

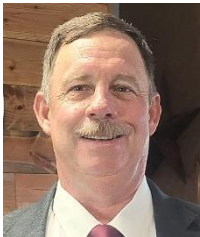


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Northern New Mexico Horsemen's Association Newsletter

July 2026

Is Your Horse "Street Legal?" & More; Meet Livestock Board Chief Law Officer



Our July program meeting, July 29, 7 pm, features Barry Allen, Chief Law Enforcement Officer of the NM Livestock Board. He graduated from the NM Law Enforcement Academy and has more than 23 years of experience. Barry promises to share experiences, and his preference is to have a back-and-forth conversation, so be ready to ask questions!



For example, he'll talk about what we need to know when buying or selling a horse. What happens when the Livestock Board seizes neglected/abused animals? How does the agency work with rescue groups? What are the requirements to transport a horse between NM and another state? What is the Livestock Board's role regarding disease control? What's new with the Screwworm threat? If you want to learn more about the NM Livestock Board before the meeting, go to: nmlbonline.com.

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We meet at Dr. Field Goods Kitchen, 187 Paseo De Peralta, DeVargas Center, SF. The closest entrance to the restaurant is on the south side of the center. There is plenty of parking. Join others for dinner at 6 pm in the main restaurant area. Please be in the separate meeting room a few minutes before 7 pm.

Join Ridge Riders, Saturday, August 1



Saddle up for our annual ride on Rowe Mesa, to the historic petroglyphs. This is one of the best attended rides every year!

Directions:

Meet just off exit 307 via I-25, then turn right at the end of the exit. Trail Boss Ed Srsic will be parked there by 9:30am,

to lead the group to the parking area. We will leave the exit area at 9:45 sharp. Don't forget – every rider must sign up for the ride and complete the liability waiver.

To sign up for any of our rides, register in advance and sign our online waiver at: nnmha.org/events (click on Ridge Riders). You must be a NNMHA member for insurance purposes. You may become a member (or renew your membership) on our website. For questions or if you need to cancel, contact Ed directly at 415-305-3238, riders@nnmha.org.

New World Screwworm - Learn What to Do about this Serious, Returning Pest

New World screwworm has been reported in New Mexico, Texas and Mexico.



The screwworm is a serious threat to livestock, wildlife, pets, and less commonly people and birds. Be alert and inspect any open wounds regularly. Did you know it is about the size of a common housefly? It has orange eyes and a metallic blue or green body. If you see this fly or larvae (see photos), do you know what to do? How and where to report it?



For detailed information, see the flier prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture, posted on our website. (nnmha.org/resources and click on "New World Screwworm").

Be safe and in the know. Current information on the Vesicular Stomatitis Virus can also be found under "Resources" on our website.

Congratulations, Leticia!



The most recent graduate from our 12-week Partnership-based Youth Riding Program is Leticia Mendoza. Her mother, Yadira Soto, and Dally, her lesson horse, are all smiles (in photo), celebrating her accomplishment.

She successfully completed 12 lessons in horsemanship and riding technique. She is a student from the Boys and Girls Club Teen Center where the director said, “Leticia has always had a deep love for horses, and a curiosity and eagerness to learn.” Sounds like good skills to have as she starts high school next month!

Leticia and her mother attended our June program meeting, and Leticia was recognized with a certificate of accomplishment. We’re also grateful for Sophia Hoekstra at Trinity Ranch who has been our youth riding instructor since the beginning of this program.

Going forward, we have established a new partnership with YouthWorks and will have two students from there taking lessons this coming fall. Also this fall, our partnership with Boys and Girls Club Teen Center will resume, and we will have two new students from their program working with Sophia.

We’re excited about both of these collaborations and are proud of the opportunities our Partnership-based Youth Riding Program lends to interested young equestrians.

*All students are nominated by the organizations with whom we partner, to participate in the Partnership-based Youth Riding Program.



Our Equines Celebrated Spring



At the El Rancho de las Golondrinas Spring Festival, that is. Once again, Karla Lauritsen ably corralled a bunch of NNMHA volunteers and their critters to welcome the season with visitors at the festival. Karla also served as all-around ranch hand.

Lots of feeding carrot pieces, grooming, patting horse necks, and more, took place during this beautiful spring weekend last month.

In photos, Daisy the donkey, belonging to Kim Fay and Joe Valdez, Amelia Adair with Baxter and Hershey (with saddle bags) and Lorrie Lopez and Sandra Smith hosted Whittaker (in corral). As ranch roping instructor, Sylvia Anacker kept everyone learning how to rope a “hay cow.”



Thanks to Karla and Lorrie for the photos.

Park Ranger for SF County Manages Plenty of Trails & Open Spaces

SF County Open Space Interpretive Ranger Rose Masters is the first park ranger for the County. She manages 22 open space properties, a total of 9400 acres and 75 trails, from Chimayo to Edgewood. Now, that’s BIG! At our May program meeting, Rose shared with us what it takes to help ensure hikers, bikers and equestrians have a fun, safe experience on county lands.

She told us that her job calls for visiting trails as much as possible, planning educational exhibits for the public and maintaining signage, equipment and even windmills. Rose also gives guided tours, produces print materials and even, as she explained, having “... to tell people they’re doing something wrong.”

Specific to us, she added, “A lot of folks just don’t know to give horses right-a-way, so a big part of my job is education. It’s really important.” Yet she admits that with so much land, “enforcement continues to be a challenge. That’s one reason why we’re



working on posting signage designed to help educate the public.” (Note: NNMHA is partnering with the county on this signage effort.) Recently, she even learned how to fix a broken windmill.

Open Spaces, Trails and Parks Is a Network of Community Resources

Rose explained that the county’s vision for open space, trails and parks programs is to sustainably manage and conserve a vibrant network of community resources. Open space properties such as Talaya Hill, Arroyo Hondo and La Cieneguilla Open Spaces encompass cultural and historic sites, natural environments that include unusual plants and a thriving habitat for hundreds of species.



A wide variety of birds such as great blue herons, green-winged teals, ring-neck ducks, cinnamon teals, and more, inhabit some of these open spaces. Plus, all open space areas offer spectacular views.

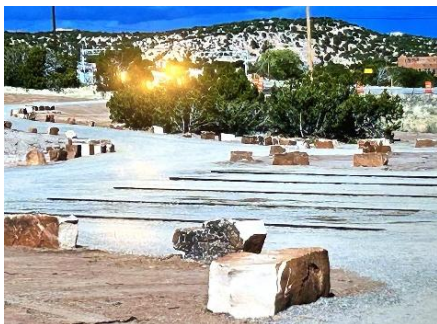


Trails are designed to sustainably connect people with the environment with fun options for traveling through the county on foot, horseback and bicycle. Two of the larger trail systems are the SF Rail Trail and El Camino Real Trail. A segment of the SF Rail Trail which extends from Spur Ranch Road to Highway 285 was just completed this spring. It includes horse trailer parking. An additional segment from there to Lamy is in the process of being finalized.

Parks are places where people can enjoy sports and meet with friends and family for a variety of activities that may include playgrounds and similar equipment. The county’s two largest parks are the Pojoaque Recreation Complex and Romero Park.

And that’s not all! The county purchased the 2,650-acre Bobcat Crossing Ranch Open Space last year and is now working on a management plan with conceptual trails to begin in 2027. If you want to be involved with this process, email: amurthy@santafecountynm.gov.

Equestrian Amenities in Current Projects



In addition, the county is currently entering into an agreement for the design of trails and other infrastructure, including a trailhead with horse trailer parking for the 1904-acre Thornton Ranch Open Space in the Galisteo Basin. Trail design here will specifically emphasize different user groups to minimize user conflicts.



Finally, planning for the development of San Pedro Open Space, south of Golden on Highway 24, is also underway. It will include separate user-group trails with a trailhead and horse trailer parking.

Whew! That's a lot of exciting outdoor projects. Rose was asked several questions following her presentation. One query was, "If we see something, what should we do?"



She replied that the county relies on reports of trails that need maintenance where there are washed-out areas, trees down across trails or other unsafe conditions.

She also likes to be notified of wildlife and unusual plant sightings. Contact Rose at: 505 992-9897 (office), 505 500-9121 (cell), masters@santafecountynm.gov.



"I'm only one person, so I rely on people in these areas to pick up trash, follow the rules and practice safety at all times," she concluded. So, lend a hand as we all work to protect these beautiful outdoor spaces for generations to come.

Board Notes

Organization News

Howard Gershon announced that Ralph Larranaga is stepping down from serving as Treasurer, and Amelia Adair is taking over treasurer responsibilities. Ralph will continue as a board member.

The Infrastructure Task Force made the recommendation that an executive committee be formed. This new committee will handle day-to-day operations, freeing up the full board to focus on more strategic issues and initiatives.

Howard suggested this executive committee be no more than three people to more easily facilitate communications. Ed Srsic asked that this new committee report to the full board in six months regarding its role and accomplishments. Ed also suggested that a planning calendar and respective budget are important to this process. These ideas were approved. The president, vice president and treasurer will serve as executive committee members.

There was discussion of expanding the board size, although nothing was officially proposed. Regarding the existing infrastructure committee, it was noted we should continue to communicate widely among each other with our respective tasks and activities.

Regarding membership, Tara Debevec noted our IT consultant is working to solve problems with current online member communications, especially regarding membership renewals.

The July newsletter and the 2025 Community Report are in process. The report will be completed with needed additional info and larger than those of previous years. The newsletter is on schedule.

Three applications to the SGS Giving Program were reviewed. Board approved a donation to the Eagle Nest School Riding Program. Lynn Allen and Karla Lauritsen visited the program earlier this year and reported that they were very impressed with the creativity of the program. It involves students in grades K-8. Five horses live at the school and students are actively involved with them. Karla and Lynn saw an arena and other facilities and observed horse interaction with the students.

The board approved sponsorship of the San Miguel – MORA County Horse Show. It is open now to local youth, as well as 4-H members. A request from the SF Pony Club was also approved to help two members compete in the 2026 US Pony Club Championship competition at the Kentucky Horse Park in Lexington this month.

Prior to this meeting, the Board approved a sponsorship request (due to a deadline) from the San Miguel County Posse Division to help support various costs associated with the Annual Pecos Youth Rodeo. NNMHA was a Gold Sponsor that entitled us to signage, admission, announcements during the rodeo and social media recognition.

David Lyles reviewed plans for monthly program meetings for the rest of this year. December 13, 3 – 6 pm, was approved for our holiday social, and it will include a catered meal and music. The board also discussed how it could encourage interaction among and with participants at meetings. Previous member surveys indicate that “networking” is of great interest to participants.

Amelia reported on details regarding the NATRC event in late June. NNMHA is the recipient of associated fundraising proceeds from the event.

The next board meeting is Tuesday, July 7, 7 pm, via zoom. Members are welcome to attend board meetings, so contact a Board member anytime for details.

Events, Rides & Clinics

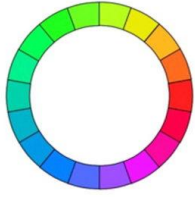
There was no discussion regarding the Extreme Cowboy Clinic held in May. It was noted that there may be time to do so next month.

Do You Know...

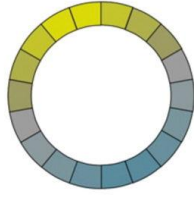
According to *125 Fun Facts About Horses*, horses (and dogs) have dichromatic color vision, meaning they see blues and greens (although duller), but not reds or oranges. Humans have trichromatic color vision, which allows us to see more colors.



Human Trichromatic
Color Vision



Horse Dichromatic
Color Vision



According to *Equus* and *Psychology* magazines, when we see greens, horses see yellow-green. The bright blues we see are different than the gray-blue that horses see. The color wheel (left) shows the color vision in humans, and the color wheel (right) illustrates the yellow-green and the gray-blue colors that horses see.

So, if an apple looks red to us, it probably looks gray-blue to horses. No matter what color they see, they still like apples!

Bulletin Board

Bulletin Board is a "one-stop shop" for all equine-related products, services and events. Current members may submit listings of no more than 80 words. Be sure to include a name, brief description and website, phone and/or email for contact purposes. We can't edit fliers or other materials provided to us and be assured of describing your news accurately. Send your listing to: Sandra: smithcom@goldengate.net. At any time, let us know if you need your current listing removed or changed. We rely on members to keep their info correct and up to date.

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STUART H. GARBER, DC, PhD, AVCA

Equine chiropractor. Equines and canines, but also happy to treat any critter with a spine. By appointment. Call: 505 913-7493.

NORTHSIDE BOARDING

Ride out on miles of trails, five minutes from NM599/La Tierra Rd. Reasonable rates, relaxed atmosphere. Prices from \$500 to \$400/mo. for pens 12x60 and larger. Arena, round pen, three tack rooms, wash rack, trailer parking. Horses fed grass mix or alfalfa twice daily. Boarders provide extras, we feed. Owner lives on premises. Contact: Carolyn, Centaurus Ranch, 505 474-0821.

EQUINE PORTRAITS

Helen K. Garber is available to create a unique photographic portrait of your horse or you riding your horse. In sizes up to 10 feet wide. Can be printed on paper or fabric. Her work has been acquired by museum collections such as the Getty Museum, Los Angeles County Museum of Art, the Brooklyn Museum archives of the Venice Biennale and the Academy of Motion Pictures Arts & Sciences. Contact: Helen, 310 344-7883, www.helenkgarber.com (Helen K Garber Studio), mail@helenkgarber.com.

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Susan Smith | Equine and human Ortho-Bionomy® powerful and effective therapeutic bodywork. Registered Instructor and Advanced Practitioner. Equine acupressure massage, certified. Both in-person and online courses are offered. By appointment. Contact: Susan, 505 501-2478, info@susansmithsantafe.com.

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Sandy Benson offers Integrated Equine Bodywork and Massage, working with the whole horse to build trust, restore balance and release tension. Certified in Masterson Method since 2018, CST since 2005. Consider it an investment in wellness. Contact: sandybenson@earthlink.net, 505 920-2497.

BOARDING AT RANCHO MARIPOSA

15 minutes from Old Pecos Trail in the Eldorado area. Indoor arena, outdoor dressage and jumping arenas, access to trails. Training and instruction available. We welcome equestrians of all disciplines! Call or text Anna: 505 490-0990, info@mariposasantafe.com.

SANTA FE PONY CLUB

The Santa Fe Pony Club is looking for new members, volunteers and sponsors as the new year begins. The Club welcomes 5+ ages (adults too!). For more info: lindsaylechner@gmail.com, www.ponyclub.org.

HORSE SITTER

Professional care of your equines and other pets while you are away. Extensive experience caring for horses, dogs, cats and other precious creatures. Experience as Animal husbandry Instructor, beginner riding instructor, wilderness guide, wrangler and Ranch Manager. Contact: Laurie, 970 390-5597, thepoetlaurie@hotmail.com.

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EQUINE VETERINARY SERVICES

Offering an integrative equine practice, combining western preventive and emergency care, as well as Traditional Chinese Veterinary Medicine, including chiropractic, acupuncture and herbal options. Contact: Dr. Shannon Subasi, Los Alamos Equine Veterinary Services, 240 681-1125.

SEEKING PRIVATE BOARDING FOR ONE HORSE

Due to sale of the property where we board, we're looking for a private barn in the Eldorado/Lamy area with room for one horse. Request daily group turnout and some room to ride on property. Can be self- or partial-care and I'm happy to serve as backup for your horses. I'm respectful, tidy and low drama; my horse is respectful, herd experienced, low in pecking order and blind in one eye. Contact: Sylvie Anacker, 415 309-0162, asorges@gmail.com.

SELF-CARE BOARDING

Arrowhead Ranch has self-care boarding space available for horse owners wanting to be more hands-on with their horses and their care. Roomy indoor/outdoor stalls with large runs attached. Includes water with electric hookups, outdoor arenas, SF river trail access, trailer parking, hay, grain and tack storage. Located in town off West Alameda. Clean, safe, gated. For more info: arrowheadsantafe@aol.com, 505 690-4955.

TWO SENIOR HORSES FOR SALE



24-25 year-old gelding (left) ridden primarily on trails for the last 15 years. Sound, has reining training and light handle. 24-25 year-old gelding (right). Trail experience, most popular children's horse at Challenge



NM in SF. For more info: 505 670-2924.

RAINBOW RIDGE FARM LLC

New boutique boarding facility located in Edgewood NM. Stalls with separate paddocks and daily turnout. Indoor riding arena, outdoor riding arena, round pen for training and trails off property and nearby. Self-care and full care, short and long-term options available. Two current openings. Contact: Sandi Hutchison, rainbowridgefarmllc@hotmail.com, 505 205-5452.



HORSE PROPERTY FOR SALE

9 Jacinto Road, \$900,000. Los Caballos Subdivision, SF County. Ten level acres, 20 miles from SF. Includes a 3,434 sq. ft. two-story, five-bedroom, four-bath house. Horse amenities with 2,818 sq. ft., six-stall horse barn, turnouts, tack



room with half-bath, hay storage, arena and roping corral. Plus, a separate 1,805 sq. ft. workshop/garage with mechanic's pit. Contact: Penelope Vasquez, Associate

Broker, 505 690-3751, penelopenewmexico@gmail.com, Sotheby's International Realty, 505 988-2533.

WINTEC SADDLE WANTED

Looking for in-good-condition Wintec western saddle for trail riding, 15" seat, 7" or 8" gullet. Email: smithcom@goldengate.net.

BOARDING AT SECTION EIGHT STABLES (FORMERLY HIPICO SANTA FE POLO BARN)

Newly renovated barn stalls, 12x16, featuring Nelson automatic waterers and attached pens, 16x18. Covered pipe stalls, 16x16, also available. Reasonable rates for self-care or full board. Full board includes grass hay or alfalfa, 2x/day. We will feed boarder-supplied grain/supplements. Arena, round pen, trailer parking and tack storage area. On-site trail riding, as well as direct access to BLM/Caja del Rio trails. Contact: Phyllis, call/text 505 479-2628 or email phyllis@hipicosantafe.com.

CAMPER FOR SALE

2024 Rockwood GeoPro G19FDS in like-new condition with less than 900 miles. Asking \$27,000. Two-point heavy duty hitch with sway control (value \$434), tire chocks and covers, leveling blocks, small grill. Kitchen slide and table make it spacious. Large bathroom with a shower. Outdoor shower, too. Lots of storage inside and out and a bike rack. The queen size murphy bed is comfy and easy to use. The powerful rooftop solar panels, two batteries and two propane tanks are ideal when hook ups are not available. It is 22-feet and pulls easily with SUV. Selling only because it's not getting used enough. For more info: Karolyn, 303 579-2251.



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Currently accepting new lesson students ages 5 + on your horse or one of the lesson horses and horses in training. Focused on Dressage basics, introduction to jumping, trail riding essentials in and out of the arena and fox hunting. We travel to local shows and other recognized competitions in NM and surrounding states. Rancho Mariposa and other locations in the Eldorado/Lamy area. For more info, contact Lindsay: 513 850-5839, lindsaylechner@gmail.com.

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Natural horsemanship lessons start on the ground. "Horse Wellness for Wisdom" helps you learn how to "read" your horse, build trust and connection that makes you the leader in your horse's mind. With over 35 years of experience, my work promotes mental, physical and emotional wellness with individuals, couples, families, corporations, small businesses. (It's not therapeutic riding.) Equine Assisted Learning certified. Also teach harnessing and driving lessons, using my good team of mules, Bo and Jessee. Contact: Mikel: 307 277-1235, fc4126@gmail.com.

Clinics/Workshops/Events

Note: The New Mexico Horse Council (NMHC) posts fliers for shows, clinics and demos throughout the state in its newsletters. Go to: www.nmhorsecouncil.org and click on "News" to see any newsletter. You can also see info on NMHC Facebook.

CAT PARKS CLINIC · THE SANTA FE SERIES | YEAR TWO

Trinity Ranch is proud to welcome back Cat Parks to SF for an exclusive boutique horsemanship clinic, Friday, July 31 – Sunday, August 2, Trinity Ranch, SF. Sophia Hoekstra is the clinic host. The clinic emphasizes lighter, clearer communication between horse and rider through feel, understanding and practical horsemanship. Choose from (or attend both) a Foundation Horsemanship morning session designed for green horses, green riders or an Advanced Horsemanship afternoon session for riders pursuing greater finesse and higher-level work. Both sessions are tailored to the individual horse-and-rider teams, so sessions are limited to 10 teams. Overnight stalls and weekend camping are available. Auditors are welcome. For more info, contact Sophia: 612 940-7766, soph.hoekstra@gmail.com.

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Please contact any Board member with questions or comments about NNMHA plans or activities. We welcome your ideas. Board meetings are usually held each month, and members are invited to participate in Board meetings. Meetings may be online or in person. See phone numbers and emails for Board members.

NNMHA seeks to inform and educate our members and the broader northern New Mexico community with regard to equine wellness and equestrian activities. We generally do not take an advocacy position on such issues, but endeavor to keep members and others aware of developments that NNMHA deems may be of interest.

We welcome letters to the editor for publication. Please send letters to Sandra, smithcom@goldengate.net. Letters must be written by an active member and include a name, email address, phone number and full street address, as well as any information sources used in the letter. If used, submissions may be edited due to space limitation and other considerations.



*If your horse says “no,”
you either asked the wrong
question or asked the question wrong.*

Pat Parelli

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