A Rainy Fall Festival

The 30th Patagonia Fall Festival faced some unforeseen challenges due to unfavorable weather conditions as well as discontent expressed by some of the participants with changes in the structure of the event. This year the event was outsourced to a professional event management company, Southern Arizona Arts & Cultural Alliance (SAACA). For the past 29 years the Fall festival has been managed and put on by locals, volunteers and most recently by Sky Island Tourist Association (SITA).

A SAACA representative said they were very excited to work at the Fall Festival, and that it was a perfect fit, as they specialize in creating art experiences. Their goals were to keep the artists happy and to give them opportunities for business and marketing. They also hoped to provide overall support to the town and the business community. As an organization that has primarily worked in the urban areas of Arizona, SAACA was excited to branch out to a rural area and merge the best of both worlds for the Fall Festival. SAACA intends to reinvest the funds generated from the festival by giving a portion to the town and retaining a portion for their own arts programming around Arizona.

There were some significant changes with the new management. The first change was to remove Friday as a full day for vendors, limiting it to a community kick-off celebration. Some vendors were disappointed to lose a day of business. Local potter Martha Kelly shared that Friday was when she sold most of her art and when “serious buyers” would come to the Festival. Andy Wood, business owner and the Mayor-elect, also felt that the festival should remain three days and that local artists and vendors should be given priority over those who come from out of the area.

The other major change was to not allow any political organization to have a booth at the festival. For the past 25 years both the Arizona Borderland Democrats (AZBD) and Southern Arizona Republicans have had booths there. According to Morris Farr, a board member of AZBD, the political booths are a public service, run by volunteers, and there has never been any argumentation or confrontation at the events.

This year AZBD set up their booth on McKeown Avenue, and were disappointed not to be full participants at the festival.

Emmett McLoughlin, Past Chairman of Southern Arizona Republicans, said, “When we got to Patagonia it was raining heavily and there was concern about not having weights for our tent, and evidently there was not going to be much traffic at the location anyway. So, the candidates decided to walk about.”

One of the main sponsors of the event, Patagonia Area Resource Alliance (PARA), was disappointed with the management of the festival. They found that SAACA was
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Some vendors complained that they were not able to reach SAACA by phone or email in response to questions. Another complaint was that SAACA did not provide recycling bins for the trash at the festival. A local resident thought that the fees were too high and excluded people in town who could have participated and benefitted from the event. Mayor-elect Wood felt strongly that if SAACA was generating funds from parking fees, then that money should be invested in local schools or local non-profits.

Other vendors, however, stated that they were extremely pleased with SAACA and their organization, especially considering the difficult weather on Friday and Saturday. Doc’s Dyes, from Bisbee, said that there were “positive changes this year at the festival because of SAACA.” They appreciated how SAACA gave vendors breaks and brought snacks and water periodical- ly. Doc’s Dyes witnessed SAACA staff and volunteers working hard to help mitigate the effects of the rain and said that the staff was accommodating to vendors who were most affected by the weather.

LuLu’s Sorbet, from Scottsdale, was delighted with the festival and observed that people were loyal to this event despite the rainy Saturday. They said SAACA was “really helpful and [we] had a great experience with them.”

SAACA brought 30 new vendors from their network to the festival and provided 10 staff and 20 volunteers to help run the event. They took on the task to organize the event in April of this year, a much shorter timeline than for most of their events.

As a non-profit organization that uses its revenue to support arts pro- gramming, SAACA wants to continue to work with the town of Patagonia and to learn from their experiences.

SAACA plans to survey the vendors about their experience at the festival and will share the results with the Patagonia Town Council.

Lions Sighted in Patagonia

By Aisha Sander

Two young mountain lions rest in a tree at the Nature Conservancy Preserve in Patagonia.

Marty Lawrence, the Preserve Manager at the Nature Conservancy in Patagonia, first saw a pair of young mountain lions on September 19 in the field in front of the visitor center. On September 22, Kathy West, a volun- teer at the Preserve, spotted the same juvenile lions in a cottonwood tree in the Preserve. “After I stood there a while looking at them they lost interest in me and started casually looking around at other things. My being there didn’t bother them at all,” she said.

Lawrence also said that these same juveniles were spotted as babies earlier this year at the Preserve. He believes that the Preserve and its surrounding area is an ideal habitat for them, with plenty of wild game, water and good cover.

Since then, according to reports re- ceived by Animal Control in Patagonia, the lions have been sighted at various locations. Three lions were spotted near September 26 at the DM RV park off Hwy B2. Soon after, they were seen for a few days off Roadrunner Lane, and two lions were spotted on October 5 on Pennsylvania Avenue. One lion was sighted on October 13 at a resi- dential property off 3rd Avenue.

Visitors at Paton House sighted an adult lion on October 22. Tina Hall, the coordinator there, said, “It was about 8:20 a.m. when I came back around to the pavilion, they [visitors] were pointing down the gravel path into our meadow. An adult mountain lion turned when it saw all three of us and walked through our meadow and then back to the west.”

AZ Game and Fish Wildlife Manager Brittany Olesen explained that “lions are extremely territorial, so it is unlikely there are any other lions in the area.” She speculated that “lions typically have large home ranges that they move through, and it’s not uncom- mon for them to pass through urban areas now and then, but for these cats to have stuck around Patagonia for so long means there is something attracting them. I can almost guarantee they are hanging around because folks are feeding deer, javelina, wild turkeys, outdoor cats, and other critters that the lions are preying upon. This is one of the main reasons I so vehemently discourage feeding of any wildlife, and why it is unlawful in several counties [but not in Santa Cruz]. Finding some easy habituated garbage-fed javelina, corn-fed turkeys, or stray cats would make Patagonia appealing.”

Neither Animal Control or Game and Fish have been informed of loss of pets or livestock. “If these cats begin to hang out around areas with large numbers of children or continue to get more comfortable around humans, Game and Fish has no recourse but to euthanize all three animals...there is no relocating these cats,” Olesen said.

“Newly we have no massive remote wilder- ness areas left to put such animals, so we would end up moving a problem animal from one place to another.” She advises that “residents can help ensure the safety of these cats by never feeding/attracting any wildlife, keeping pets inside, securing small livestock at night, and keeping their properties free of debris that lions (or other predators) may use as cover.” If you encounter a lion and think your life is in danger, appear as big and loud and mean as possible. You can yell, raise your arms, and/or throw things. Absolutely avoid running. Lion attacks on humans (especially in Arizona) are exceedingly rare.

Please report any sightings of mountain lions. You can contact Karina Hillard at the Marshall’s office (520) 394-2091 or email her at patagoniaaco309@gmail.com. You can report directly to the Phoenix dispatch line at (1800) 352-0700. Patagonia Animal Control and the local wildlife manager are closely following the lions and are in communication with one another.
Quick Response Averts Disaster at Parade

By Marion Vendituoli

“It could have been a perfect storm,” Marshall Joe Patterson said, referring to the high-speed chase that took place October 19 through Sonoita and Patagonia. A stolen vehicle came through Patagonia heading south at speeds of over 100 mph just as the Patagonia High School Homecoming parade was scheduled to come onto Hwy 82.

The pursuit began in Hidden Hills, north of Sonoita, when the driver of a stolen truck sped off after failing to stop for a Border Patrol agent. Border Patrol alerted the Santa Cruz County Sheriff’s office and the Patagonia Marshall’s office that the vehicle was travelling south.

At approximately 9:45 a.m. Marshall Patterson was waiting with his motorcycle at the staging area for the parade when he received word that the vehicle was heading towards Patagonia. “I was on the phone with Michael Young on a separate matter when I heard about the vehicle approaching on my radio,” Patterson said.

Teachers and staff were able to hold up the start of the parade and to stop the busses carrying students down to the park. Patterson then rode out to the corner of 1st Ave. and Hwy 82 in an effort to stop the truck. Shortly thereafter, the driver of the stolen vehicle came into Patagonia, passed a car on the right and aimed at Patterson, who got out of the way and pursued the truck through town.

Patterson made it clear that he was not trying to chase the truck. “By the end of town, he was going 110 mph,” Patterson said. “We knew the outcome could be very bad.” The street was lined with people there to watch the parade. Patterson praised Charlie Montoya and others who stopped people from crossing the street as the truck approached town. “Our community members did a great job keeping people safe,” Patterson said.

The Marshall, as well as other law enforcement personnel, followed the truck as it passed a vehicle on a blind corner and then tried to make the turn into Lake Patagonia. The truck rolled over, landed on its wheels, and the driver then took off down a 12’ embankment before coming to a stop.

Eight people, plus the driver, then jumped out, all of whom were apprehended. “That was the best outcome,” Patterson said. “It could have been extremely bad. Without a doubt, we were lucky - very, very lucky.”

Liz Collier, registrar at PUHS, agreed. “We are fortunate that we live in a small community where everyone is so connected and involved. The buses and floats were just about to leave the school for the parade,” she said, when word of the incident reached the school. “Knowing Marshall’s office was part of the chase, the Fire Department stepped in to do traffic control. We delayed the parade but diverted a disaster. If the perpetrator’s car had rammed into a bus or worse, a float full of students, you would be writing a very different story.”

Rain Valley Residents Lose Cell Tower Fight

By Marion Vendituoli

After more than two years of fighting the construction of a 195’ cell phone tower in Rain Valley, residents lost their appeal before Santa Cruz County Superior Court Judge Anna Montoya-Paez. The judge ruled on October 2 that the benefits to the community at large of having cellular coverage trumped the aesthetic objections raised by the neighboring property owners.

Michael Feigenbaum, representing Cleartalk, a California based cell tower construction company, first addressed the Santa Cruz County Board of Adjustment in August 2016, asking for a conditional permit to erect a cell tower in Rain Valley. At that time, the Board denied the application.

Feigenbaum returned in December 2016 to ask for approval for the tower at a new site, located at 41 East Rain Valley Loop Road, property owned by Desert Vista Land Investments, based in Scottsdale. Feigenbaum stated that T-Mobile would be providing service on this tower, as well as the Sonoita Elgin Fire District and a national emergency network. The cell tower builders also hope to rent tower space to other carriers.

Several neighbors spoke against the proposed tower at these meetings, and at the court hearing, arguing that the tower would be an eyesore, lower their property values and impinge on their views. Mike Barker, of Rain Valley, spoke against the proposed location. “I paid good money for my property, and I pay real decent taxes to live out there,” he said. “There has to be other alternatives.” He proposed a site east of Callison Lane on state-owned land.

Several people who spoke against the site voiced concern about tower lighting, as well. The area is part of the military operations area for Fort Huachuca, and planes and helicopters from the base, from Border Patrol, and Wildfire agencies fly very low over this section.

Feigenbaum responded that he was willing to state that they would not construct the tower if it were mandated to be lit, and also stressed that it would be better to construct a tower sooner rather than later, as the FAA was going to be enacting regulations that would require lighting all towers over 50 feet in the near future. Currently towers under 200 feet do not have to be lit, he said. However, many of those present felt that lighting was inevitable due to the air traffic in the area.

The Board tabled the vote on the conditional approval pending a third meeting scheduled for January 2017 to give Cleartalk an opportunity to explore alternative sites for the tower that would be less intrusive for area homeowners.

At the January meeting, Feigenbaum told the board that Cleartalk had investigated three sites. Two of the proposed sites would result in “inconsistent ‘in-building’ coverage along route 82, according to Feigenbaum. The third site located on state land to the east of Rain Valley was deemed unsuitable by the company because it could take two years to lease and develop. “We can’t wait that long,” Feigenbaum said.

Local rancher Bill Schock spoke in favor of the tower at the January meeting, saying that cell service was vital for area ranchers. Meade “Doc” Cline, a local resident, spoke in favor of the tower, as well, saying, “If you don’t want a cell tower in your sight, move or buy the land.” After 2 ½ hours of debate and executive session, the board voted two to one to grant the permit.

In February 2017, John Richie, whose property abuts the proposed site, hired an attorney to file an appeal of the decision of the Board, and claiming that the Board of Adjustment had violated the open meeting law in their deliberations. Judge Montoy-Paez heard arguments in August 2018.

Several residents spoke at that hearing of their opposition to the cell tower. John George, who recently purchased a home just east of the proposed site, testified at the hearing, saying, “We moved here specifically for the view… It’s a nightmare for us.” Schock spoke, as well, however, in favor of the cell tower, as did Ray Sayre, Director of Emergency Services for Santa Cruz County.

Montoy-Paez’s ruling affirmed the conditional permit for the cell tower and that “the plaintiffs failed to meet the burden of proof necessary” to prove that the Board violated the Open Meeting Law. Cleartalk hopes to have completed the tower by next spring, according to Jesse Drake, Santa Cruz County Director for Planning and Zoning.
LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Gouging the taxpayers?

The CTED article in the October PRT could give folks the impression that the Money from the Cochise CTED for PUHS, ... “$1300 per student enrolled” is a gift. That is not the case. The State contributes half the CTED funding. The Cochise CTED would then arrange for Santa Cruz County to collect additional property taxes from residents in the PUHS district to foot half of the bill.

Yes, CTEDs and community colleges are separate entities but, with regard to educating youngsters for the future, they are not separate missions. I guess its easier to continue to gouge the taxpayers than tweak the education system to meet the requirement.

Matt Parrilli
Sonoita

Thrift Shop Funds Causes

We appreciate the article in the October issue of the PRT announcing the celebration of 35 years of the Patagonia Community Church Thrift Shop partnering with the church and the community.

One thing I would like to clarify is the use of our income. The article seemed to indicate the majority was given to the church. The Thrift Shop does make a small contribution to the church for usage fees (space and utilities). However, the overwhelming majority of our income goes directly to local, national, and international mission projects and charities. I had requested that a picture of the banner in the Thrift Shop which shows the list of our contributions for 2017 be part of the article so the readers could see what was contributed but that was not included. However, patrons can see the 2017 figures on the banner in the main room of the Thrift Shop. We are able to give so much to worthwhile causes because of our volunteer workers as well as the fact all our merchandise is donated. Thanks for printing this clarification and including in the article our need for volunteers.

I would also like to comment on the format of the Fall Festival this year. Because we are a church we do not open our sale to the public on Sundays. Friday, typically is our best day, probably because of the type of clientele who visit the Festival on a Friday. Because vendors were not open on Friday, our income was reduced considerably, which will have some affect on the amount we will be able to give to mission initiatives. Of course the rain was a factor but we feel the major impact was not having vendors open on Friday.

Bonnie Quirin, PCUMC Thrift Shop

Sonoita Helpers A Local Tradition

Sonoita Helpers is an organization originally funded by the late Margaret Carmichael. She left $1,000 with Pete Bidegain with the instructions that it was to be used to help an area resident in need. Bidegain enlisted Joe Furno’s help in 1989 when he felt he was getting to old to handle the charity by himself, and Joe Furno enlisted me in 2008 to help. I in turn asked Tonya Hubbell to help. We lost Joe last year and will be greatly missed, but he left Sonoita Helpers going strong with the help of additional donations. Through the years the community has continued to support this local charity. We have families from Sonoita and Patagonia in need and we hope to continue with Margaret Carmichael’s wishes for the next years to come.

If you know of a family that needs a food basket or information on the Sonoita Helpers call Martha Green at (520) 604-1174. People can make a cash donation at National Bank in Sonoita to Sonoita COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION SONOITA HELPERS.

Thank you,
Martha Green
Sonoita

Thanking Doris Wenig

When I read about the wonderful honor received by the Patagonia Public Library, I thought of two things – Doris Wenig and chocolate chip cookies. The library needed funding in the 1980’s, and both the town and the county were struggling to support all their fiscal responsibilities. Finding money for the library was not the highest priority for many. It was definitely an important cause for Doris, however. As a longtime librarian she knew how essential a library was for the education of both children and adults. She was determined that the library would survive and she would not let it fail.

Her first effort was to bake chocolate chip cookies and sell them at the post office to call attention to the plight of the library and inspire donations. She became president of the Friends of the Library and she and the Board undertook a serious campaign to find donors. Abbie Zelter became librarian and she lobbied the town and county for funds, giving forceful arguments for the importance of the Library to the community. Doris received books from the Arizona Daily Star after they had been reviewed in the newspaper, and the book sales she started with those and other donated books became a valuable source of funds.

I think it is fair to say that Doris Wenig, through her efforts and determination, was the savior of the library. Many others have put in much time and energy to make the Library the great institution it is today. Abbie Zelter’s expertise and forward-thinking projects have made the library an amazing and special place for a small community like ours.

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Bridge Project Back To The Drawing Board

By Marion Vendituoli

The Harshaw Bridge suffered damage in 2017, which has not yet been permanently repaired.

Several months after putting the Harshaw Bridge repair out for bids, the county has had to rethink the project after the price tag to fix the damaged bridge came in much higher than expected and anticipated funding from AMI evaporated after the sale of the mining company to South32.

Both the upstream and downstream sides of bridge #9001 on Harshaw Rd. suffered damage in 2017 when a large tree was swept into it by flooding water. Temporary steel column supports were put in place to reinforce the cracked concrete base of the bridge surface, and the bridge has remained open for traffic.

The County Board of Supervisors voted to replace, rather than repair, the bridge, which was originally estimated to cost approximately $800,000, according to Jesus Valdez, Santa Cruz County Public Works Director. That estimate was subsequently raised to $1.3 million dollars.

The county obtained $350,000 from the Arizona Department of Emergency and Military Affairs (DEMA), the department that oversees the Arizona National Guard (Air, Army, Joint Task Force), the Division of Emergency Management and the Division of Administrative Services.

On August 16, the county received two bids for replacing the bridge, according to Valdez. The low bid was $1,960,797, and the high bid was $1,980,160, both considerably higher than the county expected. “We’re still trying to decide; do we change the design and put it out for bids again or do we repair the existing bridge?” Valdez said.

The county had hoped that AMI would pay the balance of the cost of replacing the bridge, but the agreement was never finalized. “We stopped discussions when the buyout [to South32] occurred,” County Manager Jill St. John said. Critics of the mine point to the failure of AMI to pay for the Harshaw Road improvements as an example of why the mining companies cannot be relied on. “The mining company reversal of funding for the Harshaw Road bridge project is a classic mining company broken promise,” Carolyn Shafer, of PARA, said.

“We’ve just now got in touch with South32 to see if they are interested in partnering with the county,” St. John said. She also wants to see what other options there are for the county. “We think we can get better prices and more bids with a redesign or repair of bridge,” she added.

Additional projects discussed late last spring to chip seal the portion of Harshaw Road from the mine entrance north to the paved section of Harshaw Road and resurfacing of the road up to the town line, both to have been funded by AMI, have also been put on hold. “That’s something we’re hoping to start soon,” Valdez said. “There’s no decision on who is going to pay for it when construction will start.”

Valdez hopes to get approval from the Board of Supervisors to move forward in November. He is not concerned about the bridge for the near future. “It’s safe now. There was no more damage from this year’s monsoons,” he said. “Under current conditions and with the traffic control that’s in place, vehicles are safe to cross.”

New Director Joins Center

By Lynn Davison

Tina Hall, new director of the Paton Center, wants to create events and activities for local residents.

It may seem like a long way from Arizona to southeast Arizona, but for Hall maybe not so far. Her parents lived in Oro Valley for several years and she knew Lutz from his tenure as Director of the Michigan Audubon Chape. As a birder, she had been to southeast Arizona a number of times and knew Patagonia, the Paton Center, and Wally and Marion Paton. Her first visit to Paton’s was in 1991. Hall recalls a conversation with Wally Paton about the hours they opened their home to birders. “He said in a deadpan voice, “Well...the hummingbirds do sleep at night.”

Hall says she likes Patagonia “because it feels and looks like a real town; it’s a very interesting and maybe a bit quirky community.” She is surprised how little the town seems to have changed since her first visit 27 years ago. However, she sees Patagonia on the cusp of some bigger changes due to a combination of climate change, economic changes, and the impacts of the return of mining on the town’s housing, water, roads and local ecosystem. “Even as a newcomer, I am already feeling a little nostalgic about what we have and what might change,” she said.

Things will be changing at the Paton Hummingbird Center, too. Tucson Audubon has raised over $370,000 toward its $450,000 capital campaign goal for the Paton Center. A bulk of those funds will go toward the replacement of the Paton’s house. Because it has asbestos, as most homes of its era do, it is more cost effective to replace the house than rehab it. Hall says plans are not complete, but she hopes the 1.4-acre site, including a new house, will remain the home-like setting and quiet welcoming place to see hummingbirds that is Wally and Marion Paton’s legacy. Tucson Audubon will seek local comments on options, perhaps at the library, before settling on the final plans for the site. Demolition should begin sometime in 2019.

Hall is excited about her new job. One of her favorite parts is working with an incredible group of volunteers. “It’s hard to decide which day to take off every week because whichever one I choose means that I will miss working with the regularly scheduled volunteers on that day”. There is something quite special about the place, something Hall calls the “Paton effect,” which makes visitors feel more comfortable and more interested in connecting with not only the wildlife but with each other. She is committed to maintaining that environment as the Paton Center evolves.

As for other goals, Hall is interested in creating more activities and events for local Patagonians, like dinner at Paton’s, a series of walks and talks aimed at locals, and more opportunities to draw local volunteers. She also wants to expand the connections between art and nature at the Paton Center with more art installations and maybe a space for artists in residence. Finally, Hall feels responsible for maintaining high standards at the Paton Hummingbird Center. That means maintaining the health of the hummingbirds, honoring the legacy of the Patons, and playing a significant role in supporting the growth of ecotourism in our community.

For the time being, Tina Hall and her husband, Bruce Ventura, are living in the small casita on the property. Stop by and say ‘hello.” You will enjoy the birds and the conversation.
LIFE AMONG THE HUMANS
ONE NATION, UNDER SURVEILLANCE

By Martin Levowitz

Our President inspires passionate frustration amongst his critics, myself among them. A woman in Sonoita, who had witnessed refugees awaiting asylum in Nogales, Sonora, expressed her deep contempt for Trump recently on Facebook and said she wished someone would off the lout. Shortly thereafter, the Secret Service showed up at her door, intimidating her and her family. Apparently, the walls have ears, and algorithms, too! Let her faux pas admonish you! But we must not forget that even if there were a lout, we would kill him - it kills Democracy. Permit me to enumerate two-dozen reasons why - although he's piggish and things and not surprisingly my thankful thoughts this month of Thanks giving let us take a moment to be thankful for the little.

THANKFUL

By Cassina Farley

I’ve attended a Pilates class here in Patagonia for over 5 years. Our instructor often ends each class with us putting our hands over our heart and having us think about something we are thankful for. In my head, I’ve covered everything thing from my health to my home. I’ve thought about people and things and not surprisingly my thankful thoughts wander all over the place. Often my thankfulness is simply class related but still as important as the world peace thing. So during this month of Thanksgiving I thought I’d share my top 10 list of things that I’m thankful for during Pilates class.

1. Modern workout clothes. Could you imagine contorting your body in a Jane Fonda era leotard and matching leg warmers? I can’t even imagine what our male classmates would be wearing. The image is too much to bear.

2. The bar is a short walk from here.

3. My great balance coupled with my supreme desire not to fall.

4. I found my grippy socks today.

5. The fact that it was not me who farted after that roll up.

6. The only male in class happens to have the shakiest ankles and he thinks it’s as funny as I do.

7. Bare feet everywhere and none touched me the entire class.

8. The excruciating ab crunches.

9. The tree branches outside of the window.

10. String Cheese. More importantly the one I ate right before I came to class. Otherwise my stomach would be growling as loudly as the gal next to me.

9. Forgive this one - it’s “mystical;” you’re likely to reject it as B.S. The darkness and destruction in this world are not an accident. Where there’s bright light, dark shadows will be cast. The shadows, too, are real - part of the deal.

You can’t eliminate an archetype. There is, within the cosmos, just one generative source, which authors everything, both dark and light. The beat goes on: night yields to day, and then, day turns to night. The universe is unitary but there are two modes; the counterpoint can never really end. To seek to kill the Anti-Christ is just as daft as trying to kill Christ. For either to exist, both must exist. Only within oneself is there a chance to end the fight: Accept What Is - just as it is - regardless of whether you like it or not; regardless of whether you’re working to change it or not.

There is no end, nor can there be. Nobody - God or Satan - ever wins. The two are twins. Until the war of light and dark within ourselves is won, by love, our souls will mutter and rebel, as they have always done. There’s only one sane shibboleth where you’ll find solace, son: “Not my will, Lord, but Thine be done.”

Oops ~ Goodness Me ~ That’s Only Three; I Owe You Twenty-One!

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A View of the Hermosa Project

By Lynn Davison

Reclamation of the Trench Mine tailings as seen from a platform at the Hermosa Site.

There is a big new player in Patagonia. South32 is the Australian mining company that recently purchased Canada-based Arizona Mining Inc for its flagship project, the Hermosa Mine. The $1,300,000,000 deal closed in August 2018. On Oct. 21, South32 held its first community tour of the Hermosa site, led by senior South32 staff: Richard Luck, Hermosa project director; Johnny Pappas, head of permitting for the project; and Greg Lucero, community and government affairs director. The PRT was there and this is what we saw and heard from the South32 leaders of the Hermosa Project.

The Company

South32 is a relatively new company, spun off in 2015 from one of the largest mining companies in the world, BHP Billiton. South32 has active mines on four continents - Australia, Africa, North America, and South America. The company mines alumina, aluminum, bauxite, coal, lead, nickel, manganese, silver, and zinc.

The Hermosa Project

The Hermosa project is located six miles southeast of Patagonia on 450 acres of private land. The site includes the remains of the old Trench Mine. South32 has two major efforts underway at the Hermosa site: reclamation, or cleanup, of the Trench Mine and development of an underground mine to extract significant deposits of zinc, lead, and, to a lesser extent, silver. When in full production, the Hermosa mine will be among the top five producers of zinc in the world. Zinc is a component of galvanized metals and most batteries; lead’s primary use is for batteries.

Arizona Mining Inc, a “junior” mining company, began exploratory drilling at the Hermosa site in 2015. South32, a senior mining company with the financial resources to fully develop and operate the mine, purchased AMI in 2018. The current schedule has production beginning in 2021. Active mining could continue for approximately 30 years. However, to mine the entire deposit and manage the tailings will require expansion of the active mine site to unpatented claims on adjacent federal lands.

Visible at the Hermosa site is a large reclamation pit where piles of tailings from the Trench Mine are being relocated, a new $5M water treatment facility, and two platforms in twin declines (tunnels) being drilled now to reach the ore deposit 1,500 feet below the surface. There are also numerous roads, outbuildings, and heavy equipment throughout the 450-acre active site.

When the development phase is completed, the mine will extract and initially process the raw ore on-site.

There are now about 200 employees at work. Drilling is a 20/24 operation with two 10-hour shifts working three weeks on and one week off. At the height of construction, there may be as many as 1,000 people on site. Once the mine is fully operational, Luck estimates it will employ approximately 500 people. Up to a third will be college-educated technical and supervisory people and the remaining employees will come from the skilled trades or be trained on site through South32’s certification programs.

To date, no decisions have been made on the route for transporting the processed ore from the mine. It is likely that the it will go through Mexico for distribution. Lucero and Luck said there are three basic route options under review: Harshaw Road, Flux Canyon Road, and Duquesne Road. All options will require a significant investment. Luck added that they are trying to bypass the Town of Patagonia.

What does it mean for our community?

Housing is tight in Patagonia. According to Lucero, South32 employees have “gobbled up what was available and that demand has driven up the price of housing.” Employees will probably also live in Rio Rico, Nogales, Sierra Vista, Vail, Green Valley, or Tucson. When asked where the housing will come from, Luck said “The market will provide.”

South32 expects to bring approximately 500 long-term living wage jobs to the region. Some of those jobs will go to Patagonians or other residents of Santa Cruz County. Although the majority of employees may not live in Patagonia, the mine’s proximity will extend the life of the road, an asset for sure” said Luck. “We see most of those changes as positive.” There are other voices in the community who see the impacts of the mining operation, Pappas said that the Hermosa Project is committed to meeting all county, state, and federal regulations and permit requirements and that environmental protection regulations are stronger in the U.S. than anywhere else in the world.

“Our presence here will mean changes in the local community, that’s for sure” said Luck. “We see most of those changes as positive.” There are other voices in the community who see the impacts of mining in the Patagonia Mountains very differently. They fear its impacts on the land, water, wildlife, quality of life, character of the town, ecotourism, and long-term economic health of the community.
COUNCIL NOTES

By PRT Staff Reporters

As summer gave way to fall in Patagonia, so too did the sometimes contentious atmosphere in council chambers over the summer give way to a comparatively calm pair of meetings in October.

At the October 10 session, Planning and Zoning Committee Chair David Budd alluded to a possible new housing development proposed for an area in the northeast section of town. This prompted Mayor-elect Andy Wood to express concern for the lack of affordable housing in town and suggest that the town try to influence the developer to consider making some of the new homes affordable.

Carolyn Shafer presented a report of Flood and Flow Committee activities, noting the committee’s work on developing a Sonora Creek Watershed Management Plan and requesting council approval to submit a grant proposal to pay for the creation of a comprehensive watershed data base. Council approved the request, as well as the appointment of Tina Hall, the new Paton Center Coordinator, to the committee.

Council also unanimously approved the appointments of Carrie Bowden and Todd Norton to the Planning and Zoning Committee.

On October 24, Mayor Ike Isakson noted Steve Finch’s work cutting weeds and grass around the sewage treatment plant and said volunteers would be welcome to help with the effort. Marshall Joe Patterson described a high-speed chase through town on the day of the high school homecoming, that began north of Sonora and ended without fatalities at the SR 82 turnoff to Patagonia Lake.

Council considered three requests from the Planning and Zoning Committee and took action on two of them. They approved a name change from Planning and Zoning to Planning and Development, reflecting the fact that there is presently no zoning in effect in town, and in an effort to encourage people to volunteer for the committee, approved changing the term of service from four-years to two-year renewable terms. Council took no action on a proposal to allow non-Patagonia residents to serve, thus denying business and property owners in town the privilege of serving on the committee unless they live in the town limits.

Without much discussion the council approved the intergovernmental agreement between the State of Arizona and the Town of Patagonia that stipulates participation in the state-required process of tax collection.

Issues raised during the discussion of planned improvements to Doc Mock Park, funded by a $79,175 grant awarded last summer by Arizona State Parks and Trails, included the number of parking spaces, the location of the proposed pathway through the park and the need for Arizona Department of Transportation permits for any work that would take place within the SR 82 right-of-way.

The plan, developed by a team spearheaded by Borderlands Restoration’s Caleb Weaver, was approved by the council nearly three years ago.

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Herding Cats: Community Tackles Feral Cat Problem
By Heather Dodge

The increasing number of feral cats in Patagonia has become an animal control problem that is being addressed by a group of concerned citizens, informally dubbed the Kitty Committee. By educating neighbors and enlisting volunteers to engage in a Trap, Neuter, and Return program (TNR), this group intends to minimize the feral cat population by humanely intervening in their reproductive process.

Feral cats are different from domesticated cats. They live outdoors and have little to no human contact. Although they help control the rodent population, their burgeoning numbers have become a health and safety concern to our community.

Feral cats multiply exponentially whenever shelter is adequate and food is plentiful. Cats can become pregnant at five months of age. A pair of breeders can produce 420,000 offspring over a seven-year period. That worst-case scenario can be avoided by limiting their ability to reproduce.

The Kitty Committee and local individuals have been trapping and transporting feral cats to Paws Patrol in Green Valley, a 501(c)(3) animal shelter that alters feral cats free of charge with donations welcome. The left ear is then tipped for recognition, and rabies and FVRCP vaccinations are administered. The cats can then be returned to their colony, or disseminated as barn cats. Those young enough for socialization may be put up for adoption.

Paws Patrol is one of several options in the region for the TNR program, implemented successfully by communities around the world to keep feral cat populations under control. Please consider donating to greenvalleypawspatrool.org.

To get involved, attend the next Kitty Committee meeting at 11 a.m., Nov 13 in the Town Hall. Attendees will learn about differentiating between household and feral cats, safe and effective trapping and transporting procedures, and have the opportunity to offer suggestions, formulate strategies and help locate much needed feral cat traps.

For information on the Town of Patagonia’s wild and domestic animal regulations, go to Patagonia-az.gov, Town Code of Ordinances, Chapter 6, Animals. Or call Isabel at the Town Hall, (520) 394-2229.

Elgin Woman Brightens Lives with her Golden Retrievers
By Pat McNamara

What does a retired educator with two people-loving, energetic golden retrievers do with her spare time to give back to society? Sharon Raymond has found her answer by becoming a therapy dog handler with the help of nine-year-old Splash and three-year-old Snickers, her two golden retriever “assistants.”

Encouraged by a friend who also has golden retrievers, Raymond decided to pursue the training required to become certified 7½ years ago with Splash, when Splash was only 18 months old. Raymond did the basic obedience training herself, then took a general knowledge on-line test of dog reactivity. Upon passing that, and with coaching help from a service dog training facility in Tucson, Raymond signed up for an evaluation at the Tucson Medical Center. She repeated the process for Snickers 2½ years ago when Snickers was 18 months old.

The dogs must know 21 different commands as well as be desensitized to rough petting, hugs and other possible stimuli they may encounter while bringing comfort to the people to whom they are exposed.

The certification process is conducted by Pet Partners, a national organization based in Bellevue Washington with certified testers throughout the United States. They evaluate each dog and handler team. After correctly completing all the exercises, the team receives a certificate and is then able to visit hospitals, schools, hospice centers, jails and trauma centers to help bring comfort to those in need.

Along with her hospital visits, Raymond is also involved at an elementary school in Sierra Vista where she and her dogs help with the K-3 children who are having reading comprehension difficulties. She brings along brushes, pillows, blankets and dog treats and Goes to a quiet room with each child for 30 minutes. The children can brush and pet the dogs. This helps them to relax, which in turn enables them to better understand what they are reading.

Raymond gives the children some alone time so that they feel safe and free to talk to the dogs. Frequently, she mentioned, the child will tell the dogs about a problem at home that they are afraid to share with adults. Awareness of these issues has brought better understanding for the teachers working with these children.

Raymond, Snickers and Splash all sport a special “uniform” when on the job. Raymond has a special shirt that she is required to wear as a handler. Snickers and Splash each have a dog vest, complete with merit badges that they have received as they have progressed in their training, indicating their time served and their expertise in perfecting certain special tasks.

Raymond feels that this has been a very fulfilling and interesting endeavor and she has found a wonderful way to help in the community. It is a great way to assist others and bring comfort to many, many people.

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Oh Hail! A freak storm blanketed parts of Sonoita and Elgin October 21 with quarter sized chunks of hail.

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In 1991, Bill and Posy Piper, of Patagonia, befriended Carlo Gaberscek, an Italian professor and aficionado of western movies. Twenty-seven years later, as an expression of gratitude to the couple, Gaberscek has sent his latest books, “Westerns in Arizona,” a two-volume set of the history of movies made in Arizona between 1912 and 1960, which Posy Piper has donated to the Patagonia Public Library.

Gberscek searched out the Pipers after being told by a motel desk clerk in Nogales that Posy Piper would be a good source of information about filming locations in the area. “The wish to find the locations of “Duel in the Sun” (1946) and other westerns at first introduced me to know your beautiful area,” he wrote to Posy recently. “In the late afternoon of a day in late July 1991, we were on highway 83…I realized that was the location where scenes for “Duel in the Sun” had been filmed, but I knew that movie had been shot in several other locations of southern Arizona and I wanted to know all of them.”

Bill Piper agreed to help Gaberscek look for locations. “Bill would take him out with four or five cameras and drop him off. He would have pictures from Hollywood and he would try to get the same shot,” Posy said. Gaberscek returned to Patagonia for the next ten years working on his project. He was scheduled to come in September 2001, but his flight was cancelled due to the attack on the World Trade Center.

The two volumes, which have more than 1100 pages, showcase approximately 450 movies with hundreds of photographs of the locations where the films were shot. Gaberscek has included details about the productions, as well. Local locations discussed in the books include Elgin, Rain Valley, the San Rafael Valley, Circle Z Ranch, the Empire Ranch and High Haven Ranch. Westerns filmed locally include “Red River,” “3:10 to Yuma,” “Winchester 73,” “Gunman’s Walk,” “Last Train from Gun Hill,” Heller in Pink tights,” “Duel in the Sun,” Oklahoma,” “A Star is Born,” and “Broken Lance.”

The books are written primarily in Italian, with some sections in English. The language barrier is inconsequential for the most part, as place names and individuals are listed and local readers will recognize many of the locations and structures in what is primarily a book of interesting photos. Librarian Abby Zeltzer is grateful to Piper for her donation and is planning to showcase them, saying “We look forward to setting up an exhibit with the books and photos from local films.”
Glimpses Into Our Past

By Alison Bunting  As if dealing with the challenges of a World War were not enough, the 1918 influenza pandemic greatly tested the nation and the world. Over 500 million people were infected worldwide. In the U.S. 28% of the population was affected and between 500,000 to 675,000 died. On average, 20% of the infected died. Influenza was most deadly for those between ages 20-40. The full text of most of the articles quoted below can be found in the Library of Congress database, Chronicling America. Images of the Santa Cruz Patagonian are available on The Patagonia Museum website: www.thepatagoniamuseum.org. Additional resources include an online exhibit at Arizona State University: https://asunow.asu.edu/20171018-arizona-impact-counting-dead and an Arizona Daily Sun article: ‘Flagstaff and the Spanish Flu of 1918: A Very Rough Year’ by Annie Braun.

On September 25 the Arizona Republican first reported possible influenza cases in Phoenix, and papers statewide began publishing advice on preventing its spread. “When your eastern friends arrive you have them send their clothing to be sunned and pressed, and that they pay particular attention to the cleansing of the noses and throats, as it is quite possible that they might be ’carriers’ while not having or having had influenza.” [Arizona Republican, 9/29/1918]. The first significant reported outbreak occurred in early October at Northern Arizona Normal School (now Northern Arizona University) when 95% of the 500-600 students became ill. [Arizona Daily Sun, 1/21/2006]. As the number of cases increased, communities began to take action to minimize its spread, including closing theaters and schools and discouraging local gatherings. [Arizona Republican, 10/7/1918].

On October 18 the following directive from the State Board of Health was received: “Prohibit any enterprise causing gathering of groups, including special sales at stores. Business houses advertising sales contrary to this request must be closed. Transmit this message at once to local health officers.” A scheduled Sonoita supper dance was immediately cancelled. [The Border Vidette, 10/19/1918]. By the end of October, the number of new cases and deaths had not decreased and additional regulations, such as the wearing of gauze masks in public settings, was encouraged. By mid-November the epidemic was considered sufficiently under control that communities were allowed to reopen schools and theaters, provided a number of conditions were met. These included thorough cleaning of streets, alleys, yards and public buildings; attaching notices to houses of flu patients; posting notices about the dangers of sneezing, spitting, hand shaking and kissing; placing sputum basins on the streets; and encouraging use of the newly developed flu vaccine. [The Border Vidette, 10/19/1918].

A second outbreak hit the state in December and Nogales imposed “a quarantine upon all churches, schools, theatres, pool halls and public gatherings of whatsoever nature” Within a week the ban was lifted, though Nogales High School did not re-open until January 6th. [The Border Vidette, 12/14/1918 & 1/4/1919]. Accurate numbers of influenza deaths in Arizona are not available. According to the ASU exhibit, “Counting the Dead,” the State Board of Health reported 519 deaths. However, an analysis of 1918 death certificates places the number at 2,228. The Native American population was particularly hard-hit.

The flu pandemic of 1918 affected more than 500 million people worldwide. In the U.S. 28% of the population was affected and more than 500,000 people died.
Outside of the fiery furnace of June, November is on average our driest month and arguably our dullest. Dry grass, blue skies, variable temperatures, and usually our first frosts are hallmarks of this time of year. Thus, November is not uneventful, but lacking some of our normal plant, invertebrate, and bird diversity; diminished with the absence of warmer/wetter weather, it does often wear a pedestrian cloak. This is, however, prime time for the return of many species of waterbirds, including waterfowl. First, let’s distinguish between the two terms. Waterbird or Water Bird refers to any avian species that regularly uses any watery habitat. This may refer strictly to freshwater species or also include those seen in marine environments. Waterfowl, in contrast, unambiguously labels the swans, geese, and ducks of the world as one coherent/related groups of birds. Waterbirds thus form a term that is inclusive of Waterfowl. As Canada and northern states experience increasingly frigid conditions, many waterbirds are deprived of their aquatic food sources or even of open water. Hence, the migration to our Sky Islands realm. Seeking the streams, rivers, ponds, lakes, and marshes of our region, they are able to wait out the worst climatic conditions that their northerly breeding grounds proffer. Waterfowl in most local aquatic environments certainly are the most abundant waterbirds. Mallards, northern shovelers, green-winged teal and other dabbling ducks feed close to shore. Living up to their label, they merely tilt their head and upper body into water feed on aquatic plants and animals. Occasionally, they graze on land as well. Diving ducks, such as ruddy ducks, by contrast, submerge completely for their fare, consuming a wide range of flora and smaller fauna - often further from shore.

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Recently I had a conversation with a friend about the word ‘awakening.’ She pointed out that since the influence of the “New Age” during the latter decades of the 20th century, it has become such a frequently used word that for many, its deeper meaning has become diluted or lost.

Though awakening is defined as “an act or moment of becoming suddenly aware of something,” it can also allude to a shattering experience which changes how we view ourselves, society, our beliefs, spirituality or religion. However, it is often a process of introspection, questioning everything, seeking causes of what is occurring in our society and the world. Sometimes it is both a life-changing experience and a long process.

Women have always carried a heavy load of social conditioning, heaped upon us by male authority figures, institutions, media - influences from everywhere that keep us asleep. Some of us local retired women have shared experiences of how this affects our thinking and our lives, limiting our choices as women and how we became, and are still becoming, aware of it.

Local artist Rhonda Brew cut right to the heart of the matter: “Oh, you mean ‘throwing out the trash,’ all the ways we were programmed! Now it’s about undoing it all. I’m still undoing it—throwing the trash out of my head!”

I woke up and stared at myself in the mirror, aghast.

I could see inside my head filled with stuff I no longer used or maybe never wanted, all non-recyclable, just junk.

Where did it all come from? Why did I think that gadget was useful, this food was good, these games were fun, that movie was poignant, this thought was profound, those beliefs were true? Even now I feel the trash piling up

"HerStory," is a monthly column for and about women. Call Patra Kelly for more information about appropriate subjects, length of articles, how to submit, deadlines, or to talk about your ideas. 520-604-8119.

Artwork by Rhonda Brew

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- regional ecotourism and nature-based economies
- 112 Federally endangered, threatened, and sensitive species

THERE IS NO MODERN MINING that will meet the high standards required to protect the vitality of the Patagonia Mountains - a global biodiversity hotspot - and our water resources. The well-being and economic prosperity of the region is deeply tied to the health of these mountains and Sonoita Creek, which flows into the Santa Cruz River and into a watershed utilized by over one million people.

We at the Patagonia Area Resource Alliance work to educate and engage our community about the realities of mining, deepening understanding of our precious and imperiled natural resources. As a volunteer-based nonprofit, we advocate for the protection of those resources, including Patagonia’s distinct and serene rural way of life.

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Elgin School Veterans Day Ceremony 9:00 a.m.

Elgin School will hold its annual Veterans Day Celebration on Friday, November 9 at 9:00 a.m. This year’s speaker will be Colonel John H. Black, United States Army Retired. Colonel Black is a 30-year Veteran of the Army and served two tours in Vietnam and has been inducted into the Infantry Officer Candidate School Hall of Fame, the Military Intelligence Corps Hall of Fame and the Arizona Veterans Hall of Fame. An Honor Guard from Fort Huachuca will also participate in this year’s program along with student essay winners and the all school choir. If you know of a veteran (family member or community member) that has not been included on our Wall of Honor, please send in a photo and the following information: name, rank, service branch and service dates to Melissa Paul at mpaul@elgin12.com or photos can be dropped off at the Elgin School office located at 23 Elgin Road, Elgin. Photos will be copied and the original returned. We are especially looking for alumni from Elgin and Patagonia schools who have or are currently serving. In addition we are seeking military memorabilia to display at the program, please contact Melissa Paul for more information or if you have any questions. A brunch will follow the ceremony from 10:00-11:00 a.m. for veterans and guests.

Patagonia School Veterans Day Ceremony 11:30 a.m.

Patagonia Public Schools is hosting Veterans Day celebration on Friday, November 9 from 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. in the school cafeteria. The celebration will kick off with a special lunch prepared by Patagonia students and school staff for the attending veterans and their spouses served at 11:00 a.m. “This celebration is an opportunity to teach our students about the importance of Veterans Day and to recognize the sacrifices that these soldiers made for our country”, Superintendent Rachell Hochheim said. “We want our students and community members to send us photos and information on their friends, family and relatives. We think it is important to recognize all the veterans that have a connection to our students and community.”

We’re asking our veterans to provide a photo and critical information about their military service. Critical moments of our history can be told through the experiences and stories of our veterans and I want the students to learn about the human connection between our local heroes and our country’s legacy. We will be covering additional history of 19th and 20th century wars and military engagements in class during the weeks before Veterans Day to provide the students with more context on the importance of our veterans and their experiences.”

The celebration will feature guest speaker, Cole Jacobs, Retired Master Sergeant with the Air Force and father to PUHS sophomore, Dylan Jacob. Mr. Jacob was on active duty for 22 years, serving 16 years in air craft maintenance working on notable aircraft such as the C-5 Galaxy, the C-141 and the KC-135 Stratotanker that is used for aerial refueling. During the last 6 years of his active duty, Jacobs was on Special Duty, serving as the 1st Sergeant under five different commanders for four different squadrons. During his military career, Mr. Jacobs was stationed in various locations. Prior to 9/11, he was stationed in Saudi Arabia, Germany and Panama. Following 9/11, he was in Bulgaria, Crete and in 2012, he served in Afghanistan.

We want our students to learn the names and experiences of all the veterans in our community. If you or any member of your family is a veteran, please call the Student Office at (520) 394-3000 so we can recognize their service.

More than 200 motorcycles participated in the Healing Heroes Ride at the Sonoita Fairgrounds on October 20. The event was sponsored by Boulder Crest Retreat AZ, located north of Sonoita, whose mission is improving the physical emotional, spiritual and economic wellbeing of military veterans. The day-long event included a bike show, vendors, food, drink and live music.

Healing Heroes Event Celebrates Veterans

“IVe blown away,” Boulder Crest founder Ken Falkes said of the turnout for the event. “This is a great community. It reaffirms that we’re in a great place here to do the work we’re doing.”

“It was a wonderful event,” Jen Rinaldi, manager of the Fairgrounds, said. “It was a touching display of the veteran community coming out to support their own.”

By Heather Dodge

The Traditional Thanksgiving Day dinner will be held Nov. 22, sponsored by the Senior Citizens of Patagonia’s Board of Directors. Roast turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy and beverages will be provided. The rest of the holiday spread is potluck. All are invited. Bring your special dish to the Senior Center by 11:30. We serve at noon.

Donations are welcome. Volunteers are needed to roast turkeys at home and assist with event. Contact organizer, Heather Dodge, at 732-0598. Tai Chi classes from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays will wrap up in a couple of weeks. They’ve been sponsored by South Eastern Arizona Governments Organization (SEAGO) through a contract with the Arizona Department of Economic Security. Anyone interested in picking up the Tai Chi instruction, please contact Chuck Kelly.

Meditation classes conducted by Aisha Sander are held every Friday at 5p.m. SEACAP comes once a month for energy assistance. See Senior Center bulletin board for dates and times.

We are applying for a grant to fund a new commercial refrigerator and freezer to ensure the freshest, healthiest ingredients in the meals we provide. Stay tuned.

As we approach that holiday/tax credit time of the year, please consider gifting Senior Citizens of Patagonia to help build the Woodie Winans Memorial Endowment Fund. Look for the postcard in the mail.

This is a new column highlighting monthly news, activities and events at the Patagonia Senior Center.
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By Liz Collier

PUHS Homecoming Royalty

Senior King and Queen: Brayden Johnson and Yasmin Quiroga

Senior Court Royalty
John Hubbell and Gigi Martin

Juniors Lauren Fletcher and Jake Anderson

Sophomores Carolina Quiroz and Abelardo Aguilar

Freshmen Santiny Aguilar and Madison Vines

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Fall Blooms in the Borderlands
By Francesca Claverie

Fall is a beautiful time of change as we head under our blankets and into freezing temperatures. Nothing expresses this change better than watching the plant life of our region explode with vibrant fall colors and unexpected blooms. This article will focus on a few favorite colors and blooms of the native plants that fill in this nectar gap for pollinators.

Nectar gaps are times during the year when not as many plants are flowering and producing nectar for the thousands of species of insect, bird, and mammal pollinators in our region. Most local native pollinator plants flower during the monsoon season, leaving the fall, winter, and spring times a hungry time for nectar plants with Monarch and Queen butterfly's seeking it out from all corners of our region.

Gossypium thurberi or ‘desert cotton’ is a native plant that you’ve probably seen many times on your drive from Sonoita to Tucson but didn’t know what it was. This plant is obvious along highway this time of year, not because of its blooms (it flowers more at the end of summer than in the fall) but because the leaves turn red as the weather cools down, giving us some of the only leafy red fall colors in southern Arizona.

Now that you know about these three plant species that contribute to the beautiful fall season you can seek them out on your hikes and drives around southern Arizona, or plant them in your yard or a pot. The food web and ecology of this region are both complex and straightforward. With so many thousands of species of plants and animals it can seem overwhelming, but you can’t go wrong if you seek out native plants and appreciate them as the base of our natural community.

Conoclinium greggii or ‘Gregg’s mistflower’ is a plant that could be written about every month and every season. This 3’ tall forb likes full sun, is extremely drought tolerant once established, and blooms nonstop with purple fluffy flowers from spring through fall, before going dormant all winter. Conoclinium is one of the most important and lovely butterfly nectar plants with Monarch and Queen butterfly’s seeking it out from all corners of our region.

Epilobium canum, or ‘hummingbird trumpet’ is a true beauty that shows its bright orange-red blooms in the last season before our frosts. This low growing perennial forb attracts hummingbirds and fills an important role in fall blooms for our loveable hummingbirds by flowering at a time when most other hummingbird favorites have dried up and gone to seed.
NOVEMBER

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November 29  6pm  Broadway on Screen - “The King and I”  $10.00 Suggested Donation

DECEMBER

December 3  10am, 7 pm  Club Theater Performance

December 8  4pm  Royal Ballet “Mayerling”  $10.00 Suggested Donation

December 22  4pm  The Littlest Reindeer  $5.00 Suggested Donation

December 29  6pm  Alfred Hitchcock’s “The Trouble With Harry”  $5.00 Suggested Donation

*Dates and Times Subject to Change*

PCCA wishes to thank all our generous sponsors of the 2018-2019 season at the Patagonia Movie House. If you would be interested in sponsoring upcoming events, please contact Cassina Farley at 520-394-9369.

Visit www.patagoniacreativearts.org or 394-9369 for more information.

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Check It Out At The Library

By Laura Wenzel

This new column will focus on the Patagonia Library. “Check It Out at the Library” will be a place for people to find out what’s going on at the library - from events and programs, to what’s new in the stacks, to library services and beyond. This month, there are a couple of notable events to attend.

On November 7 from 5:30-7 p.m., Patagonia Library and Patagonia Creative Arts Association (PCAA) will host a free open house and potluck barbecue dinner at Cady Hall to celebrate the conclusion of our Voice for Young Authors (VYA) program. VYA is a six-week art and literacy program for K-2nd grade students from Patagonia Elementary and Montessori schools.

Students toured the Post Office, Borderlands Restoration Native Plant Nursery, and Shooting Star Pottery, in addition to the library, to learn about jobs in their community.

The annual Friends of Patagonia Library Fundraiser will be held at Spirit Tree Inn with author Gary Paul Nabhan on November 30 from 5:30-8:30p.m. He will share insights about his two most recently published titles, “Food from the Radical Center: Healing Our Land and Communities” and “Mesquite: An Arboreal Love Affair.” Both books can be checked out from the library. He will have books available to purchase and sign. Tickets are $50.

Proceeds from this event will be used to create a Special Collection in the library to honor authors that have lived or worked in the area, contributed to works about the borderlands, have a national or international scope and bring acknowledgement of Patagonia to a broad audience.

For more information about these and other library events, visit the PRT’s Community Calendar or contact the library at (520) 394-2010.

Laura Wenzel is a Librarian Assistant at Patagonia Library.
KPUP Broadcast Schedule

**Fall 2018**

**Monday:**
7:00pm to 8:00pm; eTown repeat of Saturday’s show.

**Tuesday:**
10:00am to 12:00pm; World Jazz with Mark Berg
7:00pm to 9:00pm; Jazz and Blues with Fred Hansen

**Wednesday:**
7:00pm to 10pm; Sean Alexander show

**Thursday:**
7:00pm to 10:00pm; Possibility Explorers. “Celebrating the Evening of Mushkil Gusha, the Remover of All Difficulties”. Hosted by Graves

**Friday:**
7:00pm to 9:00pm; Hook’s Sunken Roadhouse

**Saturday:**
12:00pm to 1:00pm; eTown - “Educate, entertain and inspire a diverse audience through music and conversation”
Sunday 6:00pm to 8:00pm; Acoustic Café – “Today’s great songwriting talents. A bit of country, rock, blues, folk, pop”
8:00pm to 10:00pm; Folk Alley – “Folk Music Radio from WKSU-FM in Kent, OH”

**Daily Shows:**
Swing Hour: 5:00pm to 6:00pm.
Best of the Oldies: 1:00pm to 2:00am.
Feature Story News (FSN.com) Mon – Fri. 8 am., 12pm and 6pm., Sat. 8am & 6pm., Sun. at 8am.
Patagonia Weather Forecast: Every odd hour. Ponder that if you like.

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Reindeer Auction at Fairgrounds

A herd of ten wooden reindeer can be spotted at select Sonoita Shops for the month of November. The deer are the brainchild of Santa Cruz County Fair and Rodeo Association (SCCFRA) board member Paul Brosseit, who designed and built the 3.5’ high deer, whose antlers are 4’ across, as a fundraiser for the Sonoita Fairgrounds. He then approached the Sonoita Merchants Association, asking the store owners to each decorate a deer and put them on display at their shops. Each deer will have a different motif. Preliminary ideas range from a Jerry Garcia motif to a cowgirl theme to Rudolph. They can be seen at Angel Wings, Buffalo Gals, Cowgirl Flair, Desert Legacy, The Dream Weaver, Heart of Gold Antiques, Many Horses Trading Co., Sweet Ride, 3Bar3 Ranch and Feed, and Dog Ear Bakery.

The deer will be auctioned off at the SCCFRA annual membership meeting and dinner on December 1. “The idea was to build community spirit and highlight local businesses,” Brosseit said. He hopes that this will become an annual event. “Next year, maybe we’ll do longhorns,” he said. “We’re looking for woodworkers or anyone interested in helping out with this project.”

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New Board Members Needed

Have fun and meet your neighbors!

It’s not easy sitting in meetings, listening to ideas about fundraising, especially if you are not familiar with one or all of the following; Rodeos, Horse Racing, Horse Shows, or County Fairs. Our organization is a non-profit. We are not a government owned institution. Therefore, our volunteers are the heartbeat of our fairgrounds, with fundraising being the most crucial piece to our well-being.

Do you possess:
- The willingness to listen?
- The ability to ask clarifying questions?
- The ability to cultivate an attitude of trust toward staff, by relying on their expertise?
- The commitment to attend committee meetings?
- The time to actively participate?
- The willingness to encourage Committee Chairs to pursue strategies that have proven effectiveness?
- The readiness to ask for more information when it’s needed?
- The ability to see the value in ALL of the events at the fairgrounds?
- The understanding to accept a veto when a veto is required?
- An appreciation for the commitment of our volunteers for every event?

As a member of the Santa Cruz County Fair & Rodeo Assn., your role is critical to the health and vitality of our nonprofit. Without excellent fundraising, and oversite, our mission will stagnate or flounder—with your wise counsel and gentle guidance it will flourish and lives of those in our community, both merchants and citizens, will be improved.

If you are interested in joining us and running for a board position, please submit a bio and your reasons for wanting to join us. The election will be held during our Membership meeting on Dec. 1st. Send all correspondence to info@sonoita-fairgrounds.com.

Thank you for your consideration in joining such an integral part of the philanthropic process of this great community resource!

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The Patagonia Youth Enrichment Center hosted its 4th Annual Adolescent Youth Conference on September 29. There were 52 participants for the day-long event. The topics covered were Teen Dating Violence, Mental Wellness & Movement, Opioid Overdose Awareness, Teen Oral Health, and Seeds of Stewardship through Leadership. The youth center venue was a sea of neon pink t-shirts and happy faces. From 9 a.m. until 3:30 p.m., the kids learned, they listened, they cried, they laughed, and they were silent. A few of the topics hit incredibly close to home for many of the kids.

Bobbi Sudberry, the founder of Kaity’s Way in Phoenix, shared her story about Teen Dating Violence. Her message was crystal clear and gave a lot for the kids to digest. It was very appropriate for the age group (ages 11+). She shared warning signs, prevention tactics, and resources with the audience.

Stacey Cope from Sonoran Prevention Works introduced facts about the opioid epidemic and potential dangers lurking in the community. She also trained the youth how to administer Narcan.

Treven Hooker, the Arizona Trails youth coordinator that leads expeditions with PYEC youth each month, presented on the importance of mental wellness, depression, self-care, and movement. He shared stories about his personal life that the kids were able to relate to.

Denisse Romero from Mariposa Community Health Center in Nogales presented on oral hygiene and she shared images and facts that illustrated her information. She gave all the youth a bag with oral care items.

Sonia Sanchez brought her Anti Alcohol Drug Youth Coalition Team (AADYCT) youth group from Nogales for the 4th year in a row, and they presented facts on opioids. Peer teaching is powerful.

There was a brief presentation from Arizona at Work regarding employment opportunities open to local youth. Tom McCalpin of Coordinated Community Response Team (CCRT), spoke on crisis resources available for the youth and families.

This event was sponsored by Mariposa Community Health, Adolescent Wellness Network, County Attorney George Silva, Santa Cruz County School Superintendent Alfredo Velasquez, Greg Whitcoe, AADYCT, and private donors.

PYEC will be hosting an Open House BBQ on Saturday, December 1 from 3-5 p.m. as a ‘Thank You’ to the community for their generous support this past year.

PYEC Conference Speakers Cover a Range of Topics

By Anna Coleman

Students at the Adolescent Youth Conference at PYEC heard presentations on topics ranging from dating violence to opioid addiction.

The Elgin School Girls’ Volleyball ended a great season by defeating Sacred Heart to clinch the River Canyon League Championship on October 3rd. This is the third straight championship for the ‘A’ Volleyball Squad coached by Sheila Oliver and Lacy Beyer.
### EVENTS

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<td>Santa Cruz Singers</td>
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<td>Crossroads Quilters</td>
<td>2nd &amp; 4th Mon, Sonoita Fire Dept., 9 a.m. Info: (520) 732-0453.</td>
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<td>The So Az Republican Club meeting</td>
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<td>Medical transportation, Mon - Fri for seniors &amp; disabled by appointment only. Info: 394-2494.</td>
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<td>Story Time with Ms. Laura</td>
<td>For caregivers and children aged 5 &amp; under. 1st &amp; 3rd Mon, 9-10 a.m. at Patagonia Library. Info: 394-2010.</td>
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<td>Patagonia Methodist Church Thrift Shop</td>
<td>Fri &amp; Sat 10-2 p.m.</td>
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<td>Angel Wings Thrift &amp; Gift Shop</td>
<td>Thurs - Sat, 10-2 p.m. Our Lady of the Angels Catholic Church, 12 Los Encinos Rd, Sonoita.</td>
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<td>Patagonia Farmers Market</td>
<td>Thursday 10a.m. - 2p.m. In front of Red Mountain Foods</td>
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<td>Nogales Mercado Farmers’ Market</td>
<td>Fri 2-5 p.m. 163 N Morley Ave. Nogales, AZ.</td>
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<td>“Eating Smart, Being Active” Patagonia Family Resource Center</td>
<td>For parents and caregivers of children 0-5. Tuesdays, 9:30-11:00 a.m. finishes November 27. Call Beth (520) 287-9108</td>
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### CHURCH SERVICES

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<td>Patagonia Community United-Methodist Church</td>
<td>387 McKeeon Ave., Patagonia 394-2274</td>
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<td>Sunday Service: 10 a.m. Youth Group: Sun. - 5:30-7:30 p.m.</td>
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<td>St. Therese of Lisieux Catholic Church</td>
<td>222 Third Ave., Patagonia 394-2954</td>
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<td>Sunday Mass: 10:30 a.m.</td>
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<td>Canelo Cowboy Church</td>
<td>Hwy 83, MP 14, Elgin 455-5000</td>
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<td>Sunday Services: 9 a.m. Sunday School: 10:30 a.m. (except third Sundays)</td>
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<td>St. Andrews Episcopal Church</td>
<td>Sonoita Hills Community Church 52 Elgin Rd., Elgin 455-5172</td>
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<td>Sunday Service: 10 a.m.</td>
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### Visit our website to see the online community calendar and email patagoinetimes@gmail.com with any community events you would like to add to it.

www.patagoniaregional-times.org/calendar.
**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 Patagonia Assisted Care: 520-604-8179.

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Qualifications include: AZ fingerprint clearance, valid school bus driver’s license CDL (training available), good physical health & more. Base pay: $12/hr.  
Application @www.patagonia.k12.az.us  
Submit to Dinah Mendoza, HR (520)-394-3055.

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**LITTER IS PREVENTABLE!**

**TO PLACE CLASSIFIEDS OR ADS, CONTACT**  
PRTADS@GMAIL.COM

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### Patagonia “Lobos” Sports Schedule  
November 2018

**HS Basketball**

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<td>Wed. Nov 14</td>
<td>ASDB (Scrimmage)</td>
<td>Away</td>
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<td>Mon. - Wed.</td>
<td>Boyd Baker Holiday</td>
<td>Immaculate Heart (Mon)</td>
<td>12/4pm</td>
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<td>Nov 19 - 21</td>
<td>Tourny (Boys Only)</td>
<td>(Tues) 10am</td>
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<td>Tues. Nov 27</td>
<td>Fort Thomas</td>
<td>Away</td>
<td>4/4/5:30/7pm</td>
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<td>Tombstone</td>
<td>Home</td>
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**MS Boys Basketball/ Girls Softball**

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<td>Little Red</td>
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<td>Mon. Nov 5</td>
<td>Sacred Heart</td>
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<td>Thurs. Nov 8</td>
<td>Little Red</td>
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<td>Lourdes</td>
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<td>Wed. Nov 28</td>
<td>Little Red</td>
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**Available for Adoption**

Alexander is a super sweet Terrier Mix. He’s 9 months old, loving, playful and gets along great with dogs and cats.

Brianna is a 2 year old Tortoiseshell cat, she’s very sweet, loving and calm. She loves quiet time and enjoys being petted. Her human passed away and she is now looking for a forever home!

Santa Cruz Humane Society  
232 E. Patagonia Hwy (Rt. 82)  
Nogales, AZ 85621 (520) 287-5654
PATAGONIA: 325-A Mckown 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

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$360,000

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$479,000

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MLS # 21730261 15.87 ACRES
High in the Patagonia Mtns. Log cabin, Cowboy Casita, Chapel & several outbuildings. Bring the horses for great trail riding. BARBARA HARRIS 602 826-4026

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SONOITA DUPLEX MLS # 2172627
Great location near Sonoita Crossroads/Fairgrounds. Each unit has 2Bd/2Ba & a 2-car garage. Santa Fe style, great views. LARRY DEMUN 520 732-9179

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S BAR V RANCH—SAN RAFAEL VALLEY

MLS # 21802506 201 ACRES
2100 sf charming ranch home, fully equipped barn w/ apartment, oaks, gentle grasslands, add'l bldg. site. Gorgeous views, USFS on 2 sides. CAROL FORD 520 604-0162

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CHARMING STABILIZED Adobe HOME

MLS # 21802506 4.13 ACRES
Built in 1997 w/2017 addition of spacious master bedroom suite. 2278 sf, 2 Bd/2Ba, bonus rm. No HOA or CC&R’s. Private well. BARBARA HARRIS 602 826-4026