

# EL PUENTE DE GALISTEO

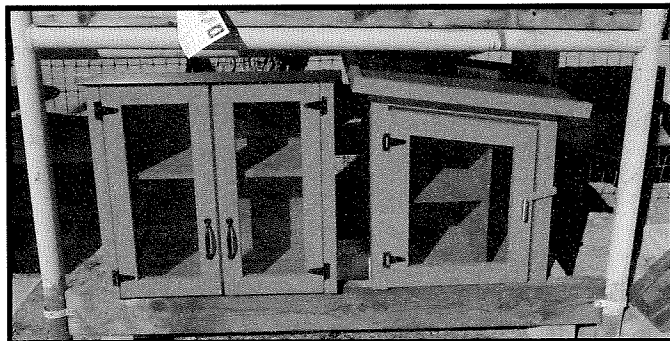
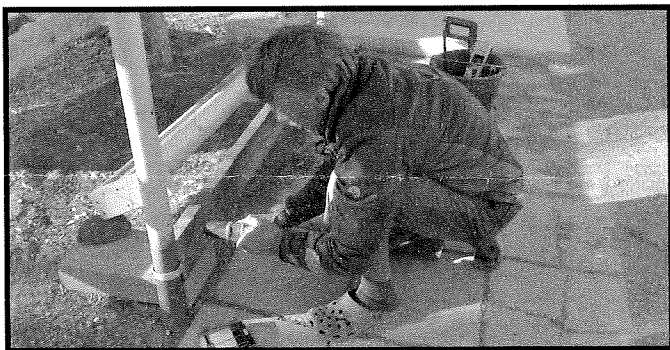
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## OUR OWN LITTLE FREE LIBRARY

If you've been wondering what those new green GIVE & TAKE boxes at the mailboxes are, wonder no longer. John Watson-Jones (who did most of the work), Deirdre Africa, and your editor have been working to provide more attractive places to put items being passed on to the community. Two bright red "libraries" will be for books only, and the green ones were donated by Mark LaRouche in Eldorado, who used to publish *The Corridor*, now defunct. In the absence of community breakfasts, books have been piling up, and the wooden box for donations wasn't weather-proof.

*The Reporter* wrote up the little free libraries ("Neighborhood Lit," 2/3) as antidotes to the lack of free books for children (and adults) in this poor state. The idea came from the late Todd Bol, a Wisconsin man who built the first little free library in 2009. There are now more than 100,000 of them world-wide. The damndest things show up in these boxes, which is part of the fun. If they get too crowded we may have to do some weeding. (Don't just dump stuff here, save it for good books you'd recommend to your neighbors). Enjoy!



## URGENT NOTICE FROM THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Another friendly but worried reminder from the Galisteo Volunteer Fire and Rescue about the **Emergency Planning Documents, which were mailed February 1st.** Alas, **less than a third** of the community has returned the completed forms.

*Why is this so concerning?*

- We are on the cusp of the next fire season and we need to have your family information and property details updated, because in an emergency, **time is everything.**
- The less time it takes your neighbors (the GVFR volunteers) to assess the crisis, the sooner they can apply their training, which could save your home.
- Your safety and the safety of the volunteer First Responders are paramount.

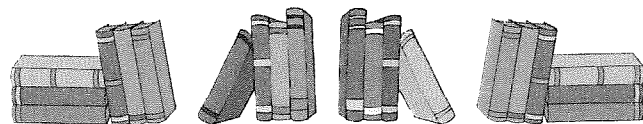
**PLEASE** attend to the vital details of your property:

1. All points of entry into your structures;
2. Location of propane tanks (buried and above ground);
3. Location of electric shutoffs (external and internal);
4. Location of solar panel shutoffs;
5. Location of your septic system and wellheads;
6. Location of flammable materials and explosives/ammunition.

Use the **Legend of Symbols** included with your packet to identify further crucial elements. The faster we can identify your property's particulars, the faster we can assess and respond. Your **precise attention to all** these details could mean lives and property saved. **PLEASE HELP THE GVFR TO DO ITS JOB.**

Either mail the forms to the GVFR or hand-deliver them to the mailbox at the station, located adjacent to the GVFR sign on Avenida Vieja.

Your neighbors and volunteers of the GVFR thank you for your prompt attention.



## PEDACITOS/BITS AND PIECES

Galisteo wood worker **Laura Yeats** was interviewed on KSFR by Galisteo **John Shannon**. She thinks of herself as “a tree artist, co-creating with trees,” as they suggest their future forms. Yeats has taught at the Community College but prefers intensive teaching in her studio, one on one. As a native of the Northwest, her favorite tree is Pacific Madrone, but she’s making do with New Mexico’s offerings and has worked with the remains of several local giants. See [www.laurayeats.com](http://www.laurayeats.com).

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**Corey McGillicuddy’s** *Distancing Project* was featured in *The New Mexican* (3/6) with the photo of MaryAnn, Mike, and Rick Anaya (you saw it first in *El Puente!*)

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Both our community email and the *New Mexican* (3/7) have noted the escalation of **illegal dumping** in the County. (Did you notice the big couch, large boxes, and bags of garbage tossed out on NM 41 recently?) The Dept. of Transportation, District 5, is tasked with clean up. To report dumping, call 505 795-0533.

*Toss no Mas* -- a 1990s campaign -- is being revived. Transportation Secretary Michael Sandoval says his department spent \$3.2 million on litter cleanup in 2020 and it is only getting worse. One business owner quipped that the NM State Flower should be a plastic bag stuck to a weed.

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**Deirdre Africa** -- a stalwart member of the GVFR for several years -- is resigning in order to pursue training as a literacy tutor for Santa Fe County.

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**Ed Epping’s** letter to the editor of *The New Mexican* (3/14) urges us to reach out to our state senators, asking them to pass HB4, which would eliminate “qualified immunity” -- “a court-ordered doctrine that allows government officials to escape accountability after they engage in misconduct.”

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A resident reports receiving a phone call from a local number, purporting to be from **Century Link**, saying that their modem needed to be updated and asking for information about the modem. According to Century Link this is an attempted scam to get access to your PC. *Century Link uses only 800 numbers for business transactions.*

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**Dumb animals or smart critters?** Did you know that pigs can recognize their own names at two weeks old, can play simple video games, run up to 11 mph, are smarter than dogs, and love belly rubs? Chickens can see more colors than people can, count to ten, plan for the future, differentiate human faces, and have different vocalizations for different objects. And cows have a memory of three years, are pregnant for nine months, can’t see red or green, have best friends, and love to play.

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Some of the County’s websites are not yet updated so the **hours for the Eldorado transfer station** are confusing. Sunday, it turns out, is back on from 8-1. And they are all open now during the 12-1 lunch hour. More info on the Solid Waste webpage at [SantaFeCountyNM.gov](http://SantaFeCountyNM.gov).

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Milan Simonich, in *The New Mexican* (3/12) bemoans the probable failure of two of **Rep. Matthew McQueen’s** best bills, which he has been pushing for years: The Public Corruption

Act (SB194), and HB55, “to end the system that allows state legislators to conceal what capital projects they financed with taxpayers’ money.” Roxy’s Law, another of his pets, looks in good shape.

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**Alex Amend** participated in a Political Research Associates webinar on eco-fascism, a subject he has written about at length.

## GALISTEO ARTS

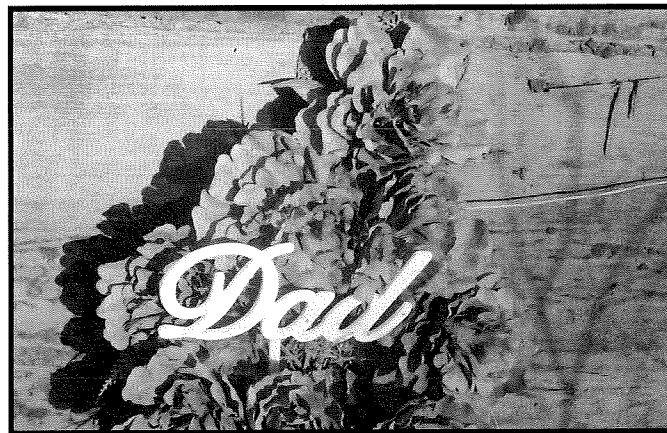
**La Sala de Galisteo** has elected the following new officers for 2021: President, Gregory Salustro and Vice President, John Miller. Continuing on the board are Secretary Jerry Kruse and Treasurer Angie Beauchamp, along with Board members Pamela Clapp, Shaun Gilmore, and Roger Taylor (plus an ex officio member from the building owner -- *Hermanos de Sociedad de San José de Galisteo*). Many heartfelt thanks to Ed Epping for his years of service as President, expanding programming to new levels and increasing attendance to new heights.

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The Galisteo Art Association Board is busy planning for the 33<sup>rd</sup> annual **Galisteo Studio Tour**, scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, October 16 and 17, 2021. We continue to monitor the status of the pandemic and will schedule a meeting with the artists (most likely via Zoom) this Spring, to review our plans. If there are any Galisteo residents who did not participate in the 2019 Studio Tour, and would like to be included this year, please let us know so that we will include you in all of our correspondence.

Galisteo Art Association Board: President Greg Boardman, Vice President Suzi Shanklin; Board members: Julia Cairns, Leslie Dyer, Kirsten Miller, Terry Rich, and Wayland Wong.

## MYSTERIES IN THE BOSQUE



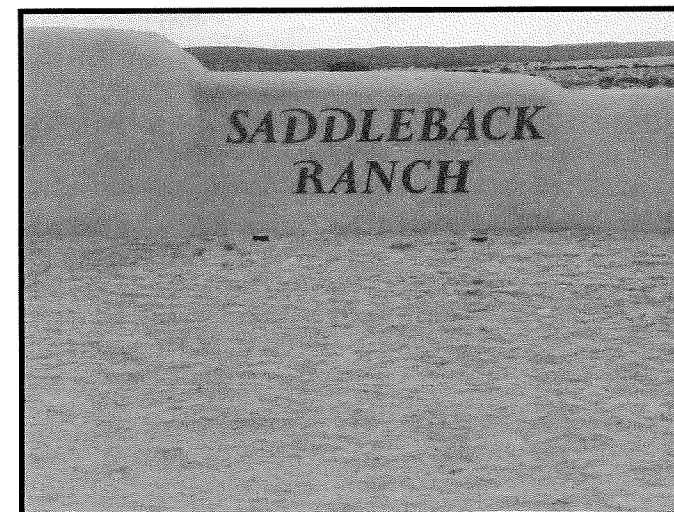
## FROM THE WATER BOARD

In a January letter to the community, Steve Moya, President of the Galisteo Mutual Domestic Water Consumers Association, announced the two phases of construction of a major project to build a new pumphouse and improve underground water pipes, replacing older problematic and leaky pipes.

The first phase should only take a single day for each location: Avenida Vieja between the Fire Station and La Otra Vanda; in the alley between La Otra Vanda and Via La Puente; on the lot where the Galisteo Water tanks and pumphouse are located.

Phase 2 involves trenching, pipe installation and backfill along the west side of CR42, from the water tanks north to the sharp turn on CR42. This one may take several days. Affected customers will be alerted to brief periodic water shutoffs.

The GMDWCA appreciates your patience with any inconvenience this work may cause. Please address any questions to Craig Fulmer, the GMDWCA’s Construction Manager: [craig.fulmer@gmail.com](mailto:craig.fulmer@gmail.com).



COVID cases in 87540 have gone up to 29.

## GCA BOARD MEETS WITH SADDLEBACK DEVELOPERS

The GCA Board (with additional representatives from the two area Water Boards) met recently with the principal partners (Chip Conley and Skylar Skikos of the Modern Elder Academy) who acquired the Saddleback Ranch, to hear their development plans. Their organization was created to help people in midlife repurpose their knowledge and experience in identifying their next life stages. Their first Academy is located in Baja, CA.

Also in attendance was Joel Glanzberg, the head of Regenesys, located in Pojoaque. His company focuses on sustainable land and climate practices with grazing, agriculture, and irrigation and will be working with the partners on development plans. You can learn more about these individuals by googling their names or at [www.modernerelderacademy.org](http://www.modernerelderacademy.org) and [regenesysgroup.com](http://regenesysgroup.com).

The purpose of the meeting was for the developers to give the Board an overview of their plans for Saddleback (which seem to be evolving). The Board’s questions focused on building plans, proposed water use, sewage treatment and traffic, as well as fitting into the local landscape and being a good neighbor.

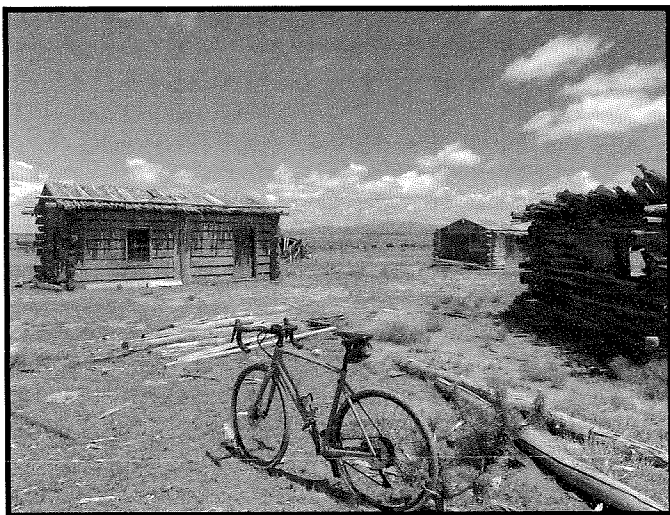
The partners have acquired approx. 2600 acres of the 3200 acre ranch, all between 285 and NM41, opposite the railroad tracks; the remaining 600 acres on the NM41 side with the RR tracks remains in the original ownership. Currently they are proposing to turn the existing buildings into an Academy (retreat center) similar to the one in Baja, with seminars and classes on area sustainable practices and new career focuses. The existing main home and guest house will be central community kitchens and meeting centers with added bedrooms/baths, along with a new building for a total of 40 bedrooms/baths. The target is to be operational in 2023 with weekly or longer seminar retreats for up to 40 attendees at a time. They also plan to build up to 30 homes averaging 2,000 sq ft between 2023 and 2025 for people attending these sessions who might decide to purchase.

The property is zoned Agricultural which allows 1 house and 1 accessory building (guest house, studio, shed) on each 160 acres which would allow for 15 homes. However, they plan to put 2200-2400 acres in an open space conservation easement which would give them a “density bonus” allowing them to double the number of homes on the remaining property.

Based upon our concerns, they assured us that homes would be built to blend with local design, clustered away from NM41, and within walking distance of the existing buildings; they would abide by dark sky lighting provisions and are exploring water capture, treatment and grey water irrigation and re-use to minimize water consumption; their site footprint would be approx. 30 acres; they want to be a good neighbor and would be open to collaboration with and support of Galisteo activities.

Their approach meets permitted uses of the property so there will be no public hearings. However, they are willing to continue meeting with representatives of the GCA Board and we have arranged weekly updates with County Land Use (they will have to file plans for a water budget, sewage, parking and traffic as well as building plans). The consensus of the Board is that they are genuine about being a good neighbor in terms of climate, water and development concerns. We will keep you informed as their plans evolve

MANY THANKS to whoever put a couple of sheets of Black History Month stamps in my box, and many MORE THANKS to a VERY generous anonymous donation that will cover stamps for over a year! Sponsorships for printing continue.



Cowboys movie set, on Greg O'Byrne's bike tour.

## EL PUENTE SPONSORS: CATHY GEBHARD & JOHN WILLETT

### GALISTEO CLASSIFIED

ADS ARE FREE, AND FOR GALISTEO RESIDENTS ONLY. PLEASE CALL 466-1276 TO UPDATE OR DELETE YOUR ADS. Next deadline: April 5.

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#### SERVICES

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**Grow Y'own hooped and covered raised beds** for year-round gardening! Ken 490-1849.

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