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### WATER SYSTEM MODERNIZED

On December 3<sup>rd</sup>, the Galisteo Mutual Domestic Water Consumers Association (GMDWCA) replaced the old manually-read water meters with new radio-read meters -- tiny radio transmitters that send encoded information to a special receiver, which then records the current water use. This procedure is faster, less labor intensive, and is not affected by weather. (No more looking for meters buried in snow.) Our new Certified Operator, Rudy Martinez, can read the meters from his vehicle while driving past, since the information is legible within several yards.

The GMDWCA has implemented this change in order to read our meters more often (every month now) and more accurately. Why more often? Because these meters can also detect leaks, which means we can help our members be more efficient with their water use, and be warned of intermittent leaks (like toilets running) so they can be fixed sooner.

Starting in March of 2017, we will implement a new tiered pricing system. The new rate structure was included in members' February water bill. The Board will be happy to answer any questions.

### RETURN OF THE D.O.T.

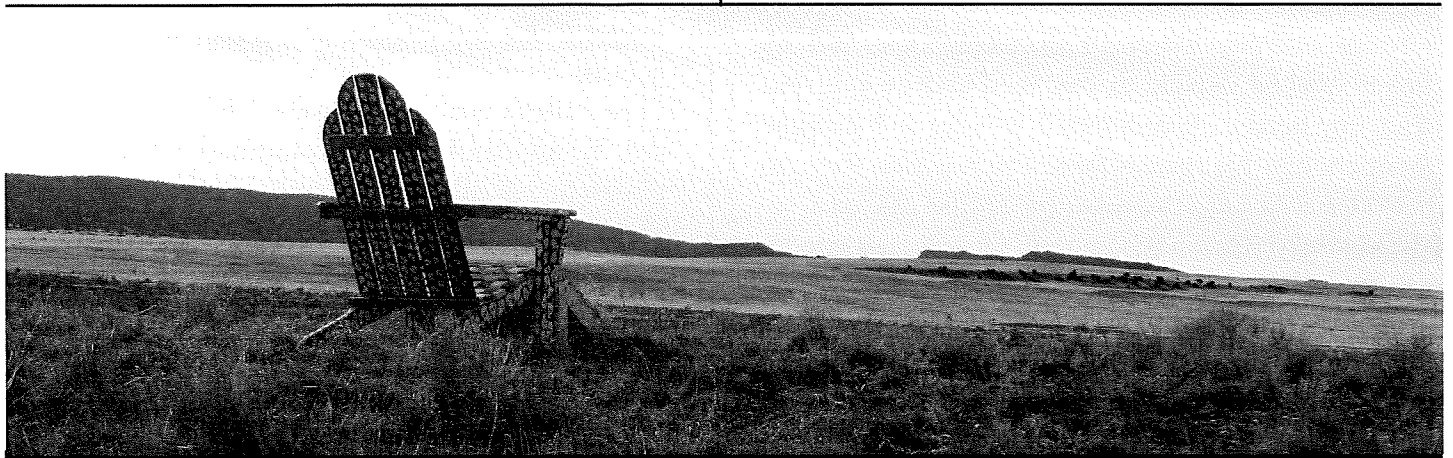
Roger Taylor

As the Galisteo liaison with the County and State, I have been notified that NMDOT plans to begin road construction on Highway 41 in mid-to-late July 2017, continuing through late Fall of 2018. They will release a Request for Bids to contractors later this month. I met with the Project Manager for a three-hour deep dive, and can confirm that the plan will follow the agreement reached with our community almost five years ago. Here are the key components:

Re-construction of NM41 will start from the far side of the bridge over the San Cristobal Arroyo, this side of the Rodeo grounds, and **extend 9-10 miles** to the top of Clark Hill.

The high points of **hilltop rises will be "sectioned,"** meaning that they will be lowered by several feet. The fill removed will be used to increase the heights of the dips in the road. The road will not be a flat highway (one of the original proposals we opposed years ago); it will still be a rolling road, just with less (*Cont. p.2*)

(Below: The Long View: Bill Huckaby's *calavera* chair on the prairie)



DOT: highs and lows. The lanes will remain 12-foot wide, but 6-foot shoulders will be added on either side.

Several sections of roadway will be under reconstruction at any one time with one-lane access, and each section will have signalized traffic stops; in some areas there may be traffic lead cars.

For the duration of construction, “Closed to Truck Traffic” signs will be posted at the intersections of NM41/I-285, NM41/I-40, County Roads 14/42. When re-construction is complete, the current posted speed limit of 55 MPH will remain the same.

At my request they will direct the winning contractor(s) to bring equipment, asphalt, etc. from Moriarty and restrict use of CR 42 and NM41 for this purpose. During the timeline of this project, the Project Manager will remain in contact with me to notify us of any changes, and I will be the contact with him about any issues that may arise in the village. I will also keep Representative Matthew McQueen and Senator Liz Stefanics informed. Our County Commissioner Robert Anaya is apparently already in the loop.

## MEMORIES

### Stella Maestas

Some people spend a lifetime searching for treasures. They don't realize that the memories stored in their minds are treasures. I feel that each day we take away a memory from our existence in this world. I am very fortunate to have been blessed with a family that shared a mutual love, kindness, and respect.

Growing up in a household of fourteen, we learned to live within our means, and considered ourselves lucky to have the necessities provided for us by our parents. My mother and father both worked very hard to take care of us. My mother made mounds of tortillas, and provided a comfortable home, and my father worked outside to buy food and keep a roof over our heads. Sometimes I wonder if I thanked them enough for their efforts. I'm positive they are both still watching over us.

My early years in school were spent in a classroom that was heated with coal. The heater stood in the center of a large room with wood floors, and very old-fashioned desks. I remember taking lunch to school on days that were so cold that my parents did not want us

to be walking home. Our lunches consisted of a mason jar of oatmeal with milk and sugar. I still remember how good that tasted. Or my mother would fry eggs with potatoes, and make us sandwiches on homemade tortillas. Some of the other children made fun of us because we didn't have a sandwich on bread with lunch meat in it. When my older son was in school, his classmates wanted to trade him for his homemade breakfast burrito. Now, burritos are a way of life.

*Wow, how times have changed.* Life was so simple then, and we were content. Today, there is so much, and yet we take it for granted. As children, when the holidays approached at school, we sang all sorts of festive holiday songs. One in particular made an impression on me -- “Over the River and through the Woods.” Now I don't know exactly why, but songs that talked about turkey and all the fixings made me wonder what having these foods at our table would be like. We never had a turkey until much later in my life. Today it seems to rain turkeys from the sky. Now here is another way in which we are truly blessed these days. Oh, we had plenty of food for the holidays, just not these traditional foods. Fortunately my brothers were great deer hunters (during deer hunting season, of course), so we always had venison.

My fondest memories of those days were when my grandfather Epifano Mora came to visit with us on Christmas Eve, when everyone gathered for *Los Pastores*. He brought us Christmas candy, peanuts, and walnuts. It was wonderful to have him come to spend the holidays with us. The younger children in our family were very early to rise on Christmas morning. Like all the other children, we would go out to friends' and neighbors' homes to ask for Christmas candy. Our flour sacks would get generously filled with goodies. (I ate only small amounts of mine so it would last longer.) This was another one of the traditions in our culture, kind of like “trick or treat.”

Those were only some of the days that I hold dear to my heart, and these are only a few bits and pieces of my treasured memories. Hopefully I have shared my philosophy with you. I know that God has blessed me abundantly with my family, and all that I need to be comfortable. Until next time, I leave you with these words: “We have all been given a gift, let us grasp it, and be grateful.”

## PEDACITOS/BITS AND PIECES

**Margaret Wrinkle** read from her fiction at Collected Works on February 16th. The event was sponsored by The Santa Fe Photographic Workshop to celebrate the launch of its Writers Lab. See <https://santafeworkshops.com/workshop/writing-fiction-from-your-spiritual-core/> to sign up for her week-long fiction class, May 14-19.

**Patrick McFarlin's** exhibition – *Fresh Oil, Crazy Quilt Paintings, Word Pictures* -- is up and running at Phil Space, 1410 Second St, Santa Fe, 12-5, M-F. It was pictured in *Pasatiempo* and featured in the *SF Reporter*, which noted that some of the colorful work evokes mortality, given that McFarlin is recovering from tonsil cancer. “It wasn't a Beach Boys summer,” he told Jordan Eddy, but one large new painting shows the artist hopefully headed off our planet to a smaller one, where he is greeted by a child: “That's the new world, I guess.”

There are two plaques in memory of **Evelyne Franceschi** in the Community Center, and her memory is also being kept alive by a touching memoir of her life and struggle with cancer by her husband, writer **Bernard Pomerance**.

Our State Rep **Matthew McQueen** is in the news a lot these days as the Legislative session wends its way to completion – most frequently as the sponsor of the green chile cheeseburger as the official State hamburger.

**Maria Ortiz y Davis Catanach**, of “the prominent cattle ranching family,” sister of the late **José Ortiz y Pino III**, has died in Florida at the age of 87.

Architect Douglas Atwill's recent book on his local homes includes several projects and “**purchases and near purchases**” in Galisteo, which will be featured in future issues of *El Puente*.

## BRIDES COME HOME

After months of searching for the right wedding venue in their former hometown of Chicago, Estelle Berger and Marcy Hintz looked at each other and said, “*Galisteo* is our home. Let's have the wedding here.” And so they did. On September 17, 2016, Estelle and Marcy were married in the Galisteo Community Center, surrounded by family, friends, and Pippin the dog. The brides exchanged rings designed and made by Scott Diffrient. Artwork on loan from Amy Lynn,

Barbara Seiler, Florence Sohn, and Muriel Fariello put the warm colors of the Galisteo Basin on the walls. Several Galisteños opened their casitas and studios to out-of-town guests. And the wedding dinner, provided by Walter Burke Catering, was topped off by a quickly devoured chocolate cake from Roger Taylor. Both brides remark that there's no place like home...in Galisteo.



## 25 YEARS OF THE GVFR

Mark your calendars! Galisteo's beloved (and beleaguered) Fire Department will celebrate its 25<sup>th</sup> year with a breakfast at the Station on April 29<sup>th</sup>. Bids will soon go out for the construction of the new truck bay (hopefully to be completed by August), and the whole building will be reroofed and re-stuccoed. Because the village is so small (and careful?) Galisteo has the lowest number of calls in the County, just below Stanley, which does not mean that it is any less necessary for our safety and those of other towns where the GVFR often performs mutual aid. The County's almost 8,000 annual calls (including false alarms) are primarily medical emergencies, with only 452 fires last year.

## LOCAL DEMOCRATS HOLD ELECTIONS

On February 20<sup>th</sup>, registered Democrats from Ward 3D gathered at the Galisteo Community Center to elect a Chair, Vice Chair and Delegates to the Santa Fe County convention. Ward 3D includes Cerrillos, Golden, Madrid, Galisteo, and parts of (Cont. p. 4)

Lamy. **Estelle Berger** and **Roger Taylor** of Galisteo were elected as Ward Chair and Vice Chair. Both have a long history of activist engagement in the village and beyond, and are committed to supporting our local communities.

Seven Delegates were also elected to the County Central Committee: From Galisteo: **Anna Cárdenas, Ed Epping, Leslie Dilworth, and Rachel Darnell**; from Golden, Karen Yank; from Madrid, Emily Graeser; and from Cerrillos, Eric Tysson. All will vote for Santa Fe County Democratic Party leadership later in March.

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**FOR SALE**

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**SERVICES**

Preparing your garden for next year? Repairing erosion? **Aged compost and mulch** available at Goose Downs Farm north of the village. Free if you load, \$15 if we load. Call Tom, 670-7031.

**Intern will travel:** Need help during parties, snow shoveling, yard cleaning, housekeeping or pet sitting? Call John Garcia at 505-919-8147.

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**We build and repair coyote fences; haul trash; yard work & other odd jobs.** Fair prices, local references, Michael J. Anaya, 660-2275.

**Dave's Auto Repair:** restoring, minor repairs, painting. Local refs. Free estimates: David Montoya, 505-501-1991.

**Galisteo Yoga:** www.templeofentrada.com: Call Ruby 505-466-1961 for hours.

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**Galisteo Woodworks:** for your custom woodworking needs. Furniture and furniture repair. Antonio Chavez, 466-3601.

**Welding, flagstone, moss rock, fountains, plumbing, sprinkler, drip systems, plus Gopher Control.** David Maestas, cell 670-8608 or 660-9715.

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	Bob and Charlie's Appliance Service	505-690-6700	
	Bernie Salazar	505-660-4663	
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Auto & Body Repair	El Dave's	505-501-1991	(Local) mechanic
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CARPENTRY	Ted Montoya	505-231-3671	Custom closets, benches, gates, doors (Local)
CARPENTRY	Antonio Chavez	505-466-3601	Furniture and furniture repair, doors, fine woodworking (Local)
CATERING	Orchard Catering	505-466-1831 c 505-660-1236	Cory MnGillicuddy Owner local (Local)
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	Billy Godino	505-705-5380	
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Galisteo Community Center Rental	Suzie Shanklin	505-466-2412	Alternate contact --
Galisteo Community Email	Roger Taylor	505-466-3469	clearskynm@gmail.com
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GARDENING: Plant, Prune, Advise	WaterWright, German Diaz Jim Graham	505-930-7627 [9am-noon, hotline] 505-231-2193	May-Oct, Mondays + Saturdays
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YARD WORK; Drip & Irrigation Repair	WaterWright	505-930-7627	
YOGA	Ruby Renshaw	505-466-1961	templeofentrada.com (Local)