Labor Day Rodeo Kicks off Busy Month at Sonoita Fairgrounds
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JUST IN CASE YOU MISSED IT...
By Marion Vendituoli

Our cover this month shows a young cowboy, Colter Lee Todd, getting ready to enter the ring at the Sonoita Labor Day Junior Rodeo. The Junior Rodeo kicked off a month celebrating the ranching and agricultural roots of our communities. The Labor Day Pro Rodeo (the largest in Arizona, by the way), the Sonoita Ranch Rodeo, an event that draws ranching families from all over southern Arizona, and then the County Fair, kept the fairgrounds staff and volunteers hopping all September.

Just to put on the County Fair takes more than 200 volunteers, almost all of which come from our tiny communities of Patagonia, Sonoita and Elgin. That’s a hefty percentage of our population. And that doesn’t count the people who bring their pies and canned goods and crafts and poultry to be displayed and judged. All those people deserve a big ‘Thank You,’ as well, for keeping this 102 year-old tradition alive.

There’s more than a modicum of coverage of the Fair in this issue of the PRT, perhaps in part because I have been the co-chair of the event for the past several years, and I get to choose what gets into the paper.

Take a moment and look at the list of local 4-H / FFA winners on page 25, and think about how much work those kids had to put in to earn those grand championships. Read about the Tomlinson sisters who swept the beef division, and look for the photo of the 6 year old boy who won the cooking contest. He was so excited when he got that trophy. “It’s got a soldier on it,” he said breathlessly. I hated to tell him it was really a figure of a chef, but he was fine with that, once we decided it could be a chef who cooked for soldiers.

I hope you get as much enjoyment out of reading about the fair as I got from watching it, and I hope you’ll be there next September.

Are YOU among the over 100 people who have completed the PR Community Survey? If so........THANK YOU.

If you haven’t participated, you still have time. In our August issue we published the paper copy of the survey. In late August we mailed postcards to the 1,994 households in Canelo, Patagonia, and Sonoita informing the community about the survey. The survey will close later this fall, so please will you take the time to tell us your thoughts soon (it takes about 5 minutes for most people to complete)?

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Your Input Matters!
The PRT staff and Board of Directors

The Byline for the article “After the Flames” was mistakenly omitted from the last issue of the PRT. The author is Susan MacDonald.

In Last month’s “Letters to the Editor” the names Hugo Vera Valenzuela, Sage Jubelius and Negar Nekhai were cut off at the bottom of their letter thanking their support.

The quilter who quilted the quilt donated to the Patagonia Fire Department auction was misidentified as Edith O’Halloran. Jan Urman quilted the piece.

In the article about the garden at the Patagonia Post Office, Andrea Wood’s name was mistakenly listed as Audrey Wood

Irene Fraizer’s name was incorrectly spelled in the article about Betty Barr’s new book

We apologize for these errors.
Tree Of Life Pulling Up Roots In Patagonia

By Marion Vendituoli

Whether you are a proponent or a critic of the Tree of Life and its founder, Gabriel Cousens, there is no denying that the Center has had an impact on the town of Patagonia over the last 25 years. Suspension of operations at the Tree of Life, which will take place on November 4, will no doubt have an effect on the town, as well.

“It’s time to put my fuller energy into humanitarian programs,” Cousens said in a recent interview. He cited an increase of funding for his global programs, his wife’s difficulty with the heat in Southern Arizona, his belief that the Center had “achieved all its goals,” and his need for more time to concentrate on his writing and speaking engagements. “I could no longer be tied down by the daily responsibilities and program production that required my continued presence at the Tree of Life Center,” he stated.

Programs at the Tree of Life have focused on diabetes prevention and management since 2008. Cousens claims that the 21-day program that includes fasting and a vegan diet, can cure diabetes. Although the public program will end in November, the center will be used for a research and clinical trial of his methods, according to Cousens. He expects that the 35 full and part time employees will continue to work at the center for the next two years. Although he is hoping to expand awareness and acceptance of his program with these clinical trials, he is not seeking acceptance by the American Medical Association (AMA) or the American Diabetes Association.

Cousens has had his troubles with the AMA in the past. He had his medical license revoked by the state of California for “excessive prescribing” in 1994, “but based on a form of plea bargain this revocation was stayed for three years’ probation... New York also required him to return his license. Cousens’ license in California was later reinstated, but not in New York. Because of this, he is not eligible for a medical license in Arizona,” according to Wikipedia. He practices as a Holistic Physician, Homeopath, Psychiatrist, Family Therapist, Ayurvedic Practitioner and a Chinese Herbalist.

When Cousens established the Tree of Life Center in 1993 as a federal tax-exempt religious organization, there was some concern amongst townspeople about his intent. “There was a perception that we were radically different and somehow a threat to Patagonia,” he said. At the time that Cousens was setting up shop in Patagonia, a spiritual commune in Oregon was making news for its attempts to poison residents in an effort to take over local government. “They cast a shadow on us,” Cousens said.

“We chose to be low key. We had no interest in the political side of the town. We didn’t want to tamper with that at all,” he said. “We’re just doing our thing. People say, ‘You’re not one of us.’ Well, we’re not.” Cousens defines himself as a creative artist who spends his free time writing. He is the author of several books, poetry and scientific papers.

He points to the hundreds of people who have visited his Center over the years as having had a positive economic impact on Patagonia. He also credits several of his former employees who have chosen to stay in the town for their contributions to the community. “They are good people,” he said.

New Stage at Fairgrounds Dedicated to Pipers

By Marion Vendituoli

Ranchers, relatives, neighbors and friends gathered on August 5 at the Sonoita Fairgrounds to put the finishing touches on the new ramada stage and to pay tribute to Bill and Posy Piper. Smoke from branding irons, the occasional flame, and lots of chatting filled the ramada, as Jim Koweek and friends played music in the background, followed by a formal stage dedication and dinner provided by Santa Cruz County 4-H members. Over 70 different brands were burned into the stage, raising over $4200 to help with acoustic insulation and lighting on the ramada.

The stage, which is dedicated to the Pipers, was the result of a year of fundraising and hard work by volunteers. Santa Cruz County provided much of the material that was used in the stage, and grants from the Patagonia Regional Community Fund, the Santa Cruz Community Foundation, Nogales Customs Brokers, Crossroads Quilters, fundraising events and Wade and Alison Bunting paid for the construction.

Posy Piper unveils the plaque dedicating the new stage to her and her late husband, Bill.
From Selling Stocks to Saving Souls

By Linda Jade Fong

How does one go from selling stocks and BBQ equipment to becoming a priest in his 60’s, with his first parish in Patagonia-Sonoita? It’s the story of Father George Holley, the newly arrived priest at St. Therese Church and Our Lady of the Angels mission.

Following in the footsteps of Father Bill Cosgrove, who left for North Dakota in June, Father George is the parish’s second priest in a row who came to the ministry late in life after marriage and a background in business.

A former stockbroker and owner of Barbecues Galore, Father George enthusiastically jumped into community life even before he was officially on the roster. In his first week here, a trio of women from the parish already had him happily in tow for the Patagonia Volunteer Fire Department Steak Fry in the park and the potluck at the Patagonia Community Methodist church.

It’s not as if he was tied up unpacking those first days. He says, “I’ve spent over four years in a process of throwing things out. I discovered suits and how much of my life is stuff I didn’t know I had. I’m trying to get to where I can travel in my car with everything I own.”

The New Mexico native travelled young. When the Catholic high school closed in Roswell, he was sent to a boarding school in Colorado that was a Benedictine Abbey with 90 monks. “It was such a peaceful sight,” he remembers, “Seeing the monks in habits walking the cold.” Then in college he became a “lukewarm Catholic” until his wife converted to Catholicism and he became active in the church.

The marriage ended in an annulment and Father George says this brought him to a process of honesty, one that was “difficult but healing.” It was then that he began to discover, “God is often there, often in the people we meet and interact with.”

A few years after the financial crash of 2008, the now-single George decided to close his stores. He was at a BBQ, where John Arnold, an attorney who became a priest, suggested that George look into “late vocation” priesthood himself. This led to seminary in Wisconsin, ordination in 2015, and a posting in Tucson at St. Mark Parish, which was led by none other than Father John Arnold.

Happenstances like these lead Father George to remember a quote from a friend: “There are no coincidences. Just big miracles and small miracles.” He adds, “Just keep your eyes open and you’ll see something every day.”

As for his role as a priest, he says, “I’d like people to know I’m like them—strengths and weaknesses, good and bad days. There’s nothing magical about what I do. I’m just one of them with a vocation, just like someone’s vocation might be as a brother or wife.”

“Here I am at age 66 and a neophyte, still learning my trade,” he laughs. “I used to go into situations confident in making decisions, which might not be right, but were decisions. It’s different now. Some people think priests are infallible. I find the best thing you can do is listen.”

He also makes it easy for parishioners to listen to him. Millie Benedict echoes the sentiment of many in noting that his homilies are “beautiful—and short and to the point.” Steve Finch suggests that his background in businesses relying on repeat customers shows in not just his social ease, but also in his skill in interacting with different groups. Indeed, Father George himself suggests, “You don’t have to take sides. You have to respect others’ opinions even if you think they’re totally illogical.”

He is getting the opportunity these days to meet new people and their viewpoints in his daily walk to the post office—“taking over Father Bill’s mail run,” as he insisted to church office manager Ramon Miranda. It gives Patagonians more chances to introduce themselves to the former University of Arizona Wildcat and fraternity member whose life has taken many turns.

“I was never unhappy, but I haven’t felt fulfilled as I do now,” Father George muses. “I do feel like I’m in the right place.” Perhaps we could say a small miracle?

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Dear PRT community,

I am writing to clarify some misinformation being spread about the Patagonia Mountain Region. On the “investor presentation” portion of its website (https://www.arizonamining.com/_resources/presentations/Arizona-Mining-Corporate-Presentation.pdf, p.18)

Arizona Mining Inc (AMI) states that there is “Strong local and state support built on extensive and early engagement.”

I am addressing the “local” part of this claim, after noting that AMI representative Don Taylor’s presentation at the company’s public meeting at Patagonia Union High School on September 14 focused on the economic impacts of the proposal, not the environmental, cultural or social impacts. In fact, Mr. Taylor presented it as a selling point that by operating on private land, time-consuming Federal air and water regulations could be avoided, and thus a lengthy Environmental Impact Statement would not have to be prepared and publicly discussed. This claim was repeated by Taylor, in a slide, titled “State Permitting – Supportive Factors.”

In the public presentation that evening, the room was filled with palpable tensions, and the pointed accountability questions and honest personal fears of the majority of attendees – together with the previous sidewalk presence of several dozen peaceful protestors – clearly confirm, no matter what your viewpoint, that Patagonians are distinctly divided in their responses to AMI’s actions and proposals. Neither the town nor the region is united in welcoming jobs & dollars that might flow their way from the very dangerous and toxic work of extracting, milling and concentrating of minerals lying a half mile and more below the ground.

Put a little differently, it appears likely that most Patagonia-area citizens would rather not go through another boom-and-bust cycle that could add Patagonia to the list of 275 Arizona ghost towns created by mining. As time rolls on, local discussions and encounters will no doubt continue Patagonia’s tradition of being a place where you can learn what you most deeply believe in, but in the meantime, the “happy welcoming community” propaganda should stop.

Concernedly,

Robert Gay
Patagonia

Help Sought For P.O. Garden

The volunteers who have made progress with the Post Office garden have received kind remarks about its appearance. A few people have made donations for the improvements. Help would be appreciated both in a volunteer capacity, call 394-0235, and donations which may be made to the Patagonia Community Garden, P.O. Box 765, and memoed for the P.O.

Garden. Future improvements, include plant additions and replacement, weed control and hopefully a water line to the garden. In the meantime the butterflies are having a nectar feast.

Don Wenig
Patagonia

Consider The Future

Dear friends of the Mountain Empire,

The residents of Santa Cruz County are only the present occupants of people and animals that have made this wonderful part of the world their home for many thousands of years. Until the 20th century they lived here leaving little footprint on the land. Even the many mining operations were a drop in the bucket compared to the wants that are being proposed today by mining interests.

Recent residents have moved here for a variety of reasons. From my observations they enjoy the rural atmosphere, the clean air and good water, and they have placed, for the most part, the preservation of the planet before profit. These positive observations are placed in jeopardy by the proposals of the mining industry. The economy of this area is no longer based on extraction of minerals. Over the past 50 years, we have slowly developed other sources of income including tourism, the produce industry, and most recently immigration. True, a few individuals in Patagonia will gain some employment possibly, but what about the rest of us who pay taxes, enjoy the life style, and are happy with the peace and quiet.

Sincerely,

Don Wenig
Patagonia

Anti-Littering Campaign Successful

In June, I embarked on a crusade against litter. I realized it it was time to educate that litter is preventable. I’m happy to say there is progress being made against litter in our community.

For several years, I have done my best in keeping ½ mile of Harshaw Road free of litter. The litter on this stretch had become out of control and I was forceful in letting this ½ mile section know it. In the last four months, this part of my community, can be proud. They have stepped up, secured their garbage and the fellows who collect our trash are doing their part also. I have been thanked by several neighbors and would like to extend that thank you to those who have done their part in removing litter from our roadside.

Recently I started to introduce myself to someone, but was interrupted and told they knew who I was, they often saw me picking up litter and thanked me for it; they now pick up litter themselves.

We are making a difference.

Cynie K. Murray
Patagonia, Arizona
Lessons From Miss Patty
Patricia O’Dea (1949 - 2017)

By Linda Jade Fong

“Espresso beans saved us,” Patty told me. It was 1999 and she, Binx Selby, and I had worked for months putting together an application for a charter school—one of the first in Arizona. The charter would convert the Montessori school that the three of us had just founded in Patagonia to a public school. “Oh oh,” she exclaimed in her call to us. “We missed this. The form wants us to attach a business plan!” The deadline was tomorrow and Patty had never laid eyes on a business plan before. Binx and I were out of the country, so we were on the phone throughout the night as Patty frantically scribbled down notes and numbers.

By the next afternoon, she was headed off in her little burgundy Kia to Phoenix. “I chewed espresso beans nonstop all the way there, to keep me awake,” she laughingly admitted. “I parked and ran up to the State Charter Board office and stepped through the doors at 4:00—right at the deadline!”

That was vintage Patricia O’Dea, who died in August at age 67 in California, after leaving Patagonia ten years ago due to early onset Alzheimer’s disease. Her overdrive dedication and eager willingness to take on anything was legendary. But even beyond that was her heart.

“She appreciated everything,” says Blanca Vasquez, her longtime co-teacher. “She put her heart into everything, whether it was school or a friend. She had a big heart for everyone.”

Patty was born and raised in southern California, where she first started teaching in the Montessori system. When she came to Arizona, she worked with Blanca at Peggy Jelk’s Casa Loma Montessori in Nogales and Rio Rico. Peggy decided to close down where she first started teaching in the Montessori system and community helpers got the building renovated in record time for school opening.

Patagonia Montessori School
Patricia O’Dea, founder of the Patagonia Montessori School leaves a legacy of love.

Patty kept stretching herself each new step, even adding a middle school. 80-hour weeks became the pattern for the two of us the first couple years. She helped secure both a $900,000 grant and land for the school. Binx had to go through a one-year process of annexing and completely developing The 40-acre Bryant property - on paper—to establish its highest value for raising tax credit funds to purchase it for the school. Patty was working at a reduced salary, yet she scraped together personal funds to aid the effort.

In the beginning, eight students came from as far away as Rio Rico and Tumacacori, one even moving here, because of Patty. One of them was Ryan Blake, son of the late Patagonia School Superintendent, Denise Blake. Denise once told me she saw five-year-old Ryan standing on the beach waving his arms at his side. “He said he was ‘sending peace’, and I just knew that was Patty-inspired.”

On the academic side, one of Patty’s proudest moments was when a second grade class took the state standardized reading tests, and all of them, even the ones new to English, tested at grade level or above, up to Grade 5. It was a joy when Patty was recognized with a national teacher award of a bicycle trip to Italy.

Besides the long hours at school, Patty could be seen throughout town teaching tai chi in the park, joining hiking and potluck groups, and cheering on any children’s or community event.

“She was always happy,” remarks Blanca. Binx says that to watch the complete connection Patty made with each person she was talking to, whether adult or child, was “a spiritual experience in itself.”

Her whole being was a smile that radiated from her heart. She did everything with love, and that is a precious legacy for her students and friends.

SCP Endowment Honors Woodie Winans

By Heather Dodge

On August 14, 2017, the Senior Citizens of Patagonia Board of Directors voted unanimously to name their newly established endowment the Woodie Winans Memorial Endowment Fund, to honor a man whose contributions to community extended far and wide throughout his lifetime.

Sterling Sherwood Winans - “Woodie” - was born in Santa Barbara, CA in 1932. He settled in Patagonia in 2003 at the completion of a 35-year career with the University of Arizona Cooperative Extension Service, having been a 4-H Agent in Santa Cruz, Yuma, and Pinal Counties and County Extension Director in La Paz County for the final 17 years of his career. He is remembered state-wide for his lifelong dedication to youth, outdoor education, master gardening and community service and shared his love of cowboy music and cowboy coffee with generations of Arizona families.

Among many leadership roles in Patagonia, Woodie served as President of the Senior Citizens of Patagonia, where his legacy of innovative, inclusive and selfless service to others lives on. His widow, Janet, said he would be the first to endorse this endowment fund to secure the future of an organization that began as a small group of neighbors who started providing nourishing lunches and volunteer transportation services to the elderly and disabled in their community, which now encompasses all of Eastern Santa Cruz County.

Over 8,000 lunches a year are now being served at the Senior Center. The bus and van have logged over 70,000 miles in medical, shopping and social trips since 2014. Through a Legacy Foundation Grant and ADOT, SCP is about to acquire a new van for Sonoita, Elgin and Canelo.

To contribute to the Woodie Winans Memorial Endowment Fund, contact Ray Klein, endowment committee member and community liaison at 520-394-2530 and please leave a message.
Shelter Opens in Patagonia

By Denise Bowdon

It was a dream for many animal lovers in Patagonia for the past 15 years to have a safe, clean, climate controlled animal shelter to temporarily house lost animals. The animals used to stay in a chain link fence kennel, where the conditions were substandard. At times, the chain link was cut and the animals would escape.

After four years of fundraisers, brick sales, and donated time, materials, and money from many generous people, the dream came true on July 30, 2017. Patagonia animal lovers (PALS) held a ribbon cutting ceremony in front of 30 or so supporters at the new facility on Costello Dr. The facility has four kennels and an isolation kennel/room. It also has air conditioning, heat, and running hot and cold water.

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The kennel was dedicated to Norma and Charlie Montoy, who were instrumental in the success of this project. A plaque displayed on the new kennel thanks the Montoys “FOR ALL YOUR DEDICATION AND LOVE FOR ALL ANIMALS.”

Anyone interested in donating to the new kennel can purchase ‘bricks’ until November 2017 for $50.00 per brick. Contact Charlie Montoy at 520-604-1659 or the Town of Patagonia at 520-394-2229.

COUNCIL NOTES

By Bob Brandt

Two of the four Patagonia Town Council meetings during August and September were pretty tame in comparison to most such meetings. In fact, either might have set a record for the shortest elapsed time between the Pledge of Allegiance and adjournment. However, lest the citizens worry that their tax dollars may be wasted on paying town officials for doing nothing, they needn’t fear. Two of the late summer’s meetings were especially noteworthy for the council’s actions.

At the August 23 meeting, Council conducted a public hearing and subsequently approved a request by Ronaldo and Lydia Lopez and Starr Norton for a use permit to establish a gym at 316 Naugle Avenue, the site of the recently-closed Metamorphosis Art Gallery. The applicants plan on having gym facilities and activities that are not now available in town. They also plan to open a juice bar in the facility and sell fitness related products.

Also on August 23, Council approved a special events liquor license for the Patagonia Community Garden’s Annual Pie Auction, approved repairs to the town gazebo in preparation for Fall Festival, and set a date of September 19 for a special council workshop meeting with Arizona Mining, Inc. (which was subsequently postponed until October.)

On September 13, Council heard a recommendation by Patagonia resident, Robert Gay, to consider doing additional soil testing due to findings by the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality of unacceptable levels of arsenic in town. Gay began his request by noting that his landlord had asked him to sign a waiver of responsibility for any ill effects from soil contamination. Mayor Isakson noted that ADEQ says there is arsenic throughout the state. Gay acknowledged that fact but still recommended additional testing since high levels can have serious health effects on the town’s citizens. Council directed Manager David Teel to contact ADEQ to see if they will do the testing without charge.

An action taken by Council on September 13, approving preparation of an application to participate in FEMA’s community rating system by the Flood and Flow Committee may have far-reaching implications for dozens of homeowners in town, as it may possibly result in reduction in flood insurance premiums. On behalf of the committee, Murphy Musick made the case for participation and was approved as the coordinator of the application process.

Marshall Joe Patterson announced he had recently sworn in six-year old Tanner Nelson as a deputy marshall. The boy had recently been diagnosed with a brain tumor and, at the time of the marshall’s report, had already undergone an eleven-hour surgery. Although he is the son of a fire fighter, Tanner wants to be a police officer. Donations to help the family pay Deputy Nelson’s medical bills can be made at the marshall’s office.

Council also scheduled a presentation by the Patagonia Area Resource Alliance (PARA) to take place at its September 27 meeting and instructed Teel to schedule a session for AMI to make a presentation sometime in October.

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RESPONSIBLE MINING?
By Carolyn Shafer

The health and economic prosperity of our community are deeply tied to the well-being of the Patagonia Mountains and the Harshaw/Sonoita Creek watershed. They are the source of our drinking water, clean air and the biological wealth that drives our local economy. The health and welfare of every community member, now and for the next seven generations, requires that we demand that Arizona Mining Inc (AMI) and any other company interested in doing business in our community must respect the people’s rights to clean water, clean air and healthy soils.

With the rush to talk about mining-related jobs and economy, it is important to remember that we must also talk about the negative impacts to this community if large-scale, industrialized mining were to operate in the Patagonia Mountains. To get an idea as to what large scale, industrialized mining would be like in our Patagonia Mountains, one can read AMI’s Preliminary Economic Assessment (PEA). Some notable projections are presented in the sidebar. The environmental damage from the legacy of mining in this area has not yet been remediated. The scale of operation suggested by AMI’s PEA could result in devastating consequences to our environment.

The Environmental Protection Agency estimates that 40% of the watersheds in the western United States are contaminated by pollution from hard rock mines. "For as long as the hard rock mining industry has reported its toxic output, it’s been the worst polluter in the country,” said Lauren Pagel, Policy Director for EARTHWORKS, a nonprofit organization dedicated to protecting communities and the environment from the adverse impacts of mineral and energy development.

There are thirteen international organizations that define codes and standards for responsible mining. In the United States, the Initiative for Responsible Mining Assurance (IRMA) has launched an independently verifiable responsible mining assurance system offering mine companies an opportunity to apply for recognition of environmental and social responsibility.

According to a statement on its website, “Arizona Mining Inc. places concern for the environment, health and safety of our employees and the communities in which we work at the forefront of our policies and decisions.” Is Arizona Mining, Inc. willing to abide by the IRMA guidelines? “Some degree of disturbance is inevitable even in the best-managed mines, and in some cases ‘no mining’ may be the best option,” according to IRMA. The Patagonia Mountains are part of the Madrean Pine Oak Woodlands, a global biodiversity hotspot critical to the survival of this planet’s species. In my opinion, there is no modern mining that will meet the standards of responsible mining to sufficiently protect the health and vitality of our global biodiversity hotspot ecosystem (especially the water resources).

Human beings require clean air, clean water, and unadulterated, nutritious foods grown in healthy soils. Protecting our community’s water and wildlife protects the people of our community. With those basics protected, we can steward our thriving community well into the future.

KEY INFORMATION from ARIZONA MINING INC’s CURRENT PROPOSAL
(Page nos. from AMI’s May 2017 Preliminary Economic Assessment, unless noted otherwise)

SCALE of EXTRACTION, 24/7
Production rate: 10,000 tons per day (p10)
25 days = 250,000 tons, the amount extracted by 100 yrs of legacy mining (p50)
Life of mine, 20 years (AMI Aug 2017 Corporate Presentation)

WATER
Assumed adequate water resources (p201)
@ 650 gallons per minute, pumped 24/7 (AMI Aug 2017 Corporate Presentation)
Surface drainage and aquifers are in Sonoita Creek watershed, a tributary of the Santa Cruz River, serving over 1,000,000 people

PROPOSED VEHICLE TRIPS, 24/7 (both directions)
SHIPMENTS: Concentrate trucks, 80,000 LBS.GVW (pp182-183)
130 daily
DELIVERIES: ammonium nitrate (p165), sodium cyanide (p205), other chemicals (p205) and fuels
3 daily
EMPLOYEES: (p148) 528 daily

TOTAL ESTIMATED VEHICLE TRIPS: 661 daily
ROADS POTENTIALLY INVOLVED (p163): Interstates I-10 & I-19, State Routes 82, 83, & 90, county roads - Harshaw Rd, Flux Canyon Rd, Duquesne Rd. and town roads in Nogales, Patagonia, Sonoita, possibly St. David & Benson

EXPLOSIVES
Blasting will be done 24/7 and require 143-204 tons monthly (p165)
Ammonium nitrate delivered as 7-10 truckloads per month (p167)
PEAK EXPLOSIVE USE: Year 6

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TRUMP’S WALL PUTS LOCAL COMMUNITIES AT RISK

By Richard Collins & Carlos C. Campbell, MD, MPH

During the 2016 presidential campaign, “Build the Wall,” was a recurrent refrain that got applause. As President, Trump has solidified that slogan in his spending priorities that include increased militarization of our southwestern borderlands, including higher, stronger and longer walls, necessary, he believes, to shield Americans from illegal narcotics and the Mexican drug cartels. While these fears may be well-founded, the Trump administration’s narrow tactics may make our drug problems worse by preempting resources away from prevention programs that really can protect.

The use and addiction of Americans to illegal narcotics has surged over the past twenty years. The Rand Corporation estimated that Americans spend roughly $100 billion annually on illegal narcotics. The use of illicit drugs and addiction rates have increased in most age groups, according to the National Center for Health Statistics. Yet during the same time frame, 700 miles of border walls/barriers were installed, while Customs and Border Protection agents soared to over 60,000. Given the sheer tonnage of illicit drugs seized, these efforts undoubtedly reduced the supply, but they have failed to stem the rising demand.

The reality is that most illegal drugs, and, in particular, the highly addictive and lethal narcotics like opioids, enter through regulated ports of entry concealed in myriad ways, according to the US Drug Enforcement Administration. A million people and thousands of trucks and cars cross the border every day. Inspection procedures are imperfect and a few inspectors have been corrupted by cartel cash and extortion. Only a small proportion of the contraband is seized, even though these portals already have high walls, detection equipment, drug-sniffing dogs and an army of inspectors. It seems unlikely that bigger barriers and more military will do much better, and they will have little effect on the delivery of drugs from foreign suppliers through courier services.

There is no “vaccine” against illicit drug use. But prevention is worth a ton of cure, especially with young people. The Drug-Free Communities Effort, started in 1998 by Bill Clinton and continued under the Bush and Obama administrations, has had significant success in curbing narcotics use in 698 US communities, including 12 in Arizona, using a comprehensive, community-based educational approach that involved schools and business and community leaders. Another federally funded, local community-driven effort (High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas) helped law enforcement in nine Arizona counties apprehend drug shipments after they have crossed the border. Astonishingly, Trump’s initial budget eliminated these programs, claiming that they were duplicative, even though one works mostly along the border and the other on Main Street. While the Senate demanded that the funding be restored, the Trump administration’s ignorance and inattention to preventing experimentation with narcotics is distressing and dangerous.

Here is another positive prevention example: Nicotine is highly addictive, ranked just behind heroin and cocaine for dependence and harm. Also, it primes the brain for experimentation with other drugs. Cigarettes kill more U.S. citizens each year than alcohol, illegal drugs, homicide, suicide, car accidents and AIDS combined. (National Institutes on Drug Abuse, 2012). Even so, cigarette smoking and its most lethal consequence—lung cancer—were dramatically reduced in all age groups by aggressive public education and targeted legislation. Smoking rates have fallen by over 50% in the past three decades across all population segments in the US.

Public health programs work; they have direct and predictable positive social, financial and health consequences. The earlier people try drugs the more likely they are to become addicted, so prevention of experimentation through education in our schools and at home is crucial. But the public health model requires thoughtful planning by knowledgeable practitioners, good communication skills, patience, compassion and a long-term commitment; qualities that seem lacking in the Trump administration. A more robust effort would cost a small fraction of Trump’s ineffective new walls.

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AN IMMIGRATION STORY

By Tina Hamilton

When Alma joined the National Guard in 1998, she was twenty-nine years old. She had a big smile, asked a lot of questions and was excited to report to basic training and her advanced training as a Military Pay Clerk. She was organized, mature, and she was a single mother of a pre-teen daughter. Upon her successful completion of training, Alma proved herself by volunteering for extra duty, reporting to drill early and staying late and landing a technician position in our pay section. She became our ‘go to’ person to fix pay problems and soon advanced to a lead position. Always smiling and courteous, she set a fitting example for others to emulate as a young successful, woman soldier in the military, a model soldier.

In 2004, Alma deployed to Iraq with her unit and eventually earned the rank of Staff Sergeant. Throughout her military career, she was hard working and always worked to fix problems. In 2006, she succumbed to breast cancer but her story and example of sacrifice is important to tell and remember.

But that is not all her story. When Alma was a teenager, she joined a group from Mexico City that had hired a coyote to take them north across the border through Ajo, Arizona. Alma was carrying her one-year old daughter and was behind the group and unable to keep up. She hugged her daughter tight and ran as fast as she could, hoping the Border Patrol spotlight didn’t shine on her. Others ahead of her were not as lucky, but somehow, she made it through the fence unseen. On her own, she traveled up to Washington State, found work as a picker in the fields, and housekeeping at a motel, learned to speak and read English, and got married. She remained in Washington State for ten years until the beatings she received from her husband made her run with her daughter again, this time to Arizona. Once settled, she enlisted into the National Guard and later, with the help of the National Guard Inspector General’s office, Alma would finally be granted her U.S. Citizenship.

According to an article written in 2005 for Military.com “Roughly 35,000 non-citizens are serving in active duty military and about 8,000 join each year... Since the Revolutionary War, legal permanent residents are eligible to enlist in the military. Non-citizen service members offer several benefits to the military. They are more diverse linguistically and culturally than citizen recruits, which is particularly valuable as the U.S faces the challenges of the Global War on Terrorism...As a country founded by immigrants hundreds of years ago, many individuals still flock to the U.S. today seeking political freedom and the opportunity to achieve their goals. America remains a land of opportunities, and because many foreigners from all over the world come to live in the U.S., cultural diversity is cited as one of the country’s strengths.” (Military.com, 2005)

It is not known what has happened to Alma’s daughter. She would have been about 18 years old when her mother died. Thankfully, she is the daughter of a citizen of the United States of America or she too might be subject to deportation to a country that she has no other ties to than that of having been born there.

If we are to ‘Make America Great Again,’ we should look to the example of all those who have worked to be the best they can be. These brave people not only dedicate their lives to the betterment of their own sons and daughters, but also to the dream of doing their best as hopeful citizens of the United States of America, a country they pledge allegiance to through working hard, and selfless service.

I CRIED

By Cassina Farley

I was finishing up he said, “Is that a Queensland heeler?” I looked back to see my two dogs hanging out the window. I assured him they both were and he asked, “Do you mind?” He stepped away from his car and walked over and proceeded to pet my dog. He then began to tell me all about the best dog he ever had who was also a heeler. I got right away that this dog was no longer with him when I saw the tears in his eyes, and then mine welled up too.

As we both drove off in opposite directions, those tears were still in my eyes. On my way home, I was reminded of the past weekend at the fair. I thought about the young girl at the 4-H auction who choked back tears as the auctioneer spoke with her in front of the crowd. It was at that moment that she figured out that this was the end of the road for her and her cow friend. I noticed her swollen eyes and red cheeks and realized she had been crying for some time and I teared up. I looked out at the crowd and saw many others dabbing tears with their sleeves.

Later that day I was in charge of comforting another little girl who was saying goodbye to her turkey. With all my accumulated adult wisdom, I tried to console her the best I could, but inside I wanted to sit right next to her in front of that turkey pen and cry too.

All this reflection had me a complete mess when I finally got home. I had just spent my entire drive home crying over the loss of these animals by people I hardly knew. Keeping in mind that I was exhausted from the weekend events and understandably emotional, I explained all of this to my husband to which he said, “You cried with a guy you didn’t know at a gas station?” (Yes, and about a turkey and a cow!) and I said, “Yes, but he is someone I’d like to know.”

People who cry over animals are special. To me it means that they recognize love in any of its forms. It means their hearts are tender. I want to live next door to these people. I want to work with them. I want to surround myself with people who cry over cows and dogs and turkeys and I especially want to be around people who empathize with them.

Bottom line: I cried at a gas station with a man I didn’t know over a dog. Her name was Digger. We were two humans acknowledging that at the end of the day the one thing that binds us all is the love of a good dog or a cow or, in some cases, a turkey.
I like knowing folks who are older than I, to observe how they’re playing their cards. In my seventies now, I’m a bit like an aircraft approaching the end of its flight. Someday, before too long, I’ll need to land. A graceful touchdown would be nice, of course.

My wife’s parents are strong, good-hearted people in their mid-nineties. Both were raised Mennonite on South Dakota farms, and so, even as kids, were accustomed to work. The Mennonites refuse to kill. Her father, Del, stayed out of World War II as a C.O. (Conscientious Objector), which earned him public scorn, of course. He later got ordained in the United Church of Christ, a liberal denomination clearly Left of Mennonite. Then, later still, he marched at Selma with M. Luther King, while Stella stayed at home to raise 5 smart, good-looking kids.

My mother-in-law’s a cheerful microscopic dynamo. Ten years ago, in her mid-eighties, Stella was diagnosed with "mild cognitive impairment." Her short-term memory was shot. And now, it’s even worse. She leaves herself stickies all over the house; those small, bright, square, adhesive notes: "Remember, Take Your Morning Pills!" "Put garbage out on Thursday night!" "Remember: Turn Off Coffeepot!" Stella didn’t much like losing her memory, but she wasn’t about to let it slow her down, either. She just kept on, determined to love life, no matter what.

These country people like to work. When they were 85 or so, their son, John, had to hide their ladders so they couldn’t work on the roof. Delbert went a few years more before he started showing signs of wear. But when he did, it messed him up. At 91, he called us on the phone one day, distraught. He had just crawled out from under his Camry, where, for the first time ever, he’d lacked the strength to change his oil filter. Last year, when he was 94, he called up sobbing on the phone because he’d bounced a check. After eighty years of dignity and real proficiency, he knew he was losing his grip.

Although he fought it all the way, each loss was added to the last. Humiliation comes before humility, I guess. Frustrated and defeated, now, he calls himself "this wobbly old man." Which he is, to be sure. At 95, he’s unable to rise from a chair without help, and then, barely able to hobble, though using a cane, from the kitchen table to his spot on the living room couch, where he’ll sit for the rest of the day in some dim, twilight state, gazing out across the meadow to the mountains far away, until he dozes off into his nap.

Delbert recently badmouthed his woebegone state to a doctor (and friend) who is 30 years younger than he. Doc Reynolds grinned and slapped him on the back (but not too hard) and said, "For God’s sake, Delbert, face the facts. Most people your age have been dead for ten years."

Meanwhile, Stella cheerfully marooned in the present, lets nothing slow her down. It’s work, work, work, quite joyously, and sometimes, like a little kid, just bursting into song. Last week, she and I undertook to gather up the thousand apples which had fallen on the lawn. (If left to rot they’d bring in swarms of wasps and the raccoons.) Delbert sat in the shade in a lawn chair to watch. We’d pick up apples, she and I, put them into 5-gallon buckets, and then transfer them to a wheelbarrow. This took more than two hours; a lot of bending down and standing up. From time to time, I paused to rest. Stella did not. I’m taller and fatter, but also much younger than she. Like any aging bourgeois brat, I feel somewhat saintly if I’m even working at all. I simply must respect this robust, hardy human ant; this bowlegged, ninety-pound munchkin standing only five feet tall, who scurries back and forth beneath the trees, a heavy, bright orange bucket in each hand, unimpeded by any concern with herself. I’d like to be like her when I grow up.

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On Tuesday, September 12, demonstrators stood outside the PUHS entrance prior to the Arizona Mining Inc. public presentation to protest industrial mining activities in the Patagonia Mountains. The protest was organized by Voices from the Border and Patagonia Area Resource Alliance.

Binx Selby and Kayla Lewis were voted Prom King and Queen at the Patagonia Prom: A Midsummer Night’s Dream, on September 8, hosted by the Pueblo Magico (formerly Devil’s Claw) documentary film team.

All ages, from eight months to 94 years, and even a group of young teenagers, enjoyed the candlelit garden and specially decorated dance floor in the Tin Shed, along with a showing of the film’s newest trailer.

Protecting the Patagonia Mountains’ Water & Wildlife Protects People Too

The Patagonia Area Resource Alliance (PARA) is a grassroots, non-profit community alliance committed to preserving and protecting the Patagonia, Arizona area. We are a citizen watchdog organization that monitors the activities of mining companies, as well as ensures government agencies’ due diligence, to make sure their actions have long-term, sustainable benefits to our public lands, our water, and the town of Patagonia. PARA recognizes that the health and economic prosperity of our community of Patagonia are tied deeply to the well-being of the Patagonia Mountains and the Harshaw/Sonoita Creek watershed. They are the source of our drinking water, clean air and the biological wealth that drives our local economy.

http://www.patagoniaalliance.org
The 102nd Santa Cruz County Fair
SISTER ACT—Tomlinson Girls Sweep Market Steer Division at the County Fair

Back in November, when the Tomlinson family set out to bid on 4-H steers for sisters Marin and Addison, no one could have predicted that the season would end with Marin (15) capturing Grand Champion Market Steer honors, as well as the Grand Champion Senior Showmanship buckle in the same year that her younger sister, Addison (9) would win Reserve Grand Champion Market Steer and Reserve Champion Junior Showmanship.

Both steers were purchased from the Anchor F Cattle Company, of Nogales, at an auction held at the Sonoita Fairgrounds. Marin chose a black and white calf, whom she named Baldwin after Doug Baldwin of the Seattle Seahawks. After having missed winning the Grand Champion title in 2016, Marin was determined to win grand champion in 2017.

Addison, who competed for the first time this year, purchased a bottle fed ‘dogie’, or motherless, calf, because he followed her around the pen. He was expected to be a good, solid steer, but not the showstopper Baldwin looked to be. She named her calf Harry after her favorite literary character Harry Potter.

The girls had to wake up at 5:30 a.m. to feed their calves before commuting to Tucson for school from the family ranch in Sonoita. They often helped each other with steer duties (feeding, washing, brushing and walking) when one or the other was tied up with other commitments. It became a project that further bonded the already close sisters.

“I’m grateful to her because she really helped me,” Addison said about her older sister. “When I was younger, she let me work with her steers, and that really helped me get used to working with the animals.”

Both girls juggle a heavy schedule. In addition to 4-H, Marin is a high-honors student at Salpointe Catholic High School and plays year-round soccer for the Tucson Soccer Academy and the Salpointe team. Addison participates in equine sports for 4-H, plays volleyball for St. Cyril School and works on the family ranch whenever possible.

Beef project leader and Anchor F owner Dean Fish was instrumental in the girls’ success. His project leadership and guidance was a significant help to all in the market beef project.
Patagonian’s Baseball Dream Comes True

By Heather Dodge

Nick Laguna loves baseball. The first major league game he ever attended was at age 15, the Cleveland Indians vs the NY Giants. The Indians won and kept on winning, all the way to taking the 1948 World Series over the Boston Braves. Nick was smitten and he’s been an Indians fan ever since. But in 70 years he’d never been to Cleveland to watch them play on their home turf. That was his dream.

One evening Nick and his son, Nick Jr., were talking after a ballgame in Tucson about what Nick Sr. would like to do on his 85th birthday, September 11. They decided that a trip to Cleveland would be the perfect birthday celebration. The timing was perfect, as the Indians were on a winning streak of some potential magnitude.

Since I’m from Cleveland, I offered to make the online arrangements for them; A nice hotel just a ten-minute walk to Progressive Field, airline tickets, and best seats behind home plate for three games vs. the Detroit Tigers, followed by the Kansas City Royals. As his ad hoc travel/event agent, I told Nick I’d do my best to let the team’s fans service know he’d be there and maybe the crowd could sing Happy Birthday to him, which they did!

Nick Jr. emailed me photos taken at the game and said his dad was like a kid in a candy store. The Tribe’s staff presented him with an Indians beer mug and other mementos of appreciation for his lifetime of support for the team. Nick and his son were also interviewed on TV and, after that, they never had to pay for another beer!

There was a possibility that Nick could have his 1948 World Series jacket signed by the players, but it was the start of what would be win 22 for the Indians, the crowd was swelling to its 35,000-seat capacity, the dugout area was congested and wires got crossed. It didn’t matter. They were there to watch the Indians play ball in Cleveland. And play ball they did!

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Cleo Mock enjoys the music at her 101st ‘Birthday Jam’ at the Library

The Stringbenders Band gathered at the Patagonia Library in August to celebrate Cleo Mock’s 101st birthday. She had been a member of the original Stringbenders, playing the 12 string guitar and singing, and had performed at the old opera house in Patagonia on many occasions, said her daughter, Noni Weidemann. Mrs. Mock, who was born in Texas on July 13, 1916, came to Southern Arizona when she was 16 years old.

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Henry Dojaquez greets guests at his 100th birthday party

A crowd of well wishers filled the Sonoita Fairgrounds August 26 for a potluck meal in honor of the 100th birthday of Henry Dojaquez, of Sonoita. Dojaquez was born September 1, 1917, in Benson, AZ, the son of Mike and Felicita Escalante Dojaquez. He and his sister, Minnie Kunde, still both live in the area.
The Santa Cruz County Fair was first held in 1915. During its formative years the organizers focused on exhibits that featured the county’s “agricultural, horticultural, cattle, mining and other industries.” Almost all the animal exhibits were entered by adults. Activities such as horse racing and roping that today take place in separate events were also included. The full text of the Border Vidette 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.thepatagoniamuseum.org. “A History of the Santa Cruz County Fair and Rodeo Association, 1915-1965” by Rose “Posy” Piper, 1999 provided valuable background information for this article.

The articles of incorporation of the Santa Cruz County Fair Association were recorded on May 12, 1915. The fairgrounds were established on ten acres of land donated by Sonoita resident Wade Purdum, who also managed this first fair. By September “Progress is being made in perfecting arrangements for the Santa Cruz County Fair, to be held here Friday and Saturday, October 8 and 9. The track is graded and the stone on the ground for the foundation of the grand stand.” (The Border Vidette, September 18, 1915)

The 1916 Fair was held October 19-21st. A new “exhibit” was promoted and greeted with much enthusiasm—the Better Babies Exhibit. “Any baby over six months and under forty-eight months may be entered in the Contest … The babies will be thoroughly examined physically and mentally by medical experts, and their scoring card will be returned to the parents with instructions to the parents which will enable them to correct any defects discovered.” (The Border Vidette, September 30, 1916)

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The Arizona State Legislature had recently authorized matching State funds, in an amount not to exceed $1,000, for “the purpose of a county fair.” They were apparently successful for the prizes “for the most important classes the first premiums are set at $50 (equivalent to $1,000 today), with the seconds at $25.” (The Border Vidette, August 18, 1917)

Fair reviews were mostly enthusiastic: “With a banner crowd in attendance, the third annual Santa Cruz county fair at Sonoita came to a close Saturday night, hundreds attending the dancing party… The agricultural and stock exhibits were the best yet shown at the fair and the racing and other features were pleasing to the large daily attendance. (The Border Vidette, November 3, 1917)

“The exhibition of calf roping and tying was worth the price of admission, our cowboys being wonders with the lariat. The cowpony races were too short to excite much interest except for those directly concerned in the outcome of the contests.” (Santa Cruz Patagonian, November 2, 1916).
Bountiful Butterflies
Fall’s Fabulous Fliers

It’s been an interesting monsoon season. A veritable deluge in July was followed by an equally extreme lack of rain in August. September too has been mostly dry. All of this preceded by a drought from late winter through early summer. Welcome to Arizona.

Given such climatic extremes, it should come as no surprise that the responses of wildlife populations have also been varied. This summer I observed more dragonflies and damselflies than usual, probably due to increased aquatic habitat in July. Coinciding with this were very low numbers of both grasshoppers and butterflies. Rodents were down too, as were some other mammals during and directly after the drought.

One group that has made a good comeback, however, are butterflies. The rains of July were so abundant that it seemed bizarre to see just a handful of butterflies, but these winged wonders caught up quickly in the latter stages of August and in September. Now, witnessing their abundance, I realize that was just part of the normal waxing and waning of various wildlife populations over time.

Arizona hosts about 350 species of butterflies with many found in our Sky Islands region. This number represents almost half of all butterfly species ever recorded on the North American continent north of Mexico! As with some of our birds, mammals, and other taxa, some butterfly species barely make it over the border from Mexico. Jaguars rightly get all the press in this regard, but some butterfly species also add a decidedly tropical air to the region.

Perhaps my favorite rare butterfly in Arizona is the aptly named elf. This diminutive dazzler measures less than an inch across wings adorned with vivid orange markings counterpointed by a dark brown background. Elf caterpillars feed upon Tetramerium, a member of the Acanthus family, which includes the better-known desert honeysuckle.

Despite the abundance of its larval food plant in parts of southeast Arizona, the elf appears to normally just be a rare, but regular vagrant here. Whenever I spy one, I immediately feel privileged to observe this tropical troubadour. Despite its rarity, once spotted it is generally very easy to watch the elf. There it sits upon a shady and/or damp patch of ground gently opening and closing its wings, a trait it shares with our abundant Elada and tiny checker-spots. It almost seems too obvious, leading me to ponder if it possesses any chemical defenses derived from Tetramerium. Otherwise the elf seems a tempting target to avian predators.

There is absolutely no doubt as to the toxicity of the queen butterfly. This close cousin of the more famous monarch is widespread in southeast Arizona, making it easy to observe. The queen caterpillar feasts upon various milkweed species, sequestering the potent toxins in their flesh both in the larval and adult stages. At our nature sanctuary, Raven’s Nest, they seem to mostly utilize several vining milkweeds in the genus Funastrum. After metamorphosing into winged adults, queens advertise their distastefulness via bright orange coloration punctuated with striking black lines and dots. Any hungry bird might think twice about consuming an insect with such an obvious warning sign! Indeed, queens seem among our laziest of butterfly aerialists. They fairly float through the air, gliding artfully after a series of flaps.

Viceroy butterflies - generally less abundant locally - take good advantage of both the queen’s and the monarch’s distastefulness. Evolution has sculpted them into marvelous mimics, warding off potential predators via this evolutionary mimicry. Imagine all the incredible intricacies of each butterfly species and you’ll soon realize why I pined for them in July!

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Tin Shed Production A Delight

Lauara Wenzel reacts to a comment by Bryan Jungers as Francesca Claverie looks on in the Saturday night performance.

“Picassso At the Lapin Agile,” a play written by Steve Martin, and directed by Ted Piper, played to sold out crowds September 22 - 24, at the Tin Shed Theater in Patagonia.

In this play, Picasso and Einstein meet in a Parisian bar in 1904, at the beginning of their careers, to discuss their visions and ideas that they hope will change the world.

The cast kept the audience laughing, with standout performances by all, especially Jacob Masters, who played Picasso, Bryan Jungers, who played Einstein and Jason Schreiber, whose character, Schmendiman, believed he would be remembered as one of the century’s great influences.

The talent and skills of the performers at the Tin Shed continues to impress. As one theatergoer remarked at the end of the play Saturday night, “They aren’t amateurs anymore.”
Library Programs Kept Kids Busy  By Sue Baz

This summer, children of all ages engaged in early literacy, learning activities and a nutritious lunch at the Patagonia Library. For the past two years, the library has offered programming for children in June and July with support from Friends of the Patagonia Library and local volunteers. These programs have provided children the chance to develop the skills of inquiry, discovery, and creativity in the safety of a literacy-rich environment.

David Clovesko-Wharton organized Summer Science and Chess for elementary and middle school-aged children. Student “engineers” folded and flew their paper creations, “geologists” learned the process involved in volcanic eruptions and what could have been more refreshing than “food scientists” making ice cream? Several middle school and high school boys learned the skills of planning, patience and attention through chess and often played during lunch.

Clovesko-Wharton also offered art classes. The kids learned the process of wood block printing and worked on color, texture and form through collage. The programs culminated on July 12 with a chess tournament, won by Matthew Davidson, and an art show.

Children aged 6 and under, and their caregivers, enjoyed the Summer Reading Program with Laura Wenzel. Cady Hall became a playful, imaginative place to explore or to hide when cardboard boxes were transformed into a fort and it was delicious fun to decorate cupcakes for Laura’s birthday.

In the relaxed comfort of the library, excited readers selected books to read to a therapy dog in the ‘Read to a Dog’ program. With this first-time collaboration with Pet Partners of Southern Arizona, readers gained confidence and practiced reading to an audience of trained, certified therapy dogs. One mother told Wenzel that the program changed her daughter’s life. She now looks forward to reading and eagerly pulls books off the shelf at home. The children also read to Wenzel, as part of the ‘Read to Ms. Laura’ program.

To ensure that kids could continue to receive a nutritious meal even when school wasn’t in

CHOP Helps Local Homeowners

The Community Homes of Patagonia, Inc. (CHOP) Home Repair Program provides needed home repairs to low and moderate-income homeowners in the Patagonia area. Recently, CHOP volunteers have completed home repairs on three homes in Patagonia. Projects included the installation of a new gas furnace and repairs to faucets and a toilet in two homes on Duquesne Ave., and front door and frame replacement, gutter patching and cleaning, window frame repairs, and shelving installation in a home on Sonoita Ave.

CHOP is also offering an overview of its Affordable Homeowner Program on October 8, at 2p.m. in the St. Therese of Lisieux Catholic Church classroom, located at the corner of Sonoita and 3rd Aves.

CHOP applications are available at Patagonia Town Hall, the Patagonia Library, and on the CHOP website, www.chopatagonia.org.
Grieving the Loss of a Pet

Well, that inevitable day came. My precious Saluki dog, Kiddo, passed away peacefully on her own at age fifteen and two months on August 14. Thus, it feels appropriate to focus on grieving the loss of a pet for this month’s article.

There are many reasons why losing a pet can be difficult, the first being our loss of that unconditional love that comes so easily to our animals and yet is so difficult for us human beings. Our animals do not judge us or treat us any less lovingly whether we are happy or sad. We feel safe to just be ourselves with our pets with no fear of being judged.

We lose our protégé. We experience the loss of routines. We must say good-bye to feeding times, shopping patterns, walking routes and all the aspects that made up our practical routine. We must also say good-bye to the way we called to our companions when we wanted comfort and love.

Our grief may be complicated by any number of additional factors including guilt about the circumstances leading to our pet’s death, the possible necessity of having had to make the decision to euthanize. Why did we leave the door open that day? What if I had had my pet on a leash? Was it really time for euthanasia? What if I had tried just one more type of medication for them or surgery? The list can go on ad infinitum.

So, what are some possible solutions to all this grief? Most importantly, we must be patient and kind with ourselves. There is no set time period for grieving.

If possible, we can set up an ally. Call someone we trust and feel safe sharing these intimate feelings with to help us work through it all.

If there is no one we feel can fill this role, we can call our veterinarian and ask for contact with others who have also recently shared a similar loss and discuss our feelings with them.

Years ago, it was a common response to say that it was just a dog or just a horse, or to tell us to just go out and get another cat. There are now support groups specifically for pet loss. Two examples can be found on the websites “Association for Pet Loss and Bereavement” and “Pet Loss Grief Support.” Write about your times shared with your pet. Share it with these groups or with a friend.

Engage in rituals. Organize a gathering to honor your pet or have a private ceremony communing with your pet in spirit at one of your favorite places you shared together.

What do you think your pet would do if he or she found you sad and in pain? The answer is clear: give you love, give you comfort, and stay with you as long as it took. We can all take a lesson from our animal friends.

Cate Drown is the proprietor of Beyond Reason Ranch, where she provides specialized care for all beings large or small. Contact Cate at drown_cate@hotmail.com.

The 17th Annual Empire Ranch Roundup & Open House will feature a number of new items this year. The event is set for Sat. Nov. 4 from 10am-4pm.

There will be a cattle roping demonstration by Joel Eliot. The Roundup & Open House will also feature B Troop, 4th U.S. Cavalry in a horsemanship demonstration, a mounted shooting competition, a silent auction, western authors, music and food.

The Roundup & Open House is the Empire Ranch Foundation’s major fundraising event. The Foundation was created to help preserve the historic Empire Ranch in southeast Arizona. Many of the remaining buildings on the ranch are listed on the National Registry of Historic Places.

The layout of this year’s event will be a bit different due to the main ranch house being rehabilitated by the Bureau of Land Management. Public access to the main ranch house will not be available. The BLM will have representatives at the Roundup & Open House to explain the rehabilitation process.

The Empire Ranch is located on SR 83. From SR 82, head north to the Empire Ranch Road and follow the signs. Admission is free. A $10 donation for parking is requested.
New Superintendent Drives For a Better School
By Fabian Monge

Imagine a superintendent driving a big, shiny, black Jeep with a snorkel? Patagonia Schools’ new superintendent, Ms. Hochheim, does. Her jeep has become her trademark around school.

Ms. Hochheim went to Northern Arizona University, from which she received two master’s degrees, a teaching certificate, and administrative certificates. She has taught preschool through third grade, been a new teacher mentor at the high school level, and a school improvement coach. On top of all of that, she won a teacher-of-the-year award in her first year of teaching!

She was born in Barstow, California and raised in Yuma, Arizona. Still working to get her second superintendent degree, Ms. Hochheim’s free time is spent studying, yet she does make time to drive her Jeep down back roads and spend time with her three children. Every summer she and her family take a camping trip to Colorado, “Real camping, with no RVs or showers, only tents,” Ms. Hochheim stresses.

With the new school year Ms. Hochheim has a vision for the students and teachers at Patagonia Schools. “I ultimately want every student to master academic standards while developing a strong feeling that the staff and community care about them as people, not just students. Students should be happy when they are here and when they think about their school life. For teachers and staff, I want to establish a professional organization that promotes professional growth. I want to regularly celebrate and connect the great things everyone is doing to help our students. Ultimately, I hope to establish a culture that encourages teachers to work collaboratively so that the first goal regarding students is met.”

New Janitor In Lobo House
By Yazmine Beltran

Have you ever had a janitor whose favorite thing to do is clean the bathroom? Mrs. Chavarria, PUHS’s new janitor, has always enjoyed cleaning, especially when she was young. Chavarria’s inspiration is her mom. In fact, she and her mother ran a commercial residential cleaning company for eight years. Her husband, Ramon, has been a janitor at PUHS for eight years.

Mrs. Chavarria was born across the border in Nogales, Sonora. Her favorite subject in school was arts and crafts. She never really enjoyed math and English, but she did enjoy science and history. She attended Lourdes Catholic School in Nogales, AZ. She never played any sports, but she enjoyed a hiking field trip that she took when she was still at school.

Mrs. Chavarria spends her summers outside and loves going to Patagonia Lake. “I love being outside and doing the things you can’t really do when you’re in school or working,” Mrs. Chavarria says.

She has two children, a son who is a senior at Nogales High School, and a daughter, who is a nurse at the Mariposa Health Clinic.

Her favorite quote is “You do and you get.” Chavarria has had a couple of challenges in her life. Her greatest challenge is to be patient because she loves to do things. She says that she needs to let others do things for themselves so they can feel a sense of accomplishment.

Mrs. Chavarria has a collection of art and craft owls in her house because, “they’re really beautiful.” When Mrs. Chavarria is done with her work, and she’s on her own time, she keeps cleaning! “I don’t have the capacity to just lay down and do nothing. I don’t know how to rest,” she says.

Gotta Teach ‘Em All
By Desiree Merino

Have you ever had a teacher who loves playing Pokemon Go? Allison Lemons is a new teacher at Patagonia Union High School who loves playing and collecting Pokemon Go.

She was born and raised in Raton, New Mexico and went to Eastern New Mexico University where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology and later went to Arizona State University for her Master of Science degree. She holds certifications in Math, Physics, and General Sciences. She is a recipient of the High School Faculty Award from the University of Arizona in 2016.

Ms. Lemons loves cooking fancy dinners with her wife and her friends. She keeps herself busy by doing yard work, walking her dog named Daisy, doing house projects, traveling to Los Angeles to visit family, and going to Rocky Point for relaxation.

She collects letters that students have given her because they inspire her to become a better teacher. She welds in the wintertime to make gifts for her friends. Her goal this year is for her students to embrace the productive struggle through lab work and inspire her students to find a love for science.

She hopes for all her students to enjoy the course and have fun academically and learn to enjoy a challenge. One of her favorite quotes is from Winston Churchill: “Continuous effort - not strength or intelligence - is the key to unlocking our potential.”

Editors note: Look for more articles from the PUHS journalism class in our upcoming issues. We are delighted to showcase these talented young writers, and look forward to working with them throughout the upcoming year.
**Events**

**Oct 4** - *Movies to See Before You Die* series: October Horror—“The Abominable Mr. Phibes.” Patagonia Movie House/Tin Shed Theater, 7 p.m.

**Oct 8** - CHOP overview of Affordable Homeowner Program. St. Therese of Lisieux Catholic Church, 2 p.m.

**Oct 13-15** - Breakfast for Fall Festival artists and public, brought to you by Senior Citizens of Patagonia. Senior Citizen Center, $15 donation. 7:30-9:30 a.m.


**Oct 21** - 3rd Adolescent Youth Conference hosted by Patagonia Youth Enrichment Center. Snacks, drinks, and lunch provided. Patagonia Methodist Church, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

**Oct 21-22** - Firewise Assessment Training at Sonoita Fire Dept. Saturday is classroom time 9-4 p.m., Sunday is field work supporting the classroom training 9-1 p.m. Info: contact SEFD at 520-455-5854.


**Oct 25** - *Movies to See Before You Die: October Horror—“Hotel Hell.”* Patagonia Movie House/Tin Shed Theater, 7 p.m.

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**Events (cont’d)**

**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 11** - *Comedy Variety Show* is looking for performers for their Nov. 11 performance date. Contact Patra at 520-604-8119.

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**Special Interests**

**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: 520-455-5681.

**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.


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**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@sonoitaapatagonialocals.com.
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**MISC.**

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**CLASSES**


**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

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Santa Cruz Humane Society 232 E. Patagonia Hwy (Rt. 82) Nogales, AZ 85621 (520) 287-5654

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CASA of Santa Cruz County 2160 N. Congress Dr., Nogales, AZ (520) 375-8159 or mfish@courts.az.gov
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Soccer Schedule

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PYEC to Host Conference

The Patagonia Youth Enrichment Center is hosting its third annual Adolescent Youth Conference: LIFE IS ABOUT CHOICES on Saturday, October 21st from 10am to 2pm at the Patagonia Community Methodist Church.

This is a free conference for all middle and high school aged youth with a signed permission slip. The topics and activities will include Healthy & Fun Activity choices, Healthy Relationships, Drug & Alcohol Awareness, and Peer Mentoring.

The presenters include AADYCT Youth group from Nogales, Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation youth educators, PUHS students, PYEC Peer Power Young Adult Team, and PYEC youth. The guest speaker is Mr. Terrell Harper, a coach, PE teacher, and school counselor at Elgin School.

Each youth participant will receive a conference t-shirt, goodies, chances at door prizes, snacks, drinks, and lunch.

This conference is sponsored by generous individual donations, GW Designs, Darrell’s Designs, SAAF, United Way, Patagonia Regional Community Foundation, Circles of Peace/AADYCT, Mariposa Adolescent Health, and Santa Cruz County School Superintendent. PYEC welcomes any additional sponsors to assist in off-setting the cost of the youth conference. Information and permission forms are available at PYEC (277 McKeown Ave in Patagonia or on the PYEC website: www.pyec.org.

PROTECT YOURSELF AND THOSE AROUND YOU
GET THE SHOT, NOT THE FLU!

Lending Shed Opens New Doors

The Lending Shed held an open house September 23 to show off its new space in the plaza on McKeown Ave. in Patagonia.

The non-profit organization gives out incontinence supplies, electric chairs, wheel chairs, walkers and other medical supplies to clients from Tubac to Sierra Vista. “It helps them to stay at home,” Susan Lange, who serves on the board of directors. Coordinator Don Borham estimates that approximately 20 wheelchairs are currently leant out. “Getting a wheelchair through Medicare can take months,” he said. The Lending Shed can provide them without delay. The group also sends donated medical supplies, including feeding tubes, catheters and walkers to Mexico.

The Lending Shed is sponsored by Family Health Care Amigos, and is supported by the Legacy foundation, the Diaper Bank of Southern Arizona, and private donations.

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