

CITY OF SANTA FE, DIVISION OF SENIOR SERVICES

Administration Office

1121 Alto Street, Santa Fe, New Mexico Patricia Rodriguez, Director

CITY/COUNTY SENIOR CENTERS - For meal times, please call centers.

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CHIMAYO Benny Chavez Community Center Chimayo, New Mexico 87522 EDGEWOOD	351-4686 281-2515	PASATIEMPO Kitchen 664 Alta Vista St. Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501	955-6433
114 Quail Trail Edgewood, New Mexico 87015	455 0405	RIO EN MEDIO Community Center El Alto Lane	988-3053
EL RANCHO Community Center P.O. Box 3860 Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501	455-2195	Rio en Medio, New Mexico 87506 SANTA CRUZ Abedon Lopez Community Center	753-8598
ELDORADO Adam Senior Center, 14 Avenida Torreon	466-1039	Santa Cruz, New Mexico 87567	055 / 724
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87508 LUISA	955-4717	VENTANA DE VIDA (Pacheco) 1500 Pacheco St. Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505	955-6731
Kitchen 1522 Luisa St. (enter from Columbia St.) Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501	955-6898	VILLA CONSUELO 1200 Camino Consuelo	474-5431
MARY ESTHER GONZALES (M.E.G.) 1121 Alto St. Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501	955-4721	Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505	
MEG Kitchen	955-4751		

DIRECTOR'S REPORT



SENIOR SERVICES PROGRAM INFORMATION

Do you have a Senior Center Membership Card with Photo?

Anyone who makes use of the programs, transportation, activities or meals provided by the Division of Senior Services (DSS) should have a Senior Center Membership Card. The card is white with the senior's photograph, emergency contact, medical conditions, and a barcode. The barcode enables us to scan the card when we provide services, so that we can continue to receive funding for our programs. So, it is vital for seniors to get a card and show it each time they use any Senior Services program.

If you do not have a card, please come get one. The card only costs \$2 and \$1 if you lose your card or information needs to be updated.

If you have any questions, call Brenda Ortiz at 955-4722.

According to the Older American's Act a person must be 60 years of age or older in order to be eligible to receive services from a Senior program.

The following criteria or exceptions must be met:

- 1. Be sixty (60) years of age or older; and/or
- 2. Be the legal spouse of a member sixty (60) years of age or older; and/or
- Be disabled and living in senior housingregardless of age (for meals only), and must
- 4. Be an enrolled member of the DSS, having obtained a Senior Center Membership Card.

For individuals who currently posses a Senior Membership Card, but no longer meet the above eligibility criteria, please contact Brenda Ortiz at 955-4722.

NOTE: Membership Cards are not to be used as official indentification.

SENIOR MEMBERSHIP CARD SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER 2007

M.E.G. Center Tuesdays December 4, 11 9:30 to 12:00 & 1:30 to 3:00 M.E.G. Center Thursdays December 6, 13, 20 9:30 to 12:00 & 1:30 to 3:00

Edgewood Center Monday December 10 11:00 to 1:00 Santa Cruz Tuesday December 18 11:00 to 1:00

Please note: There will be no Membership cards issued at M.E.G. Center on December 18 and no cards issued at all on December 27.

SENIOR TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION

Senior Cost: Seniors age 60 or over .50¢ suggested donation per ride (one way trip)

Safe Ride: If you are under 60 and ADA certified, you must contact Annette Granillo in Transit at

955-2002 for transportation services. If you are 60 or over and use a wheelchair, you may contact Annette or call Senior Services Transporation at 955-4700. Under 60, but ADA

certified, \$2.00 required fee per ride (one way trip).

Schedule: Rides are available 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Rides for medical appointments are given top priority over all other rides.

On the third Tuesday of every month (December 18), rides for commodity pick-up, medical appointments, and lunch at senior centers will be given priority. Other ride requests will be

accomodated if possible.

Contact: Call 955-4700 for all ride reservations.

Ride reservations must be made at least 24 hours in advance, before 4:00 p.m.

Ride reservations for medical appointments should be set as soon you are aware of the scheduled medical appointment time. *In order to avoid delays in service, contact our*

office immediately to cancel scheduled rides.

Note: Drivers may arrive up to 15 minutes before or after scheduled pick-up time.

She will be missed...

Dominguita Ortiz, died at age 92. She was preceded in death by her husband Anastacio Ortiz.

Dominguita volunteered as a Senior Companion and also as a Foster Grandparent for many years. She was also a member of La Union Protectiva Feminina.

She will always be remembered as a kindhearted woman who was always willing to lend a helping hand to others in need.

Thank You, Businesses

The City of Santa Fe Division of Senior Services would like to extend a special Thank You for your generous contributions of door prizes to our November 2007 Family Caregiver Support Group: Albertsons Stores, Castro's, Chicago Pizza, Coca Cola, Cowgirl BBQ, Del Norte Pharmacy & Home Medical, Dunkin Donuts, El Comal Restaurant, First National Bank, Flying Tortilla, Fraser Pharmacy, Furr's Family Buffet, Hastings, Hidden Chicken Café, Keshi, Kmart, La Choza, Lillian Phillipovich, Lowe's, Maria's, Molly's Kitchen & Lounge, Over Easy Café, Pantry Restaurant, Piccolino's Restaurant, Preferred Medical, Santa Fe Baking Co. Café, Santa Fe Bar & Grill, Souper Salad, Tecolote Café, The Railyard Restaurant & Saloon, The Cuttery, Tomasita's, Whole Foods

Edgewood Friendship Garden

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The Friendship Garden continues to improve. Over four years ago the garden was a weed patch in badly need of care. Volunteers worked hard to help fight the weeds, plant flowers and water. Our County Commissioner noticed the efforts and got us some help and a beautiful gazebo that invites you to sit and look at the pretty garden. We now have a drip system, thanks to a local landscaping service. Again, a big thanks to all who have helped, including a scout troop (Troup #640) who put in a small flagstone patio. Everyone's efforts have succeeded. This past summer the garden was looking great. (Part of the garden has roses in memory of members who have past away.)



Attend Your Senior Center Committee Meetings

Every month, each of the Santa Fe City and County Senior Centers (except for the MEG Center) has an open meeting at the center. The meetings are lead by seniors, like you, and the Center Program staff person working with the center gives a report. The meetings cover information affecting the center from the Division of Senior Services as well as activities and events seniors would like to see at their center. Please join a meeting and let your voice be heard. The December meetings are as follows:

Monday, Dec 3rd Villa Consuelo Center 10:00 a.m. Monday, Dec. 3rd Chimayo Center 12:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 3rd Pasatiempo Center 1:00 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 4th Luisa Center 8:30 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 5th Rio en Medio 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 5th El Rancho Center 12:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec 6th Edgewood Center 12:00 noon Thursday, Dec. 6th Santa Cruz Center 12:00 noon Friday, Dec. 7th Ventana de Vida Center 9:00 a.m.

ECHO Commodities Food Distribution

Commodities are given to eligible seniors (age 60 and over) at the Santa Fe County Extension Building, 3229



Rodeo Road, on the third Tuesday of every month from 9:30 to 1:30.

The next distribution date is December 18th.

To find out if you qualify, call their office in Albuquerque at (505) 242-6777.

Update Your Senior Services Membership Card Information

If any of your information has changed since you first got your Senior Services Membership card, please let us know so that we can update our database. If you have a different address or phone number or different emergency contact information, we need to correct our records.

Please come in on a day when we issue cards (see page 4 for dates and times) and have us update yours. You are welcome to get a new picture, or we can use the old one. We will put the correct information into our records and print you a brand new card. The fee is just \$1.00. It is important for our records, and it could help you in case someone needs to call your emergency contacts for you.



9-Ball Tournament

(Information provided by Ramon Martinez)

The results of the 9-Ball tournament which was held at the Mary Esther Gonzales Senior Center during the month of October is as follows:

- 1. Robert Castellano
- Jim Brisendine
- 3. Louie Baca
- 4. Steve Rodriguez
- 5. Ken Scott
- 6. Tacho Garcia
- 7. Valentine Medrano
- 8. Josina Ortiz
- 9. Henry Romero
- 10. Ernest Lucero
- 11. Chris Garcia
- 12. Ramon Martinez
- 13. Carlos Medina
- 14. Juan Apodaca
- 15. Fred Vigil
- 16. Richard Montoya

'Tis The Season To Be Jolly

(From Edgewood Senior Simon Arzigian)

The Christmas celebration is unique in that it spans a month or more. There are the chores of trying to figure out what to buy for family



and friends; and then braving the malls to purchase them. There are the parties at homes and work places to attend. Somewhere in that hectic period, time is found to go to church and thank God for sending his son to help us humans who have lost our way.

The Christmas season is important for another reason. It makes people stop and think about one another — something that is difficult to do in the fast-paced society we live in. Good acts toward one another tend to be rewarded by good acts in turn. But good acts toward individuals who can-not return the favor are doubly meritorious. As the saying goes it is more blessed to give than to receive. This may be characterized as a case of cause and effect.

When someone gives or does something for another without expecting anything in return, that may be called the cause. The recipient of the material or helpful act is happy for the kindness exhibited, that may be called the effect. Thus, the giver is happy, and feels good, for being able to do something; the recipient is happy and grateful for the gift — a true win-win situation.

As many others before me have written over the eons, wouldn't it be wonderful if the spirit of Christmas was carried on throughout the rest of the year. The material gifts will be discarded or put, aye, away, but the good feelings toward family, friends and strangers will linger on for a long time.

A local Church is hosting a dinner, during this Christmas season, for seniors in the Edgewood area. This is something the church has done for many years. This will be the cause of many seniors being happily effected.

Yes, 'tis the season to be jolly, but also the season to spread some kindness in our fellow humans.

Adam Senior Center News

By senior Janet Amtmann

On December 3rd, the Adam Senior Center in Eldorado will begin preparing and serving meals from the on-site kitchen from noon until 1:00 pm Monday, Wednesday and Friday. The suggested donation fee for seniors age 60+ is \$1.50. The menu will include a hot meal or a soup and salad lunch.

The Meals on Wheels preparation will be occurring from the same kitchen and distributed to homebound seniors in the southeast county area.

Exercise classes of chair yoga and tai chi have been well attended and continue at the following times. Chair Yoga: Mondays 10:30 - 11:30 (\$3.00) and Fridays 1:30 - 2:30 (no charge). Tai Chi: Wednesdays 10:45 - 11:30 (no charge).

Beginning in January classes in clay work and tapestry weaving will be held as well as a general art class. Bridge and other activities are being organized now that the center will be open more days during the week. The times for these additional programs will be announced in the January newsletter.

The Adam Senior Center is now home to a Santa Fe County Satellite Office and is open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from noon to 5 pm for transfer station permits, voter registration, and answer question.

Contact number for both Senior Center activities and the S.F. County Satellite office is: 466-1039.



Alzheimer's Support Groups

Second Tuesday of the month, 6:00pm Rosemont

2961 Galisteo.

Contact: Jytte L. 466-8195 or 438-8464

Third Thursday of the month, 6:00pm Sierra Vista,

402 E. Rodeo Rd

Contact: Ruth D or Velma A 986-9696

Fourth Wednesday of the month, 4:00pm (Note the time)

Kingston

2400 Legacy Place_Contact: Mary Y 471-2400

Thursdays 11:00 am -12:30 pm Caregivers Support Group Cancer Center Education Room, St. Vincent's Hospital

Marla Nowak, LISW, facilitator.

Open to all caregivers

A new support group will be forming at Ortiz Mountain Clinic (PMS) in Cerrillos. Contact: Janolsen@cnsp.com

Are you an Efficient, People-Oriented Person?

If so, the Senior Transportation office needs you to volunteer to dispatch with them! They are looking for assistance answering phones and typing the information into the computer.

They will train you on everything you need to know, there will always be a staff person nearby to help, and you may work whenever your own schedule allows. Speaking Spanish is a plus but is not mandatory. This is a fast-paced, multi-tasking, important volunteer job. The staff is fun and grateful for help and you are invited to partake of their frequent potlucks.

For more information, please call Fran Rodriguez at 955-4700.



LEGAL & CONSUMER INFORMATION

Division of Vocational Rehabilitation

The purpose of the New Mexico Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR) is to help people with disabilities **achieve a suitable employment outcome.** DVR is part of the State of New Mexico, Public Education Department, and its program is supported by state and federal funds.

To be determined eligible for services, you must meet the following criteria:

- 1. You must have a physical or mental impairment;
- 2. which for you constitutes a substantial impediment to employment;
- 3. you can benefit in terms of an employment outcome; and
- 4. you must also require vocational rehabilitation services in order to prepare for, enter, engage in, or retain gainful employment.

Some services, such as evaluation and counseling, are provided at no charge to clients. Clients may, however, be asked to share in the cost of other planned services, depending on their financial resources.

Upon submitting your application, DVR has up to 60 (sixty) days to determine your eligibility. All information is confidential.

Other Services and Benefits

Benefits Check Up — The website www.BenefitsCheckUp.gov helps thousands of people every day to find programs for seniors that may pay for some of their costs of prescription drugs, health care, utilities, and other essential items or services.

Government Benefits – The website www.GovBenefits.gov helps you find government benefits you may be eligible to receive.

Government Services and Information - This site, www.disability.gov, is maintained by the Presidential Task Force on Employment of Adults with Disabilities.

State of New Mexico's Worker's Compensation Administration - This site, www.state.nm.us/wca/, is maintained by the Workers' Comp Administration.

Consumer Tips: Charity Scams

(From the N.M. Aging and Long-Term Services Dept at www.nmaging.state.nm.us)

'Tis the season to be generous, but please take some precautions.

Senior citizens can make an important difference by contributing to charities of their choice. Because many seniors have some disposable income, they may be targeted by unscrupulous charities or con artists pretending to represent charities. To assure that donations are only going to organizations that deserve them, follow these tips:

Get written information about the organization's mission and past financial activity before deciding to donate. If a fund raiser is reluctant to send you information, you should be suspicious of the charity.

Ask the group for details on how much of your donation will go to the charitable activity and how much will go to overhead and fund-raising costs; When contacted by phone, ask if the solicitor is a volunteer or is being paid;

Do not allow yourself to be pressured into making a donation. Ethical fund raisers will give you time to consider a contribution.

Never give your credit card or bank account number over the phone unless you initiated the call.

Finally, be suspicious of any organization that guarantees you will win a prize if you give.

To learn more about specific charities, visit: Philanthropic Research Inc.'s Guidestar

RSVP the retired senior volunteer program

COMMUNITY NEEDS

The following are volunteer positions, and each comes with training and support. If you are interested in any of these exciting opportunities, please call Kristin Slater-Huff in the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program office, at 955-4760 or email kwslater-huff@santafenm.gov. RSVP staff will enroll you in RSVP, provide you with free volunteer insurance, and give you volunteer support through parties, events, gifts and mailings while we set you up in the volunteer job(s) of your choice.

RSVPthe retired senior volunteer program



The Retired Senior Volunteer Program wishes a very happy birthday to our active volunteers born in the month of





Have a Great Day!

FOSTER GRANDPARENT & SENIOR COMPANION PROGRAMS

As 2007 comes to an end, we would like to take this opportunity to thank and recognize all of our volunteers for the many years of service they have provided to our community. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, from Melanie Montoya and Louise Kippert.

Foster Grandparent Volunteers

Socorro Arroyo	<i>5 year</i> s
Josie Avila	8 years
Joan Baca	3 years
Annie Cardenas	10 <i>year</i> s
Michele Chrabot	2 years
Peter Crook	2 years
Maria Delgado	2 years
Margie Douglas	5 years
Maria Duran	7 years
Sylvia Farber	11 years
Maxine Fresquez	12 years
Erminia Garcia	13 years
Viola Gomez	5 years
Dora Gonzales	4 years
Tillie Kitchens	5 years
Irene Larranaga	8 years
Mary Lucero	11 years
Ruby Jo Martin	5 years
Arcelia Martinez	1 year
Mary Martinez	6 years
Prescilla Martinez	2 months
Della Montoya	1 year

<i>6 years</i>
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1 year
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3 years
5 years
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10 years
9 years
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10 years
7 years
<u>unteers</u>

10 years

17 years

10 years

10 years

1 year

Pete Abeyta

Eloisa Alvarez

Pita Archuleta

Pablita Baca

Nancy Armendariz

Celestine Chavez	2 years
Margaret Chavez	3 years
Mela Delgado	4 years
Josie Dominguez	5 years
Margarito Garcia	11 years
Socorro Garibay	3 years
Ramona Griego	<i>5 year</i> s
Ramona Gutierrez	3 months
Rumalda Hunter	<i>5 year</i> s
Dorothy Lear	3 years
Julian Lopez	17 years
Helen Lucero	1 year
Genevieve Maes	2 years
Barbara McMahon	10 years
Benerita Morales	2 years
Jose Ortega	2 years
Catalina Ortiz	9 <i>year</i> s
Isidra Pacheco	3 months
Isabel Perea	2 years
Esther Reyes	1 year
Florian Romero	11 years
Adelina Roybal	10 years
Bernadette Sandoval	2 years
Virginia Soto	6 months
Gladys Stewart	13 years
Rosina Tapia	13 years
Joanne Valdez	4 years
Dora C. Vigil	10 years

In-Service

A luncheon for Foster Grandparents and Senior Companions is being planned for December. You will receive details at a later date and we look forward to seeing you there!



The Volunteer Programs wish a very happy birthday to our FGP and SCP Volunteers born in November.

Maxine Fresquez 12/4 Julian Lopez 12/24 Connie Valencia 12/14 Celestine Chavez 12/31 Ramona Gutierrez 12/18 Virginia Soto 12/31

ACTIVITIES schedule by center

All activities are open to eligible seniors with a senior center membership card. Classes are held at Santa Fe County and City of Santa Fe Senior Centers. See inside cover.

Weaving Open Crafts Ceramics Shopping/Errands	CHIMAYO Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday	12:30 pm 12:30 pm 12:30 pm 12:00 pm	Exercise (Class) Wood/Straw Tai Chi Karate Line Dancing (Beg)	PASATIEMPO Mon./Wed./Fri. Wednesday Thursday Tuesday Tuesday	10:00 am 9:30 am 9:00 am 9:30 am 12:00 pm
Board Games Ceramics (beg.) Ceramics (Adv.) Exercise Bingo Art Technique Crochet/Embroidery	EDGEWOOD Mon. thru Fri. Monday Tuesday Tuesday Tuesday Thursday Friday	10:00 am 1:00 pm 1:00 pm 10:30am 12:30 pm 1:00 pm 12:30 pm	Ceramics Sewing Art Exercise Liquid Embroidery Ceramics Bingo	Thursday Friday RIO EN MEDIO Tuesday Wednesday Wednesday Wednesday Wednesday Wednesday	1:00 pm 1:00 pm 10:00 am 9:30 am 10:00 am 10:00 am 12:30 pm
Bingo Weaving Open Arts & Crafts Shopping/Errands Ceramics	EL RANCHO Mon./Wed. Mon./Wed. Thursday Thursday Thursday	12:00 pm 9:00 am 12:00 pm 12:00 pm 1:00 pm	Weaving Ceramics Open Crafts Wood/Straw Shopping/Errands Excercise Tinsmithing	SANTA CRUZ Tuesday Monday Tuesday Tuesday Thursday Tuesday Wednesday	9am/12:30pm 12:30 pm 9:00 am 12:30 pm 12:00 pm 10:00 am 1:00 pm
Coffee Pool/Cards Open Crafts Sounds of the Past Sing-A-Long (Sp.) Guitar Lessons Bingo Movie Day	Mon. thru Fri. Mon. thru Fri. Thursday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Friday Last Thurs. of Month	8:00 am 8:00 am 9:00 am 12:30 pm 11:45 am 9:00 am 1:00 pm 1:00 pm	Bd. Games/Cards Coffee Bingo Toastmasters Art Technique Open Crafts Exercise	VENTANA DE VIDA Mon. thru Sat. Mon. thru Fri. Monday Monday Tuesday Friday Mon./Wed./Fri.	10:00 am 11:00 am 1:00 pm 6:30 pm 1:00 pm 1:15 pm 8:30 am
Guitar (Beg.) Exercise (Open) Pool/Cards Hospice Crafts Bingo Quilting Jewelry Making	M.E.G. Mondays Mon. thru Fri. Mon. thru Fri. Monday Mon./Wed. Monday Tuesday	9:00 am 8:00 am 8:00 am 1:00 pm 1:00 pm 10:00 am 9:00 am	Coffee Ceramics Open Crafts Bingo Wood/Straw Sewing	VILLA CONSUELO Mon. thru Fri. Mon./Wed. Mon./Wed./Fri. Tues./Thur. Wednesday Wednesday	8:00 am 9:30 am 9:00 am 11:00 am 1:00 pm 9:00 am
Ceramics Wood/Straw Spanish Sing-A-Long Line Dancing Knitting Movie Day	Wed./Fri. Thursday Wed./Fri. Cancelled Until Friday 3 rd Fri. of Month	9:30 am 9:30 am 11:30 am Further Notice 2:30 pm 1:00 pm	rai Chi	ELDORADO Monday \$3.00 Friday Wedneday	10:30 am 1:30 pm 10:45

Classes are subject to change or cancellation. For more information, please call 955-4721.

ACTIVITIES schedule by class

All activities are open to eligible seniors with a senior center membership card. Classes are held at Santa Fe County and City of Santa Fe Senior Centers. See inside cover.

ART CLASS Edgewood	1:00 pm	Thursday			
Ventana de Vida Rio en Medio	1:00 pm 1:00 pm 10:00 am	Tuesday Tuesday Tuesday	MARTIAL ARTS Karate - Pasatiempo	9:30 am	Tuesday
BINGO	10.00 am	racsaay	Tai Chi - Pasatiempo	9:00 am	Thursday
El Rancho Luisa M.E.G. Rio en Medio Ventana de Vida	12:00 pm 1:00 pm 1:00 pm 12:30 pm 1:00 pm	Mon./Wed. Friday Mon./Wed. Wednesday Monday	MOVIE DAY Luisa M.E.G. OPEN ARTS & CRAF	1:00 pm 1:00 pm TS 12:30 pm	Last Thursday Third Friday
Villa Consuelo Edgewood	11:00 am 12:30 pm	Tue./Thur. Tuesday	Chimayo El Rancho Santa Cruz	12:00 pm 9:00 am	Tuesday Thursday Tuesday
BOARD GAMES			Villa Consuelo	9:00 am	Mon./Wed./Fri
Edgewood	10:00 am	Mon. thru Fri.	Ventana de Vida Luisa	1:15 pm 9:00 am	Friday Thursday
CERAMICS Chimayo	12:20 pm	Modpoodov	POOL/CARDS		•
Edgewood (Beginner) Edgewood (Advanced)	12:30 pm 1:00 pm 1:00 pm	Wednesday Monday Tuesday	Luisa M.E.G.	8:00 am 8:00 am	Mon. thru Fri. Mon. thru Fri.
Rio en Medio	10:00 am	Wednesday	QUILTING/SEWING		
Santa Cruz	12:30 pm	Monday	M.E.G.	10:00 am	Monday
Villa Consuelo M.E.G.	9:30 am 9:30 am	Mon./Wed. Wed./Fri.	Pasatiempo (sewing)	1:00 pm	Friday
El Rancho	1:00 pm	Thursday	Villa Consuelo	9:00 am	Wednesday
Pasatiempo	1:00 pm	Thursday	SING-A-LONG		
COFFEE			Luisa (Spanish)	11:45 am	Tuesday
Luisa	8:00 am	Mon. thru Fri.	Luisa (English) M.E.G. (Spanish)	12:30 pm 11:30 am	Mon. Wed./Fri.
Ventana de Vida	11:00 am	Mon. thru Fri.	TINSMITHING	11.00 am	VV CG./1 11.
Villa Consuelo	8:00 am	Mon. thru Fri.	Santa Cruz	1:00 pm	Wednesday
CROCHET/EMBROID			WEAVING	оо р	rroundoudy
Rio en Medio (Liquid) M.E.G. (Knitting) Edgewood	10:00 am 2:30 pm 12:30 pm	Wednesday Friday Friday	El Rancho Santa Cruz Chimayo	9:00 am 9am/12:30pm	Wednesday Tuesday Monday
EXERCISE			•	12:30 pm	Moriday
M.E.G.(Open) Pasatiempo Ventana de Vida (Class Santa Cruz Rio en Medio	10:00 am 9:30 am	Mon. thru Fri. Mon./Wed./Fri. Mon./Wed./Fri. Tuesday Wednesday	WOOD/STRAW APPL M.E.G. Pasatiempo Santa Cruz Villa Consuelo	9:30 am 9:30 am 9:30 am 12:30 pm 1:00 pm	Thursday Wednesday Tuesday Wednesday
Edgewood	10:30 am	Tuesday	TAI CHI		
GUITAR (Beginner)			Eldorado	10:45 am	Wednesday
M.E.G. Luisa	9:00 am 9:00 am	Monday Wednesday	YOGA Eldorado	10:30 am	Monday \$3.00
JEWELRY MAKING M.E.G.	9:00 am	Tuesday	Eldorado TOASTMASTERS	1:30 pm	Friday
LINE DANCING		·	Ventana de Vida	6:30 pm	Monday
Pasatiempo (Beg.)	12:00 pm	Tuesday		•	,

ACTIVITIES



November Birthday Celebrations

Join us during the lunch hour in celebrating birthdays at the following senior centers.

Everyone is welcome to come

celebrate October birthdays with cake at the following centers:

Santa Cruz - Tuesday, December El Rancho - Wednesday, December Luisa - Friday, December 14th - 11:00 Ventana - Tuesday, December Edgewood - Thursday, December 27th at 12:30 MEG - Friday, December



Tune in each weekday morning at 6:50 a.m. to hear the daily lunch menu and special events happening at the senior centers. ¡Gracias, Que Suave!

SEASON'S GREETINGS

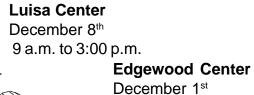


Snowball Dance

Join us for the annual Senior Services Snowball Dance on Thursday, December 13th from 1:00 to 4:00 at the Fraternal Order of Eagles, 833 Early St. Enjoy refreshments and live music by Especial. Admission is \$2.00 for seniors age 60+. Please bring your Senior Membership card.

Holiday Arts & Crafts Fairs

Do your shopping with us...we will have a great selection of gift items and baked goods:



December 1st 8 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.



Centers Closures in December Christmas Eve, Monday, December 24th

No congregate meals - Meals on Wheels only Transportation For medical appointments only Last pick-up at 11.15 a.m.

Christmas, Tuesday, December 25th

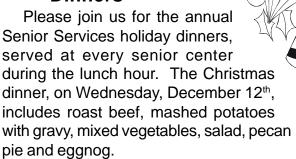
All centers closed – no services

New Years' Eve, Monday, December 31st:

No congregate meals - Meals on Wheels only Transportation For medical appointments only Last pick-up at 11.15 a.m.

New Years' Day, Tuesday, December 31st All Centers closed - no services

Special Holiday Dinners



For New Years', served on Monday, December 31st, there will be baked ham with pineapple glaze, mashed potatoes, salad, pumpkin pie

The price is just the usual suggested donation of \$1.50 for seniors and a mandatory fee of \$5.40 for non-seniors.

ACTIVITIES

Free Computer Classes for Seniors!

Two-month long, once a week, free basic computer skills classes will be given to interested seniors at the Mary Esther Gonzales Senior Center, 1121 Alto Street. Classes will be every weekday morning from 9:30 to 10:30 (you select a day). There are six computers, so up to six students may sign up per day.

The next sessions will begin Dec 8. To reserve space, call Gloria at 955-4721

Classes are presented under the auspices of the City of Santa Fe's Division of Senior Services and Cyber Network New Mexico.

Classes are taught by the following volunteers: Cyber Network New Mexico Founder/Director, Andres Romero; Cyber Network Director, Douglass Schocke, PhD; Lowell Gilbert; Jose Garcia; Hal Fielding; and William Ames

Doo Dad Sale at Ventana de Vida

Ventana de Vida Senior Center at 1500 Pacheco St. will have a "doo dad" sale on Saturday, December 15th from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. All sorts of interesting and beautiful items will be available. Vendor tables are still available for \$5 each to sell your own items. To reserve a table, call Corrine at 983-6967.

If you would like to donate items to be sold, so profits can benefit the senior center, they would be greatly appreciated. To donate items, call Virginia at 983-6250, or Lou at 982-3729.

Medicare Part D Enrollment

The Aging and Long-Term Services Dept. will be holding open shift Enrollment Medicare Part D at the Mary Esther Gonzales Senior Center on Monday, December 17, 2007, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. These are free, private half-hour one-on-one sessions with trained staff.

Enrollment is by appointments only, therefore, please call Gloria Polaco at 955-4721 to schedule your $\frac{1}{2}$ hour appointment.

Lawyer Referral for the Elderly

Workshop (State Bar of New Mexico)

Edgewood Senior Center

Wednesday, December 5th

Common Legal Issues Affecting Seniors

Group Presentation - 1:00 - 2:00

Legal Clinic Appointments - 2:00 - 4:00

For more information, please call 281-2515 and ask for Marta or Flavia

Edgewood Senior Center

By Ivena Rutledge

In November, the Edgewood Senior Center presents the art show "Boats, Old and New, Any Size". Everyone is welcome to enjoy the display... both old and young. We thank the center for the excellent show of still lifes on display in October. The center is located at 114 Quail Trail in Edgewood and it is open every weekday from 9:00 to 4:00

Edgewood Seniors at the State Fair

The Ceramic Classes did very well at the 2007 New Mexcio State Fair. A few entered 13 pieces and all came home with red or blue ribbons. We are very proud of



them. Great going! The following won: Jim Demarest - Two Blues and one Red Peggy Schroder - Two Reds

Margaret Chavez - Two Blues and One Red

Instructor Nola Gilmore encouraged every one to enter (she was judged in teacher's category and received three Blues and two Reds.



Pasatiempo Holiday Party

December 14th Time:

ACTIVITIES

Mobile Health Fair Van

Free services for any age: health assessments, health education, finding affordable healthcare in your community, Medicaid registration, and answers concerning eligibility for many payment options. This service is sponsored by Santa Fe County,



St. Vincent Regional Medical Center & Presbyterian Medical Services. For more information, call Angela Thorndyke, RN, Mobile Health Van Nurse at 231-2382.

December Schedule for Seniors:

Dec 3rd Ventana de Vida Center 10 a.m. -3 p.m.

Dec 4th Chimayo Senior Center 10 a.m. -2:30 p.m.

Dec 5th Rio en Medio Center 10 a.m. -2 p.m.

Dec 6th Santa Cruz Center 10 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

Dec 10th Edgewood Senior Center 10 a.m. -2 p.m.

Dec 12th Pasatiempo Senior Center 10 a.m. -3p.m.

Dec 13th Southside Library 12-5 p.m.

Dec 17th El Rancho Center 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Dec 18th Villa Consuelo Center 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Dec 19th Luisa Senior Center 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Movie Day

Luisa Senior Center Thursday, December 20th 1:00 p.m.

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The Christmas Miracle of Jonathan Toomey

In this holiday movie based on a beloved children's book, a treasured wooden nativity set given to a boy by his late father is lost. So, a cranky woodcarver (Tom Berenger) comes to the aid of the boy's widowed mother (Joley Richardson). As the craftsman works on replacing the piece, though, his young client grows more and more demanding and tensions between all three escalate in this drama of love, loss and redemption.

MEG Center

A movie will not be shown at the MEG Senior Center during the month of December. The monthly MEG movie will return in January 2008.

Edgewood Senior Art Class

The Edgewood Senior Center art class is showing what we can create on the theme of Wheels. Our show opens on December 1st and will be up until January 1st, 2008. Everyone is welcome to come and see it any week day. The class meets on Thursdays from 12:00 to 4:00. Join us!

Bring your own canvas and we will teach you.

-Ivena Rutledge

Instructors on Break

All Santa Fe City and County class instructors will be on holiday break during the week of Monday 12-24-07 to Friday 12-28-07.

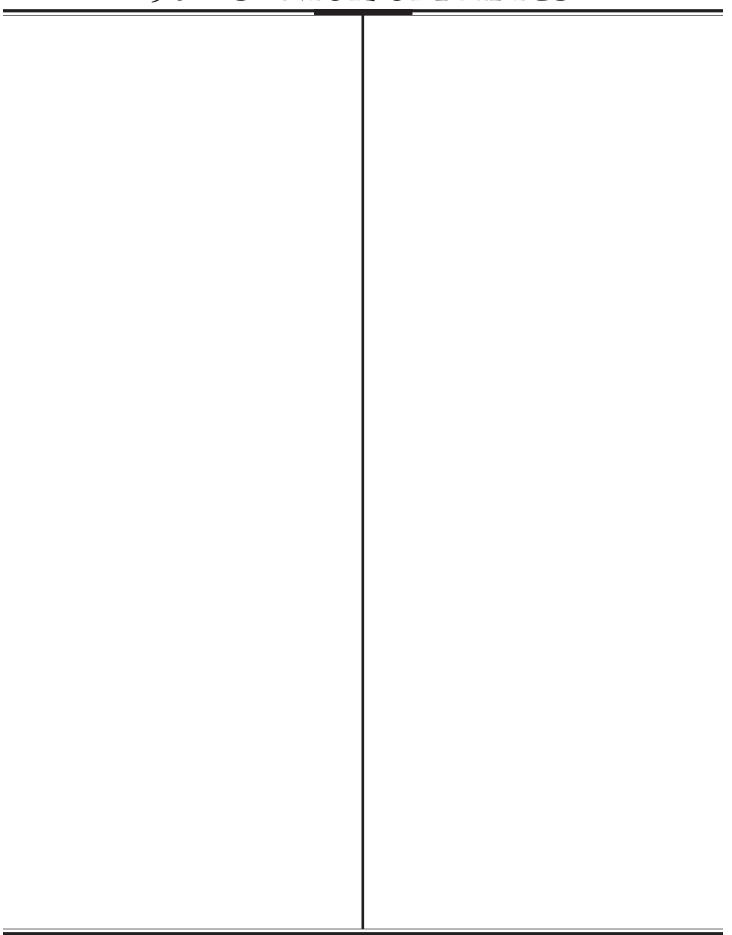
Halloween Costume Contest Winners

Most Original Costume:

Scariest Costume:

Funniest Costume:

50+ SENIOR OLYMPICS



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Rx-America Group, Inc. is a non-profit organization that will help locate prescription medication that is discounted from 30-90%. This **FREE** service is currently offered to help lower prescription medication costs. Persons that qualify:

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- Persons with limited coverage insurance or who have exceeded maximum allowable co-payment on your insurance
- Medicare recipients
- Medicaid recipients

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To schedule an appointment with the Rx-America Director, Andres Romero, call Senior Services at 955-4721.

To obtain a FREE prescription search, fill out this form (please print) and mail to Director, c/o Rx-America Group, Inc., P.O. Box 31753, Santa Fe, NM 87594.			
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Additional prescriptions may be written on a separate blank sheet of paper attached to this one.			

HEALTH & SAFETY

BLOOD PRESSURES, BLOOD SUGAR AND OXYGEN LEVEL TESTS

All tests are free and open to anyone age 60 or over. Following the tests is a brief, free medical consultation, based on test results. Tests are conducted by Joanne M. Valdez, RN, BSN, (all city centers), and Frances Vigil, RN, (county centers) on the following dates:

M.E.G. Center - First and Second Tues.	December 4, 11	11:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon
Luisa Center - First Thurs.	December 6	11:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon
Villa Consuelo Center - Second Thurs.	December 13	10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
Ventana de Vida Center - Third Thurs.	December 20	11:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon
Pasatiempo - Third Tues.	December 18	11:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon
Santa Cruz Center - Third Wed.	December 19	11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

HEALTH & SAFETY

Personal Alarm Systems

There is nothing more disheartening than hearing about someone who needed help but couldn't get to a telephone so nobody knew about it...and nobody could come to their rescue. With a personal alarm system, you or someone you love can get help from anywhere in their home with just the push of a button without having to get to their telephone.

Basically what would happen is you would have a little pendant that you wear either around your neck, or on your wrist. It is water resistant so you can wear it in the shower or tub. The important thing is if you ever need help, all you have to do is push the button you are wearing.

Different companies provide different benefits. You can subscribe to a company that offers two-way communication or one that simply alerts a central station. In any case, someone is notified that you are in need of assistance. You can have a friend or family member alerted, or have them contact the police directly.

These services can be used in case you fall or if you have another kind of emergency, like an intruder.

To learn more, you can contact any of the providers below or go online and look up 'Personal Alarm Systems". It might be worth the monthly fee for the piece of mind you receive.

American Medical Alarms (800) 542-0438 Americanmedical alarms.com

Life Alert 1 (8000 380-0151 or lifealert.com

Life Station 1 (800) 884-8888 or lifestation.com

SENIOR HEALTH & FITNESS

Chocolate - A Healthy Junk Food?

(Adapted from an article by Jim Evans)

According to University of California researchers, there is now documented evidence that the tendency to overeat sweets such as chocolate is a natural physiological response to chronic stress. Dr. Abby Aronowitz has taken things one step further by endorsing chocolate – and other "healthy junk foods" – in her revolutionary book Your Final Diet.

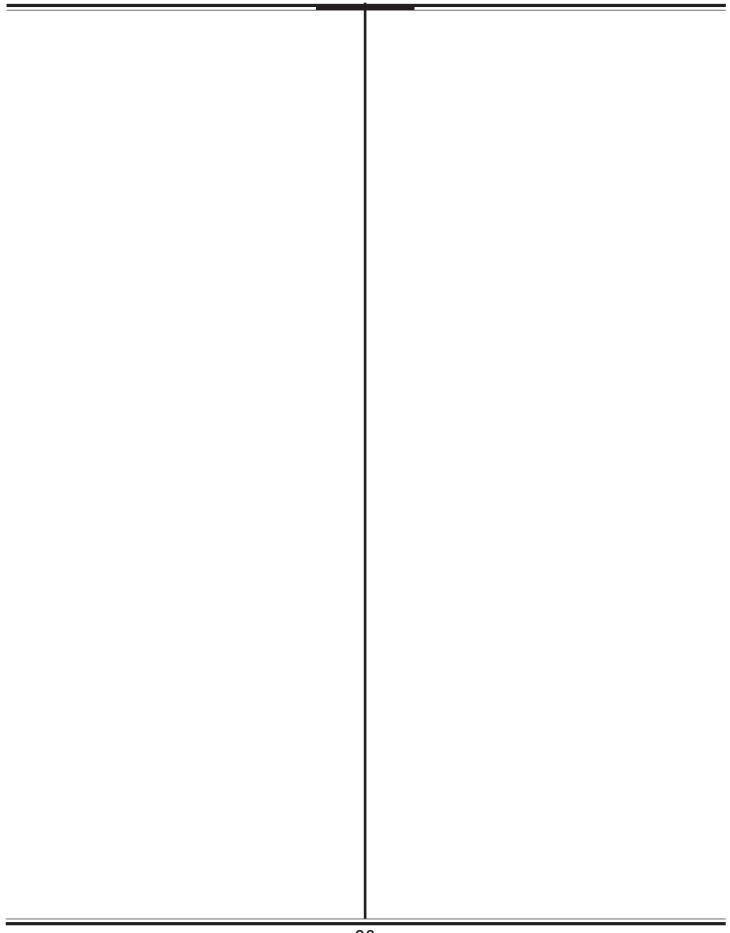
Aronowitz holds two masters degrees and a Ph.D from Columbia University. She has been a consultant to Weight Watchers International, Inc., and is a member of the American Psychological Association and Mensa. She believes that managing sugar, carbs, and fat instead of bingeing or depriving is a more effective way to lose weight. "A well-adjusted secure feeling will replace the highs and lows of failed diets," says Aronowitz from her home in Woodbury, New York.

"Sugar and fat relieve chronic stress on a biological level," says Aronowitz, "and chocolate cake and ice cream, for example, simply shut down the stress system, bringing relief and relaxation. Therefore, we must learn how to manage the foods we crave instead of overindulging or depriving ourselves."

"We need to address what to consume, as well as how to cope with emotional eating. It is also important to begin changing the cultural thin ideal, which creates a sense of personal inferiority, upon which the billion dollar diet industry thrives." She suggests people manage sugar, carbohydrates, and fats instead of bingeing or depriving; personalize their food plans; reinvent sexuality: "thin" does not equal sexy!; become good role models for children with food and body image; and overcome pressure to be unrealistically thin.

Try that plan this holiday season!

HEALTH & SAFETY



PUZZLES



by Sidney L. Robbins

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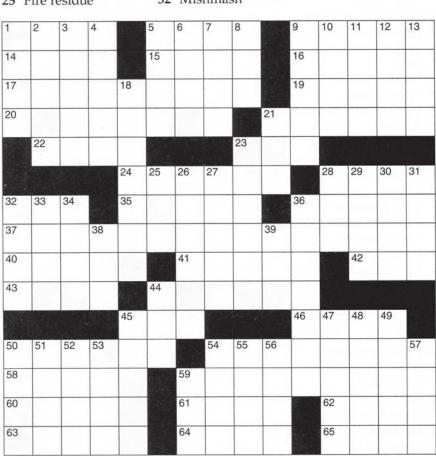
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PUZZLES

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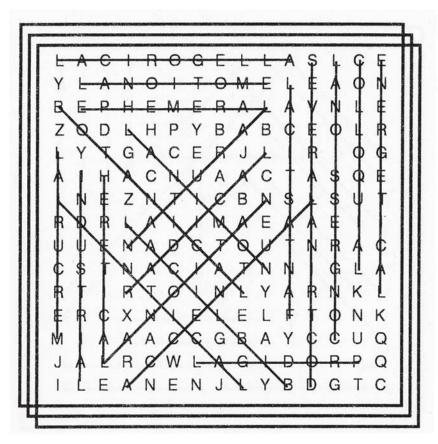
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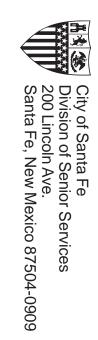




SENIOR CENTER LUNCH MENU **DECEMBER 2007**

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	
3	4	5	6	7	
RED CHILE FRITO PIE W/ GARNISH SODA CRACKERS SEASONED PINTO BEANS ANGEL FOOD CAKE w/ FRUIT TOPPING	BAKED LEMON HERBED CHICKEN BREAST RICE PILAF CUCUMBER SALAD FRESH PLUMS	NEW YORK CITY PHILLY CHEESE STEAK W/ AU JUS SAUCE BUTTERED BROCCOLI SEASONED FRENCH FRIE TROPICAL FRUIT	TAMALE W/ RED CHILE CALABACITAS REFRIED BEANS YOGURT W/ FRUIT	HEARTY HOMEMADE BEEF STEW SODA CRACKERS GREEN BEANS BANANA PUDDING	
10	11	(X-MAS DINNER) 12	13	14	
NORTHERN NM RED CHILE BEEF ENCHILADA W/ SOUR CREAM SPANISH RICE TOSSED SALAD APPLE COBBLER	SOFT CHICKEN TACOS	ROAST BEEF W/ AU JUS MASHED POTATOES W/ BROWN GRAVY BUTTERED MIX VEGGIES TOSSED SALAD PECAN PIE W/ WHIP CREAN EGG NOG & JUICE DINNER ROLL	GRILLED CHICKEN SALAI W/ ALMONDS & FIXINGS FRESH ORANGE FRUIT JUICE	STUFFED PORK LOIN	
17	18	19	20	21	
GREEN CHILE CHEESE HAMBURGER W/ FIXING POTATO SALAD ONION RINGS FRESH ORANGE	OPEN FACE TURKEY SANDWICH TURKEY GRAVY BAKED SWEET POTATO BROCCOLI W/ CHEESE JELL-O W/ PEACHES	S W CHICKEN & BEEF FAJITAS W/ FIXINGS SEASONED PINTO BEANS SPANISH RICE APPLE TURNOVER	JUICY BAKED SALMON FILLET W/ LEMON SAUC PARSLEY POTATOES 3-WAY VEGGIE WHOLE WHEAT ROLL PEARS	COOKS CHOICE	
24	25	26	27	28	
CHRISTMAS EVE NO CENTER MEALS MEALS ON WHEELS ONLY	ALL CENTERS CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF CHRISTMAS	HAMBURGER STEAK W/ GRILLED ONIONS & BROWN GRAVY MASH POTATO & GRAVY SEASONED GREEN BEANS TROPICAL FRUIT WHOLE WHEAT ROLL	CREAMY GARLIC NOODL OVER A CHICKEN BREAS BUTTERED PEAS & CARROTS	BEEF & VEGGIE SOUP	
(NEW YEARS DINNER) 31 BAKED HAM W/ PINEAPPLE GLAZE MASHED POTATOES W/ BROWN GRAVY TOSSED SALAD PUMPKIN PIE W/ CREAM DINNER ROLL	¥		š	WE WISH YOU A SAFE AND HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON	

Please note: Senior Meal Suggested Donations: Breakfast \$1, Lunch \$1.50 Non-Senior (under 60) Meal Fees: Breakfast \$3, Lunch \$5.40



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