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OCT. 15-16: 10-5, GALISTEO STUDIO TOUR. This year there are more Galisteo participants than ever before. Check the website: galisteostudiotour.org, and come on out and ENJOY.

EL PUENTE NEEDS SPONSORS AGAIN. IT'S STILL \$75 – a bargain considering that costs have doubled now that it's mailed out. If you didn't get your September issue, call Lucy at 466-1276. It seems that many of the addresses in the directory were wrong, or old, and a bunch of papers came back to us. County Road 42 is no longer valid, so be sure you use Camino de los Abuelos and other "new" addresses. Thanks for your patience. The paper should still arrive in mid-month.

"HOPE IS THE THING WITH FEATHERS"

Jan Saunders

Birds are the only animals in the world that have feathers. Feathers give birds flight and warmth. We identify birds by the color of their feathers that form light and dark patterns. Many birds are named for the color patterns of their feathers: the Red-Winged Blackbird, the Yellow-Rumped Warbler, the Ferruginous Hawk, and the Blue Grosbeak. We birders like the colorful feathers because they offer an aid to identification. Birds are surely fond of their feathers because they provide protective coloration. Colorful ornamental feathers on male birds seem to serve to attract the opposite sex. The bright colors of the male bird advertise that he is healthy and will make a good mate.

Feathers are not only unique, they are highly specialized and form follows function. Down feathers are soft airy insulators. Contour feathers smooth out body angles and give birds an aerodynamic shape. The wing of a bird is a marvel of feather function. The contour feathers on the front of the wing covers together with the larger, longer, and thinner flight feathers create a thicker leading edge and a thicker trailing edge which form an airfoil that provides lift as the wing moves through the air.

It takes a lot of feathers to make a bird. In 1882, Ernest Thompson Seton counted 4,915 feathers on a Brewer's Blackbird. A single feather is made up of a central rachis, or quill shaft, with a series of barbed and unbarbed laterals extending from it. These laterals overlap and hook onto one another to form a rigid feather. When a bird preens his feathers with his bill he is re-engaging the barbs to "zip up" each feather for warmth and more efficient flight.

Using "feather muscles" birds can raise, lower, and rearrange their feathers. By raising or fluffing their feathers, birds appear larger and feel warmer. Hummingbirds can adjust every single

Apologies to the family of Luis Chavez and to Moira Walden for a printer's error that broke the eulogy into two pieces around a community information box.

feather on their body to flash their prismatic colors to signal aggression or flirt with the opposite sex.

Emily Dickinson wrote:

*Hope is the thing with feathers
That perches in the soul,
And sings the tune -- without the words,
And never stops at all.*

*And sweetest in the gale is heard;
And sore must be the storm
That could abash the little bird
That kept so many warm.*

*I've heard it in the chilliest land,
And on the strangest sea;
Yet, never, in extremity,
It asked a crumb of me.*

COMMUNITY CENTER UNDER ATTACK

On September 30th, vandals shattered and broke two of the front glass window panes (each 34 x 94") at the Community Center. The sheriff was called. A reward is offered for information about this insult to the whole community. Call the Santa Fe County Sheriff's Office (428-3720) about case #02-05008947. Or write to the Galisteo Community Association, 35 Avenida Vieja, Galisteo NM, 87540.



Deputy Sheriff David Jaramillo checks out the damage.

The first official meeting with County planners of the Galisteo Community Land Use Plan Steering Committee took place on October first. Several new members attended. This is the time to join if you are interested. There will be many many more meetings, but it is important not to arrive in the middle of the process. Call Tom Morin, 466-2218.

GCA REPORT

Linda Braun, Secretary

At the September 19th Board meeting, Linda Rice came to the Open Forum to discuss use of the Community Center as a temporary residence for hurricane evacuees. The board has gotten approval for this from our insurance company. We discussed the idea of the GCA hosting a fundraiser for hurricane victims, possibly a Halloween Party with some items to be auctioned. A group will meet to further discuss this.

Residents filed their responses to the Morgan Gafford Quiet Claim in court last week. The GCA is included. It is our intention to keep the Bosque open for everyone in the community. Morgan has brought a second suit against Chris Griscom for land that she owns, and has also contacted some of the original people a second time with additional claims. The next step is disclosure, having Morgan indicate why he's doing this and what his intentions are. The GCA is considering setting up some kind of a special defense fund to assist the community in fighting Morgan's claims, but will wait for more information before we move on this.

Another topic discussed was the enhancement and improvement of the park/playground at the Community Center. We would like it to be a fun and comfortable place for kids, teens, and adults to enjoy. Some of the amenities we'd like to see there: tetherball, trees and irrigation system, picnic tables, drinking fountain, climbing structure, sandbox, tennis backboard/handball court, and seesaw. Two architects are being contacted about assisting with the design. If you or your kids have any suggestions please do so right away. Just call a board member and let us know what your idea is.

The Board is ready to improve the community bulletin board so that papers posted there won't get torn down or blown away.

We discussed the possibility of having the Mobile Health Fair Van, which provides free health assessments, education and assistance in finding affordable healthcare, come to Galisteo. This opportunity will be announced after church services. If there's enough interest a date will be set up for them to come.

Board member Nick Merrick submitted his need to resign from the board, as his travel schedule doesn't allow him to be at meetings. Alternate Beth Foote will now be a full Board member.

PEDACITOS/BITS AND PIECES

Janice Felty Griscom will be singing the alto solos in J.S. Bach's B Minor Mass with Baroque (16th-18th centuries) instruments for Santa Fe Pro Musica at the Lensic Nov. 5 (6PM) and Nov.6 (3PM).

Craig Moya and his silversmith work were featured in an article on the mentoring program in the *New Mexican's* special magazine on the Spanish Market. He mentioned learning from

his mother and squeezing his art work in along with schoolwork, soccer and basketball. He is now a freshman at NMSU.

Richard Griscom will be singing a program of American music with the Santa Fe Men's Chorus on Oct. 29th (8PM) and Oct. 30 (7:30 PM) at the Loretto Chapel.

A carved chest by Matthew Moya won the "utilitarian award" for his age group at Spanish Market. His mother, Jean Anaya Moya, took second place in the altar screen category and her piece was purchased by the Taylor Museum in Colorado Springs.

A collaborative piece Jean made with Matt Duran won the Alan and Ann Vedder Award for "proficiency in traditional materials"; that same piece won the Grand Prize at the Hispanic Arts Gallery at Expo New Mexico, plus another award there.

John Massee is showing his "Bottle Cart, complete with Indulgences, Absolutionary Functions, Dispensary Devices and Expunging Capabilities" at Sculpture 619, 619 Canyon Rd.

Judy Tuwaletstiwa had a solo show at Linda Durham's Santa Fe Gallery in August in which she painstakingly took apart and rearranged feathers, a moth, a nest. In an article on the exhibition in *Pasatiempo* (Aug. 12), she cited the desert landscape, memories, and the unconscious as her sources: "I hope that, standing before my paintings, a viewer becomes more mindful of this fragile moment we call life."

Speaking of which, by now everyone is used to the new speed limits. Thanks to the concerned citizens who worked to get them changed. And remember, safety starts at home....

Saddleback Ranch is for sale for \$14.5 million. If it is broken up for subdivision, it will greatly affect village life.

The Flea Market on Sept. 24th was not a great success despite broader advertising than usual. Few people sold and few came to buy.

Priscilla Hoback writes that like many of us, she has been searching for a faster internet connection. Vicki Snyder provided her with a number at Qwest that proved helpful: Danny at 888-887-0176. "With his help," she writes, "I have signed up for ISDN." It's now up and running. "Hope this helps."

Realtor Viola Bybee was interviewed in the October *Santa Fe Real Estate Guide*. Her maiden name was Chavez: "My family settled in Galisteo from Spain many hundreds of years ago," she said. "I remember my great grandmother, when I was really small, still wearing high-button shoes. My great uncle, Alejandro, was the last brother of my father's father and he would come by and tell stories about sheepherding. He'd say that when the folks came from Spain they had money; they had gold bars they buried in their cellars, but through bad times they lost everything. As a young adult I tried to buy the last house in Galisteo that belonged to the Chavezes."

A 108-acre basalt rock mine proposed for the Waldo Canyon road between Cerrillos and I-25 is being opposed by area residents and the Rural Conservation Alliance. There is already a gravel mine in the area and there is not enough water to work the mine and control the dust that would be generated. The site provides the backdrop for the Cerrillos Hills Park and is historically significant. The mine's case has been tabled several times by the County Development Review Committee but will be heard again, possibly on October 20th. (Cont.p.3)

Former Galisteñas Melanie Monsour and Nacha Mendez took top honors in the musical category for the Santa Fe Municipal Court at the Historical/Hysterical Parade during Fiesta. Their song was about a homicidal drunken driver; the court's float was in memory of the woman bike rider murdered by a drunk driver in July.

The preferred route of the new commuter rail line—the RailRunner Express—was announced in August, pending agreement from local governing boards. It would cut across County roads 55 and 45 and Bonanza Creek Ranch, requiring easements through much private property and open country, as well as archaeological and environmental surveys. Tracks would turn north at Lamy and go through Eldorado to Santa Fe. A recent opinion piece by Annette Morreale in the *New Mexican* called the plan "a developer's dream...certain to bring a network of roads leading to residential and commercial building opportunities and more depots – and change a semi-rural area into another metropolitan area."

ROAD REBELLION

Excerpts from John Benjamin's reply of August 28th to James Lujan, County Public Works Director, regarding the unofficial resurfacing of Via La Puente and La Vega, a collaboration among neighbors to counteract the suffocating dust on those roads:

"I believe that the complaints of washboard [conditions] are exaggerated and in reality I find it curious that you seem more concerned for the smooth ride of speeders than of the ability to breathe clean air of the few of us who live along Via La Puente.

"Since my research in 2000 and 2001, much more has been learned about the harm caused by airborne particles less than 2.5 microns in size. It is now proven without a doubt that these PM2.5 particles are a serious and compounding health problem. Once taken into the lungs, they stay there. They are too small to expel....

"Starting in 1987, I have used my Bobcat and a shovel to keep drainages open and keep the road surface smooth. In fact, before 1993, we never saw a County road grader in Galisteo. In 1987, the roadway now called Via La Puente was 80 feet wide. Using my Bobcat, I defined the road in its present location by placing large rocks and planting the cottonwood trees to define the north side of the road and about this time Priscilla Hoback built her portal, which defined the south side....

"For 6 years during the late 1990s due to changes made to the drainage from La Vega by County grader operators, I had to go out in the rain during downpours to dig out inadequate drains on the roads so that my house (designated by the State as the oldest house in Galisteo, c. 1790) would not flood. The water stopped only an inch from my doorway.

"You were the fourth Public Works head whom I had spoken to about the drainage. And to your credit you put crews to installing a culvert. (Actually it was two culverts because the first was installed sloping the wrong way.) Through the years I put in at least ten hours per year working on the roads around my house. I had no idea I was violating the law. My motivation

was solely to make the quality of life in Galisteo better and to save the County road crews (which are obviously overworked and underfunded) the trouble of responding to minor washboard, potholes or drainage problems.I am proud that I am often the only one to appreciate the seriousness of a situation and often the first or only one to act to solve a problem....At least 20 residents have proclaimed the recent decrease in choking dust as an excellent development. Again, I apologize if my actions have usurped your authority or harmed others."

FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS

Miguel Padilla has become Galisteo's first Intermediate EMT (Emergency Medical Technician). Congratulations to him for this considerable achievement. Estevan Padilla and Melissa Ortiz passed their tests for Basic EMT, not easy either.

A free all-day class in CPR (Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation) will be offered in Galisteo in November. It is open to anyone and the GVFR encourages broader education in this life-saving skill. Lunch will be provided. There is a \$10-15 charge for the certification card. Call Charlie Holloway, 466-2118.

The Santa Fe Fire Department is holding an auction of surplus vehicles and equipment which can be viewed Oct. 11-14 by appointment. Call Capt. McSweeney (992-3078) or Assistant Chief Steve Moya (992-3083). Sealed bids are due Oct. 18th at County Administration. They will be opened on Oct. 21st and high bidders will be notified.

Brian Moya and Melissa Ortiz (below) were married at Vista Clara on August 6th. Both are members of the GVFR.





Snakes were the big hit at the GVFR's Open House in June. Assistant Chief Linda Anaya demonstrates her cool.

If anyone is interested in putting a regular advertisement in EL PUENTE on the other side of the Galisteo Inn insert, let us know. The full-page charge is \$50.

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Dear Galisteo Local and Patron,

Thanks for helping put us on the map!

What is going on:

- Travel & Leisure "Inn of the month in the US."
- CQ "Best 4 new (old) hotels in America."
- CNN Headline News and Good Morning America — "best romantic getaway..."

The Holidays - enjoy delicious holiday classics with a twist in a stunning setting:

- Relatives visiting for the holidays? **Locals receive a 10% lodging discount!**
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- New Year's Eve dinner 6:00pm to 9:30pm
- Hosting your office or family party with us — please call for info.
- Try our new Hot Apple Cider and New Delicious Coffee Drinks!

New Menu & fabulous wine list:

"Nuevo Hacienda Cuisine" by our excellent, new Chef, Enrique Cuerrero. Enrique grew up in a hacienda in Mexico and his cooking reflects the richness, variety, color and flavor of his past. Join us for his wonderful cooking complimented by a vast array of well-priced and unique wines.

Some featured items from our new menu!

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APERITIVOS - ENSALADAS

Chipolte BBQ Duck "Carnitas" Tostada
 Galisteo Apple - Honey Slaw
 7.

Grilled Mexican Gulf Achiote Marinated Shrimp
 Black Bean Salad, Roasted Tomatillo - Honey Sauce
 11.

Wild Mushroom Mixiote
 Corn Tortillas, Black Truffle Essence
 9.

Pistachio Crusted Dungeness Crab Cakes
 Red Chile- Pineapple Aioli
 12.

Baby Spinach Salad
 Roasted Pears, Black Currants, Spicy Pecans, Spanish Queso Azul and Creamy Balsamic Vinaigrette
 7.

PLATO FUERTE

Cinnamon Marinated Roasted Texas Quail
 Sweet Potato Polenta, Sautéed Spinach,
 Apricot Pinon Mole
 25.

Grilled La Hacienda Style Rib eye
 Roasted Garlic Potatoes, Crimini Mushrooms
 and Sweet Balsamic-Veal Demi Glaze
 30.

Grilled Honey Brined Chicken Breast
 Creamy Polenta, Sautéed Spinach
 and Apricot- Truffle Honey
 24.

Pan Roasted Alaskan Halibut
 Sweet Pea Pure, Roasted Piquillo Peppers
 and Saffron Laced Bouillabaisse Broth
 26.

My Mac and Cheese
 Orzo Pasta, Black Truffles, Porcini Mushrooms, Sweet Woods Dairy Goat Cheese Crema
 & White Truffle Essence
 20.