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Town of Bernalillo Celebrates Earth Day with “Green Adobes” and a local initiative to Restore The Native Cottonwood Canopy

Earth Day activities will be in full bloom in the community of Bernalillo on Thursday, April 22, 2010. The official celebration kicks off at 11:00AM at “El Molino” across from the downtown Railrunner Station. The event includes an adobe workshop and the free distribution and sale of cottonwood trees, lilac bushes and honeysuckle vines, as well as adobes and adobe forms.

Items range in price from \$5.00-\$10.00 for one gallon cottonwood trees, lilacs and butterfly bushes to \$25.00 for fifteen gallon trees. Four-foot bare root trees and vines sponsored by the Coronado and Edgewood Soil and Water Conservation Districts will be given away.

The selection of free(bees) items includes, roses, lilacs, honeysuckle, and chokecherry bushes plus poplar trees. The first 100 patrons will be able to select two items of their choice. Cottonwood seedlings will be distributed free of charge as part of Bernalillo’s Cottonwood Canopy Restoration initiative and this earth day celebration.

“El Molino” is the three-story adobe structure currently under restoration by the Town of Bernalillo Youth Conservation Corps. This, the second major project of the Corps, incorporates traditional, natural adobe construction in an effort to preserve the craft and the historic architecture of the community. This earth-friendly construction uses only non-stabilized adobes (without cement or asphalt additives) because a natural adobe is a “green adobe”. Adobes and adobe forms will be sold at the event; standard adobes (4x10x14) will be sold for 50¢ and large orders can be filled throughout the year.

Community cleanup projects will also be part of the Bernalillo Earth Day Celebration. The Bernalillo High School National Honor Society and the Parks Department will collect litter and remove weeds at major intersections and in Bernalillo’s Rotary Park complex.

Mayor Jack Torres and the Bernalillo Town Council invite the public, school groups, and anyone interested in participating to come out and enjoy Earth Day in Bernalillo. “Bernalillo’s Earth Day Celebration continues a long tradition of recognition of our architectural history and sensitivity to the natural resources and environment that we all enjoy in the Rio Grande Valley”, commented Mayor Jack Torres.

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