



ELKO



BASQUE FESTIVAL

CELEBRATING 53 YEARS



FRIDAY July 1st

Ostirala
Uztailaren 1a

6:00 p.m. Kickoff
Txupinazua
Elko Basque
Clubhouse

SATURDAY July 2nd

Larunbata
Uztailaren 2a

7:00 a.m.
5K Run/Walk
Eusko Etxtea
Elko Basque
Clubhouse
Registration at 6:15
\$20 Participation fee and
you get a t-shirt!
For more information
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11:00 a.m. Parade
Downtown Elko

1:00 p.m.
Games & Dancing
Elko Basque Club

9 p.m. Dance
Eusko Etxea
Elko Basque
Clubhouse
\$12 Admission

SUNDAY July 3rd

Igandea
Uztailaren 3a

Eusko Etxea
Elko Basque
Clubhouse

10:30 a.m.
Shepherd's Bread
Contest - Auction to
be held after Mass

11:00 a.m.
Catholic Mass

12:30 p.m.-2:00 p.m.
Picnic Basque

1:30 p.m.
Dance Performance
contests & Basque
Sport Exhibitions



President's Message

Welcome to the 53rd National Basque Festival! I would like to extend my thanks and appreciation to everyone that has contributed so much to help make our festival a success. Without the generosity of our friends, family and community members, we would not be able to celebrate our great culture and traditions over this Independence Day weekend. I would also like to thank all of the businesses that have purchased ads for this program and provided funding for the festival.

This year the Elko Basque Club's Arinak Dancers along with the Ruby Mountain Ardi Baltza dancers have been honored with an invite to the 2016 Smithsonian Folklife Festival. The two groups in collaboration with Great Basin College have come together to represent our community in Washington DC. I would like to extend a special thanks to Angie de Braga for all her efforts to pull this together.

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HISTORY OF THE ELKO EUZKALDUNAK CLUB

An organizational meeting was held in 1959, at the Nevada Dinner House to consider beginning an Elko Basque Club. A list was formed of local Basques and letters were sent stating if they were interested to attend the next meeting. The letter was a success; there was a good turnout. An election was held and Johnnie Aguirre became the first president of the newly formed Elko Euzkaldunak Club.

A tradition began with a celebration that brought sheepherders and cattle ranchers into town for a day of celebration. The festival became a two-day event in 1964, now known as the Nation Basque Festival. The weekend festivities were scheduled around the 4th of July weekend, to celebrate with this great Country and to thank them for accepting Basques and their heritage so freely.

A lot of time and preparation is done for this event, as you can see on the schedule of events. Many people take part voluntarily to make this festival the success it is today.

Traditions are an important part of the Basque heritage and the Elko Euzkaldunak Club is very proud of the National Basque Festival, an honor bestowed upon us by Governor Sawyer in 1964 in conjunction with the State of Nevada Centennial celebration. It is a tradition that we have upheld for 52 years and hope to carry it on for many more years to come.



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BASQUE FESTIVAL**



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Schedule of Events

2016 Elko Basque Festival Celebrating 53 Years

**FRIDAY JULY 15 T OS TIRALA UZTAILAREN 1A
6 P.M. KICKOFF TXUPINAZUA
ELKO BAS QUE CLUBHOU SE**

Enjoy the evening with your family and friends with a taste of what is to come during the weekend. There will be dancing by the Elko Ariñak dancers, Basque sport exhibitions of weight lifting and wood chopping. Stay for exceptional food, and drink.

SATURDAY JULY 2ND LARUNBATA UZTAILAREN 2A

7a.m. 5k Run Walk Eusko Etxea
Elko Basque Clubhouse

\$20 participation fee and you get a t-shirt
Registration is at 6:15 a.m. Race starts at 7:00 a.m. For
more information contact Cody Krenka at 738-6479

11:00 a.m. Parade in Downtown Elko



1:00 p.m. Games and Dancing - Eusko Etxea
Elko Basque Club

Featuring the following dance groups: Elko Ariñak, & Ardi Baltza. Watch traditional Basque rural sports featuring weightlifting, wood chopping, weight carrying, bale toss, tug o war, and more!

9 p.m. Dance - Eusko Etxea
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\$12 Admission

Come enjoy a fun filled evening of dancing, catching up with old friends and making new ones

SUNDAY JULY 3RD
IGANDEA UZTAILAREN 3A
EUS KO ETXEA ELKO BAS QUE CLUBHOUSE

Please NO outside Food or Beverage

10:30 a.m. - Shepherd's Bread Contest
Auction to be held after Mass
11:00 a.m. - Catholic Mass
12:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. - Basque Picnic
1:30 p.m. - Dance Performances & Basque Sport Exhibitions
4:00 p.m. - Jota and Irrintzi Contest





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Written by Jess Lopategui

In the summer months when the sheep were in the high country, the herders stayed by themselves with their bands and the camp tender stayed at the main camp (“kampo nagusia”) where the supplies for the whole company were kept. Each camptender would be responsible for two or three herders and was required to visit each herder every five days with supplies and a fresh loaf of bread. In the bigger companies there were many herders and several camp tenders in the main camp. There were many loaves of bread baked and in many of the camps they built ovens which also were used for cooking other than bread.

In the early 1950s, Allied Land and Livestock’s sheep camp was in Columbia Basin, north of Elko. Their foreman, Manuel Arbillaga, and camp tenders Jean-Louis Iribarne, Pete Ampo, and Fernando Zorrondo built an oven of brick for baking bread. This oven was later covered with plaster to prevent cracking. Jenaro Zarrabeitia and Jose Azurmendi, who were working in construction in Elko, did the plaster job in a weekend in exchange for a lamb. In 1959 Jean Iribarne Jr. became camptender and used the oven his father helped build before he retired and went back to the Basque Country.

In 1964 the foreman for Allied was Antonio Mindeguia and the camp tenders were Luis Viscarrondo, Santiago Camino and Jess Lopategui. That was the year of the First National Basque Festival and they baked eighteen loaves of bread for the festival. (The capacity of the oven is nine loaves baked in #10 Dutch ovens at a time).

The oven in Columbia Basin was used throughout the 1960s and 70s until the company sold all the sheep. In the 1990s the oven was deteriorating from not being used for so many years and several of the Elko Euzkaldunak Club members got



permission from the Allied superintendent to move the oven to the Basque Clubhouse in Elko. Fagoaga Construction Co. built the base for the oven and the barbeque pit, and Elko Blacksmith Shop built the barbeque grill. The oven still works as well as it did fifty years ago and is used on special occasions. Jess Lopategui will bake loaves of shepherder bread at this year's 2016 festival for auction to help the Elko dancers finance their trip to Washington D.C. this summer.



Talented Basque dancers and musicians from the Great Basin of Nevada will perform at the Smithsonian Folklife Festival this summer. If you would like to make a donation or for more information, contact:

**Angie de Braga, Director of Community Outreach, Great Basin College,
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HERRI KIROLAK

BASQUE RURAL SPORTS

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AIZKORAK PROBAK - WOOD CHOPPING

Literally “axe test”, this rural sport more commonly known as aizkolaritza, from the Basque word for a wood-cutter, aizkolari. This is a very popular sport today but its origins are to be found in the rural wood cutting and charcoal burning communities of earlier periods.

In this competition, the wood cutter has to chop through a number of tree trunks arranged on the ground in rows as quickly as possible while standing on the log to beat his competitors.

This sport is often seen in summer at local festivities and open-air dances, held in towns all over the country.

HARRI JASOTZEA - STONE LIFTING

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There are usually two stone-lifters competing in each event, taking turns in one or several attempts, to perform the greatest possible number of lifts. A lift is



considered complete when the stone has been properly balanced on the shoulder.

The four types of stone most frequently used are rectangular, cylindrical, spherical and square and were established at the beginning of the 20th century. The stones are traditionally made of granite, their weight normally ranging from 100 kg to 212 kg.

Together with aizkolaritza (wood chopping), stone lifting is another example a widely performed rural sport at local festivities all over the Basque Country.

TXINGA ERAMATEA- WEIGHT CARRYING

In the weight carrying competition weights have to be carried in both hands as far as possible. There usually is no time limit but the weights weigh between 50–100 kg each and may not be put down or supported by any other part of your body. Competitors may only hold them by the handles but are not allowed to put their hands through them. It is possible to bring your own, favorite weights but they are checked by judges beforehand. The aim is to complete as many plaza of 28m as possible. You set your own pace and may stop (without putting the weights down) and champions manage between 400-500m. It is similar to the churn carrying competition.

The word eramatea variously shows up in dialect forms such as erutea or eroatea. In Spanish this is called prueba de txingas or carrera de marmitas.

JUNIOR WEIGHT CARRYING CONTEST

This contest is open to youth, ages 12 to 16 years. The contestant will carry 75 pounds in each hand. The winner will be determined by who carries the weight the farthest distance.

SENIOR WEIGHT CARRYING CONTEST

This contest is open to anyone over the age of 16. The contestant will carry 104 pounds in each hand on a 100 foot course. The winner will be determined by who carries the weight the farthest distance.

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Two, three-man teams will compete to complete the following work in the fastest time.

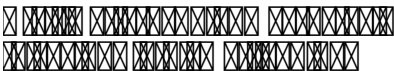
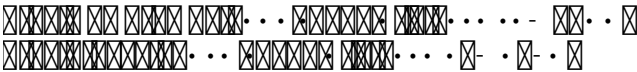
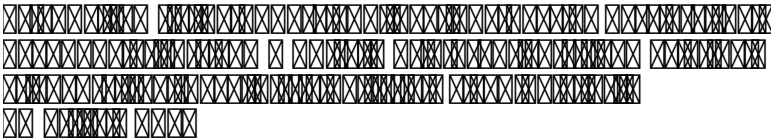
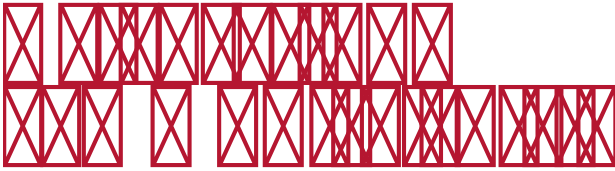
- CHOP 2 LOGS
- LIFTS A 225 LB CYLINDAR 15 TIMES
- CARRY TWO 104 LB WEIGHTS 400 FEET
- PLACE 30 CANS THAT ARE SPACED ONE YARD APART IN A

BASKET, ONE AT A TIME.

Team members can relieve each other at any time by tagging, but only one member can be working at any time and in any order they wish.







Together we'll go far



ARTZAIN OGI LEHIAKETA **SHEEPHERDER'S BREAD CONTEST**

CONTEST AND AUCTION

Register at the ticket trailer between 10:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m Sunday at the Euskal Etxea. Golden loaves of shepherd's bread baked Dutch-oven style. The loaves will be auctioned off right after Mass. Proceeds from the auction will be donated to the Elko Aritak Dancers.

1st Place - \$50, 2nd Place - \$30, 3rd Place - \$20

IRRINTZI CONTEST

The word *irrintzi* refers originally to the traditional Basque folk high-pitched scream used to express celebration or happiness as well as the Basque war cry.

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MARIA MARCERQUIAGA MZABALA

Submitted by Sarah Zabala Ghrist

Grandpa Bruno Marcerquiaga and grandma Candidia Ydasusta both were born in Spain. Grandpa Bruno Marcerquiaga worked his way aboard the ship to the U.S. from Lekeitio, Spain to New York (April 18th, 1890). He also worked at Quinn River Ranch for Miller and Lux Sheep Co.

Grandpa Marcerquiaga helped grandma Candida Ydustia come to the US in 1908 from Spain. Grandpa Marcerquiaga's brother, Gomes, had herded sheep at Horse Creek Ranch.

Marie Marcerquiaga was born September 18, 1910 and raised at Horse Creek Ranch. Grandpa Bruno's sister in law and Chapo's wife died. 5 kids came to live at Horse Creek with Marie. At one point there were 17 kids on the ranch.

Marie's husband Justo Zabala came to the U.S. in 1930. When he arrived in the U.S. he herded sheep at King River Ranch. Then he worked at the Martin Hotel in Winnemucca as a bartender. While working at the Martin Hotel he met Marie. They were married on April 4, 1931.

Marie and Justo had six children, Gloria Tomizen (August 31, 1931), Rita Chapin (August 22, 1932), Ray Zabala (August 8, 1933), Norman Zabala (September 22, 1935), John Zabala (October 25, 1936), Sara Ghrist (July 1, 1938)

Sara married Roger on December 25th, 1957 in Lovelock Nevada. They moved to Elko in 1960. Felipe was born in 1963. Glynis was born in 1965 and they all still hold residence in Elko.

Marie Marcerquiaga Zabala passed away August 12, 2011 at home in Winnemucca, Nevada.



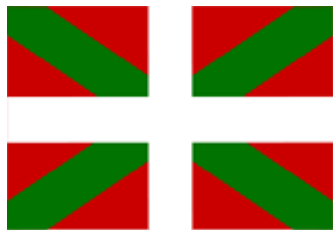
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JEAN PIERRE ECHEGON (ETCHEGOYEN)

Submitted by Janet Echegon Strickland

Jean was born in Ordiarp, (Soule) Xiberoa province, France to parents Benoit and Catherine Bordagaray Etchegoyen on January 14, 1896. Jean, the oldest of seven children and the only one to immigrate to America, arrived on March 26, 1912, disembarking at Ellis Island. His father was then working in Ogden, Utah and sent for Jean to help earn enough money to bring the rest of the family to America. They worked a cattle ranch in Ogden and then worked sheep ranches in Idaho. Benoit returned to France before the United States



Jean Pierre Etchegoyen 21 years old

entered World War I. Catherine then did not want to come to America as her elderly mother would not leave France.

The United States entered World War I on April 6, 1917 and 12 days later on April 18, 1917, Jean joined the United States Marine Corps and was sent to France. He served on the front lines, receiving minor wounds in his legs and shrapnel fragments in his back which were never removed. He served in the Occupation Army after the war as a guard on the Rhine River. He was granted leave to visit with his family before returning to America. As he was in the American military he had to return to the U.S. with his regiment to be discharged. He then returned to Idaho where he



met Helen Northey. They were married August 7, 1924. Two children were born to Jean and Helen, Betty Lou and Janet Catherine. They built a beautiful home on the tree streets in 1939.

On March 20, 1933, Jean became a United States citizen at the Elko County courthouse. Today, Jean and Helen's granddaughter, Nancy Porter, is the District Judge of Department I in the same court room where Jean obtained his citizenship. It is our understanding that the courts changed the spelling of his last name to Echegon as it was felt his given name was too long. This happened to many immigrants at that time but would not happen today.



Jean Pierre Etchegoyen 88 years old

Jean worked for the Western Pacific Railroad as a locomotive engineer for over 30 years. He always felt he did his part for our country during World War II by driving the trains that carried soldiers and war supplies back and forth across the country. He also served on the Draft Board during the war and was a charter member of the Elko Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Jean and Helen returned to France in 1949 to visit his family.

It was the last time that he saw any of them. Since his passing Betty and I, with our husbands,

children and grandchildren, have traveled to France numerous times to be with our cousins and have enjoyed their beautiful Basque festivals.

Jean loved America but he never forgot his roots and the love he had for his family and the beautiful French countryside, often reminiscing of his father doing the wine glass dance. He was so pleased at the inception of the Elko Basque Club, always wearing his beret, and never missed attending a festival.





Benoit Etchegoyen and wife Catherine Bordagaray Etchegoyen (parents of Jean)

Grandson Dave Porter studied in Pau, France through the University of Nevada, Reno Basque Studies' Program. My husband and I are life members of the Elko Basque Club and have assisted at festivals for over 35 years. Two of Jean and Helen's grandchildren and three of their great grandchildren have been participants in the Elko Euzkaldunak dance program. All six of Jean and Helen's grandchildren are college graduates. Ancestry DNA has recently enlightened our family with the knowledge that our heritage spans all of Spain, southern France and encompasses the entire seven Basque Provinces. Jean was proud of his Basque heritage and that pride has carried to his two daughters, six grandchildren, six great grandchildren and two great great grandchildren. Helen, 59 years, passed away in 1962. Jean passed away in 1986 at 90 years of age.



NICOLAS FAGOAGA

Submitted by Catalina Fagoaga Laughlin



Nicolas Fagoaga was born October 16, 1926 in Lesaka Navarra Spain and died September 30, 2015 at his home in Elko. He was the third of eight children.

Nicolas finished third grade and went to work for the family. The family had multiple businesses as that was very common. His first job was to buy the milk from the ranchers and since he was a kid, they would try to dilute it with water and he would catch them every time. He did a variety of

jobs but his favorite was working in the carpentry shop where he learned the skills of wood working and wood carving which he continued to do until the last few years of his life. At a young age he learned hard work and family is what life is all about.

Nicolas was an avid bike racer from a very young age winning many bike races in the Basque Country. His family owned the bus service from Lesaka to Pamplona and while his brothers were driving the bus, Nicolas was always riding his bike next to the bus training. He enjoyed watching bike racing live as well as following every race on TV until his final days. The family would plan vacations to Lesaka during July only so they could watch the Tour de France live. Nicolas' nephews all knew how much he enjoyed it so they would drive all night to get the best location possible.

Nicolas came to the United States in 1951 as a sheepherder for Tony Smith. The solitude of the Rubies was not of his liking so he went to California and worked on ranches. He came to Elko in 1959 and worked as a carpenter.





November 25, 1961 he married Betty White of Elko. They started Fagoaga Construction in 1963 and after 36 years of changing Elko and surrounding communities with many beautiful homes and commercial projects, he retired. After retirement he continued to work on projects for his family. Some of the most rewarding accomplishments were building the Elko Basque Clubhouse and Fronton.



Nicolas was very proud of his Basque heritage and was one of the founding fathers of the National Basque Festival and Elko Basque Club. He was President of the Basque Club for numerous years and taught his children, son in laws and grandchildren to continue with his service.

Nicolas enjoyed traveling the world with his family every 4 years for the Summer Olympics. He was interested in all sports but his favorites were bike racing, boxing, and track and field.

His greatest joy in life was his grandchildren and great-grandchildren and all of their accomplishments. He attended every game, school program, race, and rodeo up until the very end.

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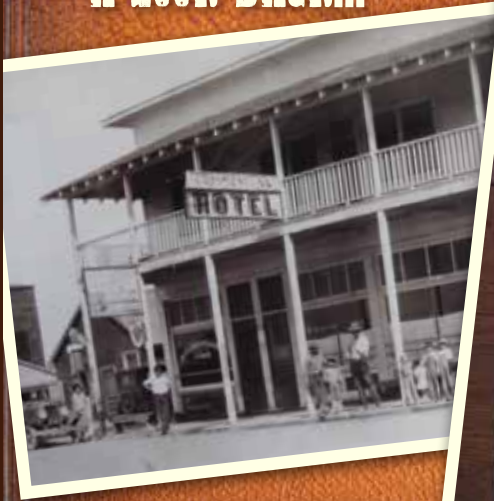
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