

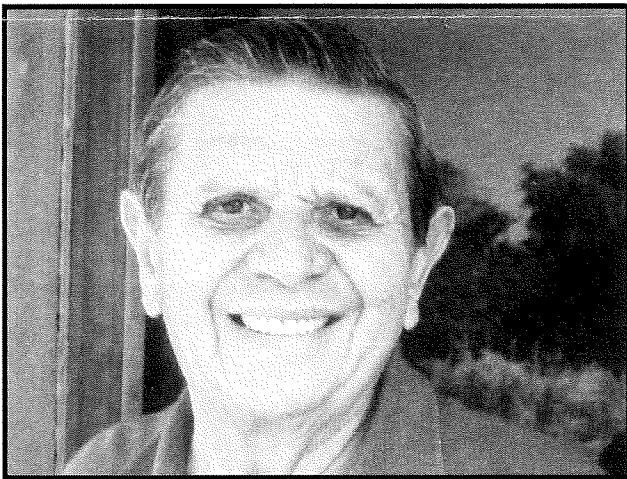
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JOSÉ ORTIZ Y PINO III (1932-2016)

From Maria and Yolanda Ortiz y Pino



José Ortiz y Pino III, descendant of a well-known New Mexican family dating back to the early 1600s, passed away on January 17, 2016 at the age of 83, after a long illness. He was preceded in death by his father and mother, Frank and Mary Ortiz y Davis, his brothers, John and Frank Jr. and his sister Margaret Truscott. He is survived by Yolanda, his wife of 64 years, his son José Ortiz y Pino IV and wife Lori, his daughter Maria Ortiz y Pino, his sister Maria O. Catanach, grandchildren Miguel and Estevan Padilla and Theodore Ortiz y Pino, as well as many nieces and nephews.

José was born and spent most of his childhood in Santa Fe, where he attended St. Michaels School, later moving to the New Mexico Military Institute in Roswell, and to NMSU, where he received his BA degree. He was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the U.S. Army, serving for two years in Munich, Germany, and was honorably discharged as First Lieutenant. He came home to Galisteo to ranch with his father and enter the field of politics, a longstanding tradition in his family. José was a Santa Fe County Commissioner for two terms (1958-62), a State Senator (1964-66), a member of the Education and Judiciary Commission, Chairman of the State Parks Commission and Special Assistant to Governor David F. Cargo (1968-70). He introduced and passed the first anti-billboard law in the U.S. and was instrumental in building the Villanueva State Park in San Miguel County.

**WATER BOARD ANNUAL MEETING:
MARCH 24 7PM, COMMUNITY CENTER.
ALL MEMBERS ARE URGED TO ATTEND.**

LIBBY BACA SANDOVAL (1934-2016)

From Stella Maestas



On February 23, 2016, The Lord took his servant Libby's hand, and said, "Come Let's Walk with Me." We will miss her. At least once in our lifetime, we are fortunate enough to walk with an angel. I feel that I am one of these chosen individuals. Libby was my sister-in-law, but I always felt that she was more like my sister.

She was born in Tapia, New Mexico, to Pedro and Lucy Baca on April 17, 1934. Libby was the third child in a family of ten siblings. Her early years of education were spent in a small school in Tapia. Later, her family moved to Santa Fe, where she attended St. Anne's Catholic School. Libby joined our family when she married my brother Anastacio Sandoval. They settled in Galisteo, and raised their family here. Libby was devoted to her children, Theresa and Frank, to their spouses, six grandchildren, and five great grandchildren. (Cont. p.2)

While José was performing all his political duties, he and Yolanda owned and operated the famous La Mancha Restaurant on La Vega in Galisteo (1959-71) as well as a general store and bar in the Ortiz "hacienda," where he also created the (Cont. p.2)

(Ortiz y Pino, cont.) Galisteo Historical Museum. He finally retired to do what he liked best – write, and enjoy nature in his beloved Galisteo. He was the author of several books, including *Don José: The Last Patron*, *The Herbs of Galisteo and Their Power*, and *Curandero: A Cuento*. He also owned the Remedios y Yervas shop which he enjoyed very much. He was a loving, caring son, husband, father, grandfather, and friend. He will always be remembered and hold a special place in our hearts till we are all together again as a family with our Lord God.

Special thanks and our gratitude to the Northridge staff and Ambercare Hospice staff for their very special care given to José for his time spent there during his illness. A rosary will be recited Friday April 15, at 6:30p.m. at Nuestra Señora de los Remedios in Galisteo. The funeral Mass will be on April 16, at 10:30 a.m. followed by interment at the Galisteo Catholic Cemetery and a reception at the Galisteo Community Center.

GCA ANNUAL ELECTIONS

On March 5th, the annual Galisteo Community Association was called to order after a good crowd enjoyed a scrumptious breakfast. Elections were held with the following results, all by unanimous votes. Acting President **Wayne King** became the real **President**. **Secretary: Judy Tuwaletsiwa; Treasurer: Estelle Berger**, who was first elected to serve on the Board, as were **Stella Maestas** and **Susie Shanklin**.

Michael Golino reported on the **internet possibilities**. Century Link now has government money and Michael has urged them to spend some on fiber optics here, but they didn't want to discuss it when he, Roger Taylor and Stanley Purdue met with them. New Mexico Surf is line-of sight Internet. If you can see the Ortiz Mountains from your home, you can get it. Terra Stream, which broadcasts between television interspaces, is not based on line of sight. They are working in Roswell but having some issues and might be five months out.

Shirley Hirsch reported on the renovation of the **Community Center kitchen**. Thanks to a large donation from Bernard Pomerance for a memorial plaque in the Reading Room dedicated to his late wife Evelyn, there was also funding for a new sink, faucet, and countertop, to paint cabinets and create an island on casters. Thanks to committee members Peggy Diggs, Barbara Seiler and Hirsch, as well as to helpers Roger Taylor, Muriel Fariello, Antonio Chavez, Phillip Tuwaletsiwa and Michael Golino.

Anna Cardenas spoke on the **community breakfasts**. The April breakfast will be held in conjunction with the **Community Cleanup on April 23**. May 7 and June 4 have been signed up. July 9, August 6, and September-November are open. (*Ed note: Hey, these gourmet breakfasts/book exchanges are fun! Sign up!*)

Roger Taylor reported on several ongoing programs, including the **Bosque Restoration (see p.3)**, and the **Frontiers** initiative to revitalize downtown Galisteo, which is focusing on efforts to bring in a coffee shop, a convenience store (not a 7-11!) and/or a restaurant, and rest room. Another project, which will probably be covered by the \$2000 “placemaking” grant we have received, is to highlight the original plaza (before NM 41) with historical plaques and a timeline. More discussions with the

(Sandoval, cont.) I am grateful for the moments I spent talking with Libby and learning from her. I know some of her wisdom and knowledge has influenced my life, as I am sure it did others. Her religion was a big part of her life; she devoted a great deal of time to prayer, and passed on her religious beliefs to her family. She was also a member in good standing of Our Sacred Heart of Jesus Society. Although many other activities were part of her daily life, she always found time to study her books on herbs and remedies. Very often, Libby shared her remedies for whatever was ailing friends and relatives. She was also a creative cook; her dishes were quite amazing, but she would only share some of her recipes, which is quite all right. (*Some cooks don't reveal their secrets.*) Libby also cultivated her own garden, so a large part of her recipes included home grown vegetables. I can still remember when she made a variety of goatsmilk cheeses. Some were plain for those who didn't care for added ingredients, and some were quite tasty with different herbs and spices.

Libby was an individual with many talents, and if you were lucky she might have given you one of her lovingly created pieces of jewelry. When her husband was alive, and they were both healthy, Galisteo enjoyed them playing their instruments at parties -- Tacho on the accordion, and Libby with her tambourine. On New Year's Eve, they would join friends to go out and serenade *los Manueles*, a treasured tradition that has long since been forgotten in our culture.

As some of our residents might have observed, Libby enjoyed her morning walks. She knew how important it was to exercise for her health, so she made it a daily regimen, although when she became less able to walk long distances, she limited her walks to her daughter's home which was closer to her residence. We of Libby's family are very grateful to the citizens of this town who looked after her on her daily walks. Thank you for keeping her out of harm's way, and for all your comforting words, donations, and prayers we received during this difficult time. To Libby, I want to say, **“Watch over us from that special place where you reside now, Help us to find the strength, and the will to take it from here.”**

(GCA cont.) NMDOT are in order about traffic calming. The Frontiers committee (Roger Taylor, Michael Golino, Leslie Dilworth, Anna Cardenas, Frank Hirsch and Lucy Lippard) will continue to meet with representatives from County and State.

The **GCA and the Water Associations** of both the village and Ranchitos continue to work on registering as COs and ROs (see *El Puente* last issue).

La Sala will be open Fridays through Sundays all summer, beginning May 13th. Barbara King is heading a gallery committee. Internet service and a satellite dish will be installed in mid March and an iPad with Swipe capability is being purchased. Window and door restoration is the spring/summer focus. A training workshop will be held on Wed., 4/27, 9:30-12:30. It would be helpful to have some mallets, chisels, scrapers, routers; table and coping saws, etc. (Contact Roger Taylor for details.)

Happy Birthday was sung to Janet Pfeiffer and the meeting adjourned after 41 minutes. Wasting no time, a meeting of the new GCA Board then convened in the Reading Room.

(Thanks to Judy Tuwaletsiwa's detailed minutes.)

NOTICE: The Community Center rents for \$75 per day for residents and \$150 per day for non-residents. Events associated with memorials are free. Contact Wayne King for details (466-3219).

UPDATE: BOSQUE RECLAMATION PROJECT from Roger Taylor

The target start date is Monday 3/21, but no later than 3/28, dependent on reception of the final permit from the County. Work will begin at the southern end near the NM 41 bridge and proceed northwards, continuing for four weeks, Monday through Friday, 8:30AM - 5:00PM.

At the February 18th meeting with Bosque landowners, some community members voiced concerns about whether this work would interfere with bird mating and nesting. This question was brought to the Santa Fe Raptor Center, to an ornithologist at the National Audubon Society, and to NM Fish/Game/Wildlife. All replied that while birds are nesting earlier due to the changing climate, the majority wait until early-to-mid April. However, in New Mexico, the Great Horned Owl mates and produces 3-5 eggs in January; it takes 3-5 weeks for the eggs to gestate and hatch; fledglings usually come forth in mid-to-later February and begin to fly around mid-to-later March.

The hoots and other noises you may be hearing right now are territorial warnings. A pair of Horned Owls usually mate for life. Full courting and mating diminishes after the first year. This pair have been together here for several years now. They usually nest high up (50-75' above ground), often in hollows of cottonwoods or stolen nests built by other birds; they don't build their own. Owls are not fond of nesting in Russian Olives, Junipers, or Piñons. If there are no Cottonwoods, they make do with an Elm.

We also have Barn Owls, which prefer human-made structures like bridges and barns, and Western Screech Owls, which prefer more open areas. Both nest in late Spring. Our sources reassured us that noise, and in particular the Bosque work, will not drive them away or force them to abandon the nest. If anything, these specialists were more concerned that workers could be attacked if they got too close to the nest. The Bald Eagle is about the only bird that equals the Horned Owl in ferocity.

In any case, we have arranged for a Fish/Game/Wildlife specialist to walk the bosque before work begins in order to identify any nesting sites, so that we can minimize disturbance.

A crew of up to eight members of the Navajo Nation will be doing much of the heavy work, and will be living in self-contained campers on the GCC parking lot. They understand that loud music, trash, and running generators are not acceptable. If neighbors have any concerns during this time, contact Roger.

MIKE ANAYA LAUNCHES CAMPAIGN

The launch of Mike Anaya's campaign for State Senator on February 20th at the Community Center was “exciting and spirited,” in the words of one attendee. Former Attorney General Gary King and former Land Commissioner Ray Powell were there to endorse him. District 39 covers parts of six counties, and is a primarily rural population. Anaya welcomed the crowd, many in cowboy hats:

“Many people have asked me, ‘Why you want to be a Senator? Why and how can you do a job without pay? Is it worth

it?’ My answer is simple, I have lived my life to help people and now more than ever, people, especially people in District 39, need help. Every time we turn on the radio, the TV or the computer, we look and we hear from someone, usually not from New Mexico, about what we need to do to save us from ourselves.... My motto is simple: ‘Common sense solutions, Less Talk, More Action.’ My dad used to say, ‘Don't talk about it, do it first, then talk about it.’”

Wouldn't it be something if Mike won and Matthew were re-elected? Tiny Galisteo would be home to both our legislators!

PEDACITOS/BITS AND PIECES

In the recent legislative session our Representative, **Matthew McQueen**, introduced an act to deny pensions to corrupt officials. Alas, it failed, like so many other positive actions.

If you want to take advantage of a **tax credit for installing solar panels** on your roof, you'd better do it this summer or fall. Lawmakers killed a measure to extend the tax after it expires later this year.

In *The New Mexican* (3/12) Marc Simmons' (reprinted) column featured a 1880 **photograph of Galisteo** from somewhere south/west of the church (on the cover of the bicentennial booklet). The column was about Galisteo as the meeting and departure point for annual expeditions to the Salinas, or Salt Lakes in the 18th century and later. There was often a “wild fandango” the night before the group set out on the *cosecha de sal* (salt harvest) on a 3-day march to Laguna del Perro, the largest lake. The wagons were often accompanied by soldiers with a small cannon since the lakes were in Apache country. Each family that sent a representative for the hard work of extracting the salt received a share of the harvest. Simmons quoted an older resident of Galisteo telling him years ago “that her grandfather had been conned into buying the lakes for a princely sum.... This was not uncommon. In those days purchasing the New Mexican salt lakes was equivalent to a New York visitor buying the Brooklyn Bridge.”

Liz Rose (E.P. Rose) recently published two books: a delightful illustrated children's book in Spanish and English: *Ditty Dotty Ditties*, written on a Mexican beach, and dedicated “to all grandchildren – especially mine”; and the paperback edition of *Poet Under a Soldier's Hat*, a fascinating account of her family over the last century of the British Raj in India, based on her father's autobiographical notes. Liz – born by lamplight on a dining room table in the Himalayan foothills—was a “Raj orphan,” shipped to England at age seven, “roaming the moors of an English children's home, feral, her imagination developed unschooled and uncensored.” She has run wild in Galisteo since 1986.

Chris Griscom gave a talk at Body of Santa Fe on “Finding Peace,” which followed a similar talk in Sedona, Arizona.

State Attorney General Hector Balderas has charged our former senator **Phil Griego** with bribery and solicitation, three counts of fraud, perjury, tampering with government records and two counts of violating “ethical principles of public service.”



Take it to the Streets! A Galisteo tenant/landlord skirmish was made public by several "auto-billboards" on La Otra Vanda early this month.

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WANTED

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