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CELEBRATION OF GALISTEO'S BICENTENNIAL

Anna Cárdenas wanted her presidency of the Galisteo Community Association to “go out with a bang.” Mission accomplished ... with the very successful Bicentennial Celebrations on Oct. 4-5, previewed on the front page of the *New Mexican* (9/29). The weather was beautiful. Watts Park was festive with colored tablecloths and long lines for free food (compliments of the Galisteo Volunteer Fire and Rescue, served by Freddie Cárdenas and Eric Thomas). Exhibits in La Sala were open to an appreciative public. Some 500 people came from all over for the parade, the car show organized by Dave Montoya, and finally dancing to the music of Los Mal Criados. On Sunday a special mass was held at the church and a potluck lunch followed at the Community Center.

Saturday's parade was short but sweet, led by Grand Marshall Antonio Chavez (Honorary Grand Marshall Rudy Sena also present), with GVFR trucks, two “family floats,” the Galisteo Morning Walkers, Legislature candidate Matthew McQueen with his baby son Jack in a stroller, and Denise Lynch riding a bike with a skittish horse in one hand and a greyhound in the other.

After the parade a long line of people, many of them descendants of the original settlers, climbed the Hill for a brief ceremony honoring those who had worked so hard to found Galisteo in 1814. Terry Vasquez and her grandson Seth stood on the site of the first church and next to the remains of a painting by her father, Antonio Anaya (and another by David van Dyk). She spoke of those who braved many obstacles to establish the village on the Hill: “The ancestors are smiling, I'm sure, because it was due to great faith that Galisteo has persevered... We are truly blessed to call this little gem home.”

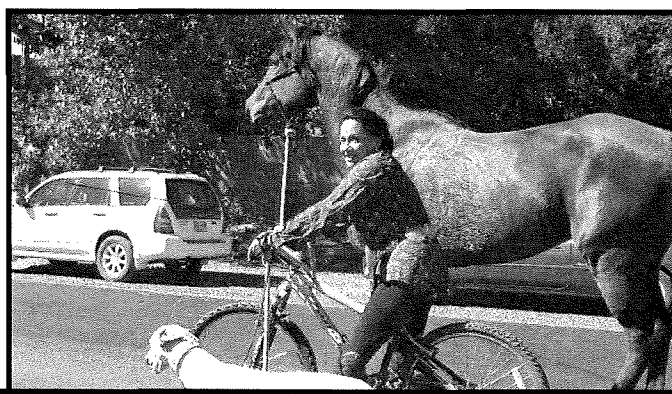
The Bicentennial Committee was Anna Cárdenas, Ted Montoya, Terry Vasquez, Stella Maestas, Antonio Chavez, Roger Taylor, Wayne King, Barbara King, Dianna Gwyn, and Lucy Lippard. The silent auction garnered some \$2000 for the GCA and La Sala. Book sales helped too... Well known author Jack Loeffler came with some of his books and local writers were featured. El Puente Press published two booklets for the occasion: *Village of Galisteo Historical Timeline (1814-2014)*, and *Speculations on the Economy and Roads at Galisteo* by Wayne King. (These are still available for \$1.00 each).

NEXT BIG EVENT: 27th GALISTEO STUDIO TOUR, October 18-19.

Saturday and Sunday, 10-5: 33 artists, 3 food stops, maps available by the church.

It was very moving to see so many elders from Galisteo – those living here and elsewhere – poring over the family albums and old pictures in La Sala. And it was equally touching to see their grandchildren and great grandchildren (and some of the grandparents as well) dancing and whooping it up in the almost-restored Dance Hall, where many of their relatives had been married or had celebrated their First Communions and other events.

We were asked when we were going to do this again? 200 years from now.... (Below: Seth and Terry on the old church mound; Denise Lynch and friends in the parade.)



FUN FACTS ABOUT GALISTEO

(From an exhibit in La Sala)

“**El Gallo**” were men from the Galisteo village in a Carro de Vestia (horse-drawn wagon) who paraded around town playing their instruments to announce that the band had arrived for an event, usually the Fiesta de Santiago, San José, etc.

Masses and deaths were announced by **ringing the bells** at Nuestra Señora de los Remedios. During Lent the bells were not tolled, but villagers used *maltracas* – wooden slats with small square pieces of wood attached by rope to click against the wood. A community member would walk all around the village sounding the *maltracas*. Now we use a Galisteo Community email tree to announce events, warn people of theft, deaths in the community, etc. The word gets out in a matter of seconds.

Years ago men **hauled the U.S. mail** from Kennedy (3 miles north) to Galisteo on horse-drawn wagons. Emeliano Sena, Marcos Anaya, and Guadalupe Chavez were the lucky haulers.

Galisteo had a **Gentlemen’s Club**. The men smoked cigars, drank, and talked about village affairs.



Mary Alice Anaya and friends dancing in La Sala (photo: Judy Tuwaletstiwa); Lisa Griego (with La Sala birthday cake for Galisteo), Emily Montoya, and Priscilla Montoya; Anna and Freddie Cárdenas.

BE SURE AND VOTE ON NOVEMBER 4th AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER

Two Galisteños are on the ballot. Democrat **Matthew McQueen (below in Oct. 4 parade with son Jack)** is running for Congressman in District 50 in a close race with Vicki Perea, the incumbent appointed by Governor Susana Martinez. The *New Mexican* reported (10/5) that Perea “may be the underdog.” Rep. Brian Egolf says that McQueen’s election is key to Democrats maintaining control of the House. McQueen criticizes Perea for opposing a constitutional amendment to raise the minimum wage. He favors a statewide \$10.10 minimum hourly wage with built-in escalators and also supports tapping the state’s \$14 billion land grant endowment to increase funding for early childhood education. **Robert Anaya** is running unopposed for County Commissioner.



**EVERY VOTE COUNTS. EVERY VOTE
COULD MAKE THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN
___ and ___! (You fill in the blanks....)**

WATER BOARD MEETINGS

At meetings on July 17 and August 27, the Board of the Galisteo Mutual Domestic Water Consumers Association struggled with the most effective ways to monitor water use and billing procedures, given the results of metering in 2014. Extreme overuse by one member has caused alarm.

Although the water table in our community well has not gone down (so far), drought and climate change are taking their toll on other local communities and it behooves us to take very good care of our most precious resource.

The Board voted to have water hook-up and membership transferred with sale of any property. Soon a letter will go out to association members about the costs of new usage levels, beginning January 1, 2015. The base rate covers up to 120,000 gallons. The price goes up for “elevated,” “excessive,” and “extreme” usage (over 120,000, 180,000, and 240,000 gallons respectively). Cut off will occur at an annual use of 650,000 gallons.

All of these (in this writer’s opinion) are absurdly generous levels, exceeding reasonable, sustainable usage. Under Santa Fe County rules, a quarter of an acre foot (81,500 gallons) is sufficient for residential use.

GALISTEO’S BICENTENNIAL(VII)

It’s not over yet. We will continue to publish these chronological history fragments until the end of the year.

In 1846 the U.S. Army of the West took possession of New Mexico after Governor Manuel Armijo retreated and left three bronze cannons and a Howitzer near Galisteo. The Doniphan Expedition then established a grazing encampment here.

Nicolas Pino was considered by American soldiers as the “owner of the village.” In 1847, he was arrested for conspiring to revolt against the American occupation of New Mexico and supporting the Taos Rebellion. He then saw the way the wind was blowing and signed an oath of allegiance to the United States. It is unclear whether he lived full time in Galisteo, as he was the postmaster in 1866-70 at the Juana Lopez Grant in the western Basin. He did, however, build “the first grand house in Galisteo,” east of the river on Avenida Vieja, inherited around the turn of the 20th century by Pedro Ortiz y Pino.

In 1848 the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo was ratified, promising to protect the land and rights of former Mexican citizens. It did not. Under American rule, the traditional common lands were appropriated into the public domain or opened to homesteaders. Claimants suing for recovery of their lands were responsible for most of the evidence and were forced to pay for surveys. Combined obstacles of language, economics, and new laws insured that few were able to follow through. The U.S. honored only grants supported by documents in the (incomplete) Mexican Archives in Santa Fe. Even a valid claim could be refused if the document was missing from the Archives.

The Galisteo Basin remained a principal pasture for the horses of Fort Marcy, and Navajo raided at least once. C.E. Pancoast, passing through the village in a civilian wagon train in 1849, noted “pine woods” and wolves that attacked their oxen. He described the Town Jail – “a dismal dark hole... Full of filthy and offensive odors” —as well as a fandango, a footrace, and a fight. **(TO BE CONTINUED)**

LOCAL CRISIS UPDATES

From NO Crude Oil in Lamy: The resolution to establish a weight limit policy on County roads was presented at the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) meeting on Sept. 30. Amid concerns about limiting heavy agricultural trucks on certain roads, the resolution was tabled. The County Road 33 ordinance was not on the agenda.

If you haven’t yet signed the No Crude Oil in Lamy petition, go to the web site and help them reach the desired 1000 signatures.

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On September 16, the Board of County Commissioners approved an “Emergency Interim Development Ordinance Imposing a Twelve Month Moratorium” on any new applications or development approvals for gravel pits, mining, and junkyards. During this 12-month period, a new ordinance will be written that deals with these three areas, and any current applications or new ones will then be approved or rejected according to the contents of this Ordinance. **Roger Taylor** was quoted in the *New*

Mexican (9/17): “This is an easier out.” However they voted, “they were probably going to get sued.”

As a result, La Bajada Mesa is safe for the time being. Any application by Rockology and by Santa Fe Gold for mining in the Ortiz Mountains will be delayed one year and will have to be submitted anew under the Sustainable Land Development Code. During that time regulations will be written governing DCIs (Developments of Countywide Impact). The hard work is not over. Strong regulations are needed to protect the Mesa and other special places in the County over the long haul.

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Although the renewal of tourist train operations on the Santa Fe Southern to Lamy appeared to be successful, operations have been suspended and reservations for a popular Christmas tour cancelled.

PEDACITOS/BITS AND PIECES

Bernard Pomerance’s famous play *Elephant Man* is being revived in a new production with previews in November and opening on Broadway in December, starring Bradley Cooper, Patricia Clarkson and Alessandro Nivola.

Cyclist **Greg O’Byrne**, director of the annual Wine and Chile Fiesta, added a 72-mile Gran Fondo bike ride to this year’s events.

In September and October, **Nacha Mendez** gave concert performances in Athens, Greece, and Florence, Italy.

Jean Anaya Moya has been all over the media for her Governors’ Award; her video and acceptance at the ceremony were very moving.

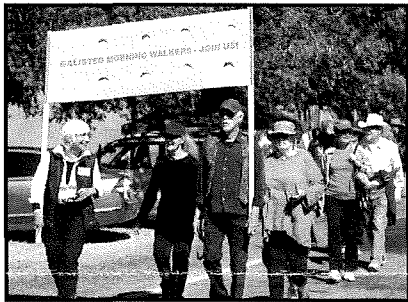
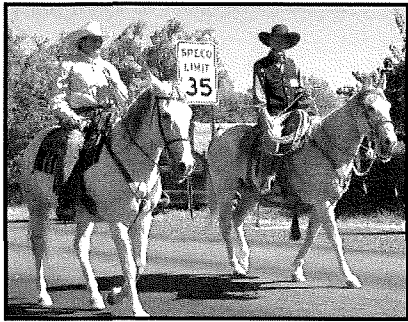
Ernesto P. Sena, Rudy’s brother, passed away Sept. 14. He was born in Galisteo to Natividad and Sara Sena.

The September 19, 1978 issue of *The Rustler* (a Cerrillos-based newsletter for “Southern Santa Fe County”) ran an article by **Marie Ferneau** headlined “Galisteo Boasts Community Center”: “Well, almost: no fixtures or furniture yet, but the rest of the building is complete.... There were false starts, discouragement, and much work on the part of many people.... **Candy Sena**, president of the Community Corporation, still has hair and fingernails intact after the crucial months of construction spent running hither, thither and yon on matters of money, materials, and good will. She had praise for the workers, including **Rudy Sena**, who supervised the construction without the benefit of a blueprint, and **Rod Hall**, who contributed a substantial amount of skill and consultation.”

The same issue of *The Rustler* also included a recipe by **Yolanda Ortiz y Pino** for “Galisteo Chili Rellenos” from La Mancha.

Corey McGillicuddy reports that “for the last few evenings one of the recently released barn owls has been flying around the field outside my house. I think it is a female because it is dark in color. She is quite lovely to watch.”

Gubernatorial candidate Gary King was forced to return substantial campaign donations from Jeffrey Epstein, owner of the **Zorro Ranch** on the top of Clark Hill and Galisteo Basin land below, because he is a registered sex offender.



George Davis and Antonio Chavez lead the parade; Galisteo Morning Walkers (photos: Phil Tuwaletsiwa).

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