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TUESDAY, OCT. 16: FOCUS ON ZONING, Second round of County Code review, Community Center. Open discussions from 4-8PM. (See p. 2.)

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20-21, 10AM-5PM: 25TH ANNUAL GALISTEO STUDIO TOUR: Over 30 artists -- painters, printmakers, potters, weavers, photographers, woodworkers, jewelers, sculptors, local crafters, and chefs -- open their private studios to the public. Free admission. For more information go to galisteostudiotour.org or See us on Facebook, or call 466-2121.

TUESDAY NOV.6: VOTE for U.S. President (and others) at Community Center.

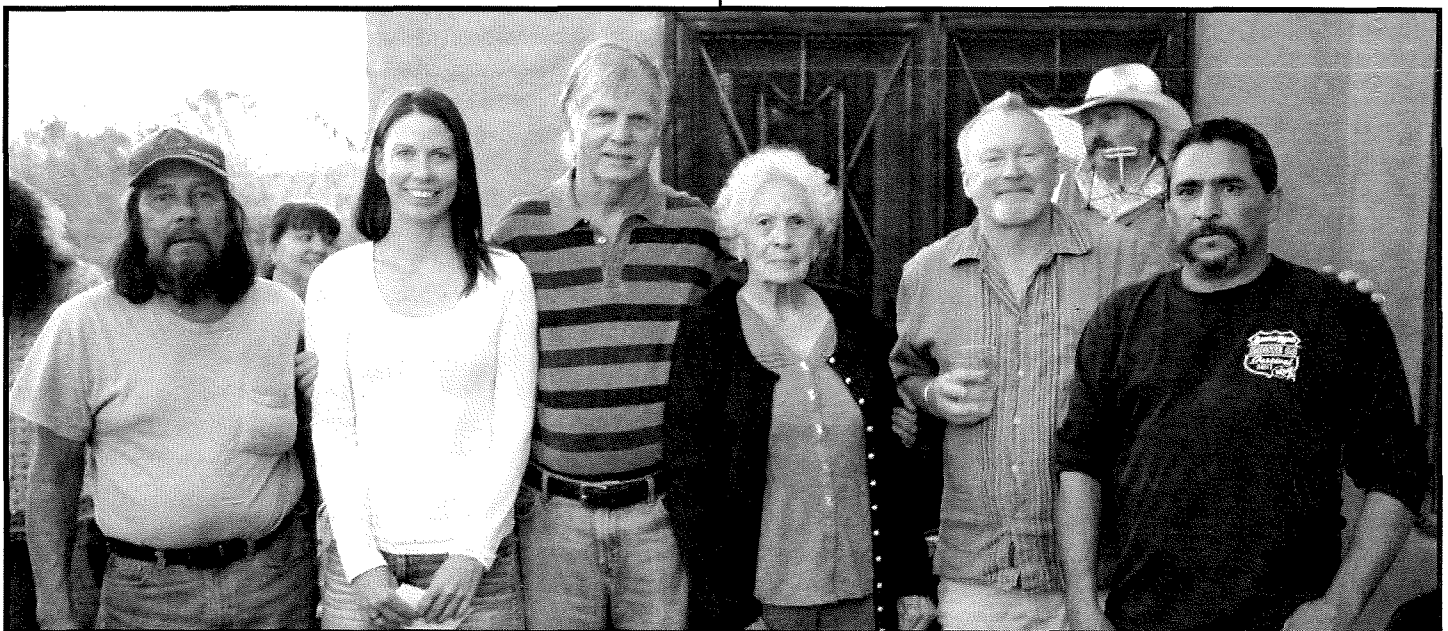
Winners at the GCA's very successful Annual Chile & Margarita Cookoff (but where's the crown?) Left to right: David Maestas (2nd prize, Chile), Marlow Morrison (2nd prize, Margarita), Richard Fenker (3rd prize, Margarita), Mary Alice Anaya (3rd prize, Chile), Roger Taylor (1st prize, Margarita) Dave Montoya (1st prize, Chile). (Photo: Judy Tuwaletsiwa).

EL PUENTE READY FOR MORE SPONSORS!

Issue sponsor: \$75. But whatever you can give is welcome. Please make check out to GCA, memo note "for newsletter," and send to 14 Avenida Vieja, Galisteo 87540. We're ok on postage for the time being.

CHECK YOUR VOTER REGISTRATION!

Given national attempts by we-won't-say-who to de-register the wrong kind of voters, Evelyn Gregory gave us a heads-up on voter status. When she checked her registration (at <https://voterview.state.nm.us>) she found she was listed "inactive." (Anyone who knows Evelyn knows that's hardly accurate for this doggie dynamo.) "I am one of those dreaded Senior Citizens who has voted in EVERY election since I was 21 years old (I am now 85)," she writes. "I've voted at our community center every election since 1987...they don't have all that info listed. I have my voter card in hand. Not sure what all this means but considering the current purging of voter rolls, it's not a bad idea to check your own status ASAP. As we all know, here in New Mexico, anything can happen." (Ed note: I checked mine and it came up with nothing; I omitted my middle name and it came up as active, so if at first you don't succeed, try again.)



NEWS FROM THE COUNTY

A recent email from Commissioner Kathy Holian stresses the importance of the Oct. 16th meeting on zoning in the County's new Sustainable Land Development Code (see p.1): "We don't currently have real zoning in Santa Fe County. We do have density restrictions (based on geohydrologic zones), but currently we don't have zones in the sense of defining what kinds of uses are allowed. This will be a major change in the new code, so I would really urge you to attend the public meetings. There will be zoning maps (so that you can see where your house is), and there will be use tables to give you an idea of what kinds of developments could be done in your neighborhood."

Holian also alerted us that in April, the BCC adopted a resolution setting out a policy for the County to adopt rural water systems so that County funds could be used in the emergency at the Upper Cañoncito Water System, and help the system upgrade its infrastructure.

However, the resolution was quite abbreviated and did not spell out exact processes and procedures. Upon reflection, staff felt that exact procedures and the requirements for both the County as well as the local private water systems should be articulated, and a new, much more specific resolution was brought forth. (If you would like to see a full text, please contact kathleen.holian@comcast.net.)

She continues that one important part of the policy in the resolution requires that if the County is to help a private water system financially, that system must be adopted into the County water utility. Staff strongly recommends this because if the County is to commit taxpayers' resources, then it should have control over the improvements in that system. She agrees with this philosophy because "in the past, some water systems have been real sinks for funding coming from either the state or the local government." Frequently it seems that the problems never get solved, though more funding is requested year after year.

However, this provision was a sticking point with Commissioner Anaya in particular. So the BCC tabled the resolution for continuing discussion. The original resolution is still in place, and the commissioners voted unanimously to adopt the Cañoncito Mutual Domestic into the County water utility.

We look forward to hearing where the Galisteo Water Association comes down on this policy.

SOLAR SYSTEMS #5: NANCY HELLE

(As Told by GoSolar)

An ongoing series on solar energy systems used by Galisteo residents. E-mail the editor to participate (flip14@wildblue.net).

The 24-panel solar array erected for Nancy Helle on McKee Road was designed and built by GoSolar. Nancy wanted to reduce her electrical bill and become more sustainable (like most people in Galisteo).

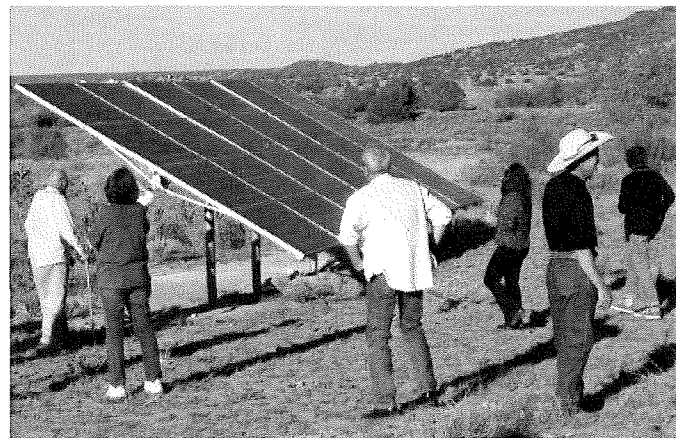
The array is a 5.5 kilowatt grid-tied system that was designed to provide 100% of her electrical needs for the main house and a guest house on the property. With this system she pays only a connection fee of around \$10 to PNM. All of the electrical production of the array is totaled each month and she receives a check at the rate of six cents per kilowatt hour as a Renewable

Energy Credit (REC). The current system also has net metering, which means she only pays for electricity when the array cannot produce more power than she uses in a given billing period.

She was also able to take advantage of a 30% federal tax credit and a 10% state tax credit that significantly offset the cost of the solar array. The payback period for this size array at the current electrical rate and REC rate is under 10 years. As rates go up, this period will get smaller.

GoSolar works out of an office in the Agora Shopping Center in Eldorado with only four employees, all living in Eldorado. Owner Leszek ("Les") Teterycz is an electrical contractor with a BA in electrical engineering and over 10 years experience in designing and building electrical and photovoltaic systems.

Since the beginning of this year GoSolar has installed six arrays in the area and has contracts for two more. The goal of the company is to make our area an example of what a solar community should be and bring more local workers into the workforce, installing solar photovoltaic systems throughout the community.



PEDACITOS/BITS AND PIECES

Mary and Clyde Peña celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in September with a gala gathering at the church and at their daughter and son-in-law's home in Galisteo – which was Mary's Chavez family's home.

Tom Morin suffered a stroke in mid September. He is now recovering at the Kindred Hospital in Albuquerque. His sister, Marty Waters, has come from Tucson to keep watch. He loves to hear from people by email (martywaters@comcast.net) or snail mail (c/oLadd, 505 Solano Dr. NE, Albuquerque, NM 87108). His neighbors have rallied around to make things easier for the family. We're all wishing him the best. And by the way, his book won third place in the autobiography/biography category of the New Mexico Press Women's 2012 Book Competition.

A new radio station, KSFR2.org, has recorded 17 serialized segments from Liz Rose's book, *Poet Under a Soldier's Hat*. The first two will be aired by live podcast streaming as "Nickle Stories" on, October 11th at 11AM and 5PM, then on other dates. They can be accessed to suit the listener.

"Sightlines," Nancy Holt's traveling show, opens in Salt Lake City on October 18th. Her Famous *Sun Tunnels* is also in Utah. (Cont.p.3)

Sina Brush wrote a sizzling "My View" in *The New Mexican* (10/7): "America's love for guns horrifies world." She notes that as "mass killings by a single gunman in Europe become more and more common, they are now often referred to as 'American-style' massacres," and that our own governor, at the Republican Convention, boasted about carrying a huge .357 Magnum as a teenager while working for her family's security company.

The *New Mexican's* October "Home" section included a glowing description of Galisteo and the Studio Tour, thanks to Amber Haskell.

Some idiots in a jeep were seen rampaging in and out of the creek under the old bridge after the last big rain; they got stuck and tore up the banks. It's time to protect the creekbed from this kind of destructive behavior.

NEXT STEP ON ROUTE 41

Notice was recently received from the NMDOT that plans for the Rt. 41 bridge and roadway construction had been approved by the Federal Highway Administration. As agreed at the last (and final) NMDOT public meeting with the Galisteo community, Leslie Dilworth and Roger Taylor met with a DOT representative to discuss remaining issues. They report the following highlights:

- We pointed out that the well-intended safety re-design of the road's width on Clark Hill – straightening the curve and allowing for a 55 mph posting -- could encourage higher speeds and eliminate the intent of the safety design.
- About five hilltops will be reduced in height by an average of 5', and a similar number of low "troughs" or "dips" will be filled and elevated about 5'. We were concerned that several of these "fills" would significantly increase storm run-off and erosion as well as blocking wildlife crossings.
- We raised significant concerns about the future design of the roadway through the village -- especially the 4' shoulders on each side. Not only could this impact visual appeal for properties such as Romona Scholder's or the Gwyns' but it could also result in a retaining wall being dug out of the Hogback and/or road widening (and fill) along properties such as the Snyders' and Maria Ortiz y Pino's. For example, approaching the village from the north, there is no place for increased width except a huge amount of fill and a big wall on the Snyders' side, and a c. 12' retaining wall on the uphill side, plus removal of all the trees. That will totally change the character of that entrance to the village.

We left the meeting understanding that the NMDOT feels its plans have been completed. But we strongly stated that we continued to have objections to the design work within the village, and we wished to be included in the process as design work progresses. The good news is that construction on the bridges will not occur until early 2014, and work on Rt. 41 will not begin until 2015 or 2016. We will continue to report on this as plans evolve.

From the DOT: A copy of the environmental assessment, the public and agency comments received on it, and responses to these comments are available at:

<http://dot.state.nm.us/en/D5/ProjectsD5.html#NM41>. Please contact NMDOT Project Development Engineer David Quintana at (505) 476-4169 if you have any questions or want additional information. The NMDOT will notify you of future updates and opportunities for public participation during final design.

HAVE A GALISTEO THANKSGIVING

The Orchard, Corey McGillicuddy's catering service (466-1831) offers this mouthwatering Thanksgiving menu of sides and desserts, serving 8-12 people, a perfect accompaniment to your Talus Wind turkey! (See insert.)

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(CAMELIZED ONIONS, WHITE SAUCE)

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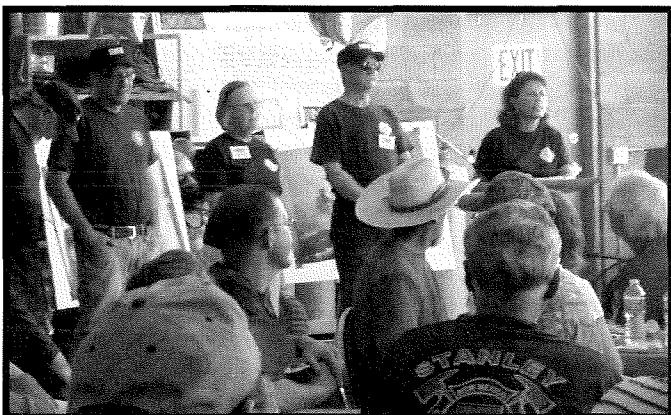
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Wednesday, November 21



Sanctuary of Light Meditations and Talks:
Sundays 5pm, with Chris Griscom, Wednesdays 6pm,
with Gwen Feisst. Free for Galisteo residents.





Chief Jean Moya speaks at GVFR's 20-year anniversary blast in July (photo: Gwen Feisst).

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