



EL PUENTE DE GALISTEO

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LOS PASTORES AT LA SALA

This year Mary was played by nine-year-old Star Natseway, granddaughter of Ray and Geri Peña; Joseph was the eponymous Joseph Gonzales, ten years old, grandson of David and Stella Maestas. Anna Cárdenas, the Galisteo organizer, thanks the community, friends and families, for all their contributions for luncheon, character sponsorships, food drive, and also thanks to the people of *La Gran Pastorela de Belén*. Thanks also to the *sociidades* Sacred Heart of Jesus and San José for printing the programs and to the GCA Board, La Sala de Galisteo, and their families.

GVFR NEWS

Officers for 2020: District Chief, Jean Moya; Fire Captain, Christopher Powell; EMS Captain, Alice Kruse; Fire Lieutenants, Alex Amend and Craig Fulmer.

The annual Galisteo Phone Directory may come out before this newsletter. Cindy and Frank Lux are its dedicated editors/producers. If you donate \$75 or more to the Fire Department with the envelope craftily included with the booklet, you get a free t-shirt (delivered by yours truly).

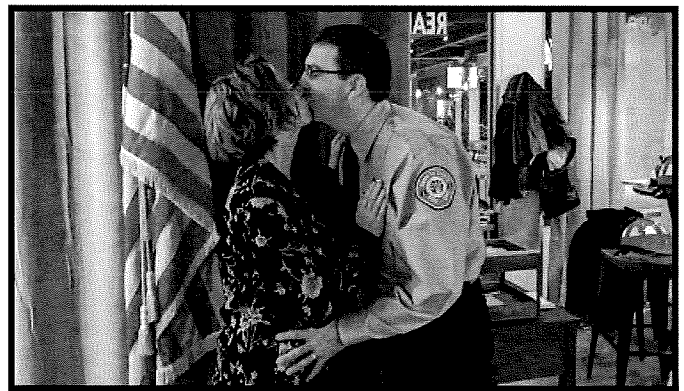
Matt Hawthorne -- GVFR members Alice and Jerry Kruse's son in law, a professional photographer who was visiting over the holidays -- photographed GVFR members from close up and from a distant drone. Auxiliary members in dark blue contrasted with the yellow bunker gear worn by the firefighters.



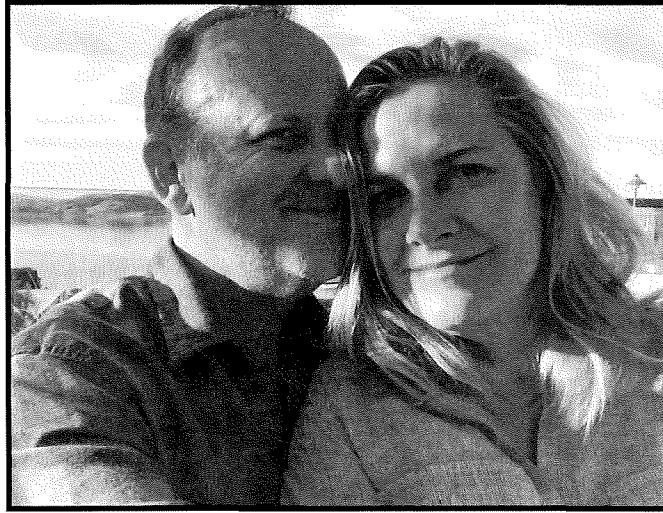
To welcome the *año nuevo* and kiss a cranky 2019 goodbye, the annual holiday party for members and partners was held again at Arable in the Agora on Jan.7th. The theme and main event was a gala shower in preparation for the newest member of the GVFR family, Alex Amend's and Annika Kaplan's baby girl Gilda, born on January 11th. The GVFR contributed a generous gift certificate and we all had a wonderful time shopping for tiny onesies, twosies, and stuffed animals.... and especially a little red knit "fire cap."

Another high point was the swearing in of Craig Fulmer, who graduated from the fire academy but had not been officially sworn in; the deed was done by former Chief Steve Moya and Craig's wife Heidi Johnson pinned (and then kissed) him. Alex Amend was the other latest graduate of the fire academy. So good to see the GVFR community flourishing.

(Photos: Bill Mitchell)



NEWCOMERS (MORE OR LESS)



A TOYOTA, A TESLA, AND A TRUCK or WHY WE LIVE IN GALISTEO

John and Kirsten Miller

The rental Corolla nosed over the crest of 285 and we saw it. The basin stretched out before us looking just like it had for the past million years. Majestic, expansive, untouched. And it was calling our name.

By the time we pulled into the village, we were sold. We began looking for houses and quickly discovered how small Galisteo was. *Nothing* was for sale. At this point, we were all in, so we decided to build. We found a lot and Kirsten designed a small, beautiful house. She found a traditional adobe builder who did one house a year. We got on the waiting list. 18 months later, it was a reality.

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We pulled into the parking lot of our favorite Mill Valley restaurant. Spaces were scant, but we located one up front. I began to pull in, when a Tesla rushed by me and grabbed the spot. The license plate said "PRE-IPO." Kirsten looked at me and said, "We have to get the hell out of here."

Twenty years earlier, we had met at a San Francisco design magazine, fell in love, had twins, and moved to Marin. In the course of those twenty years, we watched Marin's sleepy towns turn into traffic-jammed playgrounds for tech billionaires. When our kids left for college, we left too.

We chose Santa Fe because amazing culture, food, and weather were all packed into a small, friendly town. It felt like a sort of off-the-grid secret (compared to the Bay Area anyway). But after looking at dozens of houses, we couldn't bring ourselves to pay top dollar for finishes and details we didn't really like.

"Santa Fe? Why would you move there? It's too touristy. Now if you said 'Galisteo,' I'd get it." That's Tom Jenks, an old friend I worked with at *Esquire* forty years ago. He teaches writing and, it turns out, had a student named David Snyder who lived in Galisteo.

So after another unsuccessful Santa Fe house hunt, we headed back to the Albuquerque airport and decided to drive through Galisteo.

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16 The Hill is done now and we both happily work from home. Kirsten worked at a top landscape architecture firm in the Bay area and now continues to work remotely. I do remote content marketing for Amazon, Intel and other folks. But I'm mostly excited about starting *LAWLESS*, a small press. (Look for our first book on Sam Shepard in New Mexico coming out this spring.) Our dog Stella likes the landscape so much that she ran away for three days last summer, apparently touring the entire village and (amazingly) dodging coyotes. (Denise Lynch found her when she nonchalantly rolled in through her dog door—accompanying Denise's dogs.)

The one thing we never counted on were Galisteo's amazing people. We have met more interesting people than anywhere we've lived. Our kids tease us that we are more social here than we were in San Francisco. We are part of a monthly supper club, involved with La Sala, the GCA, and the Studio Tour, and have been invited to some great dinner parties. For us, it's the perfect blend of being hermits and having great community.

And we get to drive a 1986 Jeep Comanche, which Nick Anaya told me was "cool." What else could you want?

KABOOM!



On December 3rd, an explosion destroyed a guest house and damaged a home on Cibola Circle off the Old Las Vegas Highway, blowing debris all over the place. No one was hurt and apparently a propane tank and an unlicensed contractor were to blame. The GVFR was among the responders, working much of the night with other local departments. (Photo: Craig Fulmer)

FROM THE GCA

Quotes for bids for the Galisteo Community Center Park went out January 1st and work will probably start in early Spring.

The USDA has received all bids and approved them. As soon as the GCA receives the verification letter saying that the bids have been accepted, the plumbing project will get underway. News of the USDA grants is reported to our federal reps and senators. GCA President Roger Taylor received compliments from Senator Tom Udall's office and a request for a Galisteo tour in the Spring.

The 2019 Galisteo Creek/Bosque annual monitoring report (41 pages!) showing that work was completed by Roger and Jan-Willem Jansens was filed in December with the Army Corps of Engineers.

PEDACITOS/BITS AND PIECES

In mid-December, a new-looking *Silver Toyota pickup* with dark tinted front and rear windows drove onto the Pattons' property on CR 42 and around the house toward the barn. Elayne stepped outside and the truck turned around and sped out the driveway. The Sheriff's Office was informed.

Michael B. Levis, who with his wife Tacey built their dream home—the Flying M Ranch—on the east side of NM 41 north of Galisteo in 1979, died in October in Amarillo, Texas at the age of 79. In 1988 they opened New Mexico's first microbrewery, selling it to the Vista Clara Spa in 1996.

According to Steve King (manager of the Eldorado Area Water and Sanitation District), the **water table** in the Eldorado area is declining. Hydrologists report that more water is being taken from the aquifer than can be naturally replenished and it is not clear how efficiently the state monitors private wells. The district has about 3,000 customers served by a dozen wells; extensions to new properties cost \$15,000 each. But they are "pursuing a connection to the Santa Fe County water system and a long-term service agreement" (*New Mexican* 12/8/19).

Our State Rep, Galisteoan **Matthew McQueen**, attended the Sierra Club's Northern New Mexico Holiday celebration, where he was a keynote speaker, with Senator Peter Wirth. McQueen is also introducing a new sex offender law, thanks to Jeff Epstein.

Bobby Anaya of Santa Fe passed away on November 26. He was born September 30, 1938 in Galisteo, son of Abel and Mary Anaya. Bobby (according to the obituary in *The New Mexican*, 12/8) was a well-known musician from the age of ten until his death, performing with his father, his brothers Henry, Leo, and Jimmy, and his son Rick. Since the early 1980s he was in a group called Mariachi Encanto.

The **mysterious RV** that was abandoned next to the church for weeks (with a note on the dashboard saying that the owners were coming back for it eventually) has finally been hauled off.

Artist Geninne Zlatkis, her architect husband Manolo Benitez, and their dog Zorro (!) who are renting the restored Ferneau home, moved to New Mexico from near Mexico City five years ago. They lived in Lamy and are now building a new home there, renting here until it is completed. "I am in love with Galisteo!" says Geninne. "Ever since we drove around the first time. It feels like one of those old Mexican towns that I love so much. I was born in New York. My dad was from Argentina and my mom from Chile. They met in Manhattan. Manolo is from a beautiful little town in central Mexico called Bejucos, but he grew up in Mexico City."

A GALISTEO HERO

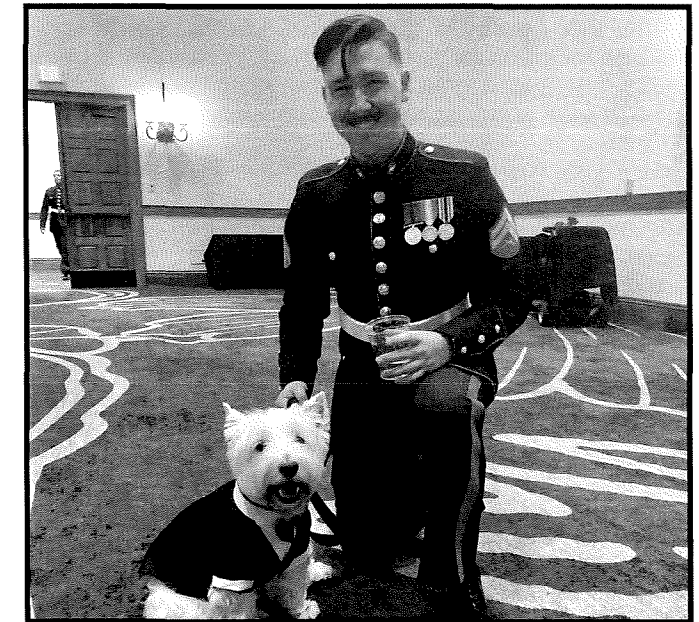
Tristan, Christy O'Connor's eight-year-old Westie, was the subject of an article by Hirsch Wilson in *The New Mexican* (1/9). Tristan is an emotional support dog (and a champion surfer!), on the road a couple of times a month to visit Marine veterans through the Wounded Warrior Project. Atypically small for his role, he is nevertheless eminently qualified. He makes eye contact, hops up in laps and proves a good listener to those who are wounded, depressed, or suicidal. One Marine credited him with probably saving his life. Christy calls him her Zen dog –

SIXTY YEARS AGO...



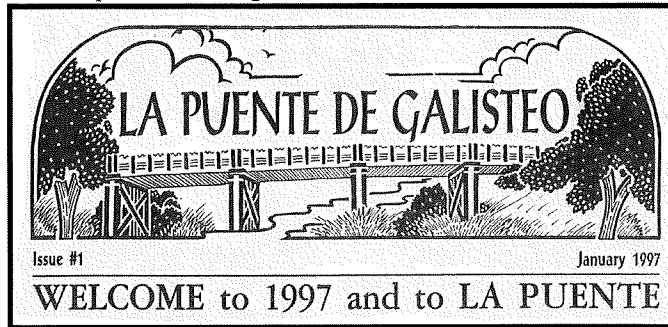
The caption reads: "In northern New Mexico a major spring ranch job is moving stock to summer pastures. These pictures (courtesy of the New Mexican, Santa Fe) were taken a few weeks ago on the Las Marias Ranch near Galisteo. The ranch, operated by Frank Ortiz y Davis & Sons (and their fathers and grandfathers before them for a couple of hundred years) is in excellent shape and the cattle will gain 250 pounds or more this summer. Pictures at top right show the yearlings cautiously crossing a paved road, then going through the gate to their new home. At top left are cowboys Sarapio Montoya (horseback) and Antonio Chavez; the latter has worked for the ranch more than 35 years, as did his father. Bottom photos show a rebellious yearling trying to flee the herd; snagged by an accurate loop, and undergoing an examination he could have avoided." (From *West Texas Livestock*, July 3, 1958.)

(**hero**) "calm, empathetic and friendly to all... There is something about having a silent friend, who listens, loves unconditionally and doesn't judge. The recovering Marines feel safe and heard. Walls break down when they talk to a dog. Dogs have a healing power that can transform a life." This has been confirmed by a Purdue University study.



Tristan, in his tux, and best buddy, Jay (photo: Christy O'Connor)

This issue marks the beginning of *El Puente's* 24th year. If you feel so inclined, help us celebrate with a donation. We've doubled up on sponsors because some of the money has gone to stamps (c.\$700 annually). \$100 usually covers the printing and the stamps, but we are grateful for whatever comes. Thanks!



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