



JUNE 20th, 5-7, PATINA GALLERY (Santa Fe)
BENEFIT FOR LA SALA DE GALISTEO: art, jewelry,
 refreshments by Greg O'Byrne & Pink Adobe.

STUDIO TOUR ENTRANCE FORMS DUE JUNE
30th. For info: B. Seiler (466-4767) or C. Lux (466-2121).

SUNDAY JULY 1, 1-3 at the Fire Station: GVFR's
20th Anniversary Party and Barbecue (see insert for
 details).

JULY 21-22: RODEO DE GALISTEO! Sat.-Sun.
1PM; Parade, Sat. 11AM at Via La Puente and NM 41.

GALISTEO FIRE AND RESCUE AT 20!

Not old enough to vote, but old enough to fight fires, the current GVFR is actually the third – and by far the best-- Galisteo Fire Department since the 1970s, when the house facing the west side of the bridge was a village warehouse. It sheltered the first engine, a vintage truck from the 1950s commandeered from the County by a man named Rosie Rosenberg who lived at the Inn. Romona Scholder's father, Roman Attenberger, Jean Moya's father Joe Anaya, and Charlie Holloway were members of the first department. It lasted only a few months, since no one was up

for the organizational requirements. "We put out one brush fire," recalls Holloway, "I don't remember going to any trainings."

The second effort came ten years later. In 1984 the "house parents" at Girls Ranch organized a Galisteo Basin Fire Brigade with another ancient engine, kept at the brewery north of town. This too lasted only a few months. Finally, in April, 1992, the third and finally successful venture was sparked by first Chief John Benjamin, and the rest is history.

We started out as a real charity case. (A photo in *The New Mexican* showed GVFR firefighters with regulation jackets but no pants.) Training began in September. The first truck was vintage 1953 with 2050 miles on it; a 1948 Army tanker came from Madrid, hose and reel from Edgewood and Eldorado, two hand-held radios from Hondo, and some funding from the Santa Fe County Fire Marshal. In Jan. 1993, a 1971 truck was donated by State Forestry. Plans were hatched for a station behind the Community Center. Mike Anaya chaired the Building Committee and architect Peter Holloway (Charlie's brother) won the bid. Groundbreaking ceremony took place in July. In December, a 1960s pumper arrived from the Navajo Reservation. Member Erica Chavez received EMT of the Year from the Chiefs' Association. The GVFR was on its way. (Cont. p 2)



GVFR Steve Moya took over as chief in August 1995 (beginning a family tradition) and the GVFR got a humorous award for being the most difficult department to locate on GPS. More old and gradually newer equipment kept arriving and our Insurance Security rating kept improving. In 1998, as *The Wild, Wild West* was filming at the then-Cook Ranch, a fire got out of control (see *El Puente* 9/10/98) and it took the whole Santa Fe County Department to save part of the set. Assistant Chief Jean Moya was in charge and six-months pregnant Lt. Linda Anaya drove the engine. Luckily, life hasn't been that exciting since. Despite elaborate preparations, Y2K was uneventful.

The fire station, partly built by community work parties, was dedicated on Nov. 10, 2001 to Joe M. Anaya for a lifetime of service to Galisteo. The station was celebrated with arcing hose streams and Janice Felty Griscom singing the national anthem (See *El Puente* 11/01); she'll encore this year on 7/1. Michael Datoli -- devoted mainstay of the GVFR Ways and Means Committee -- delivered photos and donations to a New York City fire department after 9/11. In 2003-04 Chief Moya was President of the Chiefs' Association -- another family tradition, carried on till now by Jean Moya, who became GVFR Chief when Steve left to become Assistant Chief of the County Fire Department in 2004.

In 2006, when founding member Charlie Holloway retired, his contributions to the department were recognized; winter calls in the early 1990s were recalled -- members rushing to the chief's back yard to scrape ice off the trucks and hope they would start. "Sometimes they did, and sometimes they didn't." In the Great Snow of 2007, the GVFR worked tirelessly for the village with road clearing and medical rescues.

It's impossible to mention all the GVFR members who have come and gone in the last 20 years, but it is worth noting those who went on to full-time careers as firefighters or medics. In 2012 Linda Anaya, GVFR Assistant Chief, became Chief of the Stanley Fire Department. Brian and Melissa Moya, as well as Craig Moya, are all in the City of Santa Fe Fire Department; Miguel Padilla went to Albuquerque Ambulance and his brother Estevan Padilla is now an RN, as is Janice Griscom. Isabella Gonzales is in the Nursing Program at SFCC, while Christian Mee is in the Albuquerque Fire Department.

This brief account leaves out many officers, achievements, honors, and contributions, dramatic and funny moments. Galisteo is proud of our incredibly hardworking Volunteer Fire Department. See you all at the party to celebrate our heroes!

ELECTIONS

As everyone knows by now, Phil Griego won the Democratic Primary for State Senator, thanks to the rural population in his totally non-urban district, stretching to Alto (near Ruidoso). He faces a Republican challenger in November. Roger Taylor is meeting with him to see if election promises will be kept. And Stephen Easley won the Democratic Primary for State Representative.

For the second year in a row there was no vote tally posted on the Community Center door, so we can't tell you how Galisteo voted. We hope that at least the turnout here was better than the pathetic State-wide numbers.

NM 41 PUBLIC HEARING

DOT's formal proposal for the redesign of 16 miles of NM 41 (from Clark Hill to 285) is the culmination of years of community information meetings. Bob Pennington presided with his usual good humor and every word of the proceedings was recorded by a stenographer.

For the most part the community was pleased with changes made in response to our long-stated concerns. The open highway will have two 12-foot lanes with 6-foot shoulders. From the Rodeo Grounds to Goose Downs, through the village, there will be 11' lanes and 4' shoulders.

Some of us had trouble understanding why all this time and money is being spent on "flattening" hills (not as drastic as it sounds) and gentling curves on the open highway, especially to the south. It was explained that aside from poor pavement conditions, "sight-distance" is a major safety issue. There have not been many accidents, but half of them were turnovers, some lethal. Lack of shoulders means cars and cyclists are forced onto grass to avoid collisions (and fires can be sparked by catalytic converters). At milepost 47.7 south of the village there will be a new livestock crossing. A better turning lane will be added on Clark Hill.

The DOT's (and the community's) Preferred Alternative (PA) for the Galisteo bridge is to rebuild, rather than adding a parallel bridge and leaving the old one for pedestrians. Bridge approaches will be 12' lanes with 6' shoulders. Bridge lanes will be 11' with 4' shoulders plus 4' railed walkways (the minimum allowed for cyclists) on the east, for a grand total of 37'4" for Galisteo and 39'6" for San Cristobal. As reported at the last meeting, the bridges' concrete cores are inadequate, especially over the San Cristobal, which is "scoured critical," meaning that during a flood there could be "catastrophic failure." New piers at San Cristobal will be precast concrete girders; the old piers at Galisteo will be cut off below ground and new steel girders added in different locations so as not to disturb the river channel. The cost will be \$18-19 million.

The pedestrian trail through town has been dropped because it was not supported in the community survey; the shoulders will serve for bicycles and walkers. Intermittent rumble strips will allow cyclists to go on and off the shoulders, which will be the same surface as the road itself. (Rumble strips are omitted in the village because of noise.) Representatives of the cycling community at the meeting requested 10' lanes and 5' shoulders on the San Cristobal bridge. Andrew Jandacek (a former County advisor to our Community Plan) recommended that the NMDOT coordinate efforts with the County at the junction of NM 41 and CR 42. Leslie Dilworth was concerned with the extent of hill "flattening" (by 6' or more) and asked to see the engineering cross sections. Anna Cárdenas expressed concern about our local ATVs on the bridge walkways; perhaps bollards could be placed to limit access?

One major concern is for the riparian habitats and rapidly disappearing wetlands beneath both bridges. (The endangered Southwest Willow Flycatcher has been sighted but may be just a migrant.) With the PA, .02 acres of wetlands will be lost, but recreated elsewhere. One acre will be disturbed (but not destroyed) and will be mitigated. NM Fish and Wildlife and the

US Corps of Engineers will be involved. There are a handful of archaeological sites that can be avoided by the Preferred Alternative. In the whole 16-mile project, twenty-two acres of roadside vegetation will be lost. No rare plants are involved and work areas will be revegetated. The Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) can be found on the website.

DOT has tried to be consistent with the Galisteo Community Plan except that speed through the village is being lowered to 30 mph (rather than 25) and to 35 in the now 45 zone. Two more radar signs will be added further north and south than the present ones. On the north end of town, DOT would like to see the Vista Clara and Goose Downs entrances aligned.

The one proposal that gives your editor the creeps is the addition of 20' wide traffic-calming medians south of Avenida Vieja and north of Goose Downs. (They seem unnecessarily suburban for Galisteo's rural character and would make the road almost 50' wide!)

The project's timeline has been amended again. First an "input synopsis" is sent to the Feds and they decide whether to proceed, possibly by early August. By October 12th the design should be completed. Construction will probably not begin until Spring of 2014; work on the bridges will be in 2015, with temporary bridges or one-way traffic. There will be construction detours but no closures. Frank Hirsch suggested that alternative truck routes be required during construction (and then become permanent!)

Pennington and the DOT representatives were thanked for taking our input seriously. More dialogue on design specifics will be facilitated. Roger Taylor requested that appointed community representatives participate directly in the design phase, but the response was vague. Further community input is still welcome. Comments must be received by July 6. They can be emailed to TibbettsD@pbworld.com or mailed to Parsons Brinckerhoff, Attn. NM 41 Project, 6100 Uptown Boulevard NE, Ste. 700, Albuquerque, NM 87110.

PEDACITOS/BITS AND PIECES

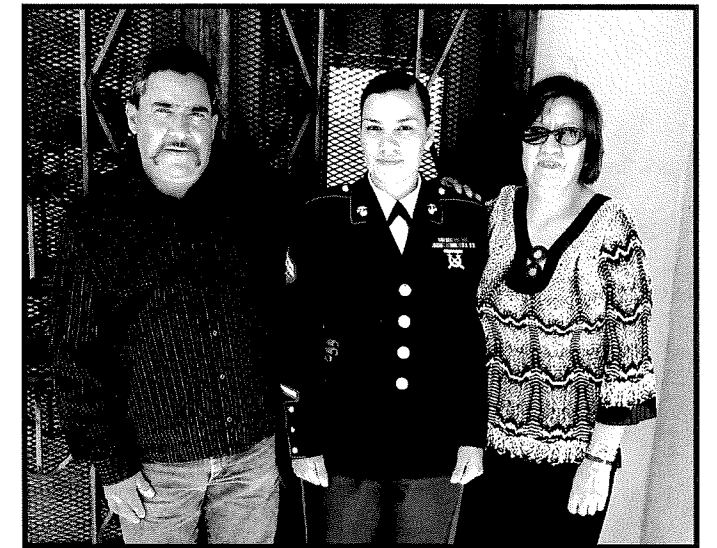
This is the season for **Too Hot for Spot!** Denise Pruett's brainchild -- a cute, unique, and vet-recommended car thermometer offering "real-time information to make intelligent decisions" about when to leave and not to leave your dog/cat/snake/kangaroo in the car. See toohotforspot.org.

New Mexico Magazine (June) announces the **Rodeo de Galisteo** and reproduces *Distant Journey* by **William Haskell** as an example of innovation in western art.

Chris Griscom is holding "Meditation and Knowings" at the The Sanctuary of Light in Galisteo, Sundays at 5PM.

County Commissioner **Kathy Holian** (who won her primary by a huge margin) reports that the County Staff recommends \$100, 210 additional funding for Open Space, Trails, and Park Maintenance in Santa Fe County.

"El Mitote" in *The New Mexican* announces that **Liz Rose** went shopping at Knitworks in Santa Fe... No, wait, that's the Grammy Award winning songwriter, not our Liz Rose, who was probably at home writing poetry and making art.



Elizabeth and her parents, Dave and Veronica Montoya.

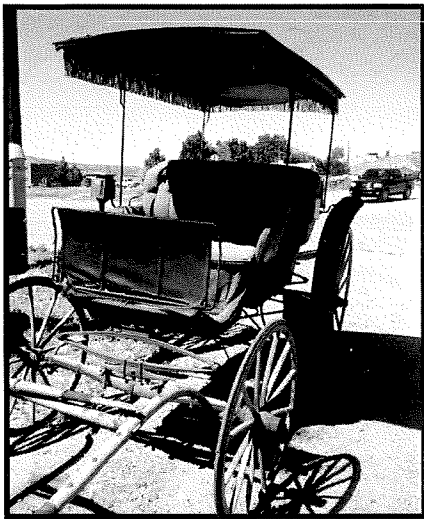
GALISTEO'S ONLY MARINE

Galisteo's only marine is 23-year-old Elizabeth Montoya, one of four daughters and one son of Dave and Veronica Montoya. She has wanted to be in the military since she was in the sixth grade, because her maternal grandfather Guadalupe Chavez was a marine. As a sophomore at Santa Fe High, she called the recruiting station and worked with recruiters until she graduated. In Santa Fe, on July 27, 2007 (she remembers every date), she signed a contract to go to boot camp. Service was her goal, and global political situations had little to do with her decision. "My mom was thrilled," she told *El Puente*. "My dad was against it at first and then he saw how happy I was. Now he's very proud of me. He has a sticker on his truck that says "Proud Parent of a Marine."

While there was some question about girls signing up, "they were excited to have you if you were really dedicated." Elizabeth went to Marine boot camp on Parris Island, where all females and eastern males go. (West coast males, including two of her classmates at Santa Fe High, went to San Diego.) She graduated Oct. 19, 2007 as a Private, and moved on to Marine combat training. After graduation from Military Occupational Specialty School, she was promoted to Private First Class. On Feb. 22, 2008, she checked into Marine All Weather Fighter Attack Squadron 225 and has deployed with them twice.

Elizabeth has served in Japan, Okinawa, Malaysia, South Korea, Wake Island, Hawaii, Guam and other little US detachments. She admits it is "disappointing" not to have been in Iraq or Afghanistan, but destination is determined by rotation, switching from east to west coasts, and she has always been on the opposite side. In March 2009, she was promoted again, to Lance Corporal, and in June 2010 she made Corporal. Her official title is Logistics Embarkation Specialist, responsible for moving personnel and cargo to and from different destinations, managing transportation and packing for smooth trips.

This is probably a life career. "I like the structure, and the good set of rules that have to be followed," she says. "I have no tolerance for drugs and alcohol... anyone in trouble with them is kicked out immediately. I respect that a lot. It fits my life style."



Denise Lynch

CROSSROADS OF BEAUTY AND DESIGN

Downtown Galisteo is enjoying a revival. The House of Ancestors is displaying furniture, religious artifacts, and antiques of the Americas in the former Tienda de Anaya, next door to the Priscilla Hoback Gallery – showing clay murals, sculptures and paintings. Both are open *every Saturday and Sunday, 12-4*. (House: call Theresa, 490-2653; Hoback: 466-2255.) And across Via La Puente -- more esthetic goodies at La Sala's exhibitions.

CORRECTION: Onesimo's life did not go backwards; it should have said 1929-2012.

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GALISTEO CLASSIFIED

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