



EL PUENTE DE GALISTEO

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Annual Community Roadside Cleanup: Saturday, April 24, 9AM at Philip Watts Park (the mailboxes), where you can select your clean-up route. Please wear a mask and socially distance during sign-up. We will forgo our usual social breakfast and coffee due to pandemic caution, but you can still say hello to your neighbors, or meet new ones! Community road maps, trash bags, and bottles of water will be available. John and Tanya Young will sponsor pick-up of trash bags along the routes by Michael and Jerry Anaya. Bring your gloves, walking shoes, sunglasses and a good sun hat. Any questions contact Roger (505) 466-3469 or clearskynm@gmail.com.

BITTERSWEET NEWS FROM THE GVFR



(Photo: Bill Mitchell)

Chief Jean Moya extends her “congratulations to Captain Alex Amend, Annika Kaplan, and Gilda, who are about to be proud owners of a new home in Dixon. They will be leaving Galisteo in April and continuing their journey of life in a community as beautiful as ours. Alex has expressed interest in joining the Dixon Volunteer Fire Department and has already met with their Chief. As a Chief, I know that there is nothing better than a new member with fire accreditations. I am honored and proud of Captain Amend for his accomplishments during his tenure with the GVFR.

“Last but not least, Assistant Chief Craig Fulmer will be leaving the volunteer ranks and taking a position with the Santa Fe County Fire Department as a Fire Prevention Specialist I,

working under the direction of Asst. Chief Blay. Craig joined the department two years ago when he arrived in Galisteo and has shown nothing but dedication and service to the GVFR and to this community. He has gone above and beyond to assist me with the day-to-day operations of our department. His presence at the station on a daily basis will be missed. I wish him well as he moves up the ranks of SFCFD.”

With these departures, the transitional process is underway with Don Truax, Laurie Schrader, and new member Jessica Spring stepping up to fill those BIG boots.

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Yet another important reminder, or plea: Galisteo Volunteer Fire and Rescue is examined regularly by the State Insurance Agency for our fire preparedness. The rating we receive determines the cost of your home insurance. The better the rating, the lower your insurance. The emergency planning forms (pre-plans) are a crucial part of that process. By returning your accurately completed forms you save both money and lives. The fewer the plans on file with the station, the more all of us pay for homeowner insurance.

If you have lost your form or need assistance in completing it, please contact Ed Epping, cepping@williams.edu or 466-1568. Mail it to GVFR, 39 Avenida Vieja, Galisteo; or drop it off at the station’s mailbox (next to our sign on Avenida Vieja).

A member of the GVFR Auxiliary Group will soon be calling you if you have not completed and returned your emergency planning forms.

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The April business meeting of the GVFR took place in person (distanced and masked) for the first time in a year!



(Photo: Alice Kruse)

SPRING CLEANING

(This story is based on a memory shared by Connie Valencia de Sandoval. Written by Connie's daughter **Michaela Valencia de Sandoval**, it has been embellished a bit to add a little laughter.)

Achoo! Achoo! It's springtime! Allergy time. Yuck! It's also spring-cleaning time. As I clean my two-bedroom apartment, memories of another spring-cleaning season come to mind.

It is 1943. I'm eleven years old, living in a little village called Galisteo, just twenty-three miles south of Santa Fe. I am the oldest of eight children (ranging in age from eleven to almost two years old), born to Frank Sandoval and Lucia Sandoval de Mora. We live in a small but comfortable home that my Mama works very hard to keep clean.

Although it is only 6:00 AM, there are already several glistening white *mantas* (coverlets) on the clotheslines that appear to be dancing to the beat of the nearby birdsong. My siblings and I do not have to get ready for school because it is Spring Break. Yet there is already a hustle and bustle going on throughout the house. My brothers, nine and ten years old, are loudly elbowing each other to see who gets the first serving of food. My eight-year-old sister and I are serving breakfast to some of my younger siblings, five and six years old, before the two toddlers (four and almost two) wake up.

Before going to work at the local *tiendita*, Daddy and my Abuelo Climaco moved the few pieces of furniture from the *cuarto de recibo* (living room) to another room; the wood-burning heater is the only thing remaining. The outside door to the *cuarto de recibo* is open, allowing a slight breeze to blow through. Sunlight is peeking through the picture widow and illuminating the floor that was initially made of packed dirt but laminated to harden; it is polished every so often to maintain its sturdiness and shine.

Abuela Francisca ('Kika,' my Daddy's mother) and my Abuela Remedios (my Mama's mother) are here to help with the spring cleaning. My Mama is standing on a ladder in the *cuarto de recibo*. She is unfastening the *mantas* that were nailed on to the ceiling to cover the vigas. Achoo! Achoo! The *mantas* are full of dust, cobwebs and dead bugs. Yuck!! Mama hands over the dirty *mantas* to Abuela Kika, who then hands them over to Abuela Remedios to take to the washroom for soaking in the big tin washtub full of hot soapy water. Her red, wrinkly hands move back and forth, meticulously scrubbing the *mantas* against the wooden washboard. When she feels they are free of all the muck, she wrings them out and then moves them into another washtub full of clean, cool water where she adds a couple of drops of Rosewater. Down come the dry *mantas* from the first load and up go the freshly washed ones. The breeze is picking up a little so these will probably dry faster than the first load.

Mama and the Abuelas take a break and enjoy a *cafecito con leche* and tortillas with apricot jam that Mama canned in the fall. The toddlers are awake now, so my sister and I dress them and take them into the kitchen to be fed and spoiled by the Abuelas. My sister and I wash the breakfast dishes and then take over the job of caring for the toddlers. My older brothers are playing outside with my younger brothers.

Well, it's time to take down the last set of *mantas* from the clotheslines and tack them all back up onto the newly dusted vigas. When Mama nails them back up, the entire room seems to

light up and it smells like a fresh rose garden. Whew!! Finally the end of Day One of spring cleaning!

Day Two, and another early morning chore day. Now, it's time to wash mattresses. Yes, you read this correctly – mattresses. We gently rip open the seam of one end of each mattress cover and the *motas* (thick stitches made front to back, every 12 inches, to keep the cover from bunching), and pull out the *lana* (wool) stuffing. The mattress covers (made from *cotín* – heavy weight fabric with stripes) get to take a bath in lavender water first. While they take their turn dancing on the clothesline, we wash the *lana*. Squish! Squish! It feels really strange. Like a snowball fight, my sister and I are running around the washroom throwing wet balls of *lana* at each other and popping bubbles with the soapy water. Our faces, hair, and clothes are sopping wet and the floor is so wet it's a wonder we haven't slipped and fallen. We are laughing so hard that Mama comes to see what we are doing. She yells, "*Ay Diós Mio, hijas, dejen de hacer este revoltijo, ahora mismo!*" (Oh, my God, daughters, stop making a mess, right now!) Oh boy, are we in trouble! Mama says, "finish washing and rinsing the *lana* and then go lay it out on the porch for the sun to dry; clean up this mess, and then go sit in the sun to dry off. I'm going to go check on the *niños* to make sure they are behaving for Abuela Kika and Abuela Remedios."

The *lana* has dried and smells like spring. We stuff it back into the mattress covers, stitch up the open ends, add new *motas*, and voilà, we have very comfy, clean smelling mattresses to sleep on tonight. No more stinky feet smells! End of Day Two!

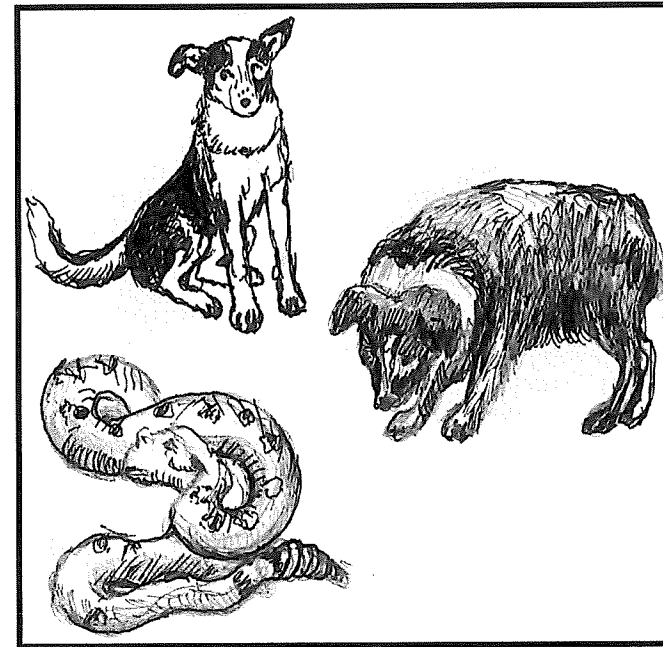
Day Three – we're going on a picnic near the river! We scoop up a couple of jars of peaches that my Mama canned from Abuelo Epifanio Mora's orchard and some homemade biscuits, and off we go. As usual, we're running as fast as we can to see who gets there first. The river is ankle deep. We take our shoes and socks off and swirl our toes around in the cool water. Aah!! Now this is spring cleaning (our toes and spirits, that is).

ESTELLE AND ROGER TAKE A BREAK

After four years of local and county Democratic Party leadership, Estelle Berger (Chair, Democratic Party of Santa Fe County) and Roger Taylor (1st Vice-Chair, DPSFC) have completed their terms. They are returning to their roles as local ward representatives, and are looking forward to more personal free time!

Following two weeks of twenty-one ward elections to fill County delegate positions, several hundred ward representatives joined together on a Saturday zoom to hear from Senators Martin Heinrich and Ben Ray Luján, Congresswoman Teresa Leger Fernandez, and Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham, as well as the candidates running to replace Estelle and Roger, whose work was praised by the Governor, Federal elected officials, and the County Democratic Party -- especially for their role in turning out the vote in 2018 and 2020 elections.

Estelle and Roger are proud of the work done over the years in strengthening party membership, finances, organizational capability and expanded relationships with various multi-cultural and youth groups. They both look forward to more time with the community, books and their gardens.



DOGS, DIAMONDBACKS, AND SOCIAL DISTANCING

Jan Saunders, drawing by Catherine Ferguson

As I write this in late March, the Basin wind has come "*in like a lion*," buzzards are back, fruit tree buds are tempting fate, my ever-faithful Say's Phoebe is at home under the portal, and it's snowing -- on my tulips. It's spring in the Galisteo Basin and Mother Nature is up to her usual tricks. It's also the time of year when my thoughts turn to long, lazy dog walks down dusty trails and....RATTLESNAKES.

For the two previous windy springs we enrolled my Aussie Grappa and his friend Hita in Terry Chandler's Rattlesnake Avoidance Training in El Dorado. Grappa performed well in training, but he is yet to come across his first rattler, while Hita's training paid big dividends during last year's snake season. Her loud, insistent alerts to three well-hidden Prairie Rattlers prevented nasty bites to her owner at El Tanque Viejo right here in Galisteo.

The Galisteo Basin is home to both Western Diamondback and Prairie Rattler species, the Diamondback being the most toxic. Cryptic coloration and the ability to strike 1/3 of their body length put the element of surprise in the snake's favor. Dogs are curious and fond of sticking their noses under rocks, four-winged saltbush, and chamisa, where rodents nest and rattlesnakes hang out. Natural encounters of the unfortunate kind are bound to occur. For one dog I knew, it was as simple as choosing the wrong bush to lift a leg.

Rattlesnake bites are particularly nasty and sometimes occur in weird places. Kevan recently treated a valuable pack mule named Number 8, bitten high up on its side, causing folks to ask how a rattlesnake could jump that high. Of course, the poor mule had simply rolled on the unsuspecting reptile in an obvious violation of proper social distancing

Growing up a savvy ranch girl in South Texas brush country, Dorothy Victor has vivid memories of dogs and rattlers. She recalls that when the dogs barked "treed," her uncle would immediately go to the scene of the ruckus and dispatch the viper

hiding overhead. And, yes, rattlesnakes can climb trees when motivated. If you don't believe it, just ask my friend in Arizona who was rattlesnake bit on the hand when he reached overhead for a branch to steady himself along a steep trail.

If your dog is bitten, the recommended treatment is simple: get the dog to the vet, carry it if possible, and get out your credit card. Antivenin treatment at a nearby veterinary clinic costs anywhere from \$1,500-\$2,000. An annual vaccine at \$42.50 (administered in March or April) will slow down the progression of the venom, giving you more time to get your dog to treatment. Every year in the United States there are more than 100,000 reported dog and cat bites by venomous snakes. The majority of pets with treatment recover, depending on their size, species of snake, location of bite, and amount of venom received.

As you enjoy the sure-to-arrive warm weather, keep a sharp eye out and maintain social distance. The operative word here when it comes to rattlesnakes is "*avoidance*." And don't forget to call Jim Sloan for safe, humane removal and relocation of live venomous snakes from your property. (See JVS, p.4.)

PEDACITOS/BITS AND PIECES

One of the "Bosque mysteries" noted in the last issue has been solved. **Liz Rose** called to say that the stone arrangement was carved by **David Burk** and used by the family as a memorial to him (with permission from owner Janice Felty Griscom).

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A recent *Pasatiempo* cover article (2/19) featured former Galisteo **Linda Durham**, who lived and ran her gallery in Galisteo for over a decade. Although the village was never mentioned, she is wearing an unmistakably **Barb Holloway** jacket.

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The painter **May Stevens** (1924-2019), who, with her husband Rudolf Baranik, often rented or stayed with friends in Galisteo, is having a retrospective exhibition at SITE Santa Fe, including an impressive painting of the **Galisteo Creek**.

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Discussions continue with the new owners of the **Saddleback Ranch**, who are listening to a number of respected environmental advocates. Galisteo representatives report that the meetings are positive and constructive.

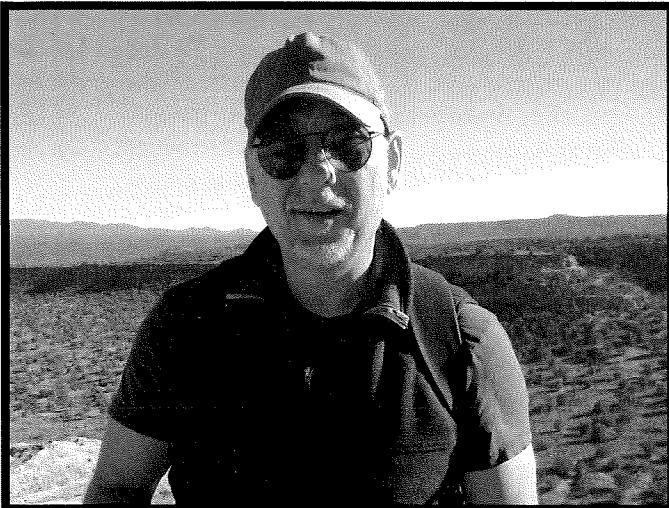
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Advertisements for the **foreclosed property on Marcellina Lane**, listed at \$109,900, fail to mention that there is not room for a septic/leach field and there is no water hookup.

Save the Date! Sunday, June 20: Quatermill Gallery is hosting an Outdoor Art Market at 10 Via La Puente. Covid 19 protocol in place: masks and social distancing. For information contact Laura Yeats, 206-930-6437; or Denise Lynch, 466-2255.

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Quatermill Gallery will be open most weekends, May through October, 11-3, or by appointment, offering regional arts, pottery, paintings, prints, books and estate collectibles, as well as seasonal local honey. Quatermill's B&B is also open; evening meals on request. Contact Denise at 466-2255.



MICHAEL GOLINO (1954-2021)

Michael Golino, a resident of Galisteo for several years, was diagnosed with Stage 4 Pancreatic Cancer in late February and died three weeks later, with close friends by his side. He made a number of contributions to our community, participating in the community committee that finalized the Galisteo Community Plan under the new County Code in 2016. He was also instrumental in planning and funding the update and expansion of the Galisteo water system. He then became involved in a real estate venture in the Santa Fe Railyard, featured in *Pasatiempo*, and moved to Santa Fe. Plans are being made for a memorial on or around his birthday on June 15.

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