



# EL PUENTE DE GALISTEO

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Nov. 17<sup>th</sup>: The GVFR encourages everyone to **Vote** at the Community Center for the tax to support the County Fire Departments. And *that night*, come to the Community Center to discuss the DOT's NM41 Corridor Plan: 6:30.

**Saturday, Dec.5, 10-4, Community Center: The Second Annual La Sala Holiday Fair**, Showcasing our Local Artists. Arts, Crafts, Holiday Gift Items, Baked Goods, Refreshments. Come Join the Fun. Have Your Picture Taken with Santa! Info: Barbara King, 466-3219; bking2@wildblue.net.

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Thanks to Amy Tremper, who called first and got to mail El Puente in October, and to Terry Vasquez, who also offered help.

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The GVFR is contacting the County Rural Addressing Department to restore or replace the red number signs at each house, many of which have totally faded out.

## OPEN LETTER: EL PUENTE'S BALANCING ACT

GCA Treasurer Corinne Anaya and I (El Puente's editor) have been trying to figure out exactly how El Puente got in the red, since we are always a few monthly sponsors ahead of the game, and that's all I keep track of. For thirteen years, the GCA has paid for the paper (c. \$200 per year) and community donors have paid \$75 for the printing of each issue. But when we had to stop delivering them by hand to everyone's mailbox, we began to have to pay postage. That seems to have been our downfall.

Each month we mail out 150 newsletters to full-time Galisteo residents and a few concerned organizations (The State Library, County Land Use, Earth Works Institute and the Santa Fe Conservation Trust, for instance.) Those living here part time (some are also sponsors) have to send stamped envelopes.

At 44 cents a paper, ten months a year, postage comes to \$660 -- almost as much as print costs. I don't want to raise the sponsorship amount above all of our heads. (Postage is *cont. p2*)



125<sup>th</sup>  
Anniversary  
Procession at  
Church  
(Photo:  
Tom Martinelli)

EL PUENTE CONT.) only \$4.40 per family per year, but it would be a nightmare collecting it.) Somehow we've stayed afloat (partly thanks to a generous contribution from Wendy Lynn a couple of years back) and didn't notice we were really sinking. Right now we're almost on an even keel, but soon we have to buy a big batch of "forever" stamps, before the price goes up yet again.

What to do? A Sugar Momma or Daddy (or several) to cover the \$660 a year (on top of sponsoring issues or possibly in return for a monthly ad) would be nice. (Mom? Dad? Are you out there?) Just in case that fails, we've talked about hand delivering them again, which might be okay for a team in the village proper but would really be difficult in Ranchitos. A free distribution box next to the bulletin board and the mailboxes would, alas, be subject to vandalism, and I don't spend a few days a month on El Puente to see it all sail off into the wind.

Nor do I want to charge for it because the whole idea is to reach the entire village, and it would be a shame to give up the only social glue that includes everyone (whether they like it or not!). I suppose it could go on line, but that would exclude some people and it wouldn't be a newspaper. (I'm old-fashioned.) I'd be really sad to let El Puente sink, but something's got to give. Any other ideas? Let me know at 466-1276 or flip14@wildblue.net.

## THANKS TO EVERYONE

From Maria Ortiz y Pino

Thanks so much for your time, donations, food, everything that you contributed to make the 125<sup>th</sup> celebration of our beautiful church a success. The church was packed, the mass was so special and momentous, and the people, food, music, and activities were wonderful.

Thanks so much to: the Sacred Heart Society who did so much, from serving the food and decorating the front of the church, and more; the Saint Joseph's Society, for their \$\$ and cleaning-up time; the GCA for letting us use the Community Center with no charge; the Fire Department for lending us their chairs, table, and garbage cans, and extra space to put food; San Cristobal Ranch for donating a side of beef for our raffle; and Cindy Lux for directional signage.

Thanks for special \$\$ donations that came from community members, parishioners, friends, and St. Joseph's Parish. Thanks to everyone who donated plates, utensils, drinks, napkins, and their time to help out with set up and clean up.

Thanks to all. It couldn't have been done without everyone's help. We are lucky to have such a wonderful community that can get together and make GREAT THINGS happen!

ED NOTE: And the community's SPECIAL THANKS to Maria for organizing those great things. (See picture p.1)

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### And from Barbara King on behalf of the GCA

Thanks to everyone who came to the Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup> coffee and combined tamales and muffins with a good time helping us plant and mulch at the Community Center Garden. Lots of plants were donated and with assembly-line efficiency, directed by Linda Rice, everything found its spot. Thanks to Amy and Steve Tremper for rocks for the border and to Linda for arranging for drip irrigation. The photo doesn't include everybody, so

please know that your help was greatly appreciated. Now I'd like to form a small "Garden Club" to plan for development and maintenance. If you're interested, please call me at 466-3219 or email at bking2@wildblue.net.



Planters: front: R. Civitello, D. Morrow, J. West, J. Wall, B. King, A. Cárdenas, L. Lippard, L. Rice; back: W. King, M. McQueen, A. Tremper, C. Holloway (photo: B. Holloway)

## SADDLEBACK:

### STILL COMING DOWN THE PIKE

Despite the County's decisive denial of Saddleback Ranch's application for lot line variances, the developer is appealing the CDRC decision. On Saturday afternoon, Nov. 7<sup>th</sup>, the owners of the ranch held a public relations event to inform villagers of their intentions, and announced they were expanding the previous plans to a current 45-50 lots on a total of 3200 acres.

Each 40-acre lot would allow 3 acres for building and the rest would be put in a conservation easement. There are existing utilities (and grandfathered water rights) but each owner can dig a domestic well, sticking still more straws into the already overworked aquifer that provides our village water.

Attendees report that Gabriel Bethel, the lead developer, gave a lengthy presentation on his own history and plans for the development, which he has been working on for five years. He contends that there are 29 patented lots, conceding that those west of highway 41, though previously counted, had been consolidated into one lot by the previous owner. He is willing to go through the arduous Master Plan process for the additional lots over 29. When asked why not submit a Master Plan for all of them, he replied that the bank and investors are unwilling.

The developer's consultant on this project is Eric Lujan, a controversial member of the Santa Fe City Planning Commission who is running for City Council. While this may seem like conflict of interest, apparently it's legal because he works for the City and Saddleback is in the County.

Although there were veiled threats of lawsuits that would win in court, this event may have been too little, too late. It would have been nice, commented one villager, if Saddleback had held an open meeting for the village before they submitted an application. The GCA and/or El Puente will keep you informed on the appeal process.

## PEDACITOS/BITS AND PIECES

The district meeting on the County Growth Management Plan held here on Oct. 20th was well attended, if not by Galisteans. Few showed up on Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup> to vet the Commonwealth Water agreement with the village of Galisteo, but they offered some smart comments. One last change of wording is in the works. This agreement will be a significant precedent against further incursions on our aquifer.

On Nov. 10<sup>th</sup>, the Board of County Commissioners unanimously approved Tim Willms' plans for a coffee shop, grocery store, gallery and eventually a wine-licensed "social club" at the former Tienda Anaya. Four Galisteans were present and spoke in favor of the project.

Galisteo-born Sophie Anaya, daughter of Eliseo Anaya and Apolonia Sena, and related to many native Galisteños, passed away at age 92 on August 12<sup>th</sup>.

A micaceous pot by Beth Foote, filled with delicious zucchini musakka with tomatoes and chicken, is featured in well-known chef Paula Wolfert's new book, *Clay Pot Cooking*.

Catherine Ferguson won second prize in a national poetry contest for poems on the Southwest, with a poem called "Making the Bed," and received her award in Albuquerque.

Liz Rose's work was reproduced in the October issue of *Sunset Magazine*.

Barbara Seiler and Barbara King are showing at the Contemporary Clay Fair at the Santa Fe Woman's Club on Old Pecos Trail, Nov.21-22.

Ted Fleming's dog Sadie died after being run over by a truck as they were walking in the village. Sadie was a canine character, sometime mistaken for a coyote. She lived an incredible eighteen years. Nelson Bloncourt left her to the Flemings when they bought his house because he didn't think she wanted to leave Galisteo.

The November issue of *New Mexico Magazine* published a list of coming flicks and where they were filmed, Galisteo figured in *Did You Hear About the Morgans*, *The Killer Inside Me*, and *Kites* (but they missed *Crazy Heart*). The new film now in preparation at Cerro Pelon Ranch (working title: *The Manhattan Project*) will be in process until mid-May-- constructing a set, filming, and then restoring the set.

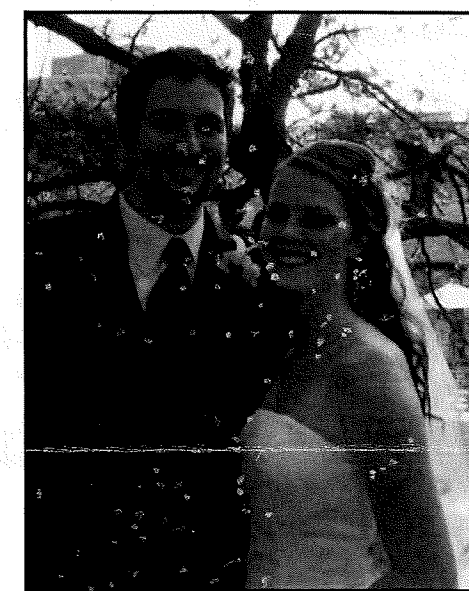
The Studio Tour went well, as usual. Some artists did better and some did worse, due, no doubt, to the financial crisis. Coverage of the Tour in *Pasatiempo* (10/16) reproduced art by Priscilla Hoback, Sam Sloan, and Marghreta Cordero. In the same issue, Woody Gwyn and Fritz Scholder were mentioned among those who had "helped define the contemporary scene in Northern New Mexico."

Deborah Madison wrote the new foreword for a revised edition of *A Painter's Kitchen: Recipes from the Kitchen of Georgia O'Keeffe*.

Kevan Saunders was in *The New Mexican* (10/11) as trainer for her old friend Mike Padilla. She's good, because under her guidance, he and his horse Tequita Poco Doll won the National Versatility Ranch Horse championship.

Fifteen miles of trails at the Galisteo Basin Preserve's open space are now open to the public.

Angelo Chavez and Maisie Crawford were married September 12<sup>th</sup> at the gardens of the Inn of Loretto in Santa Fe. They are living, with their puppy, at Remy and Luis Chavez's house on La Otra Vanda/Avenida Vieja.



## AN APPLE A DAY – AND THEN SOME

Jan Saunders

No doubt about it, this has been an apple-studded autumn. Galisteo has more apples this year than most of us have ever seen – much less eaten. Birds make no apologies, deer browse, raccoons steal, and coyotes drop calling cards of apple-plumped scat everywhere in the village.

During the last days of summer, I started my apple nibbling slow and easy, stopping by Catherine's orchard to fill my pockets after pleasant dog walks. I even admit to filching fruit from Kristen and Candace as I strolled by their gates. Nevertheless, once I found Judy and Phillip's bumper crop treetops, my apple-picking urge began to escalate. First, my friend Joseph and I picked for the Gunnison's Prairie Dogs – three hundred furry little "rat balls" to be exact. Previously homeless but now relocated, these valuable representatives of a protected keystone species had only a few weeks to pork-up for winter hibernation deep in their new digs. They eagerly gobbled more than a dozen grocery bags worth.

Still, the world was full of apples. So I picked buckets of windfall for our horses. I ate apples. Put them in my car for the trip to town and in my pack for long hikes. I made butternut squash soup and added apples. I put apples in my morning oatmeal. Best soup I ever made. Ditto on the oatmeal.

A few days ago, I was mixing up my usual batch of homemade suet for the winter birds and, you guessed it, I added chopped apples to the recipe. I hung out the first cake in the late afternoon sunlight, and the very next morning I was visited by my first ever flock of tiny Bushtits (picture gray feathery ping-pong balls with three-inch tails).

Coincidence? I don't think so. I think they came for the apples.

### ORCHARD FIRE

Some village kids who fired a rocket into Harmony Hammond's orchard set off a brush fire on October 19<sup>th</sup>. A neighbor alerted the Fire Department and it was put out, but not before damaging the irrigation system. The Sheriff's office was called in.

This careless act could have sparked a much larger fire in the Bosque, endangering any number of homes. In the future, kids and parents should be aware that they could be held accountable for such acts, which can be considered crimes.

## EL PUENTE SPONSOR: WENDY CHASE

### GALISTEO CLASSIFIED

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