

EL PUENTE DE GALISTEO

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EVERYBODY COME TO THE GCA ELECTION

MEETING: WED. MARCH 23; 6:30
AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER

CORRECTIONS:*Due to other commitments, Isabella Gonzales turned down the position of EMT Captain for the GVFR. It was filled by **Christian Mee**. *Denice Pruet's "Too Hot for Spot" protects animals from **hyperthermia**, not hypothermia.* We misrepresented Barbara Seiler's letter which said in fact that gas and oil companies used more than 32 million gallons of **diesel fuel** (not water) in this country; it's our water that's endangered. * The Valentine's lunch was canceled for lack of reservations.

APRIL 9th - 9AM: WE START FIXING UP LA SALA!!

Come one, come all to help restore this great old piece of Galisteo history. If you can push a broom, swing a hammer or just encourage your handy neighbors, come by the building next to the church. SEE YOU THERE! - La Sala de Galisteo Board



Photo: David Van Dyk. Left to right: Eric Thomas, Carol Cooper, Ginny Walden, Barbara King; not in photo: Cindy Lux and David Van Dyk.

On March 1st, La Sala members met for two hours with Carol Cooper, Rural Arts Partnerships and Community Arts Development Coordinator. It was agreed to form a committee to address fundraising from State and Federal sources. Anyone interested in joining will be welcome.

Answer to last month's "WHO KNEW?" (formerly "What Nobody Knows About Us"): **Nick Merrick** was rescued by Edward Said at Cairo University, on his way to Libya.

NEXT: Who modeled as a "tan-pearl blonde" for Clairol's hair shows?



Drawing: Catherine Ferguson

COYOTE'S NATURAL HISTORY

Jan Saunders

Coyote evolved in North America millions of years ago, out-existing his cousin the Dire Wolf, the fiercest canine ever. At the dawn of the 20th Century, Coyote was a firmly established resident of the Southwest who never ventured east of the Mississippi River. Today Coyote prowls every state except Hawaii. His size (four feet from nose to tail tip) and weight (20-50 pounds) vary with geography. As Coyote expanded his territory north, he interbred with wolves, increased his average weight to 50 pounds and established his range as far east and south as Florida. Today he thrives coast to coast in desert, grasslands, mountains, and urban areas.

Coyote will mate for life, but takes a new mate if one dies. The pair hunt and raise their pups together, frequently in the same den year after year. The male is bigger and patrols a larger range. Coyote can interbreed with domestic dogs and wolves. Breeding season is January to March with a 2 month gestation (*Cont. p.2*)

(COYOTE) period for litters that range from 1-7 pups, with 4 being the norm. Litter size is determined by population and food availability. Pups born in April-May will be hunting and yipping with the adults before the cottonwoods turn golden in the fall.

Coyote communicates through facial expressions, body language, scent markings, and vocalizations. Living up to his Latin genus and species, *Canis latrans* or "barking dog," Coyote loves to yip, yowl, woof and bark alone or in groups. He indulges in the loudest yodeling at sunrise and sunset or when the group reunites. Some say coyote, all by himself, can sing bass and tenor at the same time. Before mating, an intended pair may howl together in a "love duet." The mated pair forms the basic social unit.

Coyote is an opportunistic omnivore whose gustatory tolerance runs the gamut from rabbits, gophers, mice, voles, birds, fruit, berries, the occasional spring deer or antelope fawn, domestic dogs, cats and chickens to carrion, road kill and garbage. This lack of specialization enhances his survival.

Coyote's tracks are similar to other canines but unique in their more business-like, direct, 15 inch stride. His four toes (nail marks are evident) and pad form a narrow, tight, oval front paw print pointing in the direction of movement, quite different from the splayed-toe, short-strided tracks of dogs. Coyote's tracks demonstrate his forward intention without stops, stumbles, backtracks or meanders. Like a long-distance runner, Coyote, clocked at forty-five miles per hour, maintains a steady pace easily covering his range of twenty-five square miles. Look for his tracks along roadways and paths in mud or fresh snow.



On December 30th, Craig Moya, son of Jean and Steve Moya, married Sonja Lomann at the Church of the Holy Faith in Santa Fe. Sonja is from Munich, Germany. They met two years ago when both were working at the Eldorado Hotel. She was in an exchange program for Hotel Management, and he was valet parking. We wish them a long and happy marriage.

LETTER TO THE COMMUNITY (1)

Heartfelt thanks to all who attended the gathering for Richard Griscom January 23rd in the Community Center. The delicious food you brought, the shared memories of Richard and the positive comments voiced about the community all served as a befitting tribute to him. All expressions of support, friendship, and kindness from Galisteños have been a great help to me. Thank you, thank you. – **Janice Felty Griscom**

Ed.Note: A postscript to Richard's obituary: In the Peace Corps, Richard worked under Leveo Sanchez in Washington, whose mother, coincidentally, was Victoria Davis Sanchez of the Ortiz y Davis family, who taught at the Galisteo school.

LETTER TO THE COMMUNITY (2)

I just want to say thanks to my wonderful and caring neighbors and friends in Galisteo who went out of their way to be sure that I, and others who are alone, weathered our recent Arctic blast, safe, sound and warm. Special thanks to Nancy Helle, who is always there for me, no matter what, and Michael J. Anaya, my best friend ever, for calling me at 7AM that freezing morning to be sure I was OK and hauling a huge bag of dog food up my snow-slick road, because I was dumb enough not to plan ahead.

My thanks also to Antonio Chavez and Denice for doing a night-time check on Ramona Watts when her phone was out of order and her kids were worried. Being a Senior Citizen, it's wonderful to know that we have so many good and caring neighbors and friends in our village. There are many who give their time to folks here who need help or comfort, unknown to most of us. My thanks to all of them too! We are our brother's (and sister's) keepers.

Also, concerning Moira Walden's "volunteering career" in Santa Fe: She volunteered for years at the Santa Fe Animal Shelter & Humane Society at its former old and broken down facility on Cerrillos Road. She did about the worst job there -- washing and drying nasty, smelly dog and cat blankets and folding them to fit on "way above her head" shelves, teetering on top of a ladder to get them up there. This was winter and summer in a tiny, nearly dark, no-heat room in the far back of the Shelter. Moira never missed her day there and was always a cheerful "workaholic" volunteer. We all loved her and so did the animals! -- **Evelyn Gregory**

Ed Note: Evelyn herself was a former adoption counselor at SFAS&HS, now retired after eleven years there.

FROM THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Thanks to the very dry weather and wild winds, the **fire danger level is EXTREME**. This should not be taken lightly!

Please be sure your house would be safe in the event of a brush or grass fire. Clean around it, cut weeds, make a fire break (open space) around the house and be sure there is not a lot of brush up close to it. For further details, see www.sfcfire-wildland.com, where you can also order a handy wildland fire guide.

Mil gracias to those who sent in donations. And to those who haven't -- just a reminder! Feeling guilty? Send a check!

GALISTEO CREEK RESTORATION BEGINS

Jan Willem Jansens, Earth Works Institute

After several years of study and waiting for the land grab suit to end, Earth Works Institute (EWI) is now ready to implement a series of ecological restoration projects along the Galisteo Creek in Galisteo. Funded by a grant from the State Environment Department, EWI plans to work at five locations in the village to remove obstacles to the flow of water, eradicate invasive Russian olive trees, and prevent severe erosion and sediment accumulation.

The projects will also help increase the frequency of overbank flooding and local water infiltration across the floodplain to store more water above ground and underground during high floods. They will also improve habitat and pathways for wildlife across the Galisteo Basin.

In the course of 2011 and 2012, EWI will host a series of walks, workshops, and workdays in Galisteo related to the river work. The events will include tree removal, tree planting, erosion control, trail work, wildlife tracking, and stream monitoring.

EWI plans to revive the Galisteo Community Stewardship Team to build and train a local cadre of residents to continue field monitoring and to offer long-term care for the stream and its wetlands after the project ends in June 2012.

Please stay tuned to participate in a walk of the restoration sites once the weather warms up. In the next few months you may see EWI people doing measurements up and down the creek. Feel free to ask them about the project. EWI will also present the proposed restoration projects during the Galisteo Community Association's annual meeting on March 23. For more information contact EWI's Executive Director, Jan-Willem Jansens, at jwj@earthworksinstitute.org or call 982-9806.

BEFORE GALISTEO

After the Tano Indians left the Galisteo Pueblo in 1782, it was too dangerous to live in the Galisteo Basin, though it was used for grazing. In 1795, one early resident recalled, "there was first built a house there [Galisteo Pueblo or the site of the present village] for the use of a detachment of troops which from that year to 1814 was stationed there... owing to the great risk from the enemy who passes to and fro with his spoils after having committed many murders, and in order to prevent depredations, a strong detachment of Pueblo Indians and Citizens was kept stationed there..." (This was necessary because the pueblo could no longer serve as a buffer against raiding Plains tribes.)

In 1799, the Ojito de Galisteo (Galisteo Spring) land grant was awarded for grazing to Juan Cruz Aragon, a old soldier who apparently never put it to use, and therefore lost it, since an attempt in the late 1800s to have the grant confirmed was not pursued. One of the conditions of the grant (northeast of the present village, including the ancient pueblo), was that Aragon have bow and arrows or a firearm "for defense because of the open nature of the place," and that after four years firearms would be required. An 1807 edict required that anyone traveling abroad had to be armed; the poor had at least a slingshot, and Indians had bows and arrows.

PEDACITOS/BITS AND PIECES

Anna Cárdenas was recognized for her dedication to community service by Commissioner Robert Anaya at the Board of County Commissioners meeting on Jan. 25th.

Catherine Ferguson's *retablos* are the focus of *You Who Make the Sky Bend: Saints as Archetypes of the Human Condition* -- a handsome book with texts by Lisa Sandlin, just out from Pinyon Publishing.

Thanks to **Michael J. Anaya** for rescuing and resetting our wonderful painted mailboxes next to the church. Someone cares about how we look to the rest of the world.

On March 11, former Galisteña **Linda Durham** closed her Santa Fe gallery, ending a 33-year career, and made the cover of *The Santa Fe Reporter* and a feature article in *The New Mexican*. Noted were Linda's ten years in Galisteo, where her gallery was first in the "hacienda" (Woody and Dianna Gwyn's) and then on La Vega. Once a Playboy Bunny and mayoral candidate, she intends to stay involved in aspects of the contemporary art world, but wants to pay more attention to her role as a "freelance cultural explorer," reading, writing, performing, and traveling to exotic destinations and political hotspots.

Frederick F. Ellis (1924-2011) passed away on March 6th. Son of painter Fremont Ellis, Frederick helped his father remove parts of two Galisteo *haciendas* which were reconstructed at San Sebastian on the Old Las Vegas Highway. (See "Ghost House," in *El Puente*, Dec. 2002 and Jan. 2003). He is survived by his wife Bonita ("Bonnie") and three sons.

At its December meeting, the BCC tabled a purchase (highly recommended by the County Open Land and Trails Committee) of **9200 acres off of NM 14** which would provide a gateway to nearly 2200 acres of public BLM lands for proposed uses as open space, hiking, mountain biking, and horseback riding. Funds for open space from gross receipts taxes was approved by voters.

Corey McGillicuddy was pictured in *The New Mexican* (3/10) as a volunteer selling daffodils to benefit the Hospice Center. She is also happy to announce that she has a land line at last, though it came too late for listing in the 2011 Galisteo directory! Her number is 466-1831; add it to your books.

During the controversy over film perks in the legislature, *The New Mexican* noted that since 2003, Albuquerque hosted some 100 productions, Santa Fe over 60, Galisteo and Rio Rancho over 20 each, Las Vegas 19, Alamogordo 9, and Las Cruces 2.

Down Country: The Tano of the Galisteo Basin, 1250-1782 has been given the New Mexico Historical Society's Fray Francisco Atanasio Dominguez Book Award. (Dominguez was the author of the 1776 condition report on New Mexico's missions and also an early explorer of the territory to the northwest.)

GCA UPDATE

from Roger Taylor, secretary

Anna Cárdenas and Roger Taylor were invited to a meeting of the communities in County District 3, hosted by Commissioner Robert Anaya on March 9th to discuss ways to facilitate communication with the various communities. (See santafecounty.org.) Many issues were raised, and it was agreed that the representatives would report back to their communities to get further input for the Commissioner. This group will become a standing advisory committee, meeting bi-monthly with the Commissioner to discuss progress and give him feedback.

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