Community Reacts to AG’s Ruling

By Marion Vendituoli

The Attorney General’s ruling, issued on January 17, that the town of Patagonia was within its legal rights to restrict heavy truck traffic on Harshaw Road caught several people by surprise and was met by mixed reactions, depending, unsurprisingly, on whether people were for or against AMI Mining plans to develop a large mine in the Patagonia mountains.

The ordinance, which was approved in November by a vote of 4 – 1, Mayor Ike Isakson casting the sole dissenting vote, limits the number of trips heavy trucks can make over the approximately 1 ½ mile stretch of road between Hwy 82 and the town limits on Harshaw Road.

On December 18, State Representative Vince Leach, who represents parts of Pima and Pinal counties, requested that the Attorney General investigate whether the town had acted illegally by adopting this ordinance. Any state legislator has the legal right to intervene outside their district if he or she believes that state law is being violated under Arizona state law SB1487.

Local State representative Rosana Gabaldon (LD 2) opposed the bill, saying “SB1487 was a bill that allowed any member of the Legislature to file a complaint if they believe a City/Town ordinance is out of step with State law. I believe this “anti-city” law impacts our cities and towns negatively. I don’t want to see cookie cutter communities where there is nothing that makes our cities and towns unique or special.” State senator Andrea Dalessandro also opposed SB1487. In 2016, she did not vote for SB1487, she said. “I am pleased the Arizona Attorney General ruled in favor of the Town of Patagonia because I support local control. The Attorney General has a host of issues that need his attention including senior scams and consumer fraud to investigate.”

Santa Cruz County Supervisor Bruce Bracker, whose district includes Patagonia, Sonoita and Elgin expected that the Attorney General would rule against the town. “I was surprised based on the tone of the state administration. Mining is a priority for the governor,” he said, “but in hindsight I was aware that cities can restrict truck traffic in downtown areas.” Although Bracker is concerned about possible negative environmental impacts by AMI, he feels that there are benefits to having the mine developed. “As far as the mine investing $500 million in Santa Cruz County, that number alone is going to have a positive economic impact,” he said.

“Patagonia Area Resource Alliance is delighted that the rule of law prevailed in this matter. The Town of Patagonia Area Resource Alliance is delighted that the rule of law prevailed in this matter. The Town of Patagonia was within its legal rights to restrict heavy truck traffic on Harshaw Road.”

Arts Center Event Raises Funds for Kids’ Programs

A sold out crowd sipped martinis, ate Moroccan food, and watched the classic film “Casablanca” at the Tin Shed’s version of Rick’s Cafe.

Around 60 people, dressed to the nines in black and white, were in attendance for the Patagonia Creative Arts Center Casablanca fundraiser. The usual suspects from the Art Center were there, headed up by Director Cassina Farley. Sol Lieberman and Allegra Mount created a set that evoked Rick’s Cafe in 1942 Morocco, complete with a 1930’s airplane, supplied by Bob Ollerton, in the entryway to the theater.

Attendees were treated to a Moroccan feast created by Geoffrey Cobb of the Oak Bar Ranch and gin and vodka martinis crafted by bartender and artist Tamara Quiroga, dressed in a white tuxedo jacket and bow tie, a la Rick’s Cafe American. The night was topped off with a digitized showing of the film “Casablanca.” Approximately $2500 was raised that will be used for kids’ programs and art education.

Youth Center Gets a New Home

County Considering Closing Courthouse

New Crafting Store Opens In Sonoita
EDITORIAL
A Call for Civil Discourse
By Bob Brandt

elsewhere in this publication my colleague and friend, Martin Levowitz, leaves no doubt about his views of Donald Trump. I write not in opposition to Levowitz’ basic premise, for I share his disdain for how our president has comported himself and his concern that the president’s heart’s desire may be dictatorship. Rather, my purpose in writing is to seize this opportunity to take issue with the tone of discourse among both those who practice politics and those who comment on it, in this case, Mr. Levowitz.

I will own outright my liberal political leanings and sympathies for so many of the views Levowitz has espoused in his columns. What disturbs me, and prompts this response, is that vitriol does nothing to bridge the divide between the ideological extremes; in fact, it only widens the gap. It seems to me that Levowitz surrenders a measure of credibility when he resorts to the same name-calling tactics as his target. Martin and Donald are not on the same playing field, but isn’t Martin playing the minor league version of the same game Donald plays with Kim Jong-un in the big leagues?

As I write this in the early hours of the government shutdown, I am bombarded by endless replays of utterances by political leaders, each heaping scorn on the “other” party for causing the government to grind to a halt. In my view, this impasse and its resultant discourse are exhibited in a demonstration of where vitriol leads. Indeed, that a shutdown was ever contemplated at all is evidence that the ugly and poisonous partisan atmosphere that prevails now in our nation’s capital cries out for us, the people, to take bold action to bring about the change we so desperately need.

Donald Trump was right: we need to drain the swamp. We need to start by engaging in respectful dialogue at the interpersonal level with those who hold ideas at odds with our own in a genuine search for common ground. Then we need to encourage and support candidates for public office who pledge to do likewise. If we cannot do that, we will continue to elect, and then re-elect, officials who put party above the common good and power above principle. Of course, finding common ground assumes there is common ground to be had. As a former conservative Republican, I believe not only that there is common ground to be reached but that, in fact, in most cases that common ground will better serve the common good than if either party were able to implement its platform without regard to the concerns on which opposing adherents base their positions. Outright control of all branches of government by a single party, whether liberal or conservative, is a frightful specter, as Levowitz has now privileged to witness. With apologies to Sen. Barry Goldwater (for whom I voted in ’64), my antitode to extremism (look it up, youngins), which is dictatorship’s lubricant, is an informed electorate capable of, and insistent upon, open and respectful dialogue in the formulation of public policy.

As a fellow writer for this publication and a member of its governing board, I am keenly aware that Levowitz has his critics, some of whom I suspect don’t read his column either because of his beliefs or his rhetoric. I, for one, hope he continues to write, although I think his adoption of a more civil tone at times would not only increase his readership but, more importantly, encourage reasoned responses that would elevate the richness of the dialogue that is so vital to a successful democracy. I also fervently hope that someone in this community will step forward to provide a more conservative point of view as a regular feature of the PRT, something the PRT board and editor have been seeking for some time.
Donor Enables Youth Center to Purchase Building

By Lynn Davison

The Patagonia Youth Enrichment Center (PYEC) is the proud owner of the property at 115 South Third Avenue, directly east of the Fire Station. All the pieces came together in the past two months. David and Karina Budd, the former owners of the property, agreed to sell it to PYEC and John Kendall, a generous patron of several nonprofits in Patagonia, who donated the funds to PYEC to cover the purchase price. The Board of PYEC successfully raised additional funds from the local community to cover deferred maintenance as well as several upgrades in the house. The Town Council, at its January 10 meeting, approved the use permit to allow PYEC to operate on the site. The sale closed on January 31, 2018.

John Kendall is the grandson of John Cady, an early business leader in Patagonia. Kendall has also made significant gifts to the Patagonia Opera House, the Youth Center at its present location, reported no problems related to kids in the neighborhood or at the Center itself. “They are great neighbors,” she said. Anna Coleman, PYEC Director presented the PYEC Plan and confirmed that the Center is open 4-8 p.m., Mon-Sat, it is never open without a supervising adult, and there have been zero noise or loitering complaints made in its four years of operation. Bob Brandt commented that the Youth Center represents one place where all segments of the community are united to support Patagonia’s youth.

Don Wenig suggested that the Council honor John Kendall for his many contributions to the Town of Patagonia and its residents. The Planning and Zoning Committee recommended approval of the PYEC use permit and the Town Council passed it unanimously. The crowd roared!

PYEC has been looking for a larger space to operate its programs for more than a year. Their new home is much bigger, approximately 2100 sq. ft., and will allow space for a quiet room for homework, a separate place for high schoolers, a project room, a game room, a large common space, three bathrooms, and a commercial kitchen to allow both cooking and teaching of culinary arts. “It’s a dream come true for the kids and for Steve and me,” Coleman said. “When we started four years ago, I believed in giving our youth hope and opportunities for their future, tools to become responsible leaders, and space to learn together. The new center will make it possible to do so much more. I am humbled and blessed to share my afternoons and evenings with these young people.”

Next steps are to complete necessary repairs and maintenance, install a commercial kitchen, and paint. Board Chair Judy Clegg said the PYEC 2018 budget includes funding for the necessary property improvements as well as a salary for the Director. Fundraising continues and is bolstered by PYEC’s recent designation as a state tax credit eligible organization. The Youth Center is expected to move to its new home April 1.

DM Excavating Company Changes Hands

By Marion Vendituoli

Brent Bowdon has sold his Patagonia based business, DM Excavating, to Rumco, a heavy construction company based in Phoenix. Bowdon, whose company has been contracted with AMI, said “It was the greatest opportunity for my employees, and it guarantees their future employment. Rumco has some good environmental contracts with AMI, which guarantee about 2 ½ years of employment.” DM Excavating had 29 employees, who were allowed to transfer their seniority to the new company. “That is huge,” Bowdon said. “I made sure my employees had an excellent package.”

Bowdon is still active in his other businesses, including the RV park and doing smaller dirt work projects. He is also available for up to a year as a consultant for Rumco. As for his future plans, Bowdon is looking forward to devoting more time to the Patagonia Fire Department, “Which I dearly love,” he said.

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A Growing Passion For Plants
By Marion Vendituoli

Dirty Girl Farmette "was a passion that organically evolved," Summer Lewton said, describing her wholesale produce operation in Patagonia that has recently opened a retail farm stand at 283 W. North Ave. "We began the farm stand to feed the local community last fall," she said.

Dirty Girl Farmette has been in business since 2013, growing produce on 2 ½ acres of land leased from the Patagonia Montessori School. Lewton provides her certified naturally grown vegetables to upscale restaurants and markets in Tucson, including Feast, Miraval, Agustin Kitchen, Five Points, Time Market and the 4th Ave Co-op, and locally at Red Mountain Foods and the Nogales Mercado.

She chose to become certified as 'naturally grown' rather than organic. "There isn't the bureaucracy and red tape involved," she said, "so the vegetables are more affordable than organic."

Lewton puts in long days. She personally delivers her produce twice a week to Tucson. "One of my favorite things, when I deliver, I go in the back door into the kitchen or the packing room, and my customers are excited to see my vegetables. It keeps me excited to see what they are doing with the produce," she said.

She has one part-time person to help with harvesting and packing, and her four children help during the summer. Her husband, Sasha Lewton, who works Sundays in the field, has installed the extensive drip irrigation system and does the tractor work. "He has a lot of growing knowledge," she said about her husband, who grew up on an organic farm. "The first vehicle he drove was a John Deere tractor when he was eight." Her daughter Hannah Woodard runs the farm stand, which is open Saturday mornings at their house.

Lewton estimates that she works ten hours a day in the field during the summer and six to eight hours a day in the winter season. Her winter crops are lettuce, kale, chards, arugula and mixed greens. She has 50,000 lettuce plants growing at this time.

Next summer, in addition to more traditional veggies, she is going to experiment with wild jungle peanuts, which will not only produce a crop of peanuts, but will act as a cover crop, capturing nitrogen and adding it to the soil.

She keeps thirty chickens and would like to start raising ducks, turkeys, meat chickens and pigs, as well. She also plans to expand the number of fruit trees in their yard. "I would like my property to be a food forest," she said. Plans for the future include starting a farm to table restaurant. "I love feeding people," Lewton said.

Summer Lewton harvests some of her 50,000 lettuce plants at Dirty Girl Farmette.

The Lewtons have been generous with the community. "We donate produce every Monday to the Patagonia Public Schools for their salad bar and donate to the Senior Center for their lunches. We're going to begin donating on a weekly basis to the Patagonia Youth Center, and we donate to the Montessori School," she said.

She is working to partner with the Montessori School at the farmers market at Red Mountain Foods on Thursday mornings. She will supply the produce, the kids will sell it, and the school will get a portion of the profits.

Lewton spends a lot of time studying data from previous seasons, researching and planning upcoming growing seasons. "I listen to my customers and find out what they want and then go back to my drawing board," she said. She also analyzes data to determine what to plant. "Our number one moneymakers per square foot are eggplant and okra," she said. "We lost money on onions last year, so 'bye, bye, onions.'"

"I'm crazy about soil. If you have healthy soil, you have healthy plants," she said. "I'm constantly researching and looking at my plants because they tell me what's going on in the soil." She amends her soil with chicken manure, compost, plant clippings and fish emulsion. She also releases beneficial insects to control pests.

"I truly believe that food is medicine. It's pretty awesome to be able to walk out my door and go to work and be around these plants," she said. "The plants talk. There is an energy and a vibration in them. If you are quiet enough and still enough, they talk to you. They tell you what they need."

Save The Courthouse

The Santa Cruz County Manager plans to ask the Board of Supervisors to permanently close the Sonoita Courthouse and transfer services to Nogales/Rio Rico.

This action will further diminish our community of county services, and may compromise the infrastructure supporting our Department of Corrections work crews who, at no cost to our community, have provided significant well recognized public service with positive outcomes. Two community employees and two elected officials will lose their jobs in Sonoita.

Our courthouse has served the community for over 30 years. Because there are vast differences within the communities in this county, we benefit by having a Judge who lives and works in the community he serves, providing a true connection to the people who appear before them. We are better served by having our courthouse here rather than traveling to Nogales where there is little understanding of who we are and what we need.

As urban sprawl continues to flourish, we can expect future growth in our rural communities. We will need more services as we grow. We must protect what we currently have and not allow the county to continue its plunder and pillage. This closure will not reduce the number of cases that appear before a judge.

As voters and taxpayers we must exercise our rights, demand representation, and prevent current and future degradation of our services. Many citizens have expressed concern that most of our tax dollars go only to Nogales. If the Courthouse closes, we lose even more services on the east side of this county, and we gain even more inconvenience by having to travel to Nogales.

If you want to keep the courthouse, call or email the Supervisors. Also, please attend the supervisor meeting and voice your opinion. Supervisors meet on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month at 9:30 am at the Santa Cruz County Complex, 2150 N. Congress Drive, Nogales, AZ.

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Kathleen (Kat) Crockett
Elgin, AZ
Sonoita Neighbors Upset by Deer Hunters
By Marion Vendituoli

Two Representatives from AZ Game and Fish met with more than 50 residents Saturday, January 20, at the Sonoita Fairgrounds after complaints were raised about hunters seen taking a deer in the Sonoita Hills area. “We’re not here to listen to a bunch of complaints,” Brad Fulk, Wildlife Manager Supervisor for Sector 8, said. “We’re here to provide information on road hunting and trespassing.”

The incident which sparked this discussion occurred on January 14. Four hunters in a truck were seen driving through the subdivision, stopping in front of the home of Darcy Mentone and Mike Gilbert. When asked to leave, the hunters allegedly replied that it was legal for them to hunt on private property, and then drove off through the neighborhood. Neighbors called the sheriff’s department, and a deputy arrived just as the hunters dragged a deer out to their vehicle, Mentone said.

According to Mentone, the officer said he was unfamiliar with hunting laws, checked the hunters’ licenses, and did not examine the deer to see if it had been shot with an arrow, which would have been legal, or with a firearm, which would not have been legal. “The deputy told my husband he didn’t even know if it was a doe or a buck,” Mentone said.

“I have six kids,” she said. “I am concerned for the safety of my family. I wanted to press charges for misde-meanor endangerment, but the sheriff’s department said that wasn’t going to happen.”

In a small meeting held Wednesday, January 17, wildlife manager Brittany Oleson told residents that the hunters had not broken any laws.

At the second meeting held three days later at the fairgrounds, Fulk told the audience, “Just because someone makes a bad ethical decision doesn’t mean he’s broken the law,” referring to the incident in Sonoita Hills. “We’re building homes where deer have been for decades,” he said. “The culture of the state has changed, the landscape is changing, people’s opinions have changed. We’re a little behind the curve.”

When asked by an audience member why the county officers are not better informed about hunting regulations, Oleson replied “That’s not necessarily a reasonable expectation,” citing the extra, specialized training that is required of the 125 Game and Fish officers in Arizona.

Oleson discussed several of the relevant statutes, including the quarter mile rule, which only applies to the minimum distance a firearm can be discharged, outside of a municipality, during the taking of wildlife. It does not apply to archery or to target shooting, she told the audience of approximately 50 people.

She also discussed the laws against feeding wildlife, which can draw animals into residential areas. “Santa Cruz County does not have a feeding ordinance, but you could be cited for creating a criminal nuisance,” she said. “Wildlife needs to stay wild.”

Oleson then discussed the laws pertaining to hunting from a vehicle and trespassing. Hunters are permitted to enter private property unless it has been posted by the owners.

“If there are things you don’t like, Oleson told the audience,” by all means, write letters to your local legislators, write letters to Game and Fish.”

The Town Council and its Planning and Zoning Committee held a joint meeting on January 10th. The primary agenda was review and decision on two use permits. The Patagonia Youth Enrichment Center (PYEC) requested the conversion of a residence at 115 South Third Street to a clubhouse for their youth programs. The Planning and Zoning Committee recommended approval after comments and questions from the audience and Council members. The Council unanimously approved the use permit (4-0).

The second use permit request came from Mitchell Cutler to convert a garage at 321 Pennsylvania Ave to an apartment. There were a number of questions raised by the members of the Planning and Zoning Committee regarding the size of the space to be converted, the location of the building related to lot line, the number of residential units on a single lot, and the impact of being in the flood plain.

Mr. Cutler seemed surprised by these questions. He clearly had not been made fully aware of the Town regulations. His contractor, Ted Piper, was not present at the Council meeting. The Planning and Zoning Committee recommended that the decision be tabled until further discussion with Cutler and Piper.

There were three major agenda items at the Town Council meeting on January 24th. Caleb Weaver and Mary McKay requested approval for submittal of an $80,000 grant proposal from Arizona State Parks and Trails. The money would be used for improvements at Richardson Park and at Doc Mock Park.

At Richardson Park, the money would allow fencing to be placed and mulch added. At Doc Mock Park, the southernmost triangle of the Town Park, funding would pay for a ramada over the existing memorial and a sidewalk similar to what is in place in the more northern sections of the park.

Audience members asked if the improvements would impact parking for the Fall Festival or other activities.

Weaver said that the current grant is part of a larger plan for the park that created designated parking areas for at least the total number of cars that actually parked during the busiest day of the 2016 Fall Festival. The Council voted unanimously to approve submitting the grant.

Mitchell Cutler returned to the Council, with his contractor Ted Piper, to present their request for a use permit to convert a garage to an apartment. While Piper clarified the size and presented the construction plans, Council members still had questions primarily around fire safety as one side of the existing building is right at the lot line, compliance with FEMA regulations, and compliance with the Town Plan (which permits only two residenc-es per lot; this conversion would make three).

Several in the audience suggested that approving the permit might set a precedent that would allow other owners to add more than two residential units to their lots. Others were worried that a major remodel, even if on the existing footprint, would trigger FEMA requirements to elevate the building. Town manager Dave Teel agreed to research this.

Several people expressed concern that any tinkering with FEMA regulations might hurt town efforts to revise the FEMA flood plain map and efforts of the Flood and Flow Committee to get flood insurance rates lowered. The use permit request was again tabled and a site visit by the P and Z Committee will be scheduled.

Philip Brister from Senior Citizens of Patagonia requested approval from the Council to install a water softening system to prevent problems with the water heater and a bioenzyme system to address problems with the grease trap in the commercial kitchen. The Senior Center has secured grants to pay for these improvements. The Council approved the request unanimously.

The Mayor commented that he liked these requests that ask for permission, not dollars!
LIFE AMONG THE HUMANS

ANIMAL FARM

By Martin Levowitz

Our white genius in the stable - oops - I mean our stable genius in The White House - often tilts toward negativity: criticism, mockery, nasty innuendo and belittling, disrespectful nicknames like "Little Marco," "Crooked Hillary," "Sloppy Steve," "Fat Pig O'Donnell," etc. (His bottom-line message seems always to be: "I'm smarter and richer than they - and than you.") Trump's so often demeaning, in fact, that when he's positive it's really lap it up. People like praise. Law and order can't exist without strong enforcement. Some of us tend to overlook the danger and uncertainty that our police, military and first-responders routinely endure. They bravely face down danger every day, battling foreign enemies and fire, flood, and crime - real risks no normal salary can fully compensate. I think the rest of us are in their debt. Like us, of course, these folks are fallible. They chafe beneath rebuke and harsh critique. Like us, they hunger for respect and hope for gratitude. The White House is aware of that.

The lion's share of what Trump says is baldly tactical. (He's guided by some sort of creepy genius in these things.) He knows just how to stoke the passions of his coterie. That worries me. Our President could not care less about democracy. The only thing King Donald cares about is Donald Trump. What Mr. Big would like to be in His new Top Dog role, is what he's always been in private life: a self-promoting egotist with ambitions as over-the-top as his ethics are lame. Yep, that's the key to Brother Donald's game. He'd love to be an Emperor, if he could pull it off.

The President's regard for Putin isn't hard to grok, since Vladi is the outright tyrant, crook, and oligarch Trump wants to be. Young Puto took power when Russia was down in the dumps (as Hitler did in Germany soon after WWI). He promised to make Russia great again, and set to building patriotic pride with macho misbehaviors overseas (Crimea and in Syria) more than anything real he's accomplished at home.

Dictatorship requires just two things: Enforcement of harsh policies by those who carry guns - i.e., the army and police - and government suppression of a free, unbiased press. In Orwell's cartoon-study of democracy-gone-wrong, "Animal Farm," the scheming, double-talking pigs rise to a life of ease. All others work. A litter of lovable puppies is born on the farm. Then, they just disappear. When next they're seen, after about a year, they've been transformed into a pack of snarling, bare-fanged goons: enforcers for the ever-clever swine.

Let's not create conditions which could lead to some such outcome here at home. Along with what complaints they reap and must sometimes endure, be sure our cops and military get the thanks they've earned. That way they'll be less hungry for the pseudo-kudos of the stable boy.

POPPED CULTURE

By Cassina Farley

Dear Readers,

I'm always amazed when I watch Zach eat popcorn. It doesn't matter where he is; he always uses the cramp technique. He's the largest handful of popcorn eaters. The cramp, stuff, shove technique. There's no way to stop. You can do this.

Now onto the Popcorn Data and the most troubling information. The popcorn eaters must have all gone to the Zach Farley School of Popcorn Eating. Movie after movie the behavior is all the same: old, young, men, women, refined, unrefined, hipsters and folks from Sonoita The cram, stuff, shove technique. EVERY SINGLE TIME!

I know what you are thinking, "Well, I certainly don't eat my popcorn that way." Yes, you do. I saw you. You even did it during the Art Film! The question is, how do we move forward from here? Admitting there's a problem is the first step and then perhaps some behavior modification to follow. You can do this.

Sincerely,

The gal who sweeps up
WHO IS BRUCE BRACKER?

By Susan Scott

The outcome of the Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors meeting on January 3, 2018 to review the request for a liquor license for Dollar General Store in Sonoita was disappointing but not surprising. The two-one vote to approve the license (District 1 supervisor Manny Ruiz, who represents Nogales, voted no) was certainly not supported by anyone who spoke at the meeting or anyone in attendance.

But Supervisor Bruce Bracker, whose district includes Sonoita, Patagonia and Elgin, had already made up his mind before the meeting, before anyone spoke against the license and was certainly not swayed by the numerous emails and letters that were sent in opposition.

The day before, he had stated his intentions of voting for the license in an email to Sonoita resident Sally Reichert. Bracker stated in his email, “I do not feel that a decision to deny the license would be in the best interest of fostering a competitive business marketplace.” His other reason was the fact that the value of the property has increased since the store has been built. Neither of these reasons are a benefit to the Sonoita community.

Grace Wystrach, owner of the Mercantile and Steak Out Restaurant, both of which sell packaged liquor and are right across the street from Dollar General, explained the lack of competitiveness in buying and selling liquor. “We have already been told by our vendors that we will have to buy beer and wine for what Dollar General can sell it”, refuting Bracker’s argument that the granting of a liquor license to Dollar General would “foster a competitive marketplace. The buying power of a large national chain will actually inhibit the competitive marketplace.” His other reason was the fact that the small downtown businesses in Nogales, many of which have shuttered, have suffered with the introduction of the big box stores. He understood the importance of community involvement. He stated that “in good conscience I cannot vote yes for this.” The audience applauded.

Another of the arguments against approving the license that was raised by several of the speakers at the Board of Supervisors meeting is that Sonoita-Elgin already has plenty of places where one can buy alcohol. Within Sonoita proper there are ten locations that sell alcohol.

If you look at the entire Sonoita-Elgin area including wineries, breweries and distillers there are 31 locations. According to Anita Kay, the communities are “completely overserved and clearly supports why many call us Santa Booze County.”

Another main issue in opposition to the Dollar General liquor license is the fact that our small businesses support the community. Granting the license will hurt those businesses who generously give to 4-H, the County Fair and Horse Races, little league and soccer teams, etc. Dollar General is a national corporation headquartered in Tennessee. It has no interest in our community activities.

Next step is a protest to the Arizona State Liquor Board in Phoenix. Unfortunately, state regulations limit responses to those who live or own businesses within a one-mile radius of Dollar General. While this regulation is appropriate in an urban environment, it does not fit our rural community. Many more people will be affected by this decision than only those within one mile. A date for that hearing has yet to be set.

But one of the big questions from the meeting is who is Bruce Bracker? Why is he not listening to his constituency? Why is he supporting a national corporation headquartered in Tennessee over the interests of the residents and businesses in Sonoita-Elgin? One would think that having just closed his 90-year-old family business in Nogales, he would understand the lack of business competitiveness when national chains move in.

Or is it simply the fact that he likes a little additional income for the county derived from the increased property taxes? Regardless of the answer the bottom line is that Bruce Bracker is not our supervisor.

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Local business owner Grace Wystrach, asks the county supervisors not to support Dollar General’s application for a liquor license.
An Auto Shop With Twists

By Patra Kelly

There are stories that end with a twist. Twisted Addiction Auto in Sonora gives us a jolt at the beginning. How is this name connected to an auto repair shop? The three owner/operators/mechanics, George Burrescia, Ken Redding and his father, Mark Redding, have stories about creating their auto shop that have twists and turns and both entertaining and serious.

They wanted a name that people would not forget. The “addiction” is to vehicles—and working on them, repairing and rebuilding them. It is “twisted,” Burrescia says, because “it never ends.”

Looking at the many vehicles in the lot he explained that about one-third of them are currently being repaired for customers and one-third of them are their own vehicles brought from home. (Ken Redding’s wife, Michelle, also an owner of the business, wanted her garage back—for her own car.) Sometimes they buy a vehicle from Craigslist, if they see one with potential that interests them. The last one-third were brought by customers who took their advice that their cars probably were not worth repairing. Those are in the process of being removed.

Burrescia and Ken Redding got the license for their new business in December 2015. They moved into the building in February 2016, both working nights and weekends on their own cars, plus a few from locals. The business grew and Burrescia began working full time in September 2016. Mark Redding joined them in March, 2017. Ken Redding began working full time in December 2017.

Bursrescia, and Ken and Mark Redding have much in common. All three worked as mechanics at Lawley’s in Sierra Vista. Burrescia worked as a mechanic for four years and in parts for five. Ken Redding worked there for six years, and Mark Redding for three years. They all enjoy looking at an auto to see its possibilities, with the goal of customizing, and have various interests in motor sports. Ken Redding likes low riders and mini trucks and Mark Redding’s special interest is classic hot rods from the ’60s and ’70s. Burrescia prefers imports and participating in open track and drift days.

The three have very different histories. Ken Redding may be remembered by some people for the talk he gave December 6 at the Sonora Fairgrounds. Judge Keith Barth had asked Redding to speak at the appreciation luncheon for inmates and officers at the Department of Corrections. Redding received a standing ovation after speaking about his journey building a new life during and after eight years in the state prison in Tucson.

Redding acknowledged, “I was a bad dude. I was always in trouble from age 13 to 27. It’s easy to learn more bad things in prison. You can become a lot worse - or look forward to a better life.” He went into prison as a house painter and came away a mechanic by taking classes through Pima Community College.

When he got out of prison, he worked two years in Yuma with his father at a Toyota dealership. Two men there were instrumental in bringing him to Sierra Vista to work at Lawley, giving him a chance to excel by learning both technical and managerial skills. He became shop foreman at Lawley’s Nissan, Chevy and Honda departments.

Mark Redding’s first real auto experience at age 13 was ordering a 1950 Ford F100, which arrived in pieces. He spent the next two years putting it together. An accomplished mechanic of 30 years, he has lived and worked in many different places. Now he has another dream. About ten years ago he became interested in health and nutrition. He finished one third of the requirements for certification as an herbalist through a program in Utah. He hopes to complete the program, work half time as a mechanic, and offer his services as an herbalist—allowing people to pay what they can afford. Mark believes “the body can heal itself if we give it what it needs.”

Burrescia says his story is the simplest. He grew up working on cars from the age of ten with his father, who had multiple vehicles. He always knew what he wanted to do—and went to Cochise College in Sierra Vista for automotive hands-on training before starting at the original Chevy shop at Lawley.

The most recent twist in this story was an accidental fire which damaged the lifts, electrical equipment and windows, but not the structure of their garage. While their insurance covers liability for vehicles, it does not cover damage to their equipment. But they are determined to overcome this setback. Anyone wishing to donate toward their recovery can go to this website: https://www.gofundme.com/twisted-addiction-fire-help

Local Activists Join March To the Wall in Nogales

By Lynn Davison

Over 120 women, men, and children marched to the wall in Nogales Saturday, January 20, on the first anniversary of the 2017 worldwide Womens March. The group included mothers and fathers with their sons and daughters, local teens, and plenty of gray hairs. Marchers came from throughout southern Arizona, including Nogales, Patagonia, Sonora, Tubac, and Sierra Vista. Like other marches across the country, the signs created by marchers highlighted the issues. Here in Nogales those signs focused on opposition to the Wall, support for DACA, support for immigrant rights, opposition to President Trump and his policies, and support for the #MeToo movement. Symbolically the march ended at the Wall between Nogales Sonora and Nogales Arizona. Where better to make a statement about these issues?
County Considering Closing Courthouse

By Marion Vendituoli

The county is looking to close the Sonoita Court, according to Jennifer St. John, the Santa Cruz County Manager. If the County Board of Supervisors does vote to suspend operations in Sonoita, all cases currently heard in Sonoita will transferred to Nogales. Justice Precinct 2 (JP2) Judge Keith Barth who presides over the court in Sonoita opposes the closing of the Sonoita Court. "The state of Arizona recognizes the vast differences from community to community," he said. "Therefore, they created community Justice Courts where the presiding Judge must live. Judges who live and work in the area in which they serve have a true sense of the people who appear in front of them. The Judges know the people, their situations, the best way to help them and serve appropriate justice. If the Sonoita Court closes, all cases will go in front of Nogales judges who know nothing about the citizens of Sonoita, Elgin and Patagonia."

The county manager, however, feels that the saving of approximately $200,000 per year, most of which represents the salaries and employee related expenditures for Judge Barth, Constable Art Hinker and two full time court employees, could be better used to help balance the county's budget. "Due to a decline in revenue since 2007, the budget is not structurally balanced. I took a good look at all our non-mandated departments," she said. Closing the Sonoita court would, in her opinion, "provide minimal or no impact on Santa Cruz County residents that use JP2."

There is some concern that this move would also cause the Sonoita Library and the sheriff's substation to close, which St. John disputes. "I'm not sure that the building would be shut down," she said. If it does, the county would explore alternate sites in Sonoita for both the library and the sheriff's substation, according to St. John.

Judge Barth, who was instrumental in implementing the Department of Corrections work program that has inmates maintaining the Sonoita Fairgrounds, the Elgin Club, the county complex and other locations in Sonoita and Patagonia, worries that the program would be terminated if his position were eliminated. St. John did not feel that the program would be threatened. "There would be no reason for them not to continue that relationship," she said.

The Sonoita Courthouse has been serving Sonoita, Elgin and Patagonia for over 30 years. "Never has the Sonoita Courthouse been required to turn a profit, nor has it," Barth said. "Courts are not meant to generate revenue. Requiring a profit from a court creates a potential to unfair increase in citations, fines, penalties and bias by the court. Nothing good can come from requiring courts to turn a profit."

"Currently many county departments' budgets are being increased. New positions are being created and approved. Department requests for additional employees are being approved by the county manager and the Board of Supervisors. The Sonoita Court's budget has been approved by the Board of Supervisors and the Sonoita Court has stayed within the budget," he added.

Barth argues that the county will have to hire an additional judge and personnel to handle the increased workload caused by closing the Sonoita court. "Employees lose their jobs here, people in Nogales are hired to fill those positions there," he said. St. John refutes that, saying "That's not my understanding." The Sonoita Court hears an average of 20 cases per week, while the Nogales court (JP1) hears 193 per week. She feels that the Nogales Court can accommodate the extra cases, and, if not, a judge might be hired on a contract basis to hear cases once a week.

Barth asks that Santa Cruz County citizens opposed to the closing of the Sonoita Justice Court contact the three County Supervisors. "All three must be informed how important this issue is to members of the Sonoita, Elgin and Patagonia communities. He also urged people to voice their opposition at the County Board of Supervisors meetings, held at 9:30 a.m. on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month at the Santa Cruz County Complex.

A Rose By Any Other Name

By Jon Larsen

When I call you “Bill” when I see you and your name is really “Bob,” cut me some slack as I will you when you call me “Tom.”
Glimpses Into Our Past

By Alison Bunting

By 1918 the U.S. was fully involved in World War I and anti-German sentiment ran high. Early that year the Alien Enemy Act was codified by Congress, authorizing the President to “apprehend, restrain, secure, and remove as alien enemies all natives, citizens, denizens, or subjects of the hostile nation or government, being of the age of fourteen years and upward, who shall be within the United States and not actually naturalized.” The full text of most of the articles quoted below can be found in the Library of Congress database, Chronicling America. Images of the Santa Cruz Patagonian are available on The Patagonia Museum website: www.thepatagonianmuseum.org. The Alien Registration Affidavits can be viewed at: https://catalog.archives.gov/id/294758

Local newspapers included articles on President Woodrow Wilson’s orders for “The registration of all German aliens … throughout the entire United States beginning on February 4, and continuing to the evening of February 9. All males 14 years old or over of German descent and not actually naturalized as an American citizen were required to register.” The articles also cautioned that “registrants are not to be treated as persons of evil disposition, and the registration officers are urged to deal with them in a courteous and friendly manner” (The Border Vidette, 2/2/1918). Misunderstandings of the registration regulations resulted in delays. In Bisbee “German American men to enlist. Alfred Kass filed his registration affidavits which provide a glimpse into a few locals, including Leonides Faerber, a 50-year-old widow living at 305 Cavalry Hill in Nogales. Her late husband Pedro Faerber was born in Germany. Leonides’ 20-year-old daughter Mathilde also registered. Alfred Henry Kass, age 20, was living on James L. Finley’s ranch in Canille [Canelo]. Born in Hamburg, Germany, Alfred listed two half-brothers who were fighting in the German army. Enriqueta Moritz, age 36, living at 112 Dunbar St., Nogales, whose father Enrique was born in Hamburg, Germany also registered. The anti-German sentiment prompted many German American men to enlist. Alfred Kass filed his naturalization papers on 9/30/1918 and registered for the draft that same month. U.S. German-language newspapers were shut down, German-language church services discontinued, and the ham-burger was renamed the “liberty burger.” Thankfully, pinocchio was determined to have originated with Anthony and Cleopatra. “It’s all right, brother, and the boys in St. Louis, Cincinnati, Detroit, and other sporting centers can resume their evening sessions over the green tablecloths with “pinochle” as the piece de resistance without fear of being accused of a too friendly regard for the Kaiser. Pinocchio isn’t German at all!” (The Santa Cruz Patagonian, 2/15/1918).

The Border Vidette included an article about, and a membership application for, the 100 Per Cent American Club. “Continual activity of German spies operating through Nogales between the United States and Mexico has brought into existence a new patriotic society …to which all American men and women of Nogales and vicinity are eligible for membership.” The club president was Wirt G. Bowman, who had recently opened the new Bowman hotel building in Nogales. (The Border Vidette, 1/5/1918). The Club arranged a parade in Phoenix in early May to “mark the close of the Liberty Loan drive. An audience is not desired. Only marchers. You can’t be 100 per cent Americans and stand on the side lines these days. We’re in the game” (Arizona Republican, 5/21/1918). Mr. Bowman also participated in at least one law enforcement activity. “Yesterday C. S. Olver, of the Department of Justice, and Wirt G. Bowman, president of the One Hundred Per Cent American Club, went on the hunt, near the Harrison ranch, and captured a man wanted in Douglas on a federal charge. The man admitted the officers had the proper “dope” on him” (The Border Vidette, 4/6/1918).

A membership application for the 100% American Club was printed in the Border Vidette in 1918.

Citizens Organize to Take Watershed’s Vital Signs

By Sean Schrag-Toso and Bill O’Brien

“How will we measure the creek’s flow rate?” one of Patagonia’s Citizen Scientists asked Meghan Smart. “Well, you will have to get into the creek of course,” Smart replied. “You will measure the width and depth of the creek, and then calculate velocity by timing a bottle float downstream.” The response did not seem to intimidate the adventurous volunteer scientist, who starting mid-February, will be part of a team working with Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) to collect water quality and flow data within the Sonoita Creek Watershed.

Patagonia is set to become Arizona’s fourth community to take the growth of its water database into its own hands. On January 22, 2018, a group of Patagonians gathered in the Old School with two Citizen Science trainers to pick water monitoring sites, discuss reporting protocol, and familiarize themselves with equipment. ADEQ’s recently formed Citizen Science Water Monitoring Program, headed by Meghan Smart, trains citizens on how to gather, record, and report on water quality and flow. The program has empowered citizens who are concerned with water quality and flow to become Citizen Scientists. Communities can organize a volunteer group that is not afraid of getting their feet wet and diving into the endless task of water quality data collection. The Citizen Science program is a collaborative effort between motivated citizens and ADEQ that augments existing efforts to compile water quality and flow data. The volunteers will be able to collect data weekly which will create a more accurate and complete database. The data gathered by the volunteers will be vetted vigorously by ADEQ staff and auditing programs before being uploaded to ADEQ’s water database for quality assurance. Water quality in the Sonoita Creek Watershed has a history wed to geology and mining activity, a relationship that appears to be continuing into the foreseeable future. There is no pre-mine baseline of water quality in the basin, and three of Sonoita Creek’s tributaries: Harshaw Creek, 3R Canyon, and Alum Gulch are classified as “impaired” by ADEQ due to heavy metal contamination and acidity.

Since the topic of mining so often sparks heated debate and people taking sides, the current group of volunteer scientists stressed the impartiality of their efforts. Data is objective and speaks to the health of a watershed. It is not a pro-mine or anti-mine group. The Citizen Scientist group is pro-data and is interested in collaborating with all other stakeholders and citizens within the watershed that share an interest in water quality and flow data. The volunteers look to data as an unbiased way to gain insight on the evolution of the watershed’s quality and quantity and assure responsible activity within the watershed.

The town of Patagonia’s Flood and Flow Committee’s recent publication of the Sonoita Creek Watershed Management Plan lays out next steps to sustainably manage and conserve quality and quantity of water in the basin. The compilation of baseline water quality and flow data is one of the foremost recommendations, and helps advance six of the seven goals developed by the stakeholders of the Sonoita Creek Watershed: sustainable local water supply, clean water, integrated flood management, healthy ecosystem, responsible land and resource management and coordinated watershed planning. Water is blind to property boundaries and the efforts of the Citizen Scientists to monitor “the vital signs” of water will be of value for all of the stakeholders and inhabitants within the watershed.

For more information, or if you have interest in collaborating with Patagonia’s Citizen Scientists, contact Patagonia’s Flood and Flow Committee, which meets every second Thursday of the month at 10:00 AM at the Town Hall. In addition, a PDF of the above mentioned document, The Sonoita Creek Watershed Management Plan can be found on the Town of Patagonia’s website, under the Flood and Flow Committee tab.
La Niña - Embracing the “Big Dry”

OK, the rain is officially taunting us. If you haven’t yet caught wind of it, this is a La Niña (“the little girl” in Spanish) year. Unlike “normal” years of winter precipitation and abundant years proffered by El Niño, you can expect very little in the way of wetness until July...maybe. Personally, it has taken me until this very year to embrace this cycle of nature, including all its potentially challenging consequences for Arizona and our unique Sky Islands.

La Niña is a cooling of the surface waters in the eastern central Pacific Ocean that generally spawns less precipitation in the southern North America and more in our northern states and Canada. El Niño, a warming of Pacific waters, has the polar opposite effect, sometimes deluging southern Arizona, while plunging Seattle into a drought. Given our current dearth of rain and snow, many challenging ecological and human dramas play out during and in the aftermath of La Niña.

Lacking sufficient moisture, some perennial plants end up dying. Anything from grasses to shrubs to trees can succumb to the drought imposed by La Niña. Some will expire soon, while others try to ride out the tough times. Even the latter may partially or fully die back if the monsoons are likewise overly stingy. Already, I have noticed many of our otherwise evergreen oaks beginning to yellow and drop leaves. These drought deciduous oaks have evolved the ability to lose some or all of their leaves in response to desiccated times. No leaves, no respiration via their stomata, the pores that give off water vapor. So, get ready for a legion of dead-looking oaks.

Various animals may be stressed as well by the sere landscape. Already, it seems that small mammal, reptile, and bird populations are somewhat-to-very down in numbers. Taking the broad view, this is all part of the cycles of nature that ultimately come back to a fluid equilibrium. In the short-term, however, things can be taxing.

What then, you may ask, is so good about La Niña? Just to the southwest of us looms the hyper-diverse Sea of Cortez. Since cooling oceanic waters equate to more productivity, the Sea is a winner in this droughty winter. More nutrients mean more plankton, and hence increased numbers of many marine species from invertebrates to fish to birds. Closer to home, we are collectively likely to experience more visitors from the states frozen and/or inundated by this winter’s La Niña.

Tourism is one of the mainstays of our economy in southern Arizona, so roll out the welcome mat. One of biggest payoffs of La Niña is our picture-perfect winter weather and this year, thus far, has been the poster child for a warm getaway to beat the winter blues.

The vagaries of short-term weather changes ultimately force various species to evolve and become more resilient. While the drought indeed kills various native species, it also knocks down the populations of nonnative grasses, such as Natal grass. Many grasshopper species seem to thrive on the drought-sprinkle-drought cycle we are currently experiencing. While some of these can be minor or major garden pests, they also provide beauty, diversity, and key food components in the diets of such species as grasshopper mice, American kestrel, and loggerhead shrike. Warmer weather can also produce more winter butterflies in February, as you may witness in and near Patagonia Lake.

Most profound for me is the stark contrast that La Niña provides versus wetter, more abundant times. It is the yin to the yang of greener years. In a world already dealing with climate change La Niña might well seem like piling on the stress in Arizona. Perhaps, but hope springs eternal. Just wait...rain might be right around the corner!

Vincent Pinto and his wife, Claudia, run RAVENS - WAY WILD JOURNEYS, their Nature Adventure & Conservation organization devoted to protecting the unique biodiversity of the Sky Islands region. Visit: www.ravensnatureschool.org

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PRT Survey Results Show Strong Support, Concerns about Bias

By Kathryn Schrag

Schrag is a member of the Patagonia Regional Times Board of Directors

The Patagonia Regional Times received a grant last year from the Patagonia Regional Community Foundation to conduct a Community Survey to hear from our readers (and non-readers) what they think about our paper. We are pleased to share the results of the survey here.

20 questions were created and published in paper form in the PRT, and on line. We reached out to the community through announcements in the PRT, by sending postcard invitations to all post-box holders in Elgin, Patagonia and Sonoita, by email, and in person at the Santa Cruz County Fair, the Patagonia Fall Festival, and the Patagonia Senior Center. The survey was open for four months, closing in early December. This survey was a project of the PRT Board of Directors with the assistance of Diana Jolles PhD, a university professor and researcher.

We received 282 responses; 204 of them were entered directly on-line, and 78 were paper surveys. The respondents represent approximately 12% of the households in our community.

Listed below are the survey results:

Question 1: How often do you read the PRT? (272 responses)
- 49% every issue; 36% 7-9 issues, 10% 4 issues or less.

Question 2: How much of each issue do you read? (270 responses)
- 72% read most of the content, 6% read only a few pages.

Question 3: How many times in the last year have you looked at the PRT on-line? (267 responses)
- 59% have not looked at it on line, 15% have looked more than 5 times.

Question 4: What features of the paper do you enjoy the most? (262 responses)
- Top 4: regional news items, local history, reports on local government and public agencies, and calendar of events
- Highest numbers of negative responses: games and opinion pieces.

Question 5: What new content would you like added to the PRT? (246 responses)
- Stories about people in our community, profiles of local organizations and businesses, local science features.

Question 6: If we charged for the paper, what is the most you would pay for a single issue? (251 responses)
- 42% would pay $1; 33% would pay $2; 14% would pay less than $1, 11% would not buy the paper.

Question 7: How do you feel about the length of the PRT? (254 responses)
- 87% feel it’s just right; 9% think it is too short, and 4% feel it is too long.

Question 8: How do you feel about the current amount of advertising? (249 responses)
- 90% feel it’s just right; 8% feel there should be more, and 2% feel there should be less

Question 9: How would you feel about including “ad inserts” as a way to increase advertising revenue? (253 responses)
- 50% are OK with the idea, 35% hate the idea, and 15% have no opinion.

Question 10: Should we change the frequency of publication? (254 responses)
- 73% feel that 10 issues are a good amount, 24% want more, 2% want less.

Question 11: Would you like the option of a paid subscription with delivery to your home? (251 responses)
- 39% yes, 61% no.

Question 12: How likely is it that you would recommend the PRT to a friend or colleague? (253 responses)
- 66% are promoters, 17% are detractors, 17% are passive.

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• 78 comments were submitted. Response to the comments section was robust, with 313 individual responses. They represented widely diverse opinions and suggestions.

There were many suggestions for topics and features that the PRT, including more history of the area, interviews of local residents with longtime family histories, content about environmental issues, stories about local organizations and business, and expanded coverage of regional news items (border patrol, law enforcement, water resources, mining, jobs, local economy, public lands, and the border wall).

Respondents offered suggestions for monthly columns on topics such as astronomy, gardening, birding, wildflowers, genealogy, health, the wine industry, weather patterns, and pros/cons of local issues. Many people mentioned wanting more art and photographs, information on area resources and local things to do.

**Question 15: Would you like to be involved in the PRT?** (247 responses)
- 20% are donors/advertisers, volunteers or staff. 45% might want to be more involved in the future.

**Questions 16-20: Demographics**
- **Gender** (246 responses):
  - 68% female; 32% male

- **Age** (243 responses):
  - 60% over 65; 30% 40-65; 8% 19-39; 1% younger than 19.

- **Zip code** (244 responses):
  - 54% (131) Patagonia, 21% (51) Sonoita, 18% (43) other, and 8% (19) Elgin. Non-local zip codes (43 total): 14 Nogales, 17 other

- **Do you live in Arizona at least 8 months per year** (246 responses):
  - 91% yes, 9% no

- **What is your annual household income** (229 responses):
  - 28% $20-50K, 23% $50-100K, 15% > $100K, 7% < 20K. 27% of respondents chose “I prefer not to share this information.”

**Questions for people who do not read the PRT** (12 responses)
- **Please tell us why you do not read the PRT.**
  - I don’t like the attitude (58%). I don’t have time (25%). I have trouble finding a copy (17%).

**Profile of demographics of those who don’t read the PRT.**
- 90% female, 44% over 65, 44% live in Patagonia, 90% live in AZ at least 8 months/year, and 38% had income $50-100K.

Although most respondents answered most of the questions, the sample is a small fraction of the community and very likely over-represents those who read the PRT.

Summary: Most respondents read most issues of the PRT, and most of each issue. They like the features, frequency, length and advertising in each issue. The comments indicate strong support for the PRT, although there was a concern from the critics that the paper was biased or too liberal.

The complete results of this survey were made available to all Board of Directors and staff of the PRT, and a summary presentation was part of our January Strategic Planning meeting. It will guide us in our formal planning for the next two years.

To see the complete set of data graphs and statistics please go to the Survey link on our website [www.patagoniaregionaltimes.org](http://www.patagoniaregionaltimes.org).

A summary of strategic planning decisions will be published in the next issue of the PRT.
Suzanne Jenkins sits at one of the looms she has set up in her new store in Sonoita.

Dream Weavers, the new store on Hwy 83, next to Tia Nita’s Cantina in Sonoita, reflects owner Suzanne Jenkins’ passion for weaving, for yarns and for textiles. During a recent interview, Jenkins stood surrounded by shelves loaded with skeins of yarn, looms, textile samples, how-to books, DVDs and reference volumes, all of which she had been storing at her home in Sonoita.

Jenkins had been using the space that she is converting into a store and studio to showcase items that were enough space in a house for a weaver,” she said. The store will stock spinning, knitting, crocheting and needlepoint supplies and yarns.

She said a space for her five looms and for all the yarns she had collected over the years. “There just isn’t enough space in a house for a weaver,” she said. The store will stock spinning, knitting, crocheting and needlepoint supplies and yarns.

She will be selling a variety of yarns, including cottons, acrylics, wools, blends and fine alpaca. There are local alpaca fleeces available for those who might want to do their own spinning.

Jenkins will also be selling repurposed yarns. These are yarns she has recycled from clothing purchased at Goodwill, Salvation Army and other thrift shops. She deconstructs the clothing, unraveling the yarn, then washes it, soaking it in hair conditioner to relax the knitting twists. This repurposing, or recycling, helps to keep items out of the landfill, and she is able to sell this yarn for less than the price of new yarn.

The studio space will be available for knitters, crocheters, weavers, beaders and quilters for no charge. She also plans to schedule classes and demonstrations. Jenkins would like to run classes for children, as well, and has kits available for a variety of age groups. Eventually, she plans to have finished products for sale, possibly for next Christmas.

Jenkins retired from the U.S. Army in 2000, after a 28 year career. A Chief Warrant Officer 4, she had been deployed to Japan, Korea, Saudi Arabia, Iraq and Hawaii, serving as an army intelligence linguist, fluent in Chinese and Arabic.

She became interested in weaving for textiles. During a recent interview, Jenkins stood surrounded by shelves loaded with skeins of yarn, looms, textile samples, how-to books, DVDs and reference volumes, all of which she had been storing at her home in Sonoita.

Jenkins started out by giving talks to senior centers, Rotary and Lion’s Club meetings. What I learned is that no matter how good the advance directive instrument was, people were not filling them out. Over time I learned that people do not want to talk about this with their loved ones. Sometimes the documents confused them so they just put the instrument down and never finished. In the rare instance when they were completed, the documents were put in a safe deposit box, where they did no good.

As a board member of Family Health Care Amigos, as soon as we moved into a space which would afford the client privacy, I began offering one-on-one sessions on filing out The Five Wishes. This document was created by an attorney who worked for 12 years with Mother Teresa’s hospices in North America. I chose this format because it covers clients concerns about their emotional, psychological and spiritual needs at the end of their lives; not just medical decisions.

Appointments are available one Wednesday afternoon per month at the Patagonia Public Library by calling 520.394.2010 or every Monday morning at The Lending Shed by calling 520.256.7213. Appointments take an hour to an hour and a half and are free of charge to the client.
Women American Focuses on Library Talk

By Rita Johnson

and born for the Tódích’inii, Bitter Tséhnaháblínii, Sleepy Rock People clan, woman, Ms. Tohe traces her ancestry to hear the Navajo Nation’s second Presidential Medal of Freedom for her efforts to improve health care among indigenous women. Names and stories have not had to fight for their place in autonomous within tribal culture and language or part of tribal culture and have greatly enhanced the quality of life for Eastern Santa Cruz County. In fact, within the Laguna (Pueblo) tribe, it is believed that women thought the Universe into existence. Among the women she mentioned are: Annie Dodge Wauneka, the first Native American to receive the Presidential Medal of Freedom for her efforts to improve health care among her people. She also spoke about Diane Humetewa, the first Native American woman to ever serve as a U.S. District Court judge, Lori Arviso Alvord, the first Diné woman to be board certified as a surgeon, and Amanda Blackhorse, a social worker and member of the Navajo people who is known for her work as an activist on the Washington Redskins name controversy.


Tohe’s talk was funded by a Library Services and Technology Act Grant in partnership with the Arizona Humanities, funded by the Institute for Museum and Library Services.

Crossroads Quilters guild members display the charity quilts they will be donating to cancer patients and accident victims.

Members of the Crossroads Quilters, led by president Kathy Brown, have been busy the past few months making “Quilts for Others.” The quilts will be distributed at a cancer infusion center in Tucson, to local law enforcement officers to give to accident victims, and to local cancer patients.

The guild meets twice a month, on the 2nd and 4th Monday, at the SEFD Fire Station. It is open to anyone interested in learning how to quilt. Meetings begin at 9:30 a.m.

PRBC Seeking Nominations for Young Citizenship and Entrepreneur Award

The Young Citizenship and Entrepreneur Award was established in 2014, by the Patagonia Regional Business Coalition (PRBC) as one of the highest honors for youth and young adults, for leadership, community service, self-advocacy and perseverance. The winners are dynamic Patagonia, Sonoita, or Elgin residents with the passion and drive to change the world, as well as identify and realize solutions to problems. They are committed to strengthening their communities as well as themselves. The winners are two awards. The high school award is $1000. The middle school award is $500.

An individual is eligible for consideration if he/she has exhibited outstanding leadership, entrepreneurship, and performed extraordinary acts on behalf of others, whose achievements have greatly enhanced the quality of life for Eastern Santa Cruz County.

Nominations must include all information requested and be submitted by mail/e-mail:
• Letter of Nomination, which is a (minimum) 200-word narrative of the nominee’s service/achievements that qualifies them for this award. Be sure to include phone number/e-mail of the nominator. The nominator may be contacted for information on behalf of the nominee.

A nominee need only be nominated once to be considered. The number of nominations received per nominee bears no weight in their selection.

• Must be a resident of Eastern Santa Cruz County (85624, 85611, 85637) or attend school/home school in Eastern Santa Cruz County (85624, 85611, 85637)

• Middle School age (6th-8th grade) (One middle school winner)

• High School age (9th-12th grade) (One high school winner)

• Must be a positive example to peers

• Must demonstrate leadership in school and/or community

• Must show exemplary character

• A “can do” attitude

• Show entrepreneurial skills/interest

• High School finalist will be required to be interviewed by the PRBC selection committee

• Prior high school winners are not eligible, a middle school winner would be eligible for the high school award once they enter 9th grade.

All nominations should be mailed to: Patagonia Regional Business Coalition, ATTN: Denise Bowdon, PO Box 1007, Patagonia AZ 85624 or email: dmbowdon@gmail.com.

Nominations will be accepted until March 31, 2018.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Denise Bowdon at dmbowdon@gmail.com.

The awards will be presented at a location to be determined, in May, 2018.
I was extremely blessed when I was asked to write for the paper. I mean, I still have trouble with the verbs and nouns thing that Mrs. Piper tried to drill into my head back in high school in the 70’s! But I will try and do my best.

I thought it would be good for the first column to introduce myself. There may be some in our wonderful community that I have not had the pleasure of meeting yet and wonder who I am. Well, my name is Steve Lindsey and I was born in Patagonia in 1958 into the gentle hands of Dr. Mock M.D. Some of you readers have got to remember Dr. Mock. Gentle and Dr. Mock just do not belong in the same sentence! Gentle he was not, but nonetheless he was the first one in the community to meet me.

I grew up in Canelo on the family ranch, attended Elgin Elementary School and finished up my high school education at Patagonia Union High School, graduating in 1976. I kicked around for a few years and in 1979 I moved to Benson where I met the most beautiful girl in the world, Naomi Ruth. We married in that same year and started a family. Boy did we start a family!

We had seven children in Benson, then the Lord had mercy on us and in 1994 we moved to Canelo where we had 2 more children. And I count it as a privilege that all our living children reside within a 20-mile radius of grandma, except one who lives in San Francisco, California. We have 14 grandkids on the ground. There have been many aches and pains as we live life, but all in all I have been blessed beyond measure.

In 2006, God called Naomi and me to the ministry and we planted Canelo Cowboy Church on April 16 of that year. For the first ten years we met in the old Canelo Schoolhouse. It is a 800 square foot building and we realized after a time we needed to move, so the church purchased 17 acres of land in Elgin. We built a 3600 square foot steel building there, and that is where we are meeting today.

Today I was studying in II Thessalonians 1:1-2. In verse 2 Paul tells the church, “Grace and peace to you from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.” Paul always wrote this in his letters to the churches, “Grace and peace...” Now grace I can understand. Paul tells us that it is by grace we are saved. “Saved from what?” you may ask. Saved from eternal separation from God in Hell. Jesus gave His life so you and I could be saved! And that my friends is grace! We didn’t do anything to earn it, He did it because He loves us.

And the greatest thing about being saved is that we can then have that peace that He promised us. That word peace in Thessalonians means this, “A tranquil state of a soul assured of its salvation through Jesus Christ and so fearing nothing from God and they are content with their earthly lot whatever that is.” Isn’t that beautiful? If we have been saved by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, then we can have the peace to know that God is in control whatever our situation.

“For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God.” (Ephesians 2:8) Let me know if you need anything! The coffee is always on and we have groceries to eat!

Editor’s Note: This is the first in a new series of columns written by our ministers, priests and spiritual leaders. Steve Lindsey is the pastor at the Canelo Cowboy Church in Elgin. He can be reached at 520-559-0155 or 520-455-5000.

There are many new things growing at Borderlands Restoration Network this year. One of the areas we are most excited about is an increased commitment to our educational programming and the expansion of our employment training opportunities. Last summer, we launched the inaugural session of our Field School program, in which students and residents gathered in Patagonia to learn from some of the most visionary leaders in our region to discuss the environment and economy, border issues, and the foundations of a restoration economy. The programming received extremely high reviews, and benefitted both participants in the course as well as the regional economy.

We’re delighted to announce the second annual Borderlands Field School for 2018. It will occur from July 16-August 11, and will be primarily geared toward college students who are interested in exploring the restoration economy of our unique borderland region. It is our hope that through participation in this course students will gain the tools, experience, and inspiration to lead and work toward a sustainable and just future for our Sky Islands.

The Field Course will include discussion and field exercises covering aspects of cultural, ecological and indigenous perspectives on the U.S./Mexico border, regional history, native plant propagation, harvesting wild edibles, sustainable livelihoods, permaculture design, watershed restoration, economics of restoration, food production, and the intersection of arts and ecology.

We are accepting applications to attend as well as scholarship applications to help local students to cover tuition costs. Please help us spread the word about this unique opportunity for our youth to participate in an immersive practical training course designed to inspire the next generation of environmental leaders. To learn more or apply, please visit www.borderlandsinstitute.org/field-school.html or email educationalservices@borderlandsinstitute.org.

By Pastor Stephen Lindsey
Eyes on the Ground
Wildlife Cams around Patagonia

By Robert Gay

Over the past decade, more and more trail cameras have tracked the movement of animals in wild areas throughout North America. Just for starters, you can see live-streaming online video of eagles' nests, sandhill cranes, condors, bears catching salmon, and ocean fish (courtesy of the Channel Islands “kelp-cam”). Wildlife cams are even putting extra eyes on the ground here in the Patagonia area, though these are generally lower-tech than the live-streaming ones: when triggered by motion sensors, they save images on a computer chip for later analysis. The locations of the cameras are closely guarded secrets to prevent vandalism and theft.

Who's using trail cams? Some state agencies; the Border Patrol; many conservation groups, including Defenders of Wildlife and Sky Island Alliance; the University of Arizona; mining companies; hunters; and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, which is especially concerned about endangered species.

Most trail cams, aside from those used by hunters of game and human traffic, are used to track wildlife, and the data they provide - as still photos or video - help wildlife biologists and conservation groups learn about the range, numbers, and behavior of many species. Some trail cams have increased our knowledge about species, telling us that javelinas may live above 5,000 feet, or that mountain lion numbers are declining, which is of concern because high-level predators are essential for a healthy ecosystem.

Although small rodents, birds, bats, and even butterflies sometimes trip the motion sensors and show up on camera, most “captures” are medium and large mammals. Locally these include white-tail and mule deer, bears, grey foxes, coyotes, mountain lions, bobcats, javelinas, rabbits, and, rarely, jaguars, a species which is endangered, nocturnal and reclusive.

Wildlife cams do present challenges. First, it takes a fair bit of time and training to place and maintain the devices (batteries and chips have to be changed) and to analyze the images gathered on a chip. (Some of the work is funded; other work is performed by volunteers.) Second, people sometimes steal or vandalize wildlife cams. Third, private companies and individuals who see endangered species may not share sightings with the scientific community, so some species go under-reported.

Despite the challenges, the wildlife cams’ extra eyes on the ground greatly contribute to understanding and appreciating the profound biological specialness of the mountains, forests, and grasslands where we live, work, and play.

In the sky island areas of New Mexico and Arizona, four jaguars have been identified, via unique coat markings, and named.

The Borderlands Restoration Network, says director Ron Pulliam, has used cams to identify at least 35 vertebrate species in the Santa Rita-Patagonia Wildlife Corridor, leading to greater understanding of biodiversity and how it’s affected by human actions. This research has made it clear why a solid border wall would cause ecological havoc.

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By Tina Hamilton

The Papago Springs neighborhood has lost one of its own. Windmill, our smart, beautiful, and loving blue tick coon hound passed quietly on Saturday, Jan 6th, 2018. Windmill was a beloved friend to all who met her, and her absence is palpable. Anyone who met her knew she was a special being.

Windmill seemed destined to be with us. In 2011, a crisp, color picture hung at the Sonoita post office announcing that she was looking for a forever home. She had been found in the Bradshaw mountains near Prescott, AZ by some hikers who had come across her. She was frightened, dehydrated, and had been bit in the face by a rattlesnake. She had no identification, so she was called “Windmill” after the windmill she was found near.

How that poster of Windmill ended up at the Sonoita Post Office is a mystery. We were interviewed, and our property inspected and deemed suitable to adopt her if we were willing to say hello. The thieves unhooked the trailer, leading to the recovery of this truck. It is a $2500 reward for information on the trailer’s return. The owner Caleb Everhart had locked and parked the truck to haul his equipment. There were some bikers looking around the yard at trailers,” Everhart said. Everhart, who is president of Monument Steel company, used the truck to haul his equipment. There is a $2500 reward for information leading to the recovery of this truck.

In Memory of Windmill

The thieves stole this 2017 white Ford F-350 (pictured here without a black Texas bumper) that was parked at 3282 Hwy. 82 in Sonoita Sunday night, January 21. The owner Caleb Everhart had locked and parked the truck in front of the old SBBI building, hitched to a 2017 flat bed trailer. The thieves unhooked the trailer, went to the back of the lot and stole an older trailer which was obscured from view. They also broke into the building by kicking in the doors but didn’t take anything. “I’ve been told that there were some bikers looking around the yard at trailers,” Everhart said. Everhart, who is president of Monument Steel company, used the truck to haul his equipment. There is a $2500 reward for information leading to the recovery of this truck.

Morning came at 5:am and dinner promptly at 3:30pm or as soon as we got home, or sometimes both! She loved walks, rides in the truck, going to the dump, and greeted her man, Bruce, anytime he came into the room. The “happy dance” came with anticipation of a treat; her front feet marching to an invisible beat and her tail twirling like propeller.

Windmill was a big girl, but could curl up small enough to sleep on our ottoman, which she claimed as hers, despite multiple dog beds throughout the house. She was not a barker, but when she did, her voice was as loud as a 50-caliber machine gun. She loved basking in the sun and despite multiple dog beds throughout the house. She was found near.

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Windmill’s absence is palpable. Anyone who met her knew she was a special being. Our neighbors are a caring group and Windmill provided us all a reason to get to know one another better. She was a constant companion for Bruce and through her we have met and befriended many of our neighbors. Our neighbors are a caring group and Windmill provided us all a reason to get to know one another better.

Windmill rests now in the place her friends know, in the yard where she continues to beckon others to stop by and say hello.

Looking Up

What’s Going on in the Sky This Month:

By Laura Wenzel

Feb 6 – SpaceX Falcon Heavy Rocket Launch:
On January 27, SpaceX Chief Executive Elon Musk tweeted that the rocket will be launched from Apollo launchpad 39A at Cape Kennedy. The company has not established a launch time, however spacenews.com suggests a time of around 1:30 pm EST. (http://spacenews.com/spacex-sets-first-falcon-heavy-launch-for-feb-6/)

Feb 15 – Partial Solar Eclipse:
A partial solar eclipse occurs when the Moon covers only a part of the Sun, sometimes resembling a bite taken out of a cookie. This partial eclipse will only be visible in parts of Chile, Argentina, and Antarctica. At Bahia Blanca, the eclipse lasts from 18:27 to 19:45 (21:27 to 22:45 UTC), and 11% of the sun is covered at maximum eclipse. (http://www.moonwise.co.uk/sky.php)

What happened last month:
Jan 31 – Super blue blood moon and a lunar eclipse. While they aren’t particularly unusual, it was rare for all four events to occur on the same day. The eclipse would have been visible before sunrise on January 31.
**Elena Graham**

**Changing The Way We View Art**

By Alicia Valenzuela

Elena Graham sees the world as a canvas. She has been in art for her four years in high school and if she could change anything, she would change how people see art so they could see how important it is.

After graduation, Graham wants to become a tattoo artist. “I like making people happy and building their confidence,” says Graham.

Her sister, Janna, has influenced her the most and motivates her to keep going to school. “We all have to go to school. It has been alright. I didn’t play any sports and wasn’t in any clubs,” says Graham, “but I spent a lot of time in the art room!”

The biggest life lesson Graham has had to face is the acceptance that “the people around you are going to hurt you, but you have to move onto better things. Don’t dwell on things.” To my 13-year-old self I would tell her, “To get her life together; don’t depend on anybody else.”

“If I had a month off I would go to Amsterdam. They have big waffles there,” smiles Graham. But on a more serious note, she would like to visit the Van Gogh Museum to see his art. “I would have liked to work with him. He’s my bro man. I really like reading books about him because everyone sees him as being crazy or insane but there is an unseen side of him.”

Graham’s talents encompass playing the piano, painting, and drawing. “During high school,” she says, “I learned that I’m a rebel; I don’t like being confined and I just want to be free.”

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**Chris Miranda**

**Ready To Get Up And Get On!**

By Kurt Whitcooe

Chris Miranda is a fun, outgoing, athletic senior at Patagonia High School whose charisma will serve him well when he enlists in the U.S. Army. “I want to become a soldier and help people who are in need the most,” says Miranda.

Miranda has been a star Lobo athlete. He started playing sports as a freshman, and only got better from there, eventually learning how to become a team leader. Miranda has been the quarterback of the football team, point guard in basketball, pitcher in baseball, and cross country runner, as well as addicted to lifting weights during weight training class.

Miranda created many fond memories in his four years of high school, but he says his favorite one is when his 2017 Lobos Basketball team went to state in Prescott. “It was a great experience with my team, who are now considered brothers to me,” says Miranda.

Miranda has been a part of student council and works as a lifeguard for the Patagonia Public Pool during the summer time.

Chris says that his teachers have been the main influence on him and that the greatest competition in life is with oneself, “So never give up,” says Miranda. If he could go back to his 13-year-old self he would say, “You’re an idiot,” but now, he would tell his 18-year-old self to “Get up and get on.”

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**Issac Vasquez**

**“Spur 1 for 90”**

By Fabian Monge

Isaac Vasquez, senior at Patagonia High School, has always enjoyed roping and ranching with his family and wanted to do that as a career up until his senior year. He now has his mind set on enlisting in the US Army. “I wanted to try something new and help out my country,” says Vasquez. His Army service will likely help fulfill one of his personal wishes to “bring world peace.”

Besides having fun being with friends, Vasquez says his high school experience helped him discover that he is a nice guy. “When I want to, I can be really nice,” he says with a smile.

Lobo fans will remember Vasquez as an outstanding athlete who played varsity football for three years and varsity basketball for four years.

Vasquez grew up in Santa Cruz, Mexico, and goes there in the summer and during any free time he has during the school year. His family has a cattle ranch in Santa Cruz where he punches cows and learned to team rope in his spare time. During competitions he has won $250, two buckles team roping, and a saddle for winning first place at a competition in Mexico. “I grew up doing it and it was very appealing to me,” he reflects.

“Spur 1 for 90,” a bronc riding saying, is Vasquez’s motto which encourages him to hold on and ride out any situation he encounters.
Fabian Monge

Unconfined

By Chessed Chap

Fabian Monge is a fun-loving graduating senior who took every opportunity that Patagonia Union High School offered him. Starting his freshman year, Fabian played football for the Lobos until senior year when he became a manager for the PUHS soccer team. When not on the field, Fabian could be found enjoying Mrs. Hayes’ English class, which he describes as his favorite part of the school day.

Components of the high school experience that Fabian enjoyed include his friends and the fact that due to the small community, all the students at PUHS were familiar with each other. Fabian looks back on his high school years at Patagonia fondly. “One of my favorite high school memories is probably the career fair field trip to Cochise College my junior year. It was a very fun trip with all of my friends.” During these four years of self-discovery, Fabian blossomed into what he describes as a “cool, caring, and outgoing” person.

Following graduation, Fabian plans on getting a job at the local mine before studying at Carrington College to become a vet tech, and then ultimately a veterinarian. Along with accomplishing that career goal, Fabian says that in his adulthood he hopes to travel and experience different places.

When asked of his inspirations, Fabian names his mother, Ivonne. “My mother inspires me the most because she is such a hard worker and a perfect role model.” Fabian says if he had a motto to live by, it would be “You are confined only by the walls you build yourself.” This quote sums up Fabian Monge: an unconfined soul with much he hopes to explore.

What’s Your Current Events I.Q.?

PUHS history teacher Kenny Hayes gives a current events test each week to his students. See if you can do as well as his students. Match the subjects (Nos. 1—16) to the correct phrases (Letters A—P).

Answers on page 23

A. Questioned in Russia probe
B. food and money, along with arrest and intimidation
C. March over the weekend to keep building momentum
D. US sending 1st aircraft carrier to this country
E. Americans injured and killed at hotel here
F. Rescinds offer of $25 billion for border wall
G. Fight over DACA led to this 3 day event
H. Face foreclosures over moratorium mix up
I. deemed ‘serial’ sex abuser
J. 7 year old girl raped and killed
K. Trying to create candidacy to form government
L. Want to return to Myanmar, but it is too early
M. Car bombs kill 27
N. Hit by 7.9 earthquake
O. Responds to raised tariffs by the US
P. Fierce battles in Syrian Kurdish enclave

To The Kid Who Bought me a 5 Cent Gumball at Walmart

By Yazmine Beltran

Being in Walmart as a little kid is terrifying for most of us but I thank you For watching me when I was sad because I lost my mom at the time when we were shopping. Tears coming down my face while I stand next to a gumball machine Waiting to see if I saw my mom but the only one I saw looking over me was you.

You came up to me and had a swell vibe You brought me a gumball One for me, one for you You walked away with a smile in your face That’s when my mom came

I will always remember how you stopped me from crying with just a gumball.

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**Feb 2 -** Kerry Grombacher and the Wall-Eyed Moles, at the Benderly-Kendall Opera House. $20 prepay/$23 at door. For reservations: scfpapresents.org or call (888) 202-1942.

**Feb 9, 10, & 11 -** Wayway Off Broadway: An Original Montage of Musical Favorites. Feb 9 & 10, 7 p.m. Feb 11, 3 p.m. Tickets $15 at door, at the Tin Shed Theater.

**Feb 10 -** Kids Drawing Class: Bring Your Favorite Toy, ages 5-12. 12-2 p.m. at Patagonia Creative Arts Association. $35. Call or email Giada: 520-979-2670, geoiaga27@gmail.com.

**Feb 10 -** Valentine’s Barn Dance and BBQ Dinner at Canelo Cowboy Church, Hwy 83, Milepost 24. Couples $35/$29, singles $20. Info and RSVP by Feb 4 to 520-975-0676 or 719-980-0270.

**Feb 11 -** Note Bene. Parlor Music of the 19th Century, 3 p.m. at the Benderly-Kendall Opera House. $20 prepay/$23 at door. For reservations: scfpapresents.org or call (888) 202-1942.

**Feb 14 -** An Affair to Remember (1957). Cary Grant, Deborah Kerr. 7 p.m. at the Tin Shed Theater. Free.

**Feb 16 -** Spaghetti Dinner at Elgin School. Details TBA.

**Feb 17 -** The Royal Opera House presents: Rigoletto. 4 p.m. at the Tin Shed Theater. Free.

**Feb 17 -** Dave Stamey Concert: 6 p.m. at Sonoita Fairgrounds. For info or tickets, email www.gopattywagon.com.

**Feb 18 -** Introduction to Plein Air Landscape Watercolor. Ages high school to adult. 1-3 p.m. at PCC. $35. For more info or to register, call or email Giada: 520-979-2670, geoiaga27@gmail.com.

**Feb 18 -** Walter Aparicio, piano and Amanda Zory, soprano, 3 p.m. Benderly-Kendall Opera House. $20 prepay/$23 at door. For reservations: scfpapresents.org or call (888) 202-1942.

**Feb 23 -** Author Brian Smith of the Tucson Weekly and author of “Spent Saints,” with poetry reading and live music. 7-9 p.m. at Patagonia Library.

**Feb 23 -** The Django Shredders, gypsy jazz music. 7 p.m. at Benderly-Kendall Opera House. $20 prepay/$23 at door. For reservations, go to scfpapresents.org or call (888)202-1942.

**Feb 25 -** Leaf Printing and Drawing for Kids, ages 5-12. 1-3 p.m. at PCAA. $35 per student. For more info or to register, call or email Giada: 520-979-2670, geoiaga27@gmail.com.

**Feb 25 -** Rusted Spurs West, cowboy trio. Music and storytelling. Suggested donation $10. 2-4:30 p.m. at Patagonia Library


**MEETINGS**

**AA -** Pat. Seventh Day Adventist Church Fellowship Hall, Thurs. at 6:30 p.m. Sonoita Bible Church, Tue. at 7:30 p.m. For more AA meetings, info, go online to www.aaatucson.com or call 520-624-4183.

**Overeaters Anonymous -** Tue. & Thurs. at 6:30 p.m. Fragrance-free meeting. Patagonia United Methodist Church. 520-404-3490.

**CHOP (Community Homes of Patagonia, Inc.) -** Board meeting 3rd Mon. at 6 p.m. in the Patagonia Town Council Room Chambers.

**Paragona Town Council -** 2nd & 4th Wed. at 7 p.m. in the Town Council Hall.

**SPECIAL INTERESTS**


**San Rafael Community 4-H Club -** 2nd Mon, Patagonia Methodist Church, Thurber Hall, 5:30 p.m. Info: Tami, 455-5561.

**Santa Cruz Singers -** rehearsals Thurs at 5 p.m., SCFPA office, 348 Naugle Ave., Patagonia. New members welcome!

**Bingo -** 1st & 3rd Mon., St. Theresa Parish Hall in Patagonia, 6 p.m. Info: 455-5681.

**Crossroads Quilters -** 2nd & 4th Mon, Sonoita Fire Dept., 9 a.m. Info: SCFPA office, 455-732-0453.

**Open Tennis -** Saturdays, PUHS at 9 a.m. Info: 394-2973.


**COMMUNITY SERVICES**

**Lunch for Seniors -** Fresh-cooked meals, Mon - Fri, noon-1 p.m. At the Patagonia Senior Center.

**Sr. Citizens of Patagonia Van Service -** Medical transportation, Mon - Fri for seniors & disabled by appointment only. Info: 394-2494.

**Story Time with Ms. Laura -** For caregivers and children ages 5 & under. 1st & 3rd Mon, 9-10 a.m. at Patagonia Library. Info: 394-2010.

**Patagonia Methodist Church Gift Shop -** Fri & Sat 10-2 p.m.

**Angel Wings Thrift & Gift Shop -** Thurs - Sat, 10-2 p.m. Our Lady of the Angels Catholic Church, 12 Los Encinos Rd, Sonoita.

**Sonoita/Patagonia Email Newsletter -** Usually twice a week. Free. Sign up at clarebonelli@sonoitapatagonialocals.com.

**Patagonia Farmers Market Thursday 10a.m. - 2p.m. In front of Red Mountain Foods**

**Sonoita Farmers Market -** Sat 10a.m. - 1p.m. Corner of Hwy 82 and 83, Sonoita.

**Nogales Mercado Farmers’ Market -** Fri 3-6 p.m. 163 N Morley Ave. Nogales, AZ.

**CHURCH SERVICES**

**Patagonia Community United Methodist Church**

387 McKeeown Ave., Patagonia 394-2274
Sunday Service: 10 a.m.
Youth Group: 5-7 p.m.

**St. Therese of Lisieux Catholic Church**

223 Second Ave., Patagonia 394-2954
Sunday Mass: 10:30 a.m.

**Canelo Cowboy Church**

Hwy 83, MP 14, Elgin 455-5000
Sunday Services: 9 a.m. Sunday School: 10:30 a.m. (except third Sundays)Ranch Family Fun Day: 7 a.m. every 3rd Sunday.

**Sonoita Hills Community Church**

52 Elgin Rd., Sonoita 455-5172
Sunday Service: 10 a.m.

**Sonoita Bible Church**

3174 N. Highway 83, Sonoita 455-5779
Sunday Service: 10:30 a.m.
Youth Group: 2nd & 4th Wed. 6-8 p.m.

**Our Lady of the Angels Catholic Church**

12 Los Encinos Rd., Sonoita 394-2954
Sunday Mass: 8 a.m.

**Harvest Christian Fellowship/ Sonoita Foursquare Church**

3107 Hwy 83, Sonoita 455-5505
Sunday Service: 10:30 a.m.

**St. Andrews Episcopal Church**

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