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**\* SUMMER CALENDAR \***

**June 29-July 7:** GOOSE DOWNS EQUESTRIAN EVENTS, June 29 through July 7. (Call 466-7940 for details).

**July 13:** GALISTEO BOSQUE MONITORING WORKSHOP, Meet at 8:30 AM at the Fire Station. (See p.2.)

**July 18:** COMMUNITY MEETING, Thursday, 7:00PM: County Planners Jack Kolkmeyer and Judy McGowan will speak and answer questions about the pros and cons of a **Community Land Use Plan for Galisteo**. This is an important first (or last) step. Please plan to attend and have your say.

**July 20-21:** RODEO DE GALISTEO! Parade through village on Saturday morning before events begin at the Rodeo Grounds.

**August 3-4:** GOOSE DOWNS EVENTS including cross-country both afternoons, spectators welcome.

**August 10:** FIESTA DE GALISTEO at Vista Clara Ranch.

**Oct. 19-20:** STUDIO TOUR. Next EL PUENTE, mid-Sept.

**HOW GALISTEO (DISTRICT) VOTED**

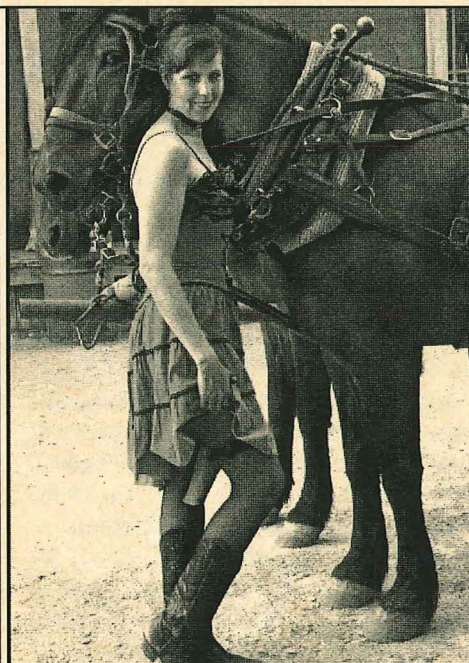
**“New Mexicans have always been overwhelmingly interested in politics, and only fleetingly interested in government.” — Raymond Sanchez on KUNM radio, June 4.**

Despite low voter turnout statewide, Galisteo did well on Primary Day. 78 Democrats and 10 Republicans cast their ballots at the Community Center on June 4, to elect Mike Anaya as our new County Commissioner (although it was a close run against Tom Dominguez, and as we go to press a recount is underway). Early voters and absentee voters are not included in the figures below. Stars (\*) indicate final winners in State/County primaries.

**DEMOCRATS: US Senator:** \*Gloria Tristani: 54; Francisca Lobato, 14. **US Representative:** \*Tom Udall, 70; **Governor:** \*Bill Richardson 71; **Lieutenant Governor:** \*Diane Denish 51, Jerry Sandel 19. **Secretary of State:** \*Rebecca Vigil-Giron, 63; **State Auditor:** \*Domingo Martinez 54 (Continued p.2)



Dora Anaya, District 3's new first lady, June 1st, at Eaves Movie Ranch campaign rally for her husband, new County Commissioner Mike Anaya. (Mike sends his thanks to everybody who supported him.)



Linda Anaya at Eaves Movie Ranch (“It was a chance to be a hussy!”) (photos: Richard Shuff)

**State Treasurer:** \*Robert Vigil 16, Jan Goodwin 48; Sanchez, 6. **Attorney General:** \*Patricia Madrid, 63; **Public Lands Commissioner:** \*Art Trujillo 20, Cisco McSorley, 33; Tom Mills 15. **Court of Appeals:** \*Manuel Tijerina, 50. **State Representative:** \*Rhonda King, 59; **Magistrate Judge Div. 1:** Isaac Archuleta 20, \* Bill Dimas, 39. **Magistrate Judge Div. 2:** Phillip Saltz 24, \*George Anaya 38. **County Commissioner:** Robert Romero 8, \*Mike Anaya 44, Tom Dominguez 24. **Assessor:** \*Benito Martinez 55; **Sheriff:** Charlie Dalton 41, Glenn Holmes 8, \*Greg Solano 24. **Probate Judge:** \*Ann Yalman, 58.

**REPUBLICANS: US Senator:** \*Pete Domenici 8. **Governor:** \*John Sanchez 7, Walter Bradley 2 (Baca and Burpo 0). **Lieutenant Governor:** \*Rod Adair 1, Judy Vanderstar Russell 2; William Davis 6. **Secretary of State:** \*Sharon Clah Chischillia 6; **State Auditor:** \*Tom Benavides 6; **Attorney General:** \*Rob Perry 6; **Public Lands Commissioner:** \*Patrick Lyons 7, Rick Lopez 2. **Court of Appeals:** \*Roderick Kennedy 8. **Magistrate Judge Div. 2:** \*Dennis Miller 8; **Sheriff:** \*Roy G. Dennis 8.

## GALISTEO BOSQUE WORKSHOP JULY 13

What's the condition of the Galisteo Bosque and river this year, given the drought? Are non-native trees like Russian Olives crowding out the native Cottonwoods? What else do you want to know about the village's greatest natural asset?

This workshop will be guided by Mary Dwyer, PhD. from UNM, co-coordinator of the statewide Bosque Ecosystem Monitor Program. She and biologist Rich Schrader will look at these and other questions, and will give you some hands-on practice of monitoring methods that you can use on your own favorite stretch of the river. Sponsored by the Galisteo Watershed Restoration Project, attendees can just get educated or sign up for regular monitoring. For details or to reserve a space, call 992-0726. Meet at the Fire station at 8:30 on Saturday July 13. Workshop will continue until around 3PM, but if you come for the morning only, you'll still learn a lot.

Several of us who are landowners along the Bosque were treated to a preview as the workshop was being planned last week. Coincidentally, we were joined by Neil Schaefer and Scott Hopkins from the NM Environment Department, who were doing their own work in the Bosque. "Reading the cottonwood story" is a major preoccupation of ecologists today and Galisteo is one of the best textbooks around. Among the tidbits we garnered in an hour's tramp along and through the creek:

The cottonwood *Alameda* below Harmony Hammond's house is about 80-120 years old, which means that the river was still flooding in that area at the time. Cottonwoods only germinate at a stream's annual high water mark. Their taproots chase the water table. So the creek was once this high regularly. Similarly the big old cottonwoods near the old Sena (Griscom) place either grew along ditches or a spring, or else they were on the banks of the creek before it was cut down to its present level by erosion from above and one or more big floods around the turn of the 20<sup>th</sup> century (perhaps as early as the 1870s).

Much of this landscape change probably happened after the railroads came in. They altered the landscape in major ways.

Construction demanded deforestation and altered streambeds; more cattle encouraged overgrazing; erosion and land exploitation followed. In the process, there was an incursion of juniper, which intercept rainfall and yield more surface runoff on slopes, leading to increased flash floods.

Ron Helman's clearing of the underbrush and lower branches on his westside bank of the creek was applauded by all the experts. The park-like aspect encourages native species and cuts fire danger. However, some Salt Cedar (Tamarisks) have also crept in, and this is not good. Few if any of these invasive monsters (which drink too much and salt the soil, making it intolerable for other plants) have found a foothold north/east of the highway bridge, although there are plenty on the ranchland to the west. Inquiries are being made as to the feasibility (and funding) of clearing the dangerous underbrush on the village Bosque.

## UPDATE ON THE ROAD SURFACES OF OTRA VANDA, LA PUENTE, AND LA VEGA

Richard and Janice Griscom

As mentioned in the March EL PUENTE, Robert Martinez, the Santa Fe County Deputy Public Works Director, responded to our November 15<sup>th</sup> letter, signed by 22 of us, in which we raised the problem of the large amount of very fine dust caused by vehicles passing on these three County-maintained roads.

Martinez's letter laid out three options for the community to consider in order to rectify this problem. The first, favored by the County, is to mix in a clay-like material that would, they say, stabilize the dust.

The second option would be to spray oil on the road; there is some question about the legality of this in New Mexico.

The third option would be to pave the roads. This is, of course, very expensive, and the County would not have sufficient money for at least several years.

In order to gain further information about what is in the dust on these roads, we have arranged for the Air Quality Bureau of the State of New Mexico Environment Department to take soil samples of the roads in question, focusing on their mineral composition. This test will take place within the next week. We will report on the test results in the next EL PUENTE and at a future community meeting on this subject. The meeting will allow all community members to express their opinions about what the County should do to improve the condition of these three roads.

Again we urge all of you who drive along Otra Vanda, La Puente, and La Vega to remember the negative health impact that the fine particles in the dust may be causing for those who live, walk, or ride along the roads. **Please follow the speed limits.**

## PEDACITOS/BITS AND PIECES

Freddie Cárdenas is retiring after 29 years in public education in New Mexico. He has taught every grade from 1-12, was Assistant Superintendent of Moriarty schools, and most recently Superintendent of Schools in Springer, N.M. (Freddie graduated from UNM (on a gymnastics scholarship) in 1973.

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Local pastry addicts have been cut off with the demise of **Denise Pruett's Tin Cup Coffee Wagon**. Her scrumptious apple tarts and cinnamon buns will be sorely missed by a leaner but sadder Galisteo and points south.

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**Deborah Madison**, noted cookbook author and founding chef of Greens in San Francisco, with her husband, well-known Santa Fe painter **Patrick McFarlin**, have bought the former Lucas house on Marcellina Lane, and will move in this summer. McFarlin, famous for Pat's Downtown Club, his open studio on Paseo de Peralta for many years, last year rented the Sala de San José for a temporary studio; the landscapes (of Holland) painted there were shown at the Munson Gallery last fall. Madison's latest book is *Local Flavors: Cooking and Eating from America's Farmers' Markets*, but, as she made clear in a recent interview, they are not vegetarians. At the moment she's particularly interested in the history of food.

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**Ella Shea Van Dyk** was born on April 4 to Amy and Nicholas Van Dyk in New Bern, North Carolina. "A blue-eyed red head with a smile to die for," says proud grandfather **David Van Dyk**.

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**Senator Jeff Bingaman** has proposed a bill to Congress in which three New Mexico counties – Santa Fe, Rio Arriba and Taos, would become a National Heritage Area, qualifying for up to \$10 million in federal funding for cultural preservation and interpretation. It would be managed by the National Park Service. Tom Udall will introduce a "mirror bill" in the House.

So far, only two of some twenty four such areas are established in Western states.

In local terms, this might be a way to secure funds to repair historic buildings like the **Sala de San José** and preserve important properties like the original **Galisteo Grant**. And perhaps even a small archaeological dig on the hill to determine the exact site and date of the original village?

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On June 5, The Board of County Commissioners unanimously approved the master plan for the State Land Commission's San Cristobal **development on NM 14**, which permits 2,781 homes and over 1.3 million square feet of commercial space over the next 20 years. Proceeds will go to the State Education Fund.

The completed project will require 340 acre-feet of water (only 22 of which are in hand). The development can dig no wells and at least 15% of the housing must be in the "affordable" range. Nearby residents complained to no avail. Two other smaller— but not small— developments are also planned for the area around Rancho Viejo and across from the Pen.

## FROM THE MINUTES: GCA BOARD MEETING MAY 8

*New Well:* Scott Diffrient, representing the Galisteo Water Board, came to talk about the need for a new well as a back-up in time of drought, and for fire needs. It does not, however, mean any new hookups. In order to expand the water system to those on the waiting list we would need more water rights. We are already close to the allowable limit of water use (46.58 acre feet).

The Water Board has verbal permission from John Young and Rod Hall to run pipes and an underground power line across their properties. Water at the proposed well site must be tested. There would be no well house, but the Water Board would need access from the highway for testing and repairs. It is hoped that the new well can be drilled this summer.

The GCA Board stressed the necessity for an insurance certificate adding the GCA to their policy. Other questions: Do we need a spigot for GCA use? Does GCA have a hookup there? Would the County ever be able to take over the property if they absorbed the water system?

*Saturday Coffee Shop:* John Vandershuit represented a group who would like to continue the coffee shop on a rotating basis. Cindy Lux suggested that it might happen once a month, in conjunction with tag sales or other events to encourage participation. She, John, and Kathleen Murphy were recommended as the committee in charge. The GCA will offer financial assistance when necessary.

*Insurance:* the GCA's annual insurance bill will be about \$2700, which covers liability on the community center, playground, 10 acres of community property south of town, the Bosque easement, and for board members.

*Other GCA News:* Clean-Up Day on June 1 was very successful (and the Krispy Kreme donuts were even more so). The last Bridge Series at the Community Center (featuring writer Dennis Slifer on Galisteo Basin Rock Art) was a full and enthusiastic house. A new series will be discussed for the fall.

**Thanks to Barbara Cooper for the GCA Minutes from which this was drawn and revised.**

## BITING THE BULLET: WATER BOARD MEETS... AND MORE ON THE WET STUFF

"At some point in time we've got to bite the bullet and say we in the County have the same water problems as the city," says County Commissioner Jack Sullivan.

The Galisteo Mutual Domestic Water Users Association met June 6, with a quorum, and decided to bite the bullet. Watering restrictions will go into effect with the east side of Highway 41 irrigating on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, and the west on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. (Sunday is a day of rest for the resources.) The new well was also discussed (see GCA, above).

Meanwhile the County is considering a ban on new subdivision wells and in another move that will ultimately affect our aquifer, the Eldorado Water and Sanitation District Board voted 529 to 400 last week in favor of condemnation — beginning the process of taking over its water utility in order to bypass sale to a Dutch corporation. Next comes a district-wide "general obligation debt election," in which registered voters will vote on a loan of c. \$13.8 million to buy and maintain the utility.

Among the tips suggested by the County Voluntary Water Conservation Plan are: keep your hot water heater thermostat low; run only full loads in washing machine or dishwasher; keep cold drinking water in the fridge; take showers, not baths; repair leaks; don't waste water flushing trash down toilet or garbage disposal; keep grass fairly long so it retains moisture better and cut it often so that only 1/2" to 3/4" is removed to minimize shock to grassblades; keep swimming pools and open tanks covered; mulch much, and landscape with drought-tolerant plants.

# EXTREME FIRE DANGER NO BURNING

## HAVE YOU SEEN THIS BANNER?

The red and yellow Fire Danger banner posted by the bridge in the Bosque was disappeared last week. The Galisteo Volunteer Fire Department went to some time and expense to get these banners (the other one is on NM 41 at the north entrance to the village).

The danger is all too clear as smoke fills the air from less lucky areas. The Bosque is a high-risk spot and is used by outsiders who may not understand just how dry it is.

Please return the banner! Drop it off at the Fire Station on Avenida Vieja. No questions asked.

## MOTORIZED VEHICLES IN THE BOSQUE

The agreement between the Galisteo Community Association and myself, regarding the easement along the creek, south of the old bridge, allows for motorized vehicles only to a point approximately 150 feet south of the bridge. I am putting up a sign there saying "No Motorized Vehicles Beyond This Point." To protect and encourage vegetation and wildlife in the Bosque, to reduce the fire danger, and to honor the easement agreement, please respect this sign and its message. Thank you – Richard Griscom.

**EL PUENTE SPONSOR THIS MONTH:  
JEFFRAY RYDING  
OF GOOSE DOWNS FARM**

## GALISTEO CLASSIFIED

**ADS ARE FREE, AND FOR GALISTEO RESIDENTS ONLY.** Contact: Box 77 (Rte. 41 at Avenida Vieja) or call 466-1276 by **September 5** for next issue. PLEASE CALL TO CONTINUE TEMPORARY ADS.

### WANTED

**Someone to do a little ironing once a week.** Call Vicki Snyder, 466-4799.

### SERVICES

I will take **care of your pets**. I can also **watch children** when needed. (I am thirteen years old.) Please call me, Simone Montoya, at 466-1518

**Nizhoni School: High School**, grades 9-12, **College of Divinity, Academy of the Media**. Some classes will be open to the public. Information: 466-4336 or 466-1975. For **Soul-Centering Clinic** with Florian Trickes and Paulina Amador, call 466-2316.

**Galisteo Woodworks:** for your custom woodworking needs. Furniture and furniture repair. Antonio Chavez, 466-3601.

**Galisteo Caretaking Services:** For the Chores You Ignore! short notice, small jobs, housesit, have truck. Richard, 466-7723.

**Electrical Concepts:** Residential/Commercial/Industrial. Hansi Mohn and Michael Anaya, 988-8853.

**Native Bloom,** Landscape design/maintenance. Linda, 466-4658.

**Gypsy Doodle,** call Beth for **housesitting and petcare** in Galisteo. 660-6012.

**Computer trouble-shooting** and upgrades, software installation, tutoring. Database specialist with 19 years experience. PCs only. \$35/ hr. Johnny, 466-0392.

**Restore your old photo:** We copy, repair, and reprint your favorite damaged or fading photos. Richard/Cara 466-7723.

**Private exercise and Yoga Training** with Ron Helman. 34 yrs. experience. All levels and conditions welcome. 466-1919.

**Linda Vista Stables:** Beginner western riding for children and adults; 1-2 hr. trail rides; short-term boarding. 466-8930.

**Carpentry:** Closets, hand-carved dining room tables, patio benches, custom gates, doors, etc. 35 years experience, local references. Onesimo Montoya, 466-1430.

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

**Gold and silver jewelry with stones** in Galisteo village, Silvio Mazzaresse. Call 490-2062 for directions.

**Galisteo Dream Group:** presented by Ann Yeomans, M.A. Join us for a weekly Jungian/ archetypal approach to dream work, beginning Tues. Nov. 20 from 6-8 PM, Call 466-6070.

**Acupuncture, herbal medicine, feng shui, nutritional counseling, massage.** Connie Fisher, Doctor of Oriental Medicine, 470-9314.

Athan Merrick (15 yrs old):occasional **babysitting** weekends and some evenings; 466-9040.

**Passive Solar Builders:** Locally owned general contractor since 1980. Quality home construction, renovations: Charlie, 466-2118.

**One of a kind sterling silver jewelry**, made by ancient lost wax process, and decorative art in wood and tin. Barbara and Joe Cooper, El Estudio, #18 the Hill. Call 466-3827 or 466-0133.

**Barbara Holloway Fine Handweaving:** scarves, shawls, vests, jackets, coats, handwoven of luxurious chenille. 466- 2118.

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