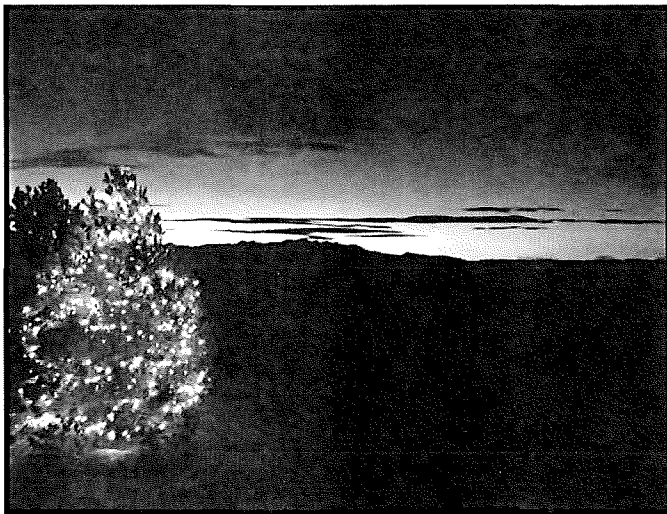




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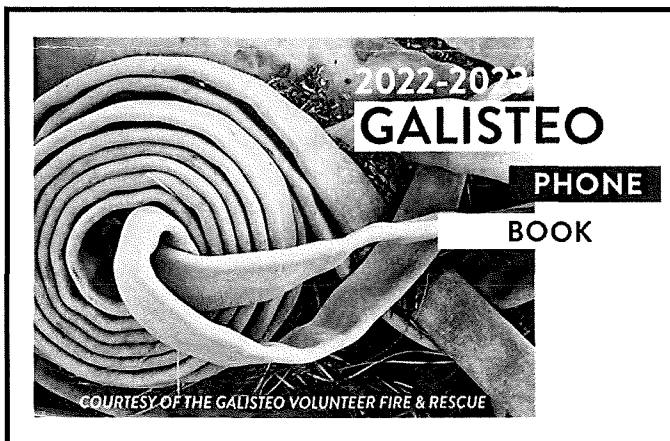
FELIZ AÑO NUEVO 2022 A HAPPIER NEW YEAR?



The Watson-Jones Xmas Tree on Avenida Vieja (Photo: Angie Heath)



The Successful New Years Eve Food Drive at the Fire Station, organized by Corey McGillicuddy (who also took the photo).



The 2022-23 Galisteo Phone Book, courtesy of the GVFR. You will receive yours soon in the mail. The new design is by Ed Epping and Peggy Diggs.



Laura Yeats on her horse Diesel, with her dog Thunder, met up with the band Savage Wizdom who were doing a photo shoot on the old bridge.

FROM THE GVFR: WILDLAND FIRE PREPARATION

The devastating wind-driven wildfires in Colorado on December 29th were a sobering reminder that wildfires have, thanks to climate change, become a year-round phenomenon in the American West. It is never too early to plan for a potential evacuation, even if you are not in an area immediately affected by smoke or flames. Wildfires can spread very quickly, move erratically, and travel great distances, especially when driven by the wind.

Some suggestions on preparing for such an emergency:*

Make a plan. Families should map at least two evacuation routes and set a meeting point in case they get separated.

Prepare an emergency supply kit. Think beyond a flashlight, batteries, and food and water. It is recommended that you pack a three-day supply of nonperishable food and three gallons of water per person. Also, pack a change of clothes, prescription medications, and extra eyeglasses or contact lenses. If you have pets, do not forget about pet food and medicine.

Keep important documents together. Gather birth certificates, property titles, insurance records, and other crucial paperwork. In addition to being difficult to replace, some documents could be needed to file claims after the fire.

Prepare your home. Move flammable items like woodpiles, brush, and propane tanks at least 30 feet away from your house. Shut all windows and doors, but leave them unlocked once you evacuate so that firefighters can get in. Turn on outdoor lights so firefighters can see the house through the smoke. Shut off the gas at the meter and turn off the air-conditioning.

Fuel up. Keep the family car topped off with gas to avoid any delays.

Tune in to local media. There is no better source for information on evacuation orders, routes, and shelters.

You do not need to wait for an order to evacuate. Pack a «go bag.» Ensure you have the essentials, especially if you can't get to your emergency supply kit. We suggest you pack the following: medicine, important documents, clothes, cash, a blanket, face masks, hand sanitizer water, and snacks.

Grab your electronics. Cellphones, personal computers, backup hard drives, and chargers should all go into the car, along with the emergency kit, personal documents, family keepsakes, cash, and credit cards. Don't forget the pets. They will be scared.

Be smart in the car. Tune in to local radio to hear about safe routes. Close your windows and use recirculated air-conditioning.

*Excerpted from Alyssa Lukpat in the *New York Times*, December 30, 2021.

GALISTEO-RELATED OBITUARIES

David S. Pino, born in 1941, died July 10th. A lifelong resident of La Cienega, he was related to the Galisteo Pino and Davis families and had a brother named Nicolas Pino.

José Guadalupe Chavez passed away in October. He was born in Galisteo on Jan. 26, 1939 to Catalina and Onofre Chavez. Married to Eva Anaya in 1962, he worked for the State Engineer and then founded Chavez Excavating.

BRIAN MOYA IS SANTA FE'S NEW FIRE CHIEF

Brian Moya, 41, Assistant Chief of the Santa Fe City Fire Department, was named Chief as soon as Paul Babcock announced his intention to retire. Brian, raised in Galisteo, comes from fire royalty: he is the oldest son of Steve Moya (former Assistant Fire Chief for Santa Fe County Fire, former president of the County Chiefs Association, a founding member for the GVFR, and District Chief for Galisteo before SFCFD) and Galisteo Volunteer Fire & Rescue Chief Jean Anaya Moya (who is also the president of the County Chief's Association for 15 years now). A photo in the *New Mexican* (12/23) showed Brian being congratulated by his parents.

Moya and Babcock were tearful as they recalled their years together. "Babcock said it felt like handing the keys off to a son. Moya acknowledged Babcock's guidance was 'rewarding ... Something that I would like to continue that he's done is the three of us [with Assistant Chief Phil Martinez] would always be together almost every day for lunch.'"

Brian Moya laid out his own vision: "My mission and my goal immediately is we need to fix the bottom before we keep expanding," he said. "We need to get firefighters, we need to get paramedics, we need to be sure this is all taken care of."

A recent *New Mexican* article noted that it is getting increasingly difficult to find volunteers for rural fire departments. The training has gotten tougher, calls are more frequent, and there are more and more medical calls. Herschel Wilson, a former volunteer with Hondo, pointed to "a whole growing subset of mental health calls for which the academy offers no training," even for EMTs. Volunteers become "front line mental health workers responding to drug overdoses, or attempted suicides." (Seven of GVFR's nine December calls were medical.)

Fewer young people are volunteering to replace those aging out. And during the height of fire season they may (understandably) leave to take paid gigs with the Forest Service or other agencies. Wilson contends that to retain volunteers the departments need to "have a culture that volunteers want to be part of. That's engaging. That's fun sometimes. That's not hierarchical, except on a scene. A chief that respects everyone."

And that's where we in Galisteo are so lucky. The "fire family" in the GVFR provides just that ambiance. But people's lives change, they move (like Alex Amend) or get a new job (like Craig Fulmer). So far, new people have moved into responsible positions and we are pulled back from the abyss, for the time being. Stalwarts Alice Kruse and Don Truax passed the challenging Officer Training course.

Here are the officers called upon at the December business meeting elections (attended by eighteen members and a dog): Chief, Jean Anaya Moya; Fire Lieutenant, Don Truax; EMS Captain, Alice Kruse; Secretary, Janice Wall. And for the 501C3 Friends of the GVFR: President, Janice Wall; Secretary, Laurie Schrader; Treasurer, Jerry Kruse.

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PEDACITOS/BITS AND PIECES

Judy Tuwaletsiwa's show at Pie Projects. (924 Shoofly St, Santa Fe, through 2/5) was featured in the *New Mexican* (12/31). The nameless reviewer wrote that in her work, "memories and personal experience converge with an intensive focus on materiality. At the same time, she challenges our assumptions of what to expect from certain mediums – such as glass – by the manner in which she uses them. In her hands, materials are transformed into aesthetic objects while remaining close to a natural, earthy and ephemeral state."

Eleanor Channell won first place in the Adult Memoir category of the *New Mexican's* Writing Contest (12/24) for her essay "Cottonwoods/Wind/Birds/Clouds: Entries from a Galisteo Chronicle." And former Galisteoan Patrick Mehaffy won first place in the Adult Fiction category.

STATS: As of Jan. 4th, our zip code 87540 had 84 Covid cases, a big jump. Then on Jan. /5 it was down to 74! Go figure.

In the new census-driven redistricting map, Galisteo is in District 3. According to census data, Galisteo, New Mexico has a "land area" of 2.5 square miles with a density of 91.80/sq.mi. No current growth, and since 2020 we have lost 7.51 percent. The 2018 population was 234 based on estimated projections of the latest US Census estimates. The 2010 official US Census recorded a population of 253.

Hot and Cold: It's a winter of fear of fire and of dangerous low temperatures. (It was recently 8 and 9 degrees in the AM at your editor's house by the creek.) Watch out for freezing water pipes and blown-out pilot lights. And it's heartbreaking to see unblanketed horses with no shelter from the howling freezing winds, or the blistering summer heat.

NAUMAN SHOWS ALL OVER THE PLACE

Bruce Nauman's fourteenth show at the Sperone Westwater Gallery in New York opens on 1/13. *His Mark* is a new six-channel 3-D video installation, inspired by a history textbook, a gift from his grandson Milo, which contained a copy of a treaty signed by the Canadian government, representing the Queen of England, and the Native American chief of the Blackfoot Band. "The Canadian representative signed their name," explains Nauman, "but the chief just made a mark," signing his name as an X. Later, when signing legal documents of his own, Nauman found himself in a moment of revelation. "Why can't I just have a mark?" he exclaimed. "So I've been making all these videotapes of my fingers and hands signing Xs. I owe it all to my grandson."

Nauman is also the subject of two concurrent international exhibitions. A comprehensive survey continues its tour after Tate Modern, London (2020), and Stedelijk Museum, Amsterdam (2021) to galleries in Beijing, (2022) and Milan (2022-23). "Bruce Nauman: Contrapposto Studies," opened at Punta della Dogana, Venice last May and has been extended until 27 November 2022.

BASIN OR VALLEY?

The well-known western writer Dan Flores, who now lives near Cerrillos, calls our common home the Galisteo Valley rather than the Galisteo Basin because it has no standing water. (Actually La Laguna del Doche, or Galisteo Lake, has had standing water now and then, but not these days.) According to Google, both are watersheds. A Basin is "any land that descends into a river or stream." A valley is "a typical low land eventually surrounded by hills or mountains. A basin is characterized by a flow of streams and creeks. The duty of a river basin is to send all the water in the form of streams and creeks falling on the land into a principal river and in turn into the ocean" (as the Rio Galisteo leads into the Rio Grande). "Valleys are generally large and are not narrow." So it looks as though we are both a Basin and a Valley, but given the long history of the current name, we'll stick with the Galisteo Basin.

BROADBAND IN GALISTEO and BOSQUE RESTORATION from Roger Taylor

In October, in response to many and continuous complaints about CenturyLink, the GCA Board initiated a survey through the community email of issues with CL over the past six months or longer. A number of people responded by saying their experience was so negative they didn't think CL would respond, so why bother. Thirty residents responded with multiple issues (many as yet unresolved).

Repairmen always indicate that "the wiring in Galisteo is very old and they are directed to put a bandaid on it" instead of repairing the causes. CL's deteriorating lines are a monopoly in the area. We have complained many times to Stephanie Morales, the head in Colorado, and her next-in-line Ryan. We are told that the line needs to be replaced, that it would cost a LOT of \$\$, and they weren't going to do anything about it.

Some of the problems are: Chronic issues interfere with internet service for time-sensitive banking, investing, important communications, emergency services for the aging population; frequent freezes and buffering on TV, long waits of 10-14 days for onsite repairs, inability to reach customer service by phone and website reporting; scheduling does not work; repairs are often temporary fixes that need to be readressed again and again.

The state of the phone boxes around the area, which do not appear to have been repaired or replaced for many years; most are damaged and/or askew; some are nearly buried in sediment. It does not appear that CenturyLink has made any attempt to maintain their old, outdated equipment, non-existent customer service, and over-priced failing product.

A subcommittee of three GCA Board members (Roger Taylor, Paul Davis, Bjarne Sletteland) and Andrew Lustig met by zoom with representatives from the PRC (Public Regulatory Commission) and CenturyLink in mid-November. A detailed chart of the issues from the thirty respondents was submitted prior to the meeting. The CL rep opened by stating he had reviewed the chart, and since their records reported these thirty cases had been successfully closed, there didn't seem to be any issues to discuss. He also said they had little capability (due to the copper wire transmittal limitations of broadband thru the phone lines) (cont. p. 4)

to make improvements. Nor was CL planning any additional investments in upgrades. Later in the meeting he suggested that we should turn off all our devices and use just one at a time and we'd probably not have any issues! The PRC reps indicated they didn't have much leverage over broadband issues, only phone.

There are other providers in the area, all of which have pros and cons. The GCA Board is researching these and will have more information in the next month or so.

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As a condition of grant funding for the **bosque remediation work**, Jan Willem Jansens and Roger Taylor have had to complete an annual report for 10 years. It takes about one week to do measurements, photos, and write-up (c. 150 pages). Yesterday was the annual on-site review with the district Army Corps of Engineers inspector, who was so impressed by the results that he has excused us from the remaining three years of reporting: "the required project has met all performance standards. Accordingly, no further monitoring is required."

SOME DICHOS TO HELP SURVIVE 2022*

Vemos la paja en el ojo del vecino y no la viga en el nuestro.

We see the straw in the neighbor's eye but not the log in ours.

Hacen mas unos callando que otros gritando. There are those who accomplish more being quiet than others who are shouting

Dios, cuidame de mis enemigos que de mis amigos yo me cuidare. Lord, protect me from my enemies and I'll protect myself from my friends.

No sabemos ni el dia ni la hora. We know neither the day nor the hour [of our deaths].

(* Thanks to Don Usner, *Chasing Dichos Through Chimayo.*)

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