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**TOGETHER AT LAST: GVFR BREAFAST and GCA CHILE & MARGARITA FEST**

We are finally meeting again as a community. Everybody's older. Some friends are moving out and new (hopefully community-minded) people are moving in. These two big events, both very well attended, reminded us of the bonds we feel to Galisteo and to each other.

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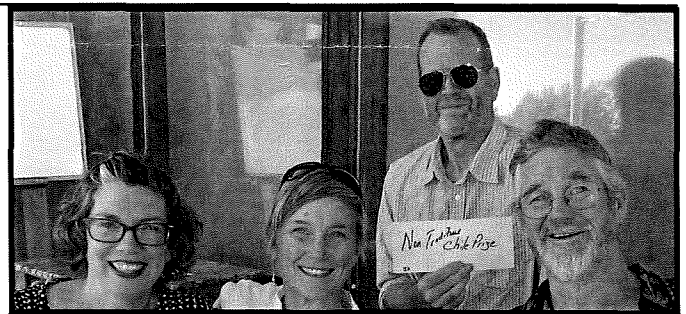
The Galisteo Volunteer Fire and Rescue's annual breakfast on September 10th marked the GVFR's **30th anniversary!** Set up on a beautiful morning in the fire station's bays, each year it seems more elegant, and this year topped them all. Not to mention the lavish spread from local cooks. There were snakes (with their handler) and singers ("Galisteo's own female a cappella group": Jessica Spring, Julie Deery, Lorraine Weiss, and Lesley Dyer, who offered a wonderful rendition of the Burl Ives song "I'll live in Galisteo till the day that I die"; he didn't).

There were sign ups for Casey's Top Hat chimney sweep, Red Cross reps invited for complimentary smoke detector installations, the County Fire Prevention Trailer, and GVFR giveaways. The "Vital Signs" station was offered by Alice Kruse, our own EMT Captain. There were commemorative albums and signage showcasing GVFR history. The Santa Fe City Fire Department presented Chief Jean Anaya Moya with a plaque, a photograph of her own sculpture of St Florian, Patron Saint of Firefighters, with an inscription to the Galisteo Fire District. Members attended from several other districts.

A great time was had by all. **Here's to the next thirty years!**



Former Assistant Chief Linda Anaya and Chief Jean Moya



The Chile and Margarita Fest took place at the Community Center on Sept.24th. This is always a lively community gathering (could it be the margaritas?) GCA President Anna Cárdenas thanks the judges: **Ken Frumin, Eleanor Channell, and Vernon Anaya** (below), and of course the cooks (above). The winners were: *Traditional Chile*: 1st, **Patrick Briggs**; 2nd, **Linda Mortensen**; *Non-Traditional*: **José Downes**; *Vegetarian*: **Heidi Johnson**. And the Margarita: **Patrick Briggs** again! (Photos: Ann Senuta).



The food spreads were gigantic and delicious. We envy those who got the leftovers. Door prizes were generous, including several subscriptions to *Santa Fe* magazine, donated and co-edited by Galisteo John Miller. Anna also thanks all the other community members who donated items for the door prizes: Freddie Cárdenas, David Maestas, Deirdre Africa, Jessica Spring, and Julie Deery, along with several Board Members who donated money for the Chile/Margarita Prizes.



Mary Alice Anaya, Annie Widmark, Anna Cardenas, Romona Scholder at the GVFR breakfast.

**MARIA ASCENCION  
BACA Y CHAVEZ DE PEÑA  
(5/7/37 – 6/10/22)**



Our beloved Mary Peña passed into the arms of our Lord on Friday, June 10th, 2022. She was born to Catalino and Onofre Chavez at Las Norias Ranch, and was raised at the Chavez ranch and in Santa Fe. Her roots in Galisteo run deep, as the Chavezes settled here centuries ago. Mary grew up in a home rich in faith and love with her siblings; Clyde, Ray, Willie, Cristobal, Lupe, David, Buck, Adrian, Tommy, Linda and Grace. All who knew her were familiar with her kindness, humor, loving nature, strength, originality, and most of all, her absolute faith in God. She was, and always will be, an inspiration to all of us.

Mary was truly talented in so many ways. As a teen she was on the basketball, swim, and cheer teams. She loved riding horses and spending time outside in nature. She was an accomplished seamstress who sewed for her family, and she created altar cloths and dressings for the many churches for which she was a devoted majordomo and committee member. She served for many years as a member and officer of the Sacred Heart Society in Galisteo, and as a majordomo and lector at Nuestra Señora de Los Remedios. As a librarian, she shared her love of books and learning with countless children at St. Anne School. As a Eucharistic Minister, she distributed communion to the homebound and those in nursing homes.

Everything she did was done with joy and a lightness of spirit that was infectious. She raised her five children (Berta, Angela, Sandy, Laurene, and Mike) together with her lifelong sweetheart, her husband of sixty years, Claudio Peña. Her grandchildren (Daniel, Estevan, Catalina, Cayetano, Santiago, Isaiah, Jolene, Joseph, Melissa, and Adam) were the light of her life, and she was so proud of each of them. She is preceded in death by numerous members of the Chavez, Baca, and Peña families, and is survived by many, many family and friends that love and cherish her.

Mary was a true original, the matriarch of her family, a one-of-a-kind person who was brave, strong, and full of character, love, and life. She taught her family to love, be kind, honest, generous, and to always take the high road, no matter how difficult the journey. We miss her more than words can explain, and she will be in our hearts forever. (From Sandy Duran.)

**SWIRLING JEWELS**

Michaela Valencia

I'm so nice and comfy under the quilt my Mom made me that I don't want to get up, but I hear a whisper saying "Get up. Come see a surprise I have for you." I look to see if one of my sisters is talking to me, but they are both sound asleep. I tiptoe and open the door as quietly as possible and step outside, believing that one of my brothers is the one calling me. There is no one outside.

The sun has already woken up and it is ready to warm up the day. There is a cool, crisp breeze dancing through the trees this October morning. If you listen carefully you can hear it whisper, "Wake up world! Come see the beautiful, special wonders created for you today." The sky is a baby blue with marshmallow clouds big enough to make you feel like jumping on one to soar across the sky.

Realizing that I am in my pajamas and no shoes, I jump off my cloud and go back inside. I immediately feel enveloped in a nice warm cocoon. My Daddy has got the fires going in the wood heaters and stove. I jump back under the quilt but Daddy says, "get up mi hijita, it's time to feed the chickens."

Dressing quickly, I run back outside, and "Oh my God!" I am greeted with the most gorgeous, sparkly jewels swirling in the air all around me – emerald, garnet, and amber colored. They float around each other as dance partners, creating a kaleidoscope. There are so many different shades, shapes and sizes that are slowly swirling around. When the breeze simmers down, they seem to wrap around each other, sparkle in the morning sunlight and come to rest under the big trees. They are so beautiful that they would outshine the jewels in a jewelry store.

I can't help myself. I have to touch these jewels. Very gently, I pick up a handful but they crumble to pieces. "Shucks!" I was so enthralled with the unbelievable colors that I forgot the jewels were actually fall-colored leaves. "Thank you God for these beautiful gifts!"



**FILMING FOREVER?**

It seems that we have not seen the last of all the trucks and vans and signs for the UDB (Untitled Dust Bowl) film production that disrupted the village until recently. The signs are not down (as of Tuesday 10/12) and some equipment remains on the other side of the San Cristobal Ranch gate, where La Otra Vanda ends, because another production could be in the works.

Apparently we have no legal rights or power to get the producers to access the ranch from US 285 instead of through the village. Thanks to some diplomacy, the GCA did receive a donation despite the fact that Disney policy does not include such recompenses. Of course the film industry is valuable to the state, but no one seems to be paying attention to the effect on peaceful communities like Galisteo. We're happy to host a film now and then but the possibility of more frequency is depressing

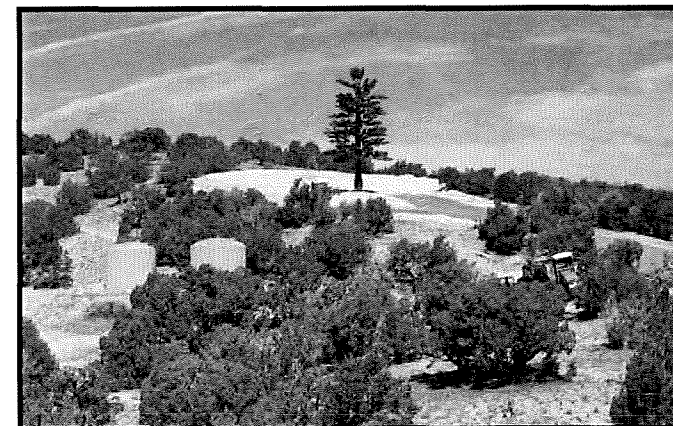
**A HAPPY ENDING/FUTURE FOR  
THE GALISTEO PRESERVE**

On July 31, *The New Mexican's* real estate columnist Kim Shanahan wrote "Galisteo Preserve's story is one to remember," detailing Ted Harrison's visionary founding of Commonweal Conservancy and its mission to create a full-scale conservation community just south of Lamy Hill. Originally an ambitious town plan with hundreds of homes, many of them affordable "workforce housing," plus schools, stores, etc., it provided a model for parts of the County's 2015 Sustainable Growth Management Plan.

Although a few high-end homes have been built, the 2008 real estate collapse doomed the new village. When the mortgage bill came due, the Eugene V. and Clare E. Thaw Charitable Trust saved the day, and land slated for development was put into conservation easements.

Many of us in Galisteo supported Harrison's initial vision (some didn't), looking forward to open land not divided up into ranchettes like the recent development at Lamy, though of course the usual worries about water were a crucial part of the ongoing discussions. Happily for all of us, the beloved Preserve has survived and the final conservation easement is completed. The Thaw Trust has donated 4,730 acres to the recently formed Galisteo Basin Open Space Preserve and there will be no more homesites.

The preserve's 41 miles of trails are extremely popular; it is also a wildlife corridor for bears and cougars, and its minimal light pollution makes it a favored spot for local night sky watchers. What a treasure!



(Cell tower on the Preserve)

**PEDACITOS/BITS AND PIECES**

**Fatal Wreck on NM 41:** On Sept.27th, just before 8AM, one of the big double gravel dump trucks that have become ubiquitous through the village jack-knifed when turning from US 285 onto NM 41 where all the construction is happening. Speed was a factor. 41 was closed most of the day. Driver Asa Kae Lewis died from his injuries.

From **Richard Fenker:** At two weeks short of 80, I was the oldest person in the U.S. to play in a qualifying round for the U.S. Open this year; it was announced during the tournament. I also came in 2nd in the Santa Fe City Championship, senior division, finishing with a 32 on the back nine to shoot a one-under-par 71.

**Judy Tulwaletsiwa** was one of three women artists (with Dana Newmann and Signe Stuart) at Pie Projects this summer in an exhibition titled *Distilled Presence*. According to the gallery, Judy's glass on canvas pieces are "vessels of transformation, from granular fused silica sand into exquisitely lustrous thin plates.... deeply personal and sensual yet universally potent." She also received a Mayor's Award for art on October 14th.

On page 4 is a photo of an amazing insect called Child of the Earth. **Freda Archuleta at Allegra Printing** tells me that the name comes from an old wives tale that when you burned them they cried like a baby, and, she was sad to say, as a child she and her friends did this!

La Sala is now the studio of artist **Lindsey Calla's Earth Auras**. Coincidentally, she was inspired by **Agnes Martin**, only recently discovering that she had lived in Galisteo.

**Julie Deery's Arbol Brillante** (a welded bottle tree with mosaic balls) is on display at the Municipal Recreation Complex in Santa Fe.

**Mington Gu**, owner of the Chi Center, has been here for six years and is feeling very much at home, according to a recent message on Next Door.

Former Galisteo (and still GVFR member) **Billie Mitchell** participated in Currents this summer with an innovative video.

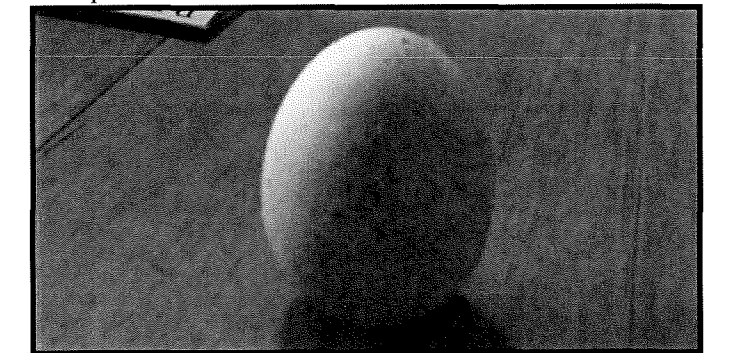
**Larry Anaya**, author and former Galisteo, passed away recently in San Antonio, Texas.

**Tomorrow's Women** (formerly Creativity for Peace) has moved their summer peace camp for Palestinian and Israeli girls from Glorieta to the Chi Center near Galisteo, where they met in August. They will return next summer.

On Saturday Oct.15th, the Santa Fe Conservation Trust held a grand opening for their **Conservation Homestead** on the site of the former Thornton Ranch headquarters, next to the Galisteo Basin Preserve. 4 miles of new trails are connected to those on the Preserve; restoration work continues on the Trust's 300 acres.

**Craig Moya** and **Jean Anaya Moya** both participated in the 70th Traditional Spanish Market in August.

**Liz Rose** sends this photo of a standing egg to celebrate the equinox.



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## Nov. 8 At the Community Center

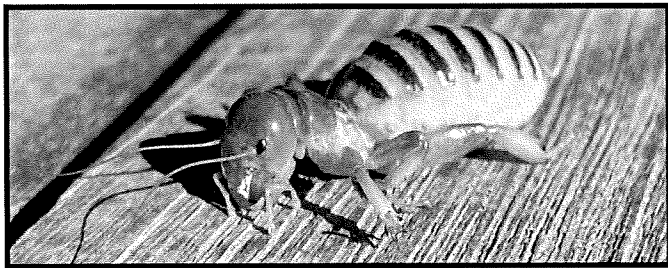
### 7AM-7PM

### 35mph or else...

If you tend to push the speed limit above 35 mph on 41, Mare Tomaski sends us a friendly warning: "My poor lead foot is so sad!" There is now a cop who will be driving up and down 41 all day long (not sure about night). He will pull you over for going even 5 miles over the speed limit and give you an \$87 ticket (or double). No exceptions. It will now take about 20 minutes to get to 285. Plan ahead.

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What do we want? What do we need? A meeting was recently held about **Pickleball** at the GCC basketball court (contact David Smith: dbssmith@gmail.com.) Now and then a **community garden** comes up. And your editor has been converted to the possibility of a **dog park**, which was suggested a couple of years ago and abandoned because the fence was so expensive. Can't we do it cheaper?



**GALISTEO STUDIO TOUR**  
**WILL BE COVERED IN THE NEXT ISSUE**

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