



MICAELA THERESA GRIEGO (1990-2016)

Micaela Griego was born July 8, 1990 and passed away in a tragic automobile accident near Galisteo on April 2. For 25 years, she lived in Galisteo with her parents, Orlando and Lisa Griego, and her brother Timo, near grandparents and many aunts, uncles and cousins. Micaela loved family. She was a loving and caring person who would help everybody. It didn't matter who it was, if they needed her, she was right there for them. She loved spending time in the outdoors camping or fishing. She loved sunsets while driving to and from work.

This beautiful girl will be missed dearly. The Griego family would like to thank all their family, friends, and the community for all the thoughts, prayers and gifts that have helped us get through this terrible tragedy. We would like to thank our nephew Carlos Montoya for making the cross placed on Highway 41 going towards Santa Fe, where everyone can say good morning and goodnight to Micaela. She will be the community's guardian angel, as the cross faces towards Galisteo.



COMMUNITY CLEANUP: APRIL 23

9 AM at Watts Park by mailboxes. Pick up your assignment map and trash bag, enjoy coffee and pastries donated by John and Tanya Young, and keep your community beautiful.

**BOSQUE RECLAMATION PROJECT
UNDER WAY**

Several work days were lost, thanks to the difficulty of obtaining the County permissions, but workers and some huge machines have been hard at it in the Bosque for over a week, cutting down the Russian Olives and dead Willows, chipping them and spreading the chips over the ground to keep the soil moist now that the canopy is more open. Three large metal water troughs filled with native saplings (Cottonwood, Willow, Grape vine, etc.) to replace the Russian Olives will be at the basketball court.

At this writing the place looks like a war zone, and it will get worse as the stumps are removed, using chains and a root borer. Eventually, however, the new plantings will take hold and the Cottonwoods will be flourishing, though this will take at least a couple of years. I miss the buffer between my house and the noise and sight of the highway, but I am reassured that this is really good for the creek, and the openness is already appealing. (LRL)



WHAT DOES THE GCA DO?

Wayne King, GCA President

The Galisteo Community Association (GCA) is an incorporated, non-profit organization governed by a Board of Directors from our community. Membership includes all residents of Galisteo who are 18 years or older and have lived here for at least 18 months. The GCA does four major things for the Galisteo community:

First, it owns, cares for, and rents out the Community Center on Avenida Vieja. The Center is a passive-solar hall that everyone may use. Daily rent for Galisteo residents is \$75 and for non-residents, \$150. Rent is free for memorial services for a local person. Events have included monthly coffees and book exchanges, memorial receptions, birthday parties, wedding receptions, baptism celebrations, going-away parties, Los Pastores, voting, state and county governmental meetings and corporate workshops. (Contact me at 466-3219 to find out if a date is open and to reserve it for your event.)

Most of the GCA's annual expenses are associated with operating and maintaining the Community Center. The largest expenses are for fire and liability insurance. Others include electricity, cleaning and building maintenance. Income is from rentals, donations and movie companies filming on the Cerro Pelon Ranch.

Recently, generous donations were used to upgrade the kitchen, including modifying the electrical system so that several crockpots and cookers can be plugged in simultaneously without popping the circuit breakers. As money accumulates, the Board will apply it to refurbishing the window sealants and exposed wood at the front of the building, grading and graveling the parking lot, repairing the basketball court and playground equipment, repainting the interior walls, and cleaning and polishing the floor. Volunteers take care of minor repairs and maintenance.

Second, GCA sponsors annual events in the community, including the Spring Clean-Up in April and the Chile and Margarita Festival in August or September. Donations usually cover the expenses.

Third, GCA sponsors one-time special projects that benefit the community, guided by one or more Board members. Current projects include: Neighbors Helping Neighbors; bringing high-speed internet to the community and creating a GCA-Galisteo web page; the Bosque Reclamation Project; and preparing a master plan for the revitalization of "Downtown Galisteo." These projects are made possible with volunteer labor and/or grants.

Fourth, GCA represents the community before governmental bodies. It is concerned about water resources, land-use planning and zoning, and traffic control. In the past, it was up to the GCA or individual members to find out about issues that would adversely impact Galisteo and then to lobby appropriate officials or agencies or go to court to get a hearing. Such issues included proposed fracking in the Galisteo Basin, the proposed oil depot in Lamy, and ongoing proposals for real estate developments. Now, as a Community Organization (CO) recognized by the county, GCA can assess development proposals when initially raised to the County Planning Department and present our concerns to the appropriate officials. Our CO status is brand new and we'll see how it works in practice.

COMING SOON: LA SALA GALLERY SHOP

From mid-May through August (Friday and Saturday 10am to 6pm, Sunday Noon to 4pm), you will have an opportunity to sell your artwork, books, or CDs and benefit La Sala. With a standard 50/50 gallery split, La Sala's portion will go toward the \$6,000 we still need for interior finishes and lighting for future shows.

The Gallery Shop will be set up in the front half of the building while window restoration is underway in the back. There will be temporary work space for the artists volunteering and Internet access will also be available. We hope to fill the five four-hour gallery sitting shifts by recruiting five people each week (along with some alternates). These volunteers can catch up on reading and computer work or art projects, and will have the option of receiving 100% of their sales. The Gallery Shop is a community opportunity to transition into full use of the building while allowing visitors to see and contribute toward the restoration work being done.

Please let us know if you're available to sit for any amount of time so that we can send more detailed information and forms for submitting artwork to interested artists. We hope you'll join us this summer. Questions? Email us at: galisteo.lasala@gmail.com

COMING DOWN THE PIKE

At an Eldorado neighborhood meeting on March 10, Joe Miller and his partners unveiled the **Cimarron Village Subdivision** -- a major new "high density" development for US 285, stretching from the existing gas station at Colina Road north towards Old Las Vegas Highway. The initial proposal encompasses 96 residential detached and attached town homes; a 96,000 sq ft (approved for up to 300,000 sq ft) mixed commercial/retail area of shops, offices, grocery, drug store, restaurant(s), coffee shop, a 13-space RV park, a possible motel complex, as well as the existing storage units and Country Store (being marketed for commercial office space or a restaurant), a plaza, open space, and possible gallery spaces, and a six-building senior housing/assisted living complex.

Development rights and 20.25 acre feet of water rights were approved in 2007 as part of a legal settlement among the County, Joe Miller, and five other developers in the 285 Corridor. In 2008 Miller transferred a high-volume production well to the Eldorado Water District (which has been using that water ever since) and signed a contract with them to supply the water needs to this proposed development.

This was an informal meeting of local residents. A second review of a revised proposal will be held April 14th at the old Country Store off US 285. The Galisteo community email will keep you informed.

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On March 18th a major new organization was launched with a full page ad in *The Santa Fe New Mexican*. **The Turquoise Trail Regional Alliance** is sponsored by the Turquoise Trail Preservation Trust, which was founded in 2007 to develop a vision and long-term planning strategies for one of New Mexico's eight National Scenic Byways and its surrounding region, including the area east of the Sandia Mountains, roughly bounded by I-25, I-40, Hwy 285 and NM 41. (Cont. p.3)

The Alliance will serve as an umbrella organization for grassroots and community organizations in the area to leverage our collective strength. The goal is to support and preserve the intrinsic beauty of our natural scenic landscape, cultural and historic qualities, archaeological sites, local businesses, and an ecological habitat recognized as a critical wildlife corridor. The Galisteo Community Association is a member. (See www.turquoisetrailra.org).

(Thanks to Roger Taylor.)

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There is a movement under way to pass a Santa Fe County **Ordinance to end chaining or tethering of dogs outside**. (I would add "for long periods of time.") Not only is it cruel and inhuman to leave a dog on a chain 24/7, it is also a public safety concern, since dogs left on chains out in the cold become isolated and aggressive. The CDC says chained animals are three times more likely to bite and the victims are usually children. If you support this, send an email to your commissioner (ranaya@santafecountynm.gov) or to all the commissioners.

ANNUAL WATER ASSOCIATION MEETING

The annual meeting of the Galisteo Mutual Domestic Water Consumers Association was on March 26. A quorum was met (barely); only four members attended, plus the Board of Directors (Rod Hall, Phil Tuwaletstiya, who held a proxy for Richard Patton, Wayne King, Antonio Chavez, Michael Golino, Lucy Lippard, Anna Cárdenas, and Scott Diffrient). The Treasurer's Report and Financial Report were approved. Arrears were around \$1,040. One member, who had been in arrears for over a year, was sent a certified letter requesting payment in full or membership would be terminated. Reinstatement would cost \$10,000. A check was promptly received.

The Board is mindful of the fact that there are members of the community who own land in Galisteo, but are unable to build or bring in mobile homes because the current \$10,000 for a water hookup is just too high. We do not want to become a community where only the rich can afford to live. Under discussion are ways to pay in installments or by financed payment plans, or to lower the price of a hook up. (Ranchitos charges \$15,000 and Eldorado \$20,000.) One suggestion is to use an Ombudsman to hear complaints from membership.

An application to form a formal R.O. (Registered Organization) has been submitted to Santa Fe County along with the Ranchitos Water Association to keep both up to date on proposed land and water use in our area. Quotes for a new building for the Pump Station near the current tanks are being obtained, and there are future plans for the second well located on GCA's ten acres on NM 41, and possibly a second tank. The problem of sulphur-smelling water seems to be solved.

A Board committee is working with a lawyer on updating the current By-Laws. By-Laws determine how the Association governs itself. The Board decides how much water members can use depending on whether we are going through a drought or whether our system can handle any more hookups at any given time. The Water Association owns 42.56 acre feet.

Rod Hall stepped down as President, having been on the Board for some 35 years. He was asked to remain as a consultant and thanked for his long service. Michael Golino was elected

to take his place. Antonio Chavez will stay on as Foreman and Richard Patton as Secretary. Florence Sohn was elected as a new Board member. (She has been helping out with paperwork and logistics for years.) Rod moved to thank past members who also contributed their time to the Water Association, such as Joe Anaya, Sarapio Montoya, Joe Cooper, and Roman Attenberger, all of whom are deceased. The next Board meeting is June 27, 2016, 7:00pm at the Community Center. (Thanks to Anna Cárdenas for her thorough minutes.)

PEDACITOS/BITS AND PIECES

Barbara and Joe Cooper are pictured running the Racecourse rapids in a raft in *Pasatiempo* (3/25) in a feature on Joe's brother's book: *Unbuttoned: Gay Life in the Santa Fe Arts Scene* by Walter Cooper. **Chris Griscom and the Light Institute** are also discussed.

Mike Anaya faces three opponents in the race for State Senator. The other Democrats are Hugh Ley, a former San Miguel County Commissioner (who has raised \$56,000) and Santa Fe County Commissioner Liz Stefanics (who has raised \$32,000). The Republican candidate is the incumbent, Ted Barela, who was appointed by the Governor. *Donations for Mike* (who has already raised \$10,000) can be sent to: *Committee to Elect Mike D. Anaya, 4 El Tanque Viejo, Galisteo, NM 87540*.

It looked as though **Matthew McQueen** might end up unopposed as our State Rep in the fall election, but Jeremy Tremko, a Republican from Moriarty, has been ruled to have enough signatures to run. *Donations can be sent to: Committee to Elect Matthew McQueen, 7 Avenida Vista Grande B7-120, Santa Fe, 87508*.

Our County Commissioner, **Robert Anaya**, has been a co-sponsor of the move to make La Bajada a National Monument. He also introduced two recent resolutions: to reduce the beaver population on the Santa Fe River (this was voted down; environmentalists blamed the damage on drought, not beavers); and to partner with the City, BLM, and the State Dept. of Game and Fish to study the beaver population (postponed until June).

A glamorous picture of **Jeannette Anaya**, killed in a car chase by police gunfire in 2013, was on the cover of the *Santa Fe Reporter* (3/23). The feature article by Jeff Proctor was the first thorough examination of her case, which is finally being reviewed, thanks in part to untiring pressure from her family, especially her mother, Teresa.

Thanks to **Florence Sohn and Scott Diffrient**, the old community bulletin board at the mailboxes has been replaced with a snazzy redwood plank board. Please use *only* the steel push pins; a small hammer is there to help.

On March 26 at the Performance Space in Eldorado, **Shirley Melis Hirsch** read from her soon-to-be-published memoir, *Banged-Up Heart* -- "a clear-eyed account of finding love late and losing it early." See www.bangedupheart.com.

Mary Tappero Mora, outspoken proprietor for decades of **Mary's Bar in Cerrillos**, died recently. She would have been 100 years old in July. If you've never had a beer at Mary's, you've missed one of the primo local experiences. Her obituary on the front page of *The New Mexican* (4/8) tells how she (Cont. p.4)

was born in Cerrillos's old Palace Hotel (now the Trading Post and Petting Zoo), attended UNM, and taught school in Galisteo, Cerrillos and Golden. Her daughter Kathy Mora hopes to keep the bar open.

Craig and Heather Moya's New Mexico Hard Cider (505 Cerrillos Rd. in the Luna complex) was included in the *Santa Fe Reporter's* "Fermentation Celebration" (3/16).

The **Santa Fe Conservation Trust's Trails Program** includes the Galisteo Basin Preserve and the Cerrillos Hills State Park.

A Santa Fe County initiative offers **free ("zero cost") solar power**. Call Craig O'Hare for free solar advice: 505-992-3044 or cohare@santafecountynm.gov.

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GALISTEO CLASSIFIED

ADS ARE FREE, AND FOR GALISTEO RESIDENTS ONLY. PLEASE CALL 466-1276 TO UPDATE OR DELETE YOUR ADS. Next deadline: May 10.

WANTED

Do you believe in Angels? Spirit? Light? New resident **looking for space to share intuitive painting process**. Can be rustic. Contact Elisa at enterthewoods50@gmail.com.

FOR RENT

Charming vacation casita in the heart of Galisteo, available for rent by the night, week or month. Steve or Jean, 466-1544.

Vacation casita for rent by the weekend, week, or month. 900 sq.ft., open floor plan, 1BR + bath. Call Roger Taylor, 466-3469.

Charming studio available in Galisteo. Two-story fully furnished, lovely views. \$800/month incl. utilities. 808-729-2651.

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FOR SALE

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SERVICES

Intern will travel: Need help during parties, snow shoveling, yard cleaning, housekeeping or pet sitting? Call John Garcia at 505-316-1837.

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We build and repair coyote fences; haul trash; yard work & other odd jobs. Fair prices, local references, Michael J. Anaya, 660-2275.

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Meditation and Knowings class with Chris Griscom, Sundays at The Light Institute:5-6:30pm.Free to Galisteo residents. 466-1975.

Carpentry: Custom closets, hand-carved tables, benches, gates, doors; also electrical work. Ted Montoya, 231-3671.

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

Linda Vista Stables: Beginner western riding for children and adults; 1-2 hr. trail rides; short-term boarding. 466-8930.

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