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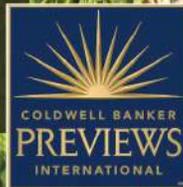


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## Mayor's Report

by Larry Abraham

# Building a Strong Sustainable Community

Summer is here - happy Fourth of July. Have fun and help keep the community and your neighborhood safe by exercising caution when using fireworks. Los Ranchos is again looking beautiful with the grass, trees and plants in full bloom.

The Los Ranchos Growers' Market is open every Saturday from 7:00 a.m. to noon. On July 11, make sure to come enjoy the Lavender and Garlic Celebration. The market will have extended hours and opportunities to learn about lavender and garlic and, of course, purchase fresh produce and handmade arts and craft items. You can read a little more about the event and see the day's schedule in the Ditch Writer column on page 11.

We are pleased that Vintage Albuquerque, one of the premier charity events in the area, benefiting arts education, has chosen Los Ranchos as their permanent home. I would like to welcome Vintage Albuquerque to Los Ranchos. For the past two years, their dinner and live auction event has been held at Los Poblanos Inn and Cultural Center. We are working with Vintage Albuquerque to relocate their Friday night wine tasting to the Agri-Nature Center starting in 2016. You can learn more about the organization and the wonderful work they do to support arts education in schools and through private not-for-profit organizations at [www.vintagealbuquerque.org](http://www.vintagealbuquerque.org).

We want to recognize and thank John Calvin of Casa Rondeña Winery for honoring the Village with two special blends that pay tribute to the rich history and cultural significance of Los Ranchos. The book, *Shining River, Precious Land*, authored by Los Ranchos residents, Kit Sargeant and Mary Davis, detailed this history through the archeological discoveries of Sargeant. So it is very appropriate that Calvin named one blend *Shining River* and the other *Precious Land*.

Calvin is also hosting Los Ranchos Day at the winery on September 12. We are excited about the plans for the day that include, food, music, wine and celebration of Los Ranchos. The details are being finalized and we will help him promote the event through the Village's website, Facebook page and throughout the magazine, so look for more to come on the event soon.

As the summer gets into full swing, I want to remind everyone to shop and dine with our local merchants and restaurants. We have some unique and treasured businesses along Fourth Street and shopping with them helps to build a strong and sustainable community.

# Calendar

## Planning and Zoning Commission Meetings

Tuesday, July 14, 7:00 p.m.  
 Tuesday, August 11, 7:00 p.m.  
 Tuesday, September 8, 7:00 p.m.

## Board of Trustees Regular Meetings

Wednesday, July 8, 7:00 p.m.  
 Wednesday, August 12, 7:00 p.m.  
 Wednesday, September 9, 7:00 p.m.

## Deadlines: Los Ranchos Vision Magazine

*Advertising and Article Submissions Due*  
 Friday, July 24, September Issue  
 Friday, September 4, Fall (October) Issue

## Growers' and Arts/Crafts Market

Saturday, July 4, 7:00 a.m. – noon  
 Saturday, July 11, 7:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.  
*Lavender & Garlic Festival, Extended hours*  
 Saturday, July 18, 7:00 a.m. – noon  
 Saturday, July 25, 7:00 a.m. – noon  
*Flower Festival*  
 Saturday, August 1, 7:00 a.m. – noon  
 Saturday, August 8, 7:00 a.m. – noon  
*Peak of Season*  
 Saturday, August 15, 7:00 a.m. – noon  
 Saturday, August 22, 7:00 a.m. – noon  
 Saturday, August 29, 7:00 a.m. – noon  
 Saturday, September 5, 8:00 a.m. – noon  
*Beans, Corn, Chile Annual Festival*  
 Saturday, September 12, 8:00 a.m. – noon  
*Los Ranchos Citizen Corps - Emergency Preparedness Info*  
 Saturday, September 19, 8:00 a.m. – noon  
*Fall veggies, Salmon & Beef with Guest Chef Kenny, the Fishhugger*  
 Saturday, September 26, 8:00 a.m. – noon

## Independence Day

Friday, July 3  
*Village Office closed in observance of Independence Day*

## Labor Day

Monday, September 7  
*Village Office closed*

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# Village at-a-Glance

## **Lavender and Garlic**

On Saturday, July 11, the Los Ranchos Growers' Market will feature the Lavender and Garlic Celebration with extended hours for this event from 7:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. at 6718 Rio Grande Blvd NW. See page 11 for more information on all of the wonderful lavender and garlic offerings at the market.

## **Growers' Market Flower Festival**

On July 25, the Los Ranchos Growers' Market will be celebrating the fourth annual Flower Festival featuring Hawaiian Hula demonstrations by Ha'aheo O Hawaii'i. You do not want to miss this event. Bring your family out for a delightful day at the market.

## **Another Successful Los Ranchos Summer Farm Camp**

The Village's summer farm camp wrapped up at the end of June. Approximately 100 kids total attended the four one-week sessions. Each camp had a different theme: Nature, Recycled and Upcycled Arts & Crafts Camp; Birds, Bees, and Creepy Crawlies Camp; Lotions & Potions Camp; and Pizza Camp. Check out page 22 for some fun camp photos. A special thank you to the Lavender in the Village Committee that generously provided a limited number of need-based financial aid.

## **Los Ranchos Day at the Winery**

Casa Rondeña will host Los Ranchos Day at the winery on September 12. The day will include, food, music, wine and celebration of Los Ranchos. Additional details will be made available as they are finalized through the Village and Casa Rondeña websites, Facebook pages and through the *Los Ranchos Village Vision* magazine. Look for more to come on the event soon.

## **Fourth of July Fireworks Events**

Happy Independence Day and thank you to all those who serve from all of us at Village Hall. Fire Department leaders are encouraging residents to attend public firework displays. There are several area events that are high quality, enjoyable, and safe events. If you are purchasing fireworks, make sure to read pages 35 for prohibited fireworks and how to report illegal fireworks.

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## Fire Corner

*by Christopher Celaya, Chief,  
Bernalillo County Fire and Rescue  
Department*

# It is an Honor to Serve Los Ranchos

It is a privilege to have the opportunity to introduce myself and to let you know how honored I am to serve the Village of Los Ranchos. In March 2015, the Bernalillo County Commission appointed me as the Chief of the Bernalillo County Fire and Rescue Department. I have enjoyed a long career in the fire and rescue service and am excited by the prospect of new challenges here in Bernalillo County.

I am looking forward to getting to know the Los Ranchos community. The following is a little background information about me. I started my public service career with El Paso EMS in 1987 as an EMT Basic. In 1988, I entered the fire academy graduating in August. I worked as a firefighter in operations until 1992. I taught the Emergency Medical Technician course to the recruit firefighters in the training academy promoting to the driver rank. During this assignment, I also trained and became a Licensed Paramedic. Upon promotion to Lieutenant, I was assigned as a dispatch shift supervisor and eventually returned to operations. I was promoted to Captain and served as the hazardous materials task

force senior officer in the downtown district. In 2005, I was promoted to Division Chief and oversaw the Communications division until all positions in Communication were civilianized. I was next assigned as the first Chief of Strategic Planning until my promotion to Deputy Chief in 2010. As the EMS chief, I oversaw policy decisions for the medical components of the department. In 2013, I returned to operations and was responsible for an operations shift consisting of 260 personnel and oversaw all operations during an operational shift. In May of 2015, I retired from the El Paso Fire Department and in June officially started as the Chief of Fire and Rescue for the Bernalillo County Fire Department.

Although I have spent my entire career in firefighting, I also have taught part-time for El Paso Community College since 1998 for both the EMT and Firefighter programs. In 2008, I also became a contract employee for SEARCH group teaching Incident Command level course (Communications Unit Leader) under a contract for the Department of Homeland Security and have taught



across the country and Puerto Rico.

I have been a member in various organizations such as the International Association of Firefighters, International Association of Fire Chiefs, National Association of Emergency Medical Technicians, the National EMS Management Association, the National Fire Academy Alumni Association and the American Society for Public Administrators.

During my down time, I have volunteered for various organizations including the Northgate Optimist as a Little League Coach, the El Paso First Lady's program to feed the homeless on Thanksgiving and the District Attorneys Crime Victims Memorial programs.

I have been married for 27 years, have four children, and enjoy camping and skiing.

On behalf of the members of the Bernalillo County Fire Department, I wish each of you a safe and enjoyable Fourth of July.



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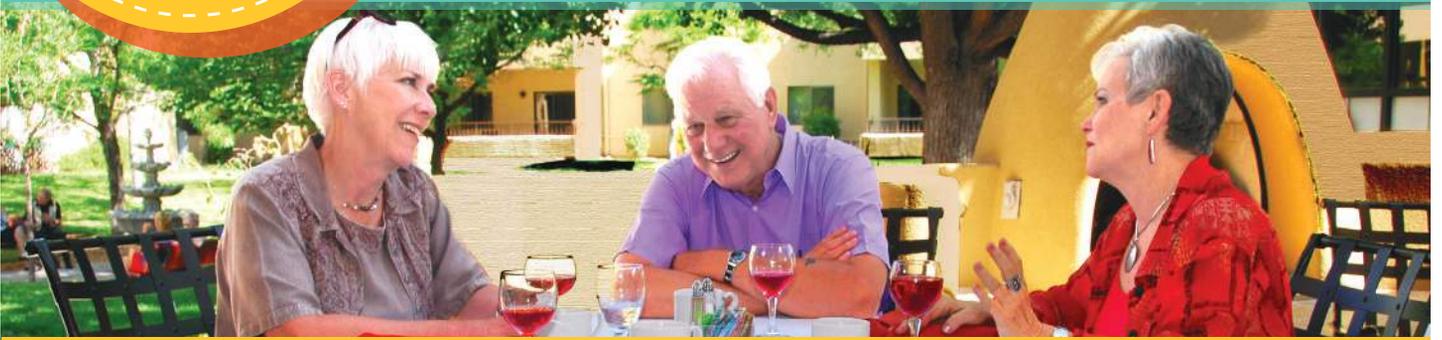
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## Ditch Writer

An Agri-highlights Column  
by Sue Brawley and Lorilee McDowell

# Summer Fun at the Market

In July and August, try some of the various types of tomatoes, green and purple beans, potatoes, various types of summer squash, including pattypan, zucchini, zephyr, roly-polly, fresh garlic, green onions, radishes, carrots, and rutabagas. Different types of basil will be available for pesto, stir-fries, and salad uses. Bouquets are beautiful and you can select from cosmos to sunflowers to lavender and more.

August marks the arrival of wonderful sweet corn and tasty melons such as sugar babies, crimson sweets, Crenshaw's, and cantaloupes.

### Special Events:

On July 11, the Growers' and Arts & Crafts Markets will have a Lavender and Garlic Celebration with extended

hours to 1:00 p.m. There is no village-wide event this year. The market will feature fresh cut lavender bouquets, lavender plants, special lavender products, various types of garlic, and special products featuring garlic. The classes and demonstrations will be held in a large tent by the racketball courts. In addition to the classes, various arts and crafts vendors will be demonstrating or discussing various techniques used to produce lavender and garlic themed art at their booths.

7:45 a.m. – 8:15 a.m.: Cooking with Lavender & Garlic (Savory)

8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.: Growing Lavender & Companion Plants

9:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.: Using Lavender/ Lavender Wand demonstration / Garlic Braiding demonstration

10:45 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.: Growing Garlic

11:30 a.m. – 12 noon: Cooking with Lavender (Sweets)

12:15 p.m. – 12:45 p.m.: Cooking with Lavender & Garlic (Savory)

July 25 is the third annual Flower Festival featuring Hawaiian Hula Demonstrations by Ha'aheo O Hawaii'i. August 8 is the 15th annual Peak of the Season Celebration.

Check out the website below for more information about local produce and products at the market and visit us on Facebook at Los Ranchos Growers' Market for local product information and more.

[www.losranchosgrowersmarket.com](http://www.losranchosgrowersmarket.com)

## From Market to Your Table

by Lorilee McDowell

### High Summer Veggies

Here's an easy veggie dish, good anytime but best by far when tomatoes are fresh from the garden.

Thinly slice three to five cleaned leeks, depending on their size, using the white parts only. If leeks are not available, you can substitute shallots or sweet onions sliced very thinly. Sauté them in a little olive oil until golden and a little crisp. Slice ripe tomatoes, not too thin. Slice a medium-sized zucchini, fairly thin. Adjust quantities depending on how many you are serving. In a baking

dish, layer the tomatoes, salt, freshly ground pepper, and chopped fresh basil; then add the zucchini, evenly spaced. Spread the leeks on top of the zucchini. Then add another layer of tomatoes, salt, pepper, basil or any herbs you like - be generous. Finally, sprinkle lightly with grated Parmesan cheese, and drizzle some olive oil over the dish. Bake at 325° for half an hour or until bubbling and browning.

If you are feeding more guests, it would be possible to add another layer of zucchini and tomatoes, or spread the layers out in a bigger, shallow dish.

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## Water Conservation

by Graeme Davis, BS, MS, New Mexico State University, Extension Agent

# Water Conservation Strategies: Landscape Planning and Design

The June issue of the Los Ranchos Village Vision introduced the benefits of greenery in well-designed landscapes in the first series of articles by Graeme Davis. This is the second article in the series which addresses the steps that need to be taken into consideration to plan and design a landscape with a balanced approach to protect wildlife habitat and food, increased property values, improved air quality, lower local temperatures, decreased need for large storm water management infrastructure, and reduce pollution of the Rio Grande.

**Efficient irrigation:** Each of our water use zones should be managed independently according to their needs. With in-ground irrigation systems, each zone should be under a separate valve. Different zones can have timers set for different lengths of time.

When applying water, keep in mind the type of plant that you are watering. Sprinkler systems are most appropriate for turf while drip, bubbler, microspray, or soaker hoses are more appropriate for shrubs and trees. For trees, apply water where they can use it—out at the dripline or beyond, not at the base except for during establishment.

**Use of mulch:** Mulch is used to keep the soil covered, reducing evaporation while improving soil health and preventing soil compaction. There are many different types of mulch, each with differing qualities and uses. In most cases, wood mulch (not bark mulch) provides the greatest benefits for soil, trees, and shrubs.

**Soil health and preparation:** Soil testing can be of use in determining the state of your soil and in determining which plants will do well under current conditions. It can also help

well. In the low water zone, remember that many native plants thrive in well drained soils or in soils enhanced with gravel mulches. Limit soil disturbance as much as possible to reduce the germination of weed seeds and keep soil compaction to a minimum as it is a major factor constraining the health of urban trees.

**Appropriate plant selection:** Just because a plant is pretty and sold by a nursery in town does not mean it will do well in your landscape. Consider the zone in which you wish to place a plant and research the plant's requirements before purchasing it. There are low water use plants and high water use plants, there are plants that take full sun and plants that require partial or full shade. Pick wisely according to the conditions you can provide.

**Appropriate turf selection and use:** Turf has its place in the landscape. It is fairly easy to maintain with frequent care, cools the area in which it is planted, prevents erosion, and provides an area to play. Different turfs have different water requirements and attributes and are green at different times of the year. Pinpoint your needs and match your turfgrass to those needs.



you determine if you wish to add any amendments. For the oasis and transition zones, compost can be of great use in improving soil's ability to hold water. Wood mulch can help with this as it breaks down over time as

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*Photo by Larry Abraham*

# LifeLong Learning Adds Westside Courses

by Janet Long Ford

The Institute for LifeLong Learning for New Mexicans (LLL) now offers courses at a Westside location. This fall, Village residents can drive just minutes to discover the history and purpose of the Library of Congress or to learn why the United States is so deeply involved with the Middle East.

At The Rio Grande on Rio Rancho's Westside Boulevard SE, JoAnne Weinberg, a former employee of Visitor Services at the Library of Congress, presents "Library of Congress: More Than Just a Pile of Books." The two-session course explores the library's development and purpose and offers ideas on how to use their resources from your computer, then takes you on a pictorial tour of this beautiful building and its art.

Also in Rio Rancho, Dave Weinberg's four-session course on oil, war, and the Middle East investigates more than 100 years of the region's history and its oil business, showcasing key players, both people and nations. Dave has a Ph.D. in geology, worked in the oil industry for more than 30 years, and spent 10-plus years working with Homeland Security.

In the Northeast Heights, "Looking at Art: How to See In an Age of Images," is a four-session course taught by Kathleen Waymire, who has a Master's degree in 19th- and 20th-Century Art and a Ph.D. in Renaissance Art History, studies works spanning the prehistoric to contemporary periods to enhance our enjoyment of art.

Courses in this fall's schedule also include "Native American Creation Literature," "Laser--A Light Fantastic," "Genes and Schemes," and "Nuclear Weapons & Treaties." Other offerings include a discounted performance of "Stage Kiss" at the Vortex Theatre with before and after lectures by the director and actors, a field trip in Corrales, and courses on the Book of Revelation, Donizetti operas, and the orchestral works of Richard Strauss.

LLL, a private, nonprofit organization, offers academic-style courses of up to five two-hour sessions to provide members with intellectual stimulation, expanded horizons, and camaraderie with like-minded adults. Class size is limited to 35 or fewer students, allowing for meaningful exchanges with the instructors. Discussion courses and most field trips are limited to 20 students. LLL's member-driven, volunteer-run structure enables it to keep quality high and fees low.

Fall courses start throughout September, October, and November. The catalog and registration forms will be on the LLL website the first week of August. There is no membership or processing fee.

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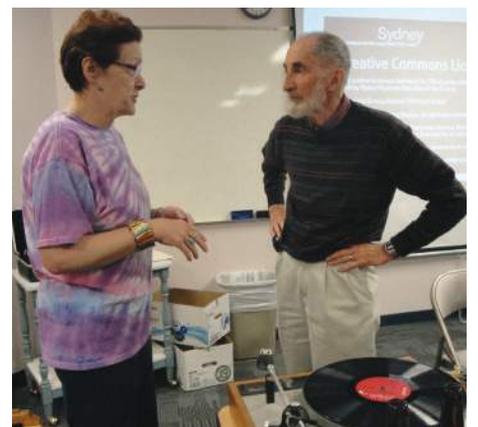
*Lyn Leshner asks Dr. Larry Anderson a question during the break of his spring course, "Understanding Musical Sounds & Instruments." Anderson, who was involved in some of the first experiments with lasers while at AT&T Bell Laboratories in the 1960s, will teach "Laser--A Light Fantastic" this fall.*



*Bob Ford (left) and Rudy Miera admire the classroom's features at The Rio Grande, the LLL's Westside location, while waiting for the course "Filming Giants: Agnes Martin and Diego Rivera" to begin.*



*Rod and Grace Kontny enjoy the sunshine during intermission of "The 39 Steps," presented by Duke City Repertory at The Cell Theatre. The LLL spring course "Behind the Scenes of The 39 Steps" included attending the production along with before and after classroom presentations by two of the actors.*





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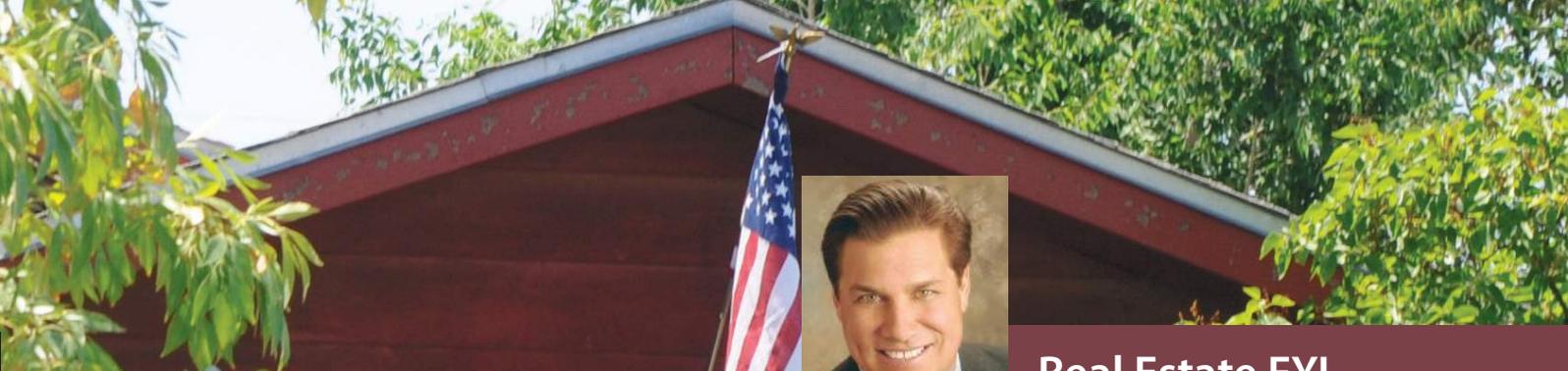
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6722 Rio Grande	816157	\$765,000.00	1.3	VACANT LAN				Steve Maestas	Maestas & Ward Commercial RE	(505) 878-0001
1031 Cottonwood	836962	\$539,500.00	1.09	VACANT LAND				Karsten Associates	Keller Williams Realty	(505) 897-1100
7530 Rio Grande	829313	\$499,000.00	2.23	VACANT LAND				Thomas Schroeder	Rafter S Realty	(505) 934-2118
8710 Rio Grande	839031	\$499,000.00	1.43	VACANT LAND				Thomas Schmidt	Homes in Transition, Inc	(505) 503-8056
8727 Rio Grande	839245	\$475,000.00	1.35	VACANT LAND				Paul Billingham	Keller Williams Realty	(505) 271-8200
7321 Fourth Street	832921	\$399,000.00	0.51	VACANT LAND				Patricia Wolfe	Keller Williams Realty	(505) 271-8200
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6767 Guadalupe	827559	\$325,000.00	1	VACANT LAND				James Shull	ABQ Properties LLC	(505) 717-3002
585 Alma Encantada	832133	\$325,000.00	1.55	VACANT LAND				Susan Nelson Anderson	Coldwell Banker Legacy	(505) 828-1000
6401 Fourth Street	827553	\$275,000.00	0.93	VACANT LAND				James Shull	ABQ Properties LLC	(505) 717-3002
915 La Senda	830741	\$249,000.00	0.72	VACANT LAND				Mark Thompson	Cauwels & Stuve Realty & Dev.	(505) 266-5711
900 Devon	816570	\$225,000.00	1.4	VACANT LAND				Robert Prewitt	Prewitt & Associates Inc.	(505) 821-2211
795 Ranchitos	807167	\$200,000.00	1.12	VACANT LAND				Frank Andreone	Coldwell Banker Legacy	(505) 828-1000
324 Nuevo Hacienda	829404	\$144,900.00	0.32	VACANT LAND				Lisa Hebenstreit	Lisa Hebenstreit Realty, LLC	(505) 242-2272
1115 El Pueblo	806216	\$134,900.00	0.29	VACANT LAND				Joi Banks-Schmidt	Coldwell Banker Legacy	(505) 293-3700
7412 Rio Grande	834960	\$3,150,000.00	3.81	6400	5	6	6	Suzanne Kinney	Coldwell Banker Legacy	(505) 293-3700
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5201 Eakes	839782	\$1,980,000.00	2.74	5988	5	5	3	Sandi Pressley	Coldwell Banker Legacy	(505) 293-3700
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de Guadalupe	841056	\$795,000.00	0.39	3168	4	3	3	Tom Cardenas	TC Building & Realty Inc.	(505) 823-4543
1001 El Alhambra	839448	\$789,900.00	0.9	5548	6	6	2	Jan DeMay	Coldwell Banker Legacy	(505) 293-3700
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1019 Chavez	814823	\$375,000.00	0.52	1514	2	1	2	David Montgomery	RogerCox&Assoc RE BrkgeLLC	(505) 268-2800
8908 Ortega	840779	\$375,000.00	0.26	2359	3	2	2	Fred&Sandra Creek	ABQhomes	(505) 299-2580
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309 La Chamisal	836782	\$350,000.00	0.19	1805	4	2	2	Carol Sauder	Coldwell Banker Legacy	(505) 898-2700
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## Real Estate FYI

by Tim Tourville, CRS

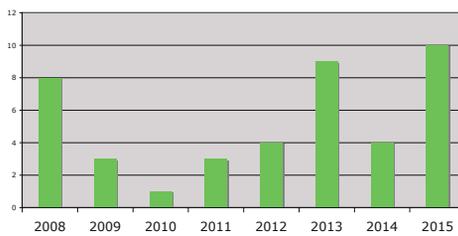
# State of the Village Real Estate Market-Land

Since last month's article dealt with land, I thought I would share the state of the market for the Village of Los Ranchos as it relates to vacant land. The tables below are very similar to those you have seen from me in the past, just tweaked a bit.

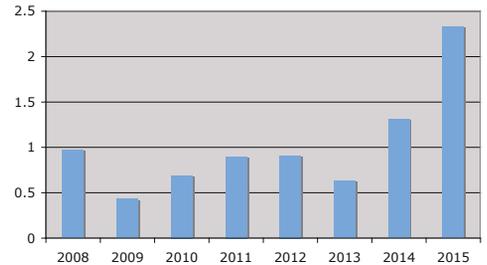
In the past, it was difficult to get statistics on real estate in the Village as the Southwest Multiple Listing Service did not have the means to search for properties exclusively in the Village. About eight years ago, Mayor Abraham and I approached the Greater Albuquerque Association of Realtors and the collaboration resulted in Los Ranchos de Albuquerque's designation as a city in the SWMLS. It has been my ongoing passion to ensure that listings in the Village are properly identified as Los Ranchos de Albuquerque and not simply Albuquerque. If you list a property in the Village please make sure your Realtor enters it correctly as Los Ranchos.

It is exciting to know that we now have an on-going database for homes sales exclusively in the Village. Although, in the last year GAAR changed the way Los Ranchos was identified in the MLS and now the Mayor and I are trying to get them to change it back. I hope you find this information useful, and as a Village resident and realtor, I am proud to be able to present it to you.

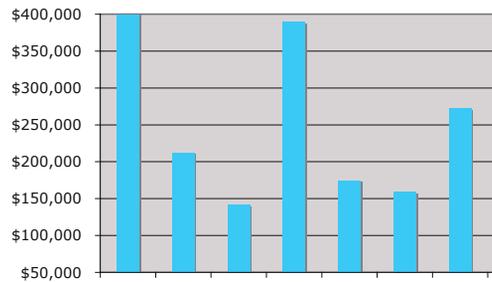
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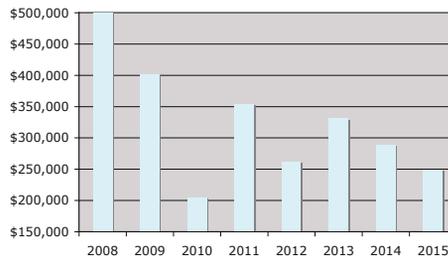
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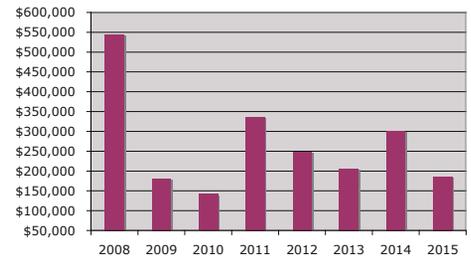
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1118 El Pueblo	840762	\$262,500.00	0.94	2094	3	2	1	Kate Southard	Keller Williams Realty	(505) 271-8200
6601 Las Casitas	838159	\$250,000.00	0.11	1722	3	2	2	Ida Kelly	Ida Kelly Realtors	(505) 888-1000
7934 Fourth Street	831202	\$249,000.00	0.67	2250	5	3	0	Mark Thompson	Cauwels & Stuve Realty & Dev.	(505) 266-5711
347 Tyler	825371	\$230,000.00	0.32	2005	4	2	0	Holly Jones	Keller Williams Realty	(505) 271-8200
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# Restaurant of the Month: A Taste of Himalayas

by Jeff Copeland

If barbecue is your thing, then you need to try Tandoori style foods. Tandoori is the ancient wood-fired oven cooking from Nepal and India. The best place to try Tandoori is at Taste of Himalayas located at 7520 Fourth Street NW. At Taste of Himalayas, you experience the best, freshest Nepalese and Indian fare available. If this type of

cuisine is new to you, then you cannot go wrong at Taste of Himalayas. Here are some great choices among the many: Butter Chicken, Nepali Bhojan, Tandoori Chicken, Lamb Vindaloo. Either for lunch or dinner, there is no better way to globe trot so close to home than a fabulous meal at Taste of Himalayas.

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# For Village Resident and Restaurateur, Nepal's Earthquake is Personal

by Gayle Vance



Deepak "Deep" Gorkhali could only watch and worry as earthquakes struck his native Nepal on April 25 and again on May 12.

"My whole family is there," said Deep. "For a while I had no idea whether they had survived or died."

They survived. But the devastating quakes killed more than 8,500 people and toppled half a million homes,



leaving many residents – Deep's parents and sisters among them—homeless and scrambling. "My family members are currently living in tents," he said.

The United States and other nations have rushed aid to the disaster-stricken country, but Nepal's weak infrastructure has greatly slowed the distribution of supplies, causing some medicines and foods to spoil before they can be delivered.

Deep is monitoring the situation as best he can. But communication has been spotty – even in legendary Kathmandu, the nation's capital, where the family lives.

"Things will improve, but it will take time," said Deep, who owns the Taste of the Himalayas restaurant at 7520 Fourth Street NW. The Kathmandu native and Los Ranchos resident said that New Mexico's mountains and friendly people remind him of home.



*Photo courtesy of the Washington Post*

# Summer Fun at Farm Camp

A peek in a campers' journal:

*We made yummy trail mix, then went on a hike in the North Valley! We saw crayfish, toads, and lots of cool birds. We also met up with Mike Gonzales from the MRGCD and learned about the acequia system. We made homemade super bubbles and bubble wands with wire hangers. Finally, we harvested kale from the garden and made berry kale popsicles! What a great day!!*

*Farm Camp was super fun today! We planted giant sunflowers, beets, and pumpkins in the garden, made soap, created weaving looms from toilet paper rolls, made more cool art, and had an awesome scavenger hunt! Oh...the kale berry popsicles we made yesterday, were SUUUUPPER YUMMY!*



Campers spent the first week in June foraging for interesting items around the Los Ranchos Agri-Nature Center and creating beautiful nature-based, recycled and upcycled art and crafts. They used vegetables to dye homemade chalk, used “found” items as weaving looms, made beautiful journals with handmade paper, and learned nature still-life painting and drawing. Campers created an art show and invited their families and friends to celebrate their artistic accomplishments, complete with homemade food and drinks on the final day of camp.

The second week, in partnership with the University of New Mexico’s Department of Elementary Education, the coolest teachers around worked with Farm Camp educators to give campers an in-depth knowledge of birds, bees, bats and important garden insects. Each day highlighted a different creature and local experts explained the animal’s ecological importance to the farm.

Campers spent week three learning how natural materials, such as lavender, almond oil, and beeswax can be used to make sweet-smelling lotions, lip balms, sunscreen bars, soaps, face masks, sugar scrubs, perfume and insect repellents.

Pizza Camp returned the fourth week and campers learned where each ingredient on a pizza comes from. Campers learned how to grind wheat for flour, use fresh tomatoes to make pizza sauce and basil to make pesto, harvest herbs and vegetables for toppings and make homemade mozzarella cheese.



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## Finance

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# Teaching Kids About Money

The Village is full of kids out of school for the summer. Amidst the camps and vacations, this is a great time to think about how we teach kids about money. Among the many responsibilities of adulthood, managing personal finances is one of the most important skills you can learn. Unfortunately, many of us have had to learn this lesson the hard way, without any formal education on the subject. If you want to help give your kids a head start on the road to financial independence and success, there are many simple tips you can use to get them started early. Here are six easy ways to help younger children learn about the value of money and investing.

**Introduce kids to dollars and cents.** For very young kids, start to teach children how to count change and help them understand the value of each coin. Explain how to pay for things. For example, if they find a toy at the store that costs \$2.75, show how they would need two \$1 bills, plus three quarters to pay for this purchase. You can even let them make the exchange at the check-out counter.

**Explain the concept of earning money.** It is important for children to understand how you earn money when you go to work and also how that money pays for housing, food, and the many fun activities your family enjoys. Explain to them the benefits of having a job, and help them appreciate the reason you leave the house each morning.

**Respect money.** To set a good example for children, do not discard pennies or small change. Show them how saving even small amounts of change in a jar can add up to a significant sum. Count it out together every few months, and help them pick out something useful they can spend it on.

**Give children an allowance.** By providing children with a weekly allowance, you can teach them both how to save money and also how to spend it wisely. You can also tie an allowance to weekly chores around the house to help them learn the concept of earning money. It may also be a good idea to pay allowances in small increments, such as five \$1 bills instead of one \$5 bill. Dividing money in this way can help

show how they can use a portion of the money to spend on things they want and also how to save a portion of their earnings as well.

Help set savings goals to work toward. If your child wants to purchase a video game or a new item of clothing, work with them to figure out ways to save for this goal. If the item costs \$20, help them estimate how much of their allowance they will need to save and how long it will take to save that amount. Encourage your child to find ways to make some extra money by picking up additional chores around the house.

**Match their savings.** One way to encourage good habits is by matching a portion of the child's savings. For example, you could contribute an extra 50 cents for each dollar they save. Providing an extra incentive can increase their savings more rapidly and teach them good habits at the same time.

These are just a few ideas to get kids started on the road to savings.

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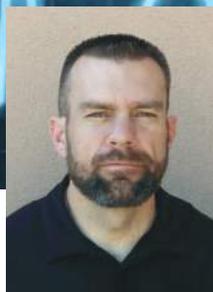
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## Fitness/Health Column

by Dustin Melville

# Tired of the Same Old Work Outs?

### It is time to mix it up!

Monday comes along and you drudge off to the gym for your normal workout. Today is leg day. You plan to cycle through the same exercises, in the same order, just like you have been for the last couple of months. Never mind it seems like your body could go through the motions with your mind still at home. Maybe it is time to kick start your enthusiasm for training and get back on track towards achieving those goals you set. Let me share a few intensity techniques that will surely shock your muscles and reinvigorate your desire to train hard again.

### You usually train just one body part a workout. Why not try two?

Many people have been led to believe that to make muscular progress, you can only train and exhaust one body part per workout. While this has been the preferred method of choice for competitive bodybuilders and powerlifters, the average person looking to get in shape has other options. The superset method is based on completing an exercise for one bodypart followed immediately by a set for another bodypart. For example, try supersetting a set of dumbbell curls

with standing triceps extensions. Not only will you increase overall exercise intensity, but you will complete your sets faster and burn more calories. This technique works great for body parts such as chest and back, biceps and triceps, and thighs and hamstrings.

### You only do three sets for each exercise and never do more than 12 reps. Who came up with that?

From my experience, there is not anything wrong with performing a specified number of sets and reps for a particular exercise. The problem occurs when this scheme becomes a hard and fast rule. Remember, to make continued progress we need to keep the body guessing. Instead of performing three sets why not try two? Or maybe four? Instead of performing eight reps on your last set try 20 with a lighter weight. Sometimes on my last set, I will perform 10 reps with my normal weight, set it down, grab a lighter weight and perform 10 more. If you are feeling real adventurous try one more. That is 30 total reps performed quickly with maximum fatigue. Whatever you choose to do, make sure to mix it up as often as possible.

### You perform your normal 30 minutes of cardio each day. On the treadmill. Same speed and incline. How is that working for you?

Cardio is great, has many benefits and is something everyone should be doing. But if you are not seeing the results (i.e. cardiovascular conditioning, weight loss, etc.), then it might be time to mix it up a bit. One obvious option is to vary your method of cardio by utilizing different machines such as the elliptical, upright bike, or stepmill. Another option is to vary your intensity. I like to incorporate high intensity intervals when doing cardio. For example, instead of walking on the treadmill for the duration of your session try walking for two minutes, jogging for one minute and repeating this sequence for 15 to 20 minutes. Not only will you burn more calories, but you should be able to accomplish the same result in a shorter time period.

Bottom line, make sure to keep your workouts fresh by mixing things up on a regular basis. Your mind and body will thank you.

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## Board of Trustees Meeting

May 13, 2015

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The next regular meeting  
will be held on  
Wednesday, July 8, 2015

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1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Abraham called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

*The Board moved approval of the agenda with item 9.B. deferred to the June 10, 2015, Board of Trustee meeting.*

2. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

NONE

3. PROCLAMATIONS

A. Proclamation proclaiming June 7, 2015, as Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender Pride Day.

4. PRESENTATIONS

A. Village of Los Ranchos de Albuquerque municipal court, Honorable Robert J. Maw, Jr.

B. Video Presentation: Where am I? the Power of Uniqueness, Ed McMahon, Tedx Jacksonville.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

There will be no separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired, that item will be removed from the consent agenda and will be considered separately.

A. MINUTES – APRIL 8, 2015 – REGULAR MEETING

*The consent agenda was approved as presented. The motion carried unanimously, 4-0.*

6. REPORTS

A. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Abraham reported on the following:

- May close on the purchase of property at 311 Osuna Rd NW as soon as Friday.
- Extended an open invitation to the Trustees to attend two events hosted by Vintage Albuquerque on June 26 and 27.
- The first half of the tennis courts are being resurfaced and should be completed within a few weeks.

B. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Administrator Ward reported on the following:

- Reviewing the Sites Southwest contract in order to proceed with the next phase of the Fourth Street Project

- The registration for Summer Farm Camp is now open and camps are filling up quickly.
- May present an easement proposal from Jon Sparks at the June Board of Trustee Meeting.
- Similar to last year, the Growers' Market will extend the normal market hours and focus on lavender and garlic on July 11, 2015.

C. **LEGAL REPORT**

Attorney Chappell reported on the following:

- Working with Village staff on revising and reviewing ordinances.

7. **FINANCIAL BUSINESS**

A. **CASH REPORT – APRIL 2015**

*The Cash Report for April 2015 was approved as presented. The motion carried unanimously, 4-0.*

B. **DISCUSSION OF PROPOSED INTERIM BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016.**

*The Interim Budget for Fiscal Year 2015/2016 was approved as presented. The motion carried unanimously, 4-0.*

8. **PUBLIC HEARINGS AND APPLICATIONS**

There are no public hearings.

9. **OLD BUSINESS**

A. **DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL TO ADOPT AN AMENDMENT TO THE 2013 CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF LOS RANCHOS DE ALBUQUERQUE CHAPTER 12, PERSONNEL RULES AND REGULATIONS, ARTICLE 1, SECTION 1 TITLE AND SCOPE §12.1.1, SECTION 2 PERSONNEL PRACTICES §12.1.2, SECTION 3 AUTHORITY FOR ADMINISTRATION §12.1.3, SECTION 4 CLASSIFICATION AND PAY PLAN §12.1.4, SECTION 5 RECRUITMENT AND SELECTION §12.1.5, SECTION 6 DRESS AND APPEARANCE §12.1.6, SECTION 7 CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT-EMPLOYMENT RIGHTS §12.1.7, SECTION 8 POLITICAL PARTICIPATION §12.1.8, SECTION 9 POSITIONS INELIGIBLE FOR OVERTIME AND COMPENSATION ABSENCES §12.1.9, SECTION 10 WORK SAFETY §12.1.10, SECTION 11 PERSONNEL RECORD AND RECORD CHANGES §12.1.11, SECTION 12 EMPLOYMENT PAY AND PERFORMANCE EVALUATIONS §12.1.12, SECTION 13 PROMOTIONS §12.1.13, TRANSFER AND DEMOTIONS, SECTION 14 USE OF DRUGS AND ALCOHOL §12.1.14, SECTION 15 PROBLEM RESOLUTION §12.1.15, SECTION 16 DISCIPLINE §12.1.16, SECTION 17 ADVERSE ACTION AFFECTING EMPLOYMENT STATUS §12.1.17, SECTION 18 EMPLOYEE SEPARATION §12.1.18, SECTION 19 EMPLOYEE BENEFITS §12.1.19, AND SECTION 20 EMPLOYMENT DEVELOPMENT §12.1.20.**

*Item deferred to the June 10, 2015, Board of Trustees meeting.*

10. **NEW BUSINESS**

None

11. **TRUSTEES INFORMAL DISCUSSION**

*Members of the Board discussed various informal topics. No action was taken.*

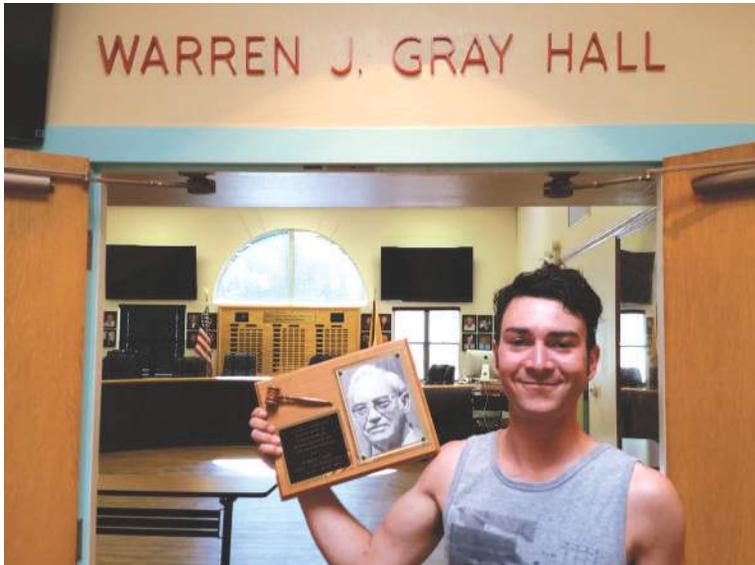
12. **ADJOURNMENT**

*The meeting was adjourned at 8:34 p.m.*

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\* Summary minutes pending final approval from the Board of Trustees.

## Former Mayor's Grandson Visits the Village Hall



Warren Gray served the Village of Los Ranchos as a trustee, fire marshal, as well as mayor from 1977 to 1980 and again from 1984 to 1988, when the Village was small and the Village Hall was located on Green Valley Road.

Inside the Los Ranchos Village Hall lies the Warren J. Gray Hall, named after a former mayor. In 1990, and again in the fall of 1999, the building underwent remodeling, reflecting the growth of population and governmental services in the Village area. Gray served as mayor from 1977 to 1980 and again from 1984 to 1988. He played an integral part in the building of Village Hall.

On June 5, his grandson, Paul Laffoon, stopped by unexpectedly to pay a visit to the place where Village residents see his late grandpa's name every time they walk through their doors. Paul remembered his grandfather as a dedicated family man who set the bar high. "My grandfather was a fire marshal, a mayor, a Village Trustee, and served with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). He established a legacy that lives on. While I was only two or three the last time I saw him, what

I remember the most is that he spoke to you like a 'man.' My favorite photo is of him and me sitting on the patio, hands behind our heads, just talking."

Family was the former mayor's world, according to his grandson. "Warren was so dedicated to family, that I believed that during his last days he held on, giving his children from an earlier marriage time to arrive and say their goodbyes."

Laffoon, 28, of San Francisco, CA, and a companion are travelling across the southern U.S. and made a stop in Los Ranchos. "You go where your gut leads you," said Laffoon. "I have wanted to see the Village Hall and visit family in the area for a long time. Plus, a trip to New Mexico is not complete without a stop at Blake's Lota Burger. We missed the first one off the freeway, so we continued on and stopped at the next Lota Burger on Candelaria Road in Albuquerque. It happened to be the same restaurant where my grandmother (Warren's wife) and I had our last meal together before she passed away." Laffoon's grandmother, Virginia Eileen Gray, was a resident of the North Valley for 41 years. She passed away in 2007.

Bonnie Gray-Dees, Gray's daughter said her father was well loved by everyone. "Dad was a salt of the earth kind of fellow. He knew about agriculture, flora and fauna. He was a great teacher and an incredible role model for me. He had integrity and could bridge the span in politics, as well as do anything he set his mind to. He was truly a renaissance man."



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# The Centurion Players Deliver Again

by Nancy Frey

In the comedic tradition of *Arsenic and Old Lace*, the Victory Christian School Centurion Players once again brought laughter and fun to their audiences with a fun-filled spoof titled *Larceny and Old Lace* by Van Vandagriff. Produced in cooperation with Pioneer Drama Service, Inc., the April production at Victory Christian School was a tremendous success.

Harold Peabody, played by senior Nathan Olona, cannot believe his sweet little aunts Gertie (senior Victoria

Martinez) and Millie (junior Julissa Ortiz) actually rob casinos and have Uncle Charlie (freshman Joel Stepp) bury their "treasure" in the basement. The play includes the criminal nephew Mordred and investigating FBI agents Klick and Klack (Caryss Hathorne and Jane Bacon). Mordred was played by senior Joshua McDuffie, who, in his first role with the Players, channeled his inner creepy bad guy and made Mordred Peabody an unforgettable character. Olona, as Harold gave

audiences a great glimpse of Cary Grant as Mortimer Brewster in the film version of *Arsenic and Old Lace*. The cast did an excellent job with the timing of an important parlor scene as one character exists and another one enters, making for a great bit of dramatic irony.

Directors, Nancy Frey and David Zahn, spent four afternoons every week for five weeks in rehearsal with the cast to bring this exciting show to the stage, and many crew members worked hard behind the scenes to help the production run smoothly. Audience members were heard to say, "This is the best one yet!"

The Centurion Players fund their productions each spring with money



raised at a parking lot flea market held at the school in late March a few weeks prior to each run. Revenue also comes in with ticket sales for each night's performance.

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# North Valley Academy Survey Results

STATE OF NEW MEXICO PUBLIC EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SURVEY RESULTS FOR 2014/2015 - NORTH VALLEY ACADEMY. Publishing Requirement 5/21/2015

#	Question Pregunta	Level Nivel	Strongly Agree Absolutamente de Acuerdo	Agree De acuerdo	Disagree No de Acuerdo	Strongly Disagree Absolutamente en Desacuerdo	Do Not Know No Sé	No Opinion Ninguna Opinión	Total Responses Respuestas Totales
1	<b>My child is safe at school.</b> <i>Mi hijo(a) está seguro(a) en la escuela.</i>	State	123 69%	53 29%	2 1%	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%	178 100%
2	<b>My child's school building is in good repair and has sufficient space to support quality education</b> <i>Las instalaciones escolares están en buen estado y proveen suficiente espacio para facilitar una educación de calidad.</i>	State	89 50%	74 41%	13 7%	0 0%	1 0%	0 0%	177 100%
3	<b>My child's school holds high expectations for academic achievement.</b> <i>La escuela de mi hijo(a) tiene altas expectativas académicas</i>	State	112 65%	46 27%	4 2%	2 1%	3 1%	3 1%	170 100%
4	<b>School personnel encourage me to participate in my child's education.</b> <i>El personal escolar me anima a participar en la educación de mi hijo(a).</i>	State	118 64%	51 27%	9 4%	1 0%	2 1%	2 1%	183 100%
5	<b>The school offers adequate access to up-to-date computers and technologies.</b> <i>La escuela ofrece acceso adecuado a las computadoras modernas y a la tecnología, en general.</i>	State	101 55%	58 31%	8 4%	4 2%	11 6%	1 0%	183 100%
6	<b>School staff maintains consistent discipline which is conducive to learning.</b> <i>El personal escolar mantiene una disciplina consistente que fomenta el aprendizaje.</i>	State	92 50%	76 41%	11 6%	1 0%	2 1%	1 0%	183 100%
7	<b>My child has an adequate choice of school-sponsored extracurricular activities.</b> <i>Mi hijo(a) tiene acceso a una selección adecuada de actividades no académicas patrocinadas por la escuela.</i>	State	93 49%	56 29%	23 12%	3 1%	6 3%	6 3%	187 100%
8	<b>My child's teacher provides sufficient and appropriate information regarding my child's academic progress.</b> <i>El maestro(a) de mi hijo(a) ofrece información suficiente y apropiada sobre el progreso académico de mi hijo(a).</i>	State	118 64%	51 27%	11 5%	3 1%	1 0%	0 0%	184 100%
9	<b>The school staff employs various instructional methods and strategies to meet my child's needs.</b> <i>El personal escolar emplea una variedad de estrategias y métodos pedagógicos para cumplir con las necesidades de mi hijo(a).</i>	State	101 55%	62 34%	9 4%	2 1%	5 2%	2 1%	181 100%
10	<b>My child takes responsibility for his, or her, learning.</b> <i>Mi hijo(a) se hace responsable de su propio aprendizaje.</i>	State	99 55%	70 38%	8 4%	1 0%	0 0%	2 1%	180 100%
11	<b>I have an understanding of the Common Core State Standards and see evidence of their implementation in my child's classroom.</b>	District	69 40%	71 41%	12 6%	3 1%	12 6%	5 2%	172 100%
12	<b>I support the the project-based and small group learning at NVA as it enhances my child's academic progress.</b>	District	119 67%	48 27%	4 2%	0 0%	3 1%	2 1%	176 100%
13	<b>I value NVA school events and believe they promote a sense of educational community.</b>	District	108 63%	53 31%	5 2%	0 0%	0 0%	4 2%	170 100%
14	<b>I believe the homework given by NVA teachers is relevant.</b>	District	87 49%	65 36%	15 8%	4 2%	2 1%	3 1%	176 100%
15	<b>I believe that the annual state assessment (NM PARCC) is a good measure of my child's academic abilities.</b>	District	45 26%	52 30%	29 17%	10 5%	23 13%	11 6%	170 100%

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Remember, your goal is not to have the greenest lawn in the neighborhood. Your goal should be to design and maintain a landscape that both provides for your needs and does not exhaust your resources. Have fun out there!



## Area Firework Displays

### Albuquerque Isotopes Baseball Game

On Friday, July 3, enjoy a post-game fireworks show at the Albuquerque Isotopes versus Reno Aces baseball game with a live accompaniment by Albuquerque Youth Symphony, weather permitting. Gates open at 5:30 p.m. Game time is 7:05 p.m.

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On Saturday, July 4, in Rio Rancho, at the Loma Colorado Park, located on Loma Colorado Boulevard, will be the annual Fireworks Extravaganza. The fireworks will begin at approximately 9 p.m. There is no admission fee to attend the show. Spectators are encouraged to bring chairs, blankets, and picnic baskets. Parking will be available at surrounding parking lots for a \$5 fee, which benefits the Rio Rancho and Cleveland High School athletic booster clubs.

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- July 11 - Up-Cycle Sale, BOGO Book Fair. Food and fun in the school parking lot.
- August 12 - First day of school

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- July 11 - Sandia Prep Alumni Weekend
- August 18 - New Student Orientation
- August 19 - Classes begin
- September 21-25 - Sandia Prep Spirit Week
- September 25 - Lion and Unicorn Day
- September 25-26 - Sandia Prep Homecoming 2015

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Upcoming Events:

- August 10 - 6th grade registration 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. 7th grade registration 12:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. 8th grade registration, 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. \* current shot records and residence information required. Student agendas for 2015-2016 and Taft T-Shirts will be available for purchase.
- August 12 - Jump Start Day for 6th grade only, 9:00 a.m. - Noon, Meet in cafeteria
- August 13 - First day of school
- August 26 - Open House, 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

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- August 10 - Secondary Orientation 7:00 p.m.
- August 11 - Elementary Orientation 7:00 p.m.
- August 12 - First Day of Classes
- August 15 - Back to School Picnic 4:30 p.m.
- August 20-21 - Back to School Spiritual Retreat in Jemez Mountains



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## Theater News

by Marcelle Garfield Cady



### **Picnic at the Adobe**

In 1953, William Inge received a Pulitzer Prize for *Picnic*, a play based on women he had known as a small child. "When I was a boy in Kansas, my mother had a boarding house. There were three women school teachers living in the house. I was four years old, and they were nice to me. I liked them. I saw their attempts, and, even as a child, I sensed every woman's failure. I began to sense the sorrow and the emptiness in their lives, and it touched me," Inge said of his experience.

The setting for the play is Labor Day weekend - in the joint backyards of two middle-aged widows. The one house belongs to Flo Owens, who lives there with her two maturing daughters, Madge and Millie, and a boarder who is a spinster school teacher. The other house belongs to Helen Potts, who lives with her elderly and invalid mother. Into this female atmosphere comes a young man named Hal Carter, whose animal vitality seriously upsets the entire group. Hal is a most interesting character, a child of parents who ignored him, self-conscious of his failings and his position behind the

eight ball. Flo is sensitively wary of temptations for her daughters. Madge, bored with being only a beauty, sacrifices her chances for a wealthy marriage for the excitement Hal promises. Her sister, Millie, finds her balance for the first time through the stranger's brief attention. The spinster is stirred to make an issue out of the dangling courtship that has brightened her life in a dreary, minor way.

*Picnic* had a successful Broadway run from February 19, 1953, to April 10, 1954, directed by Joshua Logan, who received a Tony Award for Best Director. The play also won the New York Drama Critics' Circle Award for Best Play of the season. The original cast featured Ralph Meeker, Eileen Heckart, Arthur O'Connell, Janice Rue, Reta Shaw, Kim Stanley and (the Broadway debut of) Paul Newman. An unknown at the time, Newman campaigned heavily for the leading role of Hal, but director Joshua Logan did not think Newman was physically large enough to convey the lead character's athletic attributes. He played Hal's former college roommate

Alan Seymour while understudying the role of Hal. Eventually he took over the lead role.

The 1955 movie which starred Kim Novak and William Holden, again directed by Joshua Logan, garnered six Academy Award nominations, and won two - for art direction and editing.

At the time of writing, director Daryl Streeter (who recently directed *Pump Boys and Dinettes* and *The Rainmaker*) is still selecting his cast from a record audition turn out. Do not miss seeing some of our stellar Albuquerque actors. Check the theater's website to see who they are.

Performances are August 7 - August 30. Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m., Sunday at 2:00 p.m. Pay What You Will Thursday, August 20. Tickets are \$17 general, \$15 senior/student, and can be purchased at [www.adobetheater.org](http://www.adobetheater.org) or call 898-9222, Option 1. Group sales for 10 or more people are available.



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The Los Ranchos Arts & Crafts Market is held in conjunction with the Growers' Market every Saturday morning throughout the summer. The hours are 7:00 a.m. - noon. The Arts & Crafts Market is made up of approximately twenty artists offering a wide variety of interesting and unique products, including pottery, jewelry, quilts, batik tee-shirts, tie dyed clothing, wood products, greeting cards, glass mosaics, crocheted goods, wind chimes, soy candles, personal care products, sock monkeys, and children's clothing. Each artist has been juried into the market and makes everything that they have on display. The jurying process assures that those who attend the market have a variety of quality products for guests to peruse. Some artists there almost every week,



some every other week, and some just occasionally.

Come out every Saturday to see which artists are at the market and what new treasures they have to offer.

Every week is a new adventure!

Visit the market website and check us out on Facebook.

[losranchosartsandcraftsmarket.com](http://losranchosartsandcraftsmarket.com)

## In Memoriam Nancy Anderson Roberts



Nancy Anderson Roberts, age 85, died peacefully on Friday, May 22, 2015. She was a long time resident of Los Ranchos.

She was a graduate of Mount Vernon Seminary and George Washington University. She was the 1946 Apple Blossom Queen in Virginia and the 1947 Cherry Blossom Queen in Washington D.C. She belonged to the P.E.O. Chapter E, Kappa Kappa Gamma, Daughters of the Nile, Junior League of Albuquerque, and Sustainers member of First Presbyterian Church. She served on boards of Crippled Children Association, All Faiths Receiving Home, founding board of Sandia Preparatory School, Board of directors of

the Clinton P. Anderson Agency and a member of the Tom L. Popejoy Society of University of New Mexico. She enjoyed the many years she lived on the family farm, walking her dogs and riding her horses. She also enjoyed giving back to the community, among her favorites: Animal Humane, All Faiths Receiving Home, and Albuquerque Community Foundation.

She was preceded in death by her father, the late Senator Clinton P. Anderson and wife, Henrietta; husband, Ben L. Roberts; and brother, Sherburne P. Anderson.

She is survived by her children, Jim Roberts and wife, Tracey, John Roberts and wife, Patsy, and Mary Roberts and husband, Richard Waters. She leaves behind five beautiful grandchildren: McKinnon and Cody Roberts, Caitlin Roberts, Alyson Carey and husband, Beau, Rachelle Yates and husband, Glen and four great-grand children.

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The Los Ranchos Village Vision Magazine has grown since it began in 2004. Eight issues per calendar year are released, with each issue between 48 and 56 full color pages, and printed on 70# gloss paper. The magazine is mailed free to every household and every business in Los Ranchos. There are, in addition, a number of paid subscriptions outside the Village, and complimentary copies are distributed at Village events. The magazine is written about the Village, by Villagers, for Villagers.



## Food Column

by Shannon Jackson

# Independence Day Firecracker Cakelettes

Guaranteed to be the most “pop” ular dessert at your Fourth of July party, these Pop Rocks-filled treats will surprise everyone’s taste buds. Made with a dense, sponge-cake-like recipe, the colored cakes stack nicely and hold together with just a dab of frosting

Firecracker cakelettes

Yields 10-14 cakes

Ingredients:

1 box white cake mix

4 egg whites

1/2 cup oil

1/2 cup water

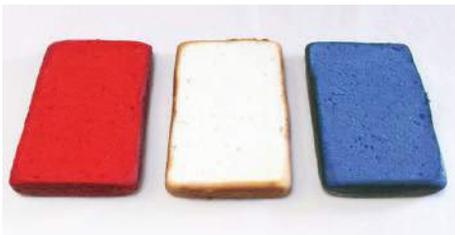
1 cup sour cream

Red and blue food coloring

3 packages Pop Rocks candy

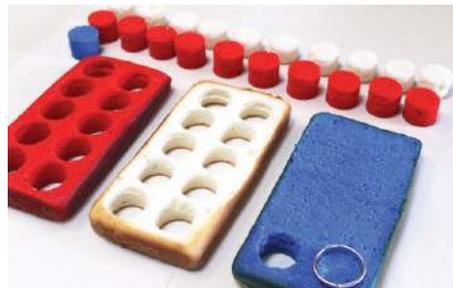
Black licorice ropes

White frosting (less than 1/4 cup)



### Directions:

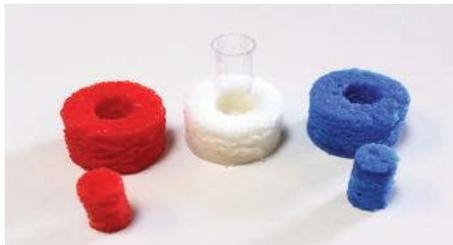
Mix white cake mix, egg whites, oil, water and sour cream for three to four minutes on medium speed. Split cake batter into three equal amounts, adding red and blue food coloring to two of the portions. Coat three, 4 x 9-inch bread pans with cooking spray and lightly flour the bottoms. Add the three batters to the pans and bake at 350° for 18-23 minutes. Allow them to cool and remove from pans.



Using a 1-1/2-inch round cookie cutter, cut circles from each of the baked cakes. (I got 10 out of each cake, but you might be able to get more if you try.)



Using a serrated knife, carefully trim off the browned, baked bottoms of each cake circle.



Using a jumbo straw or plastic tube (one-half or three-quarters-inch in diameter), remove the centers of the cake circles. Be sure to save the red and blue centers to use as plugs for later.

*Note: For maximum popping potential, pour the Pop Rocks into the cake centers no earlier than one hour before serving. The moisture in the cakes will cause the Pop Rocks to slightly snap and crackle on their own.*



Put a portion of the red cake plugs back into the bottoms of the red cake circles. Pipe a line of frosting around the centers of the red and white cake circles. Stack the white cakes on top of the red cakes and the blue cakes on top of the white cakes.



Add Pop Rocks down the hollow centers of the stacked cakes. Put a portion of the blue cake plugs back into the tops, covering the center filled with Pop Rocks.



Cut licorice rope pieces approximately 1-1/2 inches long and insert them into the centers of the blue cakes.

Recipe courtesy of SheKnows.com

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Learn how to grow, cook and braid lavender. Also learn techniques to cook with garlic. There are arts & crafts booths, classes, and demonstrations for all ages.



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Casa Rondeña will host Los Ranchos Day at the winery on September 12. The day will include, food, music, wine and celebration of Los Ranchos. Additional details will be made available as they are finalized through the Village and Casa Rondeña websites, Facebook pages and through the Los Ranchos Village Vision magazine.



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Christopher Celaya was appointed the new Chief, Bernalillo County Fire and Rescue Department in March 2015. Celaya began his career with El Paso EMS, as a EMT Basic and entered the fire academy in 1988. He worked as a firefighter in operations until 1992. Taught Emergency Medical Technician courses and trained to become a licensed paramedic. Rising through the ranks, he retired from the El Paso Fire Department in 2013.



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