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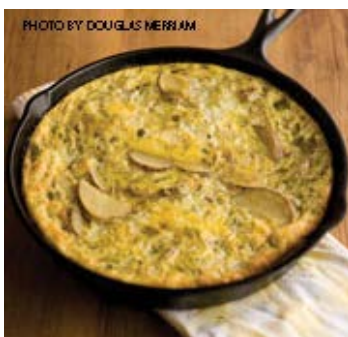
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These Boots Were Made for Struttin'

Join writer Neala Schwartzberg as she peruses the colorful selection of boots at Solano's Boot and Western Wear in Raton. This is cowboy country, pardner, so you'll find lots of classic Western boot styles. But for a special Saturday night of two-steppin', you'll also want to check out the dandy custom-made pairs. For a fee, Solano's can even put your monogram or cattle brand on your boots! Read more on [our homepage](#).



Tap into the Light, Luscious Taste of Tapas This Summer

Tired of just grilling in the summer? Michele Ostrove explains why Spanish tapas — tasty treats designed to be shared with friends — are ideal for casual summer gatherings. Chefs from such popular restaurants as El Farol in Santa Fe, Cosmo Tapas in Albuquerque and El Meson in Santa Fe share their favorite tapas recipes. Click [here](#) to get cooking.

Sign of the Times — Get Your Kicks with Your Own Route 66 Sign

Your friends will think you're one cool cat when they see this nostalgic replica of an original New Mexico Route 66 sign. It also makes a great gift for your favorite guy to hang in his man cave. He'll definitely get a kick out of this 12" by 12" sign. Visit [our online gift shop](#).



Relax in a Posh 1920s Retro-Style Hotel in Downtown Albuquerque

When Lesley S. King checks out the digs at Hotel Parq Central, she feels like she's been transported to the time period immortalized by F. Scott Fitzgerald in *The Great Gatsby*. In fact, bartenders on the rooftop Apothecary Lounge serve up such Prohibition Era cocktails as Manhattans and Pisco Sours. Get into the swing of things



at **our website**.

Destination of the Month: El Rancho de las Golondrinas

Step back in time with Ann Murdy's **photo tour** of this living history, Spanish Colonial-themed museum outside Santa Fe, hosting colorful events throughout the summer and fall. For event details, see **Golondrinas' website**.



Get Lost in Los Lunas and Eat Lunch, Too!

Writer Melissa W. Sais leads a tasty tour of eateries in her home town. She adds a side dish of *papitas* to eggs for breakfast at TJ's New Mexican Family Restaurant and then discovers a melt-in-your-mouth Cuban pork sandwich for lunch at the Green House Bistro and Bakery. She opts for a more upscale dinner at the elegant Luna Mansion. All of these delightful treats can be found in Los Lunas, just 20 miles south of Albuquerque. For the delicious particulars, dig in at **nmmagazine.com**.



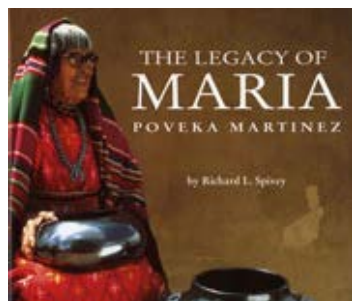
Meet *Tasty Traditions* Author Sharon Niederman

Writer Irene Wanner interviews author and photographer Sharon Niederman about her life as a writer and her latest book *New Mexico Tasty Traditions: Recollections, Recipes and Photos*, published by *New Mexico Magazine*. Read Wanner's interview of the Raton-based writer in our latest **online installment of Featured Author**. To buy the book, go to **our store**.



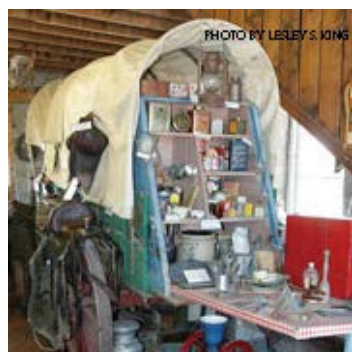
Tell Us Your Story for Our Centennial Issue

New Mexico celebrates its centennial as a state in January. *New Mexico Magazine* will publish a commemorative issue that looks at the milestones in New Mexico's history over the last 100 years. Do you have a story to tell? Did you or your family members witness an interesting event such as the 1947 Roswell Incident or interact with Buddy Holly when he recorded "Peggy Sue" in Clovis? We'd love to print your anecdote. Find out how to submit your 200-word story at **Your Story**.



Act Fast to Get These Bargain-Priced Books

The magazine has two terrific book sales going on simultaneously. We've drastically reduced the price of the elegant and informative coffee-table book *The Legacy of Maria Poveka Martinez* to \$12.95. This book originally sold for \$60! Go to **Maria** to pick up one or more of the remaining two dozen copies. Besides this celebration of the legendary San Ildefonso potter, we're also offering *Forever New Mexico* for a limited time through June 30, also for \$12.95. Place your order for this nostalgic volume at **our fun and fully interactive gift shop**.



Take a Video Tour of Cimarron

Lesley S. King explores the Old West legacy embodied in the recently renovated Express St. James Hotel in Cimarron. Visit the place where Zane Grey slept and wrote his novels. A favorite haunt of Buffalo Bill Cody and Jesse James, it even said to harbor a ghost or two today. Read Lesley's story and watch her accompanying **video adventure**.

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