

EL PUENTE DE GALISTEO

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*** DON'T FORGET TO VOTE ON JUNE 6:
COMMUNITY CENTER (7AM to 7PM) ***

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SAT. JUNE 3: COMMUNITY CLEANUP
Meet at the Community Center at 9 AM. For further information, call Richard Shuff at 466-7723.

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**ALL FIRES, FIREWORKS, AND BURNS
ARE BANNED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**
(for obvious reasons...just look out the window)

WHERE THERE'S SMOKE

Totally aside from individual donations and volunteers, which were considerable, from what I hear, Galisteo was directly involved in the Cerro Grande fire and its aftereffects.

First, the Galisteo Fire and Rescue's presence. On Sunday three yellow wildland suits were hanging on the clothesline outside the home of our Fire Chief and Assistant Chief. Jean Moya and Linda Anaya were in Los Alamos as EMTs on Wednesday and Thursday of the first week, working primarily in the urban area on medical and evacuation tasks. Brian Moya, Steve Moya and Mike Anaya were there Thursday and Friday, working in the little canyons that thread through the urban area, looking for hotspots that might flare up again and take more homes.

Jean was impressed by "how eerie it was being in a town with no people—like those movies where epidemics have killed everyone off. There were little bikes and trikes just left on the sidewalks. There's no word to express it, it was very emotional." She was also moved by the calm and order of the evacuation. "I thought it would be chaos and honking horns, but people were so patient and cool. It was very sad to see the devastation. And to see what the random patterns of fire and weather, wind, can do." As she spoke, she was waiting for word on the new fire in Glorieta, even closer to home.

On another front, Evelyn Gregory, a stalwart at the Santa Fe Animal Shelter, has been working around the clock with the fire's animal refugees. Evelyn says, "Every kind of animal you can think of, we've got at least one of them." The Shelter has

fostered out their own orphans to make room for some 400 Los Alamos pets, housed there, at the Rodeo Grounds, and in a local boarding kennel. Help is being offered all the way from Colorado. Galisteo is again in the picture, in case you've been wondering where the handsome white horse and several others next to Mike Anaya's Electrical Concepts came from.

Animals and families are being reunited, and animal families are being reunited. (Baby rabbits needed a nursing mother and when one was finally found, it became clear that they were her own offspring.) Evelyn says the work has been "very exhausting and very heartwarming." The Shelter still needs money and help answering phones, walking dogs, and other chores.

Finally, the Community Center was offered as a haven (nobody took us up on it) and Kaye Sandford opened five rooms at Vista Clara for fire victims. One suggestion from the GVFRD is that later on we might put together a Galisteo weekend brigade to help clean up and rebuild in Los Alamos.



GALISTEO COFFEE GALS Monsour and Cordero (p.2)

WAKE UP (ON SATURDAYS) AND SMELL THE COFFEE

On May 13, Melanie Monsour and Marghreta Cordero served coffee, tea, pastry, and bagels to an enthusiastic clientele, inaugurating the new weekly coffee shop at the Community Center.

The first day of the new GCA-sponsored café was a great success. It is open for a trial run on two more Saturday mornings — May 20 and 27, 9-12AM. The cafe will be closed in June (because the Community Center was already rented on Saturdays for the month) but it will resume in July.

A coffee shop was the most popular request on the GCA questionnaires we filled out a few months ago. Melanie and Marghreta welcome community input as to hours, food, or whatever. On May 13th there was a small book swap. Weekly swap meets are also a possibility. If we continue to support this endeavor we'll finally have an informal community meeting place!

The coffee gals have put together a WISH LIST list for the ongoing café: **Blender, juicer, pastry case, dish drainer, milk creamer, sugar bowl, bread knife, assorted plates and cups, and little bowls for jelly and jam.**

GALISTEO BASIN OPEN SPACES

The second round of COLTPAC applications for open space and trails in Santa Fe County includes two more Galisteo Basin sites. (The first, fully approved, purchase of the 355 acres between Galisteo and the river, belonging to the Cook Ranch, is still in negotiation.) A public hearing was held on May 10 at the County Courthouse. The two new properties have not yet been approved by the recommending Committee and the Board of County Commissioners. Both are at the moment in the second tier — the “undecided” category — because of price and other questions.

The major new proposal is for a vast and beautiful tract of 2500 acres that takes in all of the Thornton Ranch south and west of County Road 42 (Camino Los Abuelos), beginning at the railroad track at the Galisteo boundary. The applicant is the Trust for Public Land. The price is \$5 million — clearly too much of a hunk of COLTPAC's entire budget. The entire Thornton Ranch, which is around 16,000 acres, is being sold for around \$24 million. The ranch's north side is already subdivided. Negotiations are now under way to select one affordable parcel from this large property that would be particularly appropriate for County open space.

This property includes a number of important archaeological sites, centered on the big double-peaked hill that is covered with petroglyphs. (It is called Petroglyph Hill by some; the old name seems to have been Cerro Lucero. Does anyone know other names for this landmark?)

The second local application to COLTPAC is for the strip to the south as one turns off 285 into Lamy, adjacent to the little County park nearer the village. This entire strip is the site of a pueblo ruin and is occupied in part at the moment by several Mobile homes. The owner is Joe Miller, who is asking \$911,000 for this 91 acres.

On May 22, 5:30 at the County Courthouse, the recommended projects will be presented to the County Commissioners.

BARBARA VIGIL, CANDIDATE FOR DISTRICT JUDGE

Barbara Vigil was born and raised in New Mexico. Her mother is from Albuquerque's North Valley and her father is from Rio Arriba County. She was raised in Santa Fe, attending St. Francis Elementary and St. Catherine's Indian School. Vigil earned an accounting degree from New Mexico State University and then received her Jurisdoctorate from UNM. She is married to the well-known muralist Frederico Vigil. They built their own house out of recycled materials and raise goats and chickens. (Among her other talents, the candidate makes homemade goat cheese.)

Vigil has recently been appointed as interim Judge to the First District Court until Dec. 31. She will only keep this position if she wins the primary in June and then the November election. She will be sworn in on May 19 at the Museum of Fine Arts in Santa Fe, where her husband is responsible for one of the handsome patio murals.

EL PUENTE conducted a brief phone interview with Vigil on May 15:

How would your policies affect Galisteo?

As district judge we would receive cases appealed from the County Commission in respect to land use issues, for instance. As a CDRC member, I've been adamant about insuring that mining operations taking place in your part of the County comply with the County Code to the fullest extent possible. That includes reclamation requirements. I'm on record as having opposed Richard Cook's Ortiz Mountain/Cerrillos Hills gravel operation.

Vigil has been appointed to the Children's Court docket, taking juvenile criminal cases and child abuse and neglect cases. Her trial experience over the years is extensive.

What is your general experience?

I'm a long time advocate for the arts and First Amendment protection. I'm environmentally sensitive. I have long experience in civil rights, having sued successfully in many cases of gender and race discrimination. I have represented hundreds of children in child abuse and neglect cases.

What is your opponent's record along these lines?

Tim Garcia's practice has been primarily devoted to commercial law.

Vigil's campaign slogan is “Justice For Our Time.”

** EL PUENTE has published interviews with all of the current candidates for office who contacted us directly, showing a concern for Galisteo.*

PEDAZITOS/ BITS AND PIECES

Mela (Anaya) and Onesimo Montoya celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on May 6 with a renewal of vows at Nuestra Señora de los Remedios and a big party afterwards at the Community Center. The ceremony was a cover story with pictures for the Wednesday Eldorado edition of the *New Mexican* on May 10.

Their daughter **Geraldine Peña** served as Matron of Honor and their son **Jimmy Montoya** was Best Man. Mela and Onesimo were originally married here in Galisteo on April 10, 1950. They have eight living children, one deceased, and 17 grandchildren, many of whom live in Galisteo and are active members of the community. Mela is a member of the Board of the Galisteo Community Association and Onesimo is a respected wood carver and furniture maker. We wish them many more years of happiness.

Stephen E. Adkins, who lived with his wife **Mari** on Camino Los Abuelos near McKee Rd., passed away on April 20 at age 49. A memorial service was held at Nuestra Señora de los Remedios on April 24 and there was a gathering afterwards at their home.

Mark your calendars to go see the amazing horsemanship on display at **The Event at Goose Downs**, June 26-27 and July 3-4, with a Trade Fair both weekends. Admission is free and this year, Challenge New Mexico's riding program is being highlighted. More on the schedule in the June EL PUENTE.

Found on the Internet under a listing of “New Mexico **Ghost Towns**” were pictures of the Galisteo cemetery and church. Also shown are Madrid and Cerrillos — “the once booming mining town ... now mostly abandoned.”

BELOW: Juan Ortiz House/ Store; now the Galisteo Inn. (Photo c. 1905: Courtesy Museum of New Mexico Photo Archives neg. no. 9715) See story to RIGHT.



Joanna Aarnikoski of the Galisteo Inn was the subject of a feature in the *New Mexican* Eldorado Edition on May 10, when the Inn was suggested as “a perfect Mother's Day Oasis...someplace special to go when you want to be pampered.” Restaurant, pool, spa, sauna, hot tub, masseuse, biking and horseback riding are offered. Rooms range from \$80 to \$200 per night, and meals range from \$33-\$40.

Galisteo's “integrity” and “authenticity” are justifiably praised (although the building is inaccurately called 300 years old; historian David Kammer dates the oldest surviving buildings here at c.1800; see picture below).

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

RELAX! I would like to respectfully suggest that each Galisteo resident consider driving the posted speed limits throughout the village. This includes Highway 41. Please show consideration with regard to noise pollution and dust pollution. Driving the speed limits will increase the relaxed atmosphere of this village. Look in your rearview mirror and ask yourself if you'd like to breathe the dust you're creating.

Janice Felty Griscom, A Recovering Speeder

“**Juan Ortiz House, ca. 1860**...formerly the residence of Juan Ortiz, listed as a farmer in the 1860 census and the father of José and Pedro Ortiz. [It is] sympathetically restored to preserve many of its Territorial Style details” (from David Kammer report for New Mexico Registration of Cultural Properties, 1999.) Ortiz was born around 1818. According to José Ortiz y Pino's book *Don José: The Last Patron*, Juan Ortiz was a trader, “hauling freight from Durango, Mexico making the long hauls from St. Louis and Kansas City to Santa Fe and Galisteo. All his hauling was done by wagons pulled by mighty oxen....[He told stories] about the storms, the Indians and the Outlaws....Juan Ortiz was not large in stature, but a giant in courage.” His wife, Concepción, was the daughter of Juana Rascón and Nicolas de Jesus Pino, and granddaughter of the famous Pedro Pino, who was New Mexico's delegate to the Cortes de Cadiz in 1812.

GCA APRIL AND MAY BOARD MEETINGS

From minutes by Barbara Cooper

Richard Griscom and Moira Walden will be invited to meet with the Board to explain the details of the lawsuit over ownership of the Bosque.

A new plaque and a framed picture of Philip McKee will be mounted in the Archive Room at the Community Center stating that the room is dedicated to the memory of Philip McKee, in addition to the plaque stating that the room was funded by the McKee Foundation.

Barbara Holloway will be the new film liaison for the village, taking over from Mike Datoli. She will deal with all filming requests and permits.

Denise Pruett has written to the highway department requesting speed checks of vehicles in the village. She has managed to get them to place a speed machine at each end of town for 3 days to monitor traffic speeds. Janice Felty spoke to Robert Martinez of the Highway Dept. about the possibility of speed bumps or signs, but it seems that neither is possible.

Wendy Monroe has resigned as Alternate to the Board and it was decided not to name a replacement for this position.

A new water heater, a new ladies' toilet, and a new outdoor hydrant have been installed at the Community Center.

Melanie Monsour and Marghreta Cordero and Karyn Demastus and Beth Foote were asked if they were interested in running a coffee shop. The first pair came to the May meeting and took it on for three Saturdays. The GCA contributed \$200 as a startup fee. Suzi Calhoun will work with them on the project. Vicki Snyder will donate an espresso machine. Florence Sohn will have lockable doors made for the kitchen cabinet and is assembling a crew to paint the cabinets.

Richard Shuff will drive to Stanley to pick up materials for the Community Center floor.

Florence will be in charge of a GCA-sponsored pot-luck barbecue during the summer. Other Community Center programming will be arranged in fall and winter.

TO THOSE CURRENTLY RECEIVING EL PUENTE BY MAIL: You've been receiving the paper free for quite a while. Now it's time to kick in another \$15 (or more!) for the mailings. ALL DONATIONS WELCOME. \$75 covers one whole issue and includes publication of a business card or small ad.

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WANTED

Seeking Summer Sublet: responsible, respectful, tidy artist to housesit/rent 7/15-8/10. Can maintain plants, pets, additional domestic tasks. Reference available. Contact Greg, 212-724-0484 or e-mail gregmurr@earthlink.net.
Housesitter for the week of July 3-10, including care for low-maintenance dog. Call Ted Fleming, 466-2363.

FOR SALE

Broyhill bedroom set: headboard, nightstand, bureau w. mirror, \$300 OBO. Call Melanie and Marghreta, 466-8319.

Tasco 58T Telescope and tripod, D=60mm, F=700mm. Three lenses and photo lense. Excellent condition, \$50. Call Nancy 466-6820.

FOR RENT

House for rent in Galisteo, Great Views and Sunsets! 4 bedrooms, 2 baths, kitchen, LR, office, garden, \$1350 mo. plus utilities, lease preferred. Call Cardenas, 483-5045, for appointment.

SERVICES

Common sense, gentle dog training: house manners, management, problem-solving at your home; also limited boarding. Twenty years experience. Call Evelyn, 466-1875, evenings.

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