



XANTOLO: VIDA, MUERTE Y TRADICION

A Day of the Dead Celebration

October 31, 2026 on Pope Street	Between 12 th Street and College Avenue with access only to businesses at the South end of Pope Street
All day	Food Vendors, Retail/Artisan Vendors, Information Booths, Ofrendas (Altars), and Much More
10:00 a.m. to 11:00	Presentation of Colors National Anthem – Miss Chastity Rivera Opening Prayer – Mrs. Lucille Salas What Xantolo is All About Acknowledgement of Sponsors and Volunteers Introduction to Ofrenda Etiquette Introduction to “Recuerdos” at Xantolo Booth Sale of Tickets for Xantolo Performance on Nov. 1 Individual Blessing of Ofrendas Face Painting (for a fee) by Glitter Squad Traditional Xantolo Music
11:00 a.m. to noon	Introduction to Native American Traditions – Joe Saenz Intertribal Powwow Style songs by The Mountain Horse Singers
11:30 a.m.	Gathering of Grant County Comparsa Dancers at Gila Community Foundation Building and Blessing of Dancers
12:00 to 2:00 p.m.	Explanation of Xantolo Dancing and Special Characters Calling of Dancers by Vaquero Procession of Comparsa Dancers La Bamba Dance (Huasteca Style) Southwest La Bamba Dance (the public is invited to participate) Destape (unmasking & final blessing of Dancers) Dancing to DJ music provided by Illusion Band
2:00 to 4:00 p.m.	Street Dance to Music of Illusion Band Trick or Treating for Children at Designated Booths Presentation of Best of Show Ofrenda in Classic Vehicle Closing Prayer
Sunday, November 1 Fine Arts Center Theatre 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. Admission - \$10.00 Ticket Sales begin at 1:00 Theatre doors open at 1:30	<i>Xantolo: Vida, Muerte y Tradición Performance</i> Part 1: La Catrina, Pageant Contestants, A Family Ofrenda, Special Songs and Dances Honoring Deceased Grant Countians Part 2: A professional performance featuring Mariachi Reyes Coronado and Ballet Folklórico Iztac from El Paso, Texas

****Note: The public is invited to dress up to honor deceased family and friends for the Saturday event and please bring your own chairs.**

