

## Letter to the editor: Appreciating Gallup's thoughtful citizens

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### To the citizens of Gallup

At the beginning of August 2016 my husband and I were visiting Gallup as part of our Route 66 trip. On the morning of the 3<sup>rd</sup> August, my husband had been taking photos of the old Coronado motel when he lost consciousness and hit his head on the ground.

Several people stopped to help and a man phoned 911 and stayed with me; another young man in a big wheel pick-up was also very kind and helpful (my memory is hazy as to physical details as I was in a bit of a panic trying to keep my husband still).

To all these thoughtful people, I would like to extend my gratitude and appreciation. Our heartfelt thanks to the ambulance crew, the doctors at Methodist Hospital, the pilot, the nurse and the paramedic who flew with us back to UNM in Albuquerque. Also thanks to the police officer who drove me to the hospital. (We were driving a silver Mustang convertible just to jog her memory.)

My husband spent several days in hospital and when we were back home in Belfast Northern Ireland, he had a pacemaker fitted. He continues to remain healthy and we are returning to Gallup this year to continue our Route 66 trip.

To all those people who stopped and offered help and consolation, my thanks go out to you. It always helps to know that you are not alone. I will remember Gallup as a city of thoughtful and concerned citizens.

*Vicki Coalter*