



SUMMER SCHEDULE

June 30: Community workday, 7AM-Noon at Community Center. Coffee/lunch, bring work gloves, tools.
July 8 and 28: Galisteo Walks (see p.3).
Saturdays July 7 (Judy Tuwaletsiwa hosting) and August 4 (Steve Tremper): Coffees/book exchanges, Commun. Ctr.
July 21-22: RODEO DE GALISTEO!
WATCH BULLETIN BOARD FOR ADDITIONS



DARING BABY COON RESCUE

Thanks to the Saunders family and the GVFR, four two-week-old coons were rescued in early June from a tree in front of the Galisteo Inn. The mom was found dead in a knot hole near the ground with a baby clinging to the tree just above. Jan Saunders suspected there were more babies higher up in the tree and called the GVFR and the Wild Life Center. The calls were answered the next evening and the rescue was underway.

The Center told Madge Saunders (Jan's daughter, visiting from Denver) how to call the babies. The GVFR (Miguel Padilla and Wayne King) arrived with a ladder. Madge climbed 30 feet into the cottonwood tree and plucked the beleaguered orphans from their nest. A Wild Life Center volunteer fed them warm milk in a bottle and took them home to join ten other baby coons in her care. Two of them died, having gone too long (30-48 hours) without their mother's warmth and milk. The survivors will be released in the Galisteo Inn bosque before fall.

***JUNE 27th, Community Center, 7PM ***

VERY IMPORTANT COMMUNITY MEETING
to inform you on progress made by the County
Traditional Community Planning Committee.
WE NEED YOUR INPUT AS WE CONTINUE TO PLAN
FOR THE FUTURE OF GALISTEO. *

VILLAGE AT GALISTEO BASIN PRESERVE PASSES BCC WITH ALL OF GALISTEO'S CONDITIONS

On June 12th the Board of County Commissioners voted 4 to 1 to approve the master plan for Commonweal Conservancy's Village at the Galisteo Basin Preserve project. (Commissioner Virginia Vigil voted against it after hearing County Hydrologist Karen Torres's concerns about water.) Eight Galisteans attended. All speakers approved of Commonweal's concept.

Richard Griscom again presented the Planning Committee's conditions in regard to impact on our water supply. Thanks to a timely motion by Mike Anaya, all five were approved.

1) that the County require that the hydrological assumptions used and the testing carried out to estimate water availability for the project be as conservative and thorough as possible;

2) that the hydrological impact of the project be evaluated, by examining the water and water rights requirements of all three phases of the project, before final approval;

3) that Commonweal be required to show beyond a reasonable doubt that its Galisteo Basin Preserve will not cause an impairment of Galisteo's wells;

4) that Commonweal post a Performance Bond to guarantee that Galisteo's water supply be restored to its condition prior to the development if the water supply is impaired due to this development, as established by a joint monitoring program; and

5) that if the Galisteo Basin Preserve ties in with EAWSD (Eldorado Water Association) for its water supply, the Lamy wells will not be drawn upon for the project's water needs.

The next step for Commonweal is to gain approval for their Development Plan.

See page 2 for a more detailed account of ramifications for Galisteo's water.

UPPER LEFT: Miguel Padilla, Madge Saunders, and Wayne King rescue baby raccoons. (Photo: Jan Saunders)

WATER ISSUES RAISED BY BCC DECISION

(From notes by Amy Tremper; input from Dick Griscom)

At the June 13th BCC hearing, County Hydrologist Karen Torres raised some issues for Galisteo residents to bear in mind.

Commonweal is hoping to use some McKee water rights (from the former McKee/Ford ranch via Philip McKee's estate) which can only be transferred within the aquifer they come from – the Galisteo Creek.

Torres is comfortable with Phase 1 of the project but was not convinced that there was sufficient water for Phases 2-3. All of the water test results are not yet ready. When the trial well was being tested, it drew down the water farther than Torres thinks is beneficial. Also, a single community well for the Galisteo Basin Preserve project would do more damage than multiple wells.

Ted Harrison of Commonweal noted that it would be difficult to determine whether Galisteo was losing water from drought or from impairment due to the subdivision. He said he was also considering the use of Eldorado water, but Commissioner Jack Sullivan pointed out that he would need to transfer all his water rights plus 20% to the Eldorado Water Association and would be required to build the pipeline. It would also be difficult to transfer McKee water rights through the Office of the State Engineer to another aquifer. Harrison is considering County water as well, but the system does not yet exist in this area.

It is important for us to watch the legal notices about water rights sales to the Galisteo Basin Preserve/Commonweal Conservancy. If they come from the Galisteo Creek, we can file a protest with the Office of the State Engineer before the sale is complete. This is necessary to protect our water.

GALISTEO WATER BOARD APPROVES METERS

Those members present (barely a quorum) at the recent Galisteo Mutual Domestic Water Users Association (better known as the Water Board) voted to approve the installation of meters on Galisteo's water system, beginning this summer. Each meter will cost the member around \$550 (depending on how difficult lines are to find; not everybody will know where their private lines are). Domestic wells are not yet monitored, although the State Engineer has plans to do so. Meters are now required for new wells. This too is variable, depending on where the well is located; high intensity use areas are more restricted.

Galisteo's meters will be installed gradually in groups. The Hill loop -- from the water tank to the Church -- has suffered so many repairs and breaks that it needs to be replaced at the same time as meters are installed and will probably be among the first to be tackled. One drawback is that the meters are sensitive to sand; if grit gets into them the count may not be accurate.

The association paid for drilling the new well on community land on Highway 41. The grant money received from this year's State Legislature will be used to run underground electrical and a feed line into the system. The new well was necessary to alleviate the underperformance of the current feed line because a big mistake was made on the last upgrade. Despite engineers' supposed oversight, a 1 1/2" outside diameter pipe was installed instead of a 1 1/2" inside diameter pipe, restricting the flow by around 30%.

A PEOPLE PROBLEM – NOT A DOG PROBLEM

Evelyn Gregory

Seems like there has been a bit of an upswing lately in dog aggression incidents in our community. Mostly, they have been dog-to-dog "events," but no less scary and disturbing to all concerned. Being a lifelong dog person, trainer, rescuer, animal shelter adoption counselor, and "mother" to a pack of hounds, I get lots of phone calls from neighbors about their dog problems. Currently it appears that confrontations between on-leash and off-leash dogs (and their owners) has reared its ugly head.

Some folks here in our semi-rural community feel it is OK or their privilege to allow their dogs – big and small—to run free, when in reality some of us are really living in a pretty urban, "next-door-neighbor area." Santa Fe County Animal Control, believe it or not, has ordinances (that definitely need reviewing) clearly stating, under Article 4, sec. #4-4, p.9, "Owner's Duties, Restraint of Animals":

"A. All persons owning or having charge, custody, or control of any animal, shall keep such animal restrained to prevent damage or harm to people and property. Violation of this section will subject said owner or keeper to a fine ...

"B. When a dog is off its owner's premises, it must be under leash or under control of owner. 'Control' includes a dog who responds to sound commands of its owner to come to its owner on command. The owner of a dog shall not allow it to run at large or create a nuisance on another's property, be it public or private, including entering lawns, driveways, walkways, places of recreation or amusement parks. 'Nuisance' shall include defecation and urination. Violation will subject said owner or keeper to a fine set forth in Appendix A."

This seems pretty explanatory for most of the dog problems surfacing in Galisteo. If anyone wants a complete copy of Santa Fe County's Animal Control Ordinances they can call County Animal Control at 986-2430, or go to New Mexico Animal Protection's website (www.NMAP.org).

For a more positive approach, let's try to remember that we are all neighbors here in Galisteo. Your "freedom" stops where your neighbor's starts. Let's be more considerate of each other and more responsible pet owners.

There is an old saying that is very true -- "Good fences make good neighbors" -- and it keeps our "best friends" home and safe.

BULLETIN: Animal Control has assigned a dogcatcher to patrol Galisteo twice a day.

PEDACITOS/BITS AND PIECES

Matthew Moya graduated from Santa Fe High School and will attend New Mexico State University in Las Cruces; two other Galisteans there are his brother **Craig Moya** and **Tana Cárdenas**, who is transferring from UNM.

Cole Merrick, who graduated from Santa Fe Prep, won a Scholar/Athlete Award for maintaining a GPA of 3.0 or higher and making "significant contributions to at least two school sports." He will attend Bowdoin College in Maine.

A May 14th open meeting on the possibility of forming a community partnership to buy **La Tienda Anaya** resulted in no workable plan, but rumblings continue. There is still (Cont. p.3)

some interest among various community members, but no one seems willing to spearhead this huge project. Several offers have been turned down by the owners. A sticking point is the expense of rehabilitating the property for further use as a coffee shop or store.

Janice Felty was featured in a "Memorial Day Tribute" concert with Santa Fe's Canticum Novum on May 26-27th.

Harmony Hammond spoke at the Millicent Rogers Museum in Taos on June 2nd, and received an award from Through The Flower Foundation as a Feminist Art Pioneer in New Mexico. Hammond was also represented by two large paintings in "Lifting the Veil: New Mexico Women and the Tricultural Myth" at the IAIA Museum in Santa Fe.

The distant site lines of **Nancy Holt's Sun Tunnels**, an internationally famous land art work in Utah, is threatened by the same oil and gas leases that menace the Galisteo Basin.

Barbara King and **Vicki Snyder** showed their work at Two Pears Gallery in Eldorado in May.

A drawing and a sculpture by **Ted Fleming** appeared in *The Magazine* in June.

Corinne Anaya was quoted in *The New Mexican* June 13th: "We love to have art exhibits here at the bank."

Lucy Lippard will give a slide lecture on Galisteo Basin history at the Vista Grande Library, Eldorado, June 28th, 7PM.

COUNTY ROAD 42 UPDATE

The BCC meeting on the paving of County Road 42 on May 29th focused on Galisteo and San Marcos residents' rejection of the County's plan -- calling for two 10' driving lanes with 4' shoulders on either side -- as inappropriate for the area's rural character. Kim Sorvig, a landscape architect who teaches at UNM, contended (along with Galisteo's Road Committee) that the County was not following its own codes. Its promises to reseed the sections paved in 1998 had not been kept and inattention to drainage had created cavernous gullies. (This statement was challenged by Commissioner Virginia Vigil.) "We don't want CR 42 to be the last road designed the bad old noncompliant way, we want it to be the first one designed right," said Sorvig.

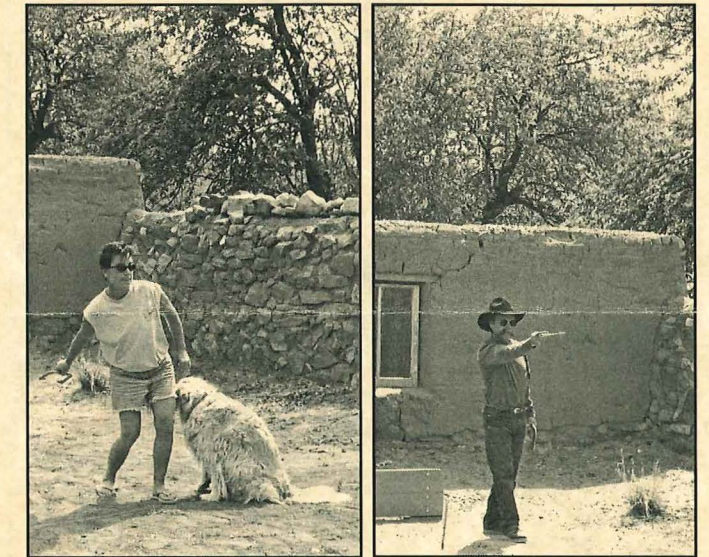
Growth Management Department director James Lujan claimed that the plans were already 99 percent complete and changes would be costly (despite the fact that residents have been demanding "context sensitive design" for at least a year). He said that the design firm (Miller Engineering) was considering making four of the eight culverts into low water crossings as residents have requested. The firm's president said some of the proposed ideas might in fact lower the cost.

STUDIO TOUR UPDATE

We are hoping to make the 20th Galisteo Studio Tour on October 21-22 the best ever. Some new events will be included for our anniversary. First, a Poster Contest to create a fresh new look for our advertisements. Anyone in the community can create a poster and everyone can come to a meeting on July 9th at 7PM at the Community Center to choose the winner by a simple democratic process. Design specifics are posted on the bulletin board by the mailbox. Questions? Call Cindy Lux, 466-2121.

We are also looking for acoustic musicians to play during the tour. They would stroll around and/or change locations, and will be paid. Call Barbara Holloway, 466-2118.

In addition, we are putting out a call for people in the village not involved as artists in the tour who would act in a docent capacity. We envision them strolling around and helping/guiding the visitors. If you are interested call Lux, Holloway, Barbara Seiler (466-4767) or Amy Lynn (466-3541). See you July 9th!



Beth Foote and Antonio Chavez, winners of "The Spring Fling"--horseshoes and refreshments at Kristen Siemon/Sam Medford's in May. Everyone is looking forward to the 2nd Annual Spring Fling in 2008.

GCA NOTES

Linda Braun, Secretary

The May 17th meeting was the first for newly elected board members Harmony Hammond and Amy and Steve Tremper. Christine MacKenzie, Rici Peterson (Director of the Santa Fe Conservation Trust), and Jan-Willem Jansens (Director of Earth Works Institute) presented ideas at the public forum.

Christine will offer an exercise class on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings at the Community Center. Peterson and Jansens spoke about the local neighborhood walks being offered to familiarize people with local water situations within our shared watershed. **The first – on history and water-- is to be held Sunday, July 8, 3:30-5:30; meet at the Community Center. The second, Saturday, July 28th, 9:30-12:30, will focus on a search with botanists for a pale green orchid sighted in the bosque 15 years ago.**

Going around the table to suggest goals and ideas for the next year, the following ideas came up: community activities for kids; fixing up both playgrounds; much needed repairs to the Community Center (leaks in the roof, lighting and fans, wood trim and window frames, plaster on bancos, main plumbing, paint interior, update disability/wheelchair access; maintaining historical preservation; addressing concerns on traffic and bikes in the village center; creating a sustainable food exchange, perhaps at Saturday Coffees; organizing to fight external pressures such as oil and gas drilling and development; encouraging (Cont. p.4)

more people to be involved in community events and issues; holding community workdays where we volunteer time and skills, build something, clean up, etc.

Other news: *Galisteo will receive \$70,000 from the Legislature to improve the two playgrounds. * Saddleback Ranch is under contract to Sky Development which plans 75 40-acre lots. *Solar powered driver feedback signs should be set up on NM 41 on a weekly basis.

YARD SALES

June 23 at Kristen's and Sam's back gate, Via La Puente 10AM -2PM. Good Stuff!

June 30 (Sat. 9-4)-31(Sun. 11-3): Downsizing Garage Sale at Liz Rose's and David Burk's, 5709-B NM 41; furniture, books, art, ficus tree, kitchen set, camping, vacuum, etc.

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Mid June - July Schedule

Friday June 16th - “ SoMA Jazz ” - Spanish Tapas Night

Thursday, June 22nd - “ Nacha Mendez ” - Puerto Rican Dinner

Friday, June 30th - “ Soma Jazz ” - Brazilian Dinner

Thursday, July 6th - “ Alma Flamenco ” - Spanish Dinner

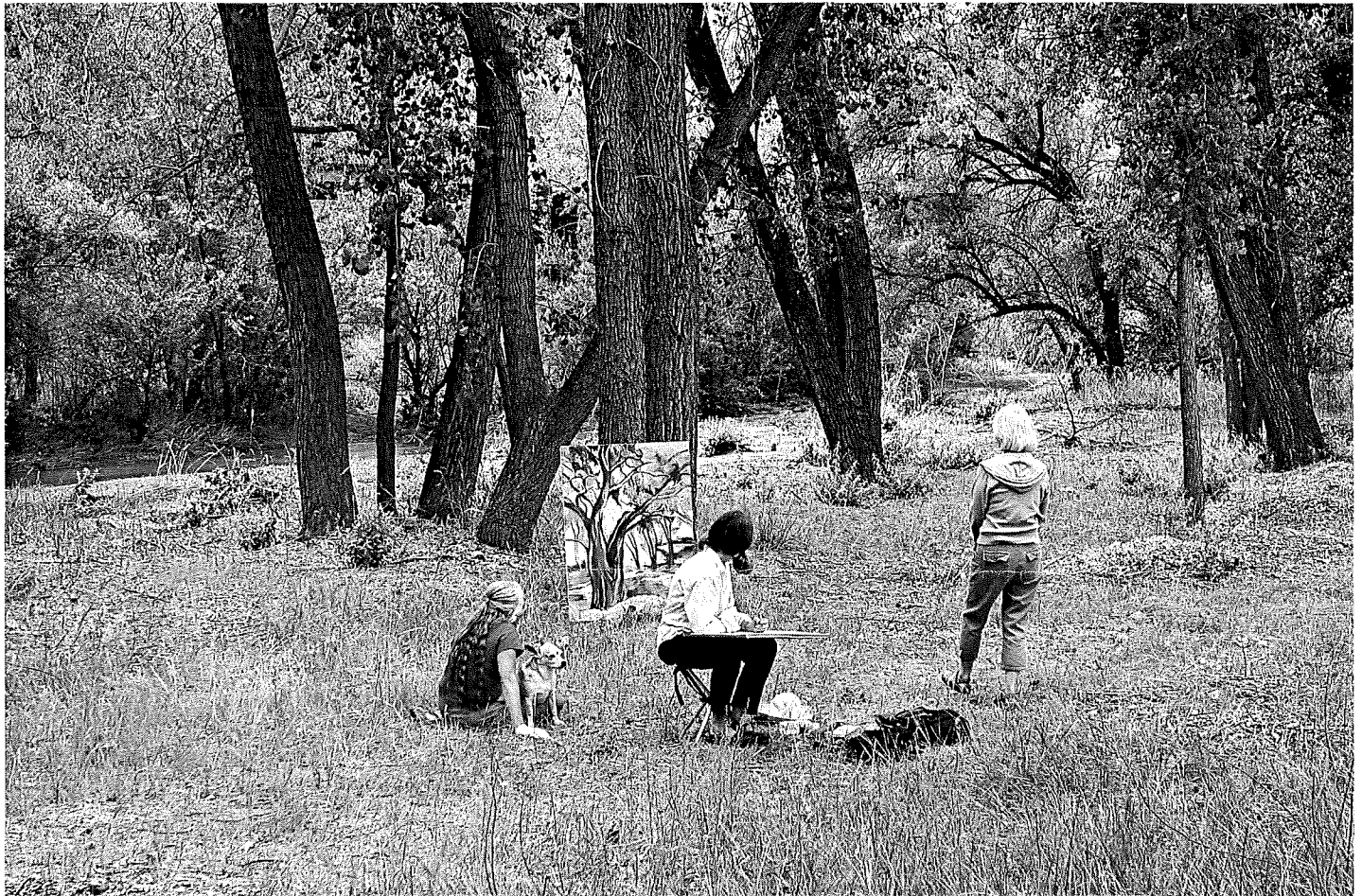
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Thursday, July 20th - “ Nacha Mendez ” - Mexican Dinner

Thursday July, 27th - “ SoMA Jazz ” - Pacific Rim Dinner

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(photo: Judy Tuwaletstiwa)

GALISTEO WATERCOLORS

Three Women Paint the Galisteo Landscape: Catherine Ferguson, Mary Lawler, and Betsy Taylor
Exhibition at the Santa Fe Public Library, 145 Washington Ave., AUGUST 1-31
Meet the artists Saturday, August 4, 3-5 PM

These three friends have been painting in Galisteo once a week for the last five years. Through the changing seasons, they have delighted in light on walls, snow-covered fields, cottonwoods in autumn, the earth colors of old adobes in fallen ruins, distant views of Cerro Pelon, and apples buried in the grass along the river. The paintings reflect many supportive hours spent together in the outdoors. On cold snowy days they paint crowded inside a compact station wagon, and on hot days they paint in the shade of cottonwood trees. Even though all three women have very different styles, they share a love of nature and the beauty of Galisteo.

SPRING MUSINGS

Kristen Siemon

The Cottonwood is shedding and my dog Red and I are watching it drift and slowly fall around us. We are sitting in the portal, me on the bench, Red serenely reclining on the brick floor. The sound of the wind is a jazz riff. Birds chime in. And leaves make a sound like a brush on a snare drum.

All the saws and drills and hammers and chisels have gone in for the night. My garden is a jungle. In March it was a bone yard and now the wild roses that we cut down to the ground are climbing up the fence. Above, dark clouds hang back in a blue sky. Thunder roars in on cue.

I could sit here all night but we are going into town. Town is OK but it is nothing to write home about. The lilacs are swaying in the breeze. They bend like music. Red is chewing on a drip line but I am too content to raise my voice to tell her to stop.

I tied a Hermès ribbon to the bell. It is a souvenir of a past life. Don't get me wrong. I would love to stroll past the Hermès store in Paris and, perhaps, go in. But I am happier just to watch the lovely brown ribbon, with its white ticking and little horses, wave at me in the wind.

I don't just live here. I exist here. I want to pull on that ribbon and ring the bell to send out into the night my joy of being one of the lucky ones. Yes, Lucy, I am a Galistean.