

EL PUENTE DE GALISTEO

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Ed Epping, Peggy Diggs, and GVFR friends at graduation.

Ed Epping survived 17 weeks of grueling trainings and two final exams (skills and written) to become Galisteo's newest Firefighter One on June 29th at the Santa Fe County Fire Department's 10th Volunteer Cadet Graduation, held at the Institute of American Indian Arts. Several members of the GVFR were there to cheer him on.

Galisteo may be a small department but Galisteans bookended the ceremony. Assistant County Chief Steve Moya, master of ceremonies for the evening, spoke first and Fire Chiefs Association President Jean Moya (proudly introduced as "my wife of 34 years") made the closing remarks.

Chief Fire Officer Sheila Beuler of the Santa Fe Fire Department gave the keynote address and County Chief Dave Sperling and Captains Mike Jaffa, Mike Mestas, and Assistant Chief Charlie Velarde were among the speakers. County Clerk Geraldine Salazar delivered the Oath of Office to the recruits.

The sole woman graduate, Raylynn Trujillo, carried her infant child through the receiving line. Fathers, mothers, parents and colleagues did the honors of pinning on the badges. "Don't hurt me!" said Ed as Peggy struggled to pin his shiny new badge onto his blue firefighter cadet shirt.

SEPT. 20: 6PM, Community Center: CHILE AND MARGARITA COOKOFF. Always the Wildest Party of the Year!

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OCT. 11, 2-5, La Sala: STUDIO TOUR PREVIEW PARTY. A new event to meet the artists, with refreshments, good company, good art.

OCT. 17-18, 10-5: GALISTEO STUDIO TOUR 2015

Our 28th year! It all started way back when there were many fewer of us—residents, artists, and other local tours. This year's tour will have 26 art stops and 3 food stops (at the Community Center, Galisteo Heights Plaza and Watts Park).

The tour participants wish to remind all Galisteans that we recognize your support and appreciate your concerns for all the traffic, vehicular and pedestrian, through the village and Ranchitos on this one weekend a year. We all do our best to keep our visitors out of private areas, dogs on leashes, and children under control. Thank you for your understanding.

Do make it out to say Hi and take a look at the fabulous work your talented neighbors have been making.

EL PUENTE GUEST EDITOR

Your editor has a teaching gig at the University of Wyoming from Sept. 21-Nov. 22 and Peggy Diggs has consented to edit the next two months of *El Puente* (not too much arm-twisting involved). A fresh voice, a fresh look... an art project? Please send news, corrections, pictures, and classified ads to her at: pdiggs@williams.edu or 466-1568.

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It's also begging time again. Please step up to sponsor the next issues of *El Puente* and/or help pay for postage. Send checks made out to GCA with "newsletter" on the memo line to 14 Avenida Vieja, Galisteo NM: 87540. THANKS!

Wild Ideas

Would a Community Solar Garden to provide electricity to the village be worth exploring for the Community Center and those not already on solar?

PEDACITOS/BITS AND PIECES

La Sala de San José de Galisteo (described as “a territorial-era fraternal hall... built around 1905”) has been added to the Historic Santa Fe Foundation’s Register of Properties Worthy of Preservation. The other new addition was the Hotel La Fonda on the Plaza – good company. *The New Mexican* (8/27) noted that the Galisteo non-profit dedicated to La Sala’s restoration had raised over \$90,000 since 2008.

Neighbors Helping Neighbors (NHN) received about 22 responses, with no one needing immediate assistance. The Steering Committee will be meeting later in September to finalize the process and launch the program.

Liz Stefanics is definitely going to vie for Phil Griego’s seat in the State Senate, which she held before she lost it to him. And rumor has it that **Mike Anaya** is also considering a run.

Deborah Madison was quoted in *The New Mexican* on the advent of the Greenhouse Grocery, which will open on the site of the defunct Santa Fe Greenhouse. She has been on the board for several years and says she’s “glad that it’s going to be here. I know where to find it.”

Craig Moya and **Jean Anaya Moya** participated in the 2015 Traditional Spanish Market with bultos, retablos and straw appliqué.

Woody Gwyn’s Solitary Places was shown at the LewAllen Galleries in the Railyard for the month of August. It included paintings of ponds, oceans, rocky cliffs and roadways, as well as a beauty of the southern Creston.

On July 3, **Christine Mackenzie** gave a reading from her science fiction novel – *Lisa Bennett Visits Utopia* -- at Madrid’s Engine House Theater.

Judy Tuwaletstiya was in a four-person show in the Axle Contemporary Mobile Gallery in August. She exhibited panels from her new series *where does art come from?* made of clay, thread, wool, porcupine quills, and glass. “The act of creation,” she says, “becomes more mysterious the more I do it. Maybe I haven’t lived long enough to decipher its meaning. Living as an artist means being part of the flow.”

From *The Santa Fe New Mexican*, August 26, 1915: “News was received in the city today that **Antonio Ortiz y Pino**, the seven-months old son of **José Ortiz y Pino**, Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners, died of whooping cough yesterday afternoon at his father’s home in Galisteo....Mr. Ortiz did everything in his power to effect a cure, summoning numerous physicians and lavishing the best attention on the infant. The funeral took place this afternoon from the Catholic Church, where services were held. Interment was in the Ortiz family plot in the Catholic cemetery.”

In 1938 the Reina de la Fiesta de Santa Fe was **Reynalda Ortiz y Pino Dinkel**, from the Galisteo family.

No bears sighted this summer that we’ve heard about, but a **bobcat and her kittens** are thought to be living in the Bosque. Their voices sound something like coyotes, but with a different ending to the wail. Bears, in fact, like cougars and coyotes, are on the run as an increased number can now be legally killed.

Sina Brush’s letter to *The New Mexican’s* editor (8/26) was brief and to the point: “Disease-carrying rodents are rain’s downside. That’s a very good reason to leave coyotes alone and let them do their crucial work.”

Domestic dogs are far more aggressive than **coyotes**. From the other side of the fence comes an article by Judy Paulsen in *The Bosque Beast* (June/July) offering ways to keep coyotes and dogs out of your yard and away from your pets with commercial roller bars on fence tops. They can be homemade with PVC pipes or ordered from *coloradocoyotrollers.com*. She notes that killing resident coyotes only leaves a void for unpredictable transients. Coyotes are wily, indeed. They know that mice can be roused from their holes by loud noises, so they hang out by railroad tracks or fields being mowed. They are omnivorous and will eat anything from juniper berries to horse manure, although given the number of rabbits racing around Galisteo, they seem to favor a bunny-low diet. They also like grasshoppers, which are everywhere, so for the time being, your pets may be safer.

COUNTY MINING ORDINANCE APPROVED

On August 11th, in response to the uproar around the application to strip-mine basalt at La Bajada mesa, Santa Fe County Commissioners approved tougher rules for sand and gravel mining operations and other developments considered to have countywide impact (DCI), such as landfills and junkyards. (The vote was 4-0; our commissioner, Robert Anaya, was absent.)

An earlier version of the DCI Ordinance was reviewed and discussed in a meeting at the Galisteo Community Center on July 6th, attended by about twenty community and citizen action group members from Galisteo, Lamy, Eldorado, Cerrillos and Madrid. The result was a prioritized list, and many of the comments and suggestions from the Galisteo meeting were incorporated into the next revision. Other communities in the County also had input meetings.

Nearly two dozen people spoke during the August public hearing. Our own Roger Taylor said the Ordinance had improved: “The language is a lot stronger than it has been, so each reiteration seems to have gotten us into a much more positive place.” The final Ordinance was months in the making, ending a one-year moratorium on new mining permits from September 2014. At that time the County was updating Ordinances as part of the new land-use code. But the La Bajada applicants, Buena Vista Estates and Rockology Limited sued the county, claiming the moratorium unlawfully singled out their project. The lawsuit is still pending in federal court, with a hearing scheduled for November 2.

From Roger Taylor: “Another important ordinance passed this month was one I worked on with Charlie Nylander (head of the County Water Policy Advisory Committee) and Adam Leigland (Director of County Public Works). (cont. p. 3)

It establishes a detailed, fair, transparent policy and evaluation process for assistance from the County to mutual domestic water consumers associations or private water groups. It also provides credits for assets, absorbs liabilities/debt, and provides for a transition and oversight role for the Board operators of the mutual domestic associations. It was passed unanimously by the BCC, replacing a much more unfriendly policy which took the assets but not liabilities or debts, provided no transparent evaluation process, and excluded the mutual domestic water operators. I presented a summary of its value after Director Leigland explained the actual policy. In addition to the points I’ve already mentioned: most of the 30+ mutual domestic water associations are operated by individuals 60-80 years of age, and a number of them are also confronting issues with natural contamination from elements in the soil such as arsenic, radium, and uranium.”

NEWS FROM THE GALISTEO BASIN PRESERVE

Good news for the entire Galisteo Basin is that the Santa Fe Conservation Trust has announced a 318-acre conservation easement, preserving scenic open space, wildlife habitat, public recreation and historic and cultural resources. This brings the number of conservation agreements held by SFCT to 82. The new easement is located within the western border of the Galisteo Basin Preserve, where a rich variety of flora and fauna inhabits the property, contributing to the larger migratory corridor that stretches from Alaska to Mexico as part of the Western Wildway Network.

The easement includes a well-preserved section of the bed of the Santa Fe Central Railway (locally known as *El Central*, the Kennedy Line, or the Chili and/or Bean Line) which ran from 1903 to 1929 and was an important connection between Tarrant County and Santa Fe. The Kennedy Depot, where many Galisteans found work, was located just southwest of the property where the railway bed intersects the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway. It was something of a flourishing community for a few years and foundations of several buildings remain visible. The rail bed area on the easement, bisecting the property north-south, is to be developed as part of a larger regional trail system for hiking, bicycling, equestrian, and other non-motorized uses, preserving the historic rail corridor and opening the area to recreational users.

And those of us who hike the Preserve will be happy to hear that Commonweal Conservancy recently received a \$7,500 grant from REI to enhance and expand the Galisteo Basin Preserve trail network, repair sections damaged by storm flows, improve the parking area at the Cowboy Shack Trailhead, and fund new signage at key intersections. This summer Commonweal has been working with archaeologists, professional trail builders, and local volunteers to design segments of a multi-use trail that will expand the network in the Preserve’s “central basin region.” REI’s grant will fund the first phase of this 3.14-mile stretch linking the Cowboy Shack and Cottonwood trailheads. The new trail will significantly extend the loop routes available for hiking, horseback riding, and mountain biking.

Complementing REI’s funding commitment, Reineke Construction has offered to make a generous in-kind donation to partially defray the design and construction cost of the new trail segments. The Galisteo Basin Preserve website (www.galisteobasinpreserve.com) has been updated to include a map of the trail network currently open to the public.



Another Battle Won.

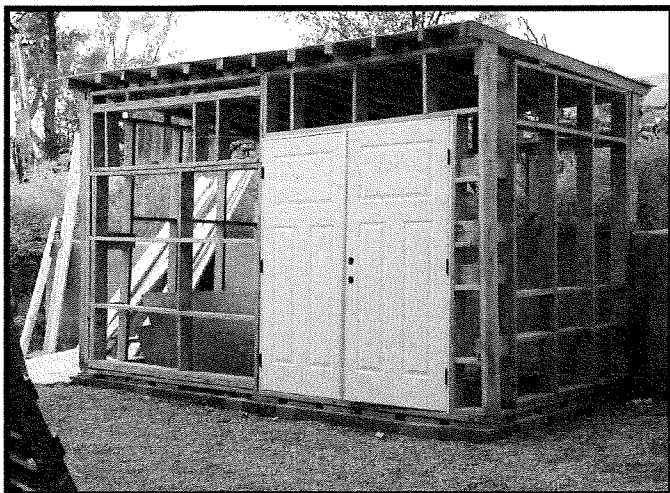
INFRASTRUCTURE

According to the DOT no **major road construction** is planned for Rte. 41 from Galisteo up Clark Hill. Design work is being developed but won’t be implemented for several years and no funding has been approved. There is neither funding nor design for Rte. 41 through the village center. So that’s the end of construction for a while? We’ll see what’s coming down the pike, so to speak.

The Rodeo Grounds are back on track. On August 29, a Democratic Party Fundraiser was held there, promising “horses and carnival games and food on a stick in gorgeous Galisteo.” It was “fun, but sparsely attended,” according to one attendee.

The latest **solar array** to be installed in Galisteo (by Positive Energy) is at the home of **Ed Epping and Peggy Diggs** on Avenida Vieja. The valuable federal and state income tax credits for solar systems are available only for another 18 months. They reduce the cost of installation by 40%. Solar prices have come down over 60% in the last five years, so it’s actually possible to use solar for no more than you’re currently paying PNM. Now’s the time to Light Up!

Potential work on the **Bosque** is moving along, but slowly. The funds have been released, but since there are five agencies involved, the contracts took some negotiating. They are now in final stages. Work should commence by the end of the year or early 2016. The bulk of the clearing will take only four weeks, and completion date is still targeted for early April 2016. We have also applied for a Round 2 of funding in 2016 from the Governors Water Conservation & Restoration Program.



La Sala's shed under construction. It's now complete.

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