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FIRE ALERT

On April 10th, given extreme drought and hazardous conditions, Santa Fe County has imposed **Emergency Fire Restrictions**, prohibiting all open fires and campfires for the next 90 days. Also prohibited are smoking and the use of off-road vehicles and motorbikes within County parks, campgrounds and wildland areas, as well as littering on public roadways with cigarette butts or other "ignited smoking materials." Violators face up to 90 days in jail and a \$300 fine. **Please remember:** when pulling to the side of the road to text or speak on a cellphone, make sure there is no dry grass nearby; a hot exhaust pipe can quickly start a fire in these extremely dry conditions.

THE GOOD THINGS

Stella Maestas

"We get used to the good very quickly." (*"A lo bueno se pone uno muy pronto."*) These are words I remember my mom saying to us often. Situations presented themselves to which the phrase certainly applied. We were raised in a loving home with the basics for a comfortable living. I have mentioned before that my parents both worked very hard to provide for the family, and when the day arrived that we were finally able to drill a well, it was a miracle. We did not have to bring the water up in a bucket any longer. I got used to turning on the faucet very quickly.

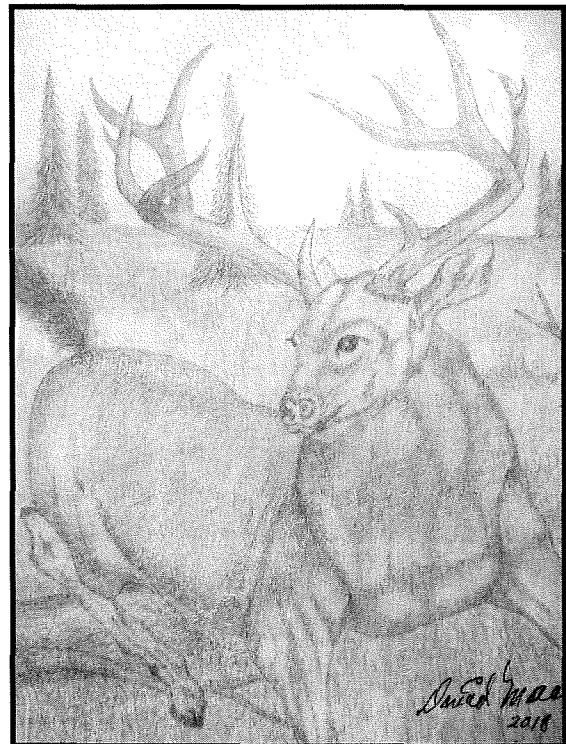
We still had little money, but somehow we made do. I remember my father taking two of us at a time to buy shoes at the general store. It seemed that he wasn't done replenishing the money from that purchase when it was time to buy two more pairs of shoes for the other children. You would never hear him complain about it though. In school there were those children who destroyed their shoes on purpose just so their parents would buy them another pair. I was horrified when I saw that. When I wanted twenty five cents for something, I shifted from one foot to the other before I found the courage to ask my father for money because I knew how hard he worked for the little we had. He never turned me down even if it was his last twenty-five cents. Parents are wonderful, we are so lucky to have had them, and those of us who still have them please let them know everyday how much they mean to you.

My mother worked equally hard at home. In those days the comforts of home didn't come from a store. I remember in the spring it was time to wash the mattresses, and I mean that literally. We had to take them apart, take out the inside filling, and wash them in big tubs with soap and water. (Cont. p.2)

May 10th at La Sala, 7PM: *Sixty-Six Mile Radius*, a film starring three artists living within that radius of the Tamarind Institute at UNM -- Nina Elder, Tom Miller, and Galisteo **Judy Tuwaletstiwa**.

La Sala's regular season begins May 26th with the opening (4-7PM) of the exhibition **Best Seats in the House**: over 30 New Mexico artists interpret the *chair* in various media, examining functional and non-functional appearances both seriously and playfully. (Show is up until September 16th; open Saturdays and Sundays, 11-5, and it's free.)

Also on view is **Honoring Our Community**: "The Board of La Sala honors members of our community who have generously contributed to the needs of our village, our state's heritage, and our nation's cultural achievements. These 2018 Honorees will be the first in a multi-year program to recognize the remarkable people who live and have lived in our village. We thank them for their accomplishments and successes."



Stag, by David Maestas

GOOD THINGS Cont.) After we wrung out the cotton, it was laid out on a tarp to dry in the sun. Meanwhile the mattress covers were also washed thoroughly. Once they were all dry, we had to remake those mattresses – an exhausting process for both our mother, and the girls of the family. Today this is unheard of, and everyone has a pillow-top mattress or some fancy kind of bed. I am one of these people, and I have gotten used to the good things like my mother said, but I did learn to appreciate what it took to get here.

I don't think anyone wants to return to those days because of the hard work involved, but the lessons learned are always with us. The time spent with our loved ones is something to treasure. Not a day goes by that I don't remember something I've taken away from my early years. I owe it all to my parents, and the knowledge they passed on to me. Sometimes I'm asked, "why do you prick the biscuits with a fork like that?" or "why do you prefer to wait until daylight to do that job?" The first answer is because my mother always did it that way. The second is because if you do a task at night, you will be able to tell in the morning that it was done with little light: "*Lo que de noche se hace, de dia parece.*" Until next time, my friends: enjoy the modern conveniences. Let's not forget that we contributed our hard work, and played an important part in progress.

ANNUAL WATER ASSOCIATION MEETING

On March 22nd, the Galisteo Mutual Domestic Water Consumers Association (GMDWCA) held its annual meeting at the Community Center, led by Board President Phil Tuwaletstwiwa. Attendance was sparse, but the required quorum (10% of membership) was met.

Treasurer John Watson-Jones reported on the last fiscal year and projections for this fiscal year. There were some questions about \$4,600 spent for the archaeology report mandated for the new line along La Otra Vanda, which will be paid back when we receive the state loan. We were assured that we got a very good deal; archeologist Mike Marshall had professional ties to some village residents.

Currently we have only one well and one tank operating. If anything goes wrong with one little part, we have no water. Michael Golino was paid c. \$850 per month to successfully see the complex project of a major state loan through the bureaucratic hoops. The loan is in part a grant. (We get c. \$450,000 and pay back c. \$130,000.) It will cover a much-needed, updated dual system, and requests for several new lines are in the works. Many extant lines that should be 6" or 8" pipes are only 2".

Freddie Cárdenas asked the board to consider lower rates instead of the tier system now in place. He suggested that the Board was acting like a corporation – which, in fact it is, by law – and urged more grant applications, perhaps through our State Representative Matthew McQueen, who is a Water Association member. The Board responded that the tiers (the more water you use, the more you pay) encourage water conservation. We will take a close look to see if we can lower rates, but we have to cover expenses: there were six pipe breaks this year and a \$1,000 debt was excused in a hardship case. Board member Richard Patton and former Board member Scott Diffrient will draft a proposal suggesting reforms for the Board's consideration.

There was discussion around the high cost of a new hookup (\$10,000). Neither Eldorado nor Santa Fe answered requests for their rates, which are reportedly less. It was noted that rules prohibited speculators and that the fee can be paid in installments, or an interest free loan, over "a reasonable length of time." Installation costs vary; there are easy installations and difficult ones depending on terrain, distance, etc. Board member Steve Moya remarked that our ISO ratings (how much insurance we pay depending on firefighting resource availability) can go down. Ideally there would be a hydrant every 500 feet, but the loan can't pay for hydrants and neither can the GVFR. Liability insurance covers the board but not property and "unowned [private]vehicles."

There were some comments on the new billing system. Our accountant, Ana Berry, said she would add dates and notices of meetings to the bills, and thanked previous volunteer accountants -- especially Romona Scholder (who did the billing for 18 years) -- for a "fantastic job" which makes her own job much easier.

At the time of the meeting no member was in areas, thanks to a good deal of interaction between the Board and members when problems arise; a couple of members are behind a month or so but nothing to worry about. Board Members Richard Patton and Lucy Lippard will work with former Board Member Anna Cárdenas to figure out how to manage a community fund for those who need help paying their water bills.

No one at the meeting volunteered to fill the vacant spot for one new Board member, so Michael D. Anaya was proposed and approved in absentia. (Luckily, he has accepted.)

GCA BREAKFAST/ANNUALMEETING

On March 24th a gala breakfast at the Community Center was presented by Susie Shanklin, Wayland Wong, and Greg Salustro to accompany the annual GCA elections meeting. Evelyn Gregory, Phil Pfeiffer and Jane Perry were thanked as they completed their terms. Estelle Berger and Barbara Seiler were re-elected by acclamation. Anna Cárdenas is the new alternate, and new neighbor Kevin Smith recently volunteered to become the second alternate.

President Roger Taylor introduced new residents (Kevin and Cecille 'Cissy' Smith, Deirdre Africa) and announced a new fundraising campaign to be launched in late Summer. The Community Center, which is aging (along with too many villagers) needs a roof fix and new stucco. Someone noted that the bats were returning but bat houses now cost from \$400-700 -- which sounds kind of batty. The County will plant 150 bundles of willows and clean up the bosque trails after work is done. Apparently our beloved bosque is the third most significant wildlife migration corridor in this part of the U.S. Who knows who's passing through in the night...



Harmony Hammond's wall (Photo: Richard Shuff)

PEDACITOS/BITS AND PIECES

In May, *The New Mexican* published a long account of the 50th wedding anniversary of Tom and Betty Jean Shinas. The bride was the daughter of Galisteans Manuel Sosa Almeida (1914-1982) and Reynalda Chavez Anaya (1920-2000). When they were married at Cristo Rey in Santa Fe, the bride's grandmother, **Carmelita Chavez Anaya** (1884-1981) "gave her blessings while the couple kneeled before her." Carmelita was the mother of Clarita, Serapio, Nick, and Johnny Anaya, all of whom settled in Galisteo. Nick is the survivor of that generation in the village.

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This month *The New Mexican* also featured Ted Harrison, whom we know as the founder and president of **Commonweal Conservancy** (and former president and CEO of the New Mexico Community Foundation) who brought us the wonderful (and endangered) **Galisteo Basin Preserve**. His latest project, the restoration of a historic building on Guadalupe Street in Santa Fe, will become Common Ground -- a communal workspace, café, and yoga center.

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Margaret Wrinkle was on NPR (4/28) being interviewed about the opening of the Lynching memorial in Montgomery, Alabama. The memorial, she said "exposes the hidden narrative of the South." Lynching was a form of economic terrorism. As a generations-deep southerner, she noted that hers was the first generation to be taught that we are all equal.

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John Watson-Jones wrote a clever letter to the editor of *The New Mexican*, noting that the state's new award-winning license plates bear the names of three nations: "count 'em – USA Mexico, and Chile."

LA SALA'S NEW DOORS TO OPEN

About a month ago the Board of La Sala hired Galisteo master carpenter Ted Montoya to restore the front doors and overhead window at La Sala. Now the doors and an opening transom window are installed and they are looking and working beautifully. A big thank you to Ted, and to Anna Cárdenas, who was very helpful in consulting and researching hardware to create a mix of original and reproduction.

This was not an easy project: filler for the cracks, replacing some wood pieces in the doors, filling and sealing the holes made over the years for locks and door knobs, sanding, multiple coats of primer and finish paint. etc. was very uneven and crumbly and the doors themselves were warped; it took some careful planing to make it fit tightly. The new threshold works great with a nice tight seal (no more wind or bugs coming through!)

All this highlights the next sorely needed repair -- restoring the windows and framing on the sides and overhead. We would like to have this done in time for the late May opening, but we need funds to do so. La Sala always appreciates donors!

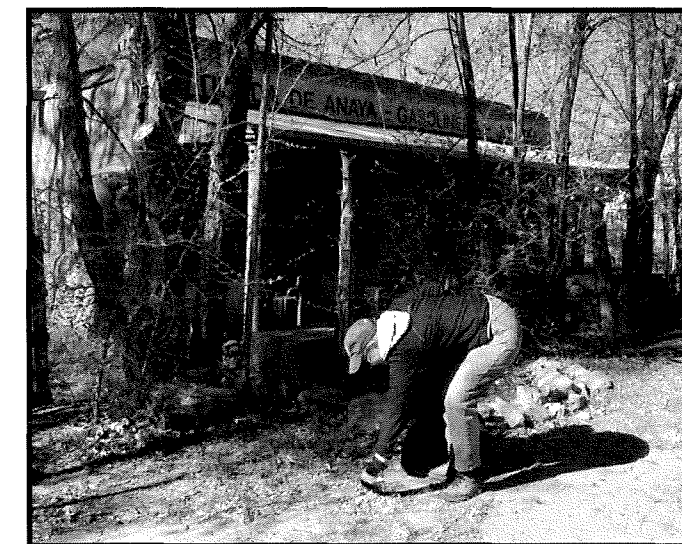
GVFR: THE COST OF EXCELLENCE

Cindy and Frank Lux report that some Galisteans believe that members of the Fire department are paid! Would that it were true. Everyone works hard. No one has a salary. Chief Jean Moya sets the record straight:

"Back in September of 2007 the Board of County Commissioners adopted a resolution on the Volunteer recruitment and retention incentive program to reimburse certified EMT's and certified Firefighters for expenses. As Chiefs, we receive no more compensation than any other member of the department. The program initially paid \$6 for every emergency response and \$2 for every approved training.

These fees have since been increased to \$11 and \$8. This is staggering given the number of hours spent. Budgeted funds were made available from the Emergency Medical Service Gross Receipts tax voted in by the public.

"Our goal as volunteers," says Moya, "remains the same, to provide quality, professional, emergency service to the people and visitors of Santa Fe County."



She Stoops to conquer... Litter! Estelle Berger at work during the April 21 Cleanup. (Photo: Marcy Hinz)

A good crowd turned out to tidy up the village's already surprisingly clean thoroughfares. The incentive was a delicious breakfast donated as usual by John and Tanya Young.

LAMY DINING CAR CLOSED DOWN

The state Regulation and Licensing Department has closed the doors of the freestanding Club Car 1158 in Lamy that has been open on weekends for food and drink. It was determined that their license -- originally intended for the summer trips between Santa Fe and Lamy, halted in 2013 -- only applied to servicing passengers on moving vehicles and does not apply to stationary cars off the tracks. Owner Karl Ziebarth hopes to restart some kind of food service this summer. An "independent transportation consultant," he was involved in the attempt in 2013 to allow trucks to off-load crude oil onto trains in Lamy. It was vigorously opposed and stopped in its tracks by area residents.

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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: June 20th.

WANTED

A place to live: rent, care-take, long term house-sit. Gwen Feisst, valued GVFR longtime volunteer Firefighter, minister, artist, weaver employed in Galisteo, resident since 2000, and experienced house-and pet-sitter: gfeisst@hotmail.com or 505-466-1458.

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.

For Rent through AirBnB: **Las Mananitas guesthouse** -- a private, self-contained apartment offering a classic New Mexican experience, full of art and flowers, in the middle of the old village: Catherine Ferguson, 6 La Vega, 466-2765.

FOR SALE

Amanecer Gallery offers oil paintings by Freddie Cárdenas and **micaceous pottery** by Anna Cárdenas, 505-466-8967.

Talus Wind Heritage Meats. Local New Mexico lamb and pork. Contact info@taluswindranch.com.

SERVICES

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

Transformational Healing and Bodywork, Mare Tomaski, Functional Medicine Health Coach: **For classes and sessions visit www.dynamicstillopoint.com.**

Dave's Auto Repair: restoring, minor repairs, painting. Local refs. Free estimates: David Montoya, 505-501-1991.

Common sense, gentle dog-training: house manners, management problem-solving at your home, and limited boarding. 20 yrs. experience. Call Evelyn, 466-1875.

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Grow Y'own hooped and covered raised beds for year-round gardening! Ken 490-1849.

Preparing your garden for next year? Repairing erosion?**Aged compost and mulch** available at Goose Downs Farm north of the village. Free if you load, \$15 if we do: Tom, 670-7031.

Intern will travel: Need help during parties, snow shoveling, yard cleaning, housekeeping or pet sitting? Call John Garcia at 505-919-8147.

JVS will remove (live) rattlesnakes. Call 466-1064.

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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Passive Solar Builders: Locally owned general contractor since 1980. Quality home construction, renovations: 466-2118.

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

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