

EL PUENTE DE GALISTEO

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FALL CALENDAR

SEPT. 14, 6:30, Community Center: MEETING ON NM 41 Bridges and Highway Plan.

SEPT. 18: Emergency meeting in Chile challenge canceled in respect for death of Mela Montoya. Obituary in next issue.

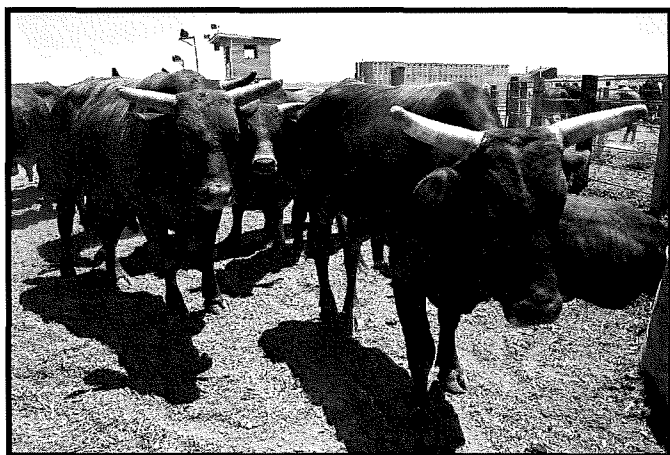
OCT 3: Current Sala exhibition closes.

OCT. 16-17: STUDIO TOUR.

RODEO DE GALISTEO

Saturday of this year's Rodeo de Galisteo on July 17-18 was pretty exciting. After a lively parade through the village, a barrel racer's horse ran around and around the arena out of control while she clung sideways to the saddle. (The horse was finally stopped and the rider was shaken but resilient.) Then a rawhide team rider was run over by a horse from another team; a bull declined to go back to his pen; a bullrider leapt over the fence and had the breath knocked out of him. MC Dawn Tarpley presided over the mayhem with wit and calm. The GVFR was on hand to help everyone and none of the injuries was serious.

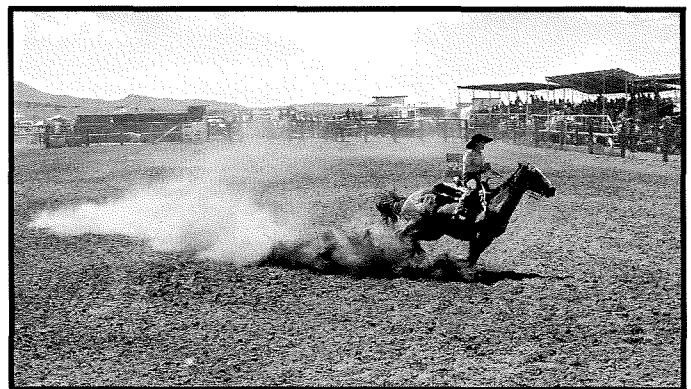
On Sunday, however, tragedy struck. Kenneth McOsker, a 34-year-old engineer from Belen, was thrown from a bronco, kicked in the head, and sustained traumatic head injuries. He died two days later, leaving a pregnant wife and three children. Our condolences go out to the family. This was the first death in the Rodeo's 38-year history.



*****NOTICE:** In a medical or fire emergency, **DO NOT** call the fire station or individual department members. **GO DIRECTLY TO 911**, so there will be no delay in the GVFR's arrival and other resources can be called in if necessary. *******

Answer to last month's "What Nobody Knows About Us": TOM MORIN designed the logo on every Brinks truck in the world.

NEXT: Who was voted "loveliest legs" in their high school graduation class?



Left: Rodeo bulls; above Kenny McOsker and his son Kole; A barrel racer smoking. (Photos: Tom Martinelli)

**GIVE ART THIS HOLIDAY SEASON:
START YOUR SHOPPING AT LA SALA**

This year La Sala will be changing its annual Holiday Gift Fair from a one-day event at the Community Center to a MONTH OF HOLIDAY WEEKENDS at the gallery space. We encourage Galisteo artists with work selling for \$100 or less to exhibit in this month-long Gift Giving Party. Weekends beginning at Thanksgiving through Xmas will be fun-filled with hot chocolate, mulled cider, BBQs, farolito assembly and lighting on Xmas Eve, carolling, mini parties... and hopefully lots of sales! For more info and to sign up for this free exhibition, contact Barbara King, 466-3219. HO HO HO!

PEDACITOS/BITS AND PIECES

President **Anna Cárdenas** reports that the GCA's Ice Cream Social on August 14, organized by Corinne Anaya and Amber Haskell, was attended by some 50 people and was lots of fun. Ice cream and fixings were donated by the supermarket at The Agora.

Sina Brush (S.B. Lejo) had a show of her paintings – many of sites around the southern hogback -- at Romona Scholder's Sept. 4-5. The earliest work was done at age five. She also wrote to *The New Mexican* (9/7) praising Governor Richardson for welcoming the movie industry, protecting wilderness/historic sites and the chimps in Alamagordo.

New Mexico Magazine (Sept.) printed a photo of **David Montoya (El Dave)** driving his vintage truck over the bridge in an article on Galisteo.

Ron Helman and his ensemble jazz band play at the Lencic September 26 at 3pm.

The **Santa Fe Conservation Trust** has received a state grant to cover a conservation easement at the historic **Galisteo Springs**, on Commonweal Conservancy's Galisteo Basin Preserve.

Janine Stern, owner of the Edge Gallery at 203 Canyon Road, working with neighbor **Richard Fenker** (and Daniel Adams), have opened a second space, Mesa House, at 715 Canyon Road, showing photography by Fenker, among others. July 18 was a special opening for Galisteo residents only.

Craig Moya, who won a First Prize at this year's Spanish Market for his work in straw appliqué, also participated in a panel for emerging artists on July 20 at the Museum of Spanish Colonial Art.

Former Galisteo **Bebe Givaudan (Bebe and the Healing Horses)** offers horse therapy under professional supervision. Donations are welcome: 308 Jaymar Rd., Stanley, NM 87506; 832-4370.

Cory McGillicuddy wants to thank **Marghreta Cordero** and **Shira Landman** for saving her dog Peaches, who escaped from the house during a thunderstorm and was hit by a car. Marghreta found the animal and called Shira, who applied her skills as an EMT and saved the dog's leg.

Last spring an endangered **Southwestern Willow Flycatcher** was spotted migrating through the Galisteo Basin.

This past spring and summer **Woody Gwyn** had solo shows of his landscape paintings at the David Findlay Gallery in New York and the LewAllen Gallery in Santa Fe.

Ranchitos has remodeled their water tanks on the hill next to the Hogback. They now total 50,000 gallons.

Patrick McFarlin is showing his "Obituaries and (mini) masterpieces" at Launchprojects, 355 E, Palace, Santa Fe, Sept. 16-Oct. 17. The little works are based on "the hollow languor" of brief obituaries in *Art in America's Annual Guide*.

GCA secretary **Roger Taylor** reports that it was "a quiet summer" in Galisteo, aside from the events mentioned above and the upcoming Chile Cook Off.

GOODBYE TO THE TREMPERS

Galisteo is losing two valuable members of the community -- Amy and Steve Tremper of Rancho Cerro Pelon. They took the job of managers of Tom Ford's ranch in 2005 after ranching in Lamy and Ocate since 1987 (their degrees are in anthropology and French). They soon integrated themselves into our community, serving on the Planning Committee and the GCA Board, helping out in various ways, and coming to our aid in 2007's monster snowstorms. Amy's enthusiasm led to her involvement in a number of County issues. On October 16th, the Trempers and their beloved dog Smokey will retire to Boulder, Colorado, where they will trade their horses for bicycles.

We will miss them, and Amy says they will miss us. "We have given our time here 110% and that investment comes with leaving a bit of ourselves here. I have loved caring for Cerro Pelon Ranch and watching the wildlife numbers grow over the past five and a half years, watching the grass get stronger and riding every possible corner of this treasure. A few people may think that one cannot really love a place where they live temporarily, but I would disagree. This has been my home. You all have been part of my life and I hope we have contributed positively in some way. If only I had not grown older, but I know it is time to quit. My body is tired and my bones are brittle. It is time for us to go."

The Trempers look forward to "fishing, swimming, travel to all the U.S. National Parks, lots of massages and volunteering after a long rest. Our focus will be on animals," especially the Mustangs and Burros on Public Lands that the BLM is rounding up by helicopter and trying to eliminate.

The new manager is Jeff Hilliard, who has worked at Cerro Pelon as long as the Trempers. His wife Shelly is a dental hygienist. They have a two-year-old son, Ty, and a beloved black Lab, Hunter. Jeff can be reached at 780-1194 or 466-9871, or jh@ranchocerropon.com. The Trempers will be at 1529 Easy Rider, Boulder, CO. 80304; 303-709-9102.; 40inseam@gmail.com.

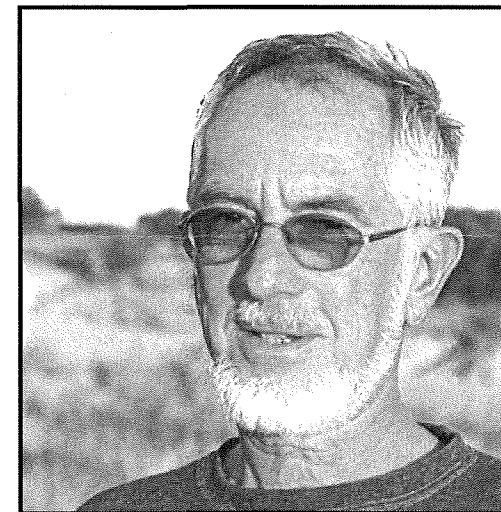
FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS

Isabella Gonzales and Christian Mee passed their Intermediate EMT exams. Jon Stern received his Basic EMT. Congratulations to all of them for surviving these grueling, months-long courses. Shira Landman has been accepted to a nationally credited, one-year EMS Program in Albuquerque to become a paramedic.

The GVFR welcomes a new member, Jay Hetler, who was in the Eldorado Fire Department for over fifteen years and has chosen to work with Galisteo.

UPDATE (OR NOT) ON SADDLEBACK

Not much to report. We have heard not a peep from the developers of Saddleback Ranch Estates in the five months since they were approved by the BCC with a long list of conditions that they were supposed to negotiate with the community. Our lawyer, Chris Graeser, filed an appeal in District Court and it was stayed pending the County's "final order." When that finally came down after five months, in late August, it did not conform exactly to the conditions as we had understood them, but we had only 24 hours notice and there was no time to lodge a protest. Apparently nothing more can be done for the time being.



JOHN RICHARD FITCH
12/14/1936 – 7/1/2010

John Fitch was born in Philadelphia in 1936 and died in July in Saddlebrook, Arizona, having lost a battle with cancer. Many of us knew him when he lived in Galisteo and Shira Landman visited him during his last days. She offers this tribute.

John was a Professor of Music at the University of Arizona and also a composer. His students were able to count on his support long after graduation. He was a lover of art and all "fine things in life."

In Galisteo, John joined the GVFR and was Secretary for a couple of years, attending meetings even after he moved to Eldorado with his wife Janie. He remained an Auxiliary member until his death.

Everyone who knew him enjoyed his dry sense of humor and brilliant mind. His passing is a loss to everyone who knew him, but his death should be a celebration of his life. John, you got your message across. You got the word out there. And you were heard. You will be remembered and missed. Our deepest sympathy and condolences to Janie and all of John's family.

Right: Rowan and Rosemary Jansens eye the petroglyph cake made by their mother, Ariel, for the book signing of *Down Country: The Tano of the Galisteo Basin, 1250-1782* by Lucy R. Lippard with photographs by Edward Ranney (published by the Museum of New Mexico Press in June). The community laid on an amazing spread (co sponsored by the GVFR, the GCA and Earth Works Institute) for a large audience. Lucy and Ed thank everyone for their participation. (Photo: Matthew McQueen).

GOOSE DOWNS EVENT

Over Labor Day weekend, Goose Downs Farm hosted a national horse trial with eventing over the farm's sterling cross-country course, show jumping, and dressage competitions, sponsored by a tax exempt organization to benefit the development of amateur athletics and The Horse Shelter. There was also a Trade Fair. *The New Mexican* (9/6) reported that over 100 competitors were judged on "the number of rails knocked down, the horse's willingness to clear the hurdles, and whether the rider can stay on the horse."

LIKE A NEEDLE

Jan Saunders

*Every day I see or hear
Something that more or less
Kills me with delight,
That leaves me like a needle
In the haystack of Light. – Mary Oliver*

Hard to say what delighted me most this Galisteo Basin Summer – baby raccoons playing tag high in Catherine's cottonwood, the Cooper's Hawk that perched unruffled on the Coopers' rail fence as I strolled by, vultures still on the roost late on a steamy morning, spade-foot toads singing after each rain, billowing clouds breaking through into the basement of heaven, or the blessed rain that brought the damned mosquitoes.

Hard to say, but when I think about it, it has to be the grasses that sprang up higher than a horse's knee and turned our basin as green as the rolling hills of Tuscany.

I delighted in running my fingers through Witch and Love grasses. Hefty bunches of Side Oats Gramma, Blue Gramma, Crested Wheat and Windmill Grass covered the basin and lined the roads. It was an especially good season for Needle-and-Thread Grass, which first catches our eyes in the spring when its silky threads sway with the wind and glisten in the sunlight like golden rain. Once the seed (needle) hardens and the awn (thread) dries, the six-inch long Needle-and-Thread drops to the ground where changes in humidity twist and untwist the spiraling, hairy, spear-shaped awn, drilling the sharp-pointed seed firmly into the soil. Summer hikers take warning. The needles will also twist their way into your dog's fur and sew random seams in your jeans.



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BULLETIN: There was a break-in at the (former) Agnes Martin house on Monday morning, Sept. 6th. Lock up, and keep an eye out for a white vehicle taking pictures.

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