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El Puente is very grateful for recent donations of \$150 but we would like to make it clear that the old \$80 sponsorships (or any donation toward stamps) are still welcome. And thanks to Angie Beauchamp, the entire *El Puente* archive is now on line at: http://www.galisteocommunity.org/El_Puente/

ELMER (DOC) FERNEAU

12/7/1918 - 8/6/2018

A memorial was held on Sept. 2 at the Community Center for Doc Ferneau, who died in his Galisteo home a few months short of 100 years old. He loved music, and the hospice nurse said he was singing on the morning he died. Featured at the memorial was a brief video of him singing with the "Docettes": Lorraine Weiss, Julia Moore, and Lesley Dyer, who came on Sundays and sang with the still strong tenor, a tradition initiated several years ago by Janice Felty Griscom. (Doc would accompany the hymn "I'll Fly Away" —by flapping his arms like wings.)

Ferneau was born in Tama, Iowa, and served in the Navy in WWII. He met Marie Humphrey, the sister of a friend, while on a leave and liked to tell the story about how she had a date the night they met and canceled it to go out with him. They married in 1942 and had a son, Brett, who predeceased him. Doc earned a PhD from the University of Chicago and became head of the Education Department at the University of Tulsa, from which he retired in 1972. (Continued p. 2)



Sept.16, 4-6: Closing party for *Best Seats in the House* at La Sala, with refreshments, and music by former Galisteans Nacha Mendez and Melanie Monsour.

Sept.22: Chile and Margarita Cook off, Community Center, 6-8.

PRISCILLA HOBACK

7/5/1939 - 7/9/2018

A memorial will be held at Quatermill Farm on the Fall Equinox, Saturday, Sept.22, 2-5PM. In lieu of flowers please donate to Horses for Heroes - New Mexico, Inc. P.O.Box 1882, Santa Fe, NM, 87504.

Galisteo will not seem the same with Priscilla Hoback gone. Since moving to Quatermill Farm (named after the price she paid for it in 1978), and resurrecting the home of Don José Ortiz y Pino, she has been a generous and forceful member of the community. Hoback co-founded the Galisteo Studio Tour and partially restored the claypit near Pueblo Blanco. She raised and trained Arabian horses, and for over half a century she worked as an artist in New Mexico.

A native Santa Fean, daughter of Rosalea Murphy of Pink Adobe fame, Priscilla was married three times – to Joe Lynch, father of her children, then Frank Hoback, a well-known pilot, and Peter Gould, a furniture maker. Hoback had The Pot Shop on Canyon Road before moving to Galisteo. (Continued p.2)



FERNEAU: When he and Marie moved to Santa Fe, Doc worked as a security officer at La Tierra Nueva, where he met Wendy Chase. Later both moved to Galisteo, the Ferneaus having transported an old yellow Depot building from Lamy to just south of town. A toast from Wendy was read at the memorial, citing the good times they had had together over almost thirty years, along with “Jack D. and George D., the Whiskey Brothers.” She also praised Doc’s loving care of Marie during the several years after she suffered a stroke: “with never one word of complaint,” setting “a standard for those of us who complain daily about minor inconveniences.”

After Marie’s death, Doc insisted that he was ready too, but he lived for many more years. Although confined to a wheelchair, he continued to sing, tell stories, and keep up with current events. His devoted caretakers, Frank and Darlyn Corriz of All You Need is Us, have adopted his cat Rosie. Olivia Ogorek, who helped him with bookkeeping, arranged the memorial with Brett’s partner LeAnn Knudsen. Thanks to Corey McGillicuddy for the excellent breakfast and Angie Beauchamp for setting up the video.

PEDACITOS/BITS AND PIECES

Anna Cárdenas was awarded an honorable mention for micaceous pottery on her first showing at Spanish Market.

A \$1,000 reward is being offered for information leading to the return of a **vintage Airstream Safari trailer**, stolen in mid-July from the Kerstetter property on La Vega. It is about 20’ long, metallic gray, and has a Pennsylvania plate. It has a ball hitch fitting, so would have been taken by someone with a pick-up with hitch attachment. If you have any information, please contact Antonio Chavez, 466-3601.

Creative Women New York will present the world premiere of “Spin Off” by the late Galisteoan **Bernard Pomerance**, in a production directed by Ron Canada, from September 21 to October 13 at The Riverside Theatre in New York City.

Evidence of **bears** is reported in Ranchitos and a mother and her cubs were seen in the Bosque near the Chi Center.

Ronnie Chavez Anaya writes of his early life in Galisteo, visiting his great grandmother Carmelita Anaya and his great uncle Tobias, who he remembers as “a lifelong bachelor with few words, a precious soul and a treasure to my memory.” He has amassed an impressive collection of Tobias’s wooden sculptures, one of which was donated to the Smithsonian in 1987.

In 1983 Fritz Scholder received the **Governors Award for Excellence in the Arts**. Then in 1998 (though she had moved from Galisteo to Taos by then) came Agnes Martin. In 2010 Woody Gwyn was honored; in 2014, Jean Anaya Moya, and the latest recipient, in 2018, is the editor of *El Puente*, Lucy R. Lippard. Not bad for a village of 265 people!

Into November, it’s mating season for big hairy male **tarantulas**, on the prowl on Santa Fe County highways (one was spotted on NM 41). The eight-legged arachnids are about the size of a fat doughnut and have a leg span of 4 or 5”. They may look scary, but are pretty harmless and won’t attack unless you corner them. And their bite is no worse than a bee sting, if you’re not allergic. They are voracious insect eaters, so keep an eye on the roads and allow them safe passage.

HOBACK: She used the wild clays and natural pigments from around her to create pottery and stoneware murals inspired by her garden, horses, and the wilderness around her home. “For a time, the studio may be full of white deer,” she wrote in her book *Living Clay* (2000) “and then those fade out. As work on another idea begins, I am in a land of herons or antelope, thinking their thoughts.” When named a Santa Fe Living Treasure in 2017, Priscilla was described as “a true woman of the West, a person of the earth, the essence of New Mexico.”

Priscilla is survived by her daughter Denise Lynch and grandson Sean Sohn of Galisteo, and by her son, Joseph Hoback, and his two children. Her work and presence is on display in Galisteo and at the Nedra Matteucci Gallery in Santa Fe.

HAPPY 90TH BIRTHDAY TO MARY ALICE ANAYA



GVFR BREAKFAST

On Sept 8th, the Fire Station became an attractive open-air restaurant while Chief Jean Moya and department members showed off an immaculate station and a new bay, new truck, and impressive exercise room. Head cooks Cindy Lux and Corey McGillicuddy reigned over a table loaded with food from GVFR members. Almost 60 people attended, not including children and dogs. T-shirts were available with donations, which were much appreciated. EMT Alice Kruse gave free blood pressure and pulse tests (not just to her husband Jerry; see below).



FROGGY WENT A COURTING

Jan Saunders (Drawings by Catherine Ferguson)

What a divine thing is curiosity. In the evening during monsoons when the toady chorus begins, I go absolutely nuts trying to locate the culprits, the actual perpetrators of the deep, thrumming mating calls of male Spade-foot Toads.* Weary of standing out in the rain trying to pinpoint the source, I get in my car and drive back roads and the highway near the Galisteo Creek, to no avail. The sound seems close only to move away when I get near, like trying to catch a spider’s silk floating on the breeze.

That frogs somehow generated, quite spontaneously, from mud was a well-established notion in Aristotle’s time. Well, I know a thing or two about natural history, enough to agree that the toads had to be calling from a pond, or a tank, or standing water somewhere. But where?

Wary of snakes and worried by mosquitos, I set out on foot down a dusty path bordered by Four-wing saltbush. The call of a Common Raven mocks me into thinking this is a really dumb idea and wondering what the heck I am doing out here in the heat of the day when I almost walk right into WATER!

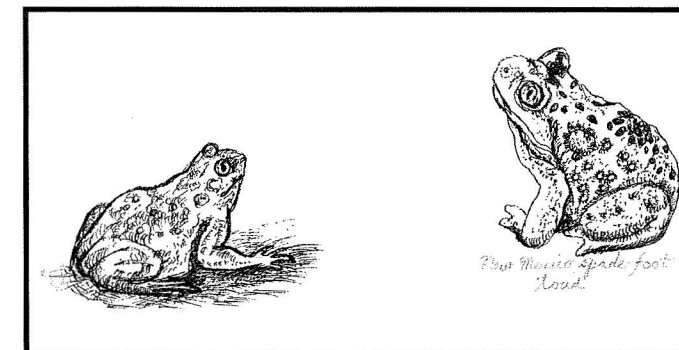
Clearly, I’m late to the party. The bacchanal breeding frenzy that took place here is played out, and the toads have spade-footed their way backwards deep into the earth. What I see is a small, scooped-out catchment tank of muddy water teeming with the flipping, churning bodies of hundreds of big-headed tadpoles—the last stop on the metamorphosis express. What I witness is the struggle for survival.

Time is flying and the shallow pond is vanishing. Desiccation equals death and, trust me, survival is a rush job for the 1% that actually reach the finish line. In an explosion of cell growth, the fastest of any amphibian, the transformation from egg to tadpole to Spade-foot Toad needs only 14 days. The challenge is intensified by the presence of predators -- snake, hawk, owl, skunk, racoon, coyote and bobcat-- that will not miss this exciting opportunity, beginning even as the males call the females to their pond to lay thousands of blobby, gelatinous eggs.

My curiosity made me pursue this mystery. Given enough time, I’m sure Aristotle would have puzzled it out for himself.

“A careful observation of Nature will disclose pleasantries of superb irony. She has for instance placed Toads close to flowers.” – Honoré de Balzac

* The Spade-foot Toad, found in all 33 counties, is the New Mexico State Amphibian.



CORRECTION: Stella Maestas was the author of “Songs of the Times,” in the Summer issue of *El Puente* and we apologize for omitting her name. Of course her fans knew it was her work.

ELECTION DAY IS COMING UP

Galisteo has been well served by our neighbor, **Matthew McQueen**, as our District 50 representative to the State Legislature, and I suspect that few of us want to see any change. He is a leader in important committees: Chair of the Energy, Environment & Natural Resources Committee; Co-Chair of the Water & Natural Resources Committee. He knows how the Legislature works, and has established strong working relationships with its leaders. Matthew will be well-positioned to help New Mexico turn around in the next several years, especially if there is a new Democrat governor (a plug for Michelle Lujan-Grisham...)

The Democrat vote for our County Commissioner in November is split between Rudy Garcia, who won the primary in June, and our own **Mike Anaya**, who successfully gathered signatures to run as an Independent. Garcia has worked for the County for 27 years and is a member of the Santa Fe Public Schools Board. An editorial in *The New Mexican* urged him to give that up if he becomes our commissioner, given inevitable conflicts of time and commitment to two such important posts.

Independents are hoping for a strong showing in November, given that almost a quarter of New Mexico voters are not registered with a major party. Another Independent, Jarratt Applewhite from Lamy-- a self-described “true fiscal conservative,” gun owner, and high school dropout – is running against McQueen, which means Matthew needs our support. A fundraiser is being held at the home of Leslie Gallery Dilworth in Galisteo, on Sept. 13. Contributions to: Committee to Elect Matthew McQueen 7 Avenida Vista Grande B7-120 Santa Fe, NM 87508 www.mcqueenform.com

ROBERT ANAYA ENDORSES HIS BROTHER

It has been an honor and a privilege to serve as the District 3 County Commissioner for two terms. I strongly believe, as does my brother Mike, “to lead is to listen, learn and then act in the common interests of the people.” I am writing to express my full support for my brother Mike Dale Anaya and his desire to serve the residents of District 3. Mike grew up in Galisteo and Stanley and understands what it takes to get things done, and help others. During his two terms on the County Commission, among many other Countywide projects, Mike supported the adoption of the Code of the West, and served as President of the NM Association of Counties. He was Assistant Land Commissioner under Ray Powell. He is a Doer, Not a Talker.

In the village, Mike co-founded the GVFR, was President of the GCA, is a past and present member of the Water Board, and a longtime member of the St. Joseph’s Society. [Ed. note: He was also an early supporter of *El Puente*, and suggested the sponsorship process.] He worked with the community to improve the old Galisteo Bridge and the Galisteo Community Park, to pave CR 42 and support open space at Thornton Ranch and the Cerrillos Hills State Park.

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