



JULIA GONZALES ANAYA (1926 -2020)

Julia was raised in Chama, but after marrying Serapio Anaya, she moved to Galisteo where they raised eight children, of whom only Michael with his wife Louise still live in the village. Julia was an avid Dallas Cowboys fan. She loved her flower gardens and watching hummingbirds in the summer. "But most of all," says her *New Mexican* obituary, "Julia loved being with her family and friends. Nothing brought her more joy than that." Services have been postponed until post-virus.

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Barbara Cooper, longtime Galisteoan, community stalwart, and co-founder of *El Puente*, passed away March 24. The family is not yet prepared to issue an obituary and picture so that will be in the May issue.

NOW THAT CORONA IS NO LONGER JUST A BEER

The caring community of Galisteo is a good place to be "sheltered in place." For those of us who already work from home, things are almost normal, aside from the sense of a dark cloud over us all, but many are suffering economic woes as a result. And many are busy sewing masks and gowns for the GVFR, the County, and anyone else who needs them.

News that a zoo's tiger got COVID sent a shudder through pet owners, but as John Watson-Jones informs us: "the bottom line at this point is that you cannot get COVID from your pet, however you can give COVID to your pet, so if you test positive, you should use all the precautions you would use to prevent transfer to another family member. Human to pet transmission is



Seventeenth-century plague mask.

rare, symptoms are usually short lived and the animal recovers." Up to date information can be found at IDEXX.com/COVID19.

Here's how a few of us are coping:

From Chan Anaya: Vernon and I are so happy to be back home in Galisteo with his mom Mary Alice. We were on 14-day quarantine after a trip to Alabama to celebrate my dad's 93rd birthday, which of course was canceled. Came back early to be with Mary Alice. We did exercises across the lawn with her while still on Quarantine. She is the only other person in our tight circle right now. The perfect time to try crazy things with our hair. My daughter and I both shaved our heads. Helps me stay focused as a prayer warrior as the Diné taught me while I was working with them for ten years: Up to greet the sun with a corn pollen blessing each morning. As new gardeners in this area, we would love to see who all is farming/gardening and wants to share their wisdom.

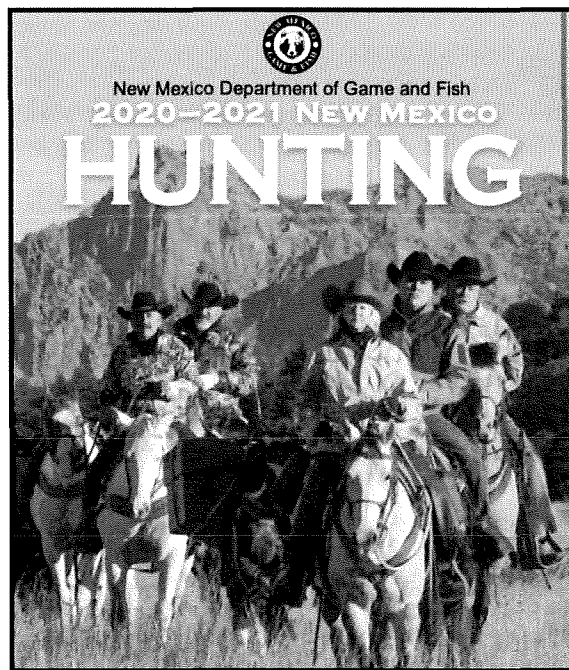
From Greg Salustro and Wayland Wong: Before Covid 19, Wayland and I spent three or four nights each week going out to dinner at everything the area has had to offer (hello Paper Dosa! hello Mampuku Ramen! hello Legal Tender!). But what we've turned to in these times of anxiety and stress is good home-made comfort food. In our marriage, for Wayland, a Chinese American, this means anything made with rice, and for me, Italian American, it means pasta and more pasta (as Sophia Loren brilliantly put it: "Everything you see I owe to spaghetti.")Wow, we've been married for seven years and food is really teaching us about compromise: rice with tomato sauce and grated cheese and pasta with hoisin sauce! Sometimes our dinners don't work but with help from NYTimes cooking often they do. (cont.p.2)



Jim Sloan on Coronavirus

Also thank you Deborah Madison for our Meatless Mondays and all you've taught us about rice, bread and pasta. Cooking has become our tactic to control this chaos, and it's keeping us positive. We are very fortunate here in Galisteo. Both Wayland and I are volunteering at Kitchen Angels, which prepares and delivers really nutritional and delicious meals to a very at-risk population, especially now. Please support them or the charity of your choice during these very difficult times.

From Fred and JJ Milder: How privileged we still are. Each day, I take our dogs for a walk in our spacious and exquisite surroundings. Sometimes it is a short 1-mile loop. Other times it is a multi-mile exploration of some part of the public lands that envelop us and are available to all. The dogs and I love our time together. At this time of year, each day brings new, joyous observations of the myriad wildflowers and newborn life after the winter. Not to make light of anyone's personal struggles at this moment, be they physical health, economic hardship, or the enforced solitude, but humankind has survived through and thrived after times like these before. We will again. Stay strong, care for others, and keep healthy.



Kevan Saunders and Mike Anaya on cover of NM Dept. of Game and Fish's 2020-2021 Hunting.

SOPITAS AND PIÑONS

Based on Connie Sandoval Valencia's memories, as shared with her daughter, Michaela Sandoval Valencia

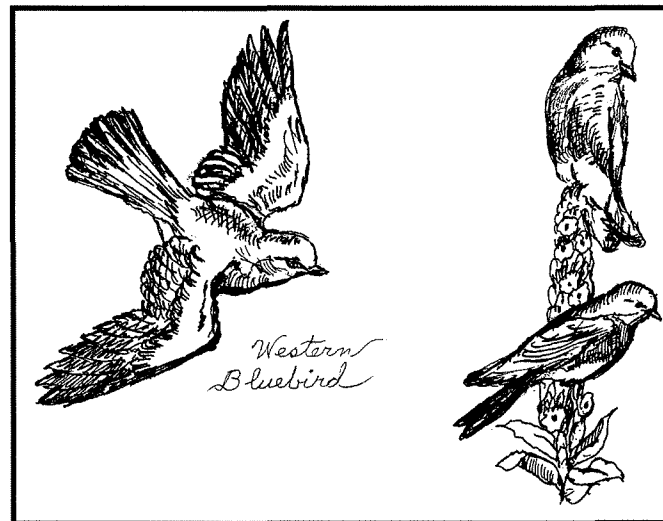
It's a cool October day in my little village called Galisteo. The bedroom I share with my sister is a little cold so I don't want to get out from under the warm quilts, but Grampa Climaco is coming for us this morning to go piñon picking. I nudge my sister, Patricia, to get up and then I run over to get my brothers (Benny, Tacho, Frank and Rudy) up and remind them about our fun day with Grampa. "It's going to be cold up in the mountain, so dress warm," Grampa told us. We pull on our layers of clothes and run outside to get our chores done quickly so we can eat our breakfast before Grampa comes for us. "Hurry," Mamá says, "Grampa will be here soon."

Here he comes in his covered wagon, pulled by two, big golden brown horses. They snort and paw the ground as if to say "hurry it up children." Off we go with our empty flour sacks and coffee cans, and big dreams of bringing them back full to the brim with big, fat piñon seeds. It gets colder as we start to climb the mountain so our cheeks and noses turn red, but we are not chilled because Grampa covered us with thick, warm quilts. While I'm enjoying the puffy clouds and beautiful blue sky, my brothers are arguing about who will bring home the most piñon.

Grampa finds the perfect spot where there are several trees clumped together, with lots of piñon on the trees and on the ground. We are itching to jump out of the wagon but he tells us to wait a minute while he unties the horses from the wagon and secures their leashes to another set of trees. While we wait, the boys are eyeing the trees that appear to have the most piñon and proclaiming which tree is theirs. When we toss off the quilts and jump down, the cold bites at us but we don't give it no mind because we're off and racing at full speed to claim our tree. In no time we have all filled our bags and cans and it's time to head home. Even though all the bags and cans are full to the brim, the boys are still arguing about who won the contest.

When we arrive in Galisteo, Grampa does not direct the horses to our house. Instead we head towards his house because he tells us he has a treat to give us. While he and my brothers unhitch the horses and give them food and water, Patricia and I run into the kitchen. Gramma Kika (Francisca) has the wood stove going so the room is so nice and warm. Mmmm, it smells like coffee brewing and freshly baked bread. Gramma helps us wash off the sticky tree sap and dirt from our hands and then Grampa and the boys come in and wash up also. Gramma sets seven coffee cups on the table, along with milk and sugar. We sit at the long, old oak table full of anticipation, wiggling in our chairs, because we think we've guessed what our treat is. Grampa fills each cup with coffee, handing one to each one of us. Then he passes around the milk and sugar. Gramma hands us each a plate with a slice of bread, still a bit warm from the oven. We look at Grampa Climaco and Gramma Kika with the brightest eyes and the biggest smiles as we say altogether "Ah! Sopitas," and proceed to dip chunks of bread into our sweetened coffee.

To this day, occasionally, when I smell fresh coffee and fresh bread, I remember the pleasure we had eating "Sopitas". You see in those days (about 1944, when I was 13 years old), we didn't have much, so treats were very rare and very special.



SPRING 2020: BLUEBIRDS... AND MORE

Jan Saunders, with drawings by Catherine Ferguson

February was tough. A cold, windy one-day-longer-leap-year month that lingered long after the brightness of Christmas lights and the warmth of Valentine's Day kisses faded. But spring is near. I'm sure. American Robins and Red-winged Blackbirds audition for the Bosque's dawn chorus, my overly anxious tulips are risking frost, allergy season is two weeks early, taxes are coming due, and the dog is shedding.

March gamboled in soft as a lamb, bringing us longer days, more sunlight, and warm "spring-like" temperatures. And best of all, dozens of Western Bluebirds carrying the sky on their wings crowding my birdbath, brightening my day, and bringing a considerable improvement to my attitude. They are, after all, "The Bluebirds of Happiness."

Here's my take, thus far, on Spring 2020:

- * The Great Horned Owl pair that called in February is now busy feeding owlets, pushing them to maturity ahead of the flood of baby rabbits, prairie dogs, and packrats that will be their prey later in the spring.
- * A female Northern Harrier already hunts the sage south of Corey's porch.
- * I watched as a Golden Eagle circled the Bosque, flying higher and higher to disappear into a deep blue sky.
- * Catherine reports American Goldfinches at her feeder.
- * From the telephone wires along 42, American Kestrels scan the fields for small reptiles, insects and mice.
- * Northern Mockingbirds reported last week in Las Campanas may soon find their way to Galisteo.
- * Say's Phoebes have arrived to nest under our portals. Barn Swallows will follow.
- * Sandhill Cranes are calling from high over the Basin as they migrate northward.
- * Turkey Vultures will be roosting in the Bosque before the end of March. (Editor's note: I was awaiting them with bated breath and the first ones I saw at last were on March 26, a bit late.)
- * Both Western and Mountain Bluebirds have arrived to nest in Galisteo. As members of the thrush family they feed primarily on insects supplementing with fruit and Juniper berries. Bluebirds are cavity nesters in stiff competition

with aggressive non-native English Sparrows and Starlings. Providing nesting boxes is the best thing we can do to boost our Bluebird population. (See Cornell site: www.nestwatch.org/learn/all.about-birdhouses/birds/westernbluebirds.)

- * I remind myself to clean out birdbaths, fill feeders, offer meal worms for nesting phoebes and bluebirds, remove old nests from boxes, and place brushed-out-dog hair where birds can find it for nest building material.

While I was putting the finishing touches to this offering, rains and hail arrived to spoil more than a week of beautiful "spring-like" weather, proving the point of Mark Twain's quote, "In the spring I have counted 136 different kinds of weather in 24 hours." But spring is near (or here). I'm sure.

PEDACITOS/BITS AND PIECES

Several Galisteñas (Deirdre Africa, Peggy Diggs, and Barbara Holloway among them) are making masks, and others are lined up. Dierdre was on the front page of the *New Mexican* (4/3) working away on her sewing machine on gowns for the GVFR; the County has asked her to do so for other fire departments. Masks are also available for clinics or individuals. If you can sew and want to contribute, you can access instructions at: <https://www.deaconess.com/SpecialPages/How-to-make-a-Face-Mask/Documents-Mask/Mask-Information.pdf>. If you can't sew, donate to the Friends of the GVFR for materials.

Idris Elba, one of the stars of *The Harder They Fall*, the Netflix film that was being shot at the Ford Ranch just south of Galisteo, was diagnosed with Covid-19. Rumors that he was staying in Galisteo proved inaccurate. He was in Santa Fe, rehearsing with the crew for only a few days (while disobeying the virus rules). Although carpenters had been on the set for a month or so, only a few of the actors had arrived when all hell broke loose and they were mostly staying in Albuquerque, with a few in Santa Fe. Work on the set has closed down.

El Puente had started to keep track of our Rep. Matthew McQueen's activities during the legislature's session but he was very active and we lost track. One of the important measures he co-sponsored was the bill for solar-panel tax credits. Hopefully the \$150,000 awarded to the Water Board for updating our system will survive the soon-to-be-chopped state budget.

John Miller's Lawless Media has published *Sam Shepard: New Mexico*, a limited edition book described in *Pasatiempo* (3/13) as "a quirky ode to the late Pulitzer prize-winning playwright, director, actor and screenwriter" focusing on his time in N.M., where he lived off and on from the 1980s.

Before everything shut down, Amtrak demanded that Harvey's Café and the Chili Line Brewery close down its little tavern in Lamy. What a pity! The various entities were trying to work things out.

In Jan.-Feb., Susan Rothenberg had a show at Sperone-Westwater in New York City.

Warmer climate trends and other factors means an uptick (so to speak) in ticks. Protect your pets! And shop at the Farmers Market or a CSA, supporting local farmers. And stay at home. So far, walkers, runners, and some dogs meeting on village roads are dutiful about keeping the six-foot rule.

To all those whose exhibitions and books are on hold, sympathy and patience.



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