

# EL PUENTE DE GALISTEO

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## THE GALISTEO COMMUNITY PLANNING COMMITTEE IS RECONVENING

to rework the plan with County Staff so that it is in accordance with the directives of the new County Sustainable Growth Management Plan.

First Meeting: Wednesday, Jan. 26, 6:30  
at the Community Center.

Answer to last month's "What Nobody Knows About Us":  
ROGER TAYLOR co-managed the career of Broadway star  
Debbie DeCoudreaux.

NEXT: Who attended a two-room schoolhouse in a coal  
mining town in Harlan County, Kentucky during the Great  
Depression?

## OLD BRIDGE NAMED IN HONOR OF CORPORAL GEORGE MICHAEL ANAYA

It began in January 2010 with a conversation between Teresa Anaya -- daughter-in-law of Andres and Josie Anaya, who owned La Tienda Anaya on Via La Puente for decades -- and her niece Michelle Garcia. They came up with the idea of getting the Galisteo bridge named in honor of George Michael Anaya, who was killed in Vietnam in 1970 at the age of 18, so there would be some memory of his family in Galisteo. After a year of unanswered letters and phone calls and bureaucratic red tape, the two determined women finally succeeded in obtaining a resolution from the Board of County Commissioners, and their wish was granted on November 9th.

On December 18<sup>th</sup>, a cold but sunny day in the snow, the bridge was dedicated by John Garcia, Secretary of Veterans Affairs, Monsignor Holmes, and County Commissioner Michael Anaya, who was instrumental in the resolution. Around one hundred people attended, accompanied by an impressive Color Guard of Vietnam Veterans with flags..

George Michael Anaya (known as Michael) was born Dec. 6, 1951. His father served in World War II and two brothers (Joe Jake and Jimmy) were also in the military. Michael joined up in 1969, and died as a Private First Class only three months into his tour. Posthumously he was promoted to Corporal and awarded the Bronze Star. He was cited for being "quick to grasp the implications of new problems with which he was faced as a result of the ever changing situations inherent in a counterinsurgency operation....The energetic application of his (*Cont. p.2*)



extensive knowledge has materially contributed to the efforts of the United States Mission to the Republic of Vietnam to assist that country in ridding itself of the Communist threat to its freedom. His initiative, zeal, sound judgment and devotion to duty have been in the highest tradition of the United States Army and reflects great credit on himself, his unit, and military service." Anaya was also awarded the National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Ribbon, Combat Infantryman Badge, Expert Badge with Rifle Bar and Sharpshooter Badge with Automatic Rifle Bar.

As a kid, Michael and his friends would hang out under the old bridge to listen to AM radio, "watch daily life in Galisteo and wonder about the rest of the world."

In her thanks on behalf of the family to everyone for "the beautiful heartfelt ceremony," Teresa Anaya also mentioned "Tio Ramon Anaya, US Army, WWII, an MIA, then a POW who later died in a Japanese Prison Camp (we never gave up hope)" and "Frank (Pancho) Anaya, US Army WWII, may you rest in peace" (he was Mary Alice Anaya's husband), as well as Joe Gilbert Anaya, US Army, Vietnam Veteran, and Joe D. Anaya, US Navy, WWII, and her own brother Sammy Roybal, US Marine and Vietnam Veteran. She ended her talk: "To Corporal George Michael Anaya, son, brother, uncle, and Mom, Dad, we know you're watching from above. You may be gone, but you will never be forgotten. You will live in our hearts forever."

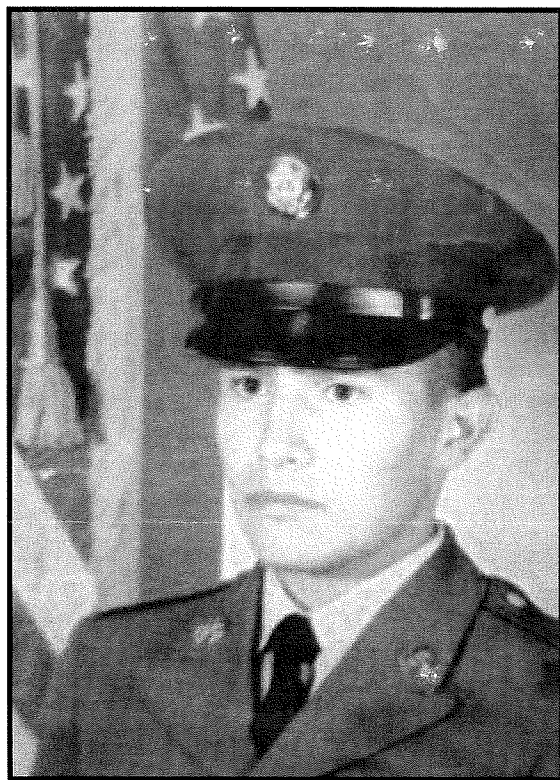
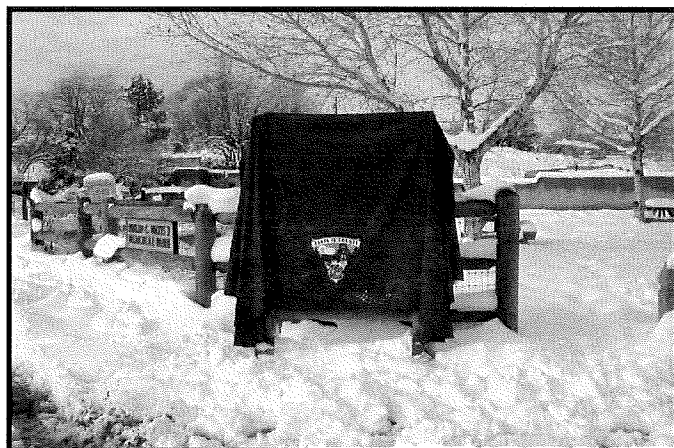


Photo courtesy of the Anaya Family;  
Front Page Photo: Phillip Tuwaletsiwa

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When the bridge ceremony was completed and the handsome carved wooden memorial sign was admired, a similar new sign was unveiled at Philip Watts III Park behind the mailboxes, honoring Phil Watts, son of Ramona and Philip Watts, who died young in an accident. (See above right)



## FROM THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Wayne King

The Galisteo Fire Department responded to eighteen emergency calls during the last two months of 2010, when normally there are only two or three calls a month. Ten of these were in Galisteo and the other eight were assisting at fires in Lamy, Eldorado, Hondo, and Edgewood.

The ten calls in Galisteo included four medical calls, one smoke alarm call, one carbon monoxide alarm call, one vehicle rollover on Highway 41 and three fire calls. The fire calls included one structure fire, one closed fireplace damper, and one brush fire.

The eight calls to neighboring districts included one woodpile fire next to a house, one building fire, and six possible building fires that turned out to be closed fireplace dampers, overheated appliance motors, or something similar.

Almost all of the fire calls involved wood as a fuel. The woodpile and brush fires resulted from the outdoor disposal of fireplace ash that still contained live embers. One of the building fires resulted from using an outdoor chimney indoors with a makeshift stovepipe (the structure was a total loss); the other resulted from a blanket near a fireplace catching fire (this building was also a total loss).

There are some lessons to be learned here. Starting a fire under a closed damper is fairly common. Usually one is able to snap open the damper before the fire makes much progress, but if it does get too hot to reach for the handle and a fire extinguisher is not handy, the next best thing to do is to call 911. However, the Fire Department will treat the event as a chimney fire. After the responders extinguish the fire in the fireplace, open doors and windows, and set up a ventilation fan, they will make a thorough search for any fires hidden in walls, ceilings, or the roof immediately adjacent to the firebox and chimney. This search is done with a thermal imaging camera that can detect hot spots through building materials.

So be careful when using wood for heating. Note how hot furniture and walls can get within a few feet of a roaring fireplace. Store ashes in a closed metal container for at least two days before dumping them, and douse dumped ashes with water before covering them with dirt to prevent the wind from stirring them up. It's amazing how tenacious a tiny live ember can be while it waits for the wind to blow it into waiting fuel. Hang a sign that says "Damper Closed" from the handle of the fireplace screen until you need to open it.



(photo: Shira Landman)

The December structure fire in Galisteo was at Shira Landman's studio on Via La Puente. She lost photographic equipment, art supplies, and her art. In the midst of snow showers, the GVFR responded with engine and water tanker.

From Shira: "I would like to deeply thank my neighbors, who assisted the small fire crew of initial responders: David Montoya, Ted Montoya, Michael J. Anaya, Ruben Anaya, Antonio Chavez, Ramona Watts, and Jodi Winsor. I was very lucky to escape the explosion. Please forgive me if I've forgotten anyone in the chaos of the moment."

## THE LATEST ON LA SALA

As we look back over the year, we see that we are slowly but surely moving forward. None of us ever expected that saving a building and starting an art center would take so long and be so much work. Hopefully we will see real progress in this new year.

We now have a preservation architect on board, and working drawings for rebuilding the front step area. We have applied for grants to help us and the outcome looks positive. We are also working to be listed on the National Register and listed as an endangered building in New Mexico. UNM is interested in bringing student workshops to help restore the building. Our little gallery at the Gwyns' is growing in popularity and adding much needed money toward our matching grants.

Thanks to all of you who have supported us with donations, monetary and in-kind. We are very grateful for the village's encouragement and to all the artists who have participated in our exhibitions. We will need you even more as we continue on this adventure, so please be as generous as you can whenever you can. We welcome the opportunity to talk to you about any ideas or questions you might have.

**Barbara King**, President and Treasurer; **Eric Thomas**, Vice President; **Maria Ortiz y Pino**, Secretary; Board Members: **Anna Cárdenas**, **Dianna Gwyn**, **Cindy Lux**, **Jean Anaya Moya**, **Cory McGillicuddy**, **Linda Rice**, **David van Dyk**; and Honorary Members **Anthony Burns** and **Matthew McQueen**.

## PEDACITOS/BITS AND PIECES

On December 11<sup>th</sup>, **Tana Cárdenas** graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering from New Mexico State University, and will go on to graduate school at NMSU. The family celebrated in Galisteo at the Community Center on December 18<sup>th</sup>.

For a while in December, it looked as though the **Lamy Station Café's** days were over. The wonderful train-car restaurant – not incidentally the only eating place in the Lamy/Galisteo area – got caught in a dispute about the zoning of railroad land between the Santa Fe Southern Railway and the County, and was denied a license. But after horrified community response, the problem was solved. Eventually the Café may move voluntarily across the road to the Lamy Railroad and History Museum (formerly the Legal Tender).

Senator Tom Udall announced just before Christmas that the National Park Service was awarding nearly \$783,000 to the **Cerrillos Hills State Park** to build a visitors center in the village of Cerrillos, and a maintenance building. The park is ideal for hiking, horseback and bike riding and should aid the tourist economy. But that park will *not* include the addition of a wild horse ranch on the **Ortiz Mountain (Ball) Ranch**, which became a controversial issue at the end of Gov. Richardson's term. The \$2.8 million price of the ranch was donated to the state's general fund, since the deal could not be completed by year's end.

**The Hoback family** has successfully re-opened the Pink Adobe. Priscilla Hoback was among the prominent citizens asked by *The SF Reporter* what they would choose as the Santa Fe city mascot. Priscilla's choice was the burro of Burro Alley. Other suggestions were prairie dog, cougar, St. Francis, Wes Studi, raven, eagle, and Wile E Coyote.

**Joe S. Anaya**, born in Galisteo in 1925, son of Eliseo Anaya and Apolonia Sena, passed away in Santa Fe in November.

Illustrator **Tricia Tusa**, a former Galisteo, is the co-author (with Queen Rania of Jordan) of a new children's book called *The Sandwich Shop*.

## BLUE CHRISTMAS

Jan Saunders

Have a BLUE Christmas? I did and I loved it! No sooner had the fall chill sucked the last of the gold from the cottonwoods and winter's cold scorched the brightness from the Basin landscape, than Mountain Bluebirds arrived to drink and bathe in the chilly water of the bird rock beneath my feeder. Patient and respectful, each waits his or her turn in the bath. Dunking heads, dipping tails, and flipping wings send crystalline droplets high into the frigid air. Recently bathed birds fluff wet feathers to dryness in the feeble sunlight. Wearing the sky on their wings, they seem to revel in the coldness.

Would it surprise you to know that their brilliant turquoise feathers are actually a dull brown? Bluebird blue, a clever trick of nature, is the result of a layer of microscopic cells (*Cont. p.4*)

(schemochromes) overlying the brownish basal pigment cells that reflect only blue light waves of the spectrum. In short, our beautiful bluebirds are a prismatic optical illusion.

As scientists and game officials probe the global mystery of recent bird and fish deaths, it's reassuring to know and comforting to see that our bluebirds are weathering the colder-than-normal temperatures this winter.

Note: Putting out fresh, warm water will draw these stunning birds to your feeder. Flocks of Mountain Bluebirds may also contain Western and Eastern Bluebirds.

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### GALISTEO CLASSIFIED

**ADS ARE FREE, AND FOR GALISTEO RESIDENTS ONLY. PLEASE CALL 466-1276 TO UPDATE, CHANGE, OR DELETE YOUR ADS. Next deadline: February 10<sup>th</sup>. SERVICES**

**Snowplowing driveways/roads, and rides to and from the airport:** Paul Thompson, 660-2171. [www.paulthompsonandassociates.com](http://www.paulthompsonandassociates.com).

**Pet and housesitting, watering plants, feeding animals, etc.** Call Linda Jones, 466-6624. **Carpentry:** Custom closets, hand-carved tables, benches, gates, doors; also electrical work. Ted Montoya, 466-1430 (messages).

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