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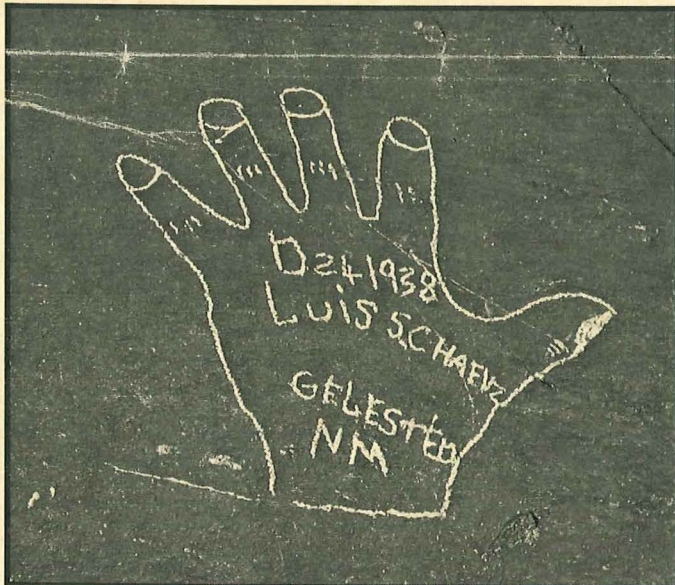
GCA ELECTIONS CHANGED TO MAY
 (date to be announced) **BUT MARK YOUR**
CALENDARS FOR THE PLANNING
COMMITTEE UPDATE: WED.
APRIL 16th COMMUNITY CENTER 6:30PM

PREP FOR COMMUNITY PLANNING MEETING

"The fullest responsibility has to be exercised at home, where you have some chance to come to a competent and just understanding of what's involved, and where you have some chance to be effective." -- Wendell Berry

The Galisteo Community Planning Committee (GCPC) has been agonizing about zoning within the planning boundary. Water is always the bottom line. We soon rejected the previous arbitrary square placed by the County, which had nothing to do with history or what was on the ground. We retained the Historic District determined in 2000, which lies within the planning boundary but does not affect the overlaid zoning. (Cont. right)

Below: Shepherders' petroglyphs in the landscape west of Galisteo, by Luis Chavez and Arturo Anaya, 1938, 1939.



NOBODY'S SIGNED UP TO HOST APRIL and
MAY COFFEES. There's still time! Call 466-8967.

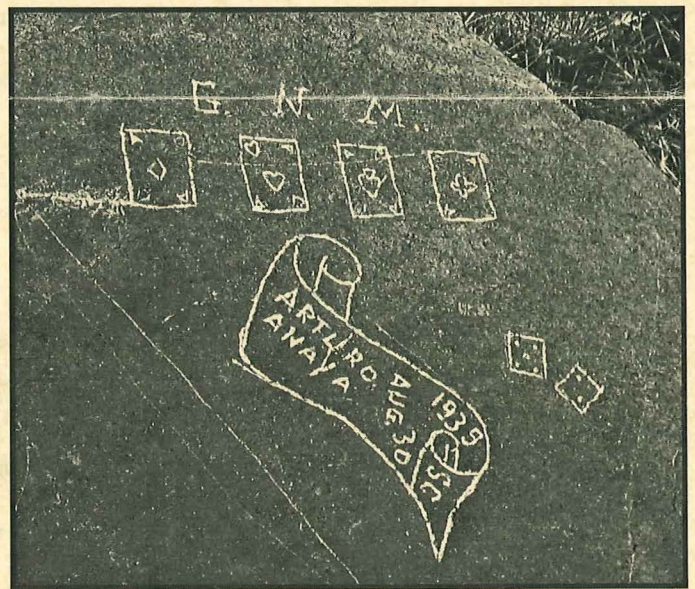
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ANNUAL SPRING FLING, SUN. APRIL 13th,
3-5 PM. Join Sam for Horseshoes at the ruin on La
Vega. Who can beat Antonio? Who can beat Beth?

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If you received a GVFR pre-plan form in the mail,
please return it ASAP, or call Wayne, 466-3219.

Our community boundary reaches, roughly: **east/west from a narrow buffer within San Cristobal Ranch** (on what was once the San José de Cadial Grant) **to the railroad tracks, north/south from the hogback to the Galisteo Creek, including the part of Cerro Pelon Ranch that lies north of the creek** (the remains of the vestigial Galisteo Grant). We hope to extend this boundary or participation in the planning process to some of the larger properties surrounding us; negotiations will soon resume. (Cont. p.2)



PLANNING: In order to recognize both historic and more recent growth patterns around Galisteo, we have established four zones within the boundary. There are **two traditional community zones—A: the inner “circle” at the standard ¾-acre minimum lot size, and B: the outer “circle” at five-acre minimum lot size, which cannot be further subdivided.**

Reducing the overall size of the ¾-acre zone will minimize the number of lots that could potentially be subdivided, thereby reducing the potential draw on the Village’s limited groundwater resources. (Existing covenants are respected.)

Residential properties in both these zones will be encouraged to hook up to the community water system if a hook up (or an adjacent existing well that can be shared) is available.

Zone C is the Homestead Hydrologic Zone, the outer “circle,” consisting of all other properties within the Planning Area. According to the County’s current 1980 Land Use Code, the minimum lot size is 160 acres, allowed to subdivide down to 40 acres by implementing water conservation measures. The GCPC, however, recommends that further subdivision of large lots be prohibited altogether, geo hydro tests notwithstanding.

Zone D is the Institutional Zone, represented by the Church, cemeteries, GCA-owned land, Ranchitos and GCA wells and tanks, the Fire Station, and the Philip Watts III park.

Please think about this before attending the meeting so your questions are informed and to the point. Go to the maps on the County website (and the black and white map on the back of the Inn’s insert in this issue); think about it; communicate with the GCPC if you have questions.

The GCPC meetings after the April 16th community meeting will be open to those who want to discuss the plan. (Call Andrew Jandacek, our County facilitator, at 986-6214 to make an appointment with the GCPC). Final recourse is available when the GCPC makes its recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners.

BRIDGE/OIL AND GAS UPDATE

A lively double meeting on the NMDOT’s plans for the Galisteo bridge on NM41 and information on the oil and gas drilling took place at the Community Center on Feb. 13th. DOT spokesman David Martinez presented the plans for “rehabilitating” the 1936 bridge and adding ten feet in order to accommodate a temporary one-lane detour (with automatic light) while the work is being done. The substructure will be salvaged but the bed will be replaced. “We can’t patch it any more,” said Martinez, precluding the “no build” option, since the deck will fail eventually.

The Galisteo and San Cristobal Arroyo bridges are two of the top ten deficient bridges in District 5. All bridges, including those on the Interstates, are now designed for the same load bearing. However, a totally new bridge, at present regulations, would be wider, allowing wider trucks. The good news was that the DOT is installing signs in Moriarty encouraging trucks to use 285 and defining this area as residential.

The lanes remain 11’ wide, but 5’ “multiple use paths” are added on either side for bikes and pedestrians. Some of us made it clear that these needed to be protected from the traffic. This will continue to be discussed as design progresses.

The State Historical Preservation Office (SHPO) considers this plan to be an “adverse affect,” depriving the bridges of historical status in this 75th anniversary year of the New Deal. (The WPA built both bridges.) Consultation continues.

Protecting the wetlands beneath the bridge and to the west is another priority. DOT will partner with Earth Works Institute on restoration, but lengthy delays could derail the grants EWI has received for that purpose.

Jan Brooks of the **Coalition for Energy Accountability** (which includes Drilling Santa Fe) introduced Gwen Lachelt, an activist from La Plata County, Colorado (adjacent to San Juan County, NM) where she has battled the industry for years. She showed a devastating film about the impacts and grim statistics on what drilling can do to a landscape, to water resources, to human and animal health -- complete with noise, (rumbling, vibrations) and smells. She perceives the Galisteo Basin as a potential “No-Go” zone... if our grass roots organizations continue to be as active as they are now.

Doug Miklejohn, director of the New Mexico Environmental Law Center, which is working pro bono, said we have to take on this issue from every angle. State and County permitting processes are totally separate. The legislature was attempting to cut the OCD’s budget. [They did. The Oil and Conservation Division’s budget was cut by some \$300,000 in what was largely seen as a punitive measure; a commission was also set up to investigate the State’s regulations process.. These moves may be altered by the governor.]

Miklejohn thinks next year’s legislature’s longer session “will be much worse.” Constituents should visit their legislators. “It makes a big difference.” Our State Senator Phil Griego got a lot of calls and it changed his vote on the crucial SB 57. (Call him and thank him!) Public response to the County Commissioners has also been very effective. There’s time to gear up.

Oscar Simpson, a geologist who has worked with the state and UNM, and is on the executive committee of the Coalition, gave a fiery pep talk urging citizens to activism. Prevention, he said, is the best bet. Once they drill, there are all kinds of problems.

“There is very little enforced regulation and the State and feds don’t have enough staff. The industry runs the game.” It is not accountable to the public. “Everybody’s regulated *except* the oil and gas industry.” Remediation doesn’t happen; there is no protection of water and we are running out of drinking water. Taxpayers get stuck with the cleanup after drilling. A former OCD director threw out the records, so there is no idea what leaked. County zoning is crucial. So far Santa Fe County has been saved by expertise and money, rare in rural areas. (Simpson can be reached at 345-0117; Oscarsimpson3@yahoo.com).

Brooks closed the meeting by asking us to sign and copy the Coalition’s “Principles” and to support it with our time and money, appealing to private funders to underwrite the studies that need to be done on drilling’s impact on the archaeology, the film and tourism industries and independent studies from the communities. Send money! (POB 23150, SF, 87502).

One more reason to pray for rain: muddy roads shut down hundreds of gas and oil wells in San Juan County in late February and delayed progress on drilling others.

Although Tecton cried foul at the proposed moratorium on drilling for 12 months (with possible extension to 18 months), the County Commissioners bravely went ahead and approved it, to the delight of those (only about nine people from Galisteo) who attended the 2/26 public hearing. The County has also hired a high-powered Los Angeles land-use attorney to help amend the County Land Development Code. He hopes to have the work done by November.

Time for us all to study up on our geology. A good place to start to understand our water resources is a fascinating colored geologic cross-section of the Galisteo Basin in *The New Mexican* (1/20/08)

COMMONWEAL CONSERVANCY WATER UPDATE

The informal Galisteo committee and Commonweal Conservancy have agreed to hire a hydrologist (paid by Commonweal) to review the hydrology report submitted by Commonweal to prove water availability for its proposed development on the Thornton Ranch.

A second hydrologist, working pro bono, will look at different aspects of the report. Additionally, the group is working to develop a contract that will protect Galisteo’s water if well levels drop due to Commonweal’s pumping of water for its Village at the Galisteo Basin Preserve.

Commonweal has agreed to provide monitoring wells to assess what, if any, impact there is on Galisteo’s water from the development. Location of the monitoring wells will be based in large part on the recommendations of one of the hydrologists, and may include existing wells in Galisteo and Ranchitos that are currently unused.

The committee representing Galisteo’s interests is composed of Freddie Cárdenas, Muriel Fariello, Ted Fleming, Richard Griscom, Rod Hall, Lucy Lippard, and Barbara Pfeiffer. Ted Harrison is representing Commonweal.

GCA REPORT

Linda Braun, Secretary

The Board reviewed Rob Civitello’s new sketch for the proposed redesign of the park by the church. It places the ramada closer to the mailboxes to be more inviting, allows space on the south end for a community garden area, and keeps a large central area open as playground space.

The Board is still waiting to hear if its requests for capital outlay funds from the legislature will be granted. \$250,000 was requested to replace part of the village water line and to install water meters. An additional \$70,000 was requested for improvements to the park.

The date for the GCA Board Elections has been changed to May. Positions up for re-election are **President, Vice President, Treasurer, three Board Members and one Alternate Member.** All positions are elected for two-year terms, except for the Alternate, who serves one year. You are welcome

to run for any of these positions if you’ve lived in Galisteo for a minimum of six months. All you need is someone to nominate you at the meeting. Being on the GCA Board is fun, interesting, and a great way to be an active part of your community. *Next meeting April 17th.*

PEDACITOS/BITS AND PIECES

Janice Felty Griscom is performing as alto soloist with Santa Fe Pro Musica in two concerts in March: Bach’s Cantata #6, at the Loretto Chapel, Friday, March 7th (8PM), Saturday March 8 (8PM), and Sunday, March 9 (6PM). Bach’s St. John Passion will be at Saint Francis Auditorium on Saturday, March 15 (7:30PM) and Sunday, March 16 (3PM).

Local clay artists **Cindy and Frank Lux, Liz Rose, and Barbara King** are participating in a new organization – The New Mexico Potter’s Trail – highlighting fourteen northern New Mexico pottery studios from Galisteo to the Dixon area. Everyone is invited to attend an exhibition and launch celebration at the new Heidi Loewen Studio & Gallery, 315 Johnson St., Santa Fe, Friday, April 4th, 5-7PM.

Paintings by Pamela Markoya and Jewelry by Kézha Hatier opens March 13th, 5-7 (thru April 18th) at Santa Fe Modern Home (1512 Pacheco St. A 105), which is owned by former Galisteoan Page Kelleher.

The Galisteo Inn’s re-opening was heralded in *The New Mexican* on Feb. 20th. It noted that lamb shanks came from Talus Winds Ranch, which is **Tim Willms’** ranch on Frank Anaya Ranch Road. A walk-in freezer for his special lamb products is installed behind La Tienda de Anaya, which he now owns.

James Snead’s talk on the Pueblo landscape of the Galisteo Basin was well attended and well-received. The organizers are planning a follow up, probably in May, by archaeologist Phil Young, who runs the Site Steward program and has some great tales about tracking down looters. There was some interest in the archaeological tours that were mentioned. They are run by **Adventures in Archaeology** (the Lab of Anthropology), and **Friends of Archaeology** (NM Office of Archaeological Studies) both The Museum of New Mexico.

Corrections: **Clarita Anaya’s** birthday was Jan 26th; the title of **Linda Braun’s** article in the February *Sun Monthly* was “A Beginner’s First Steps on the Path of Self-Love.”

SPRING HINTS FROM JAN SAUNDERS

House Finches are turning redder and redder, announcing spring and warmer weather. Here are a few things we can do to help the birds ease into spring, as they push their way along migration flyways.... and we keep our heads down out of the wind:

*Keep **fresh water** available for drinking and bathing;
***Clean feeders** with mild solution of Clorox and water and **keep them full.** ***Suet cakes** offer valuable protein; *Leave at least one **brush pile** to provide shelter from cold and predators; * Put out **humming bird feeders** by 2nd week of April; * Put up **nesting boxes** now -- but, on the dark side: House sparrows threaten all three species of our bluebirds. Put hole-reducer disks on birdhouses to keep bluebirds out, or they get pecked to death!

"Y dice una antigua tradicion que la voz es un puente" (poem by Cecilia Vicuña)



Antonio Sena (Rudy's brother) on almost new NM41 bridge, early 1940s. (Photo courtesy Antonio Chavez)

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FOR RENT

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WANTED

Mature, responsible woman seeks summer house-sitting in Galisteo area; loving care of pets and gardens; local references. 520-896-3315 or pwbarton@theriver.com.

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Chipotle Salsa & Guacamole \$7

Raw Milk Manchego

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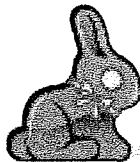
Dinner - Tuesday to Saturday

La Cantina - 5:00pm to 9:00pm

(last call 8:45pm)

Dinner Menu - 6:00pm to 9:00pm

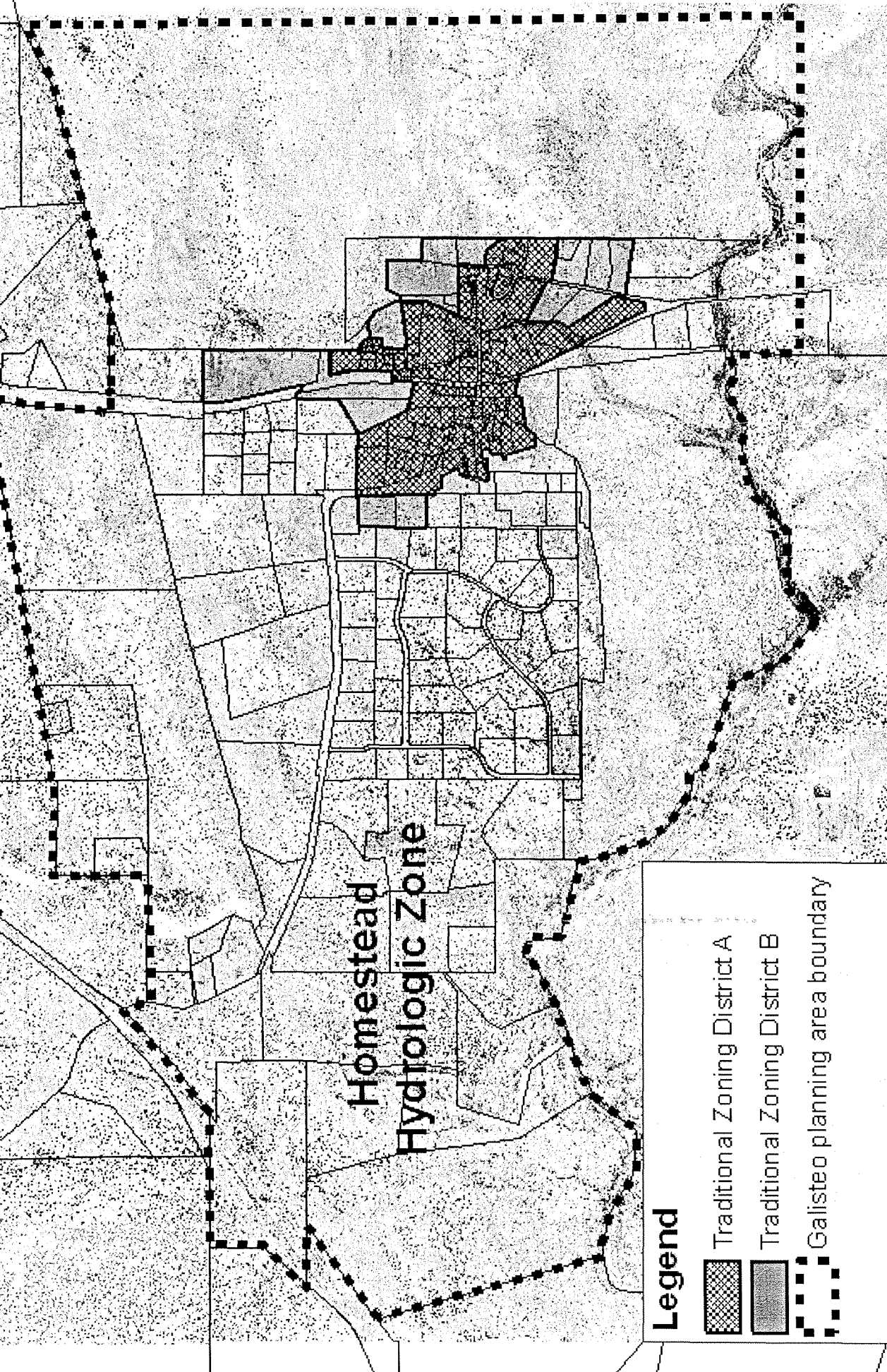
Sunday Brunch - 11:30am to 2:00pm



**Our Easter Brunch is filling up fast,
so call now for reservations!**

466-8200

Proposed Galisteo Residential Zoning Planning Committee Draft



Homestead
Hydrologic Zone

Legend

- Traditional Zoning District A
- Traditional Zoning District B
- Galisteo planning area boundary

