

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

PEOPLE

Tuesday events to focus on the Bard

Duane Roller, professor emeritus of Greek and Latin at Ohio State University, and author of "Cleopatra: A Biography," will kick off a new series of talks sponsored by the International Shakespeare Center.

"Shakespeare Talks!" will be held on the first Tuesday of the month from 6-7:30 p.m. at the Santa Fe Woman's Club, 1616 Old Pecos Trail. The format is flexible, from simple lectures to slide shows to performances of scenes and from plays to quiz shows, said Robin Williams, ISC co-founder.

Roller's talk will focus on how Shakespeare's views on antiquity have formed modern perceptions. Admission is \$10.

IFAA announces its award winners

The International Folk Art

Alliance has announced the winners of its first awards program.

Recipient of the Living Traditions Award is La Flor de Xochistlahuaca, a 28-member women's cooperative in Mexico that preserves and teaches the art of back-strap weaving. The Community Impact Award goes to the ROOTS Project in South Sudan, an organization focusing on women's empowerment. Other winners were Sen. Tom Udall and Jill Cooper Udall, who received the Friend of the Market Award; the Dallas Market Center, which won the Global Enterprise and Impact Award; and Nance and Ramón López, who were recipients of the Heart of the Market Award.

PLACES

Bandelier to host several free events

Bandelier National Monument is hosting a series of events this Fourth of July weekend.

Today, the Candelaria family from San Felipe Pueblo will demonstrate traditional pottery-making behind the Visitor Center, while tonight marks the first Night Walk of the summer, a silent walk in the dark evoking the times when Ancestral Pueblo people lived there. Reservations are required: 505-672-3861 ext. 517.

On Saturday and Sunday, the Lovatos from Santo Domingo Pueblo will demonstrate the making of jewelry and turkey feather blankets, and Monday will feature a naturalization ceremony when 20 people will become citizens of the United States.

Activities have no charge beyond the park entrance fee; visitors arriving between 9 a.m.-3 p.m. must take the park's free shuttle bus from the White Rock Visitor Center at the Juniper Campground.

Garden joins free entrance program

The Santa Fe Botanical Garden has joined

Museums for All, a program to encourage visitation by low-income families. Families showing an Electronic Benefits Card will be allowed into the garden free of charge. Its main site is located on Museum Hill in Santa Fe.

THINGS

Southside market open every Tues.

The Santa Fe Farmers' Market-Southside will kick off its season from 3-6 p.m. Tuesday in the Santa Fe Place Mall parking lot's northwest area near Sports Authority.

The celebration will include dance by Los Niños de Santa Fe, music by Mariachi Buenaventura, food trucks, a bounce house, Axle Contemporary, a photo exhibit, raffles and free health screenings from the county mobile health van.

The Farmers' Market at that location will continue each Tuesday from 3-6 p.m. through Sept. 27.



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Members of Motor Maids Inc. visited Santa Fe Harley-Davidson in 2015 in preparation for next week's annual convention that will be held in Santa Fe.

Motor Maids celebrate anniversary in Santa Fe

BY GLEN ROSALES FOR THE JOURNAL

The rumble of motorcycles will fill the air of Santa Fe next week, but that's not so unusual.

What may be unusual will be the riders atop those iron horses.

More than 400 members of the motorcycle group Motor Maids Inc. will celebrate its 76th anniversary by rumbling into the Capitol City.

The oldest, continuously run group of women's riders, Motor Maids will hold a number of events in town Tuesday through Thursday, said Debby Pearson, one of the owners of the local host, Santa Fe Harley Davidson.

"It's quite an honor," she said. "They can pick through the whole United States. This is their first time coming to New Mexico, so we're thrilled and honored that they are coming to Santa Fe."

Pearson, who has ridden since she was 9 years old, sees kindred spirits in the group.

"It's really cool to find all of these different types of women that ride," she said. "And they come from all walks of life: attorneys, doctors, teachers. Some are retired, some are still working. It's inspirational."

Since women motorcycle enthusiasts are something of a rarity, it's only fitting that Motor Maids chose Santa Fe,

Pearson said.

"Santa Fe is the City Different and they are unique, so it's a nice marriage," she said with a chuckle.

The dealership plays host to an informal, all-comers-welcome meet-and-greet on Tuesday.

"We're super-excited," Pearson said. "This is a way to focus on these gals and entertain them. I've never been a part of such a big event. We're trying to pull out all the stops and make it a big, fun festival for them."

One of the highlights of the annual convention is Wednesday's 6 p.m. parade, which will include more than 300 Motor Maids all dressed in their official uniform of a white cotton vest; blue, long-sleeved t-neck; black boots, black pants and white gloves. In addition, a long-standing tradition at Motor Maid conventions is the Dot Robinson Road Rally. It's a fun competition Wednesday from 8 a.m. to noon with Motor Maids and their motorcycles traveling a predetermined distance at an average of 30 mph while following a map.

Holding this in New Mexico hopefully will encourage more women to get out and ride, Pearson said.

"There are women in New Mexico who want to find like-wise-minded women who want to get out and ride together," she said.

Ex-judge Fran Gallegos files in Senate race

Two Green Party candidates — including former Santa Fe Municipal Judge Fran Gallegos — filed Thursday to get on the November general election ballot in legislative races in the Santa Fe area.

Gallegos filed to run in sprawling Senate District 39, where Republican incumbent Ted Barela of Estancia is being challenged by Democratic former state Sen. Liz Stefanics.

Gallegos, who was a municipal judge for 11 years, resigned in 2005 after allegations she attempted to alter DWI records she had sent to the state. Charges of records tampering were dismissed in state District Court.

The Green Party's Sky Tallman filed to run in House District 45. Rep. Jim Trujillo, a Santa Fe Democrat, had been the only candidate on the ballot in that race in the Nov. 8 election.

In the Artesia area in southeastern New Mexico, independent candidate Freddie Joe Nichols III filed to run in House District 54, where Republican Rep. James Townsend has been the sole candidate.

Thursday was the day for independent, minor party and write-in candidates to file signatures on nominating petitions to qualify for the ballot. They still must be certified by the Secretary of State.

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