



FALL CALENDAR

Saturday, Sept. 15th: Galisteo Annual Chile Cook-Off, 6PM Community Center. If you're entering Chile or Margaritas in the contest, please deliver them by 5:30PM. Everybody else, please consider bringing a salad, side dish, or dessert to share. Sign up sheet on Bulletin Board. Looking forward to seeing everybody!

Saturday, Sept. 22nd: Mailbox Painting, 10AM, south side of church. Creative fun repainting old mailboxes; paints and brushes supplied by GCA. Prizes for kids and adults.

Sunday, Oct. 7th: Tweetie Blanchett (San Juan County rancher whose land was devastated by drilling) **speaks on the risks and dangers of drilling for oil and gas** on private and publicly owned land in the Galisteo Basin and Santa Fe County, 7PM, Community Center.

Saturday, Oct. 13th: Corinne Anaya hosts a Coffee at the Community Center. Remember the Book Exchange.

RODEO DE GALISTEO: NOT MUCH HAS CHANGED

2007 was another banner year for the Rodeo, with plenty of excitement and no major injuries to man or beast. But this year, El Puente waxes nostalgic. In 1983 Niki Sebastian, then living in Galisteo, wrote up the Rodeo de Galisteo in a paper called Century. If the greased pig race has been replaced by Mutton Bustin', and there was no GVFR then to come to the rescue, not a whole lot has changed in the ensuing 24 years. Excerpts from Sebastian's article follow:

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"Right around the Fourth of July, I start asking everyone, 'When is the Galisteo Rodeo this year?' I don't want to miss it. Word of mouth is the way most folks learn of this amateur local event that has just made its tenth annual appearance. The creation of a Galisteo resident, Rudy Sena (assisted by family and friends), the two days of bull and bronc riding, barrel racing, and calf and team roping draw return crowds of loyal fans, and not a few competitors. Located on Rudy's property at the south edge of the village, the rodeo grounds include arena, chutes and pens, a viewing stand, and an announcer's booth from (Cont. p 2)

VILLAGE BRIDGE NEAR TOP OF DANGER LIST

The NM 41 highway bridge south of the village, built in 1936, has tied for second place in a list of the most deficient bridges in the state's District 5, which includes several counties, according to a front-page article in *The New Mexican* (8/29), in the wake of the murderous collapse of the Minnesota bridge that made national headlines.

Although the writer was misled about our population ("250 families") and description ("ranching village"), photographs of a crumbling cement railing and a tanker going over the bridge made the point that our Road Committee has been hammering at for over a year now.

Wendy Chase, Denice Pruitt, and Liz Rose were quoted in favor of weight and speed restrictions. A DOT official replied that they "can't just post a bridge because a community wants us to. We can't discriminate." And what about the danger to those who drive over and live next to the bridge?

The article cites delays on reconstruction (which now could be 2-3 years away) and a possible connection to new pipelines planned along the right of way for the Holly Corp. and Shell Pipeline Co., along with expansion of the gas and diesel distribution terminal in Moriarty. Also in the political hopper is the rush to drill for gas and oil in the Basin, which might be a consideration in the paving of CR 42.



A Vegetarian Rodeo? (photo Tom Morin)

which the activities are directed. There is also a large tent for shelter from the sun, and food and beverage booths where one can buy a variety of T-shirts with the 'Ride 'em High' legend of the Rodeo de Galisteo.

"Competitors come from as far afield as Texas and Colorado, though the majority are local, with a generous supply from the tiny nearby village of Tapia, almost all of whose residents are Tapias, brothers and cousins of an extended family. The contestants pay a goodly entry fee (ranging from \$22 for barrel racers to \$40 for bronc and bull riders) to compete for an average of \$100 first-prize money and the opportunity to shine in front of neighbors and friends.

"The audience is vocal and enthusiastic, giving support to all competitors, sympathizing with defeats, and cheering good rides no less loudly for unknown cowboys than for their own relations. And there are a lot of relations. Father-son teams are common in the roping event, and last year there was also a father-daughter team that placed well....

"The littlest cowboys and cowgirls had their moments too. Not only did they ride in the opening parade (where a tiny boy, four at most, handled his large bay with ease), but competed in barrel racing (a girl of eight did well) and in their own special event, the race to catch a greased pig. This year, the pig tussle looked like one of those monumental football pile-ups, with 'referees' peeling bodies from the stack one by one to determine who, on the bottom, was most directly atop of the squealing animal. The winner was little larger than the pig, which was his prize....

"As is usual at amateur rodeos, the largest number of competitors were entered in the team roping, an event which can safely be pursued into the 'later' years of life. A team of Tapias did very well, but the hometown Galisteo entrants did not make a time. 'Next year' was the theme for those whose big moment slipped away....

"And next year we will all be there again. The orange and blue streamers will ripple in the breeze, the hot sun will burn down, and the dust [will] whirl... A local girl will be Queen again (Kathleen Sena wore the crown this time)...The Rodeo dance, held this year at the Lone Butte Saloon, will provide Saturday night release for high spirits, exercise for sore muscles of winner and loser alike.... And in July, the ritual will resume, one more marker of the passage of summer, one more event in the cycle of seasons, one more chance for glory in a time-honored tradition linking present to past and to the future too."

COMMUNITY MEETING ON GALISTEO PLAN

The Galisteo Village Planning Committee hosted an open community meeting on June 27th in which they laid out their work to date (after almost two years of meetings). It was very well attended, including several County planning staff and two women from Lamy. Freddie Cárdenas facilitated and Andrew Jandacek, our County liaison, explained the community plan process. Ana Cárdenas read the Vision Statement (See *El Puente* #89). Amy Tremper, Dorothy Victor, and Wendy Chase shared the presentation on boundaries and zoning. Lucy Lippard and Richard Griscom talked on issues still "on the horizon."

The Planning boundaries are as follows: the northern boundary extends from a group of properties accessed by CR 42 and crosses the hogback to NM 41. On the east side of 41, it runs along the San Cristobal Ranch western boundary until a little south of the village center, where it runs across the San Cristobal Arroyo and includes the Rodeo Grounds. It then follows the Rio Galisteo west to take in 356 acres, including the historic fields of the Galisteo Grant, and Wendy Chase's property, then follows the rail line northwest to cross CR 42.

For planning purposes a buffer zone is drawn on the western edge of the San Cristobal Ranch where it meets the village. There remain some questions before the final boundaries are decided. Those wishing to see the map can contact Andrew Jandacek at ajandacek@co.santa-fe.nm.us or 986-6214.

Within the final planning area, the village has the opportunity to request from the County some different land use requirements that better serve Galisteo than the current requirements in the County Code. These will not impact "grandfathered in" land use such as existing small businesses and currently approved subdivisions.

There are a few large tracts of land (200 to 356 acres) in the planning area that fall in the Homestead Zone, where minimum lot sizes are based upon annual water consumption - currently 160 acres and one acre foot. However, 40 acre lots with .25 acre feet per year can be developed, and density can be transferred within a tract to create open space so long as the minimum lot size is maintained. The Committee recommends that in Galisteo, unlike the County ordinance, geo-hydro tests to increase density should not be allowed anywhere within the entire planning area.

Among the points made were: Given the unknown possibilities that water could be made available by some means other than the community Water Association, and the Committee's goal to control sprawl yet still allow for some future growth in the village, the Committee suggests that we keep the current ¾ acre minimum lot size within the Traditional Village and in addition that we require hookups to the community water system. If hookups are not available, then any new wells will be restricted to a maximum of .25 acre feet per resident per year. We will also need to be mindful of the need for additional septic systems.

On the horizon are decisions to be made about a small commercial zone, possibly the center of downtown Galisteo including the Tienda de Anaya, El Tanque Viejo, Priscilla's gallery, perhaps the Sala, and so forth. Roads and traffic calming are part of the plan as well as the possibility of restoring at least a reminder of the old plaza in front of the church, destroyed in 1936. The Committee will also continue to address water and development (such as the Saddleback Ranch) and encourage open spaces, conservation easements, affordable housing, and walking trails.

Feedback and questions followed. Nick Merrick noted that the Commonweal village got bigger because of the necessity for affordable housing. He wondered if we couldn't get NM 41 to bypass Galisteo. Denice Pruitt said the community she came from had organized trails. Priscilla Hoback asked about the plaza; Andrew said it might be different paving materials and we would work with the DOT; the community should bring forward a plan as soon as possible. Harmony Hammond hoped that the plaza area

wouldn't be too "ye-old" and become a shopping destination. Janice Felty Griscom recommended less density in the Traditional Village and organic infill only. (Jandacek replied that water availability will limit growth.) County Planning Director Judy McGowen said the County is reviewing the ordinances on commercial zoning, home occupations, and home businesses.

The Planning Committee was warmly applauded and thanked for all its work. Community members were invited to attend its the next meeting on July 11th. Janice Felty Griscom did so and expressed her doubts about "infill," contending that the traditional village boundary (3/4 acre lots) was too large and allowed for too much density. She also supported speed bumps.

PEDACITOS/BITS AND PIECES

Dave and Veronica Montoya's oldest daughter **Elizabeth Montoya** has joined the Marines - a dream of hers since 7th grade. She is now at boot camp at Paris Island.

Jean Moya's Bible stand received the E. Boyd Award for creativity and innovation at Spanish Market in August. She also was awarded First Place in mixed media for a piece called *The Village* depicting San Isidro in the village of Galisteo.

Linda Rice was featured in *The New Mexican* Eldorado edition June 27th. The artist started her Native Bloom Landscaping and Design in 1996 and now has nine employees and around 50 clients. "I start with how the water flows," she says. Harvesting the water becomes a design element. "If you create a garden well, it can be a smart garden instead of a wasteful energy suck."

Frank Ortiz y Davis, younger brother of **José Ortiz y Pino III**, passed away in June in Kingman, Arizona, where he had lived since 1985. His obituary noted that although he was a schoolteacher for many years, "his true calling was tending to the family ranch where he spent much of his life....His spirit of love for horses and cattle lives on with his grandchildren."

Woody Gwyn's show at Gerald Peters Gallery received a feature write up in *Pasatiempo* (July 20th). In it Gwyn is quoted as saying that "realism without passion is illustration, just as abstraction without passion is decoration." A panorama of Cerro Pelon was one of the show's stars.

Priscilla Hoback and former Galisteña **Linda Durham** were quoted in a *New Mexican* story called "peacelovefreedom: the summer of 1967" on July 15th. Priscilla recalled "It was a fantastic time. We had personal freedom and privacy. Two things we don't have any more."

In an article on the international Healing Council of Thirteen Indigenous Grandmothers, it was reported that one of the participants, a Mayan elder named **Flordemayo**, born in a village on the border between Nicaragua and Honduras, was living "south of Galisteo." (*The New Mexican*, July 8th) How far south?

In late August, **Cole Merrick** began his studies at Bowdoin College in Brunswick, Maine. The other far-flung Merrick boys are at Stanford and the University of British Columbia.

In June, when NM Congressman Tom Udall unveiled his "earmark" requests to Congress for appropriations for fiscal 2008, he included \$2.5 million for "**Archaeological Sites Protection**" for the Galisteo Basin, in conjunction with the Federal legislation that was passed but not appropriated. Only a few of these projects will be funded.

Estevan Padilla's picture was in *The New Mexican* in June as he began work at Blockbuster Video.

The Galisteo Inn was touted in *Go* as one of five international "fabulous last minute romantic getaways that can jump-start a hot new connection or add fire-works to an old one."

The New Mexican (July 22nd) pictured a young equestrian jumping her horse at **Goose Downs**, which was described as "the only eventing 'barn' in Northern New Mexico. A barn is where the horses are housed and trained in the sport and it is rare for one barn to earn four first-place wins in a regional competition" (as Goose Downs did).

On June 20th, *The New Mexican* quoted Commonweal Conservancy's Ted Harrison as saying that one of the five conditions requested by Galisteo village's Planning Committee --acquiring water rights for all three phases before beginning construction, rather than just the usual first phase -- could result in delays to the Galisteo Basin Preserve village project. **Richard Griscom of the Planning Committee** was quoted as saying, "I'm pleased that they adopted the conditions that we proposed.... about the water...The main selling point has been that the alternative would be far worse." (Of course 10,000 acres of publicly accessible open space is another "selling point.")

Galisteo was well represented in the old and prestigious Venice Biennale this summer: **Susan Rothenberg and Bruce Nauman** each had a room in the central exhibition (and Lucy Lippard moderated a "collateral" panel for the National Museum of the American Indian).

Christian Geideman and family, who recently built the large house just beneath the highway at the north entrance to the village, have closed their Santa Fe restaurant, Kasasoba, and moved to San Francisco, according to *The New Mexican* (8/22).

FIRE DEPARTMENT NOTES

The following GVFR members received or renewed their Red Cards, passing a difficult endurance test: Linda Anaya, Nick Contreras, Frank Croft, Barbara King, Wayne King, Craig Moya, Jean Moya, Miguel Padilla, Mark Russell, Shira Schwillie, and Ken Spicocchi.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM JUNE- AUGUST GCA MEETINGS

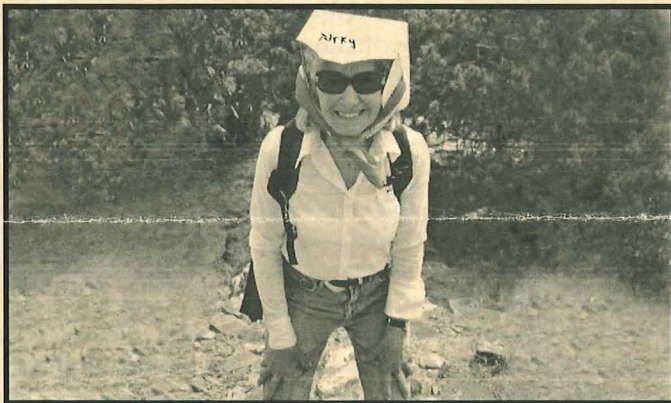
Linda Braun, Secretary

The Galisteo Community Park Committee met and discussed several ideas for **improving the park behind the church**. Their ideas included a community garden area, a ramada or shade-providing structure, a playground, an area shaded by trees, and a garden area where there might be a grill or two for cooking. Bricks on a thin base of concrete could help keep back weeds in some places. Rob Civitello, architect and GCA Board member, has drawn up some plans, based partially on what works well at the Agora. The committee will meet with the County Open Space Dept. on Sept. 6th to further this project.

Abig thanks to Steve Tremper and Cerro Pelon Ranch for **filling in the holes** in front of the mailboxes and the holes along Highway 41 next to the church. (*Cont. p.4*)

The Board discussed the upcoming possibility of **drilling for oil and gas** in Santa Fe County. A few Board members attended the July 17th meeting in Eldorado where former rancher Tweetie Blanchett made a vivid presentation about the horrors that occurred on her family's ranch in Aztec, San Juan County, as a result of drilling for gas. She will speak in Galisteo on October 7th (see **Calendar p.1**).

The Board agreed that there will be a **standard \$15 fee for any for-profit classes held at the Community Center**. Classes may reserve the facility for a maximum of two hours. No one is allowed to copy keys without a written letter of consent from the president of the GCA.



Bobby Hilliard forgot her hat on a summer hike, and a "turky" sandwich lost its box.

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