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View of a late fall snow capped mountain above the Town of Taos

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View of Taos-Sports.com Home Page

Taos High School Sports Online

VIDEO HIGHLIGHTS OF VARSITY GAMES

Taos sports enthusiasts and supporters are pleased to learn that most THS varsity home games video taped for television broadcast by Glenn Pike are added to the www.taos-sports.com web site and can be viewed with a broadband internet connection.

THE ART OF GIVING DIRECTIONS

Where Things Useta Be in Taos

"TURN RIGHT AT THE OLE BLINKING LIGHT," YOU SAY?

Compiled by Eric Bear Albrecht
Forward by Glenn Pike

We often give directions in terms of where things are, or used to be. It's a natural inclination, easy, convenient, and mostly works --- as long as the landmarks mentioned are still there. But, what if they are not?

Eric Bear Albrecht may have had the answer: Compile a list of where directional landmarks in Taos "Useta be" and provide a directory for visitors and newcomers.

Some of the establishments listed, notes Eric, no longer exist. He adds, there may even be some that never did. In either case, here was Eric's (partial) list to help the lost in Taos in the 90's.

* **ABC Lock** (now immediately north of Wendy's), was located in the "Black Hole of Cantu" (the lower part of the Cantu building) at the foot of Camino de la Placita.

* **Amigos Coop** was in El Prado in the 80's, where Camino Real Imports is now, and then moved to the south side, just north of Fred's. It disintegrated in 1999.

* **Anthony's** (C. R. Anthony Co.) was a clothing store in the Cruz Alta Shopping Center where Beall's is now.

* **Armory Street** is now called Civic Plaza Drive. Other names have been suggested, including Ila McAfee Drive, after the lady who lived on the street for untold decades; the house is called White Horse Studio.

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New Logo Unveiled by Chamber during Open House

TAOS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MOVES TO NEW OFFICES AT CABOT PLAZA

It's the beginning of a new year - a fact that is especially true for the Taos County Chamber of Commerce.

New logo. New offices. New Board Members. New Personnel. And, not the least of which is a newly envisioned Mission Statement and business advocacy focus.

Recently selected to lead the Chamber as its CEO, former Chamber Membership and Marketing Director, Steve Fuhlendorf, has enthusiastically accepted the new direction and the challenges it entails as outlined by its Board of Directors and large business community membership.



The crowd looks on as Steve reaches for the black drape to unveil a new Chamber logo.

The Open House Celebration drew a sizeable crowd to enjoy the occasion and show their support for the Chamber in its new direction.

To jump start the Open House program while showing off the Chamber's new digs in the Cabot Plaza (southeast corner of Kit Carson Rd. and Paseo del Pueblo), Chamber Director Steve Fuhlendorf stepped up (literally on a small ladder)



Open House visitors view new logo

and uncovered the new shingle gracing its office entry way: A new logo concept to serve its future.

98 New Mexico Women Artists hung in Taos for Originals 2007

SHOW ATTRACTED VIEWERS FOR FOUR MONTHS



Committee Co-Chair Lucile Grieder and Taos Mayor Bobby Duran appear in the promotional video produced by Glenn Pike / Taosvision Studios



Judy Chicago



Mildred Tolbert

The New Mexico Women in the Arts Committee successfully organized and presented "Originals 2007" in Taos - a juried and invitational exhibition of 98 New Mexico Women Artists.

The Town of Taos joined in financially supporting the event - an art showing so large it required the participation of two museum hosts: the Harwood Museum of the Arts, and the Millicent Rogers Museum.

The Harwood and MRM also hosted various art related activities in conjunction with Originals 2007.

Both presented Gallery Talks. Taos photographer Mildred Tolbert and potter Roxanne Szentell, and photographer

Robbie Steinbach were three of the speakers. Their presentations and other Originals events can be viewed on the internet.

An Honored Artists Luncheon held at Thom Wheelers was attended by nationally known artist Judy Chicago who agreed to be the guest speaker.

Committee Co-Chairs Lucile Grieder of Taos and Enid Tidwell of Santa Fe have said the success of the show has encouraged many of the local artists to continue it.

VIDEO: http://www.taosvision.com/Originals/originals_video.html



Rudy interviews THS soccer champs Ryan Trujillo and Garrett Cottam in Taosvision Studio and (right) Boys Basketball head coach John Graham is pictured with Rudy during a Post Game Show.



John Graham and Rudy Baca

Rudy Baca does Play-by-Play of High School Sports

EXPERIENCED SPORTS BROADCASTING ADDS COLOR TO GAME ACTION

Local sports enthusiast and long time sports announcer, Rudy Baca, provides the lively commentary you hear when watching THS sports on Channel 22 Television and when viewing highlights of THS games on the internet at Taos-sports.com.

Rudy has 15 years sports broadcasting experience, first with KTAO Radio and later with DMC Broadcasting and is a UNM graduate from Questa.

He began providing play-by-play action for the Television and Internet video programs produced by Glenn Pike in December 2006 when the THS Athletic Director gave Glenn approval to webcast the Girls Varsity Basketball games “live” on the internet. Since then, live webcasts in 2007 have included the Boys and Girls Varsity

Basketball at Otero Gym, Taos Ice Tiger Hockey and Tiger Shark Swimming from the Youth & Family Center, and District 2 4A Tennis finals from Kurt Edlebrock’s Quail Ridge Tennis Complex.

In addition to play-by-play color, Rudy also includes Post Game and studio interviews with coaches and players.

Taos High School Sports seeks to capture every THS Home Varsity game for Television and Internet playback and to date has included Girls & Boys Basketball, Girls & Boys Soccer, Volleyball, Hockey, Wrestling, Swimming, Tennis, and Cross Country Track.

The program also includes sports enjoyed by area residents such as Los Tigres Boxing, Taos Youth Soccer League, Los Amigos Softball, Taos Men’s Baseball League, biking, fishing, and other recreational activities.

THS games are broadcast on LATV Channel 22 on Sunday and Monday evening. Highlights are posted to www.taos-sports.com.



Screen capture of nmaa.tv video

“Live” Webcasts of THS Sports

Live Webcasts of THS Games are produced when Taos-Sports.com has access to a broadband connection and are webcast in conjunction with the New Mexico Activities Association at www.nmaa.tv.



Jean-Scott Benson on the “internet” air

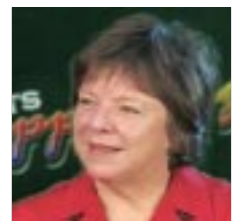
Jean-Scott Benson host Internet News Show

KRZA Radio news reporter Jean-Scott Benson is taking his news ideas to the internet as the host of *Taos iTv News*. He is a Taos resident and has 25 years experience in public service journalism.

The first guest to appear on his new show was Cathy Connelly, Town of Taos Public Relations coordinator.

In her Question and Answer session with Jean-Scott, she called attention to the Town’s informal

meetings held to encourage resident input, the Smart Code process under way, and the development of a “green” package



Cathy Connelly

for builders. “We want to preserve what we have,” she said, “as well as move forward.”

Moving forward with selected Southwest, New Mexico, and Taos items, Jean-Scott Benson’s future reports will be accessible on the internet at: www.taos-itv.com

Cathy Connelly’s Q&A is at: http://www.its-happening-in-taos.com/Taos_iTv_News_Connelly.html

Taos' Amigos Bravos wins 1st Place in National River Cleanup Week Video Contest.

TAOS EARNS SPOT ON NATIONAL RIVER CLEANUP MAP WITH ITS PARTICIPATION



Eric Patterson, Water Sentinels, hands out T-shirts to river cleanup volunteers.



Jim White, Centinel Bank, took on the leadership function of the river cleanup campaign as a personal project.

His willingness to do so put Taos on the National Map of the River Clean Up Week.

Rachel Conn, Clean Water Circuit Rider & Policy Analyst of Taos Amigos Bravos, was informed by Heather Hamilton, American Rivers Cleanup Week Coordinator in Washington, D.C., that the organization had won First Place in its National River Cleanup Week Video Contest.

Amigos Bravos joined National River Cleanup Week, sponsored by American Rivers, by helping to organize 3 separate river cleanups in the Taos area. Cleanups occurred on the Rio

John Martinez stands ankle deep in the Rio Fernando de Taos near just south of Angladas as he fishes cans, glass bottles, and other waste products from the river.

Pueblo de Taos, Rio Grande and the Rio Fernando de Taos.

The winning video was taken Glenn Pike during the Rio Fernando de Taos cleanup event, where an estimated 5 tons of trash was picked up on June 9, 2007.

The Rio Fernando Cleanup was lead by the employees of Centinel Bank, who participated in full force as did the Sierra Club Water Sentinels, numerous agents from Prudential Real Estate and many other Taos County citizens. In addition, refreshments and food were generously donated by Michael's Kitchen, Smith's, Raley's, Monte's Chow Cart, as well as the owners of



Margaret Wilde places another handful of wire and junk on top the of the growing stack.

Centinel Bank. Safety equipment was provided by Taos County and by Los Rios Fly Fishing Guides. Backpacks and Tee-shirts were donated by the Sierra Club Water Sentinels. Amigos Bravos provided planning and advertising assistance.

“We hope to start the process of passing on the Rio Fernando to future generations of the people of Taos in better condition than we found it,” said Jim White, Credit Analyst with Centinel Bank of Taos. “I was impressed by the way the Taos community banded together to make the project work as well as it did,” added White.

As the 1st Place Winner in the National River Cleanup Week Video Contest, Glenn Pike will receive (1) Old Town Canoe Co. kayak package (including one kayak, one paddle, and one personal flotation device), and (1) Thule car-mountable Castaway fishing rod holder.

The video can be viewed online at www.amigosbravos.org/cleanwater-2.php and www.its-happening-in-taos.com/Taos_River_Clean_Up.html



Holiday Lights stretch across Paseo del Pueblo Sur - a first for Taos .

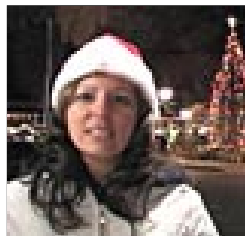
She Lights Up Taos' Holidays and Events

BEHIND THE SCENES IS JUDY ESQUIBEL

Did you noticed the Holiday Lights hanging over Paseo de Pueblo Sur?

The 40 foot decor string is one of many Town of Taos sponsored holiday touches that Judy Esquibel has a hand in. She selected the decorative lights.

Judy is the Special Events Coordinator for the Taos Youth & Family Center and she has a full and varied array of responsibilities, some that include community activities with which you



Judy Esquibel

may be familiar, but not know that Judy was involved.

During December she was responsible for the "Ornament Making" event for youth and the popular Christmas Carnival at TY&FC.

Her activities often reach beyond the Center. In November, she coordinated the successful Yuletide Crafts Fair at the Taos Convention Center for the sixth consecutive year. Later, her ideas were on display at Taos Plaza where she coordinated the Town's annual

Lighting of the Christmas Tree. Those events followed the Annual Halloween Party at the Taos Convention Center.

Your family may have enjoyed other such activities like the annual NFL Punt, Pass & Kick Competition , Pepsi Pitch, Hit and Run, or the Wet & Wild Easter Egg Hunt.

The list of events coordinated by Judy each year is lengthy and includes, but is not limited to; Teen Dances, Fathers Day and Mothers Day Projects, National Kids Day, Touch -a-Truck, Superbowl Viewing, Read Across America, A Magic Show, the El Vibarón (Dragon) Project, TV Turn Off Day, and Valentines Day Craft Making.

There are also out of town Field Trips, one of which travels to the Cliff's Amusement Park in Albuquerque.

All these projects are the work of Judy Esquibel and the TY&FC Staff.

If you look for Judy at the next Town event you attend, most likely you'll find her behind the scenes.

To view some Taos Youth & Family Center events go to:
www.it's-happening-in-taos.com/taosyouth-familycenter.html

Where Things Useta Be in Taos - Continued

Complied by Eric Bear Albrecht

* the **Blinking Light**: there were two; longtime landmarks. The one at the south is still there, in front of San Francisco de Asis Church. The one at the north was at the intersection of US64 and NM 522 (formerly NM 3) and the Ski Valley Road, NM 522 It is now shrouded in mystery -- when the intersection was realigned and full signals put up, the blinking light was taken down, laid to rest by the side of the road, and captured by UFOs or local nostalgiaists or whatever.

* **Brett House Restaurant** was one of a number of various establishments that have been in the building nearest the north Blinking Light on the southeast corner.

* **le Bunnerie**, '80s, was one of many restaurants in Pueblo Alegre Mall. Others included Joe Mama's, Carl's, La Cigale, and the Punjab Palace.

* **Burrito Wagon** used to be at the edge of the old Furr's parking lot (more recently Ramona's, and in between a leather goods factory whose name I forget. Started with an A). Before that it was on the northwest corner of N. Pueblo Road and the Plaza. Before that it was in the old Safeway parking lot, what is now Pueblo Alegre Mall, across from Smith's. More recently it was in front of Super Save but has moved again, to where we do not know.

* the **Bus Station** I gotta totally rewrite this. It now is at the Pawn shop next to Hawks Mechanical on Pueblo Sur, before that it was behind the Gualdajara Cafe. It moved a couple more times. At one time was at the muffler shop behind the Fina gas station / car

wash, having moved there April 10, 1996 from next to the Chevron station at the bypass. It had a number of homes before that; the one just previous was in the "Sleeping Boy" building where Hawk Mechanical is, at Cruz Alta and S. Santa Fe Rd. It got a little further out of town every time it moved. Another was where the Chinese restaurant is now, between Hot Tracks (Taos Sports Co.) and La Bell Cleaners (Kentucky Fried).

* **Caffe Tazza** first opened on Valentine's Day, 1983, where the Sunbringer secondhand shop was until recently, and La Folie's soup shop was last time I looked, on Guadalupe Plaza. It had a couple of other homes before settling on Kit Carson Road. One of them was outside in back of the TAA Stables Gallery.

* **Cantu Furniture** was in the upper part of the building on the edge of the hill, where Alhambra is now.

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Taos Convention Center staff members attended the "Blessing Ceremony" of the Horno mud oven.

Steve Trujillo build the horno in about 40 hours, not counting the bad weather delays, with adobe bricks made in forms he said were used by his grandfather.



Tommer Peterson, Director of Programs, Grantmakers in the Arts.

Grantmakers in the Arts - Grants Taos a Horno in front of the Convention Center

GROUP WANTED LOCAL FOOD PREPARED FOR CONFERENCE

Taos was selected for the 2007 National Conference of Grantmakers in the Arts, a prestigious group of over 300 member organizations representing the top private, community, corporate and family foundations, as well as public sector grantmakers, regrating organizations and individual donors, whose primary purpose is arts grantmaking.

Tommer Peterson, CGA Director of Programs, said they told their caterer, Benjie Apodaca, that "We want all our meals to reflect the traditional cultures of New Mexico. We want food from the Pueblo culture, we want Spanish foods, Mexican-Spanish foods from Southern New Mexico, and to the degree possible, we want the ingredients to come from the region."

That can be done, he was told, but it would require a "horno."

The town gave its approval for a horno oven to be constructed in front of the of Taos Convention Center. Steve Trujillo was hired to build it.

The horno oven was dedicated, blessed and cured Thursday, October 10th prior to the beginning of the conference.

It was used to cook corn and bread as the conference took place so that the attendees could see the process of mud oven cooking as well as having the food served with their meals.

According to Town of Taos Public Relations Coordinator, Cathy Connelly, this was an incredible Meetings and Conventions event for the Town of Taos, a wonderful tourism promoting occurrence, and an unparalleled opportunity for Taos to share its 'artistic self' – its culture, history, beauty and uniqueness – with key stakeholders from a world we greatly care about and that matches the essence of Taos.

When the Conference ended, Taos had been granted a new, slightly used, Horno.

VIDEO: <http://www.its-happening-in-taos.com/Grantmakers1.html>

Where Things Useta Be in Taos

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* **Carl's Deli** followed Le Bunnerie in Pueblo Alegre Mall; owner Carl Fritz later opened Carl's French Quarter at the Tennis Ranch and then eventually closed the Deli. (Well, for that matter, he eventually closed the French Quarter too.)

* **Casa de Musica** has had so many homes I don't know where to start.

* **The Chamber of Commerce** was across from Smith's for many years.

* **Artie Sharfin's China Trade Shop's** most recent move was from one place in Cruz Alta Mall to another; before that, though, Artie and his faithful canine companion were across from McDonald's, where the Taos Mox store is.

* **Chuck's Gun Shop** was in the old Randall Mill building, the wood-sided building across from Randall Lumber. CD World is there now.

* **Laurent Guerin's la Cigale** (the Cricket) was another of the many restaurants in Pueblo Alegre Mall.

* **Copy Queen** was on Bent Street for eons, in the first building next to the parking lot at the jog in the street.

* **Corning-Revere** outlet store was next to Bravo! having long out lasted the London Fog store which was in the Bravo! building. But it's gone now too.

* **Coyote Cafe** was in the building now occupied by Pioneer Investment Co., or maybe it was in the other building in the front. They used paper plates.

* **The Cruz Alta** was a landmark that no longer exists, even though it is the starting point for a very large number of surveys.

* **Da Nahazli School** became Taos Valley School, which closed in 1998.

* **Department of Motor Vehicles** was in the "Black Hole of Cantu" (Cantu Plaza) at the foot of Camino de la Placita, and down the hall between A Little Fishy and ABC Lock.

* **Drive In Movie;** Drive In Road is now called Camino de Merced; Wal-Mart is on that corner now where the Drive In used to be.

To be continue in the next Taosvision issue.



WW II veteran Eloy Mossman joins Julia Pyatt and Ralf Seebeck at the lectern to talk about the war and the film.



The opening scene of "Burma, China, India: The Forgotten Theatre of World War II" is viewed prior to the film's screening in Taos at the Sagebrush Convention Center

Local Filmmakers Pyatt and Seebeck Screen New Film

FILM SHOWN IN TAOS, LAS CRUCES
AND ALAMOGARDO

Julia Pyatt and Ralf Seebeck took a trip to Las Cruces in early 2007 to visit a group of World War II veterans who had served in the Burma, China, India Theatre of World War II.

Three days later they had filmed numerous interviews, a Veterans Day Parade, and were asked if they would show their film. It was received with

such enthusiasm that they were later invited to attend a National Convention of veterans in Las Vegas where more interviews and filming took place.

That auspicious beginning has led to the completion of a film which has been shown at special World War II veteran gatherings and is gaining the attention of an expanding audience.

Following the first showing in Las Cruces, it was screened in Taos at the Sagebrush Convention Center and in Alamogordo's majestic Rio Grande Theatre during Pearl Harbor Day.

VIDEO: http://www.its-happening-in-taos.com/JuliaPyatt_FilmScreening.html



Pet owners prepare to leave following the "Pet Blessing" service.



Rev. Schuster and friends are pictured during the "blessing" period.

Dogs Go to Church Too

AS WELL AS OTHER FAMILY PETS

The Rev. Rocky Schuster of St. James Episcopal Church in Taos, offers a "pet blessing" service for parishioners and residents once each month.

The variety of pets which have attended the evening service ranges from the small (a rabbit) to the large (two horses, which stood outside).

The service is not that unusual, according to Rev. Schuster, a pet can be a true companion and people enjoy the opportunity to take their animal companions to church for a special blessing.

VIDEO: www.its-happening-in-taos.com/PetBlessing.html

IT'S
Happening
IN TAOS

Celebrates 3rd year of Production

TELEVISION PROGRAM AND WEBSITE
HOST OVER 500 TAOS VIDEO STORIES

It's Happening in Taos, a one hour weekly television video highlights program broadcast on LATV Channel 22 is well into its 3rd year of locally produced Taos video stories.

The first news segment to be formally filmed for the premiere broadcast was the "Unveiling of the Bear Sculpture" at Holy Cross Hospital. CEO Kean Spellman, introduced artist Bill Arms, benefactor Paul Johnson, unveiled the "Bear," --- and the show began.

In the following three years, the program's videographer, editor, and director, Glenn Pike, has produced approximately 700 video stories of Taos, its people, and their activities.

The one-hour program usually includes five to eight video stories of current Taos events and activities or related subjects and is played three times each week (Saturday and Sunday evenings and Wednesday afternoon.)

Individual videos have been uploaded to the program's web site for the past two years, a move which has expanded the program's viewership and allows internet viewing by residents and others who live outside the Taos area - even world wide.

To see the video story collection go to:
www.it's-happening-in-taos.com



Roberta Meyers visits with Father Malley in the courtyard of the St. Francis de Asis Church in Ranchos de Taos.



Father Francis Malley describes the history of San Francis de Asis and the annual mudding project.

Father Malley tells of Church history

40 YEARS AND THOUSANDS OF BRICKS

Historian, storyteller and author, Roberta C. Meyers met with Father Francis Malley in the courtyard of the St. Francis de Asis Church in Ranchos de Taos and asked about the annual mudding project.

“Enjarador” he offered (the Spanish term for mudding) as he briefly touched on the history of the church. “It took 40 years to build,” he said, “and in those days it also served as a fortress.”

This beautiful church - all built by hand - required thousands of adobe bricks. The parishioners re-mud the church each Spring and you might see three-year olds side-by-side with 93-year olds, working away, plastering mud on the walls of their beloved St. Francis de Asis Church.

“Visitors and sightseers often think the Church is a museum,” said Father Malley, “but they soon discover that it is a “living” church, with one of the largest parishes in the area.”

VIDEO: www.its-happening-in-taos.com/StFrancisMudding.html

Paseo Pueblo Del Norte

A PATH WELL WORN

by Roberta Courtney Meyers

As you walk this old road close your eyes and imagine what it was like long ago.

Ancient people wandered this trail of long, long ago. Prehistoric hunters, following the bison, might have stepped onto this old trail. Native Americans walking to and from Taos Pueblo in colorful blankets, cowboys on horseback, women wrapped in rebozos and shawls, all followed this trail. Horse drawn wagons come this way. And, now and then an artist, with easel, painting, plein air, the Taos mountains or the graceful cottonwood trees lining the road, followed this path.

Kit Carson used this road, many times, as did the famed southwestern writer, Frank Waters, as he wandered back and forth from his home north of Taos. Padre Martinez, on his way to the Pueblo to say mass, walked this way.

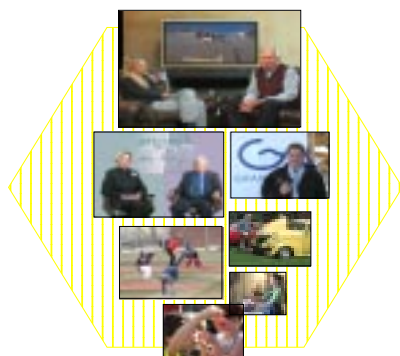
One might see Mable and Tony Luhan on their way to the Pueblo or on their way to their ranch in the mountains above San Cristobal. Mabel would later give this ranch to Frieda Lawrence. So, too, you might see the Lawrences, on a sunny afternoon.

Many others on horseback, wagon, or on foot would feel the cool breeze on this old road where there would be horse races on a long ago day beginning on the east side the Plaza and ending at Taos Pueblo.

Our little village of Taos is steeped in history, and we will attempt to help you walk with us as we continue a journey deep into Taos' history.

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VIDEO INTERNET TELEVISION STUDIOS



Glenn Pike / Taosvision Studios produces feature and highlight length video programming for local television, the internet, Taos businesses, government entities, area educational institutions, and individuals.

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