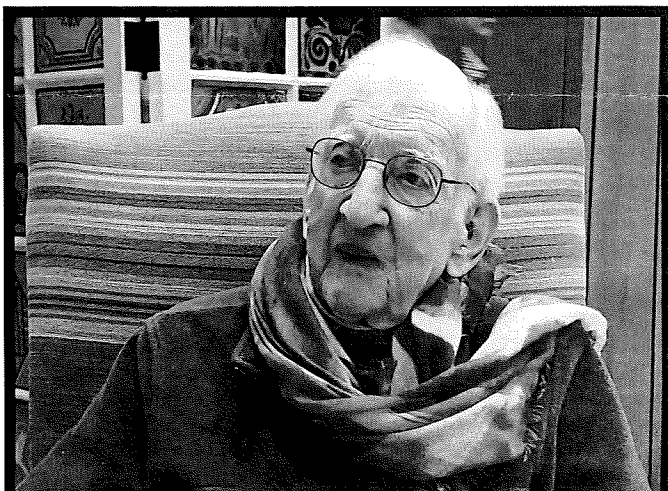


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PHILIP PERRY PFEIFFER (1931-2021)

Philip Perry Pfeiffer completed his story on July 13, 2021. Born November 1, 1931, son of Theodore (Papa) and Lily Pfeiffer, the middle child of 5, Philip leaves his wife of 65 years, Barbara; his daughter, Janet; and son, Christopher, along with many loved relatives throughout the country.

Philip, whose birthplace was Buffalo Township, Wisconsin, traveled both nationally and internationally throughout his life. His father, a Chaplain in the United States Army, had postings in Germany, France, and Panama, and extensive stateside travel as well. Philip attended seventeen schools before graduating from Laurel High School in Maryland as valedictorian. He found his calling with the Defense Language Institute in Monterey, California where he studied Russian. He continued developing his skills in Russian at UCLA, and upon graduation was recruited by the National Security Agency, retiring after thirty- five years of service. Although there were many tours of duty, Phil always considered Horseshoe Lake near Eveleth, Minnesota his ancestral home and returned there whenever he could. Phil, Barbara, and Janet moved to Galisteo in 2005..

Phil could get along with almost everyone, and is sorely missed. His ashes will be retained partially at the National Cemetery in Santa Fe, New Mexico, and the remainder scattered at Horseshoe Lake. Contributions may be made to National Public Radio or the Public Broadcasting Service.

Galisteo, New Mexico: Balancing Community, Traditions, and Growth, a new documentary film produced by La Sala de Galisteo Arts Center and created by Angie Beauchamp's UNM film students, featuring interviews with Galisteo residents Anna Cárdenas, Harmony Hammond, Lucy Lippard, John Masee, and Jean Anaya Moya (plus Mara Saxer of the Historic Santa Fe Foundation). <https://vimeo.com/593830563> Enjoy!

COMING UP (or not, depending on Covid guidelines)

Saturday, September 25th Galisteo Chile & Margarita Fiesta: POSTPONED.

Saturday-Sunday, Oct. 16-17th: Galisteo Studio Tour. Preview Party **cancelled**; preview gallery **open** both days, 10-5 at the Community Center. No food inside; food trucks outdoors. See GalisteoStudioTour.org. for further information.

Saturday Oct. 30th: Galisteo Volunteer Fire and Rescue Community Breakfast and Annual Open house. (Details in Oct. issue.)

CORRECTION: Stella Maestas writes to note that Joseph Sandoval worked at the Sam (not Bill) King Ranch.

LAST CALL: Entries and changes for 2022 GVFR Phone Directory to Ed Epping/Peggy Diggs/or Lucy Lippard.

WRAPPED UP: The GVFR Emergency Pre-plan Project is complete, minus only 45 non-respondents.

GCA ISSUES: WIPP TOWN HALL, SADDLEBACK RANCH, QUITCLAIM PROJECT, PIPELINE

from Roger Taylor

Highly radioactive plutonium will be transported to WIPP along US 285, very close to Galisteo as the crow flies. These trucks (one with a turquoise cab; another with tall grey tanks) will carry the waste past our home. A high-level official from the Energy Dept., speaking on condition of anonymity: "If you are in one of the communities along the route, you have something to worry about."

A special meeting was held August 4th at the Hondo Fire Station, at Old Las Vegas Highway and 285, sponsored by County Commissioners Hank Hughes and Anna Hamilton (*Cont. p.2*)

and 285ALLIANCE (Co-Chairs Roger Taylor & Cindy Weehler). County Fire Chief Martin Vigil gave an overview of the current emergency response practices for nuclear waste shipments to the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP). 285ALL then presented on what is changing for nuclear waste shipments to WIPP, and how its expansion and the addition of plutonium waste affect emergency preparedness. There were at least 64 attendees and special appearances by Senator Peter Wirth, Representative Matthew McQueen, Eric Castillo from Senator Heinrich's office, a representative from Congresswoman Teresa Leger Fernandez's office, the County Manager, and a contingent from the GVFR, among others. The meeting was covered in the *New Mexican*, *Santa Fe Reporter* and *Albuquerque Journal*.

285ALL has been holding follow-up action planning meetings, organizing letters to the editor to encourage voters to contact the Governor's office, and plans a press conference at the Eldorado Farmers Market on Friday 9/17.

[On August 22, the *New Mexican* published a letter from John Watson-Jones titled "Stop Nuclear Waste Site Expansion Before It's Too Late," warning that WIPP has surpassed its authorized capacity and plans to build a new shaft that will more than double its capacity: "If the powder form of plutonium being carried by tractor-trailers on N.M. 599, Interstate 25, and U.S. 285 is accidentally released into the air, even minuscule doses are 100 percent carcinogenic, especially to children, and cleanup is virtually impossible. And it is our local jurisdictions that respond first to highway accidents. To better understand the danger, see stopforeverwipp.org. Fortunately there is something citizens can do try to stop this dangerous expansion. Contact Gov. Michelle Lujan Grisham, who has to approve such a change. Tell her to tell the Energy Department to stop digging a fifth shaft at WIPP at: governor.state.nm.us/contact-the-governor."] *

The Modern Elder Academy on Saddleback Ranch is working on designs to turn the existing four buildings into an Academy/Retreat Center similar to the MEA Academy in Baja, with seminars and classes on area sustainable practices and new career focuses. This is permitted by the County Code. The existing main home and guest house will be used as central community kitchens and meeting centers with bedrooms and baths to be added, along with a new building of bedrooms and baths for a total of forty. The target is to be operational in 2023 with weekly or longer seminar retreats for up to 40 attendees at a time. The GCA Board has developed a good working relationship with MEA, focusing on water conservation planning to ensure minimized water consumption and to protect the quality of life of Galisteo.

The Galisteo Quitclaim Project was sparked in 2008-09 by two individuals initiating a lawsuit against homeowners along the Galisteo bosque in order to claim five tracts of untitled land (a total of c. seven acres). The GCA and a number of landowners being sued contributed funds to pay for an attorney to defend against the lawsuit, which the judge finally dismissed as without merit... but only because these two individuals had used improper proceedings in their effort to obtain title. Until recently the parcels remained untitled and open to claim.

In 2019, in an effort to eliminate any future claims and lawsuits, the Galisteo Community Association, through its

attorney, began working with the Singleton family (owners of the original land grant) to amend the century-old 250-acre "exception" by identifying the five untitled parcels and releasing any claims to title. This saved a minimum of \$25-30K in surveying costs. This document was filed with the Santa Fe County Clerk, which gave the GCA what is called "color of title," basically recognizing that the GCA had ownership claim to the parcels. The next step was to obtain quitclaims of non-interest from eighteen potential Singleton heirs and thirty adjacent landowners, in order to close out any future claims and potential lawsuits. These Quitclaims, which also include a conservation restriction so the parcels remain open space in perpetuity, have been completed, notarized, and recorded with the County Clerk.

Several months ago the City of Santa Fe and Santa Fe County **proposed to build a 20+ mile pipeline to divert additional San Juan-Chama water** for use by City and County to meet future projected shortfalls. However, a number of water and environmental groups have raised concerns about potential water reductions for downstream users along the lower Santa Fe River. They have formed an official coalition and begun discussions with the County and City to establish a stakeholder process for community input and involvement, as well as a mitigation plan to be included with the OSE (Office of the State Engineer) application. Coalition members include NM Wild, NM Environmental Law Center, NM Acequia Commission, WildEarth Guardians, Santa Fe River Traditional Communities Collaborative, La Cienega Valley Association, Agua Fria Village Assoc, and Santa Fe Basin Water Association (Roger Taylor has been president for 6 years).

PEDACITOS/BITS AND PIECES

Looking for a haunted house? Sotheby's is advertising Jeffrey Epstein's **Zorro Ranch** for a mere \$27,500,000. The main residence (still the biggest house in NM?) is 30,000 sq.ft, including a large indoor pool, a gym, library, and "exceptional kitchen." Also on the property are an airstrip, hanger, helipad, stables, greenhouse, and the original ranch "village."

Patrick McFarlin, lost & found: works 1972-2021, exhibition at pie projects, 924B Shoofly, Santa Fe, 9/17-10/2; reception Sat. 9/18, 3-5; artist talk 5-6. Patrick writes: "My work is narrative. There are portraits, landscapes, gestural figures and botanicals – all, for me, are armatures to hang paint on."

A detail of **Jean Moya's retablo** appeared on the cover of the Traditional Spanish Market supplement in the *New Mexican*.

Our zip code of 87540 is now at **43 Covid cases**, up from 35 a month ago.

The NM Council of Car Clubs hosted a "car cruise" with lots of beautiful cars on August 7th, stopping at El Tanque Viejo in Galisteo.

On September 11th, Garcia Street books celebrated **John Miller's Sam Shepard New Mexico**, a 2000-copy hand-numbered collection of Sam's journals and stories about our favorite state, including vintage unseen New Mexico photos by artist Ed Ruscha.

The GCA Board notified SF County Public Works of **damage to the walkway bumper strip on the wooden bridge**. The water fountain in Watts Park is repaired and operational.

RADIO FREE GALISTEO

John Shannon

Some of you already know about the community radio station that I have started with a few intrepid souls in the village. Radio Free Galisteo is strictly an online station, meaning you can get it through your computer or Ipad or smartphone or Alexa device. We are not a terrestrial station so you can't tune in on your radio.

The goal of Radio Free Galisteo is to be a community resource for music, news, general information, arts, politics, and entertainment. Galisteo has a lot of these things on its own! I started this effort as a simple podcast; interviewing many of our residents as well as people from around the rest of the US and the world. I will post links of some podcasts including the ones with locals Judy Tuwaletsiwa and Lucy Lippard. The station currently has national, international, and local news at the top of every hour from 8 AM to 7 PM. We are looking for other residents interested in collaborating on content. If you have an idea you would like to hear or create and broadcast yourself, or a news tip, please contact me at info@radiofreegalisteo.com or call me at 607-481-1869 or 505-303-0363.

GONE BIRD

Jan Saunders

On a spectacular morning in mid-August, 2021, after the rains have come to tamp down the heat, I'm indulging in my favorite summer pastime -- sitting under the portal with an open book in my lap while lizards do push-ups on the garden wall and Grappa snoozes beneath the geranium. A handful of Black-chinned Hummingbirds and a couple of male Lesser Goldfinches brighten my day and lull me into a dreamy state until I'm jarred awake by my own questions: Only two goldfinches? Only a handful of hummers? No bees thrumming in the Russian Sage? Is this the sound of a Silent Summer? What's the deal? Sad to say, the deal is that bird and insect populations are declining and we must face the music. Think Beethoven's Fifth!

In the last fifty years (remember 1970?), the United States and Canada lost THREE BILLION birds. I don't know about you, but that's within my own lifetime and it scares the heck out of me! After birding the Galisteo Bosque with Catherine Ferguson for twenty plus years, we don't need to read statistics or look at bar graphs to know bird numbers are down. I'm telling you, folks, it's quiet down there, and we know what we no longer see: not as many Downy or Hairy Woodpeckers, Ash-throated Flycatchers, and Black Phoebes. Gone are the noisy Barn Swallows that nested at the Church and El Tanque Viejo. Gone are the dozens of Common Nighthawks that plied the Basin skies for insects. And I really miss the antics of large coveys of Scaled Quail that made us laugh back in the '90s.

When I read the *Guardian* article, "The Insect Apocalypse," it dawned on me why I spent \$32 on worms (no luck digging my own) just so my exhausted, starving bluebird and phoebe parents could raise their chicks. You might ask, so what if populations of stinging-flying-creepy-crawly-ugly-bugs decreased by 75% in the last 50 years? Who cares? Actually, YOU care because insects feed birds and fish, make honey, pollinate our crops, keep the soil healthy, and recycle dog poop. Insects are key to all terrestrial and aquatic food chains, and we are losing them "bug by bug and bee by bee," just like "popping out rivets on the wing of an airplane." E.O. Wilson, Harvard biologist and my

hero, warns "If all the insects were to die, humans would suffer a long and painful death."

I think we all know what we need to do, and teaching our children to value the natural world is a good place to start.

WATER BOARDS UPDATE

For the first time in 122 years of record-keeping, drought covers almost the entire Western U.S. as measured by the Palmer Drought Severity Index. The Board of Directors for the Galisteo Mutual Domestic Water Consumers Association (MDWCA) is responsible for safeguarding the village's water supply. Considering the existing drought, and an unknown future, the **Board hereby imposes a Moratorium on future water hookups** until October 1, 2022. Four pending hookups were approved in 2020 and they will be completed by the end of October 2021.

In October 2022, the Board will meet and review the well height records for the Village's two wells and determine whether to extend or end the Moratorium. If it is ended, the Board will consider permitting additional pending hookups, with property owners Jeremy Barnes and Travis Durham first in line. Others may apply anytime in writing. They will be placed on a waiting list in the order their request is postmarked.

The Ranchitos de Galisteo Water Users Association announces the following changes in the Board, according to the bylaws and effective immediately: Roger Taylor, Acting President (prior VP); Joe Cappello, Acting VP (appointed); Estelle Berger, Secretary/Treasurer (current). In January 2022, at our annual meeting, we will have elections to the Board.

We wish to acknowledge and thank Muriel Fariello for all her care, dedication and strong management of the water system over many years, and to Barbara Seiler for her dedication, fiscal care and record keeping. We will miss them and wish them all the best with their new adventures in NYC.

SONG DOG AND THE PAINTER (PART I)

from Priscilla Hoback's as yet unpublished *Galisteo Tales*

I watch my new tenant hurry toward me. He waves his hands and calls out. "I just saw a large wolf trotting through the arena." Quickly I look across into the barn. Several of the horses are watching me with their ears pricked and their eyes shining. They are hoping I will walk down and bring them apples. Maybe scratch their ears and tell them a story. They have no thoughts of predators. "Steve, I do not think you saw a wolf. Are you sure? Describe him to me." "He had very long legs and big feet. He was black and brown and had a very large black muzzle. When he saw me he turned around and slipped under the fence like a shadow." "You probably saw a large dog, maybe one of our neighbors has a new wolf dog. The horses are not upset and the chicken coop has not been decimated." "No No No, this animal was awesome, no dog can slither and fade away under the fence like that."

I am beginning to understand what Steve was saying. No wonder he was excited, this first encounter always produces awe. "Steve, you have just met Coyote, the master shape shifter. He plays fast and loose with the truth. He has shifted his lithe body into that of a wolf complete with yellow eyes and long fangs." Steve saw Coyote as a wolf, from another dimension. The way he moved gave him away. Only Coyote can shift and pour himself into a dark blue shape and disappear into a shadow. (Cont. p.4)

He is under the illusion that if he is not king yet, with a little work he soon will be. What trick is he planning this time?

Does Coyote think that if his handsome shape was presented carefully it might improve his somewhat unrespected image? Could he think he needs a painter to help with this new image? Steve would never paint a cliché; he is only interested in serious painting. Does Coyote really want to be the subject in Steve's latest painting? Today's wet paint on the canvas shows his naked girlfriend as she frolics with a small dog who nips playfully at her pale flesh. Painters can be wily as coyotes and they are known to do tricky things. Some artists have depicted coyotes as scavengers with thin scraggy coats. That is not the image Coyote wants. He must improve his image from howling at the moon in every Santa Fe tourist shop to something much more intriguing.

Coyote knows there are many fine old stories scattered around the desert. They are lost and no longer told. He will just dig one up, dust it off and put it to good use. He chooses the story that tells how Coyote fared when the Great Spirit gathered all the animals before him. They were to be named, assigned territory and given tasks. Coyote got a pretty good name, Song Dog, and a home in the wonderful high desert. But his task was a bit confusing.

First Great Spirit identified Song Dog as one of his special animals; he called him "one of the great tricksters." Then he gave Coyote the unusual task of "belonging to the desert." Coyote thought this meant that "the desert belonged to him," a misunderstanding that was to lead to much adventure and some confusion. He claimed his task as he saw it and set about taking control of the desert to suit himself. As he "belonged to the desert," all changes he made were integrated into his nature. *(To be continued in the October issue.)*

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Ed note: Due to the overload of summer info, more that didn't fit will be in the October issue