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WELCOME to 1997 and to LA PUENTE

Named after the bridge, the river, and the bosque that are Galisteo's heart, LA PUENTE will be a way to keep in touch with each other, a forum to discuss issues affecting the community's present and future, and to inform ourselves about its past.

We got some calls about the name; we know that formal Spanish is El Puente, and we started out that way, but then found it was La Puente in the Dictionary of New Mexican Spanish (and on our own Via La-Puente). If you think we made the wrong choice, let us know. We can take a poll and change it if that's what you want. Nothing is graven in stone. There are so many issues, like water, the Lamy Well and Eldorado's shortage, road paving, development on the edges of the village, use and ownership of the bosque, confronting us as a community that we need to be well informed as possible. We invite criticisms, corrections, further information. The February issue will inaugurate the Letters to the Editor section. We'll print whatever you send, and get your approval on any changes.

LA PUENTE will only be lively if various opinions are expressed. We can't emphasize enough that we come from no single position. This is a village project and should reflect our diversity of opinions. The newsletter has been funded for six months by the Galisteo Community Association Board (\$40 a shot). In June we'll take stock and if interest is still there we'll continue. Our goal is to become a village institution (without being institutionalized).

Classified ads are FREE and can include things WANTED, FOR SALE or EXCHANGE, SERVICES (cleaning, petsitting, woodworking, handicrafts, open studios, car repairs.... you name it.) REAL ESTATE, for the time being, is for only owner-sold properties. Newcomers to the area do not know what services are available right here in the village.



RUNNING WATER FOR GALISTEO *by Moira Walden*

Newcomers to the Galisteo water system have no idea of the hard work that made possible the luxury of running water in the home. Nor do they do they know of the many hours of attention and unpaid labor given over the years by our Foremen: Felipe Chavez y Chavez, Sarapio Montoya and since the mid-seventies, Roman Attenberger. They have kept the water running.

We need a water delivery system here because wells drilled east or west of the river give very poor undrinkable water. Before 1961, people without wells drove wagons down to the Bosque and filled water barrels from the river, where it ran in front of the Sena (Dick Griscom) place, took them home and dumped the water into their backyard cisterns, to be drawn as needed. This meant no running water in the homes and also, a real hardship for the older residents as time leaned a little harder on them each year.

Then Joe Anaya had a very good idea: why not put in a water delivery system for those who couldn't have wells? His sister, Simona, who worked for the state, told him how to try for a state loan, which he got (\$7,000). Then, on April 21st, 1961, 19 people signed a paper to incorporate the Galisteo Mutual Domestic Water Consumers and Mutual Sewage Works Association. They were: Joe, Henry, Lucas, Serapio and Tobias Anaya; Mary Armijo; Felipe and Isidro Chavez; Major Felton; Isabelita, Onesimo and Sarapio Montoya; Pedro Pena; Eloy, Ernesto and Sara Sena; Richard Stark

and Jack Turner. The Association held its first meeting in April, 1961, collected \$12 from the five officers, signed the Articles of Incorporation, and they were off. With entry fees of \$30, donations from members and all-volunteer labor, the state loan was paid off.

From then on, the men of Galisteo worked to build their water system. From November, 1961, through March, 1962, they moved 11 loads of sand and gravel, dug ditches, made adobes, built the pumphouse, plastered and painted it. Philip McKee donated the land for the well and pumphouse, (next to Priscilla Hoback's driveway) and the boards for its roof.

More people signed and paid their fees. By 1962 the system served 26 members. By 1987 it served 45 members, and had a waiting list. Onesimo and Mela Montoya had several children who wanted to live here and had the land to do it, if they could get water. Other residents were clamoring to join the Association, and there were several members who wanted extra hookups. So in 1987, the Water Board voted to expand the system. They would have to do it on their own, with no help from the state, because the dues were too low. They had started at \$2.50 a month and after 26 years were up to \$10 a month in 1987. The state might have given them a loan if they raised the dues to \$25, but that would have been hard for some of the members, so they decided to go it alone.

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RUNNING WATER FOR GALISTEO, cont'd:

Under the guidance of President Alvaro Lopez-Waterman money was raised by selling hookups at \$400 each; all applicants were interviewed to be sure the hookups were handed out fairly, based on need, relationship to the village and ability to pay. Thanks again to Philip McKee, who did the trenching at cost, to many members who again gave their time and labor, and to an anonymous donor who filled in the financial gaps. In November 1987 we finished the expansion to the current 80 hookups.

Soon, whenever we get the \$75,000 the state has granted us for a badly needed new tank, we will be digging again, but this time using professionals. There are no new hookups, as we are up to the limit of our 42.58 acre feet-a-year water grant, which means no new hookups or members in the foreseeable future.

Joe Anaya served as president until 1981. Freddie Cardenas, Maurice Dixon, Alvaro Lopez-Waterman, Tom Fitzpatrick and Patrick Mehaffy followed Joe. Steve Moya is now doing the job, and it is a job! There are many selfless people, too many to be named here, who have served on the Water Board through its 35 years of existence, all as unpaid volunteers. One, a lady named Iris Jackson, invented the system we still use to keep track of accounts.

Since the early seventies Roman Attenberger has been our Foreman, and knows where everything is. He's the one out there up to his hips in frozen January and steaming July mud, digging holes and putting in new joints every time we have a leak. Before him, Serapio Montoya had this lovely job, and before him, Felipe Chavez y Chavez, the first foreman (Luis' father.)

Today the 80 hookups are divided between 60 members, plus 3 community hookups that don't pay the \$15 per month dues. Our one well, which used to deliver 25 gallons per minute, was upgraded to 50 gpm when we put in a new pump two years ago, which has helped a lot. We have pressure pumps in the well house to get the water up the hill to the tanks, and a booster pump in the little house next to the tanks to give pressure to the houses too high up for gravity flow.

Our two tanks used to hold 25,000 gallons, but the small tank has lost its bottom, so now we have only 15,000 gallons for all those hookups... Which is why we're going to dig again!

◆ GALISTEO IN THE NEWS

During the fall a number of Galisteans were in the newspapers: Steve Moya, Chris Griscom, Angelo Chavez, Nelson Bloncourt, Michael Datoli, Shaun Gilmore, Barbara and Joe Cooper, Priscilla Hoback, Bill Isaacs, Nancy Fischer, and probably others I've missed. Not to mention the horrendous story about Noah Rodriguez's body being found - not just south of Galisteo as reported, but in a culvert near Stanley, Bobbi Anaya of the Fire Department was on hand.

◆ ROAD REPORT

On November 20, a well-attended meeting was held at the Community Center to discuss the County Road 42 Paving Project. Robert Anaya, member of the County Road Advisory Board, presided along with County Deputy Director for Public Works Robert Martinez and County Engineer Ted Barber, who presented the plans and replied to questions.

This year there is funding for paving only (not base course) of five miles - 2 1/2 miles at each end (routes 41 and 14). The road will be 32' wide (about as wide as 41). One major obstacle is the fact that the Galisteo water system's pipes run under the road and are constantly needing repairs; the county charges a large fine for digging up a paved road. The pipes would have to be moved and probably replaced. There is a possibility that the village could get a new water system out of the deal. (We have already received \$75,000 for a new tank and as of January 13 have the money in hand.)

There was much discussion about where the paving should begin - at 41 (the church) or at Ranchitos (Camino San Cristobal). Some feel that beginning at 41 would drastically change the character of the village center; some say that's OK because it's people that make the village; others feel that people and place make Galisteo what it is. Those living behind the church on 42 would welcome escape from the dust and mud they've suffered for years. Arguments against beginning pavement from Ranchitos

were based on the danger of having to slow down suddenly on a hill and a curve. Easements will have to be acquired on all adjacent property.

Many were worried about children playing in the area and the increased traffic speed and big trucks, even 18 wheelers, although many already drive too fast on 42. It was suggested that a trail be provided for horseback riders, walkers, joggers, and bicyclists, and that the shoulders be a color compatible with the local earth, as around Eldorado. Linda McKee and Evelyn Gregory were adamant about the need for paving at least to the railroad tracks since they have no one to pull them out of ditches (Chuck Miller volunteered). Included in the project might be a bridge over the ~~Canada de los Alamos Arroyo~~ by the ^{the 1st Arroyo} Burl Ives (Merrick Gilmore) house. Three Galisteans lost vehicles in last summer's flash floods, two of them in that arroyo, and the fire department was busy pulling people out of ditches.

Reyes from the Route 42 Transfer Station pointed out that we move to rural areas to avoid high speed traffic and paved roads, but it was acknowledged that 42 is always a mess, traffic is increasing with new building, and the County spends a disproportionate amount of its resources keeping it passable.

A vote was taken at the end of the meeting and came out approximately 40 to 6 for paving. (Ballots marked with preferences for starting points at the Church or Ranchitos were simply counted as yeses.) This marked the end of direct community input. Schedules handed out at the meeting (subject to change) called for the design contract to be awarded at the end of December 1996, final design completed in April, bidding process to end in early June and road construction to begin at the end of June 1997, terminating on October 31. LA PUENTE will print further developments as they arise.

◆ CRIME

Some of you may know that early in September some bad guys were stranded in the village, asked to use phones and stole some stuff, got into Lucy's house while she was away and tried to steal a car. They were escorted out of town by police who didn't know what they had been up to, after people reported them lurking. Some items were found along State Road 41 and recently a necklace turned up on the Avenida Vieja roadside. (Anybody missing one?) Priscilla Hoback - one of the victims - calls this a wake-up call. Keep LA PUENTE informed about break-ins or suspicious goings on so that we can all be protected.

◆ EL RINCONCITO/Dichos y Cuentos

LA GATA CHISMOSA FABULA - from Anna Cardenas

En lo más alto de un pino viejo vivía una águila con sus aguilitas. Al pie del mismo pino, en una apertura hueca en el tronco, se había mudado una marrana con sus marranitos.

En una cierta tarde, subió una gata hasta cerca del nido de la águila y le dijo:

-A mi no me gusta meterme en vidas ajenas, señora Águila, pero ese asqueroso animal que vive abajo se pasa el día hozando al pie del árbol y royendo sus raíces. Dice que cuando caiga el árbol se podrá comer sus a sus aguilitas.

La águila contestó:

-Yo voy a cuidar a mis hijitos; no quiero perderlos de vista por si los amenaza algún peligro.

Se abajó la gata del pino, pero al llegar al suelo se detuvo un momento para decirle maliciosamente a la marrana.

-Sopongo que no se alejara de su casdo a sus hijitos solos.

-¿Por qué no? -pregunto la marrana -Debo ir a buscar comida para mis hijos, que ya van creciendo y no pueden llenar con leche sola.

-¡Usted verá, senora marrana! A mi no me gusta meterme en vidas ajenas, pero su vecina de allá arriba dice que sus aguilitas muy pronto tendrán como comida a sus tiernos lechoncitos.

-¡Que horror! -exclamó la marrana. Y entró a su casa para cuidar a sus hijitos.

De esta manera, dedicadas a cuidarse a todas horas una a la otra, la águila y la marrana no pudieran alimentar a sus hijitos muriendo uno tras de otro.

Eso era el propósito de la chismosa gata, que así tuvo mucha comida para los gatitos a cuenta de sus crédulas vecinas.

◆ CAUTION! KIDS' NEWS

SPORTS - by Craig Moya

There are many kid athletes in Galisteo. This is winter season sport time and many of our village kids are playing for their schools. Bobby Anaya made the EL DORADO Basketball "C" team, this squad is made up of kids in grades 3rd and 4th. EL DORADO's "B" squad has Craig Moya and Ben Merrick. This has 4th and 5th graders on it. Their team is doing very well, they are 7 and 1, and took 2nd place in the Christmas Holiday Tournament at Santa Fe High School. Athan Merrick made the EL DORADO's "A" squad basketball team. They are 5th and 6th graders. Eutimio Griego is on the "C" squad basketball team at NAVA and their record is 4-3. Brandon Anaya is on the 7th grade wrestling team at Saint Michael's High School. Also at Saint Mike's is Luran Levis who plays girls' basketball. Chris Holloway plays ice hockey in a league in Albuquerque. And Brian Moya plays Junior Varsity Basketball at Capital High School. Their record is 5 and 4, and they took first place at the Bernalillo Invitational Tournament.

We should be very proud of each one of the athletes here in Galisteo and wish them good luck through out the season. If I forgot any kid athlete here in Galisteo, please let me know and I will write about you next time.

Keep up the great job and GOOD LUCK TEAMS.

◆ HERE THEN/Aqui Antes

THE THREE CHURCHES OF NUESTRA SENORA DE LOS REMEDIOS: Part I - by Lucy R. Lippard

Nuestra Senora de los Remedios has been the name of three Galisteo churches: the mission church at the Galisteo Pueblo, the church on the Hill in Galisteo village, and the present church. Although Friar Juan de Rosa was sent to work with the Galisteo Valley Indians as early as 1598, the first church and *convento* at the Tano or Southern Tewa pueblo called Tanoque or Galisteo were built in 1612. They lay "on an open plain" north of the hogback or *creston*. By 1616 the Galisteo Pueblo was one of ten New Mexico mission centers.

The Galisteo Pueblo was constantly renamed by the Spaniards who came through the valley. Among the names recorded, (though there is some confusion between the many pueblos in the Basin) are Ximena (by Coronado in 1541), Jumea in 1583, San Lucas (by Castano de Sosa in 1591), and Santa Ana (by Onate in 1598). The Galisteo Pueblo was abandoned when its inhabitants - among the leaders of the Pueblo Revolt of 1680 - chose to live in Santa Fe because of raids from the south by Comanches and Apaches. After De Vargas re-entered New Mexico, the exiled Tanos from the Galisteo Basin were sent to Chimayo and were called the Santa Cruz de Galisteo. (The name Galisteo is possibly from Galicia, or a town in Estremadura, Spain.) In 1706, the Spanish forced the Tanos to return to Galisteo Pueblo in order to provide a buffer between Santa Fe and the Plains raiders. (The Comanches would invade over the Bajada de los Comanches, or Clark Hill, at the southern edge of the Galisteo Basin and past the Comanche Gap hogback.) In 1706 the mission was apparently renamed yet again as Santa Maria de la Gracia, although it soon reverted to Nuestra Senora de los Remedios.

During the next 70 years, the Tanos faced not only raids but starvation. By 1776, Father Atanasio Dominguez described the small "so-called church" at Galisteo Pueblo and its *convento*, "surrounded by a wall of adobe and stones in the form of a large square with a large gate to the south": "Its walls are about to fall. Half the roof is on the ground, and the rest is ready to lie on the floor...In short, it is useless..." He took a detailed inventory of the church's contents, including, most significantly, a large old oil painting of Our Lady of Remedies - "9 cuartas long by 6 wide in a gilt frame."

In 1781 a smallpox epidemic joined the Comanche raids to seal the fate of the Galisteo Pueblo and survivors fled to Santo Domingo Pueblo further down the Rio Galisteo. A 1786 treaty with the Comanches made

the defensive outpost less necessary, and by 1788 the Galisteo Pueblo was no longer listed on the census. By then the church had probably crumbled, but its replacement either was already or would soon be built in the village to the South. That elusive story will be in the February issue of LA PUENTE, and we welcome any information on any of the churches.

◆ COMMUNITY: A View by Barbara Cooper

Community is a powerful thing. It enfolds us in tradition, making us an important part of history, and urgently involves us in planning for a future we will be proud to pass along to the next generations. Yet the sense of community is fading in our complex urban and suburban society. The notion of belonging to something larger than ourselves and smaller than the world as a whole is an almost old-fashioned dream.

It's been twelve years since I lost my heart to Galisteo. I cherish the home it has become - like none other in my life. In the ten years I have lived here, Galisteo has grown. And with this growth have come "growing pains" - problems, needs, and issues which no one could have foreseen a few short years ago. Where once familial ties, tradition, and hard work were sufficient, now, as a group, we face both internal and external threats. Growth rearranges established patterns and calls on each of us to reconsider our reasons for being here and our reasons for staying.

We newcomers have been privileged to enter a traditional community. We have the opportunity to help keep it vital and up-to-date while respecting the traditions we so admire. In the past ten years we have together installed a new water system, fought hard in our case against the Lamy Megawell and AMREP, formed an active Community Association, established a Neighborhood Watch, presented our first Galisteo Fiesta, initiated Christmas Lighting contests, and now we have begun a monthly newsletter.

These changes have solidified our sense of community and brought us together in ways to reinforce our belief in Galisteo and what it means to us. It is not easy to be a member of a community. Along with the blessings go obligations to help in any way we can to preserve the quality of life we cherish. Our mix of neighbors is extraordinary. We span generations, cultures, backgrounds, and we have a wealth of experience to share. Our similarities must become more important than our differences.

We came here not only to share in Galisteo's special history, but to contribute. We all share in the responsibility of keeping our village unique, safe, beautiful and, yes, a world apart from the stress, noise and crowding that surrounds us. Our common concerns are our common bond. May we all benefit from the new energy of others who have lost their hearts to Galisteo, and from the advice and council of those who have spent a lifetime here.

◆ MILESTONES

PHILIP MCKEE, a loved and valued member of the Galisteo community, passed away suddenly on July 6, 1996. Born in El Paso in 1931, he moved to Galisteo in 1950. He owned and ran the 27,000-acre ranch below Cerro Pelon for 31 years, applying new ideas in range management and animal husbandry. In 1981 he sold out to Bill Cook and a portion of the ranch was subdivided to become Ranchitos. He continued to live in Galisteo on a smaller spread north of County Road 42. As Bernard Pomeranz wrote in the New Mexican obituary, Philip McKee "left an indelible mark on the land that he loved...Generous, kind, hardworking, straightforward and unassuming, it was always good to see Philip waving from atop the backhoes and bulldozers he loved so." As a trustee of the Robert E. and Evelyn McKee Foundation, Philip and his wife Linda, an equally valued Galisteoan, were responsible for the \$25,000 gift that enabled a room to be added to the Community Center last year.

VERNON ANAYA, son of Mary Alice and the late Frank Anaya, married Chan Osborn on November 30 in Santa Fe.

◆ WINNERS OF THE GALISTEO CHRISTMAS LIGHTS CONTEST ◆

MOST SPECTACULAR:

1.) Freddie and Anna Cardenas, 2.) Ken and Terra Kuhne, 3.) Steve and Jean Moya,
Honorable Mention: Onesimo and Mela Montoya

MOST CREATIVE:

1.) Nick Contrádas, 2.) Maria Padilla, 3.) Nick and Shaun Merrick,
Honorable Mention: Sam and Theresa Montoya

TRADITIONAL NEW MEXICO:

1.) Will Mares, 2.) Serapio and Julia Montoya, 3.) Luis and Remie Chavez,
Honorable Mentions: Manuel and Clarita Anaya, Jose and Yolanda Ortiz y Pino

*Many thanks to the businesses that donated the prizes: La Fonda, Ore House,
Pink Adobe, San Marcos Feed Store, Steaksmith, and Wolf Canyon Brewery.*

◆ GALISTEO CLASSIFIEDS ◆

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CREENCIAS from Maria Padilla

Cuando se ven las nubes coloradas, es seña que el otro dia va a ser ventoso.
If you see red clouds, it means that the following day will be windy.

Cuando pica una vibora en el sueño, es que te vas a pelear otro dia.
If you dream that a rattlesnake bites you, it means that you are going to have a fight the next day.

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◆ CALENDAR ◆

THE BIG EVENT coming up is the Art Auction on February 15, organized by Shaun Gilmore and Michael Datoli, which will be held at the Vista Clara Spa, courtesy of the new owner, Kaye Sandford. Galisteo artists are urged to contribute a work. Help and contributions are needed to set up, advertise. Call Michael (466-1771) or Shaun (466-9040).

THE NEXT COMMUNITY MEETING WILL BE FEBRUARY 17, 7:00PM at the Community Center. It's an important one since Board elections will be held. Mike and Dora Anaya have moved to the family ranch in Stanley, but Mike would like to finish his term as president of GCA. The Board is in unanimous support but a limited exception to the non-resident rule must be voted on at this meeting

THE GALISTEO VOLUNTEER FIRE AND RESCUE DEPARTMENT newsletter will appear as an insert in *LA PUENTE* about four times a year.

◆ LA PUENTE: COMING SOON

Remembering

FELIPE CHAVEZ, CARMELITA ANAYA, and J. C. GREGORY

Suzanne Chavez on

SACRED GARDENS

Joe Cooper on

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GCA Update on

COUNTY ROAD 42 and THE BOSQUE

◆ LA PUENTE DE GALISTEO

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