Fall Festival Draws Record Crowds

Photo by Janie Trafton
MISSION STATEMENT
To publish a nonprofit community newspaper which serves the Mountain Empire communities of Santa Cruz County, including Canelo, Elgin, Patagonia, and Sonoita, and which is open to all views, highlighting local issues and emphasizing the contributions of local talent.

WHO WE ARE
We are a nonprofit organization, funded by paid advertising, donations and grants. PRT is a free monthly publication distributed to newsstands and local merchants in The Mountain Empire.

Managing Editor: Marion Vendituoli
Assistant Editor: Laura Wenzel
Advertising Manager: Janie Trafton
Contributing Writers & Staff: Bob Brandt, Alison Bunting, Cate Drown, Cassina Farley, Robert Gay, Patra Kelly, Martin Levowitz, Cynie Murray, Vince Pinto
Distribution: Judy Mills, Les Corum
Board of Directors: Bob Brandt, Lynn Davison, Dave Ellis, Cassina Farley, Jac Heiss, Donna Lee, Kathryn Schrag, Phillip Sullivan
Contact us at: prteditor@gmail.com
PO Box 1073, Patagonia 85624
To place an ad: prtads@gmail.com
Online edition: patagoniaregionaltimes.org

Are YOU among the more than 200 people who have completed the PRT Community Survey? If so...THANK YOU. The PRT represents your community and your news; it is YOUR paper and we want to hear YOUR opinions and ideas. If you haven’t participated, you still have time. The survey will close on December 8, so please take the time now to tell us your thoughts (it takes about 5 minutes for most people to complete).

We also need your talent and treasures. If you would like to get involved, complete the Contact Me Survey. And if you are able, please sign up for a monthly donation or make a financial contribution via the Donate Now link on our website. Electronic versions of both Surveys are a click away at www.patagoniaregionaltimes.org.

Your Input Matters!
The PRT staff and Board of Directors

Looking for that special gift for friends, family and for yourself? Your search is over, folks. Give the gift that keeps on giving all year long, and help support your local, homegrown free press. This is a great gift for your friends who have moved away, but want to keep in touch with all the local news!

The Patagonia Regional Times is offering a one full year subscription, delivered to your mailbox for the once in a lifetime low price of $50. For an even better deal, buy two subscriptions for the amazing, low price of $100! This special deal is only offered to anyone who mails in the form below, or subscribes online at patagoniaregionaltimes.org.

Your subscription will help to ensure the future of the PRT, a non-profit, 501C3 organization. A portion of your subscription is tax-deductible.

I Would Like a Subscription to the Patagonia Regional Times!

☐ One Year Subscription (10 Issues) for Myself for $50.
☐ I would like ___ Gift Subscriptions for $50 each.

NAME__________________________________________________
ADDRESS_______________________________________________
EMAIL__________________________________________________

Please make checks payable to Patagonia Regional Times.
Mail to PRT P.O. Box 1073, Patagonia, AZ 85624
Or subscribe online at www.patagoniaregionaltimes.org.

On The Cover: Madi Lewton and her uncle Michael Lewton enjoying the Fall Festival with her grandmother, Janie Trafton. For more on the Fall Festival, please see pages 4 and 13.
Future of Flux Canyon Road Uncertain

By Marion Vendituoli

Several people are pressing the county to reopen Flux Canyon Road south of Patagonia after Arizona Mining Inc. (AMI) closed off a section of the road that crosses private property where they are conducting exploratory drilling. “I don’t think it’s right for the county to allow a private company to close off a county road to the public,” Jean Miller, who resides on Flux Canyon Mine Rd., said, echoing the sentiments of many bikers, hikers, birdwatchers and residents. At issue is whether the mining company can be forced to provide access when the original county owned road no longer seems to exist.

This portion of the road, which crosses AMI property, connects the eastern end of Flux Canyon Road with Harshaw Road. In the mid 1950’s, according to Santa Cruz County Public Works surveyor Leonard Fontes, when the land presently occupied by AMI was being mined by ASARCO, mine tailings were dumped on the original roadway and a new, circular road was created, “What we have recorded as Flux Canyon Road disappeared,” he said. “We have a general idea where Flux Mine Road was, but the circle configuration does not match the original road alignments.”

Although the geographic information system (GIS) map of county roads on the county public works website indicates that one half of the circular road is county owned, the county depends on historical records and documentation, not just maps, to establish ownership, according to Fontes. Flux Canyon Road became a county owned road in three stages, he said, during the years 1903 to 1914, to provide access to several mines, including Flux, Chief, Con Ryan and the Trench Mines.

To add to the confusion, the contested portion of road is also recorded as Forest Service Road 812. Despite repeated calls to the Forest Service, the agency did not respond to requests to clarify whether FR 812 follows the newer road configuration, and if the public had legal access to it. AMI has installed a gate and has guards to ensure that no one gains access to the roadway. The mining company declined to answer questions about the legal status of the road, or any potential plans to provide alternate access.

At present, Flux Canyon Road is only maintained by the county for the first few miles in from route 82, and is inaccessible to cars without high clearance for much of the remaining distance. “We maintain only if we need to serve somebody, Fontes said. “Presently, we’re only maintaining to Acorn Road.”

As far as the closed portion of the road, it is unclear whether the county will pursue options to get it reopened. “The county would have to determine the need for access,” Fontes said. “That decision is beyond the department of Public Works’ control.”

New BRLI Director Hired

By Katie Sharar

Lynn Davison, Chair of the Board of Borderlands Restoration Leadership Institute, has announced the hiring of Kurt J. Vaughn, Ph.D. as BRLI’s Institute Director effective November 1. Vaughn will be responsible for overseeing on-the-ground restoration work in Arizona and Sonora, and developing new restoration projects and businesses that will provide jobs in the region.

His duties also will include teaching and mentoring students, community relations, development and fundraising work and implementing policies adopted by the BRLI board of directors. He takes the reins of a multi-faceted organization that employs more than 25 full and part-time staff working closely with myriad local, state and federal agencies and non-governmental organizations.

No stranger to the area, Vaughn will move to Patagonia and BRLI from California, where he earned his doctorate in Restoration Ecology from the University of California-Davis in 2011. He brings a wealth of deep and relevant experience to his role, including management of a habitat restoration project, postdoctoral scholarship with the National Science Foundation, research and teaching at UC Davis, and significant work in outreach, research, and education in community and university settings.

“After an extensive search process, we are delighted to have found someone of Dr. Vaughn’s caliber to fill this important role,” Davison said. “He brings to the BRLI family not only the requisite experience and education to support our work but a level of enthusiasm and energy that will help us grow and advance our mission of ecological restoration in the borderlands and beyond.”

Created earlier this year, the Institute is a nonprofit collaborative of five legal entities, including for-profit and nonprofit organizations, working in the Sky Islands region—Cuenca Los Ojos, Wildlife Corridors, Deep Dirt Farm, Borderlands Restoration, and Borderlands Habitat Network. Under the BRLI umbrella, partner organizations share administrative support services and coordinate their efforts to maximize their impact in the key program areas of watershed restoration, native plant materials, youth and lifelong leadership, restoration economy, foodshed restoration and food security.

While each organization maintains its particular area of expertise and focus, all Institute partners abide by shared principles that reflect their common values, vision, and commitment to the well-being of the Arizona/Sonora borderlands, and the people who live there.
Cleanup Operations Proceeding in Patagonia

By Marion Vendituoli

250 cubic yards of contaminated soil are being removed from properties on Smelter Avenue.

Work is underway to remove an estimated 375 tons of slag materials and 250 cubic yards of soil from four properties along Smelter Avenue in Patagonia to mitigate high levels of lead and arsenic. 18,100 square feet of gravel will be laid down in driveways, right of ways, and in areas along Duquesne Avenue, and a section of Smelter Avenue is being paved. Retaining walls along the south side of Smelter Avenue will be installed to keep the new material in place, and additional walls will be constructed on private property to stabilize the hill sloping down from Duquesne Avenue.

This project is being conducted by the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ). Hydro Geo Chem, an environmental consulting & remediation company headquartered in Tucson, has been contracted to implement the mitigation. ADEQ was alerted to the high lead levels in this section of Smelter Avenue and at the Patagonia Youth Enrichment Center located between Smelter Avenue and McKeown Avenue one year ago, when a soil sample taken from the site of a former smelting plant was found to have high levels of the toxic substances.

More than 200 soil samples have been taken since October, 2016, which led ADEQ to establish the boundaries of the area contaminated by the smelting activities. “The results for metals we saw at the smelter had a distinct signature. There was not only elevated lead and arsenic near to the former smelter, but other metals such as antimony, cadmium, and manganese,” ADEQ reported.

In Arizona, the presence of lead at concentrations of 400 mg/kg and of arsenic of 10 mg/kg are considered ‘remediation’ levels. Lower concentrations are deemed to not pose an environmental hazard. In the tested area, lead concentrations ranged from 94 mg/kg to 40,900 mg/kg, while arsenic levels ranged from 16 mg/kg to 1,332 mg/kg.

The Smelter Avenue project follows a similar effort on the grounds of the Patagonia Youth Enrichment Center that took place last summer. At that time, there were no plans to extend the mitigation. “We have limited access and resources for private residences,” Ian Bingham, communications director for ADEQ, said then.

After the work at the Youth Center was completed, however, the agency decided it needed to expand the scope of the project. “It was evident that storm water run-off from up-slope properties would eventually re-contaminate the previously cleaned up area,” Sam Nuanez, ADEQ Communications Production Lead, wrote.

The contaminated soil removed from the Smelter Avenue properties is being transported to a landfill in Marana. “These soils have been sampled to establish that they will not leach lead or other heavy metals under landfill conditions,” Nuanez wrote. The replacement soil is coming from a vendor in Tucson.

The remediation work is scheduled to be completed sometime in December, and ADEQ has no plans for further testing in the area.

Fall Festival Draws Record Crowds

By Marion Vendituoli

The Stringbenders perform at the Fall Festival.

Everything came together to make the Patagonia Fall Festival this year, held October 13 -15, one of the most successful festivals in the 29 years of the event. The weather was perfect all three days for the estimated 16,000 visitors who showed up to shop at the 150 vendors spread out over the park. Live music with an ‘Americana’ theme, organized by Bob Ollerton, played all weekend at the gazebo, and fourteen food vendors, serving everything from kettle korn to Thai BBQ.

“In general, the vendors did much better than in prior years,” Bonnie Maclean, event manager, said. “Friday was a surprise. There were a lot more people there than in the past.” This is Maclean’s third year as Festival manager. “I like the organizing aspect of the festival best, and the marketing aspect,” she said. “The most difficult part of the job is dealing with everything happening at once at the beginning of the festival.”

Maclean credited her small team of assistants, Bob Ollerton, Rita Johnson, Sue Phillips, and Jerry and Lynn Isaac for their contributions to the success of the event. She also thanked the major sponsors of the Fall Festival, the Santa Cruz Foundation for the Performing Arts, Patagonia Area Resource Alliance, Arizona Mining, Inc. and Horne Ford / Champion Chrysler of Nogales.

“Bonnie took the foundation built by Kazz Workizer, [who organized the festival for many years] and has continued to build on that to create the best Fall Festival ever,” Sky Islands Tourism Association board member Rita Johnson commented.

Next year the festival will be organized by Jerry and Lynn Isaac. “It’s time to pass on the baton,” Maclean said. “It should not become something that one person does. It’s a community event.”
Artist-In-Residence Bringing His Music Back Home
By Marion Vendituoli

Evan Kory is happy to be back home in Santa Cruz County.

“I have always felt a longing to come back to this area,” Evan Kory, artist-in-residence at the Santa Cruz Foundation for the Performing Arts (SCFPA) in Patagonia, said. “I’ve missed the nature, the people, and the Mexican culture.” Kory, who recently earned his master’s degree at Juilliard School in historical performance, as well as his doctorate from the Manhattan School of Music, grew up in Nogales, AZ, the son of Gregory and Sandra Kory.

“I’m sort of the first pancake,” he said, referring to the process of developing the artist-in-residence program. Kory has known SCFPA directors Fred and Christina Wilhelm for the past ten years, and has served on the board of SCFPA for the past five years. When offered the residency program in Patagonia, he felt it “would be something fun to try.” He will be performing with his harpsichord and with the piano in concerts, accompanying the Santa Cruz Singers, giving pre-concert talks, practicing in the Benderly-Kendall Opera House, and hopes to give lessons at the SCFPA center at 344 Naugle Ave.

Kory has played the harpsichord, the forte pianos and the modern piano in concerts around the United States, as well as in Germany, Italy, the Czech Republic, China and Russia. He has recently performed in New York, San Antonio and in Montana, where he hauled a borrowed harpsichord around in a U-Haul truck.

He prefers to play classical music on the instruments for which it as written. “I see the beauty in playing the instruments, of studying the historical documents,” he said. “Mozart’s piano was different from Beethoven’s, which was different from Brahms’. The piano was evolving really quickly, almost like computers do now. The range of keys was expanding, the stringing was different, and the older versions did not have steel frames.”

Kory credits his elementary band teacher, Lorena Lugo, for nurturing his passion for music. As a third-grade student at the Mary Welty School in Nogales, he became involved in her program, taking lessons in the flute, the sax, percussion and the violin as well as the piano. The Kory family, which owns two stores in Nogales, was not a musical family. “My great-grandmother played the piano,” he said, but his parents encouraged his interest. “My parents always recognized that I loved music;”

Kory attended summer camp at Interlochen Center for the Arts in Michigan when he was eleven years old, and returned as a full-time student in 2001 for his junior and senior years of high school. From there he went on to study at the Manhattan School of Music for his undergraduate degree, staying there for his graduate work.

He misses being able to walk everywhere in New York, saying “I’m still not used to this car culture, but I’m definitely happier here. I didn’t see myself staying in New York long term. It wasn’t easy to leave, but it was the right decision,” he said. “One of the things I love about playing here is bringing my friends from New York to play.” Several of his friends will be performing at the Opera House over the next five months. “They love it here,” he said.

Kory is looking at teaching jobs at the university level, but worries that the demands of teaching may not leave enough time for him to perform. He would love to work as a curator. “I love museums,” he said. “It would be amazing to work at one with an instrument collection.”
CAN OUR TOWN SUPPORT A YOUTH CENTER?

By Judy Clegg and Lynn Davison

Can Patagonia support a youth center over the long haul? The Patagonia Youth Enrichment Center (PYEC) has been operating six days a week, generally 4 - 8 p.m. and sometimes later on Friday and Saturday evenings, for the past three and a half years. PYEC and the 40 some youth who regularly participate get great reviews from the Marshall, Town Manager, business owners, and parents. The kids themselves are the best spokespersons for the stability, support, and fun offered through the PYEC.

A number of people in the community have stepped up to donate food and to volunteer time; more than 50 people, not all local, have made financial contributions that have covered rent, utilities, supplies, and insurance. PYEC also has a good track record of securing small grants for program activities, but there are very few sources that will even consider supporting any basic operating costs like rent, utilities, and a director.

Anna and Steve Coleman are the founders of PYEC. Anna serves as the unpaid director. She volunteers her time, six days a week, after completing her day job as a teacher at the Elgin Elementary School. While Anna is a saint and we should all be very grateful for what she and her family have sacrificed to keep the PYEC operating, its long term future is really up to us.

We are part of a small group of people, including Odell Borg, Laura Chester, Annie McGreevy, Jim and Lou Schatz, who have been meeting informally with Anna to identify options to help to assure the future of PYEC. We believe that a consistent source of funding is essential to cover core operations, including a director.

To that end, we are testing several strategies focused on expanding private giving. First, we have set a stretch goal of raising $70,000 in 2017; we are over $40,000 now and are gearing up for a year-end push. Second, we are pursuing options to secure a suitable long-term home for PYEC that will provide more effective space and reduce operating costs. Third, we have set up an account with Arizona Community Foundation (ACF) for PYEC.

The partnership with ACF offers more ways for donors to support PYEC, as well as professional management of donated funds. Donors can contribute cash or transfer investments and can choose whether their funds are used to support basic operations or an endowment fund.

We believe the community can and will support our youth center. Please prove us right. If you are interested in helping, contact Judy at 206-384-6936. We can guarantee that supporting the youth of our community is very rewarding in the present and critical to our community’s future.

ON THE OTHER HAND

By Emmett McLoughlin

There has been a spate of strident letters and articles in the PRT lately that point to the evils of mining in general and to the Arizona Mining Company in particular.

With the intent of giving some balance to the issue in our developing community and newspaper, I would point out that there are people in our Mountain Empire who recognize the importance of mining in our nation’s history and future, and who appreciate the people working for Arizona Mining. I am sure that these employees appreciate having a well-paying job, that they are proud of their work, and that they do not like being presented as somehow being evil.

So, I would like to point out some of the good that Arizona Mining brings to our community:

It is good that our region is gifted with unique valuable natural resources. The history of our area since Spanish Colonial times reflects the important part mining and ranching have played. In fact, Santa Cruz County was split from Pima County exactly for themselves and economic stimulus while at the same time providing jobs for themselves and economic stimulus and taxes for our community.

It is good to see many young people employed at the mines. There is a sense of vibrancy in our region. Patagonia’s future looks very bright.

It is good to see the cooperation between Arizona Mining and our Santa Cruz County Community College where many of the area’s unemployed and underemployed are being given a chance to brighten their future.

It is especially good to see the financial “shot in the arm” that this mine will give to our County’s woeful tax base.

And it behooves all of us contemplating the good and evil of our community’s well-being to remember: “If a house be divided against itself, that house cannot stand.” Mark III, 25

Emmett McLoughlin lives in Sonora. He has been active in Southern Arizona politics and business for more than fifty years.

It is our objective as a community newspaper to present many views to our readers. The opinions expressed do not necessarily represent the views of this publication. If you would like to contribute your opinion or commentary to PRT, please send your article, in MS Word, to prteditor@gmail.com. PRT reserves the right to edit all submittals for language, length, and content.
LIFE AMONG THE HUMANS

STANDING UP FOR KNEELING
By Martin Levowitz

Certain binary figures of speech, like “My country, right or wrong!” and “America: love it or leave it!” are catchy, convenient, and dumb. The world is not a simple place. Real life takes place in shades of gray. Most truth involves complexity, and if you think that naked truth resides in bumper-sticker quips, perhaps you’re not too bright.

The ongoing furor between Donald Trump and some pro football players has been both amusing and horrifying. Colin Kaepernick and some like-minded players decided to use their public visibility as a forum for social justice, calling attention to urban police and their substandard treatment of blacks. They register their protest, as you know, by dropping to one knee before each game, while The Star-Spangled Banner is played. Please note: these guys don’t flip the flag a bird. They don’t shake fists or scream obscenities. Their protest is demure and dignified.

ON THE MAT
By Cassina Farley

I’ve reached a critical stage in my life. When I bend my elbow just right I’ve got that saggy, wrinkly skin of nightmares. I noticed it on my knees a few years back and blamed it on muscle tone, so I joined a Pilates class. It was in this Pilates class that I also became aware of my elbow skin and my ever-present bat wings. I’ve been working on all three ever since.

When you are in a Pilates class concentrating on doing the perfect curl a person tends to think. I think about trivial things mostly, and I often have the same recurring thought - if I were tied up by my ankles and hung upside down, would all this core work help me? Would I, like some super hero badass, be able to bend in half, grab the rope and free myself?

Given my soft middle and my love of toast the answer is probably no. I, like most other people exercise so that I look good in my clothes. I’m not one of those enlightened people that has great body image and can traipse around in a bikini shouting out loud about my self-love. I’m just not that person.

So last week, as I lay on my Pilates mat, I concluded in my head that I’m probably stuck with the saggy elbow skin, and that with a few wardrobe adjustments my knees are hardly noticeable. I confirmed by looking in the studio mirror that there’s been progress on the bat wing thing - just don’t expect me to wave too wildly in a parade.

I went on to acknowledge that I’m stronger than I’ve ever been, but could I win in a fist fight? Could I hold off an attacker? The answer was simple. I don’t need to fight. I’m better off running. My goal is to run far and fast. Can’t attack me or tie me up by my feet if you can’t catch me.

Is it possible to run three miles in 30 minutes if you don’t really like to run? Well, we’re going to find out. Oh, and no, I’m not paranoid about bad guys and attackers. I’ve lived a charmed life free of violence. I’m just not ruling out the possibility of a Zombie Apocalypse and we all know that the slow people are the first to go.
Wineries and County
Lock Horns

By Marion Vendituoli

Area wineries are protesting what they perceive as undue interference in their businesses by the county environmental health and planning and zoning departments, while county officials say that they are simply enforcing countywide regulations.

According to winery owners, they first became aware of the environmental health department’s scrutiny in October when a group of county officials visited several of the wineries to hand out health department packets outlining the procedures for approval of a food establishment license. The wineries were given 30 days to respond.

Jeff Terrell, director of the Santa Cruz county Environmental Health department, believes that the wineries must obtain this license. “Any business serving drinks is considered a food establishment,” Terrell said. “This is not the same as a restaurant license,” he added.

At least one other winery is running into difficulties, as well. A cease and desist order was issued by the county to Rune Wines in Sonoita in October for operating without a valid permit. “We are not doing anything we wouldn’t do in Rio Rico. Something has to be seriously wrong for us to step in. We’re not looking to shut anybody down. We just want them in compliance,” Drake said. “We can’t figure out what the uproar is about. We didn’t go out there looking for stuff. We don’t know why they think they are being bullied.”

The Elgin Volleyball team celebrates after winning the league championship on October 4.

The Elgin volleyball team won the River Canyon League Championship again this year. This is the first time in Elgin History that a girls’ team has won back to back championships.

In an exciting game, held October 4 at the Elgin School, the Lady Eagles defeated the Little Red Mustangs 2 - 0 to clinch the championship. Both teams played extremely well, causing one spectator to say “it was like watching a high school match.”

This puts the girls one step closer to matching last year’s successes, when the Lady Eagles were the league champions in volleyball, basketball and softball.
PUHS Officials Respond to State Grading Results

By Liz Collier

The Arizona Department of Education (ADE) has released the school grades for the 2016 – 2017 school year, as part of ADE’s Accountability System that is intended to give quantitative feedback to school districts and parents on how well the schools are performing on certain criteria. This is the first letter grade that any Arizona school has received since the 2013 – 2014 school year.

ADE did not issue school grades in the intervening years while the State was transitioning from AIMS Standardized Tests to the current AzMERIT Tests. Under the previous grading system, Patagonia Union High School (PUHS) received a “B” grade and Patagonia Elementary School (PES) received a “C”. Under the new system, both schools received a “C” rating.

Across the state, school administrators and parents are asking, “What changed and what is being measured?” For one, the new system is more complex. Less than 16% of the schools received an A rating; under the old system, 30% of the schools received A grades.

The new system puts a much greater weight on academic growth and AzMERIT scores. Patagonia Public Schools’ students had AzMERIT scores that were higher than the State average and other local area schools in prior years. But it is more difficult for schools with students who are already performing at a high level to earn the highest level of growth points. Another good example of this is the BASIS Charter Schools of Phoenix, rated by many outside experts to be one of the highest performing high schools in the nation, which only got a B rating.

For small schools, the state did not grade certain components if there are less than 20 students in a grade. For Patagonia, this meant that many of the qualitative strengths, such as having a 100% graduation rate and the academic progress of the students, were not figured into the grade. In fact, the entire grade for PUHS was based on AzMERIT scores. For PES, 90% of the grade was based on the AzMERIT scores.

It is also important to note that decisions regarding the criteria for grading were not made until after the 2016-2017 school year was over. In other words, it was like taking a college class but not knowing how to earn a high grade until after the class was over. Fred Sang, Governing Board President for PUHS states, “The grades for this year are in and there is little we can do about the rules and circumstances. As in the past, ADE will be getting feedback from the schools and from the legislators. If the past is any predictor, there will be adjustments to the process in future years.”

Rachell Hochheim, Superintendent of Patagonia Public Schools states, “Last year, over 70% of our seniors went on to attend a community college or a four year university. That is an amazing achievement for a small, rural school where 73% of the students qualified for the free or reduced lunch program. However, because the senior class was less than 20 students, it was not taken into consideration. This year, we have 19 students in the senior class and we will be facing the same predicament.”

Rosann Clark, Patagonia Public Schools School Counselor comments, “Statewide, 80% of the students in Arizona entering college fail to test into college level courses. Last year, we had 13 juniors take the Language Arts placement test as a prerequisite to a dual credit class at Cochise College and they all passed. I have not heard from any of recent graduates that they failed to test into their college courses.”

Hochheim continues, “Hopefully, we have all learned from the AIMS experience that teaching to the test is not ideal and, in the long term, is detrimental to a student’s education. The focus at Patagonia Public Schools has always been student academic progress and we are going to continue that focus. For high school students, this means graduating with a plan for the future and having the knowledge and tools they need to achieve their plan. For the elementary and middle school students, this means achieving their grade appropriate goals and finishing eighth grade with the knowledge and academic ability to succeed in high school.”

“Over the past two years, Patagonia Schools made a significant investment in updating our curriculum and I am confident that our textbooks are current, and we are teaching to state and national standards. In addition to focusing on academic success, we plan to continue to enrich our student’s public school experience by emphasizing and increasing our community involvement and athletic programs.”

PCC Seeking New Faculty For Nogales Campus

Pima Community College is recruiting adjunct faculty candidates interested in teaching English, Math, Logistics, Economics, Psychology, ESL and other subjects at the Santa Cruz Center in Nogales, AZ. Come down to the center at 2021 N Grand Avenue in Nogales from 3:30 to 7:00 PM on Friday, November 17, 2017. Bring your resume and learn about employment opportunities at Pima Community College at the Santa Cruz Center. For more information, please call 520-206-6584 or email Brian Nelson at bnelson@pima.edu.
Patagonia Museum Trip to Mata Ortiz Scheduled

The Patagonia Museum will sponsor its fourth fundraising guided bus tour to Mexico on December 15. The tour will depart from Patagonia and travel to Mata Ortiz, arriving in Casas Grandes that afternoon. Mata Ortiz is a small community in Chihuahua, Mexico that is known for the revival of Pacimé pottery.

Rebecca Orozco, History and Anthropology Instructor from Cochise College and the University of Arizona, will offer commentary throughout the tour. The tour will spend two nights at the Hacienda Hotel in Casas Grandes.

On Sunday, December 17, the tour will return to Patagonia via Puerto Palomas, south of Columbus, New Mexico. The fare for the tour is $480 per person (double occupancy) for museum members with a $50 surcharge for non-members.

The Patagonia Museum is a nonprofit, 501c3, organization dedicated to the preservation and collection of the history and culture of eastern Santa Cruz County. For further information contact German Quiroga, 520-343-5641, or visit the website: www.thepatagoniamuseum.org.
Patagonia’s Little Free Pantry - One Year Later

By Nancy Coyote

In November 2016 the Little Free Pantry (LFP) was opened on S. 3rd Avenue across from the Fire Station. The LFP is dedicated in memory of Gage Best and in honor of Darlene Hilgeman, long-time Food Bank volunteers.

The purpose of the LFP is to address food insecurity in our community. It is an adjunct to, but not operated by, the Food Bank, which is open every second Wednesday morning of each month.

Anyone who cannot afford to buy food is welcome to take donated items from the LFP, and anyone with extra non-perishable food or household items is welcome to contribute.

The LFP is monitored regularly to ensure sufficient quantity and freshness of donated food, but other than that it is very much an honor system. People who can buy their own food are hopefully leaving donated food for others who cannot afford it.

No one has tallied the number of pounds of food that flowed through the LFP over the last year. People contributed food and people who needed food could get it any time. Measured in these terms the LFP has been a success!

And now the Little Free Pantry and the Food Bank are more accessible. Recently a ramp was installed to allow people with mobility challenges to access the porch of the Seventh Day Adventist Church where the LFP and Food Bank are located. There is also a grab bar mounted on a post to assist people with the step up to the porch.

Thanks to the generous folks who support the Little Free Pantry! May it continue to be one of the many amenities that help make Patagonia a thriving community.

In November 2016 the Little Free Pantry (LFP) was opened on S. 3rd Avenue across from the Fire Station. The LFP is dedicated in memory of Gage Best and in honor of Darlene Hilgeman, long-time Food Bank volunteers.

The purpose of the LFP is to address food insecurity in our community. It is an adjunct to, but not operated by, the Food Bank, which is open every second Wednesday morning of each month.

Anyone who cannot afford to buy food is welcome to take donated items from the LFP, and anyone with extra non-perishable food or household items is welcome to contribute.

The LFP is monitored regularly to ensure sufficient quantity and freshness of donated food, but other than that it is very much an honor system. People who can buy their own food are hopefully leaving donated food for others who cannot afford it.

No one has tallied the number of pounds of food that flowed through the LFP over the last year. People contributed food and people who needed food could get it any time. Measured in these terms the LFP has been a success!

And now the Little Free Pantry and the Food Bank are more accessible. Recently a ramp was installed to allow people with mobility challenges to access the porch of the Seventh Day Adventist Church where the LFP and Food Bank are located. There is also a grab bar mounted on a post to assist people with the step up to the porch.

Thanks to the generous folks who support the Little Free Pantry! May it continue to be one of the many amenities that help make Patagonia a thriving community.

In November 2016 the Little Free Pantry (LFP) was opened on S. 3rd Avenue across from the Fire Station. The LFP is dedicated in memory of Gage Best and in honor of Darlene Hilgeman, long-time Food Bank volunteers.

The purpose of the LFP is to address food insecurity in our community. It is an adjunct to, but not operated by, the Food Bank, which is open every second Wednesday morning of each month.

Anyone who cannot afford to buy food is welcome to take donated items from the LFP, and anyone with extra non-perishable food or household items is welcome to contribute.

The LFP is monitored regularly to ensure sufficient quantity and freshness of donated food, but other than that it is very much an honor system. People who can buy their own food are hopefully leaving donated food for others who cannot afford it.

No one has tallied the number of pounds of food that flowed through the LFP over the last year. People contributed food and people who needed food could get it any time. Measured in these terms the LFP has been a success!

And now the Little Free Pantry and the Food Bank are more accessible. Recently a ramp was installed to allow people with mobility challenges to access the porch of the Seventh Day Adventist Church where the LFP and Food Bank are located. There is also a grab bar mounted on a post to assist people with the step up to the porch.

Thanks to the generous folks who support the Little Free Pantry! May it continue to be one of the many amenities that help make Patagonia a thriving community.
Thank You to our Sponsors:

Santa Cruz Foundation for Performing Arts
Arizona Mining
Patagonia Area Resource Alliance
Horne Ford
Champion Chrysler

Velvet Elvis Pizza Company
High Spirits Flutes
Grayce’s Gift and Candle Shop
Sulphur Springs Valley Electric Cooperative
Arizona Craft Beverages
Plaza de Patagonia
Nogales International Nation Satellite
Ovens of Patagonia
Wild Horse Restaurant and Saloon
The Vineyard Cafe of Sonolta
Steakout Restaurant
Sonolta Vineyards
Many Horses Trading Company
Patagonia Market
Wagon Wheel Saloon
Red Mountain Foods
Spirit Tree Inn B&B
Global Arts Gallery and Lillians Closet
Long Realty of Sonolta & Patagonia
The Duquesne House Inn and Gardens
The Stable Rooms at Oak Bar Ranch
Creative Spirit Artists
G/W Designs
AZ Mobile Aps
Dick Bauernbach
Tod Bowden & Lila Davison
Lynne Anderson
Anonymous (4)

UNINSURED?

OPEN ENROLLMENT
November 1st - December 15th

• Need medical insurance? Enroll now and avoid the penalty.
• Already enrolled? You must update your information to keep your discount.

For an appointment in your area, or for more information, call (520) 281-1550.

18th Annual Patagonia Holiday Art Walk
Thanksgiving Weekend: Friday, Nov 24 and Saturday, Nov 25

Featuring local artists, open studios, youth art, presentations, treats at participating stores and surprises! A wonderful way to walk off the big meal and to entertain visiting family and friends.
A Fall Festival Moment
By Robert Gay

On the food-truck side of the park, there was a stand called “Sweet Street” – for Mini-donuts, $5 a dozen. I was thinking of the skills of their craft: get the dough right, and shape them precisely, oil-fry to perfection and then maybe add further flavor or frosting for the various types.

With the wall of their truck as background, in the foreground across the sidewalk was Connie, hand-painting the spiky tips of one of her agave-like enameled metal creations. Her pieces explode with color and have subjects like saguaros, toads & turtles, butterflies or simply mandala designs. Her craft starts with careful cutting of sheet metal, welding where necessary, and composing vivid attractive compositions of knock-your-eye-out enamel paint.

Radically different materials and processes between the two vendors: one edible the other decorative, but alike in the quest for perfection - and livelihood - one gustatory and the other visual. One adds waves of aroma and taste to the festival, and the other adds rays of color.
Who doesn’t stop to smile and laugh at the acrobatics and carryings on of a squirrel or two at the park or in the woods?

My family grew up enjoying watching the grey and red tree squirrels that would frequent our bird feeders. One of my sisters has christened a grey squirrel who dominates her yard Maximilian Schell because he leaves the peanut shells she puts out strewn throughout her yard. My brother has a resident chipmunk he has named Hoover because he sucks up all the bird seeds he can possibly manage to tuck away in to his fat little cheeks before scurrying away to create a cache.

On average, one squirrel consumes one pound of food per week. Their diet is made up mainly of fungi, seeds, nuts, and fruit, but they will also munch on eggs, small insects, caterpillars, small mammals and even small snakes. They bury nuts to get them through the winter when food is scarce and can lose twenty percent of their caches to fellow squirrels and/or birds. To deter thieves, they have been observed digging holes, pretending to drop a nut in the hole then filling them back up. Then they carry on with creating real caches while others are busy digging for treasure in a false one.

Squirrels are members of the Sciuridae family which includes tree squirrels, ground squirrels, chipmunks, marmots, flying squirrels and prairie dogs.

Squirrels, being rodents, need to chew a lot to keep their top teeth in shape because they never stop growing. Alas, this can cause them to be destructive if they get in to attics or under houses. They do not like hot and spicy foods, so sprinkling cayenne pepper or spraying diced jalapeño peppers mixed with vinegar and water in the garden or outside areas where they are not welcome can help deter them.

I have had success with pushing mothballs as deeply as possible into burrows they have made under the house and filling them in again with heavy gravel and rocks on top.

One can place wire mesh over a hole they have been using to get in where they can do damage to wires, etc. Then, to create an exit, make a funnel out of sheet metal or fine wire mesh and direct the narrow end outside of the last remaining hole. If a squirrel finds its way out of this funnel it will usually be unable to find its way back in.

They are very trusting creatures and one of the few wild animals that will eat out of a person’s hand. In their proper environment they are delightful little beings and can create hours of entertainment for those of us who enjoy observing nature. Many people have made wonderful pets out of babies they have saved who have fallen from their nests during a storm or have gotten separated from their mothers.

For certain my family members will be enjoying the antics of Maximilian and Hoover for some time to come.

Cate Drown is the proprietor of Beyond Reason Ranch, where she provides specialized care for all beings large or small. Contact Cate at latecate1957@gmail.com.
Fairgrounds, 4-H/FFA and Patagonia Schools Host Community Halloween Party

350 people attended the Halloween party at the Sonoita Fairgrounds Friday, October 27, the largest crowd ever to attend this event. Patagonia School Superintendent Rachell Hochheim worked with Jen Rinaldi, the fairgrounds manager, for over one month to organize the party, and thirty PUHS students were bussed to the fairgrounds to decorate the hall. 4-H/FFA members were in charge of creating a haunted house, SEFD firefighters and the Elgin/Sonita Cowbelles organized games and Patagonia Elementary students performed song and dance numbers to entertain party goers. The Vera Earl Ranch, of Sonoita, donated all the food, and the fairgrounds provided decorations, candy and prizes. “Everybody pulled together and made this an incredible experience for the kids,” Rinaldi said.
PATAGONIA ADOBE COTTAGE  
MLS # 21724520  JUST LISTED!  
Remodeled & expanded in 2015. Oozes charm in every room. 28d/28a, liv rm, fam room, new kitchen, covered porch, private & on large lot. JEAN MILLER 520 508-3335

LUXURY LIVING IN THE MESA  
REDUCED!  MLS # 21707591  4.3 ACRES  
Great views on this split level custom home. 28d/38a, high ceilings, hickory cabinets, 3 car garage. Gated for privacy & security. BARBARA HARRIS 602 826-4026

ELGIN WINE COUNTRY  
MLS #21632302  12.74 ACRES  
Access to State & BLM land for great horseback riding. 3283 sf 48d/38a + bonus room & office. High knotty pine ceilings, panoramic views. JEAN MILLER 520 508-3335

SONOITA COUNTRY LIVING  
MLS # 21632142  10.5 DIVIDABLE ACRES  
Trees, views, privacy, room for horses & pets, multiple gardens & patios, garage, chicken coop. 28d/28a, studio & inviting sunroom. JEAN MILLER 520 508-3335

CUSTOM SANTA FE—LAKE PATAGONIA  
MLS # 21704167  4.14 ACRES  
Fabulous views & luxury details in every room! 2599 sf, 38d/3.5 8a, guest quarters, balcony, 2 fireplaces, 5 car garage! Electric gate. JEAN MILLER 520 508-3335

CONVENIENT SONOITA LOCATION  
MLS # 21716353  4.5 ACRES  
1952 sf, 3 Bd/2Ba, huge open kitchen & fam room. Screened porch, AC. Great for horses. Carport/ workshop/2 stall barn. JEAN MILLER 520 508-3335

SCOTTSDALE LUXURY ON THE MESA  
MLS # 21725662  4.3 ACRES  
Loaded w/high end features. Retractable porch screens, fab BBQ, epoxy garage & patio floors, & much much more. Wow views, high ceilings, JEAN MILLER 520 508-3335

JUST REMODELED! LAKE PATAGONIA  
MLS # 21725571  4.14 ACRES  
2121 sf, 3 Bd/28a w/stone fireplace, copper stove hood, 3 car garage. Views, trees, privacy & room for horses. New carpet, wood flooring, paint. JEAN MILLER 520 508-3335

BUNGALOW WITH GUEST HOUSE  
MLS #21706578  242 SANTA RITA  
Great in town location. Old miner’s shack converted to an open concept small bungalow. New roof, plumbing, electrical. Terraces, studio. JEAN MILLER 520 508-3335

PATAGONIA: 325-A McKeown Ave., next to Gathering Grounds  520-394-2120  
SONOITA: Corner of Hwys 82 & 83, next to Post Office  520-455-5235  

www.buysonoita.com or www.sonoita-realestate.com  
Download FREE Long Realty App for instant Arizona real estate active listings, pending sales and recently sold properties.
A Rural Vision:
A Fifty Year Journey

By Patra Kelly

Dr. John Arnold, part-time resident of Patagonia and son of Grayce Arnold of Grayce’s Gift and Candle Shop, has been honored by many organizations and individuals around the world for founding Portable Practical Education Preparation (PPEP). The program, established in 1967, with a $19,000 grant through the Tucson Committee for Economic Opportunity, was part of Arnold’s vision for improving the quality of life of Bracero migrant workers, seasonal farm workers and disadvantaged rural people.

In 1972, PPEP began projects in Patagonia with a grant from the Law Assistance Enforcement Agency funding the creation of a Youth Center. It also helped with the groundwork, by-laws and technical assistance in forming the Senior Housing project on Pennsylvania Avenue. Under PPEP’s auspices, Arnold also established a small business administration that has given micro-loans to businesses in Patagonia and other Santa Cruz County towns. This grew to become the Microbusiness and Housing Corp., providing $25 million in loans to start or expand small businesses in Southern Arizona, Mexico and West Africa. It also offers free small-business consulting, technical assistance and resources.

Arnold first became aware of the consequences of extreme poverty when his father’s work took his family from Pennsylvania to Guadalajara, Mexico. While Arnold was busy learning the language, he was also absorbing the conditions of the people around him, and at the same time internalizing the deeply humanitarian values of his mother. From her he received an awareness of the struggle of poor people just to survive. Also from Grayce he learned to appreciate often unrecognized difficulties women face in the world. Grayce, John says, “blazed her own path,” and wanted all women to be able to do so.

Another important early source of inspiration was Roy Goodwin, Baptist pastor in Tucson, whose migrant worker program Arnold joined when he was just 12 years old: “It made me appreciate the joy of helping other people.” At 18, he himself became an ordained Baptist minister, and while functioning as pastor of the First Baptist Church of Catalina, continued to operate the migrant ministry out of his 1957 Chevy bus. Affectionately nicknamed “La Tortuga,” the bus was also used as an office and a classroom, and remains an important symbol of “portable and practical education.” Especially popular was the women’s driver education class for migrant women who often felt trapped at home.

Arnold was also motivated by the work of Cesar Chavez, whom he knew, by the Civil Rights Movement of the 1960’s, by the Kennedy/Johnson War on Poverty program, the Head Start program, in which he taught, and by Dr. William Barnes, at the University of Arizona, who mentored Arnold as he worked to complete two Master’s Degrees and one Ph.D.

PPEP has become a global enterprise, always with the agenda of helping people become self-sufficient. In Arizona, the educational programming has evolved to include free online charter schools and seven PPEP Tec alternative high schools that serve more than 7,000 Southern Arizona students.

Wide-ranging international efforts have included clean water projects and nutrition advocacy, ebola/malaria preparedness, economic development, and female genital mutilation education in Africa, as well as prevention of deforestation and poaching in Ghana, and a Zika Safe Project in Costa Rica. In Mexico, programs include support for orphanages, micro-business financing, scholarships, health initiatives for diabetes and cancer prevention, and programs and services for the elderly and disabled.

Arnold lives in Tucson, though he still uses the office he opened at 338 Roadrunner in Patagonia in 1972 one day a week, spends some time in Ghana, and on his organic farm in Arivaca, which is now part of the community’s gardens and donates produce to Senior Centers and Food Bank programs.

Though 2017 is PPEP’s 50th anniversary, Arnold considers the actual beginning of his life’s mission to have begun 62 years ago with the bus migrant ministry. Today he feels just as committed to, and passionate about, his work - and the need for it to continue - as he did at its start. When asked how he has dealt with society’s indifference, political cupidity, and general injustice along the way, he said, “I don’t give up. If there is a road block, I find another route. I practice the things I believe in. I carry on despite everything.”

Contributed Photo
It will likely come as no surprise to locals that June tends to be not only our hottest month on average, but also our driest. But our second driest month is often November. It is during this mostly moisture-challenged month that a slew of species have evolved to deal with this potentially death-dealing drought.

Species contend with parched November conditions in a variety of ways. Some mobile species - birds and bats in particular - migrate out of our region for warmer, if not wetter, climes to the south. Many migrating birds take advantage of autumn celestial skies, using mostly circumpolar constellations (think Cassiopeia for example) as navigational beacons during their nocturnal wanderings. Perhaps cooler temperatures, reduced winds, and a general lack of nocturnal predators in the sky are some of the main impetuses spawning this incredible migratory feat.

Some mobile species of birds, mammals, reptiles, amphibians, and invertebrates may make more localized moves. Quite a few local species have the mobility to locate our rarest commodity - water. Collared peccary or javelina often make such an adjustment, thriving better when they have water to drink. Water obligate species such as Chiricahua leopard frogs and belted kingfishers must find water for food and/or for cover.

By the onset of November, if not sooner, many species that are mostly active during our summer monsoons simply cease most or all activity. Normally, our first frosts occur this month and add to the dry conditions. Anything from frogs and toads, to Gila monsters, to even one bird - the common poorwill - have evolved to wait things out during this month’s dryness. Many of these species are less mobile and hence must go this route of survival. Doing so underground in a burrow, hole, lair, or in mud helps conserve vital moisture until favorable times return once again.

Some invertebrates, such as most butterflies and grasshoppers, overwinter as eggs - their entire species dependent upon successful hatchings in more advantageous times. This is a sage evolutionary strategy, as November is certainly one of our least diverse months for plants. Very few species are in bloom unless October has been particularly wet, which is certainly not the case this year!

Most other invertebrates have at least decreased by this time, waning with the drying and cooling conditions. The majority of these overwinter as either eggs, larvae, or pupa - not as adults.

Despite the sere conditions normal in November, this otherwise austere month can portend more abundant times. In rare years, rain punctuates the latter part of the month in particular. With ample moisture, perhaps an abundance of native wildflowers will artfully grace late winter and spring. Although never easy to predict, any significant November rains, backed up by more in December and winter in general, can set the stage for a rarified wildflower extravaganza. If not, just remember that the relative dearth of life this month eventually will lead to more abundant times down the line. Have faith!

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

Participants in the recent Firewise class in Sonoita show off their certificates.

On October 21 and 22, approximately 30 residents attended the State of Arizona’s “Firewise” training held in Sonoita at the firehouse. The event was sponsored by the SEFD. The purpose of the training was to educate folks to become Firewise assessors and assist in the development of an awareness of the issues facing people living in the interface of Wildland/Urban areas. Our local community is an example of that interface, as we saw during the 2017 fire season.

The training focused on ways in which both individuals and neighborhoods can mitigate the loss of personal property due to fire. Topics included issues such as defensible spaces around home and buildings, wildfire hazards and home ignition zones, ladder fuels, and ember awareness.

For more information, copies of “Living with Wildfire,” the booklet used during the training, are available at the fire house, talk with those people who attended the training, or visit www.azsf.gov and www.firewise.org.

Empire Roundup Nov. 4th

The 17th Annual Empire Ranch Roundup and Open House will be held Saturday, Nov. 4th, 2017, from 10 am to 4 pm, at the Empire Ranch Headquarters, off Hwy 83 between milepost 40 and 39.

The festival-like Roundup celebrates Arizona’s Western history and culture with horsemanship, ranching and educational demonstrations, B Troop mounted cavalry, interesting presentations, local authors, cowboy poetry, Western and Bluegrass music, entertainment, food, and a silent auction of fabulous items. This is a family friendly event! Admission is free - $10 donation per vehicle requested. All proceeds benefit the preservation and restoration of the Empire Ranch and surrounding Las Cienegas National Conservation Area.

This year’s Roundup has a new layout, new presentations, new vendors and great meals for $9. More information is available at https://www.empireranchfoundation.org/ranch-events/fall-roundup.
By Juanita Havill

“Interpreters for the US Department of State are supposed to be invisible,” Larry Fisher said to a community audience at the Sonoita/Elgin Fire Station October 19. Fisher, however, was entertainingly visible when he spoke on the topic “Lost in Translation: Adventures of a Part-time Diplomatic Interpreter” at the third event co-sponsored by Arizona Borderlands Democrats and Southern Arizona Republicans.

Senior diplomatic interpreter (Indonesian/Malaysian) for the State Department since 1998, Fisher, who is a part-time resident of Sonoita, has the job of facilitating US officials’ communication with their counterparts from Indonesia and Malaysia. Officials for whom Fisher has interpreted include Presidents Clinton, Bush, and Obama; Secretaries of State Albright, Powell, Rice, Clinton, and Kerry; and officials from the National Security Agency, Department of Defense, Department of Justice, FBI, and other federal agencies. He will be traveling to the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Summit in November to interpret for President Trump for the first time.

Fisher doesn’t come from a bilingual family nor did he pursue degrees in a foreign language nor did he undergo professional training. In 1975 he went to Indonesia with Village Volunteers. Fisher lived with an Indonesian family and learned to speak Indonesian with native fluency.

Returning to the US, Fisher took a position at Cornell University in his field of forestry. When a delegation from Indonesia, accompanied by a State Department escort, attended a meeting with the Department of Natural Resources, the group would like to hear the talk in Indonesian and invited him to take a test to become a diplomatic interpreter. This led to Fisher’s second career: part-time senior diplomatic interpreter. His full-time position is Research Professor in the Department of Natural Resources and the Environment at the University of Arizona.

When asked if an interpreter would ever deliberately sabotage a conversation between officials by mis-translating, Fisher said that he has confidence in the integrity and professionalism of State Department senior diplomatic interpreters. He pointed out that there are safeguards in the process. For example, as an interpreter for a US official, he translates the official’s words in Indonesian, but he also hears the response of the Indonesian official, in Indonesian, and will be aware of mistranslations that he can communicate to the official.

Many in the audience expressed appreciation for the opportunity to hear Fisher’s presentation, saying that they found the talk interesting and learned so many things they didn’t know.

The community is invited to attend the next scheduled co-sponsored event on Thursday, November 2 at 7 p.m. at the Fire Station. District 3 County Supervisor Bruce Bracker will be the featured speaker.

Photo by Sue Archibald

Larry Fisher shares stories from his career as a state dept. interpreter

MOVIES AT THE TIN SHED THEATER
2017 - 2018 SCHEDULE

OCTOBER
Oct 4. 7pm - The Abominable Dr. Phibes 1971 - Vincent Price.
Oct 21. 7pm - SC Film Festival. Saturday pm only.
Oct 24. 7pm - Motel Hell; 1980.

NOVEMBER
Nov 8. 7pm - Movie; Giant; 1956 Marfa Tx. James Dean/Liz Taylor, digitally restored.
Nov 18. 4pm - Ballet; Royal Opera House presents Alice’s Adventures in Wonderland. 2.5hrs, two intermissions.
Nov 29. 7pm - Movie - In a Lonely Place; Humphrey Bogart/Glora Grahame, 1950, digitally restored.

DECEMBER
Dec. 9. 2pm - Art; Exhibitions on Screen: Painting the Modern Garden - Monet to Matisse
Dec 20. 6pm - Ballet; The Nutcracker; Our Annual Art Center Christmas Event; 2.5hrs, 2 intermissions. Includes Food & Beverages.
Dec 23. 2pm - Ballet; The Nutcracker; afternoon matinee. 2.5 hrs. 2 intermissions.
Dec 28. 7pm - Movie; Independently produced Salt Water Buda w/producer&Director
Dec 29. 7pm - Movie; The Rocky Horror Picture Show.

JANUARY
Jan 6. 2pm - Art; Exhibitions on Screen; Michelangelo
Jan 27. 4pm - Movie Art Center Theater Funding Event with Beverages & Dinner; Casablanca 1942, digitally restored. Cocktails 4pm, dinner 5pm, showing 7pm.

FEBRUARY
Feb 14th - Movie - An Affair to Remember
Feb 17th - Opera; Royal Opera House - TBA

MARCH
March 3 - Art; Exhibitions on Screen; The Artist’s Garden American Impressionism
March 14th - Movie - TBA
March 17 - Royal Opera House - TBA

APRIL
April 14 - Royal Opera House -TBA
April 28 - Opera; Royal Opera House; Macbeth

MAY
May 5th - Royal Opera House - TBA
TBA - Art; Exhibitions on Screen; Rembrandt
New Fitness Center Takes Over Gallery Space

By Marion Vendituoli

Rows of weight machines, treadmills, ellipticals and more fill the space as the newly opened Patagonia Health and Fitness in Patagonia at 316 Naugle Ave. in Patagonia. The building, which housed the Metamorphosis Art Gallery for the past fourteen years, has been refashioned into a fitness center and smoothie bar by new owners Todd and Starr Norton. “This has been a dream that Todd and I have had for a long time,” Starr Norton said.

The center is open from 6 a.m. until 10 p.m. seven days a week, and the couple will be offering 24 access to gym members. “We have expanded hours to accommodate working people,” she said.

There are 30,000 pounds of weights available, and machines that can work every muscle in the body. “It was quite an experience getting it all in here. It took 15 volunteers and a forklift,” Norton said.

She is working to get certified as a personal trainer, and there are plans to offer zumba, yoga and dance classes in the future. They are also looking into developing a ‘silver sneakers’ program, which encourages senior citizens to participate in physical activities, and is covered under some Medicare part C plans.

The couple, who also own Todd Norton plumbing, operate a full smoothie bar at the fitness center, as well, offering a wide array of flavors, including a peanut butter and jelly smoothie, made with grape juice.

They offer a free one-day trial, and have already had several people sign up to use the new gym. “Memberships are available from 1 day to a year,” she explained. People can also buy a set number of visits. A one-day membership costs $7, while a year membership costs $329. Discounts are available to students with a B average or better, fire fighters, Border Patrol agents, teachers and policemen.

Art Students Get a Taste of Restoration Work

By Bob Brandt

The campus of Old Main was transformed into a campground the week of October 15 when a dozen University of New Mexico art students and their mentors used the playfield as their basecamp while learning about the ecological restoration work of Borderlands Restoration Leadership Institute.

Organized by Borderlands Restoration staff member Perin McNelis, the week-long project was a collaboration between BRLI and UNM, part of an ongoing experiment and interdisciplinary model for creative and critical arts pedagogy based in place. Known as Land Arts of the American West, the project sends students throughout the Southwest for up to fifty days of camping while they investigate environmental sites, human habitation systems and questions facing the region. The project puts both undergraduate and graduate students in direct contact with place in the American Southwest through field investigations, research, creative production, and public presentation of their experience.

Borderlands Restoration staff guided the students through a variety of field, lab and greenhouse experiences, many of them very much hands-on. At several points throughout the week, BR Consulting Scientist David Seibert enriched the learning experience with ecological and anthropological insights and also gave a presentation on his doctoral dissertation, based on his time studying the effects on human and nonhuman lives of a militarized border region around Arivaca.

During their week in Patagonia, the students focused on Rights of Nature in the US/Mexican borderlands as they worked with BRLI staff to investigate the various forces of movement that have a hand in shaping both the physical and cultural landscapes of this unique region. German Quiroga, President of the Patagonia Museum, also led the students on a trip to Lochiel and the San Rafael Valley during which he shared historical and contemporary cultural insights of that area and its close neighbor Mexico, which at Lochiel is mere feet away yet relatively inaccessible because of the border wall.

After spending all day in the field, the students participated in nightly circle discussions about the day’s activities and insights gained.

The week’s activities culminated with the students’ installation of a rock structure they designed for erosion control in the Smith Canyon area of the Sonoita Creek Wildlife Corridor and a wrap up of their weeklong Patagonia experience.

The Old Man in the Mirror

By Jon Larsen

Who is that old man in the mirror? Each time I look at him I remember a younger guy without wrinkles… No drooping cheeks… And he wasn’t bald.

Who is this old man in the mirror? Yeah...It’s still me.
Fall in ranching country is roundup time to gather cattle for sale. Until fencing became more prevalent in the 1920s cattle roamed freely on the open range. As a result, roundups were cooperative affairs where ranchers worked together to gather and ultimately sort cattle by brands. The full text of the “Border Vidette” articles quoted below can be found in the Library of Congress database, “Chronicling America.”

Roundups were announced in the local newspapers and no doubt by word of mouth. “At a meeting of cowmen recently held in Nogales, it was decided to start the fall Rodeo at San Javier on September 1st, 1909, working up the Santa Cruz River to Alamo Bonito. The Arivaca Cattle Company will work up the Sopori; Vail & Gates to the White House; Sabino Otero up the Santa Cruz; Calabasas continuing the round-up.” (The Border Vidette, 8/21/1909). “The upper Santa Cruz roundup will end tomorrow or Monday at Sanford’s ranch on the Sonoita. Steers are being corralled by owners for market. It is estimated that 1,000 head will be shipped, and that it will bring in the neighborhood of $15,000 cash to Santa Cruz county people.” (The Border Vidette, 11/11/1899). A leader or foreman for the roundup was designated. “G. W. Fenter was elected roundup foreman, at a salary of $3.00 per diem during the roundup season, and to equip an outfit and begin work at Elgin, Arizona and work the range easterly from said place.” (The Border Vidette, 9/26/1914).

Cattle pay no attention to international borders, so special arrangements were needed to round them up across the line. “Luis Carillo has been appointed commissioner of roundups on the Mexican side of the line for the district of Nogales and American cattlemen who want to gather cattle on that side will first get a certificate from him.” (The Border Vidette, 9/4/1897). “An ‘international roundup’ took place the first of the week when 331 head of stray cattle belonging to American cattlemen on the southern border of Arizona, were brought, back across the line…. Almost every year there is a roundup of American cattle that have strayed across the line, and as a rule little difficulty is encountered in getting the necessary permit to bring the cattle across. This year much trouble was experienced, and J. M. Ronstadt of the Ronstadt Cattle company finally enlisted the aid of Congressman Carl Hayden and the permit was finally issued by the Mexican government.” (The Border Vidette, 2/13/1904). Sheehy was convicted of manslaughter and sentenced to 9 years at the Florence prison. In 1907 he was pardoned and paroled by the Governor and became a prosperous miner in the area.

Glimpses Into Our Past

By Alison Bunting

No Talent' Talent Show Coming to Thurber Hall

A comic variety show involving silly skits, wacky wardrobes, and messed-up musicians is planned for 7p.m., November 11, in Patagonia’s Thurber Hall. Let your friends and neighbors surprise you! Admission is free, but donations will be accepted. For more information, call Patra at 520-604-8119.

THE DUQUESNE HOUSE
INN & GARDENS

520-287-5547

Jeffrey G Latham, architect, CSI
PO Box 2257
Nogales, Arizona
85628

520-287-5547

jglatham@mchsi.com

Creative Spirit Artists

Representing local artists since 2005

317 McKeown, Patagonia, AZ
520-394-2100 • Open 7 days, 10-4 • www.azcreativespirit.com
### Events

**Nov 2** - “Opera Rombert”: Drawings by Robert Berk. Enjoy some of the highlights from many years working with the Arizona Opera Company. Art opening Thursday evening at Gathering Grounds.

**Nov 3 & 4** - Annual Patagonia Youth Tennis Fundraiser. Nov 3, 1-5 p.m. - Student/Family/Faculty/Staff games. Nov 4, 8-4 p.m. - Tennis Doubles & Singles round robin event, raffle. Tickets and info: Tod Bowden 520-394-2973, todcb@q.com.

**Nov 4** - Empire Ranch Roundup and Open House. 10-4 p.m. Info: www.empireranchfoundation.org.

**Nov 4** - KPUP Full Moon Dance. $5 admission, cash bar, costume optional. 6-10 p.m. at Cady Hall.

**Nov 5** - Brad Richter, Guitar and Viktor Uzur, Cello. 3 p.m. at the Benderly-Kendall Opera House. Info: scfpapresents.org.

**Nov 7** - Pop-Up Library at Senior Lunches. Noon at Patagonia Community Center.

**Nov 8** - Giant, 1956. Elizabeth Taylor, Rock Hudson, James Dean. 7 p.m. at Tin Shed Theater.

**Nov 9** - Veterans Celebration. 9 a.m. at Elgin School.

**Nov 11** - Fire Department Breakfast in Sonoita. 8-10 a.m.

**Nov 11** - Senior Information Day. 8:30-1 p.m. at Sonoita Bible Church. Info: Mike Wright 520-730-7343, mike@sonoitabiblechurch.org.

**Nov 11** - Zany No Talent/Talent Show: Comic Variety Show. 7 p.m. at Thurber Hall.

**Nov 17** - Arizona Humanities Road Scholar: African-American Art, Fort Huachuca and World War II. 6:30 p.m. at Patagonia Library.

**Nov 18** - Royal Opera House presents Alice’s Adventures in Wonderland, ballet. $10 in advance or at door. 4-7 p.m. w/ 2 intermissions at the Tin Shed Theater.

**Nov 19** - Yuri Namkung, Violin and Evan Kory, Piano. 3 p.m. at the Benderly-Kendall Opera House.

**Nov 24 & 25** - Patagonia Art Walk.

**Nov 24 & 25** - Beyond the Wall events in Nogales. Nov 24, 7 p.m. art opening at Museo de Arte de Nogales. Nov 25, 10-4 p.m. block party at Nasim Karam Park; 4-10 p.m. concert & festival at Plaza Pesquiera. Info: www.puppetsattheborder.com.

**Nov 29** - In a Lonely Place, 1950. Humphrey Bogart, Gloria Grahame. 7 p.m. at Tin Shed Theater.

### Meetings

**AA** - Pat. Seventh-Day Adventist Church Fellowship Hall, Thurs. at 6:30 p.m. Sonoita Bible Church, Tues., 7:30 p.m. For more AA meetings info go online www.aatucson.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 5:30 p.m. in the Patagonia Town Council Room Chambers.

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

**Rotary Club** - 1st Thurs., 7 a.m. at Stage Stop Inn; 3rd Thurs., 5:30 p.m. at Kief Joshua Vineyard. Info: Sue, 520-990-4648.

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

### Events (cont’d)

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

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

**Crossroads Quilters** - Sonoita Fire Dept., 2nd & 4th Mon. at 9 a.m. Info: 520-732-0453.

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


### Community Services

**Storytime in Sonoita** - Pioneer Hall, every Thurs. Ages 0-5 but all ages welcome, 10 a.m.

**Nogales Mercado Farmers Market** - Fri. 3-6 p.m., Sat. 9-12 p.m.

**Lunch for Seniors** - Fresh-cooked meals, Mon. thru Fri. at the Patagonia Community Center. Noon—1 p.m.

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

**Patagonia Methodist Church Thrift Shop** - Fri. 10-2 p.m., Sat. 10-2 p.m.

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

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

NOW HIRING - HIGH SPIRITS FLUTES
Please email your resume to admin@highspirits.com.

STRONG BACK? ABLE TO TRANSFER 200 LBS?
If you’re an experienced or certified caregiver, call Pat. Assisted Care: 520-604-8179

HOUSING RENTALS

Two bedroom, two bath home, all appliances.
Walking distance to crossroads. Front/back yards. No pets. $950/mo. Call Donna 520-400-2949.

CLASSES

JULIA GREEN VOICE AND PIANO STUDIO

MISC.

Christmas in Elgin
520 559-4835.

SONOITA SELF STORAGE + RV / BOAT STORAGE
Rentals - 5 x 10, 10 x 10, 10 x 20.
520-455-9333 or 520-455-4641.

TO PLACE AN AD, CONTACT PRTADS@GMAIL.COM

Answers To Current Event Quiz, page 27

CHURCH SERVICES

Patagonia Community United Methodist Church
387 McKeown Ave., Patagonia 394-2274
Sunday Service: 10 a.m.
Youth Group: 5-7 p.m.

St. Andrews Episcopal Church
Casa Blanca Chapel of Sonoita
Justice of the Peace Courtroom
2nd & 4th Saturdays: 10 a.m.

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

St. Therese of Lisieux Catholic Church
222 Third Ave., Patagonia 394-2954
Sunday Mass: 10:30 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.

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

Harvest Christian Fellowship/
Sonoita Foursquare Church
3107 Hwy 83, Sonoita 455-5505
Sunday Service: 10:30 a.m

FULL MOON

NOVEMBER 4
Rebuilding Soccer
At PUHS
By Fabian Monge

It has been nine years since the Patagonia field has been lined up for a soccer game. This year, instead of football, student athletes are lacing up their cleats to go out and play soccer.

“We didn’t have the number of students to field a full competitive football team which led to safety issues,” said Athletic Director and former football coach Kenny Hayes. Instead, the new soccer team is being led by co-coaches Caleb Weaver and Collin Treiber with help from Ryan Egan and Jason Schreiber.

Coach Weaver has been playing soccer since kindergarten. After high school he played in college on an intramural team, eventually playing in adult leagues in Tucson. He has refereed for 15 years but this is his first time coaching. Coach Treiber has played soccer his entire life, and played on his college’s club team in Wisconsin. “The nice thing about the co-coaching system is that each of us played a different position. We therefore bring a difference in expertise to the soccer team,” said Coach Weaver.

Captain of the team, Alex Escoboza, has been playing soccer ever since he was three years old. What he likes most about playing soccer is the teamwork and competitiveness between teams and learning from other players. His position is goalie, arguably the most important position on a team. “My job is keeping the team in check, making sure everybody is aware, and doing their job,” Escoboza said.

The team record was four wins, two losses and three ties. “The soccer season definitely met all of my expectations and more,” Coach Schreiber said. “It was great to see such growth from students who had never kicked a soccer ball.”

PUHS Runners
Edge Out Willcox
in Season Final

By PUHS Journalism Class

The final meet of the cross-country season, held Friday, October 20 at Benson High School, gave PUHS cross-country runners a chance to shine before the Division IV Section II Race at Rio Rico High School, scheduled for October 28.

Sophomore, Nick Botz, with a time of 20:31 for the 3.1 mile course matched his finish time set two weeks earlier during the Blake-Langlois Classic Run held October 7 in Patagonia on the team’s home course. Junior Cole McGuire set a season best at 23:35, as well as freshman Asa Sedam with 25:10. Senior Juan Urias finished at 24:09 behind his season best of 23:37, clocked when he raced at Buena High School October 4. Freshman Sean Fleder, 24:22, finished a minute behind his best time of the season, 23:23, recorded at Buena High School October 4. Senior Mariana Roberts’ 34:41 time at Benson was behind her season best of 32:40, set at Bisbee High School on September 20.

“During the Benson Invitational everyone ran with great enthusiasm,” Coach Jim McMahon said. “With so many young runners, we are looking for big things next year.”

Homecoming Parade
Reflects Holiday Themes
By Alicia Valenzuela and Desiree Merino

The PUHS Homecoming Parade, held Friday, October 13, gave residents and visitors to the Fall Festival an opportunity to share in the students’ class enthusiasm. During the week leading up to the parade, the high schoolers rallied to create floats, with each class seeking to outdo the next.

“The floats were something fun to do and they brought the class together because we had to work together to make a float in a short amount of time,” sophomore Reyna Ochoa said.

The theme this year was “holidays.” The senior class represented Halloween with a flatbed designed to look like a graveyard with faculty advisors, Mr. Melanson and Ms. Lemons, popping out of gravestones. The seniors dressed up like zombies and crept along beside the float.

The junior class holiday theme was Christmas. Leading the float with their goat were John Hubbel and Ralphie Quiroz. The class followed on their Christmas tree float with special guest Lars Marshal as Santa Claus.

The sophomores’ depiction of Day of the Dead included a balloon arch with dangling skeletons and tissue paper flowers strewn around the float bed stage, a strumming mariachi band and dancing sophomores.

The freshmen float theme of Valentine’s Day had hearts made of wood painted white and red, and paper hearts and flowers made of chicken wire and paper. Emerging from the center of the float was freshman Kurt Whitcoe, as Cupid, dressed head to toe in red with streamers flowing around him.

During the parade, festival goers waved enthusiastically and joined in the dancing which enveloped the floats as they looped through town. After returning to school, students attended a pep rally during which the seniors were announced as the winners of the float decoration competition.

“The floats of this year did not fall apart during the parade like last year,” says senior Fabian Monge. “We had a great time.”
Royalty Takes Center Field At Homecoming

By Jennifer Beltran

PUHS royalty who paraded through town on class floats during the homecoming parade on Friday, October 13, arrived on campus that night escorted by the Sierra Vista Thunder Vettes Club.

The class royalty, voted on by the student body, were announced after the soccer game against Lourdes High School. Freshman princess Hannah Woodard arrived first, perched on the top of a black convertible wearing a long black and white dress. She was escorted onto the field by freshman Julian Vasquez.

Sophomore princess Karina Norton, wearing a green dress with silver heels, arrived on an orange corvette, escorted by sophomore Kenneth Kennedy. Junior princess Audriana Paz arrived on a red corvette in a full-length navy blue dress with sequin accents. She was met by Jesus Vasquez and escorted onto the field.

Senior princesses Juliana Quiroga wearing a black top and colorful skirt, and Exelee Budd wearing a full-length navy blue dress with sequins, were met by seniors Chris Miranda and Duke Norton.

As expectation mounted in the grandstand, Exelee Budd and Duke Norton were announced as the 2017 Homecoming Queen and King. They were presented on the field with crowns and royal robes.

“I didn’t think I was going to win!”

Duke Norton and Exelee Budd were named PUHS homecoming King and Queen October 13.

2017 PUHS Homecoming Royalty

Chris Miranda and Senior Princess Juliana Quiroga

Jesus Vasquez and Junior Princess Audriana Paz

Julian Vasquez and Freshman Princess Hannah Woodward

Kenneth Kennedy and Sophomore Princess Karina Norton

Contributed Photos
Library To Participate in Web Program

By Abbie Zeltzer

Patagonia Library is one of fifteen libraries from across the country selected to participate in Community Webs.

Funded by the Institute of Museum and Library Services and facilitated by San Francisco based Internet Archives, Community Webs provides education, cohort support, and technical services for public librarians to develop expertise in creating collections of historically valuable web materials documenting their local communities.

Patagonia Library will receive the equivalent of $25,000 in web archiving services.

The program will allow the library to preserve local records from online news, local blogs, social media and websites. As the Patagonia Museum preserves our local history’s past, Community Webs allows us to preserve and make accessible contemporary local records that highlight the evolution of our community’s current and future stories.

If you are a local nonprofit, local government entity or a media outlet and want to be a part of the collection “Patagonia 2017 and Beyond” please contact the library at 394-2010.

A meeting to share additional project information is scheduled on Thursday, November 16th at 8:30 a.m. in the Patagonia Library.
**Patagonian Earns Scouting’s Highest Rank**

New Eagle Scouts Vance Wevers and Andrew Botz earned the rank of Eagle Scout on October 14.

Andrew Botz, of Patagonia, had his Eagle Scout Court of Honor on October 14. It was a joint Court of Honor for Andrew and fellow Eagle Scout, Vance Wevers, of Rio Rico. They both belong to Scout Crew 577 in Nogales.

Only four percent of Boy Scouts earn the rank of Eagle, the highest rank given in scouting. Andrew, who has been active in scouting, starting as a cub scout at age 8, completed 21 merit badges in various topics such as first aid, citizenship in the community, nation, and world, aviation, personal fitness, environmental science, and emergency preparedness. He also had to lead a service project in the community.

For his Eagle Scout project, he repaired ramadas at the Guy Tobin Trailhead in Rio Rico, working with the support of the De Anza Trail Association, who provided guidance and material support for the project as well as the help of several volunteers. The project took place last fall and took four weekends to complete.

---

**Masons to Rededicate Nogales Lodge**

Dale Jacobs holds up his ceremonial apron that he wears as Master of Lodge 11 in Nogales.

The Freemasons Lodge 11, in Nogales, will be celebrating its 125th anniversary with a rededication of the cornerstone of the lodge on November 11, according to Dale Jacobs, who is in his second term as Master of the Lodge. Jacobs, of Patagonia, is expecting 100 people to attend the event, including delegations from the Grand Lodge of AZ. The ceremony begins at 11 a.m. and is open to the public.

Lodge 11, founded in 1892, while Arizona was still a territory, has approximately 80 members at present from all over Santa Cruz County. Lodge 11 is located at 1620 N. Royal Rd. in Nogales. For more information about the Masons, visit www.nogales11.com.

---

**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. Review to call killing of Muslims Ethnic Cleansing  
B. Hopes there is a McCarthy type tipping point  
C. Protested Dakota Access pipeline, now in prison  
D. Killed teen because he was Gender Fluid  
E. Protesters clash during disputed second election  
F. Gaining more power in Communist party  
G. House GOP push through plan for tax cuts  
H. Election win, now he is worried about North Korea, and aging population  
I. Have said goodbye to King Bhumibol  
J. Disaster assistance has cost $350 billion in last 10 years  
K. Retreating from congressional mandate to review chemicals in our area  
L. States asked judges to keep these after Pres. Trump killed them by Executive Order  
M. Part of punk rock group, spent 2.5 years in prison for protesting Putin  
N. All passengers need to go through before coming to US  
O. Possible serial killer, 3 people dead in 1 mile area  

1. Brazil  
2. Shinzo Abe  
3. Subsidies  
4. Jorge Sanders-Galvez  
5. Rohingya  
6. Xi Jinping  
7. Seminole Heights  
8. Climate Change  
9. Jeff Flake  
10. EPA  
11. Chase Iron Eyes  
12. Alekhina  
13. Budget  
14. Kenya  
15. Screenings  
16. Thailand

---

**Patagonia Montessori middle school students explore triangular structures with visiting educator Marshall Martin.**

Long time educators Marshall and Pat Martin visited the Patagonia Montessori School on October 27. Marshall worked with middle school students using hands on materials to verify the strength of triangular structures, the basis for geodesic domes invented by Buckminster Fuller. Pat met with the Montessori primary and elementary students to share the work of three authors she knows personally, Tomie dePaola, Jack Prelutsky, and Trina Schart.

---

**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. Review to call killing of Muslims Ethnic Cleansing  
B. Hopes there is a McCarthy type tipping point  
C. Millions return to poverty, due to recession  
D. Protested Dakota Access pipeline, now in prison  
E. Killed teen because he was Gender Fluid  
F. Protesters clash during disputed second election  
G. Gaining more power in Communist party  
H. House GOP push through plan for tax cuts  
I. Election win, now he is worried about North Korea, and aging population  
J. Have said goodbye to King Bhumibol  
K. Disaster assistance has cost $350 billion in last 10 years  
L. Retreating from congressional mandate to review chemicals in our area  
M. States asked judges to keep these after Pres. Trump killed them by Executive Order  
N. Part of punk rock group, spent 2.5 years in prison for protesting Putin  
O. All passengers need to go through before coming to US  
P. Possible serial killer, 3 people dead in 1 mile area  

1. Brazil  
2. Shinzo Abe  
3. Subsidies  
4. Jorge Sanders-Galvez  
5. Rohingya  
6. Xi Jinping  
7. Seminole Heights  
8. Climate Change  
9. Jeff Flake  
10. EPA  
11. Chase Iron Eyes  
12. Alekhina  
13. Budget  
14. Kenya  
15. Screenings  
16. Thailand
www.LaFronteraAZ.com

Homes & Land, Ranches & Commercial Properties in Sonoita, Elgin, Patagonia, Lake Patagonia, Tubac & the extended environs of Santa Cruz County

270 HARSHAW CREEK RD / $599,000 / TAR/MLS #21630806

3560 HWY 83 / $775,000 / TAR/MLS #21712700

156 E 3R AVE / $292,000 / TAR/MLS #21721528

55 OLD SONOITA HWY / $321,500 / TAR/MLS #21522662

335 DUQUESNE AVE / $199,000 / TAR/MLS #21722655

488 LOWER ELGIN RD / $625,000 / TAR/MLS #21721543

26 BLACK OAK DRIVE / $360,000 / TAR/MLS #21716387

La Frontera
REALTY LLC

GARY RETHERFORD, 520-604-0897
Designated Broker, Owner, REALTOR®

KATHLEEN JAMES, 520-604-6762
Owner REALTOR®

340 NAUGLE AVE (HWY 82) POB 98 / PATAGONIA AZ 85624 / 520-394-0110