

EL PUENTE DE GALISTEO

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FALL CALENDAR

FIESTA! Saturday, September 13, 6:30-11PM, Art Auction, Food, Music by Lumbre del Sol, at Vista Clara. **YOU CAN VOTE NOW ON THE STATE AND COUNTY AMENDMENTS AT THE AGORA M-F 12-8; Sat. 10-6. ELECTION IS SEPT 23.**

OCTOBER 11, noon-3PM: Open House at Nuestra Señora de los Remedios. Come and see our stained glass windows. It is impossible to feel their spirit and beauty from outside because of the plastic panes. Much-needed restoration has begun and a special fund is being created to help. Visit Galisteo's jewel. Call Dianne Wilson, 466-4361 for information.

THE OLD BRIDGE ON VIA LA PUENTE WILL BE CLOSED Monday, September 8 for approximately three weeks during a long-awaited restoration. Call Lonny Montoya, 992-3067 or Public Works Dept., 992-3010.

DON'T FORGET THE STUDIO TOUR: OCTOBER 18-19.



Mela Montoya crowned Queen of the Chili Challenge; looking on are Victoria Prewitt, the judges, Melanie Monsour and Margarita Cordero. (Photo: Tom Morin).

ANDRES ANAYA (1920-2003)
passed away on September 5th.
Our sympathies to Josephine
and the family.

An obituary will appear in the next El Puente.

SUMMER CATCHUP

The big news was a series of burglaries in late July, in which saddles and tack seemed to be the main target, but some family jewelry was also taken. Several homes were broken into and at least one break-in was foiled by neighbors. There was a large community meeting about Crime Prevention on July 23rd, at which a representative from the Sheriff's office spoke. It was voted unanimously to participate in the Neighborhood Watch program. If you have a breakin or see something suspicious you have to call the Sheriff's Office (986-2400 or 2455). In emergencies, always call 911.

The Community Well almost went dry twice, thanks to a leak near a hydrant.

A lot of bad medical news this summer. Steve Moya had to have several stitches in his leg in June and at the same time another Fire Department stalwart, Charlie Holloway, sustained a serious injury at work, shattering his heel. He is doing well but will be on crutches for months.

Bebé Givaudan, of the Galarosa Stables, was hurt in the Rodeo (see Wayne King's account p.2). She was the only woman in the bareback bronc event, but at least one other woman entered the steer riding competition. The *New Mexican* featured a photo of Bebé's fall in its coverage of the Rodeo, quoting Rudy Sena and his daughters, as well as Cara Lee and Richard Shuff. The GVFR was on hand with its usual professional cool, captured on at least one local videotape. On Aug. 6, the Eldorado section featured more pictures of Bebé, looking beat-up but cheerful. A benefit at the Rodeo Grounds was held Aug. 9 to help her cover heavy medical expenses. Music was provided by Galisteños Tacho and Libby Sandoval and Galisteños-at-heart Nacha Mendez (Margarita Cordero) and Melanie Monsour.

On August 23rd the "First Annual Galisteo Chili 'Chile' Challenge and Margarita Mixer" was held at the Community

Center, courtesy of the GCA Board. It was a wildly successful event, as large as anything anyone could remember in recent years. Judges Antonio Chavez, Tacho Sandoval, and Freddie Cárdenas chose Mela Montoya's already famous chili for first place. Zulema Ojeda (whose chili recipe was published in EL PUENTE, Jan.2000) was second, and Anna and her father Tom Morin won third. The popular vote went to Cindy Lux, and Nick Contreras won the draw. Much to his horror he was proclaimed "Queen" of the event, but he didn't keep his tiara on for very long.

Tom Morin has signed us up as ongoing members of the International Chili Festival. GCA is looking forward to doing it again next year. Our winner could go to the regional cook-off in Flagstaff, and maybe on to the national in Reno.

There are still a few snazzy t-shirts ("Spice It Up") available. Call Tom at 466-6200.

GCA REPORT

Barbara Cooper

On June 23, Santa Fe County held a meeting with residents to determine the needs of the community which might be presented to the legislature in January 2004 for funding. Rudy Garcia and our Commissioner Mike Anaya represented the County.

The residents' greatest concern was the horrible condition of the bridge and the amount of speeding traffic through the village. As Highway 41 is a State road, there is little County can do to help the village control this problem.

Any improvements to the Community Center or its land cannot come under this County program since the GCA owns both by legal registered deed.

Approximately 22 residents attended this meeting. The Board met later that evening to discuss the Galisteo Mutual Domestic Water Users Association's request to drill an auxiliary well on community-owned land (10 acres on highway 41). Scott Diffrient represented the Water Board.

After discussion, the Board unanimously voted to grant the Water Users Association an easement across our land to the well. This would have to be a legal document drawn up by an attorney stating the specifics of location, the fact that construction would all be underground, that in case of some organization or department other than the Galisteo Water Association assuming control of the water system, the easement would not carry over to the new entity, and the well and all improvements would revert to the Community Corporation.

On August 14th, the Board met primarily to solidify plans for the Chile Challenge held on August 23rd. Ten people will present their home-made chiles. Isabella Gonzales is making a chile pot as prize.

Richard Shuff presented a bid from Onesimo Montoya for the renovation of the bathrooms in the community center. The Board voted to accept the bid with the proviso that Florence Sohn and Mela Montoya will work together on specifications.

Victoria Prewitt has resigned as our Alternate as she and Bob will be moving to Madrid (Spain) in October. We shall miss them both.

Ted Fleming has reserved the Community Center from May 24 to June 14, 2004 for his International Sculpture Symposium. We look forward to helping with this project.

COUNTY TO ENFORCE WATER LAWS

Budget crunches have kept the County from monitoring domestic wells, but now a water cop is being hired. Wells dug since 1981 are supposed to have meters. Among the regulations: No landscape irrigation between 11AM and 7PM.

RODEO DE GALISTEO 2003

Wayne King

The better-than-ever 2003 Rodeo de Galisteo was held on July 19-20, thanks to the hard work of Rudy Sena, his daughters Amy Rogers and Audra Baca, and their many friends and relatives from Galisteo and elsewhere. Friends, families and visitors spent two rainless afternoons watching cowboys from Stanley, Moriarty and elsewhere compete in roping and rough-stock (bucking) events. Kid events were equally entertaining.

For Galisteños, though, attention was focused on two events. One was Bebé Givaudan's bareback bronc ride, the other the new hide race events sponsored by Ralph Tingle.

In spite of the delay caused by her predecessor in the next chute and uncowboy-like lack of help from other participants in preparing her horse and gear, Bebé looked impressive coming out of the chute. Spurring her horse on the flanks, she rode the bucking animal across the arena but lost her balance as he made a sudden turn. Unable to free her hand from the "handle," she was whipped along with the horse as it made a 360-degree turn.

When she finally freed herself and was falling to a safe landing, a vicious kick propelled her face-first into the ground. Seriously hurt, she faced several weeks of recuperation that limited her ability to work. Friends and neighbors in Galisteo and surrounding areas came to her aid with fund raisers and encouragement. With help from Rudy, she is now back in the saddle, leading trail rides and smiling broadly. There's a rumor that she may try this event again next year.

On a less serious note, the hide race was a new event at Rodeo de Galisteo. On Saturday, three groups of three contestants competed, and the three winners ran for the \$250 first prize on Sunday. Each team consists of a rider on horseback and a rider on the hide. The horseback rider tows a piece of cowhide down the length of the arena at full gallop, then turns around to race back to the starting point. At the moment of turning, the second person (usually a boy) leaps onto the hide, grabs the two ropes and rides the hide back. In clouds of dust and dirt, with the hide twisting and turning and flying in the air, the hide rider sometimes missed his leap and went sprawling. In one case the rider somehow got underneath the hide and, refusing to let go, furrowed the arena on his way to the finish line.

In all this chaos, none of the horses spooked and none of the riders were thrown. Mozaun McKibben riding with son Shaun Sohn on the hide won their heat on Saturday and placed second on Sunday. The hides were supplied by Ralph Tingle, who introduced this event to Galisteo. Hide racing is a competitive entertainment that dates back to Spanish missions and ranches in California.



CRITTER CORNER

By Latte as told to David Snyder

You ever have the urge to walk away? Not run but just walk off, in plain sight, following your nose, thinking surely your parents will notice? Since I am white with long hair and weigh 120 pounds, plain sight is the only sight I know.

Anyway, the other Sunday some friends of my Mom, a potter, came to my house and they left me in the back yard to be in charge of their 8-year-daughter. I was supposed to watch her, keep her from getting lost in the Bosque, but she didn't care about me. She wandered around, talked to the flowers, looked for tomatoes in the garden, so I figured she didn't need watching. I lay in the chamisa next to the chimney. That's when my nose went to work. What if half of your brain was nose? There was this smell over by the kiln that I just couldn't name. I'd smelled it before, and every time I tried to find it, I got called, Latte, Latte. My Dad yells real gruff, like if he scares me enough, I'll come running home. So I checked the garden and the girl looked safe enough, so I followed my nose.

The smell was stronger than usual. It seemed to be coming from behind Morgan's teepee, but when I got there, the smell seemed to be coming from down the road, maybe from Andy's. I sauntered on, not trying to hide, just good slow walking. Well, I found the smell alright. About the time my mother realized I had gone, about the time the screen door creaked and her voice started in with my name, my nose located this dead animal, a rabbit I think.

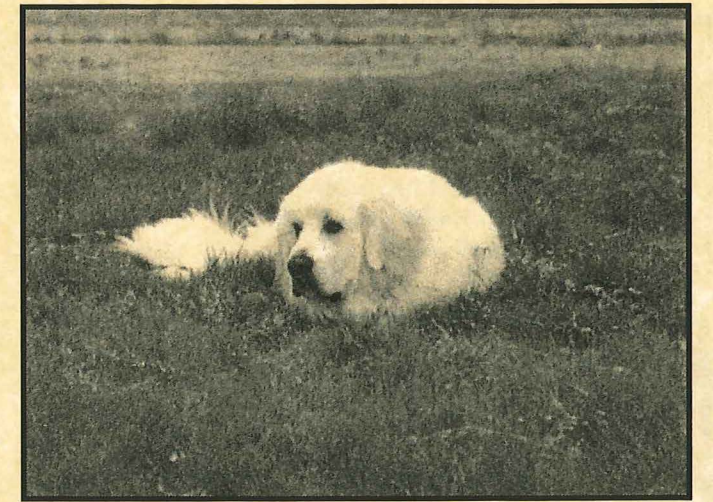
I had no choice but to roll, head first, right over the smell, which was louder than my mother's call. But when she found me in the road I gave her my best droopy face, let my slobber hang, just to keep out of trouble. They talked about my adventure for the next two days. I think Morgan saw me saunter by his teepee. He called my house to report I was out. Silly. I wasn't going very far, just far enough to find the next good smell.

ABOUT THRASHERS

Jan Saunders

The Curve-billed, Bendire's and Sage Thrashers are common in the Galisteo Basin. They are different species within the same family and share common characteristics. They are large-to-medium solitary, mostly brown songbirds. All thrashers flick their long tails as they forage mainly on the ground, using their long sturdy bills. They eat both insects and seeds.

We have been visited regularly over the last several years by the Curve-billed Thrasher. This year we had a nesting pair and observed the parents feeding their fledgling. A hard bird to miss, he announces his presence with a loud, harsh "quit-quit" as he forages under the feeder and splashes in the bird bath. This impressive bird is easy to identify since nothing else around these parts sports such a large, heavy, down-curved bill and bright amber eye. The sage Thrasher is a smaller, kinder, gentler version with a straight bill, white wing bars, streaks on the breast and stomach and a much sweeter, clearer song. Watch for these four cousins around your feeder.



PEDACITOS/BITS AND PIECES

From the *New Mexican*, June 24, 1903: "In a drunken fight at Galisteo last night, two men, both citizens of that town, were badly cut. One is now on the operating table in Dr. Palmer's office having his wounds dressed. He will probably lose the use of one hand as the arm is cut half off just below the elbow. The other man was badly cut on different parts of his body but has not been brought in yet."

Vernon Wilson had a solo show at Artstudio on Canyon Road in July. He is known for his paintings and intricate wood engravings and wood block etchings.

A new book on Bruce Nauman has been published by Johns Hopkins Press. Michael Kimmelman in the *New York Times* had this to say about it: "Bruce Nauman's art is about heightened awareness, awareness of spaces we usually don't notice (the one under the chair, out of which he made a sculpture)- and sounds we don't listen for (the one in the coffin), awareness of emotions we suppress or dread....It's hard to feel indifferent to work like his."

With Mary Lou Cook, Chris Griscom is one of the organizers of the New Mexico Department of Peace initiative in the last few months, a first in the country. They are also active in Dennis Kucinich's campaign for the Democratic nomination.

Teacher and therapist Kathleen Murphy had a piece on "Living in Stressful Times" in the June *Eldorado Sun*. She wrote, "Stress is just intrinsic to the human experience." Realizing this, she says, has reduced her sense of urgency but not led to cynicism or "passivity in the face of oppression.... and I feel more effective, more impactful now that I'm not so caught by the idea that the future will be better (or worse)." She quotes a teacher who told her to approach life with a "wild curiosity."

Cindy and Frank Lux's Santa Fe Artist Market next to the Farmer's Market in the Railyard was the subject of a *New Mexican* feature on July 26th. A booth costs \$15 and the artists must sell their own work, which ranges from pet portraits to tinwork to photography, painting, and sculpture to fabric, pottery, painted furniture. They hope to make this an annual summer event, as it fills a void for the Santa Fe art community.

CHURCH CALENDAR

September 4—Exaltation of the Holy Cross.
September 21-- Catechetical Sunday.
October 3 -- First Friday.
October 5 -- Respect Life Sunday.
October 7-- Our Lady of the Rosary.
Oct. 11 -- Open House (see p.1).

EL PUENTE SPONSOR OF THE MONTH: BEBÉ GIVAUDAN

OPEN HEART: You know my story, you made my story – riding the rodeo, hung up, rescued. But you don't know it through my heart. I've been going through a whole range of emotions since then. Shame when I came back to life in the Fire Department Ambulance; shame for not having made the 8 seconds, for having so many faces looking after me. But they made me feel at rest. I rely on them. They are admirable. Still, how could I attract so much attention? It's pitiful.

It was far from being over.

Neighbors organized a collection. Surprise, stupor. I don't deserve it, self pity. Food, phone calls, cards, more checks, help. So much kindness and generosity I cannot pay back. How can I live with that?

Then, a benefit, where I get to see wonderful people who made me realize how lucky I am to live in this community.

Some words: "You're part of the family!" It is a beautiful story. I am grateful I got to live it. Thank you. (B.G.)

GALISTEO CLASSIFIED

ADS ARE FREE, AND FOR GALISTEO RESIDENTS ONLY. Contact: Box 77 (Rte. 41 at Avenida Vieja) or call 466-1276 by October 5th for next issue.

FOR RENT

Fully furnished house and/or guest apartment, 3 months, flexible dates between January and April '04. Call 466-6003.

WANTED

The Fire Department is looking for a large (4'x8' or even larger) **Southwest style table** for the station. Chairs too, if you've got them. Donation or reasonable price. Call Jean Moya, 466-1544.

FOR SALE

GALISTEO HOME, 360 degree views on hilltop entering Galisteo from north; 4 acres, 3 bedrooms, 1 ¾ baths. Lowest price in village: \$299,000. Call Ann Yeomans, 466-6070.

New, never-used APC Battery Backup/Surge Protector for your computer: \$50 OBO (new \$65): call Lucy, 466-1276.

SERVICES

Tractor with implements and operators for hire. 466-0392 or 466-0204.

S.B. Lejo/ Sina Brush is taking special orders for original antique Mexican furniture. Call 577-4045.

Galisteo Caretaking Services: For the Chores You Ignore! short notice, small jobs, housesit, have truck. Richard, 466-7723. Call **Beth** for **housesitting/petcare/vet runs/odd jobs/studio assistance/party help/you name it...** in Galisteo, 660-6012.

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

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

Nizhoni School: High School, grades 9-12, **College of Divinity, Academy of the Media**. Some classes open to public. Info: 466- 4336 or 466-1975. For **Soul-Centering Clinic:** 466-2316.

Professional Housesitter, Long term/short term. Respectful care for your home and pets. Britt Lee, 466-3096.

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

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

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.

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

Acupuncture, herbal medicine, feng shui, nutritional counseling, massage. Dr. Connie Fisher, 470-9314.

Ben 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/ decorative art, wood/tin. Barbara & Joe Cooper, El Estudio, 18 the Hill. 466-0133.

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

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