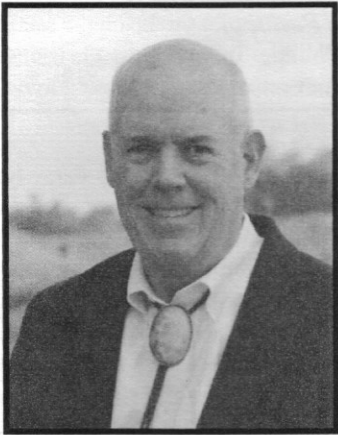




GALISTEANS RUNNING...

El Puente asked the candidates a few general questions:
Here are their responses:

MATTHEW McQUEEN (LAND COMMISSIONER)



Major issues? The good news is that the State Land Office earns over \$2B/year for public schools, universities, and hospitals. The bad news is that 97% of that revenue comes from oil and gas. I think the challenge for the Land Office is to diversify their revenues. The Land Office holds nine million acres in trust for the people of New Mexico. We can do more renewable projects (wind, solar, geothermal),

commercial projects (on appropriate parcels), and affordable and workforce housing projects (again, on appropriate parcels). And we can do all of that while we protect land for conservation, agriculture, and recreation (including hunting and fishing).

How to block Project Jupiter and other data centers? Data centers need guardrails, preferably adopted at the state level: (1) use renewable energy; (2) use reclaimed water; (3) no adverse local impacts on water use, electric rates, and air quality; and (4) local/union labor.

What's in it for Galisteo? Because of the existence of the Land Grant Permanent Fund, which most State Land Office revenue pays into, the average New Mexico taxpayer saves \$3,000/year. Plus, we support public schools, which are essential to our democracy.

It's been an honor to serve the village and all of House District 50 for twelve years. I'm going to miss that role, but I think you'll be in good hands with Sarah Boses as your representative.

*** **VOTE! JUNE 2** ***
AT THE GCC

...FOR OUR LIVES

SARAH BOSES (STATE REP DISTRICT 50)

The major issues I'm focusing on are: **Healthcare** should work for people not just insurance companies. I'll support efforts for lower costs and make sure everyone can get the care they need. **Strong schools** start with strong educators and supported families. That means better pay, safer schools, and addressing the challenges students face every day. We need more affordable **housing**.



I'll support practical solutions that help young people and families to stay in our communities. **Community Safety** means the right response at the right time, supporting law enforcement while also using proven approaches for non-violent emergencies. **Water & Environment** are critical. I'll work to protect our natural resources and support responsible planning so our communities can thrive, even in times of drought. I support diversifying our sources of clean energy

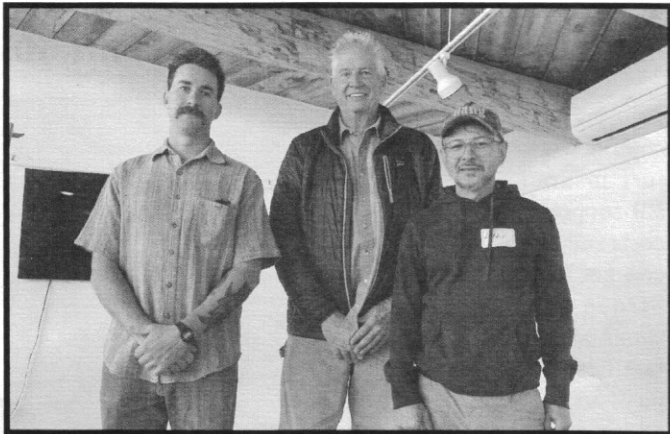
I think it's pretty cool that the village of Galisteo could continue to be represented by someone who lives here. I grew up in Santa Fe, lived in Eldorado for four years, and we've lived right outside of the village since November, 2020. No place has ever felt so much like home. I've learned a lot about the issues facing rural communities: reliable access to water, high speed internet access, mail delivery, emergency services, and roads. I understand the importance of protecting health, safety, and the environment - including our water - while preserving the historic character of Galisteo and other rural communities.

I'm running for State House District 50 because I believe our government works best when it focuses on the people it's supposed to serve. I believe my experience will bring an important perspective to the Legislature and I look forward to the work ahead! (Cont.p.2)

BOSES: Right now I'm working a full-time office job in town and helping my three kids get through the last few weeks of school. My husband is also an extra busy educator. I will have an event or two in the village before the general election, so that I can sit with folks and talk more directly -- my very favorite part of the campaign!

GCA ANNUAL MEETING/BREAKFAST

On April 25th a good crowd met to enjoy the usual delicacies and elect new members of the GCA Board. Jennifer Martin was thanked for her successful reign, and Greg Salustro was enthusiastically welcomed to the next two-year presidency term. Jennifer remains on the Board and will be the new Secretary. Treasurer Ann Nye and Vice President Sandy Duran are hanging in for another term. New Board members Ezra Sage and Don Hiscock were elected by acclaim, as was Larry Romero, who joins Caroline Hinkley as an Alternate. Board members filling out their terms till next year are Kim Gilbreath, Teresa Montoya, and Jackie Wilbur. So the GCA is a nice mix of born-and-raised, newer comers, and newcomers.



Ezra, Don, Larry.

PEDACITOS/BITS AND PIECES

Jessica Spring reports: "Be aware: A woman called, said she was a Century Link rep, confirmed my address, and said CL would be 'updating service/going wireless and we need to know if you have a SECURITY SYSTEM in order to send the correct set-up information.' I spoke to a real Century Link person from the Santa Fe office who said this was definitely "a scam/possible casing the joint." Many of us had no phone (and sometimes no internet) service for days, a couple of weeks ago. Century Link has a monopoly on the connecting cables and repairs only provide band aids rather than addressing the underlying problem (this from a repairman), which they are apparently too cheap to address.

The County has installed **new culverts and drain pipes** along La Otra Vanda. The foreman of the crew said he was doing the job because his friend **Antonio** is such "a great guy." We're happy Antonio won't have to deal with the mud anymore.

Galisteo's own **Farmstand** co-op is open for business, bigger and better in its expanded digs. The cooler is stocked with eggs, cheeses, cajeta, and other dairy items from the chickens and goats at **El Cortijo Ranch** and pickles, kimchi, fresh juices, and produce from Casa Verde. Ember Ridge supplies the fresh-baked sourdough bread. There are also goat milk soaps and lotions, flavored salts and vinegars, and stock will expand in the summer

months. (We hear that the cognoscenti show up at opening to snag the eggs and bread.) *Hours: Friday-Sunday 8am - sunset.* Gift baskets can be ordered from elcortijoranch@gmail.com.

NM Master Gardener **Suzi Shanklin** recommends plants for your garden to repel mosquitoes: Lavender, lemon grass, basil, lemon balm, rosemary, peppermint, catnip, marigolds, scented geraniums, allium, and pennyroyal.

A **mountain lion** was spotted heading west, crossing Highway 41 at the south end of Avenida Vieja by **Larry Romero** while walking his two dogs in late April.

PNM has a new discount rate plan based on the times of day of highest usage. Many of us in Galisteo are flexible about when we can do laundry or run the dishwasher. From PNM's promo it seems that if we sign up for the new Time-of-Day Rate plan we'll get lower rates just by doing what we already do. After installation of a free "Advanced Meter," you can plan your usage on an app, and PNM guarantees rate decreases. We've heard through the grapevine that someone who signed up is actually saving money. Go to pnm.com/timeofday for more info (from Gregory Hart via a friend who's done it).

Patrick Briggs' garlic crop is well underway. It comes from seeds going all the way back to his wife **Kelly's** ancestors in Italy. Her grandmother brought them to the US when she emigrated. Harvest starts end of July, and *El Puente* plans to be on the scene. *Rooster Crossing* is what the Walkie Talkies have christened Patrick's farm, where they meet every morning.

CANDIDATES FORUM

On April 18 at the GCC, the Ward 3 Democratic Party Ice Cream Social, co-organized by Corey McGillicuddy, attracted the largest audience in memory -- from Galisteo, Cerrillos, Madrid and Stanley. Present were primary candidates for: Governor (Haaland was a clear favorite and Bregman knew it), Lieutenant Governor (Maggie Toulouse Oliver and Harold Pope), State Land Commissioner (Matthew McQueen, Juan de Jesus Sanchez III), County Sheriff (Paul Joye and Dave Webb), State Treasurer (Laura Montoya), District 50 State Legislature (Sarah Boses), and Secretary of State (Katherine Clark and Amanda López Askin). ICE, Data Centers, water, AI, Surveillance, recycled fracking water, and crime were subjects raised by candidates and questions from the audience.

It's becoming a thing. Galisteo made the *New York Times* again with an article -- "Deb Haaland's Historic Run for Governor Hits a Primary Snag" -- spotlighting a "packed forum in the tiny high desert village of Galisteo," with a photo of the two candidates with our own Corey Macgillicuddy and co-organizer Alexa Maros of Eldorado Democrats.



AMBIENT VS. LOCAL AIR POLLUTION:

PART II

John Benjamin

We have a quality of life and health problem. It has been a problem for 27 years. I am working with the GCA to present our case to our County Commissioner. Last month I wrote about the 2025 Galisteo Road Material Study results. This month I'm addressing what I learned from the New Mexico Environmental Department's Ambient Air Quality Testing done last fall. (See *El Puente* #286). NMED only tests for "ambient air pollution" and cannot test for "localized vehicle-generated road emissions," according to two different anonymous sources at NMED.

The dust produced on Via La Puente and 33A/Avenida Vieja from 41 to the bridge is **localized** air pollution. It affects the health and quality of life of those of us who live and work close to the road and of the dozens who daily walk the road and the Bosque. Localized air pollution flows with the prevailing winds and settles into low-lying areas nearby. The homes along the Bosque, west of Avenida Vieja, are considered to be in a low-lying area. Ambient air monitors cannot be sited in low-lying areas. (According to an anonymous source, a scientist at NMED, the strict ambient air testing criteria set by the EPA are designed to avoid "localized air pollution.")

The contractor's conclusion in this very expensive Ambient Air Quality Testing states that there are no health concerns for the Galisteo Community and no mitigation is necessary. But because of the north to northwest prevailing winds during the study and the strict siting rules, the three air monitors were placed upwind or far from dust-producing 33A/Via La Puente, making the results and conclusion meaningless. The more correct conclusion would be to state that there are no health concerns for people living upwind or far away from our dusty road, but we already knew that by simple observation.

Sadly, the Ambient Air Quality Testing did not address our localized air pollution. But the Road Material Study does prove that the material on Via La Puente, 33-A is an unsatisfactory road surface material because of its excessive fine particles and silt. For more detailed knowledge of either study, please contact me.

We need the dusty roads material to be removed and replaced with good, brown Type I-B base course or to be chip-sealed. The costs of either will be much less than the cost of an NMED study.

GUNSHOTS, NEXT CHAPTER

Two cases resulted from the gunshots episode on Via La Puente in March (*El Puente* April issue). An arraignment on misdemeanor charges -- "Negligent Use of a Deady Weapon (Intoxication)"-- took place on April 28, with the accused attending virtually. It has moved to pre-trial. The next hearing will be May 22nd.

The hearing for "Extreme Risk Firearm Protection" mandating removal of access to firearms (not a criminal charge), also took place on April 28th. Two Galisteo residents testified. On May 5th, an appeal was filed to the State Supreme Court.

MOSQUITOS, BE GONE!

The GCA and its Bosque Volunteer Guild is sponsoring a mosquito abatement program to focus on a problem that many residents have brought up. On May 9th, GCA volunteers distributed Summit Mosquito Bits (SMB) over standing water on GCA property. It is important to do this now, as mosquito larvae start hatching when the weather approaches 80 degrees. According to the manufacturer, SMB is an organic and environmentally safe product, harmless to beneficial insects, pets, birds, fish, horses, and livestock. (See <https://mosquitoreviews.com/mosquito-larvicide/summit-bits/>)

To be effective, we'll also need willing Galisteo homeowners with areas of standing water to distribute these pellets on their own property. Eight ounces of pellets will treat 2,000 square feet of standing water and will effectively stop mosquito larvae from hatching. Longer term treatment products, such as mosquito dunks, may be necessary over the course of the summer. The GCA had a limited quantity of pellets available for distribution, but you can buy the product directly through Amazon:

NOT UP TO CAMPING? TRY GLAMPING

The commercial development off Highway 41 a few miles north of the village continues, lucky for us, in kinder gentler formats. Our newest neighbor is UnderCanvas, a nationwide glamping company known for its "upscale outdoor accommodations" and dark sky certification. (Glamping is a portmanteau of Glamorous Camping) UnderCanvas's PR firm declined to give any details, but we can assume their new Santa Fe location next to Haciendas Tranquilas will resemble their other locations from Yellowstone to Acadia National Park in Maine: probably thirty luxury safari tents clustered around a hospitality center, replete with bathrooms (real plumbing), designer furniture, and decks.

A night will run you around \$350. UnderCanvas/Santa Fe is not near a national park or forest like the other sites, but it is near the railroad tracks, which should provide a novel outdoor experience when the Southwest Chief roars by. Snark aside, UnderCanvas is a media darling with overwhelmingly positive reviews, and it will provide another option for your visiting family and friends. No mention yet of Santa Fe on the UnderCanvas website and no word on an opening date.

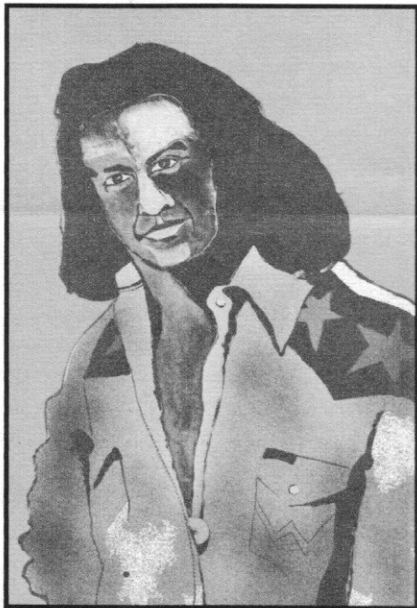
Wondering about water? *El Puente* asked Chip Conley of MEA if he knew anything about it and he replied: "Their water attorney approached us but my impression is that they're planning to truck their water in, but I don't have any verified confirmation of that."



MARKING THE MARGINS

AT DUENDE GALLERY

The exhibition -- a collaboration with UNM's Tamarind Institute, open from May 30th to Nov.30 -- brings together artists examining the social, racial, and political conditions shaping their time. Working across generations and mediums, they approach lithography not simply as a tool to create multiples, but as a means to question and rework established systems of power. The outstanding roster includes Galisteans Harmony Hammond and Judy Tuwaletstiwa and former Galisteans Fritz Scholder, as well as a healthy percentage of indigenous, African American, Latinx, Asian, and feminist participants. *Hours are Friday, Saturday and Sunday, noon to 6.*



Fritz Scholder, *The Artist at 40* (Courtesy Duende Gallery)

WRITERS' WORKSHOP (from Julia Cairns)

Hello Galisteo, I'd like to invite you to a writing workshop with Christian McEwen, author of *World Enough and Time* and *In Praise of Listening* on June 6-7th at the Galisteo Community Center. (There will be a book signing/reading the evening of Fri. June 5th.) Let me know via email if you would like to attend the workshop or have any questions. Thank you! julia.c.cairns@gmail.com

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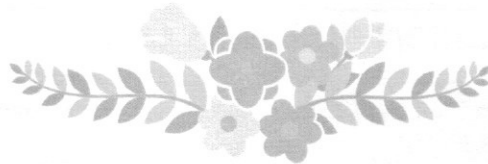
We build, repair coyote fences; haul trash; yard work, etc. Fair prices, local references, Michael Anaya, 660-2275.

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