CircAspire 2017
Wise Fool New Mexico. See April 28 listing.



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Senior animals welcome visitors with wagging tails, and caregivers offer educational talks and demonstrations, at the Kindred Spirits Animal Sanctuary's Spring Open House, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. May 13 and 14.

29 SATURDAY, 3-4 P.M.

Spring Concert Series: Elementary Strings

Santa Fe Youth Symphony Association Elementary Strings program student performance. Adults \$10; kids 5 and under free. One ticket provides admission to entire spring concert series. St. Francis Auditorium, 107 West Palace Avenue, 672-5565 x10.

29 SATURDAY, 6-7:30 P.M.

Spring Concert Series: Mariachi
Santa Fe Youth Symphony Association Mariachi Garibaldi and Mariachi Estrella student performance. Adults \$10; kids 5 and under free. One ticket provides admission to entire spring concert series. St. Francis Auditorium, 107 West Palace Avenue, (505) 672-5565 ext. 10, www.sfysa.org/tickets. St. Francis Auditorium, 107 West Palace Avenue, 672-5565 x10.

29 SATURDAY, 7-9 P.M.

CircAspire 2017
Wise Fool New Mexico. See April 28 listing.

29 SATURDAY, 7-8:30 P.M.

"The Wizard of Oz"
Armory for the Arts. See April 21 listing.

30 SUNDAY, 1-2:30 P.M.

Spring Concert Series: Orchestra Concerts
Performance by orchestra ensembles of the Santa Fe Youth Symphony Association. Adults \$10; kids 5 and under free. One ticket provides admission to entire spring concert series. St. Francis Auditorium, 107 West Palace Avenue, 672-5565 x10.

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

"The Wizard of Oz"
Armory for the Arts. See April 21 listing.

30 SUNDAY, 3-4 P.M.

Meet Cornelius
Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 5 listing.

30 SUNDAY, 4-6 P.M.

CircAspire 2017
Wise Fool New Mexico. See April 28 listing.

MAY

1 MONDAY, 10-11 A.M.

Nature Playtimes
Pajarito Environmental Education Center. See March 6 listing.

P 1 MONDAY, 6-7 P.M.

Hospital Tour for Expecting Couples
Christus St. Vincent Regional Medical Center. See March 6 listing.

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

Books & Babies
Main Library. See March 7 listing.

3 WEDNESDAY, 9-11 A.M.

Wee Wednesdays
Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 1 listing.

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

Books & Babies
Oliver La Farge Branch. See March 1 listing.

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

Children's Story Hour
Collected Works Bookstore. See March 1 listing.

3 WEDNESDAY, 5:45-7:45 P.M.

Children's Chess Club
Main Library. See March 1 listing.

3 WEDNESDAY, 6-8 P.M.

Society for Creative Anachronism
Warehouse 21. See March 1 listing.

3 WEDNESDAY, 8-10 P.M.

Ground Zero Youth Radio
101.1 FM, KSFR. See March 1 listing.

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

Books & Babies
Southside Branch. See March 2 listing.

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

Thursdays Are YoursDays!
Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 2 listing.



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Spring 2017 Calendar – May

4 THURSDAY, 4:30-5:30 P.M.
Seeds to Sprouts Junior Gardener Program
 Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 2 listing.

4 THURSDAY, 5:30-7:30 P.M.
Breakdancing
 Warehouse 21. See March 2 listing.

5 FRIDAY, 10-11 A.M.
Garden Sprouts Pre-K Activities
 Santa Fe Botanical Garden. See March 3 listing.

P 5 FRIDAY, 10:30 A.M.-NOON
Meet the Doulas
 The Birthing Tree. See April 1 listing.

5 FRIDAY, 10:30-11 A.M.
Children's Story Hour
 Collected Works Bookstore. See March 1 listing.

5 FRIDAY, 11:30 A.M.-NOON
Story Time
 Vista Grande Public Library. See March 3 listing.

5 FRIDAY, 2:30-4:30 P.M.
Open Art Studio
 Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 3 listing.

5 FRIDAY, 3-5 P.M.
All Ages Chess Club
 Vista Grande Public Library. See March 3 listing.

5 FRIDAY, 5-7 P.M.
First Friday Art Activity
 Georgia O'Keeffe Museum. See March 3 listing.

5 FRIDAY, 6 AND 7 P.M.
First Friday Fractals
 New Mexico Museum of Natural History and Science. March 3 listing.

5 FRIDAY, 7-8 P.M.
Madcap Mystery
 Umbrella Theater Children's program perform in this melodramatic spoof about lost films from Hollywood's Golden Age, resting actors, twins and Nancy Drew with original songs and dances. General Admission \$10, under 18 \$5. Teatro Paraguas, 3205 Calle Marie, 471-3140.

5 FRIDAY, 7-8:30 P.M.
Family Movie Night
 Vista Grande Public Library. See March 10 listing.

5 FRIDAY, 7-8:30 P.M.
"Madagascar the Musical"
 Performed by an ensemble of 50 Pandemonium Productions students and a live band. Adults \$10, kids \$6. Call for details. James A. Little Theater, 1060 Cerrillos Road, 982-3327.

5 FRIDAY, 8 AND 9 P.M.
Fractal Rocks
 New Mexico Museum of Natural History and Science. March 3 listing.

6 SATURDAY, 9-11:30 A.M.
Book Donation Day
 Vista Grande Public Library. See March 4 listing.

6 SATURDAY, 10 A.M.-2 P.M.
Dragonfly School Spring Fair
 Games and prizes, activities, food, music and entertainers, catapult, chicken bingo, Mother's Day gifts and more. Dragonfly School, 935 Alto Street, 995-9869.



A Wobbly Thing by Charlie, age 3 1/2, mixed media

6 SATURDAY, 10:30 A.M.-NOON
Rededication of the Alfred Von Bachmayr Amphitheater
 Celebrate the renovation of the Earthworks Outdoor Amphitheater with a special thank you to the friends and family of Alfred Von Bachmayr and the Youth Conservation Corp. Santa Fe Children's Museum, 1050 Old Pecos Trail, 989-8359.

6 SATURDAY, 2-3:30 P.M.
"Madagascar the Musical"
 James A. Little Theater. See May 5 listing.

6 SATURDAY, 6-7 P.M.
Madcap Mystery
 Teatro Paraguas. See May 5 listing.

7 SUNDAY, 7-10 A.M.
Run For the Zoo
 Events for all ages and fitness levels including a half marathon, 10K and 5K runs, a 5K fitness run/walk and 1-mile fun run/walk. For details visit www.cabq.gov/culturalservices/biopark. ABQ BioPark Zoo, 903 Tenth Street SW, Albuquerque, (505) 768-2000.

7 SUNDAY, 9 A.M.-5 P.M.
Free Entry at Museum of Natural History
 Museum of Natural History. See March 5 listing.

7 SUNDAY, 12:15-2 P.M.
United We Run
 5K run/walk and 1K FunRun to raise funds for local Santa Fe agencies serving children and youth, immigrants and caring for the environment. The United Church of Santa Fe, 1804 Arroyo Chamiso, 988-3295.

7 SUNDAY, 2-3 P.M.
Madcap Mystery
 Teatro Paraguas. See May 5 listing.

7 SUNDAY, 2-3:30 P.M.
Madagascar the Musical
 James A. Little Theater. See May 5 listing.

7 SUNDAY, 3-4 P.M.
Meet Cornelius
 Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 5 listing.

7 SUNDAY, 10 A.M.-5 P.M.
Free First Sundays
 Museum of Indian Arts and Culture, Museum of International Folk Art, New Mexico History Museum, and the New Mexico Museum of Art. See March 5 listing.

8 MONDAY, 10-11 A.M.
Nature Playtimes
 Pajarito Environmental Education Center. See March 6 listing.

9 TUESDAY, 10:30-11 A.M.
Books & Babies
 Main Library. See March 7 listing.

10 WEDNESDAY, 9-11 A.M.
Wee Wednesdays
 Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 1 listing.

10 WEDNESDAY, 10:30-11 A.M.
Books & Babies
 Oliver La Farge Branch. See March 1 listing.

10 WEDNESDAY, 10:30-11 A.M.
Children's Story Hour
 Collected Works Bookstore. See March 1 listing.

10 WEDNESDAY, 5:45-7:45 P.M.
Children's Chess Club
 Main Library. See March 1 listing.

10 WEDNESDAY, 6-8 P.M.
Society for Creative Anachronism
 Warehouse 21. See March 1 listing.

11 THURSDAY, 10:45-11:15 A.M.
Books & Babies
 Southside Branch. See March 2 listing.

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

11 THURSDAY, 1-2 P.M.
La Leche League
 Indigo Baby. See March 9 listing.

11 THURSDAY, 4-6:30 P.M.
Thursdays Are YoursDays!
 Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 2 listing.

11 THURSDAY, 4:30-5:30 P.M.
Seeds to Sprouts Junior Gardener Program
 Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 2 listing.

11 THURSDAY, 5:30-7:30 P.M.
Breakdancing
 Warehouse 21. See March 2 listing.

12 FRIDAY, 10-11 A.M.
Garden Sprouts Pre-K Activities
 Santa Fe Botanical Garden. See March 3 listing.

12 FRIDAY, 10:30-11 A.M.
Children's Story Hour
 Collected Works Bookstore. See March 1 listing.

12 FRIDAY, 11:30 A.M.-NOON
Story Time
 Vista Grande Public Library. See March 3 listing.

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

12 FRIDAY, 2:30-4:30 P.M.
Open Art Studio
 Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 3 listing.

12 FRIDAY, 3-5 P.M.
All Ages Chess Club
 Vista Grande Public Library. See March 3 listing.

12 FRIDAY, 7-8:30 P.M.
Madagascar the Musical
 James A. Little Theater. See May 5 listing.

13 SATURDAY, 10 A.M.-4 P.M.
Kindred Spirits Spring Open House
 Visit the animals and learn about the care of senior animals through educational talks and demonstrations by wellness caregivers. Kindred Spirits Animal Sanctuary, 3749-A Highway 14, 20 miles south of Santa Fe, 471-5366.

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

13 SATURDAY, 1:30-3 P.M.
Family Movie Matinee
 Family-oriented movie for all ages. Southside Branch, 6599 Jaguar Drive, 955-2828.

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Klee Cat by Elison, age 7

13 SATURDAY, 2-3:30 P.M.
Madagascar the Musical
 James A. Little Theater. See May 5 listing.

14 SUNDAY, 10 A.M.-2 P.M.
Zoo Moms Discovery Day
 Celebrate Mother's Day with the animal moms at the Zoo. ABQ BioPark Zoo, 903 Tenth Street SW, Albuquerque, (505) 768-2000.

14 SUNDAY, 10-4 P.M.
Kindred Spirits Spring Open House
 Kindred Spirits Animal Sanctuary. See May 13 listing.

14 SUNDAY, 2-3:30 P.M.
Madagascar the Musical
 James A. Little Theater. See May 5 listing.

14 SUNDAY, 3-4 P.M.
Meet Cornelius
 Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 5 listing.

15 MONDAY, 10-11 A.M.
Nature Playtimes
 Pajarito Environmental Education Center. See March 6 listing.

16 TUESDAY, 10:30-11 A.M.
Books & Babies
 Main Library. See March 7 listing.

17 WEDNESDAY, 9-11 A.M.
Wee Wednesdays
 Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 1 listing.

17 WEDNESDAY, 10:30-11 A.M.
Books & Babies
 Oliver La Farge Branch. See March 1 listing.

17 WEDNESDAY, 10:30-11 A.M.
Children's Story Hour
 Collected Works Bookstore. See March 1 listing.

17 WEDNESDAY, 5:45-7:45 P.M.
Children's Chess Club
 Main Library. See March 1 listing.

17 WEDNESDAY, 6-8 P.M.
Society for Creative Anachronism
 Warehouse 21. See March 1 listing.

17 WEDNESDAY, 8-10 P.M.
Ground Zero Youth Radio
 101.1 FM, KSFR. See March 1 listing.

18 THURSDAY, 10:45-11:15 A.M.
Books & Babies
 Southside Branch. See March 2 listing.

18 THURSDAY, 4-6:30 P.M.
Thursdays Are YoursDays!
 Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 2 listing.

18 THURSDAY, 4:30-5:30 P.M.
Seeds to Sprouts Junior Gardener Program
 Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 2 listing.

18 THURSDAY, 5:30-7:30 P.M.
Breakdancing
 Warehouse 21. See March 2 listing.

19 FRIDAY, 10-11 A.M.
Garden Sprouts Pre-K Activities
 Santa Fe Botanical Garden. See March 3 listing.

19 FRIDAY, 10:30-11 A.M.
Children's Story Hour
 Collected Works Bookstore. See March 1 listing.

19 FRIDAY, 11:30 A.M.-NOON
Story Time
 Vista Grande Public Library. See March 3 listing.

19 FRIDAY, 2:30-4:30 P.M.
Open Art Studio
 Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 3 listing.

19 FRIDAY, 3-5 P.M.
All Ages Chess Club
 Vista Grande Public Library. See March 3 listing.

19 FRIDAY, 6:30 P.M. TO 20 SATURDAY, 8 A.M.
Aquarium Overnight
 ABQ BioPark Aquarium, Albuquerque. See March 17 listing.

20 SATURDAY, 10 A.M.-NOON
Special Saturdays
 Los Alamos Family Strengths Network. See April 8 listing.

20 SATURDAY, 1:30-4:30 P.M.
Summer Reading Kickoff
 Fun and performers for the start of the Summer Reading Program. Southside Branch, 6599 Jaguar Drive, 955-2828.

21 SUNDAY, 11 A.M.-12:15 P.M.
Children's Sunday
 Music, stories and prayer for all ages. The United Church of Santa Fe, 1804 Arroyo Chamiso, 988-3295.

21 SUNDAY, 3-4 P.M.
Meet Cornelius
 Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 5 listing.

22 MONDAY, 10-11 A.M.
Nature Playtimes
 Pajarito Environmental Education Center. See March 6 listing.

23 TUESDAY, 10:30-11 A.M.
Books & Babies
 Main Library. See March 7 listing.

24 WEDNESDAY, 9-11 A.M.
Wee Wednesdays
 Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 1 listing.

24 WEDNESDAY, 10:30-11 A.M.
Books & Babies
 Oliver La Farge Branch. See March 1 listing.

24 WEDNESDAY, 10:30-11 A.M.
Children's Story Hour
 Collected Works Bookstore. See March 1 listing.

24 WEDNESDAY, 5:45-7:45 P.M.
Children's Chess Club
 Main Library. See March 1 listing.

24 WEDNESDAY, 6-8 P.M.
Society for Creative Anachronism
 Warehouse 21. See March 1 listing.

25 THURSDAY, 10:45-11:15 A.M.
Books & Babies
 Southside Branch. See March 2 listing.

25 THURSDAY, 4-6:30 P.M.
Thursdays Are Yours Days!
 Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 2 listing.

25 THURSDAY, 4:30-5:30 P.M.
Seeds to Sprouts Junior Gardener Program
 Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 2 listing.

25 THURSDAY, 5:30-7:30 P.M.
Breakdancing
 Warehouse 21. See March 2 listing.

26 FRIDAY, 10-11 A.M.
Garden Sprouts Pre-K Activities
 Santa Fe Botanical Garden. See March 3 listing.

26 FRIDAY, 10:30-11 A.M.
Children's Story Hour
 Collected Works Bookstore. See March 1 listing.

26 FRIDAY, 2:30-4:30 P.M.
Open Art Studio
 Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 3 listing.

26 FRIDAY, 3-5 P.M.
All Ages Chess Club
 Vista Grande Public Library. See March 3 listing.

28 SUNDAY, 3-4 P.M.
Meet Cornelius
 Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 5 listing.

29 MONDAY, 10-11 A.M.
Nature Playtimes
 Pajarito Environmental Education Center. See March 6 listing.

30 TUESDAY, 10:30-11 A.M.
Books & Babies
 Main Library. See March 7 listing.

31 WEDNESDAY, 9-11 A.M.
Wee Wednesdays
 Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 1 listing.

31 WEDNESDAY, 10:30-11 A.M.
Books & Babies
 Oliver La Farge Branch. See March 1 listing.

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31 WEDNESDAY, 5:45-7:45 P.M.

Children's Chess Club

Main Library. See March 1 listing.

31 WEDNESDAY, 6-8 P.M.

Society for Creative Anachronism

Warehouse 21. See March 1 listing.

ONGOING EVENTS

Museums, cultural centers and other nonprofit organizations within an easy drive of Santa Fe offering exhibits, programming and activities for families.

ABQ BIOPARK: ZOO, AQUARIUM AND BOTANIC GARDEN

Open daily 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission options: Buy a ticket to Zoo only, Aquarium/Botanic Garden, or "BioPark Combo" for all three. Call for prices. Zoo, 903 Tenth Street, Albuquerque; Botanic Garden and Aquarium, 2601 Central Avenue NW, Albuquerque. (505) 768-2000, www.cabq.gov/biopark.

ABQ BIOPARK: TINGLEY BEACH

Fish, hike, relax or sail a model boat. Open daily from sunrise to sunset. Free. 1800 Tingley Drive SW, Albuquerque. (505) 768-2000, 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. Open 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. Open Tuesday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday and Monday 1 to 5 p.m. Fifteenth Street and Central Avenue, Los Alamos. (505) 667-4444, www.lanl.gov/museum.

EL MUSEO CULTURAL DE SANTA FE

Nonprofit organization that preserves, protects and promotes the Hispano art, culture and traditions of northern New Mexico. Popular venue for classes and community events. Open Tuesday through Saturday 1 to 5 p.m. Call or visit website to view calendar for



Acrylic landscape by Jordan, age 5

upcoming events. 555 Camino de la Familia, in the Santa Fe Railyard. 992-0591, www.elmuseocultural.org.

EL RANCHO DE LAS GOLONDRINAS

Living history museum located on 200 acres just south of Santa Fe, dedicated to the history, heritage and culture of 18th and 19th century New Mexico. Open Wednesday through Sunday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. from June through September; by appointment in April, May and October. Adults \$6; seniors and ages 13 to 18 \$4; under 13 free; prices for special events vary. 334 Los Pinos Road, Santa Fe. 471-2261, www.golondrinas.org.

EXPLORA

Family-oriented science center creating opportunities for discovery through interactive experiences in science, technology and art for all ages. Children and toddlers must be accompanied by a paying adult. Open Monday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sunday noon to 6 p.m. Ages 12 and up \$8; seniors, students and military with ID \$5; ages 1 to 11 \$4; under age 1 free. 1701 Mountain Road NW, Albuquerque. (505) 224-8300, www.explora.us.

GEORGIA O'KEEFFE MUSEUM

The largest single repository of O'Keeffe's work in the world. Exhibitions, education programs, family and youth programs. Open daily 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Friday 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. General admission \$12; New Mexico residents \$8 and free on the first Friday of the month; seniors and students over 18 with ID \$10; ages 17 and under free. 217 Johnson Street, Santa Fe. 946-1000, www.okeeffemuseum.org.

HARWOOD MUSEUM OF ART

Historic and contemporary art and culture of the Taos region. Many family activities and events. Open Wednesday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday noon to 5 p.m. Adults \$10; seniors, students and AAA members \$8; ages 18 and under free; free to Taos County residents on Sundays with proof of residence. 238 Ledoux Street, Taos. (575) 758-9826, www.harwoodmuseum.org.

MUSEUM OF CONTEMPORARY NATIVE ARTS

The country's leading museum of contemporary Native arts, with 7,500 artworks in all media created in 1962 or later. Open Monday and Wednesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday noon to 5 p.m. Adults

\$10; seniors, students and New Mexico residents with ID \$5; Native people, veterans and their families, and under age 17 free; New Mexico residents free on Sunday. 108 Cathedral Place, Santa Fe. 983-8900, www.iaia.edu/museum.

LEONORA CURTIN WETLAND PRESERVE

Adjacent to El Rancho de Las Golondrinas south of Santa Fe, this 35-acre nature preserve of the Santa Fe Botanical Garden hosts a diversity of plants and wildlife, trails with numbered interpretive markers, a pond and docents to answer questions. Open May through October, Saturday and Sunday 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Call for directions. 471-9103, www.santafebotanicalgarden.org/visit-us/leonora-curtin-wetland-preserve.

MEOW WOLF

Meow Wolf's House of Eternal Return is a unique art experience featuring a new form of non-linear storytelling that unfolds through exploration, discovery and 21st century interactivity. Sunday to Thursday 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Friday and Saturday 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.; closed Tuesday. Adults \$18; children \$12; seniors \$16; free to children under 3. NM residents: Adults \$15; Children \$10; Senior \$13. 1352 Rufina Circle, Santa Fe, 780-4458. www.meowwolf.com

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MUSEUM OF INDIAN ARTS AND CULTURE

Stories of the people of the Southwest from prehistory through contemporary art. Open Tuesday through Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. General admission \$12; New Mexico residents \$7 daily and free on the first Sunday of every month; New Mexico seniors with ID free on Wednesdays; ages 16 and under free. Museum Hill, 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. Open Monday through Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. General admission \$12; New Mexico residents \$7 daily and free on the first Sunday of every month; New Mexico seniors with ID free on Wednesdays; ages 16 and under free. Museum Hill, 706 Camino Lejo, Santa Fe. 476-1204, www.internationalfolkart.org.

MUSEUM OF SPANISH COLONIAL ART

The only museum in the country dedicated to the art of the Spanish colonial period. Special activities for families and children include a Costume Corner and Youth Art and Activity Center. Open Tuesday through Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. General admission \$8; free to New Mexico residents on Sundays; ages 16 and under free. Museum Hill, 750 Camino Lejo, Santa Fe. 982-2226, www.spanishcolonial.org/museum.

NEW MEXICO HISTORY MUSEUM AND PALACE OF THE GOVERNORS

Explore New Mexico history from the pre-Colombian era through the Atomic Age, including the clash and melding of cultures.

Features the Discovery Center for hands-on, self-paced family activities. Open Monday through Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Fridays until 8 p.m. General admission \$12; New Mexico residents \$7 daily and free on the first Sunday of every month; under age 16 free; New Mexico seniors with ID free on Wednesdays; free Friday evenings 5 to 8 p.m. 113 Lincoln Avenue, Santa Fe. 476-5200, www.nmhistory.org.

NEW MEXICO MUSEUM OF ART

Guided tours free with museum admission. Drop in and draw during regular museum hours, front desk provides sketchbooks and pencils. Open Monday through Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Friday 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. General admission \$12; New Mexico residents \$7 daily and free on the first Sunday of every month; under age 16 free; New Mexico seniors with ID free on Wednesdays; free Friday evenings 5 to 8 p.m. 107 West Palace Avenue, Santa Fe. 476-5041, www.nmartmuseum.org.

NEW MEXICO MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY AND SCIENCE

Many exhibits on the history of Earth, Planetarium and movies at the giant-screen Lockheed-Martin Dyna Theater. Open Wednesday to Monday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Museum admission: Adults \$8; seniors \$7 and free Wednesdays; ages 3 to 12 years \$5; free to New Mexico residents with ID on the first Sunday of every month. Separate admission fees for DynaTheater and Planetarium. 1801 Mountain Road NW, Albuquerque. (505) 841-2800, www.nmnaturalhistory.org.

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. Preschool and home school discovery programs, nature clubs, middle school and high school environmental clubs and many other activities. Registration required for most activities. Open Monday, Wednesday and Friday to Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Tuesday 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; closed Thursdays. 2600 Canyon Road, Los Alamos. (505) 662-0460, www.pecnature.org.

RAILYARD ARTISAN MARKET

Local artists and craftspeople, farmers, ranchers and food artisans, musicians, refreshments and entertainment, in the heart of the Santa Fe Railyard. Open Sunday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Santa Fe Farmers Market, 1607 Paseo de Peralta, Santa Fe. 983-4098, www.artmarketsantafe.com.

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Charlie Hyde, age 3 ½ working on a Kandinsky inspired bubble painting.

SANTA FE BOTANICAL GARDEN AT MUSEUM HILL

Eleven acres of gardens that celebrate, cultivate and conserve the botanical heritage and biodiversity of our region. April through December open daily 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., adults \$7; seniors and military \$6; students and children 6 and up \$5; children under 6 free. January through March open Wednesday to Sunday 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., general admission \$3; free for children under 6. Members always admitted free. Museum Hill, 715 Camino Lejo, Santa Fe. www.santafebotanicalgarden.org.

SANTA FE CHILDREN'S MUSEUM

A learning laboratory with exhibits and programs designed to cultivate habits of inquiry. Wednesday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Thursday 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.; Friday and Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday noon to 5 p.m. General admission \$7.50; children ages 16 and under \$5; free for children under age 1. Children under 16 free Thursdays after 4 p.m. Family memberships available. 1050 Old Pecos Trail, Santa Fe. 989-8359, www.santafechildrensmuseum.org.

SANTA FE FARMERS MARKET

Over 150 active vendors selling hundreds of agricultural products, with locations in the Railyard and on the Southside. Railyard Farmers Market open Saturday and Tuesday, 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. June to September and from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. October through May. 1607 Paseo de Peralta, Santa Fe. Southside Farmers Market open Tuesday 3 to 6:30 p.m. from July through September, outside Santa Fe Place Mall near JC Penny, 4250 Cerrillos Road, Santa Fe. 983-4098, www.santafefarmersmarket.com.

SANTA FE MOMMY MEETUP GROUP

For all moms (and dads!) who delight in having fun with their children, primarily ages 0 to 5 years old. Mommy Meetup offers play dates, parents' events, charity and educational events, and an online discussion board. \$16 annual dues. www.meetup.com/santafemoms.

SANTA FE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Main Library, 145 Washington Avenue, open Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sunday 1 to 5 p.m.; 955-6781. Oliver La Farge Branch, 1730 Llano Street, open Monday through Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Thursday to Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; closed Sundays; 955-4862. Southside Branch, 6599 Jaguar Drive, open Monday through Thursday, 10:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 10:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sunday 1 to 5 p.m.; 955-2820. www.santafelibrary.org.

VISTA GRANDE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Story times, family movie nights, reading programs and special events. Open Tuesday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Wednesday through Friday, noon to 6 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. 14 Avenida Torreon, Eldorado. 466-7323, www.vglibrary.org.


WAREHOUSE 21

Dance concerts, theater productions and other events and classes for youth under 21. Tuesday to Thursday 3 to 7 p.m.; Friday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday 5 to 7 p.m. Open later for events. 1614 Paseo de Peralta, Santa Fe. 989-4423, www.warehouse21.org.

WHEELWRIGHT MUSEUM OF THE AMERICAN INDIAN


Contemporary and historic Native American art with an emphasis on the Southwest. Talks, seminars, meet-the-artist receptions and many other events. General admission \$8. Open daily 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. 704 Camino Lejo, Santa Fe. 982-4636, www.wheelwright.org.

Please send us information about family events happening in June, July and August for our Summer 2017 Calendar. Send by email (preferred), calendar@sffumbleweeds.com; or mail, **Tumbleweeds, 369 Montezuma#191, Santa Fe, NM 87501. Deadline: April 28.**



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Well-child visits, sports physicals and immunizations should be scheduled in advance.

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