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### MYSTERIOUS LAMY RUIN

The pictured “old Spanish Convent” was founded by Archbishop Jean Baptiste Lamy, who arrived in New Mexico in 1851. The back of the postcard reads:” The town of Lamy, between Las Vegas and Albuquerque, was named for the good Archbishop who founded nearby a convent, the walls of which are still standing, and who also once taught the Indians in a little adobe schoolhouse. At the time of the founding of this convent he was a missionary priest, but afterwards became Archbishop Lamy of Santa Fe.”

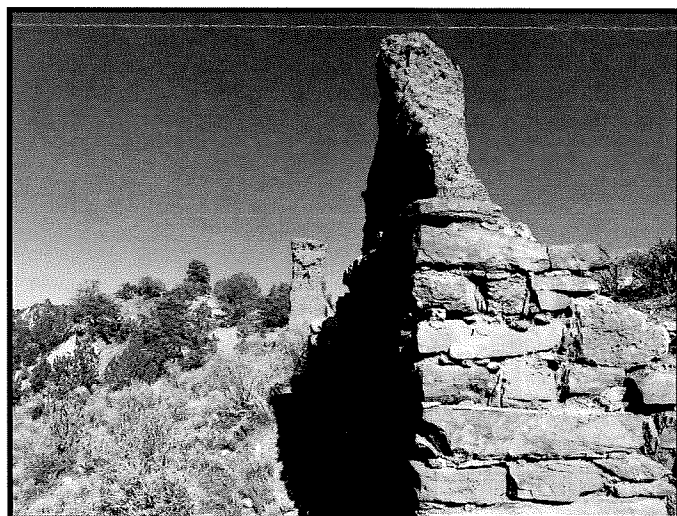
Lamy was French and strenuously disapproved of the “Mexican” church that ruled in the state, conducting a famous feud with the (married) Padre Martinez of Taos.

At some point, perhaps in the late 1850s, this “church” or convent was erected on the Bishop Lamy land grant, east of the present day village, which did not exist at the time, although there were settlers in the Ojo de la Vaca/ Cañoncito area. Lamy was founded in 1880 when the Atchison Topeka and Santa Fe Railroad came roaring down Apache Canyon. It was initially, and briefly, called Galisteo Junction.

Little seems to be known about this structure, though the fact that it is often called a “convent” suggests that it might have been an early home for the Sisters of Loretto, brought to New Mexico by Lamy in 1852. The impressive ruins remain (see 2017 picture lower right), still isolated on a small hill on a patch of privately owned grazing land above the Galisteo Creek. At least a decade later, Lamy bought and built the “Villa Pintoresca,” now the Bishop’s Lodge resort in Tesuque.

The postcard (above right) was sold at El Ortiz, the elegant Fred Harvey hotel next to the Depot in Lamy, that was constructed in 1908, closed in 1940, and dismantled a few years later. I’ve been told that its original name was to be Los Pinos, but the name badly pronounced in English too closely resembled male anatomy, and it was changed to El Ortiz, both names honoring the Galisteo family.

*Los Pastores* will be presented Saturday, Dec 9, 1:00 PM at La Sala, sponsored by La Sala de Galisteo and the GCA. A traditional New Mexican potluck lunch at the Community Center will follow and we welcome contributions of a side dish or salad. Suggested donation is \$5 and a non-perishable food item (including dog and cat food) to help local families. For info, Anna: 466-8967; galigir1312@centurylink.net.



The Lamy convent, then (c. 1910-40), and now.

## FAREWELL BUT NOT GOODBYE

A sad farewell to Barbara and Wayne King, who are leaving us for the bright lights of Santa Fe. They bought their home on Avenida Vieja in 1998 and moved here full time in 2006, having added a barn and a studio. Between them they have put an immense amount of energy into the community's organizations – the GVFR, GCA, La Sala, Studio Tour, and the Water Board. They have been model neighbors and members of our community and they will be sorely missed. But Santa Fe is not exactly Timbuktu, so we certainly haven't seen the last of them.

## GALISTEO SHARES A LIVING TREASURE

**Priscilla Hoback** was honored as one of three Santa Fe Living Treasures at the Unitarian Church in Santa Fe on October 15<sup>th</sup>. Here are excerpts from the anonymous nomination text:

"A true woman of the west. A person of the earth. A native Santa Fean. Priscilla Hoback epitomizes the essence of New Mexico through her art and her lifestyle. Her expressions manifest in diversity as a clay artist, writer, storyteller, teacher, businesswoman, horse whisperer, master gardener, community member and beloved mother.

"Priscilla comes from a prominent New Mexico family. She spent many hours in and out of the landmark Pink Adobe restaurant, which her mother opened in the 60s. ...She owned and ran the Pot Shop, her home/studio/gallery on Canyon Road before moving to the village of Galisteo.... She creates ceramic relief murals inspired by prehistoric cave paintings, depicting the animals she knows and loves here at home....Her book *Living Clay*, published in 2000, details her artistic journey and another book in progress shares vignettes about life in Galisteo and New Mexico....Anyone who experiences her art glimpses a vision of the southwest that few are lucky to know."

In an interview in *The New Mexican* (10/15) Priscilla said she grew up on Canyon Road, "in every sense of the word," but almost forty years ago she moved to Galisteo, where she has more space for studio, horses, and organic gardens. She also digs her clay south of the village to "reflect the very energy and spirit" of the Galisteo Basin. (Photo: Alice Kruse)



## PEDACITOS/BITS AND PIECES

Chief **Jean Moya** announces that after several years of paperwork, construction has finally begun on a **new bay at the GVFR station**, to accommodate our growing fleet of trucks. It began on October 31 and is expected to be completed on March 29, 2018. Workers will use NM 41 to Avenida Vieja to access the station. Chief Moya has advised them to drive slowly, but walkers and especially dog walkers should keep an eye out for speeding vehicles, daily from 7:00 AM to 5:30 PM.

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Also from the GVFR: **Christopher Powell** and **Steve Beecraft** passed the dreaded HazMat course. Now if a WIPP truck implodes on 285 we can send them out to save us.

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A group of some **fifty or sixty 8th graders** from the Eldorado Middle School (chaperoned by teachers and parents) visited the Galisteo Bosque on a nature field trip for 5 hours on October 26th. The trip was coordinated with Rich Schrader, of River Source, by **Roger Taylor** and **Matthew McQueen**, focusing on ecology, wildlife, and river habitat. Roger was with them all morning and **Lucy Lippard** came later to speak about local history and the cultural landscape. The group parked at the Community Center, and signed liability waivers.

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Back in April (apologies for the delay), **Andy Peña** passed away at the age of 78. He was born in Galisteo, son of Pedro and Ursula Peña, brother of **Clyde Peña**.

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Last July, **Frank Hirsch** was elected President of the Santa Fe Symphony Orchestra and Chorus.

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Audiences for the **lectures at La Sala** in November varied, but \$500 was raised for continued renovation.

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According to *The New Mexican* (11/1) "Dozens of Santa Fe County residents submitted a scathing petition to County Commissioners seeking **changes to the Sustainable Land Development Code**," claiming that it is an economic hindrance causing significant delays in the processing of applications due to a "regulatory morass." Commissioner Anna Hansen defended the Code on grounds of its commitment to sustainability. Changes to the Galisteo section of the Code are being considered and will be proposed to the Community in a public meeting soon.

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A divided Board of Santa Fe County Commissioners has approved the consolidation of **voting centers** for next year's elections. The original plan cut the number of voting sites from 51 to 24 and Galisteo's Community Center was among the casualties. Our commissioner, **Robert Anaya**, objected to the cuts, and Anna Hamilton wondered if the consolidation represented "a trend towards disenfranchisement." Amid such concerns, the BCC has reconsidered, and when six sites were reinstated, Galisteo was one of the winners.

## MORE STORM STORIES

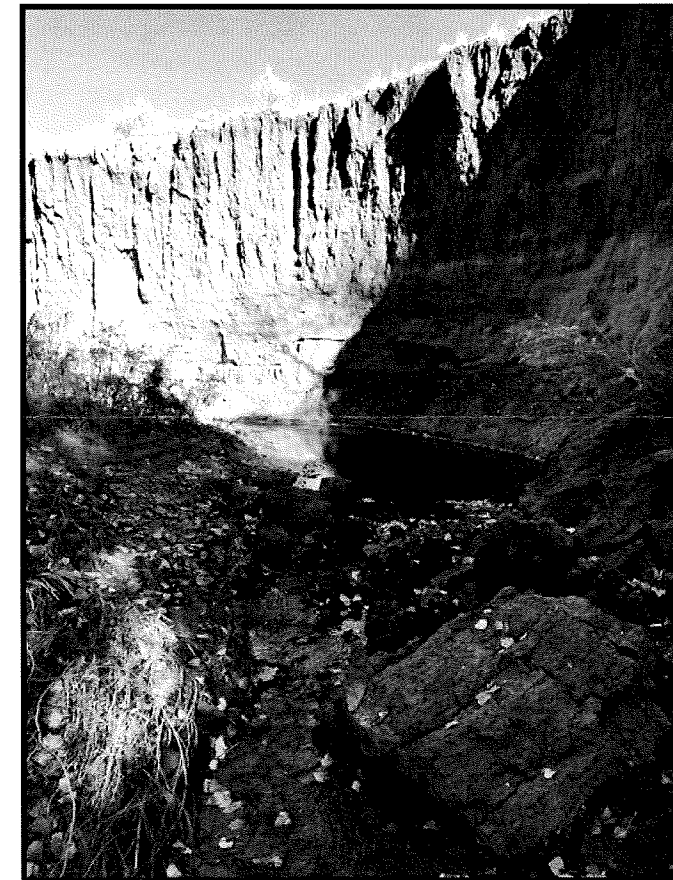
During the recent apocalyptic storm, the Arroyo on McKee Road was roaring as Evelyn Gregory had never seen it in thirty years and locals hadn't seen it in a lifetime. Evelyn was forced to spend the night with a neighbor. The next morning, worried about her five dogs, she tried (at the fearless age of ninety), to plow "Buttercup" -- her yellow SUV-- through the gigantic sand dune the flood had deposited in the Arroyo: "I thought I'd get stuck," (she did), "but decided to give it a shot." And she began to walk up the road with Janet Pfeiffer, who had also been stranded. They looked back to see Michael D. Anaya and Chris Watts coming to their rescue. They became the heroes of the day. "If it hadn't been for them we'd still be stuck there," says Evelyn.

The dune was too much for Mike's little tractor, but County equipment was right there on Camino Los Abuelos, as was our Commissioner Robert Anaya. But despite pleas for help for the elderly people cut off across the arroyo, they refused.

Chris and Mike finally got Evelyn's car out and the McKee Road residents hired someone to move sand to clear the road through the arroyo. Despite Evelyn's many calls to the County, none were returned.

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Elsewhere, one Ranchitos resident received an insurance estimate of around \$10,000 worth of damage to skylights and stucco walls. Another had some thirty damaged skylights. At least one other family home was flooded. Your editor got off easy with huge hail holes in one window screen and inexplicably nowhere else on that side of the house.



Fallen banks in the Galisteo Creek. (Photo: Ruby Renshaw)

## MAIL CALL: COLLECT IT OR LOSE IT?

Mailbox thieves have been targeting the area and residents are urged to collect their mail daily and to report suspicious activity. Criminal investigators from the Santa Fe County Sheriff's Department are looking into various incidents of theft focused on locked cluster units, which offer multiple mailboxes to steal from. Thieves are looking for documents like bank account statements and mortgage and credit card bills that provide them with personal information, including social security numbers, account numbers and addresses, allowing them to steal the victim's information and illegally access bank accounts or open fraudulent accounts.

If you have had your mailbox broken into or witnessed suspicious activity, you are encouraged to immediately call 505-428-3720 to notify law enforcement. The Sheriff's Office also encourages residents to establish a Neighborhood Watch group if one does not already exist.

## GLORIOUS NEW OPEN SPACE AND TRAILS

A management plan for 2500 acres on what is being called the Thornton Ranch Open Space across the Railroad tracks on the south side of CR 42 has been approved by the BCC, which also authorized an interpretive plan for the Galisteo Basin. The open space is centered on a double hill that is sacred to several local Native tribes and will be off limits to visitors, but at least twelve miles of multi-use trails will eventually be connected to the extensive network in the Galisteo Basin Preserve. Some 400 acres are State and BLM lands, but most of the property was acquired by the County in 2016, thanks to a voter-approved general obligation bond for capital improvements. The area's ecology, and its ranching and railroad histories will be included in proposed interpretive and educational programs and exhibits.

Early Galisteo residents should figure prominently. Much of the area was owned by José Antonio Anaya, ancestor of many Anaya and Montoya descendants living in the village today. One of them -- Commissioner Robert Anaya--noted the threats to public lands posed by current Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke, declaring that "what we need is to continue to have projects like this."

## OLD NEWS

*El Puente* is completing its twentieth year, and an editorial from the January 1999 issue at the beginning of our third year just surfaced. It's still timely:

"Yet again we make a plea for more input from all of you. Letters to the Editor, news tips, family accomplishments and milestones, photographs or drawings, personal writings about Galisteo or issues relevant to the village...and critical as well as congratulatory feedback! Heartfelt thanks to all those who have participated, providing literary, moral, and financial support in the past year."

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**Galisteo Yoga** Tuesdays 9:30-10:30 AM at Dorothy's, 466-2339, stretching & breathing: Thursdays 9:30-10:30 AM at Ruby's 466-1961 ruby@rubyrenshaw.com, kundalini-based: Fridays 10-11 AM at Galisteo Community Center with Mare, profundus@aol.com, slow flow & therapeutic blend of Vinyasa & Iyengar.

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