

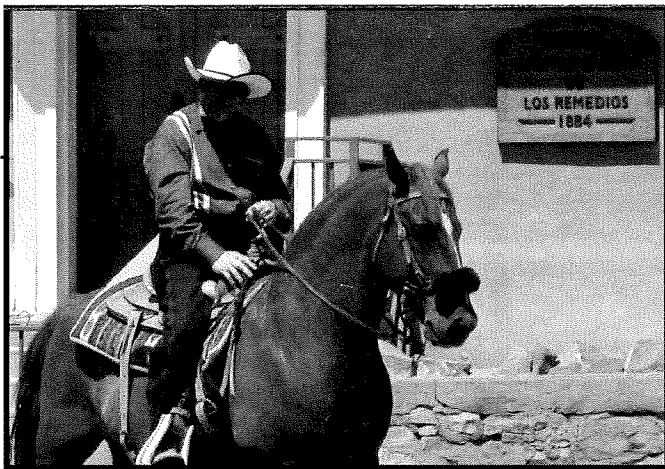
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JOHNNY ANAYA

October 5, 1944 – December 10, 2013



Johnny Joseph Anaya passed away suddenly on December 10th. He was born in 1944, the youngest of Clarita and Manuel Anaya's four children, two of whom, Nick Anaya and Marta Delgado, survive him. Descendent of one of Galisteo's founding families, Johnny was born and raised here, living most of his life on the Hill, near his parents and his oldest brother Nick and wife Corinne.

Johnny worked on the McKee (then Cook) Ranch and for the State, retiring from Santa Fe County as a heavy equipment operator. He is survived by his fiancé Betty Jo Tabor and his children Raymond, Manuel, Joseph, Felipe, and Juanita ("JJ") Jaramillo, 12 grandchildren, and 3 great grandchildren. At his funeral mass at Nuestra Señora de los Remedios, we heard reminiscences from all of his grandchildren, relayed by Krystal Montoya. Most mentioned was Johnny's passion for horses. "He was a cowboy all his life," says Nick, recalling the time the two of them rode to Lamy and his father had to bring the horse back standing in a pickup -- possible because he was so well trained. Johnny had a gift for that, and always had two or three horses, beginning around the age of 16. Regalo, one of the survivors (along with little Bravo), had been given to him after several owners gave up on his bad habits, which Johnny soon cured. Nick also recalls a time that Mary Alice's husband Pancho had a pig that got loose. Johnny chased him, roped him, and rode him back!

WITH THIS ISSUE, EL PUENTE BEGINS ITS 18th YEAR!

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Sat. Feb. 15: LA SALA "SWEET AND HOT" CONCERT AND PARTY at the Community Center. Music by Havana Son. 5-6: Salsa dance demonstration; 6-9: concert. Plus Cake Walk, costume prizes, and refreshments. Suggested donation: \$15 per person, \$25 per couple. For info call Janet, 466-4245.

Mark Anaya, who worked with him, said Johnny's favorite song was "I'm just an old hippie, don't know what to do, stay with the old or welcome the new." He was a good man with a deep enjoyment of life, and a strong commitment to his family and horses and puppies ("the girls"). His friendly greeting, ready smile and laugh will be missed by many. Los Pastores on December 15th was dedicated to his memory.

LAMY CRUDE OIL THREAT

"In New Mexico...in the 21st Century...water is more valuable than oil and gas."

Almost 300 people from Eldorado, Lamy, Galisteo, and other communities showed up at the January 18th meeting at the Legal Tender to protest plans by Pacer Energy Marketing and Santa Fe Southern Railway to ship volatile, toxic crude oil in and out of the tiny town of Lamy. Roger Taylor, who co-chaired the meeting, reports that it was attended by news teams from three stations, several reporters, State Senator Peter Wirth, and representatives of US Senator Tom Udall and US Congressman Ben Ray Lujan.

The potential dangers are many. Prime among them for Galisteo is the proximity of the truck-to-rail transfer point to the Galisteo Creek, our water source, as well as to a main well for Eldorado. Also crucial is the possibility that railway access will once again open up the Galisteo Basin to oil and gas development, erasing our hard-won 2007-08 victory. Other concerns are potential damage to Lamy's historic church and impact on the wildlife corridor. An Albuquerque firm has been contracted to improve the siding at the Lamy "Y" in the road. Transfers could start as soon as this is complete.

"The meeting ran for two hours. The two reps from Pacer Energy were cordial and tried to answer questions, (Cont. p.2)

LAMY OIL CONT) but were certainly not expecting such an outspoken and opinionated crowd!"

At the close of the meeting there was a loud unanimous "AYE" vote against crude oil operations in Lamy. And "All against?" A Pacer rep elbowed his colleague, who said, "I'm not going to say anything!"

Kim Sorvig, UNM professor and neighbor to our west, points out that transfers from 25-50 trucks a week will take place 24/7, with pole lights at night, and pumps running noisily for around a half hour per truck. Traffic will increase drastically on US 285 and the tankers will use the narrow Lamy road (CR33), which has no alternative route for disaster response. (In a July accident at Lac Megantic, Quebec, tankers carrying light crude oil derailed and killed 47 people. Casselton, ND was the most recent casualty of spills in this supposedly safe industry.)

Jay Etlar of the GVFR recalls that in 2003, Burlington Northern used to offload Benzene in Lamy in the middle of the night with no permit. Little permitting has been necessary this time around either. Until now, Pacer had bypassed public input by leasing directly from the railroad, which claims to be subject only to federal law. Sorvig suspects that "this development is really intended to serve drillers in Mora," on the assumption that Mora County will lose the lawsuit challenging their fracking ban. *Rail facilities will also make drilling in the Galisteo Basin more attractive to Big Oil.* The new Santa Fe County code would probably prevent locating such an industrial facility so close to residences and a well," but it is not yet in effect.

During the current legislature session, be prepared to help monitor and if necessary protest any oil industry attacks on the rights of Counties to regulate, and attempts to deregulate drilling and fracking. In theory, this legislative session is confined to budget issues, but "lobbyists sit up nights thinking up stealth bills!" Our Facebook page has over 300 followers, and the petition has over 700 signatures. "The steering committee is now initiating steps towards a lawsuit or injunction to stop the operation."

GCA UPDATE from Roger Taylor

A new issue is that a company is proposing to mine gravel on the mesa of La Bajada and is seeking a 25-year lease. Usage of water (which will have to be trucked in) will be huge, and the dust and noise will be awful. A group is forming to fight this.

The GCA is working with the Galisteo Mutual Domestic Water Users Association to finalize an easement for access to the second well, below the Hill.

At the annual election for the Ranchitos de Galisteo Water Users Association, Roger Taylor was elected President, Joanna Kaufman Vice President, and Muriel Fariello Secretary and Treasurer.

JOIN THE GVFR FOR FUN AND CHALLENGES



Members and partners at the Chinese New Year themed GVFR Party (photo: Bill Mitchell)

If you joined the Galisteo Volunteer Fire and Rescue, you could attend our delicious and entertaining holiday parties! The GVFR always needs volunteers, any age, size, shape. It is hard and rewarding work. The Auxiliary is a good entry point. Many trainings are available to become a firefighter or EMT. Come to a business meeting the first Tuesday of each month at 6:30 or drop by the Fire Station on Avenida Vieja any Tuesday night to connect and learn.

Drought all over the West has produced a very early fire season. No moisture is predicted for the next 90 days, so working with the GVFR would be a truly important contribution to our community.

Shirley and Frank Hirsch recently wrote thanking the GVFR for saving their house ...for the second time. Within minutes of placing a 911 call, the GVFR and representatives of other districts were on the scene. Rather than pushing water into the hot viga holes, the decision was made to inflict less water damage. After three hours, "the potential fire was history and the water damage was minimal....We Galisteans are indeed fortunate to have a volunteer fire force of professional, dedicated individuals. Our sincerest thanks to Chief Jean Moya and colleagues."

And La Sala thanks the GVFR "for the use of your time and equipment, use of safety cones, and supplying water for our adobe-making days.... bringing us closer to having an art center for all to use." The raffle at La Sala's Holiday Faire garnered a healthy sum for the GVFR's Christmas gift baskets, distributed annually to Galisteo's ill and elderly.

GVFR member Corey McGillicuddy has signed up for the intensive Basic EMT course. You could join her!

Eldorado resident Steven Rudnick, a retired professor of environmental science, had this post-holiday message for all of us in a letter to the editor (*New Mexican*, 12/29) : "Now that you have given your grandchildren all the stuff that they may not need for Christmas, give them the one thing that they do – action on climate change....This November was the warmest November on record globally.... While you were shopping, PNM submitted a plan to keep pouring greenhouse gases into the atmosphere from coal-burning plants rather than seeking out alternative energy. Are you going to spend another year without taking any action?"



The Cook Off Winners: Julia Anaya, Priscilla Montoya and Sylvia Montoya (missing: David Maestas and Roger Taylor).

WE FALL FOR IT Anna Cárdenas

As fall returned to Galisteo many of us prepared for brisk mornings and cool evenings as we waited for the changing of the leaves and smoke coming out of our chimneys. After a long summer of laying adobe bricks and plastering walls at La Sala, I for one needed a little break. What better way to celebrate our harvests and brag about our hard work this summer than a little chile, tortillas, combread and spirits with our community?

Old and new faces were seen at the Annual Galisteo Community Association Chile and Margarita Cook Off at the Community Center on Saturday September 28, 2013. Judges John Masee, Lisa Griego, and Eric Thomas chose four out of seven delicious chile entries and two margarita entries.

Julia Anaya entered her Traditional Green Chile for the first time and tied for first place with last year's winner David Maestas with his Traditional Red Chile. Second place went to Priscilla Montoya and third to Sylvia Montoya. Roger Taylor won first place with his Grapefruit, Ginger and Cinnamon Margarita.

This year we were visited by a group of anthropology students from Castletown, Vermont who had been volunteering for the past two weekends at La Sala. They asked if there was anywhere they could play their guitars, mandolin, and bongos and sing, since it wasn't allowed at the Hostel where they were staying in Santa Fe. So I invited them to our Chile Cook off and they shared with us their love of music. Food was in abundance and of course spirits were high as we all enjoyed free door prizes and great neighbors and new friends. Thanks to all who contributed!

PEDACITOS/BITS AND PIECES

The New Mexican (12/31/13) ran a feature including pictures of a young couple walking barefoot on a patch of hot coals and Gwendolina Feisst, a minister of the Sanctuary of Light Church (also a GVFR firefighter) who led the New Year's Eve fire walk at the Light Institute. She has taught firewalking for more than

a decade and has never seen anyone get serious injuries, though small blisters are called "kisses from the fire."

Margarita Ortiz y Pino Truscott passed away at age 71 in Denver on December 7th. She was the sister of José Ortiz y Pino, a former Maryknoll nun, and the first Hispanic woman to serve as the Assistant Director of Girl Scouts of Colorado, known for her dedication to the empowerment of women and so-called minorities.

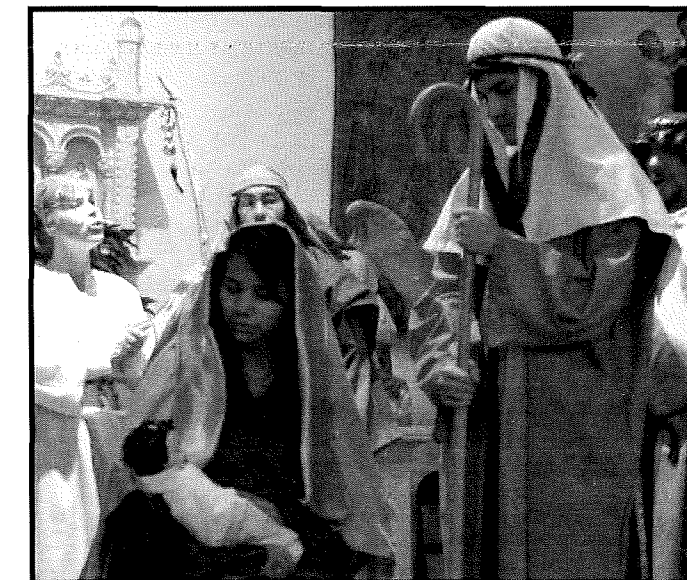
Moonrise Chapel, a painting by William Haskell, was reproduced in *Pasatiempo* (12/17).

A photo entitled *The Three Horsemen of Galisteo* by Norman Mauskopf was a double spread in the Jan. 2014 issue of *New Mexico Magazine*. It was taken at the Galisteo Rodeo in 2008.

LOS PASTORES

The December 15th performance of *Los Pastores* by La Gran Pastorela de Belén at Nuestra Señora de los Remedios was a resounding success. It has been performed for some 32 years, and was introduced by founder Filomena Baca, Director Mary Santiestevan, and UNM Spanish professor Enrique Madrid (also an actor in the troupe). The play enacts a lively battle between the forces of good (a winged San Miguel) and the forces of evil (a suave Demonio), accompanied by sweet and rousing music. The audience joins in some of the singing. Other roles are the shepherds' leader Bato, the lazy Bartolo, the pious Hermit, and the shepherd girl Gila. In the final triumphal scene, as the shepherds reach Bethlehem and offer their gifts to the newborn Christ child, Galisteans Emily Montoya played the Virgin and Joseph Garcia was San José. (See Gwen Feisst's photo below.)

A handsome booklet accompanied the performance (supported by La Sala, New Mexico Arts, and the Endowment for the Arts), including the play's plot and all the lyrics. In Lamadrid's reflections on *Los Pastores*, he notes that scripts differ across the region. Mexican writers have composed many contemporary versions and in the U.S., Luis Valdez's renowned Chicano "Teatro Campesino" produces a new version each year. Some characters depart from the script to "satirize or criticize....After the assimilationist trends and cultural (*Cont. p.4*)



decline following World War II, a groundswell of popular interest in traditional culture began in the late 1960s and fostered a regional revival." Los Pastores was revived in 1973, when a manuscript was discovered in a home in Las Nutrias.

EL PUENTE is resurrecting the "Who We Are" series on new and old residents. If you would like to participate, send a brief account of your life before and in Galisteo, or a particular Galisteo experience, or contact Lucy at flip14@wildblue.net.

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If you failed to receive your first **GVFR Galisteo Phone Directory** in the mail, please contact Frank Lux at forbeslux@aol.com or 466-2121. If you need an extra one, stop by the Firehouse any Tuesday evening after 6:30. A few free smoke detectors are still available too.

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