



HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY

HOW WE MET: ROMANTIC GALISTEO JULIA CAIRNS AND JOHN BULGER

John Bulger and Julia Cairns met in the Okavango Delta, Botswana. Julia was living on an island with her friend Sally. They lived off the land, fishing and hunting while following their passion to paint and photograph. One day they discovered they had parasites (worms) and needed to get to a camp that might have some medicine. The closest camp was a baboon research station, so they hopped in their dug-out canoe, along with Julia's trusted Labrador Nare and poled for many hours to find salvation. It was here they discovered young John Bulger and his friend Paul who was visiting from MN. John was working on his PhD in animal behaviour, following the baboons around every day. The boys had not seen women for a few months and the girls had not seen any men, so a party ensued. It was here, in a reed hut, surrounded by the grunts of hippos and the wahoos of baboons that John and Julia fell in love. They have been married for 28 years.

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GREG SALUSTRO AND WAYLAND WONG

Wayland and I met on Match.com in 2009 -- it was the first online connection for either of us. He invited me to an outdoor concert at Chicago's Millennium Park the following week for a first date. What he failed to mention was that it was his 60th birthday celebration and there would be 50 close friends and relatives from all over the country at the park. I was questioned, interrogated, inspected, and I guess welcomed. We were married on the first day it was legal in Illinois for same sex couples,

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BARBARA AND CHARLIE HOLLOWAY

Here's the sordid tale of our meeting: We met at the College of Santa Fe in August of 1972. Charlie was 19 from Washington, DC and I was 20 from Ellicott City, Maryland. We were both new transfer students there from Back East, each having spent two years at Pennsylvania colleges. We were both seeking something different. Santa Fe was Different! Our parents were more than thrilled to have both of us 2000 miles from home. A new friend said I should see this guy in her biology class so I did and I married him! Initially we continually remarked that we had SO much in common. We'd been to the same concerts back east, summered in the same area in Delaware, etc etc. Actually, that courting stage

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took four years but as of 2/15/2021 we have been married forty five years. We've spent all that time discovering just how different we are! I think they call that marriage.

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SHAUN GILMORE AND NICK MERRICK

Nick and I met at college. We both enrolled at the University of Michigan School of Art and Design in the mid-seventies. Nick made a classic attempt to ask me out by asking me "to come out and play." I think I was pretty naive to fall for that one!

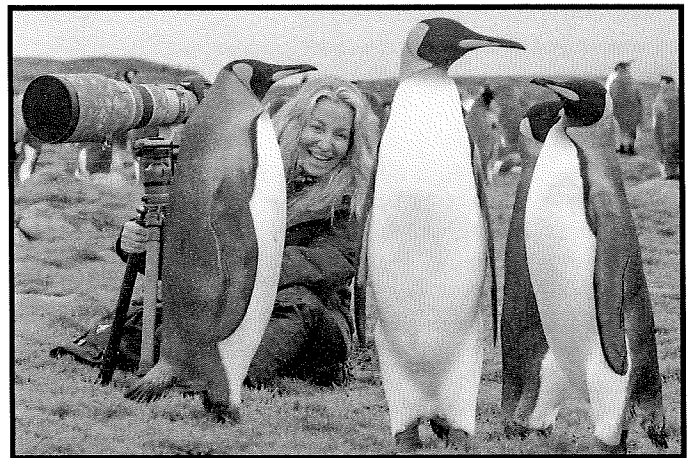
At the time, it seemed like a charming come-on and I did enjoy going to the playground and swinging back and forth while we talked. We were 'off and on' for a time and didn't truly get together until a few years later. Life works in mysterious ways and we are now going on 40 years of happy marriage and nearing 50 years of knowing each other. Feeling lucky and ready for the next 50!

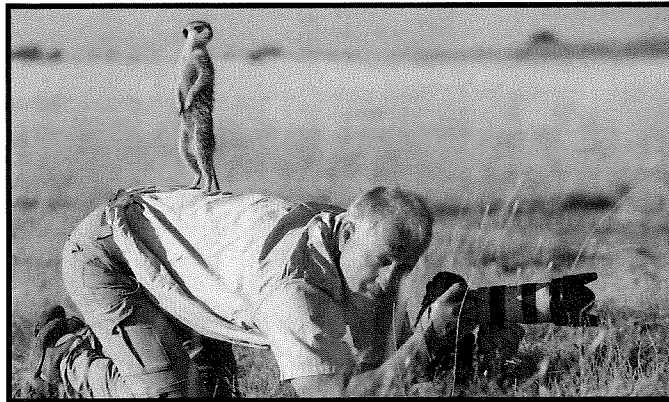
LIONS TIGERS AND BEARS, OH YES

From Jami Tarris and Theo Allofs

"Whatever you can do, or dream you can, begin it. Boldness has genius, power and magic in it!" Johann Wolfgang von Goethe.

Galisteo overflows with artists who express their creativity in a plethora of mediums. One such is photography. Husband and wife team Theo Allofs and Jami Tarris live here, taking their work around the world. (Cont. p.2)





Jami and Theo (pronounced "Tay-o," a German with a dry sense of humor) are professional wildlife, landscape and conservation photographers. They photograph everything from megafauna, to critically endangered animals, fragile habitats, insects and reptiles to world-class landscapes everywhere from one polar region to the other. They moved to this sleepy little hamlet because they love the peace, the solitude and this beautiful landscape. Galisteo is a unique bubble in a very industrialized and hectic world.

Back in 2011, at the urging of some photography fans, they took their first small group of nature lovers on a safari to Botswana with much trepidation. Guiding trips with clients and a large crew was very different from being alone in the bush together, living in a tent for months on end. The first safari ended up being so successful and fun that word got out and eventually led to the start of their company, Wild Focus Expeditions.

Jami and Theo still work on their own individual photography projects in between running their trips for Wild Focus. Jami worked for several years in Borneo and Sumatra with famous biologists Dr. Birute Galdikas and Dr. Ian Singleton, photographing the three unique species of orangutans and their struggle for survival due to loss of habitat from the explosion of the palm oil business. She is involved with several conservation issues worldwide and teaches conservation and natural history during their Wild Focus trips.

Theo takes his photography to greater heights. He flies a powered paraglider in remote locations around the world, such as Australia and Namibia, taking world-class photographs of the landscape below. In 2019, he spent one month in the Saharan country of Chad, flying over desert landscapes and capturing unique aerial images, such as salt-caravans of camels walking through the desert in search of water and oases.

Both Theo and Jami also photograph indigenous peoples in the landscapes that they inhabit. In the cold winter of 2019, Jami spent a month with the Tsaatan people (reindeer herders) and the Kazakh eagle hunters of Mongolia. These people and their animals contribute a surreal beauty to the remote landscapes in which they live.

At home, their cameras get locked away and they enjoy every peaceful moment being at home in this pristine little village of interesting and warm people. You will not know how dangerously close they have come to being killed, countless times, by predators (lions, tigers and bears and more) on different continents, or that Theo got lost in the air while flying over identical sand dunes in Australia while Jami was in their camp looking into the sky to find him with her binoculars. When he landed, he had hypothermia and shook so much that he couldn't

hold his hot cup of coffee. Another time, they were both chased around their Land Cruiser (which they keep in Namibia) by an elephant bull, until a breeding herd came by and took the bull away. They had a good laugh about that... afterwards.

If you see us in town, say hi or, better yet, stop by our house on Camino Libre in Ranchitos for a cup of coffee. You are welcome. J&T.

TAKE CARE. It's not over, but there's Good News: COVID Cases in 87540 have remained at 26 for over a month now.

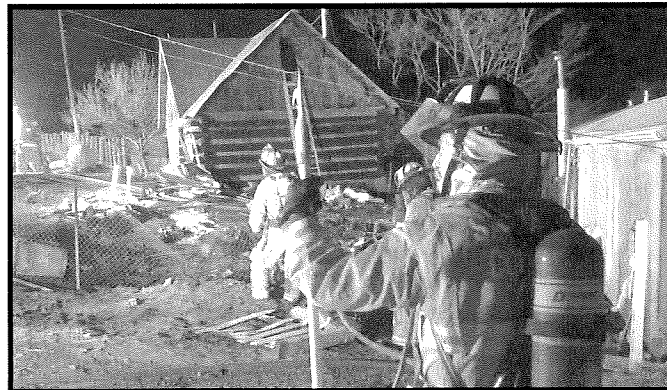
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Correction: In the January issue, we omitted the last name of our trusty mailman -- Justin Roybal.

GVFR NEWS

In January, Frank and Cindy Lux announced their resignations after seventeen years of service. They are thanked effusively by all members because they leave big shoes to fill. Janice Wall took on Frank's job as President of the Friends of GVFR 501C-3. Deirdre Africa took over Janice's old job as GVFR Secretary while Jerry Kruse took over Frank's job as Treasurer. Cindy's much appreciated monthly Business Meeting dinners will be handled (post-pandemic) by Corey McGillicuddy and Deirdre with help from Deborah Madison. Janice, Deirdre, and Lucy will tackle next year's phone directory.

In addition there is change at the County level, where the new Chief is Jackie Lindsay. She lives in Albuquerque and boasts an impressive resumé. Our Chief Jean Moya remains as Chief of all County Chiefs.



GVFR firefighter Don Traux gets to work.

Alex Amend reports that our Galisteo Volunteer Fire & Rescue members have had a busy month responding to fires in the County. As reported in the last issue of *El Puente*, a quick-responding GVFR crew was able to stop the brushfire on La Otra Vanda from spreading to the adjacent home, and likely beyond. On January 15th, members responded to a complex, two-structure fire in Cañada de los Alamos that required a fire engine and crew from the City of Santa Fe to assist County firefighters. GVFR volunteers were on scene for close to six hours. A mere two days later, GVFR members responded at 1:00 AM to an off-grid home on Camino Cerro Chato, south of Madrid. GVFR volunteers, along with Madrid, Turquoise Trail, La Cienega, Agua Fria, El Dorado and Hondo crews, worked for over six hours through the night to contain the blaze. The Galisteo Tender shuttled thousands of gallons of water from downtown Madrid over rough roads. Sadly, all three houses were complete losses. Thankfully, no residents or firefighters were injured in either incident.

From Jean Moya, Chief, Galisteo Volunteer Fire District

Dear Galisteo Residents,

The Galisteo Volunteer Fire and Rescue is undertaking a significant update to our pre-incident preparedness program. Pre-incident plans provide first responders with critical information for planning and responding to emergency medical and fire incidents. Each plan includes essential data about the occupants and detailed information about your home and its location.

Pre-Plan packets have been mailed and should soon arrive at your address if they haven't already. Further instructions to assist you in completing what we require are included.

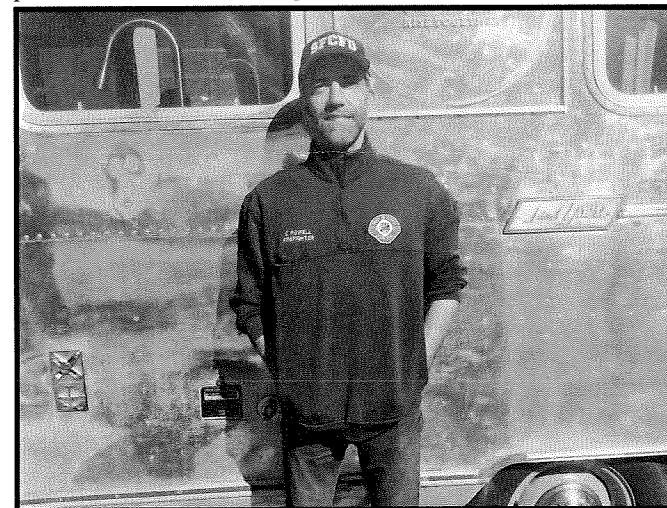
Updating our Pre-Incident Planning is a massive but critical project. We cannot complete it without your full cooperation. Accuracy and legibility are essential to the information you provide. Once complete, we will have the finest pre-incident reporting of any fire district in Santa Fe County.

With the SFCFD command staff predicting an active fire season rapidly approaching, your quick response to this project will help us help you in your time of need. **We ask that your three-page survey be completed and your updated/amended property diagram be returned no later than March 1.** You can either mail them back to the GVFR or hand deliver them to our station mailbox.

Please contact volunteer.gvfr@gmail.com or leave a message at 505-466-0396 with any questions or concerns. Thank you for your cooperation. Together we can stay safe.

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Firefighter Christopher Powell, accompanied by his little dog, is leaving Galisteo to drive across the country in his repurposed vintage Airstream, or Upstream: "When we go with the flow and headed towards a fall, it's necessary to head upstream, towards the source and contrary to a majority," he explains. The mission of his *Embulance* and its social outreach program is "to bring connection and compassion ... to Embark, Embrace and spread Empathy.... The Dalai Lama states, 'It's not enough to be compassionate, you must act!' The *Embulance* is how I choose to bring deliberate and purposeful compassionate activism to humanity. By uplifting one person at a time, we rise together."



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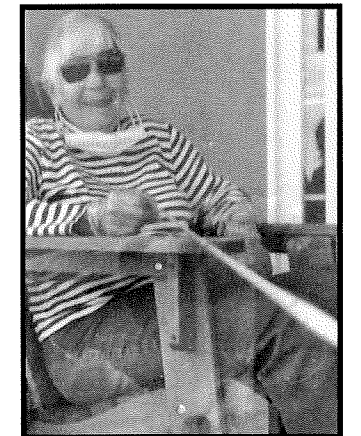
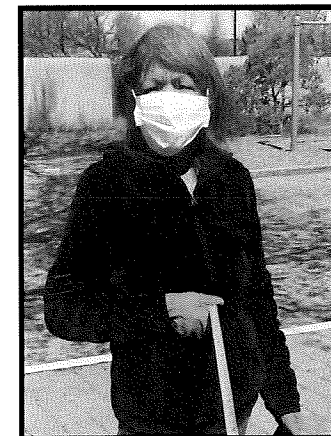
Matthew McQueen's House Bill 55 "would require the Governor and legislators to reveal how they're spending your money," according to Milan Simonich in his "Ringside" column in the *New Mexican* (2/14): "McQueen's pitch is such a straight-

forward, good-government idea it should have been in place long before...." Matthew is also a leader on "Roxy's Bill," named after a companion dog who lost her life in a coyote trap on public lands at Santa Cruz Lake, noting that the suffering is equally cruel for dogs or coyotes and should be banned on public lands.

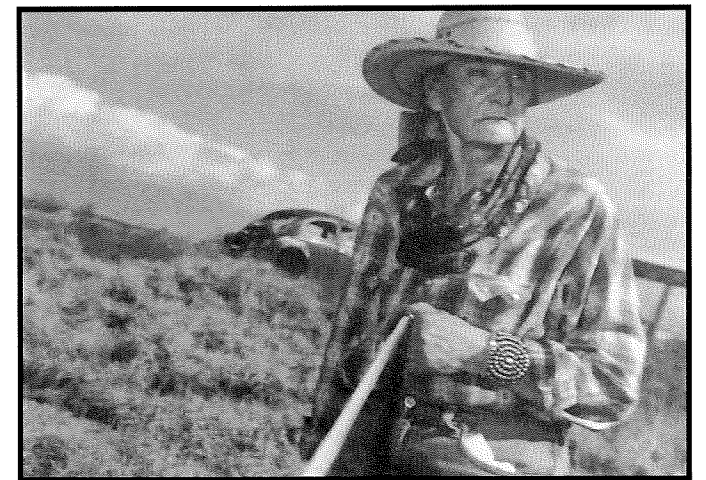
Sarah Noss of the **Santa Fe Conservation Trust** announces the closing on an 842-acre conservation easement: "We now have more than 14,000 acres conserved in the Galisteo Watershed stretching from the top of Apache Canyon down into the Galisteo Basin." The plan is "to create larger conserved areas to protect the biodiversity of life that sustains us, to help plants and animals thrive, as they migrate to higher, cooler and wetter terrain."

As I write this, the thermometer says it's zero. **Don't let your pipes freeze!** Older ones go first. Disconnect all hoses and let your faucets drip. Add insulation. Inexpensive Honeywell water alarms can be placed under sinks, behind toilets, near water heaters, refrigerators, dishwashers, washing machines.

Have you been wondering about the **survey stakes** with dayglo flags running through the alley connecting Avenida Vieja and Via La Puente/La Otra Vanda on the east side of the creek? Steve Moya, president of the Galisteo Mutual Domestic Water Consumers Association, has announced the beginning of a major project: a new pumphouse and improved underground pipes, funded by the NM Finance Authority and Capital Outlay from the State Legislature. The long-awaited work will proceed in two phases, starting dates not yet announced. If you have questions, contact Craig Fulmer, the GMDWCA's construction manager, at craig.fulmer@gmail.com.



More from Corey McGillicuddy's *Social Distancing Project*: above, Stella Maestas and Evelyn Gregory; below, Sina Brush.



FAMILY RESEARCH

from Vivian Arviso

I have started writing a memoir that includes both my Navajo and Spanish relatives. I am researching my mother's family and many years ago went with her to Galisteo looking for her grandfather's house, where she remembers sitting under apple trees by the creek. We found the house and met Judy Tuwaletsiwa. But we could not find José Ortiz y Pino, who was recommended as the best source on old families.... Unfortunately, my mother died soon afterwards and I did not follow up with José. Matias Villanueva was [mother's] grandfather, Faustin was her father and Pino her uncle. Her cousin, Pino's daughter Sophie, married Jimmy Begay, a Navajo Codetalker. I have known both of them all my life as I was raised on the Navajo reservation on a ranch east of Tohatchi with my father and his family and also have a home there. My mother's family always described Faustin as being Indian and he did attend Santa Fe Indian School along with his siblings. Your quote from José in *Pueblo Chico* that Pino was "half Indian, half Spanish" is therefore important information. I would be interested in any further information about the Villanuevas in general and identifying which tribal group gave them their Indian heritage.

Ed note: I received this query but knew very little aside from what was recorded in the home's abstract. Does anyone have more information on the Villanuevas and Begays in Galisteo? I can put you in touch with Vivian Arviso.

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