

EL PUENTE DE GALISTEO

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EDITORIAL

What a community can do when it gets together! Thanks to a large and eloquent turnout on June 7 at the public hearing of COLTPAC (County Open Lands and Trails Committee), the committee voted 8 to 1 to acquire a second parcel of land from the subdividing Thornton Ranch to our north and west. The chairman cited community support as a deciding factor.

This will add 640 acres to public open space in the Galisteo Basin (non-existent before the 1998 open land bond issue that spawned COLTPAC). A total of around 3000 acres are now saved in combined County, State and BLM lands.

Supporting speakers included Paul Williams, an archaeologist with the BLM, Jan Willem Jansens of the Galisteo Watershed Restoration Project, Cherie Scheick of the Rio Grande Foundation, County Planner Jack Kolkmeier, and Jenny Parks from the Trust for Public Land (TPL). Our County Commissioner, Jack Sullivan, attended to observe.

This acquisition provides crucial leverage for TPL's ambitious plan to provide another 4000-plus acres of open land on both sides of route 42 (mostly on the northeast) bordering the railroad tracks. They plan a cluster development (rather than scattered ranchettes taking up all the land) off CR 42 on the west.

Few of us want to see development increase at all, but it's coming; and cluster is the best bet for conservation of land, water, and resources. TPL is now negotiating with the Thorntons for the details of a 3-year option — a condition for final purchase of this current parcel. On June 12 the County Commissioners approved all of COLTPAC's recommendations.

Many thanks to everyone who wrote letters, made phone calls, and attended the hearings. It worked.

LA LANERA

by Harmony Hammond

In 1989 I bought the old stone *lanera* (wool warehouse) from Peter Gould and moved here from La Cieneguilla. I lived in an added part of the space and used the long stone building for studio and storage. Now, 12 years later, I have expanded the living area into the *lanera* and renewed my interest in the history of the building. I am especially curious about the names and numbers painted on the trusses, window sills, and some of the stones. (See p.2-3 for Richard Shuff photo & some family brands.)

On June 2, I talked on the phone with José Ortiz y Pino III,

NOTICES: SUMMER IN GALISTEO

RICHARD SHUFF, PANORAMIC PHOTOGRAPHS OF GALISTEO, at the Community Center. Sat./ Sun. June 30-July 1, July 7-8, 1-5; Opening Reception Sunday July 1, 2-5; **GALISTEO FLEA MARKET**, Sat. June 30. Community Center, 9-1. Call Marghreta and Melanie to reserve a table or to donate to the community table. 466-8319. **30TH ANNUAL RODEO de GALISTEO** (New Mexico's largest open old western rodeo): Sat.,-Sun., July 21-22, begins at 1:00 each day; Featuring bull riding, team roping and other exciting events for adults as well as the popular kids events: mutton busting steer riding and junior calf scramble. Parade on Saturday at 11:00 – everybody welcome to join. **EVENTS AT GOOSE DOWNS**: July 28-29, August 4-5. Horse sports at their best. Spectators welcome. **FIESTA DE GALISTEO**, at Vista Clara Ranch, Aug.18. Music by Lumbre del Sol; food, drink, fun for kids, raffle...



Coming in September issue: GALISTEO, SPAIN

whose grandfather, Don José Ortiz y Pino, owned this property and had the *lanera* built around the turn of the century. The following history comes from pages 39 and 87 of José's book, *Don José: The Last Patron*, and from our phone conversation.

Don José controlled one of the largest herds of sheep in New Mexico and the *lanera* was suggested to him by Robert Seligman, a wool buyer from Boston who wanted to buy wool direct and have it shipped by rail from Lamy. Don José thought it was a good idea and called in his carpenter, Juan Martinez, to

make "a large building constructed from stone, with good ventilation and wooden floors.... East of the stable, close to the alameda on the river front." Flat roofs tend to leak a lot, so the *lanera* was built with one of the earliest pitched, corrugated metal roofs in Galisteo. [The tin sheets are marked: "Patented May 1915, American Sheet & Tin Co., Pittsburgh."]

The *lanera* housed a wool cooperative where Don José brokered wool from his own sheep and those of neighbors and others around the state. He could get better prices for everyone if he pooled the wool and sold it in large quantities. Each family had a stall-like area in the warehouse where their wool was stored. (Once Don José was forced to report some of his men for robbing the wool warehouse, since some of the wool belonged to other shepherds.)

He did a lot of business with the Bond Brothers in Espanola. The wool was shipped out of Kennedy. In fact Don José's men built the stone train station there specifically for this purpose. When wool prices dropped, Kennedy became a ghost town.

there was such a need for wool that you could get a draft exemption for producing it. After the war, when the demand and prices dropped and synthetic fibers were becoming widely available, it became less profitable. The *lanera* was used to store wool until about 1950. Don José passed away in 1951. After that the building was used only for storage.

On May 26, 2001, sitting in my new kitchen in the old *lanera*, Priscilla Hoback graciously talked about the building's more recent history. In 1978 she bought the cluster of buildings on Via La Puente with property that extended to the south bridge on highway 41. She named it Quartermill Farm. The former owner was Linley Soleri, who bought it, she thinks, from Philip McKee (his in-laws, the Hovers, lived there). McKee bought it from José. Gradually, the southern parcels were sold off.

Priscilla says that the place was run-down and the land was so overgrown you couldn't walk across it. Many of the buildings

Jan Willem Jansens of the Galisteo Watershed Restoration Project will come to the next GVFR meeting to explain the work being done along the creek, which will hopefully improve fire risk as well as conserving the bosque. In early June, a big batch of school children came to plant seedballs and do other preliminary work in and around the creek and were also given a tour of the fire station.

Hot Shot James Steinepreis will be living in the Fire Station off and on this summer. There is a new motion sensor light outside the station.

One very easy way to express your gratitude for the GVFR's hard work is to go to the Fiesta on August 18th, which benefits the Fire Department. And once again, they do all the work. Bob Harte is waiting for more recipes for the Fire Department Cook Book. Bring one to the Fiesta and receive a free raffle ticket.

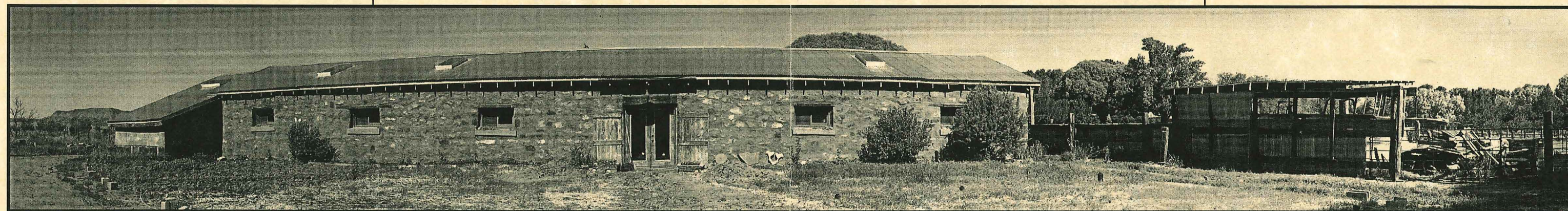
YARD GUARD

by Ron Helman

For the last 90 days or so, I have been designing and working hard on our yard. Moving heavy rock, pulling weeds, making stone paths... My obsession has given me little time to exercise. We have all heard, and said, that we are exercising while working outside. The President's Council on Physical Fitness tells us that walking the dog is exercise. This seems to mean that just about anything is exercise. It is true that I maintained my weight and, to a certain extent, did a form of strength training.

The problem was that I lost some definition in my muscles and became less flexible. It has been my experience that a program of weight training with concentration on isolated muscle groups will shape and contour the body better than anything else.

I have achieved one important goal that I set for myself, which was to get outdoors more. Don't misunderstand me about the value of outdoor work. I'm just saying that it could have more value within a formal exercise routine. Happy Trails.



Seasonal shearing started June 1. The wool was kept in huge burlap sacks marked with the family brands. The sacks were 10 x 12 feet long and about 5 feet in diameter. It took four men to lift one, so they were mostly rolled. Each family had its own way of marking and counting the bags stacked high in the *lanera*. José speculates that the men probably used the black paint for marking bags to write their names on the trusses and window sills.

Here are the signatures and José's information on the people who "signed" the building:

Dan A. Chavez, one of Don José's main foremen; **Feliberto N. Anaya**: clever, a good worker, his family was from Cerrillos; **Isabel Adams**, "held in esteem" by Don José. "He was half-Indian and an all around handyman. He chopped wood, tended to the fireplaces in the main buildings. A very quiet man, never a step away from the Patron when he was in Galisteo"; **Clemente Martínez**; **Juan Martínez** built the *lanera* and lived in Galisteo. **Glenn Parker**, a homesteader in Moriarty who drove a truck to bring wool to Kennedy around 1940. **Juan Montoya**; **Romolo Leyba**; **Betty and Tony Garcia**, 1947; Tony liked his booze and women.; **Pite (Pepito)** lived and worked in Galisteo. He was very short, about 4' tall, had a hunchback and one arm. He chopped wood with this arm and could beat anyone arm wrestling.; **Mateo**; **Felipe Chavez**; **Jack Salter** (memorial 1937), a well-driller from Stanley/Moriarty who had sheep. José recalls that something strange happened to him but can't remember what.

Many people in the area raised sheep. During World War II

had not been used for years. When she bought it, the *lanera* was filled with junk, garbage, and critters; a family of rattlesnakes lived by the door. (See her book, *Living Clay*, for more details.)

Gradually Priscilla and her friend (later husband) Peter Gould cleaned out and fixed up the buildings. They ran electricity and water to the *lanera*. For 5 or 6 years the well-known sculptor Tony Price (whose materials came from Los Alamos dumps) lived and worked there. Christina Hagman also used it as a studio. Russ Letlow and his two daughters lived there briefly and around 1984 Peter used it as a wood shop and added on a little living area. I bought it in 1989.

Does anyone out there know anything else about the lanera's history? Do you recognize these names or know anything more about the numbers? Do you know the family brands? If you have any information, stories, or memories about working, playing, partying, or hanging out there, please call me (466-3932).

FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS

The GVFR welcomes two new members: Miguel Padilla and Doug Brenner. The new secretary is John Fitch.

Chris Fields, Linda Anaya and Steve Moya passed their Red Card test — a grueling physical trial. And Chris also got his Swiftwater Rescue certificate. With other Fire Department members who have also passed these tests, they are the people who will save our lives and property. It's hard to overstate the time and energy they put into these unpaid jobs. (Continued)

PEDACITOS/BITS AND PIECES

Josephine Anaya's tamales received well deserved praise in the *New Mexican* May 30 in an article headlined "Grocers Skeptical About Future," which was a bit too pessimistic. "Andy and I plan to keep on going until we can't anymore," she said. Needless to say, the village hopes that time is not coming soon. La Tienda has been in its present location since 1986. The story also called attention to the back room, where jewelry from Santo Domingo pueblo and the village of Madrid is for sale, along with porcelain dolls that Josephine dresses in handmade costumes representing different New Mexican cultures.

On May 19, **Mela and Onesimo Montoya's** grandchild **Linda Peña** daughter of **Geraldine and Raymond Peña**, was given a party at the Community Center for her high school graduation.

On Sunday May 20, **MaryAlice Anaya's** new grandchild **Jacob Frank Jiron**, born in March 6 to **Joseph and Wanda Anaya Jiron**, was baptized at Nuestra Señora de los Remedios. The happy event was celebrated with a dinner at the Community Center afterwards.

Mezzo Soprano **Janice Felty** has been singing her heart out in Santa Fe and elsewhere this season. Her picture appeared in *The Santa Fe Reporter* May 25, as she rehearsed for a concert of Schubert, Bartok and Duparc at the Santuario de Guadalupe.

Greg O'Byrne is going to bike in the Montana Aids Vaccine Ride this summer and welcomes contributions to the cause.

The **GCA Board** wants to say thanks to **whoever emptied the trashcan in the bosque**. This can is making a big difference in the litter under the bridge.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR:

Dear Fellow Galisteans,

Lewis and I will be moving to Berkeley at the end of July, so that I can finish work on a degree in psychology. Over four years a number of Galisteo's cats have found their way to our casita and I have cared for them. Now this cat family needs new homes.

We have several precious kittens who will be ready for adventure in a few more weeks and two affectionate young mothers (just over a year old) each of whom would bring joy to a loving home. All are litter-box trained (don't ask me how this happened!) All are excellent mousers, healthy outdoor cats. So long as they have a safe place to sleep, they're pretty savvy about coyotes and owls. I wish I could take them with me, but Galisteo cats would be miserable in Berkeley. There is always the Animal Shelter but it's sad to think of these beautiful free-spirited creatures shut up in cages. Please call and claim your new furry friend!
—Valentine McKay-Riddell, 466-1791.

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SERVICES

The Galisteo Inn now has a wonderful cook preparing **lunch** during the summer months. In addition to the usual fare, we will also offer a pasta salad. Come enjoy our ambiance and bring a friend. Lunch served daily 12:00-2:00. Amy Adams, 466-8200.

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