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FLEA MARKET

There were eleven stops on the Galisteo Flea Market circuit on June 6th, including La Sala (which mostly sold out and made about \$700) and the Community Center (where the GCA made about \$200.) Results are not in from the other participants, but it is safe to say that the Flea Market took in around \$1,000 for the community. Next year food and drink concessions will be added.



Local screen star Anna Cárdenas appears in La Sala video, showing during the Flea Market. (Photo: Gwen Feisst)



Agnes Martin's Scout is still around. It turned up at the Flea Market with owner Melanie Monsour, and Ginnie Walden. (Photo: Corey McGillicuddy).

**A Message From the GVFR:
IT IS STILL VERY DRY
BE CAREFUL WITH FIREWORKS AND BBQs.
BE SURE AND GET A PERMIT FOR BURNING
LEAVES, FIRE WALKS, ETC.**

COMMUNITY PLAN ON LAST STRETCH?

When a few Galisteans suggested creating a Community Plan in Summer 1998 (see *El Puente* #16), when after a few years of work we were given the go-ahead by the County in 2005, and when the completed plan was approved by the BCC in February, 2012....who knew that it would still be requiring revisions and meetings in 2015?

A small committee has been meeting with County staff for the last five months to work out endless details and ensure that our plan adheres to the County's Sustainable Growth Management Code. We have been going over design and land use standards in the "use tables" for the Galisteo District Overlay and tailoring them to our community. Categories (each with numerous subheads) are: Residential; Hotels, motels or other accommodation services; Commercial; Industrial, manufacturing and wholesale trade; Public assembly structures; Arts, entertainment and recreation; Institutional or community facilities; Transportation-related facilities; Utility; Agriculture, forestry, and conservation/open space; and Mining and extraction establishments. We could permit, deny, or allow consideration of various options, with the Residential and Commercial sections receiving the most scrutiny.

Meanwhile, another group (some of the same people) was meeting with the Frontiers Initiative to create a "Village of Galisteo Revitalization Plan" that will be incorporated into the County Plan. The final document proposes "Pedestrian Pathways" at the crossroads, welcoming signs at each end of the village, a "Cultural Plaza" on the vacant lot next to La Sala, and an "Artists' Cooperative/Incubator" on the south side of the church. Various events and strategies to support economic development in the village will be announced.

Two public meetings are required to approve the Planning Committee's work on the Overlay and zoning. An announcement for the first Open House on June 11th went out very (*Cont. p.2*)

late but the few alert attendees approved of the revisions. The second meeting is on the evening of June 25th. (*El Puente* will be in press). Then the plan and proposed zoning will be presented to the Board of County Commissioners at two public hearings, to be considered for adoption. Finally the Galisteo Community District Overlay will provide a guide for future development, land use, community facilities, projects, and programs.

NO END TO CLAYTON'S SCHEMES

On June 16th two process servers working for a private investigator hired by the Bank of Oklahoma tried to serve the Galisteo Community Corporation with a lawsuit in the amount of \$190,000. It seems that in 2009, landgrabber Peirce Clayton and his wife (see *El Puente*, March 2015) obtained a loan from the Bank of Oklahoma in this amount and gave them a trust deed for the Community Center (building and land) as collateral. (Morgan Gafford, Clayton's partner in the attempted land scheme, knew nothing of this scam.)

Anna Cárdenas and Roger Taylor met with the process servers and explained that this individual had never been a resident of the Village, owned property here, or had any authority to take a loan against the building and land. The lawsuit notification was refused, and the process servers were advised to track him down by his social security number and to check with the Texas and California Real Estate Boards to see if he was working in those states. (He taught school in Eldorado too.)



Karla McWilliams of the NM Dept. of Cultural Affairs sent the GCA this certificate confirming that La Sala had been placed on the National Register of Historic Places on May 26th, 2015.

PEDACITOS/BITS AND PIECES

No Galisteo Rodeo again this year. DOT equipment is still on the Rodeo grounds. But who knows what the future holds?

The steadfast **Teresa Anaya** and other relatives of **Jeanette Anaya** asked the New Mexico Law Enforcement Board to order a new review of a dashboard camera video of her daughter's death in 2013, when police fired 16 shots into her car. A grand jury incredibly found the killing justified. The Anayas were joined by the mothers of other children slain by officers. A letter to the editor of *The New Mexican* (5/22) from the Anaya family lamented the fact that the case had been closed and that Officer Wilson has gotten away with murder: "Our lives will never be the same. No one should be above the law, certainly not God's law."

A somewhat inaccurate account of a "historic Galisteo compound" on La Vega in the "lush Galisteo Valley" that is for sale by owner **Sherry Kerstetter**, appeared in the June/July issue of *The Santa Fean*. This was the site of La Mancha, a restaurant run by **Yolanda and José Ortiz y Pino**, and the former Linda Durham Gallery. Galisteo's art creds were rolled out, with mentions of **Agnes Martin, Fritz Scholder, Bernard Pomerance, Susan Rothenberg, Bruce Nauman, and Woody Gwyn**. The asking price is \$1,588 million.

We missed the photo by Guy Cross in the Feb./March issue of *THE Magazine*. "Old and New, Galisteo" contrasted the peeling picket fence at **Clarita and Manuel Anaya's** old house (now **Jim Sloan's**) with **John Young's** ultra modern home in the background.

Some out-of-town real estate with Galisteo connections was mentioned in *The New Yorker* (6/1): "The largest residential property in Manhattan is said to be a fifty-one-thousand-square-foot mansion, on East Seventy-first Street between Madison and Fifth, owned by Jeffrey Epstein," owner of **Zorro Ranch** overlooking the southern end of the Galisteo Basin, purportedly the largest house in New Mexico.

Rep. Matthew McQueen and Senator Peter Wirth held a public meeting in Eldorado on June 18th. Capital outlay was among the issues discussed.

An epilogue to the **Phil Griego** fiasco: our former State Senator will receive a monthly pension of \$1,324 (adjusted/raised for cost of living). This on top of the \$50,000 he got from the real estate deal that earned him the ethics violation that forced him to resign.

Parade Magazine (6/7) reported that Bradley Cooper was "pumped about his first Tony nomination - for *The Elephant Man*" by **Bernard Pomerance**. (He didn't win.)

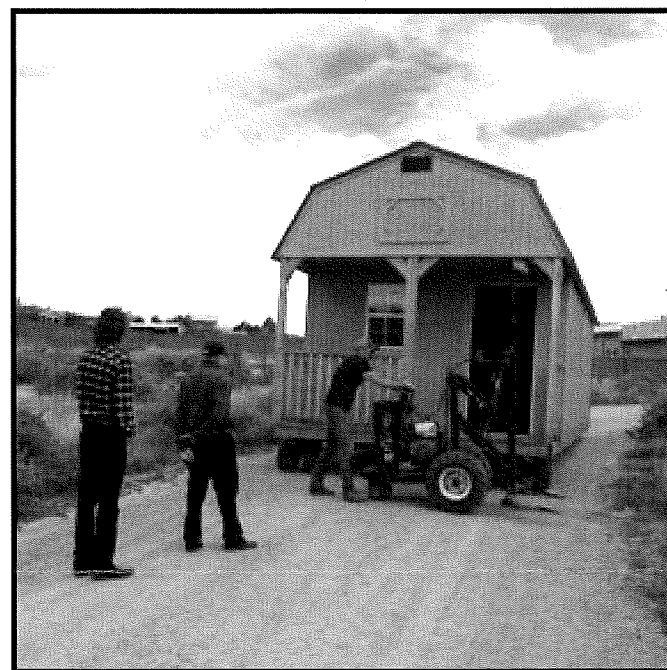
The issue of **high-speed Internet access** for rural New Mexicans is ramping up. (See *El Puente*, May 2015.) *The New Mexican* published a feature ("Who says you get what you pay for?") on May 31st. Galisteo is shown on a map as having "fixed wireless 3Mbps \$98," compared with 6Mbps in Santa Fe and Eldorado for \$49.95 from Comcast. **Michael Golino** (who "runs a photo identification software company in Galisteo and has team members all over the world") joked with the reporter that their Internet phone call via Higher-Speed Internet in Moriarty can be affected by bad weather and might disconnect at any moment.

After the big storm of June 16th, several of Century Link's **village phones** went out. **Wayne King** reports that his rain gauge had 1.2" in it and we're already over 10" for this year. (May the downpours continue!)

There were **break-in attempts in Ranchitos** at several different houses a couple of weeks ago. The perps are two tall, well-dressed men in their early 20's driving a late model grey extended cab pickup, with a strip on the side rear and a tarp covering the back. (They also drive a blue Toyota 4 Runner.) These men drive around affluent, somewhat isolated communities looking for "for sale" signs and break down the front door. It doesn't matter if someone is living there or not. The police have been chasing these men for awhile now. Call the Sheriff's Department immediately if you see either of these vehicles. For those selling a home, you may want to require your realtor NOT to post a sign outside. Most potential buyers do not cruise around looking for homes for sale; they use online and press listings.

More orange barrels: Construction of the **Galisteo Water Association's improved water line under Highway 41** has begun on Via La Puente and will progress to the old mailboxes.

A huge two-story garage is going up on **Beau LeBeau's** property on La Otra Vanda, and there is now a little village of three portable buildings on the **Bohn/Godman** property on Avenida Vieja. A couple of weeks ago, the delivery of one of these didn't go so well; it slipped off the flatbed truck onto the road near the Moyas'. (This unexpected obstacle to local traffic was caught on camera by *El Puente* cub reporter **Peggy Diggs**.)



HISTORY TIDBITS

1890s Galisteo was described as "a delightful overnight stop" in the "Sunshine State," as New Mexico had been dubbed by Governor Bradford Prince. Around that time, a rosy picture of a "prosperous" Galisteo was painted by Nicolas Pino, quoted by a local reporter: "Grass is abundant and cattle of all kinds are rolling fat. Lambing season closed most satisfactorily. The wool clips are all that could be expected. Several thousand head of cattle and sheep are fattening on adjacent ranges. Nine thousand pounds of wool were shipped from Galisteo this week."

Pino's own Galisteo mill was "a five horsepower, water powered, rimstone machine" with which in one ten-month period

he milled "47 barrels of flour, 2400 lbs. shorts, 3600 lbs. bran and 6500 lbs. of corn." Said to be "by the bridge," the mill's exact location is unclear, as is how it managed to be water powered on a creek as small as the Galisteo.

In 1873, Juan Ortiz II had married Concepcion (Conchita), the second daughter of Nicolas Pino and Juana Rascon. Nicolas died around 1897 and Juana preceded him by four or five years. When Concepcion (b. 1852) died at age 42 in 1894, Juan married her older sister Margarita. Trinidad Pino (1828-1924), the widow of Nicolas's cousin Ambrocio Pino, also lived with them.

According to Ortiz family oral history (via Marion Steele), Juan Ortiz II became a trader like his father, Juan Grande, traveling as far as Durango, Mexico and St. Louis, Missouri in his ox-drawn wagons to obtain and sell goods. In 1881 he also established a mercantile (store) in the building that was the Galisteo Inn. The late Tony Anaya (1916-1997), a lifelong Galisteño, recalled buying candy from Juan's store; its concrete loading dock could still be seen in the 1980s, when Steele was writing his unpublished manuscript on the village.

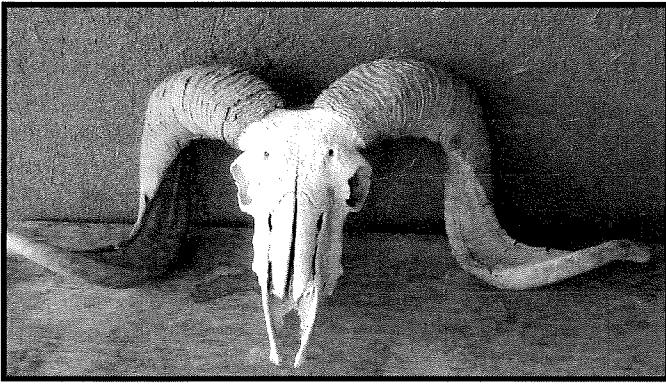
Throughout this era the wealthier citizens of the village would go up to Santa Fe and *The New Mexican* recorded their visits. Among those registered at the Bon Ton Hotel in 1893 was Ascencion Chavez, and in 1894, F. Chavez de Montoya and Apolonio Chavez. M. Pino and Demetrio Leyba stayed at the Palace Hotel, as did Sylvester Davis at various times. (In 1908 José Ortiz y Pino registered at the Claire.)

Among the Galisteo houses apparently built in the 1890s were the Panteleon Montoya house on Avenida Vieja (now a rental), the Cayetano Chavez house (former Light Institute, now Duran), and the Frank Sandoval house at 6 Marcellina Lane. Bluebell and Ramon Hurtado's little home is a ruin on La Vega. Around the turn of the century, Justiniano and Demetrio Leyba ran saloons in Galisteo (on Montoya land on CR. 42) and at the railroad stop at Kennedy.

STUDIO TOUR

This year, the artists of the Studio Tour (October 17-18th) would like to invite the community to participate in the tour in ways that benefit the entire community. There will be a coffee and dessert table next to La Sala on Sunday. Show off your baking skills by donating goods and/or volunteer to serve! All proceeds will go to the Galisteo Community Association, La Sala, and the Galisteo Volunteer Fire Department. The artists are also inviting the entire community to bring a potluck dish and come to the fabulous after party dinner celebration at the Community Center Sunday night. More info to come!

Movie Night at La Sala begins July 10. Watch the bulletin board by the mailboxes for titles and times.



Georgia O'Keeffe in Galisteo?

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