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FEB 20TH: 6:30, TOWN HALL MEETING at Community Center with County Commissioner Mike Anaya, Robert Martinez from County Public Works, Phil Gallegos of NM DOT (Project Manager for Rte. 41 plan), Beth Mills, Paul Olafson, and a representative from Water Resources from the County. They will answer our questions about the widening of NM41 and paving of CR 42. **EVERYONE SHOULD COME AND BE COUNTED IF WE EXPECT TO INFLUENCE THESE DECISIONS.**

WINE AND CHEESE GCA ELECTION PARTY

It's time to elect five new members to the Board of the Galisteo Community Association. Here's your chance to get on board (literally!), to create great community events and consider issues regarding our village. (*Cont. upper right*)

This year the GCA needs a *new president and treasurer* who will each serve a two-year term. Also needed are *two new board members and one alternate board member* to serve one-year terms. If you have lived here for at least six months, like people, care about our village, have creative ideas and energy, and are willing to come to a monthly meeting, this could be a great opportunity.

Come to the election meeting/party on **THURSDAY MARCH 2**, at 7PM, at the Community Center. Ask someone to nominate you, or volunteer ahead of time by calling Tom (466-2218) or Kathleen (466-2659).

Everybody else, please come and vote! As much as we need people to run for the Board, we also need all of you at the meeting to cast your (paper) ballots. This year the annual meeting will be even more fun with wine and cheese!



Galisteo c. 1884 (photo J.R. Riddle, Museum of New Mexico Archive neg. no. 7603). See page 2.

CAPTION PAGE ONE: This is the view to the east of the village while the picture on page one of the December issue was the view to the west (and that caption was meant for this one...sorry!). The old plaza faced the church and extended down a much wider street that is now Via La Puente, with the hacienda wall and trees at the left. This was long before José Ortiz y Pino I built a store, office, and added onto a house for his bride, Pablita Davis (now Priscilla Hoback's), across from her family's property (the hacienda, now Woody and Dianna Gwyn's and John Benjamin's). The sides of the Hill were then built up with houses and corrals where today only ruins survive.

GCA REPORT

Linda Braun

The GCA meeting of January 17th, 2006 discussed the **Quiet Title issue**. Morgan Gafford was asked by the attorney to provide the papers he claims to have. While he agreed, he failed to do so, and will now have to reply to a series of in-depth questions as to what this suit is based on and his belief that this land is his. Some contributions have been made by Galisteo residents to the Quiet Title Legal Defense Fund.

The **Community Planning Committee** (see below) continues to meet; everyone is invited to attend and listen to the process. The meetings are held at the Community Center on Monday nights at 6:30. The next meetings are the February 20th Town Hall Road meeting; Feb. 27th (preparation for presentation to the Board of County Commissioners to go ahead with our plan) and Feb. 28th BCC meeting at the County Court House, 10AM.

The next Chili Challenge will be August 19th, 2006.

PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT

The last three meetings of the Galisteo Traditional Community Planning Committee (Jan. 9 and 23, and Feb. 6) have been productive, under the expert and patient guidance of County Planner Beth Mills, with assistance from Andrew Jandacek. As we slowly figure out what it is we've gotten ourselves into, we are coming together as a committee with a decision-making core of around twenty members that represents Galisteo culturally and geographically and is almost ten percent of the village population!

We are engaged in strategic (not comprehensive) planning; that is, we are *not* micromanaging every aspect of the village. Our analysis is based on something called SWOT (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats).

Because of deep concern about the roads (the bridge and widening of NM 41 and the paving of CR 42 as well as a potential bridge over the Arroyo de los Angeles), the Committee is sponsoring the February 20th Town Hall meeting with State and County officials so that Galisteo residents will be able to express our concerns *early enough in the process to have some effect*.

"Context-Sensitive Design" is a current planners' buzzword that should be helpful to us as we consider the role these two roads play in the life of the village. It means that we should be able to avoid cookie-cutter decisions and consider in depth how the roads function *in Galisteo* and in our lives. This does not mean that we have the power to limit the traffic or keep gas trucks off

Gabrielle Lopez-Waterman died on Wednesday, January 18th, after a brave battle with cancer. While respecting her wishes and those of the family for privacy over the loss of their beloved Gabrielle, wife to Alvaro and mother to Tlaloc, we in the village who knew her would like to honor her life and passing for the kind and gentle spirit that she was. We offer our love and condolences to her family. We miss her already.

the road, and so far all attempts at speed bumps have failed. But it does mean that we can build into our plans a way to define the traditional village and fend off designs contradicting its historic character. For instance, would it be possible to recreate something resembling or recalling the old plaza area?

Although most of their land is not included in the planning district, we are fortunate to have the participation of Ralph Tingle and ranch managers Amy and Steve Tremper from Tom Ford's Cerro Pelon Ranch and Grant Mitchell of San Cristobal Ranch. (Amy is on the Committee.) These neighbors obviously play an important part in the rural character we are all so anxious to maintain and will be a welcome addition to the planning process.

In preparation for our initial presentation to the Board of County Commissioners on Feb. 28th, we have set the boundaries of the planning district and we have identified the internal and external issues that are priorities. Nothing is set in stone yet.

The planning district map is no longer a superimposed box that makes no sense on the ground. It now includes both the Traditional Community and Residential Homestead categories, and eventually we will probably apply several different sets of criteria for different types of land. The new boundaries have been forged through discussions with property owners at the edges of the village. Generally, on the south the boundary is the Creek (including the Rodeo Grounds to the east), on the west it is the Railroad tracks, on the north the Hogback (but Nizhoni, the Merricks', and properties along Mckee Road are also included) and on the east a line to be decided on San Cristobal.

At the moment we are hoping to include the historic Galisteo Grant on the north side of the Creek (owned by Ford) and a strip along San Cristobal's western boundary that was the site of two other historic land grants – the Cadial (Cadillal) and Tacubaya. The various jigs and jags are too hard to describe, but a map will be posted on the Web site: www.santafecounty.org. (Look for a link at left that says "Community Center" and then go to "Galisteo Planning.") The boundary can still be adjusted during the planning process.

The priorities have been divided into Internal and External issues. Internal means they lie within our jurisdiction. External means we can have some affect beyond our boundaries by making recommendations and statements about the larger context, such as County-wide plans for water, roads, etc.

"Internal" issues defined were water, roads, commercial uses, residential growth and density, historic district, community land, open space/trails and bosque restoration. "External" issues were also water (the state of the aquifer, the effects of development pressure and agricultural/ ranching practices on the health and stability of our waterways), roads (traffic between Moriarty and Santa Fe), and the impact of the planned commuter rail line.

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BEAKS AND FEETS (PART I)

Jan Saunders

Ever wonder why Buzzards and Ravens risk becoming the very road kill they feed upon by dodging highway traffic between hastily snatched morsels instead of grasping their flattened feast in their talons and flying it to safety?

Simple. They don't because they can't. Unlike birds of prey, scavengers' feet are made for sitting and strutting, not killing and carrying. A good handyman earns his living supported by tools that fit the job. In the bird world, what a bird eats and how it acquires food are both aided and limited by its custom-fitted beak and feet. Observing different feeding habits and taking special notice of the beaks and feet determined by these habits is an indispensable aid to bird identification.

Darwin got ideas for his theory of natural selection while observing the differences in the bills of finches on the Galapagos Islands. Finches, which weigh in at barely two ounces, have very heavy bills that can exert up to 100 pounds of pressure on a seed. All finches are seed eaters, but not all seeds are alike. Darwin observed that, over time, different bills become specialized for the task of breaking open and eating different seeds.

Compare, for instance, the bill of the Blue Grosbeak and the American Goldfinch. Both are seed eaters. Both have finch beaks, but the two bills are very different in size and strength. The Blue Grosbeak prefers to crack open large, tough sunflower seeds. The smaller Goldfinch will always choose tiny thistle seeds when both are available at your feeder. For an even more bizarre seed-cracking bill, look no further than the mountains around Santa Fe or Pecos for the American Cross Bill. Its upper and lower mandibles cross like curves upward. Strange indeed, but perfectly customized for prying open cones and reaching the rich seed deep inside.

For those who like nomenclature: differently shaped bills are described as being depressed (Mallard), compressed (Kingfisher), straight (Phoebe), decurved (Long-billed Curlew and Curve-billed Thrasher), recurved (American Avocet), bent (Flamingo), spatulate (Roseate Spoonbill) and teret (Hummingbird). My reference books explain that the term "beak" applies to raptors and "bill" applies to all other birds.

Woodpeckers' bills are built tough and cushioned to rip into bark for bugs and to hammer out nesting holes in the trunk of the tree without giving the owner a headache. Many Woodpeckers can be identified sight unseen by listening to the rhythms of their rapping. [To be continued with "Feets" in March.]

WHAT'S IN A NAME? THE SANDOVALS

Vista Magazine's "Rootsearch" column (by José de la Torre and the Institute of Genealogy and History for Latin America) recently did a column on the name SANDOVAL, which has been familiar in Galisteo since the village's beginnings.

Sandoval, the magazine says, is a Castillian surname originating in a little town of the same name in the province of Burgos, Spain. The coat of arms is gold with "a sable bend." Sandovals have been identified in Argentina, Chile, Costa Rica, Cuba, the Dominican Republic, Guatemala, Mexico, Peru, and New Mexico. (Yes, our state was listed with the nations.) "In the United States, Sandoval is the 74th most popular surname among modern Hispanic families.

"In New Mexico, Juan de Dios Sandoval, a native of Mexico City, arrived in 1693 with his wife Juana and their son Miguel. He later married Gertrudis de Herra and had a son, Antonio. Juan died in 1735 at age 72. Miguel de Dios Sandoval made his last will in 1755, in which he declared that he had been married to Lucia Gomez for 58 years and that he had eight children.

"Felipe Rojas de Sandoval was a Spaniard who arrived in New Mexico in 1749 or 1750, with some French fur traders. He left Spain in 1742. In 1755 he married Maria Roybal y Torrado. They had no children."

The Sandovals have been in Galisteo since the village was officially founded in 1814. The names that turn up in the land grant court records for the Galisteo Grant (between the Hill and the Creek) and the Cadillal Grant (east of the village on the current San Cristobal Ranch) are Matias, Felipe, Rosa, Pedro, Francisco, Anastacio and José Manuel Sandoval, as well as Antonio Chavez y Sandoval.

Testifying before the Court of Private Land Claims in 1895, José Manuel Sandoval stated that he knew San Cristobal before it was allotted (made into a specific grant) by the Mexican government in 1827. In 1909 and 1915, Anastacio Sandoval was a major witness. He stated that he was born and raised in Galisteo until the age of 62, when he moved to Cañon Blanco in San Miguel County. He was born "in a house on top of that hill, and afterwards I married and was living down on the plains." The first settlers on the hill were "afraid of the Navajos, the Apaches, Mescaleros, afraid of the Comanches, afraid of the Kiowas ...and they were living all around and Galisteo at that time was nothing but a desert." He remarked that "when a man died a natural death, there were ten or twelve that were killed by Indians that had to be buried."

It was noted that there were two other Anastacio Sandovals, one of whom had deeded land in the Cadial to Nicolas Pino and another who was older and lived in Santa Fe. Of course we have yet another in our midst today. Tacho was born in the house now owned by Victoria Prewitt and Bob Harte. His parents were Frank Sandoval and Lucia Mora Sandoval. Of their many children, only Tacho and his sister Stella Maestas live here today.

ADDRESSING OUR ADDRESSES

A hint from a newcomer who has had a terrible time trying to **register to vote**: USE LAMY as address, not Galisteo, or it gets all X#@\$\$!xed up.

Our loyal postman, **Vince Roybal**, sent a letter to the editor of *The New Mexican* clarifying his position and our address. He wrote: "I am not a postal employee. I am a mail contractor who delivers mail to Lamy and surrounding areas....In the 1960s, the postal service instituted the zip-code system and 87540 was assigned to Lamy, NM. This zip code encompasses the area south of the present fire station No. 3 [at Eldorado] to Lamy and Galisteo..... A while back it was brought to my attention that a real-estate person was mistakenly advising clients the address was Sante Fe, NM 87540. This has created confusion for many customers in the 87540 zip-code area."



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