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**NEW GALISTEO COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION BOARD: PRESIDENT: Maria Padilla; VICE PRESIDENT: Wendy Monroe; SECRETARY: Barbara Cooper; TREASURER: Suzi Calhoun; NEW BOARD MEMBERS: Woody Gwyn and Munson Hunt; CONTINUING BOARD MEMBERS: Anna Cardenas, Florence Sohn, Mela Montoya, and CO-SECRETARY Barbara Holloway.**

The slate above was elected at the March 4 meeting of the Community Association, attended by around 30 people. Many thanks went to outgoing board members: President Mike Anaya, Michael Datoli, Evelyn Gregory, Secretary Linda McKee, and Joette Trofimuk, who did heroic time as Treasurer for ten years. ("I was a young woman when I began," she laughed.)

The other major news at the meeting was about the paving of our end of County Road 42, which may go out to contract as early as May 1. Rather than paving the road by the church, this section, up to the Pattons' curve, will be basecourse, maintaining the character of the center of the village. Paving will then run from the curve to 200 feet past the railroad tracks. They will try to put the new water lines at the sides of the road.

The Bosque ownership dispute is still in the courts.

A fuller report on this meeting will appear in the April issue of EL PUENTE, which went to press the morning after.

### FROM THE WATER BOARD

On Monday, March 16, at 7PM, the Galisteo Mutual Domestic Water Consumers' Association, Inc. will hold its annual meeting for members only at the Community Center. Members present will elect a new President, the Foreman, one Board Member and one Alternate, will consider a request for commercial use, and will deal with a long-standing violation of the Bylaws. Board officers will make annual reports on finances, the system, and plans to improve it, and will hear members' comments, complaints and suggestions.

There are 57 water association members. We need one-fourth of them (15) to hold a legal meeting. Each year we have

to go out and beat the bushes to make that quorum, so we can have a meeting we are required by law to hold. Please, members, **PLAN TO ATTEND ON MONDAY, MARCH 16.**

Any member interested in serving on the Board, especially as President, please call Steve Moya, 466-1544, Moira Walden, 466-4097, or any other Board Member. Such service is unpaid. We are all volunteers.

For the information of the community, our well is metered and the gallons used are reported monthly to the County and quarterly to the State Engineer, so we know how much water the system is using. Our water right, granted to us in 1962, is for 42.58 acre feet a year, or 13,874,735 gallons. Because we are very close to that limit with our current usage, we regret to inform those of you who are on a waiting list for a hookup that there can be no new hookups.

**M. Walden, Treasurer**

### OPEN LETTER TO STEVE MOYA, PRESIDENT, AND BOARD MEMBERS OF THE GALISTEO WATER ASSOCIATION

Steve and Board members:

We find it hard to believe that the board members would allow Mike Anaya and his partners to transfer his water hookup from his house to the business he attempts to open. In the first place, that partner of his is not a resident of Galisteo. And secondly you will not open water hookups for residents of Galisteo that need or want it. Yet you will allow Mike Anaya to use his water hookup for his business. You know he will be using up a lot of water. He will have to have bathrooms in his commercial building according to *Code*.

Another thing, you did not have the decency to let members know what was going on. I think a lot of us learned about it the night of the meeting.

I think by letting Mike use his water hookup for his commercial business you have opened a can of worms. I understand we are already using our allotted water acre feet. So is that the reason you will not open the water hookups? And yet you will allow Mike to transfer his water hookup from his house to this commercial building. We sure would like to know why!

**Mela and Onesimo Montoya**

## THE ANCIENT ONES

by S. Monroe

We cannot imagine how dark it was — darker than any night most of us have ever known even in the depths of what's left of the "wilderness," where noisy lighted airplanes continually cross the sky at night. And by day vast silent spaces shimmered in the sun between the small bands of people under skies unmarred by jet trails.

But the land in this basin we now call the Galisteo was not empty: deer, rabbits, mountain sheep, bear, turtles and mountain lions, rattlesnakes and eagles lived here in abundance. For the people of the basin and elsewhere these creatures were not just animals to be exploited or feared, they were ambassadors from the spirit world. The rattlesnake lived in the ground, the underworld, place of death and of the origin of life. The eagle lived in the sky, the home of Tlaloc the rain god who controlled the clouds and storms which brought life-giving rain.

Over the millennia people continued to live here using water from the river, building pit houses and eventually fortified stone pueblos to guard against invaders from the north.

In the basin along the spined ridges called *crestones*, the south side of the rocks is dark with desert varnish. It is here that the people chose to depict their world view: Kokopelli, the hump-backed god of fertility, mountain sheep, spirals, hands, often displaying six or more digits, mountain lion claws, roadrunner tracks, bear claws, masks, horned serpents, just to name a few. Little is truly known about these drawings, but what we do know is that they are not "writing" nor are they "pictures" in the sense of illustrations. Perhaps the closest we can come to an explanation for these petroglyphs is that they are "magic." And as sacred work they deserve to be respected, admired with awe, and preserved. Which brings up a difficult question. Most of the petroglyphs in the Galisteo Basin are on private land and therefore not legally accessible to those who wish to see them.

On the other hand, this inaccessibility helps to protect them from vandalism. Hopefully, some day this question of inaccessibility and protection can be addressed. They are all we have left to learn something of an ancient lifeway so very different from our own. (To the right: A Galisteo Basin petroglyph)

## FROM THE KIDS: A VIBRANT LITTLE TOWN

by Athan Merrick

I'm writing this so people in Greece can know what my little town of two hundred fifty people is like!

When you hear that, you'll probably think that my town is pretty dull. Actually something is always happening here.

I live two miles outside of Galisteo, but I'm still considered a resident. I live on a twelve-acre parcel of land that has intrigued people from around the world to write my family a letter asking if we could trade houses. One of the reasons my family moved to the house I am describing to you is because the landscape looked a lot like Greece. My family is Greek. We have relatives in a town called Eritini on the Gulf of Corinth. My name is Athanasios Merchoulis.



Back to my house and land. I have seventeen apple trees, one pear tree, and twenty one cottonwood trees. We have an arroyo going right along the property. An arroyo is a dried up river bed. In the summer when New Mexico gets its monsoons, walls of water come pouring down the arroyos at tremendous speed. The arroyo at my house [Arroyo de los Angeles] can be fifty feet wide and have four foot rapids. Every year people try to drive through the rushing water, but each time the car gets carried down the arroyo about 100', only to be smashed up and stuck on rocks.

The town of Galisteo is a little but very festive town. Almost everybody is friends. A few years ago Galisteo started a Volunteer Fire Department. This got the town really going. Every year fundraisers are held for the fire department. One is called G.A.G.A. Gala — Great Array of Galisteo Artists. It is an auction where Galisteo artists donate their work to the Galisteo Fire Department. There is a really fun party. The fire fighters of Galisteo don't get paid. They volunteer to help out their community.

The Galisteo Fiesta is another fundraiser for the Fire Department. It is an outdoor party with food, games, and live bands playing. Most of the bands are pretty good. Some of the music the adults dance to. The bands also agree to play for free. Another way the Fire Department makes money is that they hold a raffle for great prizes. I've never won any of the prizes but I hope my luck will change this year.

Another fundraiser is the Studio Tour which is a great chance for Galisteo artists to sell their work. People come from all over the state to see this tour. It is a great time for meeting people and having fun.

One of the reasons the town of Galisteo is able to do these fundraisers together is because of the amount of people.

Everybody knows everybody. It's the kind of town when you drive through it you wave at almost everybody you see. The people of Galisteo are great people who are all willing to make our little village better.

There is also a lot of things that I like to do on my free time in Galisteo. In the center of town there is a river called the Galisteo River that runs through part of New Mexico. It is more like a stream. Down by the river there is a huge rope swing. You sit in a loop in the rope and run off a hill. You fly down all the way over the river. It is the biggest rope swing I have seen in my life.

Another thing I like to do is mountain bike along the railroad tracks that go to another town about four miles away. There is a volcanic dike behind my house. It's like a rough hill with boulders, rocks, and sandcliffs. I like to go up there and jump off the sand cliffs into piles of sand.

This is how I view my town and my home, my Galisteo.

**Athan is twelve years old and goes to Sante Fe Prep. He is the son of Shaun Gilmore and Nick Merrick.**

## LETTER TO THE COMMUNITY FROM STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION DIVISION

To Members of the Board, Galisteo Community Association, March 3, 1998:

The Galisteo Historic District (State Register #129) was listed on the State Register of Cultural Properties in 1969. Enclosed is a copy of the 1969 correspondence from the State Planning Office, HPD's predecessor, announcing the historic designation and stating that documentation of the site will be necessary in the future. The Historic Preservation Division (HPD) has been aware for some time that the 1969 historic designation was not accompanied by a nomination form as intended by the Cultural Properties Act (18-6-1 through 22, NMSA 1978). HPD does not have in its files a narrative account of the history of Galisteo, descriptions of the historic buildings and features of the Village, or a boundary description for the historic district. Because the documentation and a State Register nomination form were never completed by the State Planning Office, HPD has decided that it is necessary to complete what was started in 1969.

As part of our 1998 Historic Preservation Division Fund grant program for research and planning, HPD has sent out a Request for Proposals for "Preparation of Galisteo Village Inventory and District Nomination."\* To inform the community of this project I am sending this letter to your organization with copies to the Galisteo Volunteer Fire Department, the Galisteo Domestic Water Users Association, and to the editor of El Puente de Galisteo for inclusion in that newsletter.

The purpose of the proposed Inventory and State Register nomination is to provide the community and our office with documentation on the buildings and features that contribute to the historical character of Galisteo. For example, from the New Mexico State Highway and Transportation Department, HPD is aware of two projects proposed by the Santa Fe County for Galisteo: 1) assistance for the improvement of the Galisteo community water system and 2) improvements to County Road 42.

Once HPD has entered into a contract with a consultant to perform the Galisteo Village Inventory and State Register nomination, we will encourage the consultant to visit with people in the community about this project. We hope that the residents of

Galisteo will welcome this project and offer their assistance to the consultant and HPD for its successful completion. Thank you for your cooperation. If you have questions regarding this correspondence, please contact my office at (505) 827-6320.

Sincerely,

Lynne Sebastian, Ph.D., State Historic Preservation Officer.

**EDITOR'S NOTE: Listing on the State Register does not affect a property owner's rights on decisions regarding their property unless it is a project involving State or Federal funding.**

[\* The GCA Board has a copy of the proposal, and a 1969 letter to José Ortiz y Pino confirming the state registry. Applications are due at 5 PM, March 27. EL PUENTE editor Lucy Lippard is applying to do this inventory, working with an experienced architectural historian. Wish me luck! ]

## FIRE DEPARTMENT GIVES AWARDS

On February 14, the Galisteo Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department held a Valentine's Day party with a delicious potluck dinner and awards for service at all levels in a festively decorated Community Center.

Fire Chief Steve Moya, assisted by his Assistant Chief, Jean Moya, gave the following people an elegant GVF&R T-shirt: Gary Grimm, Jim Fickey, Evelyn Gregory, Cara Lee, Richard Shuff, Louis Riddell, Shaun Gilmore, Nick Merrick, Lucy Lippard, Wanda Dawley, and Dorothy Victor from the Auxiliary, and to Firefighters in various stages of training: Wayne Aarniokoski, Susan Crocker, Ted Fleming, Richard Griscom and Will Mares. Service pins were awarded to more active members Valentine Riddell, Harmony Hammond, Socorro Contreras (who received it on crutches; she is on disability leave) and Nick Contreras, Mike Anaya, Linda Anaya, Michael Datoli, Charlie Holloway, Bobbie Anaya, and Robert Anaya (no longer active but the first assistant chief of the GVF&R).

Finally Chief and Assistant Chief exchanged their own well-deserved awards to enthusiastic applause. We love our Fire Department...and not only on Valentine's Day.

## !!!OPPORTUNITY!!!

From the Ortiz Mountain Health Center

Women: Are you putting off your annual exam and PAP smear because of money? Between March 1 and August 15, 1998, the Breast and Cervical Cancer Screening Program (BCC) will pay for the office visit and the PAP smear for all women age 30 or older who are uninsured or underinsured, are not enrolled in Medicare part B, and meet income eligibility requirements (annual income below \$19,725 for households of one; \$26,525 for 2; \$33,325 for 3; \$40,125 for 4; \$46,925 for 5, etc.) Proof of income is required. Coverage for mammogram available for women over 40. Ortiz Mountain Health Center in Cerrillos would be happy to assist you in enrolling in this program. Call 471-6266 for information and appointment.

## BITS AND PIECES

- ◆ The King family is going through the permit process for a large development northeast of Moriarty on **Route 41** (which may include a golf course!). If it goes through, the population of Moriarty will triple — and so will traffic on 41 through Galisteo.
- ◆ The County Development and Resources Commission meeting to approve the **Anaya/Mohn** commercial building plans was postponed. It may be held March 31, but if you plan to attend, call first to be sure, and to find out what time.
- ◆ Roadwork has begun on the Route 14 end of **County Road 42**. So far it stops just before the dump (from the west).
- ◆ We wish a speedy recovery to three Galisteo residents recovering from recent illness and surgery: **Andreas Anaya, Mary Alice Anaya, and Remedios Chavez.**
- ◆ **Shaun Gilmore** is having a two-artist show (with Eric Dever) at the Coleman Gallery (311 Broadway, SE, Albuquerque) until April 4.
- ◆ **John Masee** is one of four finalists for the public sculpture in Crossley Park in Moriarty as part of the Cultural Corridors Project, sponsored by the Public Art Program of New Mexico.
- ◆ A profile of **Michael Datoli** appeared in The Scoop, from Hope House, where he just completed a term as Board Member. Among the praise: "Michael exudes great humor and positive energy, plus a keen mind that wants to get to the point and get things done." Sound familiar?
- ◆ **Al Bartczak**, who has owned land just west of the old cemetery since 1972, has a legitimate easement for access, acquired from Phil McKee, who sold him the land. **Jim Sloane** recently put in a driveway.
- ◆ **EL PUENTE** would like to run **RECIPES** now and then, especially for traditional foods. Galisteo eats well. Anyone willing to give away their secrets?

**IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO SIGN UP FOR THE ADVISORY (AUXILIARY) COMMITTEE OF THE GCA BOARD, IF YOU MISSED THE SIGNUP SHEET AT THE MARCH MEETING. IT'S A WAY OF BEING INVOLVED WITHOUT FULL BOARD RESPONSIBILITY.**



We at **VISTA CLARA RANCH** would like to invite the Galisteo community to discuss the future plans of our property.

### Presentations By:

Permaculturist - Thomas Mack & Organic Farmer - Rob Roy

### Topics include:

Permaculture, Water Recycling, Land Restoration and Reclamation  
Organic Greenhouse, Alternative Energy Sources, etc.

Friday March 20, 1998 6:00 pm at **VISTA CLARA RANCH**

Part of *to follow!*

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## GALISTEO CLASSIFIED

**ADS ARE FREE, AND FOR GALISTEO RESIDENTS ONLY.** Put your ads in Box 77 (Rte.41 across the creek at Avenida Vieja) or call 466-1276 by April 10 for next issue. Please call to have ads continue or not.

### WANTED

Looking for **2-bedroom house to rent for June and July.** Please call 466-4658.

### FOUND

Lady's watch and rings, in my driveway. Call Lucy, 466-1276.

### FOR SALE

**Ranchitos de Galisteo Lot #39** at the corner of Los Angelitos and Camino Libre, \$125,000. For sale by owner, not listed with realtor. Call Michael Jurca, 248-684-1074.

**Cameras and photo-equipment**, call Michael Datoli, 466-1771.

**Two saddles** in good condition, one a Johnny Beene from El Paso; **2 wooden gun cases, 1 twin bed frame; ornate antique organ, still plays.** Call Linda McKee, 466-0392.

### SERVICES

Are you thinking about your garden yet? **Native Bloom Landscaping** does drip systems, installation, hardscaping, design, maintenance and consultation. Call Linda at 466-4658.

**Part-time Caretaker for your property or animals**, chores, barnwork, feeding, general upkeep, 3-15 hours a week. Call Richard, 466-7723.

**Marketing and business consultant** specializing in small businesses and start-ups. First hour free. Call Richard Solomon, 466-0231.

**Dave's Auto Repair:** Tune-ups, oil change, minor repairs, auto restoring, painting. Local references, free estimates. David Montoya, 466-2097.

**Car and Truck Detailing:** Will clean and vacuum the inside of your vehicle and do the windows. Call Miguel Padilla, 466-8930.

**Carpentry:** Closets, hand-carved dining room tables, patio benches, custom gates, doors, etc. 35 years experience, local references. Onesimo Montoya, 466-1430.

**International Travel:** Call Shaun Gilmore Merrick, independent travel agent with Global Travel International, 466-9040 (Fax 466-2268).

New! **The College of Divinity** at the Nizhoni School offers a few select classes to the public. Ask for more detailed information and the schedule. Call 466-4336 or 466-1975.

**Avon Representative** in Galisteo. For free brochure, call Maria, 466-8930.

**Passive Solar Builders:** Locally owned general contractor since 1980: quality home construction, renovations, and additions. Call Charlie, 466-2118.

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**Shaklee Products**, Help protect your health and the environment. Shaklee now has Glucosamine for osteoarthritic pain. Call for membership information or direct orders. Kevan Saunders, 466-6620.

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**NEXT DEADLINE IS APRIL 10. SUBMISSIONS ARE WELCOME AND NECESSARY. (EDITOR HAS A COMMITMENT-FILLED SPRING AND NEEDS HELP!)**