



♥ ♥ HOW WE MET ♥ ♥
(BELATED VALENTINE SPECIAL)

HEIDI JOHNSON AND CRAIG FULMER

Craig and Heidi met 23 years ago under a rare star-filled night in the Pacific Northwest. Craig had been mowing his lawn when the neighbor, Susie, appeared at the fence with a friend in tow. She introduced the two and invited Craig over that evening to preview their new house. Heidi said "nice to meet you" and went on her way. Craig threw the lawnmower into the garage and ran for the shower while shedding grass-stained clothes and leaving muddy footprints everywhere. He showed up at the neighbors with two bottles of wine (they didn't drink) and a keen eye to meeting the friend, who was nowhere to be seen. Craig handed over his business card to Susie with the request to pass it on to Heidi. After a week of no response, he returned, with another business card in hand, and again asked Susie to pass it on. Heidi did finally get the card, called, and on their first date, they spent five hours drinking coffee and another three over pizza. As Craig and Heidi like to say "It all begins with friendship, loyalty, and trust."



ANNIKA KAPLAN AND ALEX AMEND

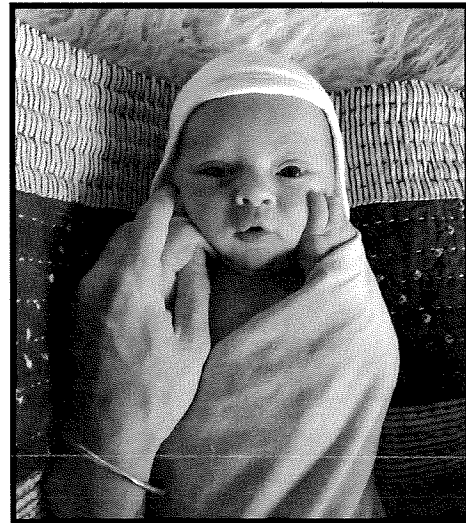
Annika and Alex first met in the spring of 2008 at a punk show in Minneapolis. Without speaking, they found themselves dancing together. At the end of the act, Annika remembers clearly the first thing Alex said to her: "Hey, partner." They dated that summer before Alex went to Washington D.C. for his first job after college. A year later Alex returned and they reconnected before Alex moved again to New York City for another job. Fast forward nearly 10 years and Alex is in Minnesota for a friend's wedding. He reached out to Annika and she agreed to meet for lunch. They found themselves on a long walk talking about their lives and their former relationships. Annika invited Alex to her apartment to meet her dog Una. They kissed there and, as they say, the rest is history. They married in September of 2018, moved to Galisteo in late winter 2019, and welcomed their first baby, Gilda, on 1/11/20. (Photo at right: Early days)



SATURDAY, MARCH 7th.: GCA ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTIONS at the Community Center, 9-11. Election at 9:00, followed by BREAKFAST at 9:30.

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Effective Saturday, February 1st, Catholic Mass at Nuestra Señora de Los Remedios Church in Galisteo will be at 4pm on Saturdays. Sunday Masses will be held in Cerrillos and Golden.



CECILE AND KEVIN SMITH

In 2014 I was moving from Massachusetts to South Carolina to be close to my father after my mother's death. I got my house in Carlisle MA ready for sale, but even before it was listed my realtor, a good friend of mine, brought a good friend of hers to look at it. I thus met Cecile, recently divorced, who bought my house in MA as I was moving 1000 miles away. We were immediately attracted to each other, and started dating behind our realtor's back as she had told each of us separately not to have any contact until after closing. After three years of long-distance relationship, and a lot of long-distance driving, we were married at that same house by our realtor friend who is also a justice of the peace. This was just after we had bought our new home in Galisteo, and we have been here ever since.

♥ ♥ DENISE LYNCH AND ♥ ♥
CAPTAIN JOHN SHANNON

During the 2017 winter holiday break Denise and her Saluki were in the KSFR Radio Station to record her monthly volunteer underwriting spot. She is the voice of UPAYA Zen Center. I had recently begun working there as a reporter/producer, focusing on Santa Fe's art scene. I found her in the kitchen area and began asking questions about her beautiful dog, Wells. The conversation proceeded with ease and we discovered a shared love of film. We are both graduates of the SFCC film school and Denise is a graduate of IAIA Cinematic Arts and Technology -- plus we had both made independent films featuring the Galisteo Basin as a main character. In the course of our conversation I mentioned I was a retired US Army Captain and a paratrooper with over 400 jumps and she shared that her son, Sean Sohn, was an Airborne Ranger. Denise recalls, "Men who jump out of planes was an interesting shared topic." During our brief encounter we learned that we also had an appreciation for the Belgian Malinois breed. We now have a two-year-old Malinois named Scout who is a PTSD Service Dog and is in scent and personal protection training. After Denise told me about her art and that she mined her own clay in the Galisteo Basin, I requested her contact info for an interview about her bowls. (Here's the link to the interview that started it all: <https://www.ksfr.org/post/ksfr-talks-regional-artist-denise-lynch>.) Well-bred dogs, films, jumping out of airplanes and beloved Galisteo were the building blocks of our unique start.



A TRAGIC WEEK IN JANUARY

On the morning of January 14, Pedro Allan Sandoval (2003-2020) and his brother Mateo Francisco Sandoval (2005-2020) died in an automobile accident on NM 41 between Stanley and Moriarty. They are Stella Maestas's great nephews and related to many others in Galisteo.

Both brothers were on the Moriarty High School football, basketball and track teams, members of 4H, the Sociedad de San José, and the National Junior Honor Society, and had won many sports and academic honors. They loved the outdoors, gaming, and working with kids. They are survived by their parents, Ernie and Alexandra (Lexi) Sandoval, and their sister Camille.

Memorial Services, attended by hundreds, were held on Jan. 22 at the Moriarty High School Gym. Banners read "#Sandoval Strong" and "60+40 = 100 percent" (for the brothers' football team numbers). Honorary pallbearers were the entire student body. The Pintos won their next game, an emotional moment. The brothers are buried at the Stanley cemetery. A GoFundMe account for the family was over \$40,000 within a few days.

Two days earlier, Galisteans Deirdre Africa and Heidi Johnson lost an only son and brother. The Joplin, Missouri newspaper reported: "Colby Tait Africa, 45, a senior programmer for Projility, passed away Sunday Jan. 12, 2020. He is survived by his son Parker Africa of Monett, MO, his mother Deirdre, and sister Heidi, both of Galisteo, NM." Deirdre adds, "With generous donations from the community, I'm planting a Liberty apple tree to remember the person he was."

PEDACITOS/BITS AND PIECES

Some Galisteans felt the 2.9 strength earthquake on Saturday morning, Jan. 26th. Others woke up at exactly 6:36 AM but didn't know why. Still others noticed odd reactions from their dogs. Lamy was apparently closer to the epicenter (16K south of Eldorado). One woman there felt her two-story house shake.

"Through the Looking Glass," featuring the work of **Wayland Wong and Christine Benkert**, opened on Friday February 14th at Gallery Plan B, 1807 2nd St., Suite #41, Santa Fe. The show runs through March 15th, Wed - Sat 11am - 5pm.

Craig Moya was featured in an article on cider in *New Mexico Magazine* (11/2019). One of his sources (15,000 pounds of apples per year) is Las Golondrinas.

Jim Sloan will show his paintings at FOMA (in the Guadalupe Center, 333 Montezuma, Santa Fe), opening 2/21, 5-7, and lasting until 3/21, Tues thru Sat., 11-5. It's his first gallery show, at age 84. Never too late! (**The JVS studio, below.**)



Harmony Hammond: Material Witness, Five Decades of Art, is traveling to the Sarasota Art Museum, 3/27-7/26, and then to the North Miami Museum of Contemporary Art, 8/11-10/15.

Ed Epping is participating in the Labor themed session at the Santa Fe Art Institute. With drawings, sculptures, collages, books, and public projects, he explores the injustices of over-criminalization and mass incarceration policies in the US. Focusing on individuals targeted by judicial systems and social strategies, his work aims to build public knowledge by reimagining mass incarceration in the United States. See his open studio at SFAI on Feb. 21 (1600 St. Michaels Dr.) 5:30-6:30.

Peggy Diggs is showing her ongoing work on race and the construction of whiteness, based on sixty interviews, at Vital Spaces Midtown Storefront (1604 St. Michaels), opening on 2/21, 5-7, until 3/21 (Fri., Sat., noon-5). The work is largely studies for forthcoming public projects exploring whiteness as a set of trained understandings about Us and Them.

Judy Tuwaletstiya responded enthusiastically in *The New Mexican* (2/12) to the news that Mayor Alan Webber was taking Spanish lessons in order to read the fiesta proclamation. Others were more skeptical.

Jacob Brown, 41, from Moriarty, has been convicted of charges tied to a March 2018 **road-rage incident near Galisteo** that intentionally injured a group of cyclists, Seniors on Bikes, one of them seriously. After yelling obscenities, Brown backed into the cyclists and then left the scene of the accident. He was sentenced to 3 1/2 years in prison.

The never-ending and often horrifying saga of Jeffrey Epstein and **Zorro Ranch** now includes an art student trip in 2008.

THE RETURN OF NETFLIX

The large number of vehicles at the Silverado movie set on Cerro Pelon Ranch is due to Netflix filming through May 15th. Representatives met with GCA officers Roger Taylor and Anna Cárdenas to review Galisteo filming guidelines. All filming will be at the movie set; the crew will respect the night sky ordinance as well as limit sound disruption; all crew and cast will be reminded regularly about speed limits through Galisteo; heavy equipment will travel I-40 to NM41 to the set.

After current construction at the set (6:30 AM to 6:30 PM), filming will begin 3/13 to 4/20 (c.5AM to 10PM, mostly weekdays) with 100-150 actors and a crew of around 250. Traffic will increase. Expect drones and one night of simulated dynamiting and fire (hopefully avoiding the almost disastrous *Wild Wild West* fire years ago). From 4/21 to 5/15 there will be remediation on the set (6:30AM to 6:30 PM).

Please direct concerns or questions during this entire period to Roger or Anna and we will address them with the Location Managers. Silverado, of course, is private property. The set will be closed to the public.

FROM THE GCA

The Pre-Primary Delegate Election of the Ward 3D Democratic Party of Santa Fe County (DPSFC) was held at the GCC on 2/9. Twenty six voters elected two Delegates (Linda Doezma and Marcy Hintz) and one Alternate Delegate (Vernon Anaya) to the Santa Fe County Pre-Primary convention and the State Democratic Party Convention. They will join Estelle Berger (Chair, DPSFC), Roger Taylor (Vice-Chair, DPSFC) and Eric Tyson (Ward 3D) in casting votes at the conventions to determine which candidates get on the ballot in November.

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At the February GCA Board Meeting, a number of projects underway were addressed: A) *Building*: the plumbing (hot water heater, water softener, and reverse osmosis unit) and HVAC (3 mini-splits and 2-ton heat pump compressor) have been installed and work wonderfully! Next up, replacement of the ceiling fans and changing light fixtures. B) *Playground*: a multi-purpose structure (slides, climb poles, nets, ramps: ages 5-12) has been ordered for installation in April, and a new area will be graded behind the swing-set for its installation, with a foot-deep layer of wood chips added overall. Also up: replacement of the chain link fence around the basketball court, new hoops and nets; C) *Architectural Feasibility Study*: several architects are now assessing the structural and cosmetic needs of the GCC. We should have a completed study in April.

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The GCA election on March 7th (see p.1) will fill four GCA Board positions: three Director positions and the Treasurer.

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The Census is coming! Look for a post-card in your mailbox around mid-March giving you options (a website link, a phone #) to complete the ten-question survey. Remember: every person not counted means \$3,700 in Federal funds goes to another community or to the State. New Mexico receives c.\$60 million in Federal funds for assistance programs. Senator Liz Stefanics

reports that a mere 1% under-count of New Mexico's population in 2020 would result in a \$780 million loss of federal funds over a 10-year period, so it is absolutely critical that we help ensure that everyone be counted. We need every dollar!

GUATEMALA

Jan Saunders

A kaleidoscope of warm tropical colors in a volcanic landscape with a population of 50% indigenous Maya speaking 21 Pre-Hispanic languages, embedded in a cultural and religious mosaic and woven into the bright fabric of an experience enough for two lifetimes -- these define my recent trip to Guatemala.

This year I traveled once again to the pueblo of Santa Catarina Bobadilla on the outskirts of Antigua at the base of *El Volcan de Agua* to work as an interpreter for Baby's Breath Project* as part of a team prepared to train indigenous, rural midwives (*Comadronas*) in the use of the neonatal resuscitation bag and mask to assist babies born not breathing. We were a team of neonatal nurses, interpreters, and two Guatemalan doctors.

In twenty days, we taught, tested and certified 112 rural *Comadronas*, each of whom received a certificate and a Baby's Breath Backpack filled with the supplies necessary to put their training to use. Guatemalan *Comadronas* are estimated to attend 50 to 75% of births in indigenous populations. In Mayan culture their job is a sacred calling, as the skills are often passed down through generations within a family. These dedicated women are experienced and skilled in the home delivery of babies and care of the mother. However, without the training and supplies provided by Baby's Breath Project, a baby born not breathing has little chance at life.

For the second week, my team consisted of one English speaking nurse, her interpreter (me) translating her English to Spanish, and a second Guatemalan interpreter translating my Spanish to the K'iche-speaking midwives. The animated teaching and enthusiastic learning sprinkled with smiles, jokes, and laughter from nurses, midwives, and interpreters alike spoke to a surprising lack of language barriers. To the delight of the *Comadronas*, Shannon, my nurse partner, and I both learned to speak a few encouraging words in K'iche.

On Graduation Day, along with hugs, smiles and tears, we all expressed the joy of connections, friendship, and a job well done. For me the takeaway is that I've got friends in Guatemala and the "Comadronas" know they have friends in the United States. For this experience I am forever grateful.

**Baby's Breath* is a nonprofit organization teaching the program developed collaboratively by the American Academy of Pediatrics and the World Health Organization. On Facebook at *Baby's Breath Project*. www.babysbreathproject.org.

GVFR-sponsored Galisteo Phone

Directory is out, thanks to the hard work of Auxiliary members Cindy and Frank Lux. For a copy or second copy stop by the Station on the first or last Tuesday of the month after 6:30. If you have corrections or missed inclusion this year, send your info to forbeslux@aol.com.

The January 18th Women's March was high energy, if not as big as we'd hoped, but the **Galisteo Gals** sign made the front page of *The New Mexican* and our own **Estelle Berger** was an inspiring speaker. (Photo: Marcy Hintz)



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