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FEBRUARY 2012

FREE SMOKE DETECTORS (one per family) available at the Fire Station, Tuesday evenings, from 6:30.

FEBRUARY 14: County Courthouse, Grant St., Santa Fe, 5PM or later: **Board of County Commissioners second Public Hearing on the Galisteo Community Plan.** PLEASE COME and support your committee.

FEBRUARY 18, 2PM: Linda Braun Memorial, Community Center; food, music, remembrances.

FEBRUARY 26, 2-4: Tribute to Agnes Martin, 13 Marcellina Lane; free; RSVP to ellenmaclarencaulkin@gmail.com .

MARCH 3: Coffee hosted by Roger Taylor, who will give a brief presentation on neighborhood safety precautions.

WHO KNEW? Wayne King attended his first two years of high school at a Catholic seminary located in the buildings of the former Indian School on the Oneida reservation outside Green Bay, Wisconsin.

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WANTED: More "Who Knew" entries from anyone in the village. Send them to flip14@wildblue.net or call 466-1276.

CORRECTION: The double cross on the church originated in a religious vow made by **Rudy Sena**, who asked **Onesimo Montoya** to construct it; **Manuel Anaya** helped to install it

ROYALTY IN THE BASIN

Jan Saunders

Latin genus and species: *Buteo regalis* (kingly or regal hawk)

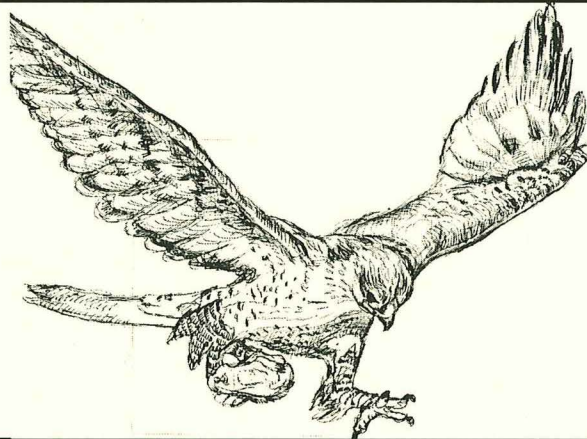
Common name: *Ferruginous (rusty or reddish-colored)*

When I first moved to Galisteo some 18 years ago, I heard reverent talk of a large hawk, *Buteo regalis*, which once soared over the village and perched majestically on the north *creston*. A few weeks ago, the Galisteo grapevine rustled with rumors of local sightings of a large white hawk. Very curious, a little skeptical, and somewhat on a whim, I drove south out of the village to have a look-see. As I rattled over the old concrete bridge in the warm sun of a "June-uary" afternoon, I thought of the prairie dog town just east of the highway, the (*Cont.p.2*)

G.C.A. is still looking for hosts for Saturday Coffee/Book Swap for the months of June-Dec. October may be held the second Saturday, due to a possible rental. G.C.A. will supply the coffee. Hosts can bake or buy their pastries, breakfast items or any other items they would like to serve. We ask that you take out any trash in kitchen/baths. Bring in your own ideas to change it up a bit: Provide music or musicians, guest speakers, presentations, etc. I am also looking for a volunteer to keep the Saturday Coffee/Book Swap going, make sure there is a sign-up sheet at each Coffee, call the Host, confirm date, and inform Janice Wall who keeps the GCA Rental Calendar.

To volunteer or sign up, call Anna Cardenas, GCA President at 466-8967 or email me at annacardenas1@hughes.net.

Drawing by Catherine Ferguson (see also page 3)



(HAWK) horned lark, meadowlark, quail, and long-billed curlew—all primary food choices inhabiting the short grass prairie of our basin. In no time, I found the rumored hawk just south of the rodeo grounds, great white wings coursing low over the grass in search of a meal. I was ecstatic!

A raptor of the open country of the West, the strikingly handsome Ferruginous is the largest American hawk and outweighs our familiar Red-tailed by a full pound (a lot for a bird). Only eagles are larger and heavier. And eagle-like he is, with an impressive wingspan, massive beak, wide yellow gape, arresting gaze, and powerful feet and talons. Ferruginous hawks nest in trees, on steep slopes and ledges, or simply on a high mound when no trees are present. The mated pair, with identical plumage, tends the largest nest of all North American birds, returning year after year to aggressively defend it against all comers, even coyotes.

Ferruginous Hawks do not migrate but wander in the manner of Golden Eagles over their North American range, from California east to Texas, and from Canada south, deep into Mexico. (Someone in Clayton, NM, attached a collar and bell to a Ferruginous that turned up dead in Saskatchewan, Canada, twenty years later.) They are declining in parts of their range due to habitat loss to agriculture, and to prairie dog eradication.

Not to worry, if you glimpse this bird you will have little difficulty identifying it. For a more definitive description, refer to your bird guide or google Ferruginous Hawk, click on "Images."

PEDACITOS/BITS AND PIECES

The GCA Board is working with the County to obtain an estimate for putting in a solar light to illuminate the mail-boxes, and to run an electrical hook-up into Watts Park for outlets and a light under the shelter.

The Board of County Commissioners has settled with Joe Miller (Cow Springs Cattle Co.) in a longstanding and litigious dispute over **affordable housing requirements**. The County is in the process of lowering the current requirements for all developments from 30% to 15%. Few real estate developments are going forward in the County at this time.

On Jan. 12, 1912, "The **public school at Galisteo** was closed Thursday for 10 days by County School Superintendent John V. Conway, acting on the advice of the school directors, who report a severe epidemic of measles in the district. The report was brought to Santa Fe by one of the directors, Pedro Ortiz. An investigation of the condition will be made."

On January 30th, there was a horrific **accident** on NM 41, resulting in a mangled car near the Nizhoni entrance. Villagers returning home were held up for over an hour while a medical rescue helicopter arrived. This was less than a mile from the site where two Galisteo residents collided last month. (Neither was injured.)

Santa Fe County is only obligated to cooperate with ICE (Immigration and Customs Enforcement) to the extent required

by law. Commissioner **Robert Anaya** told *The New Mexican* (2/1) that he was concerned about violence and would like to see "more stringent policies that afford complete cooperation and coordination with ICE." Marcela Diaz of Somos Un Pueblo Unido said counties in other states have chosen to ignore ICE detainees rather than taking on the costs and liability of holding innocent inmates who would otherwise be released.

Tom Martinelli is included in the exhibition *New Mexico Showcase* at 516 Arts (516 Central SW) in Albuquerque, and his photograph is one of four reproduced on the announcement.

Let's hope our **Community Plan** doesn't meet the fate of the Land Use Code brought before the Taos County Commission, which suddenly killed it in early February. "Six years of work down the drain," fumed one commissioner, not to mention 35 public meetings and \$20,000 spent on notices.

Todd and Patricia Brown of the Cerrillos Mining Museum, Petting Zoo, and other endeavors, have started a **website**, based in a community Internet center accommodating up to seven users at a time. The website collects stories about Cerrillos from residents. See www.cerrillosnewmexico.com.

Roper on the Plain, a photo of the **Galisteo Rodeo** by Judy McGowan (who used to work for the County) is in the February issue of *New Mexico Magazine*.

SOLAR SYSTEMS #2

An ongoing series on solar energy systems used by Galisteo residents. Email the editor to participate.

Fred and JJ Milder

We live at 52 West Basin Ridge, which is off CR42, about 5 miles northwest of Galisteo. Our land is part of the West Basin Preserve, an area developed by the Commonweal Conservancy, and protected in perpetuity from development beyond 4 single-family homes in approximately 800 acres. Beyond the conservation easement, which was part of our agreement with Commonweal when we bought the land, we also agreed to be off-grid, as there are no utilities of any sort out where we are.

Once we made the decision to have solar electricity (photovoltaics), it was a natural extension to also have solar heating and hot water (active solar thermal hydronics). The two systems combined were designed to provide most of our needs with renewable energy, with our backup source being propane. We burn propane for cooking, for our clothes dryer, for backup heat and hot water, and for backup electricity.

Also, after several cloudy days in a row, when our generator runs to provide our backup electricity, we capture its heat (it is essentially a small car engine with a generator hung on the end) and put it into our house. This is called "co-generation" because we are producing useful heat and electricity at the same time. In the summer, our heating panels provide heat for a swimming pool and we never use non-renewable energy for the pool. Our water well is totally solar and does not have any backup system, nor have we ever needed one for it. (Cont. p.3)

Since we built the home in 2006-2007 and no one has ever lived here without the renewable energy sources, we have no comparison numbers to offer concerning how much of our energy needs are provided by our renewable sources and how much by our backup systems. We have estimated that number though, and believe we are getting about 85% of our energy from our renewables.

Our house has been the subject of several magazine articles and was in the New Mexico chapter of the U.S. Green Building Council home tour (green home tour) in 2009. Beyond the necessity of providing for our own electricity, water pumping, heat and hot water, and the obvious financial benefits, including NM and federal tax rebates, we feel good about what we have done for ourselves, for New Mexico, and for the planet.

LINDA BRAUN (2/24/54-10/22/11)

Linda grew up in Great Neck, New York, and was an artist, graphic designer, activist, writer, adventurer, body worker, and yoga practitioner/teacher in different turns. She received a BA from SUNY Purchase, had a solo show of paintings in SoHo, and worked with autistic children and psychiatric patients. She also made garments and accessories from fabrics of her own design that she sold to major department stores in NYC.

After several visits to New Mexico, Linda moved to Santa Fe permanently in 1990. From 1995 until 2007 she co-owned, edited, and published *The Eldorado Sun*, courageously providing us all with much-needed information not readily available.

Linda was diagnosed with a benign brain tumor in 1992 for which she had numerous treatments and surgeries for over ten years. In 2001 she was also diagnosed with breast cancer. While treating her body, she resolved to feed her heart and soul. Linda was heroic and tenacious beneath her softness, and most spectacularly in her creation of a loving attitude toward herself and others. She was an active member of the co-counseling community for almost 15 years and became a beacon of compassion that will be sorely missed.

Linda is preceded in death by her parents, Irene and David Braun. She is survived by her son Ezra, siblings Dana and Michael, former husband Gershon Siegel, and loving friends, many of whom attended her Yoga classes here in Galisteo. (Thanks to Wendy Bowman for this information. See page 1 for memorial details.)



* CALL FOR ENTRIES *

2012 SEASON at LA SALA de GALISTEO

The gallery committee is in the process of coordinating one and two person Shows for the upcoming 2012 show season.

With three years of terrific community and themed shows under our belts, the gallery is moving into its next phase. The 2012 Season will consist of solo and two person shows, each lasting approximately three weeks, May thru September. To attract art lovers from outside Galisteo, advertising, PR, and email will support each show. Professional hanging, marketing, and hosting services for openings will be available from the Board of La Sala de Galisteo.

If you are interested or have any questions, please contact: Janice Wall at janiceruthwall@mac.com or 466-3059 or Cindy Lux at forbeslux@aol.com or 466-2121.

* Entry Deadline March 15th!! *



VALENTINE'S SPECIAL: HOW WE MET

Barbara and Joe Cooper: We met in dancing school at age fifteen. We were best friends for years, and in 1955, our senior year of college, something clicked. We were married in 1957.

Leslie and Dick Dillworth: Dick's sister was my best friend and witness at my first wedding, which was held in Dick's father's law office. Later, when we were both separated, we ended up living in the same apartment complex in Philadelphia, but we still hadn't met. His sister told Dick to call her friend...that was 29 years ago.

Cindy and Frank Lux: I worked at an ad agency and Frank was an illustrator's rep. We were his biggest client and we saw each other all the time. One thing led to another but we kept it secret for almost a year because I was the boss's daughter and he'd get a lot of flack. When we finally got engaged in 1987, all the women in the office said "What? Our Frank?" I said, "No, my Frank." We were married in 1988.

Deborah Madison and Patrick McFarlin: We met at times over the years in the Bay area in the 1970s and didn't like each other. I thought he was a bearded hippie and he thought I was up-tight. Years later when I was living in Flagstaff and he was in Benton, Arkansas, we were both visiting Santa Fe, and he came into focus. I knew right away. That was in April. In August we moved together to New Mexico, the only area we knew in common.





Coffee and Book Exchange, February 4th

EL PUENTE SPONSORS: THE MCKEE ROAD WELL ACCOUNT

(E. Gregory, N. Helle, K. & A. Magg, J. Pfeiffer,
B. & P. Pfeiffer, P. Tonika, T. Martinelli)

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And thanks to The Spicocchi,
M. Murray, The Milder, for contributions.

GALISTEO CLASSIFIED

ADS ARE FREE, AND FOR GALISTEO RESIDENTS ONLY. PLEASE CALL 466-1276 TO UPDATE, CHANGE, OR DELETE YOUR ADS. Next deadline: March 4th.

FOR SALE

Talus Wind Meat CSA Shares available. Once a month Galisteo pick-up of NM grown lamb, beef, goat, eggs, and more! Full & Half shares available - reasonable prices. Contact Timothy at 501-4940; twichland@taluswindranch.com ;for more info. <http://taluswindranch.com/meat-csa.html>.

SERVICES

Dream Interpretation: Learn about the message from your Inner Self in your dreams applied to your daily life - Veronique Cartier- 466-0803.

The Orchard: Full service catering, personal chef, and Care Network. Corey McGillicuddy (aka Dragon Lady), 466-1831.

Pet and housesitting, watering plants, feeding animals, etc. Call Linda Jones, 466-6624.

We build and repair coyote fences; haul trash; yard work & other odd jobs. Fair prices, local references, Michael J. Anaya, 660-8920.

Common sense, gentle dog-training: house manners, management problem-solving at your home; also limited boarding. Twenty years experience. Call Evelyn, 466-1875.

Barbara Holloway Fine Handweaving scarves, shawls, vests, jackets, handwoven of luxurious chenille. 466- 2118.

Carpentry: Custom closets, hand-carved tables, benches, gates, doors; also electrical work. Ted Montoya, 466-1430 (messages).

Barbara King Pottery: functional and decorative, handcrafted with a variety of glazes on white stoneware. 466-3219.

Rocky Mountain Handyman. Can do anything! Call Mark Lyons, 629-9323.

Snowplowing driveways/roads, and rides to and from the airport: Paul Thompson, 660-2171. www.paulthompsonandassociates.com.

MacTech Support and Tutoring, photo digitizing and organizing, and Photoshop lessons: Tom Martinelli, 466-1020. Beth is available for **petsitting in Galisteo**, 470-7606.

Need a pet sitter or house sitter? I will do short or long-term care, occasional overnights, reasonable rates, refs. available. For info, call Maria, 466-8930.

White Dog Cyclery: Certified bicycle maintenance/repair. Your family bicycle service. All bikes, repairs. Call Frank, 466-2121.

Saturday Art Classes for children and adults, Retablos and watercolors. 10-12AM or 2-4PM, weekdays or weekends. Catherine Ferguson, 466-2765.

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Dave's Auto Repair: restoring, minor repairs, painting. Local refs. Free estimates: David Montoya, 466-2097.

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