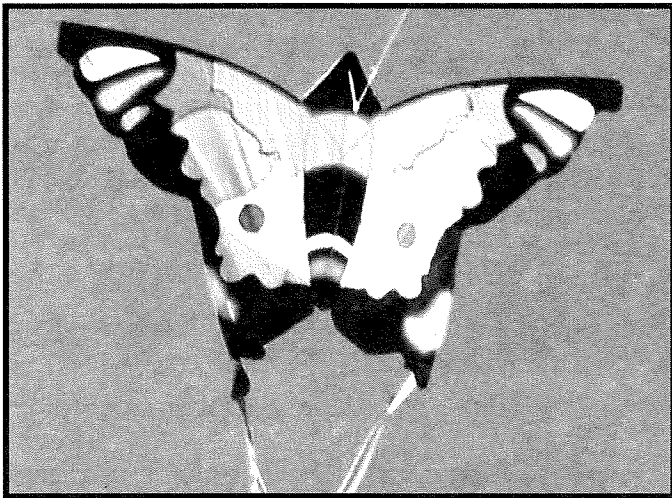




**COME FLY A KITE! April 25-26: Friday Workshop (1-6) at the community center and Saturday (10AM into afternoon at the Rodeo Grounds, depending on wind and weather.)**



**FIRST ANNUAL GALISTEO KITE FEST**

**David van Dyk**

Many of us old timers and their kids remember the Lamy Kite Festival, which came to a halt when Joe Miller claimed the land. Mark Lee was one of the organizers and at his funeral two years ago I suggested that we revive the festival in Mark's memory.

We plan to have a free kite-making workshop for locals from 1 to 6pm on Friday, April 25th, at the Community Center. All kids of all ages are welcome to come and make a "frustrationless" sled kite (We have 100 kits available through a grant from New Mexico Arts.) The five Galisteños heading the workshop are Dianna Gwyn, Beth Foote, Philip Pfeiffer, Eric Thomas, and David Van Dyk (all of whom trained at the International Folk Art Museum's kite workshops led by Japanese kite masters).

Saturday at 10AM the big event begins at the Rodeo Grounds parking lot, thanks to Rudy Sena. Weather permitting, it should run through the afternoon winds. Bring your own lunch and drinks. No kite fights, no prizes, no vending, but water will be available. Since this is the first Annual Galisteo Kite Fest, we

**PLEASE BE CAREFUL. DON'T TAKE CHANCES WITH OUR BOSQUE**

A brush fire in the bosque on April 4th was caused by someone dumping ashes there. Disaster was averted by a neighbor smelling smoke and calling 911 and the prompt arrival of the GVFR. We were lucky this time, but the winds could have gotten there first.

want to emphasize the "kid" element keep it fairly small and family friendly.

We were coached by David Wagner, who is opening a Kite Museum on Old Santa Fe Trail, in connection with the Japanese Kite Exhibition. Hopefully we will get David's large kites up in Galisteo. There is also a big kite festival going on in Albuquerque at the Balloon fiesta site -- super sponsored, lots of featured events, music, vendors, looking to make the national kite circuit. We're not that ambitious or driven over here in Galisteo.

So, the best is that it is a FREE event brought to you by La Sala in hopes that it will be a fun fly day for all. Of course we'll take any donations (suggested \$5-10). Any trouble, the police, fire department and our own La Sala security will be on alert.

**GCA ANNUAL MEETING**

The Galisteo Community Association's annual meeting was held on March 15th with a breakfast at the Community Center to lure members to show up. But a quorum of 16 was only reached after an hour of frantic phoning and literally dragging people out of their houses... Once we got going the meeting was brief and to the point. **Judy Tuwaletstiwa**, formerly an Alternate, was elected to the Board. And **Woody Gwyn and Phillip Pfeiffer** were elected as the new Alternates.

*Editor's note: Why is it so hard to get a quorum once a year? Come on, folks. Human up for your community! Volunteer for the Board or to give a breakfast, and at least come and vote for those who are willing to give their time for your benefit.*



**HAPPY EASTER, PASSOVER, & SPRING!**

## WATER ASSOCIATION MEETING

The Galisteo Mutual Domestic Water Users Association met on April 3rd and the required quorum of 12 -- recently lowered because of poor attendance -- was easily surpassed. **Rod Hall (President), Richard Patton, Antonio Chavez, and Janice Griscom (Secretary)** were re-elected by acclamation.

Changes to the bylaws are being considered to deal with properties in foreclosure and suspensions for non-payment. As it stands now, if you lose your membership after 12 months, you will be billed for expenses incurred in turning off and reopening the line. Exemption from paying dues on the basis of hardship must be presented to the Board in person. One member has applied.

In a recent board meeting, questions arose about whether trees and vegetable gardens should be using community water. "Domestic use" is as hard to define as "single family home." Currently landscaping and anything non-commercial is ok.

The water table is checked monthly and so far it is stable, meaning that no restrictions (like alternate sides of the highway watering on alternate days) are required.

When the new distribution lines were being constructed in 1996-97 we went slightly over our 42.56 acre foot allowance, but since then, thanks to the improved system, we never come close to the limit, despite occasional excessive use. And now that most of the meters are installed, it is easier to catch leaks. For the first time in recent memory no member is in arrears.

Last year, the water tanks on the Hill were cleaned. The old red tank was disconnected but remains in place, full of water, in case the Fire Department needs it. The old silver tank "has gone to its well deserved rest in the rodeo grounds." The current tank holds 55,000 gallons of usable water and is keeping up with use very well. An additional tank would cost c. \$104,000; the Board is looking into grants, but it's not on the front burner.

A full survey will be prepared for the GCA's property on the west side of Highway 41, which includes the well easement. Improvements to the line that runs under the highway can hopefully be made with the help of NMDOT while construction is under way.

Anna and Freddie Cárdenas wondered if it were possible to contact the membership when the water is turned off (she was

washing her hair when it went off last month...). However there is usually no warning in emergencies and a phone chain would take too long. Some members have complained of occasional temporary "black water" from their faucets.

At the February Board meeting it was decided to donate \$1000 to the No Crude Oil in Lamy campaign. (Our water source is threatened by the proposed tanker loading.) But for now, we are lucky. Galisteo's community water system is in good shape and the Water Board thanks all its members for watching their water use. And we thank them for their service.

## PEDACITOS/BITS AND PIECES

**David Montoya** built and welded the handsome new gate blocking the bosque from vehicles after the previous chain barrier was stolen.

**Deborah Madison's** latest book, *New Vegetarian Cooking for Everyone* (a revision of her 1997 classic) was featured in *The New Mexican's* Taste section (4/2) where it announces that she "lives in the Santa Fe area" (Galisteo dissed again!) Her last book, *Vegetable Literacy*, has been nominated for a James Beard Award -- not her first. Madison is not a vegetarian, though vegetables are one of her favorite subjects. "My problem with the word vegetarianism is it sort of closes doors instead of opening them up," she says. "I'm interested in flavor...I just think of it as food. It's the vegetable side of the plate."

Alexandria Tapia, Miss Rodeo New Mexico, is the first Santa Fean to rule since 1969. Among her previous titles was **Rodeo de Galisteo Queen**.

**Patrick McFarlin's** "Dirt Road Club" on Old Galisteo Way in Santa Fe held an open studio in early April to showcase his new paintings and a small retrospective.

Galisteo figured (just barely) in the recently closed Cowboys show at the History Museum in Santa Fe. On display was an undated photograph of a lot of cattle on an **Ortiz y Pino ranch** "near Galisteo."

## THE LATEST ON LAMY OIL

On April 8th, the Board of County Commissioners unanimously voted to publish an ordinance that would restrict traffic weight limits on CR33 into Lamy to 26 tons (52,000 lbs.), posing difficulties for crude oil tanker trucks, which weigh between 83,000-86,000 lbs. fully loaded.

However, in response to questions from Commissioner Liz Stefanics, they stipulated that an additional comment and hearing period be added to the approval process to afford county staff time to research the legal implications of the ordinance and explore means to protect taxpayers from the costs of legal battles if the ordinance was adopted. Stefanics stated that the County and taxpayers would foot any legal bills, which might mean higher property taxes. (The road is already substandard, meaning, I assume, that legal risks are already present.) She suggested that a bonding process to cover such risks be explored and that the process must be sustainable.

Some 22 people attended the hearing in support of the ordinance, perhaps half from Galisteo. Matthew McQueen, Glen Snell, Lucy Lippard, and Roger (*Cont. p.3*)

Taylor spoke in favor, primarily citing safety issues (and the danger to our water supply due to spills, tired truck drivers, etc.) Lamy residents use that sole entrance/exit for walking and bicycling; school buses travel that route.

The weight limit would allow deliveries of propane and construction materials. The ordinance states that weights over 26 tons are allowed if not "on a repetitive daily basis"; twice a week might be OK. Robert Martinez, Deputy Director of Public Works, testified that although there are other uses over 26 tons (such as moving vans, or emergency vehicles, which are exempt) "people would not be denied any services by this weight limit."

You can read the ordinance at this link: [http://www.santafecountynm.gov/documents/agendas/packet\\_materials/BCCpacket4-8-2014Part1.pdf](http://www.santafecountynm.gov/documents/agendas/packet_materials/BCCpacket4-8-2014Part1.pdf). The petition to keep crude oil out of Lamy now has almost 1000 signatures. The most recent bulletin from NoCOIL warns us not to "look for a vote on the CR 33 weight limitations until at least the May 27th BCC meeting." It also noted that "word is the former county attorney [Steve Ross] has resigned." The Deputy County Attorney was present at the hearing.

**Important Upcoming Dates: April 17, 7-8:30**, a community-wide event at the Eldorado Community School gymnasium: *A Meeting of Minds: Organized Communities vs. Outside Sustainability Threats*, will feature presenters championing local area sustainability and community rights movements.

**April 29: Another public hearing at the BCC meeting at Grant Avenue Courthouse.** From NoCOIL: "It is critical to have a good turnout for that meeting, whether people speak or not. Steering Committee members and our dedicated volunteers have contributed countless hours, and in many cases their own funds, to forward our cause. The best way to show your appreciation is to attend future BCC meetings. Numbers do get noticed."

## LA BAJADA

Although we won the first round at the meeting of the CDRC (County Development Review Committee) on April 3rd, the most important challenge is still ahead. The application now goes to Board of County Commissioners for a final decision. That date has not yet been set. Please Like us on Facebook [www.facebook.com/Savelabajada](http://www.facebook.com/Savelabajada) so that you'll know as soon as we do. Share the page with all your friends to help us spread the word and get more signatures for the petition.

## GALISTEO'S BICENTENNIAL

I'll start this installment with a **correction** about the possible site of the "square compound and a house for soldiers" that was ordered built 7 leagues south southeast of Santa Fe c. 1792. It would have been at John Benjamin's home, not the later structure at the Gwyns'.

It seems more reasonable to me that the garrison would have been established at the abandoned pueblo than at the village site; hauling rocks from the pueblo a mile and half downstream would have been hard work, plus a garrison in the lowlands would have been a weak defensive site. However, Benjamin is convinced that the barracks was at his home, and students of UNM architectural historian Bainbridge Bunting came to the same conclusion.

In 1871, Donaciano Vigil testified in court that troops were stationed in a nascent village of Galisteo from around 1795 to 1814. Vigil's father occupied land under one of the 1814 grantees and Vigil said that he lived as a child from 1819-20 in "the place, Galisteo, being the old field of the Indians called the Tanos, and the same Indians having become extinct, there remaining but few, who are scattering among the other pueblos of this province...having no intention of living at their old homes." These statements and others from this time are ambiguous as to whether they refer to the old Indian pueblo or the new Spanish village.

In the 1790 Spanish census, Galisteo is not mentioned at all, which suggests that no Spanish had legitimately settled in the area. On a 1795 map there is neither pueblo nor village, although undated stone pens and foundations exist within the ruins of the Galisteo and other local pueblos. Most of the deserted pueblos in New Mexico were defined by formal grants, but for some reason there was never a formal Galisteo Pueblo Grant.

It's unclear whether Juan Cruz Aragon or anyone else took possession or made any improvements in the area after being granted 9,000 acres in 1799 (See *El Puente*, February.) In 1814 that tract was subsumed or revived by a Royal Edict and Aragon's name had disappeared. There is a possible connection between the 1799 Aragon grant request and the Pino family. Almost 100 years later, Don Pedro's son Nicolas made an unsuccessful claim to the grant on the grounds that he was an heir of, or related to Aragon.

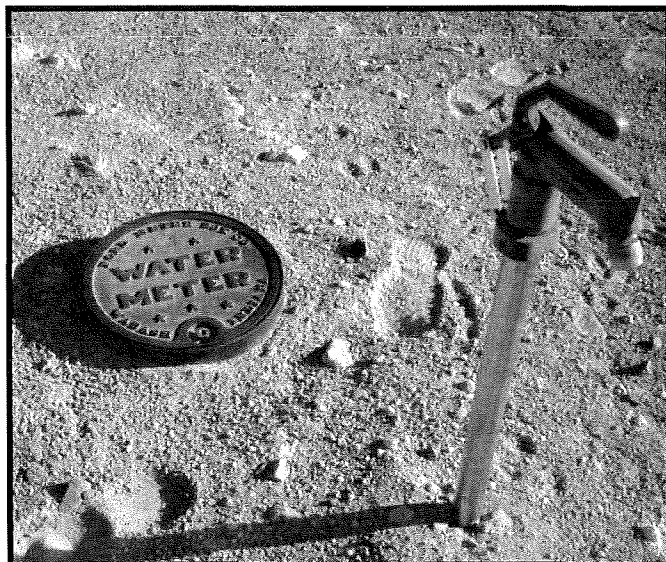
By the beginning of the 19th century, the Basin was already overgrazed and parched by drought. Government sheep herds for the Santa Fe Presidio and the Presidial *remuda* (horse herd) had to be rotated, often to Pecos. Yet after 1800 there were sheepherders, camps and corrals in the San Cristobal area, often sheltering in "tipi like tents," the remains of which resemble Apache tipi rings.

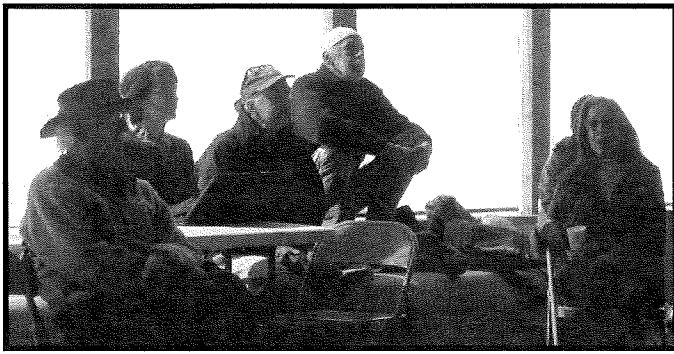
A June 1808 report from Governor Alberto Maynez to New Mexico *alcaldes* (mayors) lists a detachment of only 3 soldiers at Galisteo. In the early 1800s, the southern border of a grant in Cañoncito was "the road leading to Galisteo to its junctions with the soldiers bridle path and on the west by the soldiers bridle path and Cerro Colorado, including said Cerro" -- site of today's Lamy. The Soldier's Path appears to have followed present US285.

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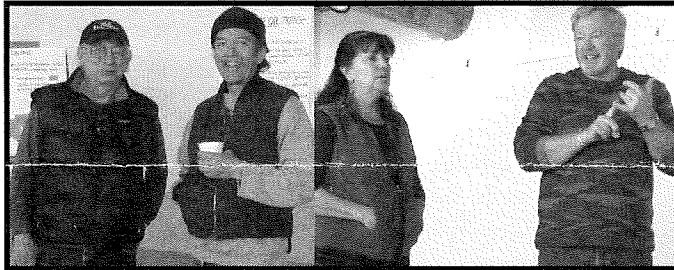
## JEANETTE ANAYA PROTEST

Jeanette Anaya, who was unconscionably shot down by State Police on November 7th, after a purported traffic violation, is the granddaughter of the late Josie and Andres Anaya of La Tienda Anaya in Galisteo, and is related to others in the village. Her mother, Teresa Anaya, organized a protest of her senseless killing at the District Courthouse on Montezuma St. on April 11, previewed in a feature article in *The New Mexican* (4/9). The family has given notice that they will file a civil suit and might also pursue a federal lawsuit. "Police officers should be subject to the same laws as the rest of us," said Teresa, "whether they hold a gun and a badge or not."





Phil Pfeiffer, Janice Griscom, David van Dyk, Eric Thomas, and Lorraine Weiss at GCA Annual Meeting.



At GCA Annual Meeting: Phil Tuwaletsiwa, Antonio Chavez, Anna Cardenas, Roger Taylor.

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