New Year’s Rocking Eve In Patagonia

Randy Heiss’s good deed has brought national media attention to his hometown of Patagonia and the nearby border town of Nogales, Sonora.

It all started on Dec. 16, when Heiss went out to walk his dog. He spotted a red balloon near the Patagonia cemetery trail and investigated further. On the balloon was a note, written in Spanish, to Santa with a list of gifts.

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Heiss said that he and his wife have “found friends for life, and plan to see Leyva, Martinez and their daughters in the new year.” The parents have also promised a video of the girls when they open their gifts on Christmas.

The story of Heiss and Diyami soon became a national story. Heiss has been interviewed by the Washington Post, NPR, the NBC Nightly News and CNN along with other Mexican and international news networks. He said that he never expected this to happen, and has “never had an experience like this, and he did not search for the girl to bring attention to himself.” He said, “I am exhausted with one interview after another.” Yet, he understands why people are interested because it is a, “great Christmas story”, and because it is “tied to the border, especially during the current political circumstances.”

Heiss said that he hopes the message people receive from this story is “never miss an opportunity to spread love and kindness. Do that good deed, don’t ignore it, because the world needs it. If everyone would do that then the world would be a different place than it is today.”
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By Marion Vendituoli

Ike Isakson has served his community in many roles over the past 40 years, most recently as mayor of Patagonia and as chief of the Patagonia Volunteer Fire Department. He has been a wildland firefighter, both locally and as far away as Washington State, a fundraiser, was president of the Patagonia-Sonoita Rotary Club and was president of the IOOB (International Order of old Bastards), a local organization that worked on town improvements, including the building of the gazebo in the park.

Isakson remembers walking into his first meeting of the IOOB at the Big Steer Bar. "Iree Lewis looked up at me and said, 'Oh, no. Not another G.D. hippie," Isakson recounted.

Isakson moved to Patagonia in 1978. He worked for the telephone company, maintaining the lines in the eastern part of the county, as well as working in Nogales. He moved to Patagonia from Tucson but was originally from a small town outside of Minot, ND, near the Canadian border. "I went from one small border town to another," he said. He joined the Patagonia Fire Department in 1988 as an EMT and became the medical captain. "I was the only EMT in the department for a long time," he said. He is also certified as an engine boss for wildland firefighting. "Wildland firefighting is my dream job. I love it," he said.

Isakson took over as fire chief in 2016, after the death of long time chief John Ashcraft. He has seen many changes in the department in the past thirty years, including improved communications, better trucks and the expansion of the fire station.

The station receives no funding from the county, as Patagonia is not part of a fire district. Their budget relies on fundraising, a contract with the town of Patagonia and money earned at wildland fires. The station is responsible for approximately 360 square miles, according to Isakson. He estimates that 90 - 95% of their calls are for medical emergencies and accidents. "We’ve seen some pretty bad stuff," he said.

Isakson has also been serving as mayor of Patagonia for the past eight years, a position he is retiring from in January. His time as mayor was not without some controversy. His support of the Hermosa mine project during his tenure as mayor did not sit well with people opposed to mining in the Patagonia mountains and many council meetings were quite contentious.

But he is proud of all that was accomplished during his tenure to improve the town. "The best part of being mayor was being able to get things done," he said, pointing to water system upgrades, new hydrants, alleys getting paved and getting employees "a little more respectable pay scale. I think we’ve done the best we could with the dollars we have," he said. Although he is leaving the town council, he plans to attend meetings from time to time. "I’ll still give them my thoughts and ideas," he said. He would like to see the sewer plant upgraded, more street repairs and for Richardson Park to be cleaned up.

"Ike is great. I have tremendous respect for the guy," said Jade DeForest, an EMT and resident of Sonoita who has known him for years. "Ike has always been one who believed in service to the community. He won’t turn his back on anybody. Even someone who has said terrible things about him, Ike is there to help them."

Although he is leaving the town council, Isakson, who will be 74 in July, has no plans to retire from fire-fighting. "As long as I can walk, and as long as I can get out here, even if it’s just for moral support," he said. He recalled a Forest Service agent telling him, "Don’t ever quit coming out here, even if it’s just for moral support."

When asked why he has devoted so much of his time to public service, he said, "Helping people is what I’ve always done," adding, "I fell in love with this place. I wanted to do what was best for the community."
Tax Revenue from Hermosa Project Difficult to Predict

By Lynn Davison

There is no simple answer to the questions of how much South32 might pay in taxes for the Hermosa Mine operations and where those tax revenues would go. While what South32 currently pays in taxes at the proposed mine site is easy to establish, getting a bead on what South32 might pay when fully operationally is more elusive.

In Arizona, the property taxes paid by mining operations in the pre-production phase are determined by the county assessor based on the value of the vacant land plus any improvements. For South32’s 13 parcels at the Hermosa site, the Santa Cruz County Assessor established the total assessed value for 2019 taxes at $1,197,406. That translates to a projected tax bill for 2019 of approximately $22,000, according to the Santa Cruz County Tax Assessor’s office. This relatively low tax revenue will continue until the Hermosa project begins production. South32 predicts that will be sometime in 2021.

Santa Cruz County is divided into area codes for property tax distribution purposes. Different area codes can have a different overall tax rate which is the sum of the individual taxing authority rates within them. The South32 property is located in area code 0600. The taxing authorities included in that code are Santa Cruz County which receives approximately 33% of the taxes collected, the Patagonia Elementary School District which receives 36%, PUHS 23%, School Equalization Funds 4%, and Santa Cruz Community College 4%. No tax revenues go to the town of Patagonia because it is not in area code 0600 and none to Patagonia Fire and Rescue because it is not a county fire district. Patagonia schools are the big winners for receiving property tax revenues, although the prize in this case is relatively small.

Assuming the Hermosa mine moves to the production phase, i.e., actually removing ore from the property and transporting it to market, its taxes would then be determined centrally by the Arizona State Department of Revenue (DOR). It is important to note that once the mine is operational, the county no longer collects property taxes, according to a spokesman at the Santa Cruz County Assessor’s Office. For mines with metal deposits (metalliferous minerals), DOR levies a severance tax on products that are produced or extracted from the earth. The tax rate is 2.5%, and it is applied to 50% of the difference between the gross value of production and the production costs. The revenue generated is distributed by a formula set in State law: 20% to the State General Fund and 80% to the Transaction Privilege Tax (TPT). Within the TPT, 34.5% is allocated to the state general fund, 40.5% to the counties’ revenue sharing fund, and 25% to the cities’ revenue sharing fund. Statewide, in 2018, a total of $18.38M was levied through the severance-metaliferous minerals tax (mining tax).

South32 has not released the Hermosa site’s projected production levels for zinc, lead, and silver, so no tax estimates can be determined. The only clue about tax revenues comes in a 2018 Arizona State University study that projected an average of $10.4M per year in incremental revenues for local governments in Santa Cruz, Pima, and Cochise counties. How much of this additional revenue would come directly from the mining tax is not available.

What could all this mean for Patagonia and Santa Cruz County? It is unclear how the county and city revenue sharing pots from the mining tax will be divided up. The answer is buried deep in state codes and regulations. Then there is the question of how the town and the county would distribute and use the funds they receive from the mining tax.

For now it remains unknown what South32 would pay in taxes, assuming they move into production, and how much of what is levied would come back to support the local communities impacted by the mining operations.

Sources for this story were Santa Cruz County Assessor’s Office, Santa Cruz County Treasurers Office, Arizona State Department of Revenue, and South32.

New State Supt. Visits Patagonia School

State Superintendent of Public Instruction Kathy Hoffman meets with school officials in Patagonia to discuss issues facing small, rural schools. (From left) Michael Young, Rachell Hochheim, Kathy Hoffman, Ann Gortarez.

By Marion Vendituoli

Kathy Hoffman, the newly elected Superintendent of Public Instruction for Arizona spent the day on Dec. 3 visiting the Patagonia Public Schools, meeting with the Patagonia School Boards and local officials, visiting classrooms, engaging in round table discussions with board members, school administration and teachers, and having lunch with the high school students.

“We’ve never had a politician of that stature come to the school,” said Patagonia School District Superintendent Rachell Hochheim. “We were very grateful for this opportunity.”

32-year-old Hoffman, the first Democrat elected as Superintendent of Public Instruction in more than two decades, was an educator and speech therapist before running for office. Among her priorities are charter school reform and accountability, investing in programs for English language learners, and bilingual education.

At the morning round table discussion with the school administration, Hoffman spoke of her intention to fund professional development for teachers. Several problems that rural schools face, including inadequate internet and computer accessibility, retention of teachers, competition by charter schools and lack of funding were discussed as well.

“She wants to take the AZ Department of Education and turn it into a resource for schools and school administrations, making it a platform for resources and best practices,” Liz Collier, registrar of the Patagonia School, said. “This is huge.”

Hochheim felt that the visit allowed Hoffman to see first-hand the accomplishments and the issues faced by small rural schools. “We were able to share with her the programs we’ve initiated in the past year and highlight the wonderful work of our teachers. We were also able to share with her the challenges that we face as a rural school district. We showed her what we have been able to accomplish with what we’ve been given and what we could do with much needed added resources.”

When asked for her impressions of the Patagonia Schools, Hoffman replied, “I love it. It’s a beautiful campus, with clearly dedicated teachers who are going above and beyond for their students.”
The PRT Celebrates Ten Years of Community Journalism

By Aisha Sander  
As the PRT enters its tenth year of providing local journalism to this corner of the world, we are embarking on a year-long reflection and celebration. This year we will bring you stories from those who first built the paper, profiles of our Board Members, and articles on the unique and important role that community journalism plays in Eastern Santa Cruz County.

Local or community journalism is the lifeblood of news for most Americans. In 2017, a study done by Columbia Journalism stated that there are 7071 newspapers in the United States, of which 6,851 have circulations under 50,000. “This means that upwards of ninety-seven percent of newspapers in the United States can be categorized as ‘small-market.’” However, a 2018 study from University of North Carolina shows a disturbing trend, citing that the United States has lost 1800 local papers since 2004. Many of these papers were in rural communities, with concentrations of people who are living in poverty and/or are elderly.

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What is the purpose of local journalism, and why is it important? Journalist Joyce Dehli says that one of the important roles of local journalism is to inform regional journalism, and in turn national journalism. “Today, less local journalism - and less meaningful journalism - moves through a diminished network.”

This leads to inaccurate journalism and failures in the media to understand what is happening in the country.

Local news holds a unique place in the consciousness of a community, providing a sense of belonging to a place. For the PRT we have strengthened our commitment to being “relentlessly local” in the stories we pursue and publish. Every story we publish must be connected to a local person or place.

The PRT is unique, because it is a thriving local newspaper in a rural community, when such news be connected to a local person or place.

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Slowly, we fumbled our way forward, getting more staff, a board, a delivery system, and readers. Hal Slotnick was our business manager, and was invaluable, helping us to become credible, handling a myriad of paperwork, and providing a dose of reality at our meetings.

At some point, Libby Irwin began a column, and contributed some reporting. Later, she would sometimes host editorial board meetings, and I have a lasting impression of us, sitting at a table by the window with a view of the mountains, indulging ourselves with her wine and delicious goodies. I have always had a low tolerance for meetings, but the setting she provided made them so much more manageable!

It was a thrill for me to be able to assemble text and images to help draw attention to important issues in town; to offer a paper that was interesting to look at as well as read.

However, after three and a half years, Walter and I were struggling to make it all happen.

And then, in 2013, Walter found Ann. She was just what we needed! She and I fell into sync from the beginning, and she put on her hipwaders and began to clear the swamp.

Ann: In 2013 as I was driving from Washington to my new home in Arizona, my phone rang and I heard the voice of Walter Andrew for the first time. Through one of his grapevines he had heard that I was on my way. He welcomed me and warned me that upon arrival I would be asked to volunteer for many worthy causes. He said he wanted to get me to first and made me promise not to say “yes” to anything until we’d met. I did promise although I was a bit surprised by the assertiveness of this small-town newspaper publisher. I soon discovered that this charismatic lawyer from New York could talk most anyone into anything.

He took me to the Gathering Ground and gave me a paper along with a swarm of charm. But above and beyond Walter’s insistence, was the quality of the newspaper itself. It was, in its own way, better than the weekly paper I’d worked for in a town of 20,000. I signed up to write a column and several days later I found myself on the board of directors.

Walter moved fast. His partner in publishing was Donna Reibslager. Walter kept up with town gossip and news and Donna edited and designed the paper. There were a few reporters, but never enough. I found this out quickly as I was assigned more and more articles each month. For me, a newcomer, interviewing people, going to meetings, discovering who was who in Sonora and Patagonia was an instant immersion in my new home.

My only complaint with the paper was its lack of color. By 2013, most U.S. papers were switching to color print. When I suggested this change, the board was dismayed, but when we discovered that it wouldn’t cost much more to go to color, the board agreed somewhat reluctantly to move ahead. There was never a word of regret after the first color issue came out.

As part of my editing work I came to know our columnists, Cassidy Farley and Martin Lewowitz, both of whom entertain the community each in her own way. I have always loved Cassina’s concise, funny stories and insights. Martin’s opinions got people fired up and that’s always good for a paper but working with him as an editor was challenging. Donna and I would often despair about his language and point of view. We would try to subdue him, but his wrath when crossed was noteworthy. Happily, when the paper was delivered, we were all friends again - until the next time.

The PRT was always in transition. The board of directors was fluid as people resigned or moved away. Susan Belt was always a steady presence. Her knowledge of the town and her ability to see both sides of any issue were an inspiration.

Then came the immense sadness of Walter’s quick decline and his death to brain cancer. Donna and I felt the loss of his humor, wisdom and energy. There was a hole in the heart of the paper after that.

With welcome help from Lynn Davison and then Bob Brandt, we carried on, but the two of us weren’t interested in changing our habits and the world of publishing software was passing us by. The long hours sitting at a computer, editing, writing, keeping track of the stories and the constant editorial changes started to wear.

With few exceptions no one wanted the PRT to disappear, so the board of directors found the funds to hire Marion Vendituoli and the paper has continued in her capable hands.

Donna and I are delighted that the Patagonia Regional Times is still going strong. Over the years it has weathered criticism, threats, loss of life, and lack of staff, but today it continues to inform and uplift the community and the best thing is that most people have come to value and support it.
**Letters to the Editor**

**Don’t Release Feral Cats**

As a homeowner here in Patagonia and an avid nature enthusiast, I have been following your and Karina Hillard’s articles about feral cats with much interest. It’s great that some in our town are recognizing the problem of free-ranging cats (feral and pets). However, you should recognize that Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) programs are not universally accepted as effective for reducing cat numbers or being humane for those cats released.

In particular, your contention that the neutered cats turned loose to return to their home base perform useful predation is subjective. This comment totally ignores that free-ranging cats are “the number one direct, human-caused mortality of birds” in the U.S. The current peer-reviewed science says that the over 100 million loose cats in the United States kill between 1.3 - 4.0 billion birds a year. Tucson Audubon Society, the Arizona Game and Fish and even People for Ethical Treatment for Animals all advocate against TNR. Trapped feral cats shouldn’t be released.

David Porter
Patagonia

**“Feet First Facts” Lives On**

After reading the PRT’s December article about the WWFOS (Women Who Find Out Stuff), a local resident, Mary McGann, identified herself as one of their predecessors - three women who called themselves “non-profit detectives” with the name Feet First Facts, which began in the mid 1980’s and continued a few years.

She said that all three, (Mary, Ginny Dean and Gloria Price), were Pisces, the sign that rules the feet. Since it is the last astrological sign, they figured that they were the repositories of all the gossip and rumors of Patagonia.

Mary explained, “We noticed how word of mouth worked in a small town and that the information is not always correct. We were all friends, with curiosity and a sense of humor. We wanted to know the truth. We were dedicated to finding out what rumors were true, and correcting the ones that were not true.”

Mary McGann is well known in town as the former business manager (who did many things except practice medicine) for naturopathic doctor Meg Gilbert for about ten years. Mary shared some of FFF’s methods with the WWFOS, who hope to utilize these - when and if another mystery turns up or a request is made for their services.

Patra Kelly
Patagonia

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This year Santa’s Helpers passed out food boxes for Christmas to 19 families from Sonoita, Elgin and Patagonia. The boxes contained canned goods, milk, bread, butter, potatoes and a spiral ham. We want to thank Elgin School for collecting 400 canned goods for our food boxes. We also want to thank Elgin/ Sonoita Cowbelles, Sky Island Diner, Copper Brothel, Sonoita Mini Market, the Sonoita Fairgrounds, Nogales Wal-Mart, Jim Rowley and the money donations that were made at the bank for Santa’s Helpers. A big thanks to Lois Krietemeyer for helping to fill the food boxes. Thank you all for all your help to make this Christmas season that much better.

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**Well Testing Gets Harshaw Creek Flowing**

Water running from a well being tested at the Hermosa Mine project has been causing Harshaw Creek outside Patagonia to run.

By Marion Vendituoli

The sight of Harshaw Creek filled with water is an unexpected event in winter, and passersbys have been surprised to see the creek running since mid-Decem-ber. The source of the water is not precipitation, but runoff from hydrologic testing at the Hermosa Project by South32.

According to the ADEQ permit application, the pumping would take place for a maximum of fourteen days, between Dec. 15, 2018 and Jan. 18, 2019. The company stated on the application that it would be pumping an average of 2,600,000 gallons of water per day, with an estimated total volume of 37,000,000 gallons of water.

Water is being pumped out of a well that is 1300' deep, with a pump located at a depth of 1000'. This well is surround-ed by a series of monitoring wells. Pumping from a well lowers the nearby water table. This area is known as a cone of depression. Groundwater flows towards the well into the cone of depression, causing the water table of the aquifer to be lowered. The drawdown of water in the shallower monitoring wells will be measured, as will the length of time that it takes the wells to recharge after the pumping is discontinued.

This test is designed to help the company gain a better understanding of the water supply for the mine. “There is no data on the aquifer,” South32 executive Greg Lucero said. “We don’t know how much water we will use. All we are doing now is trying to get a better picture of the aquifer.” The company was not required to get permission from the Forest Service to discharge the water down Harshaw Creek.

According to the watchdog group Patagonia Area Resource Alliance, average daily usage for the town of Patagonia is 66,500 gallons a day, for a total of 931,000 gallons over a 14-day period. Patagonia Area Resource Alliance, average daily usage for the town of Patagonia is 66,500 gallons a day, for a total of 931,000 gallons over a 14-day period. Thus, the mine is discharging approximately 400 times more water than the town will use during the same time period.

**Patagonia Schools Tap into Community for Elective Programs**

By Liz Collier

When Patagonia Union High School (PUHS) switched to a block schedule and added a leadership program this year, it forced the administration to get creative with how they taught elective subjects. Patagonia is not alone in this challenge. With dwindling state support, a teacher shortage and a remote location, rural schools all over Arizona are being forced to rethink what electives they can offer their students.

Rachell Hochheim, Superintendent of Patagonia Public Schools, stated “We wanted to offer the students a richer variety of electives beyond the standard art, music and physical education. We are fortunate to live in a small town that has a sizable community of artists, musicians and well educated experts in a number of subjects.”

The elementary and high school districts have partnered with the Patagonia Center for Creative Arts to take over the art program. In addition to providing the students with a variety of projects, The Art Center Director, Cassina Farley, recruits working artists from the community to share their talents with the students. Local artist and musician, Zach Farley, teaches music to Kindergarten – 6th grade students on Friday and has a class of middle and high school students on Thursday morning.

Michael Young, Behavior Intervention-ist, said “In addition to weight training and PE, this year we added yoga for both the elementary and high school students. We also brought in Tempest Smith to teach Mindfulness to both schools.”

During the first quarter, Harold Meckler taught a class on Critical Issues. In this class the high school students learned about, discussed and debated hot topics such as climate change, gun violence and immigration issues.

This quarter, Meckler is teaching astronomy. He has taken the students to the Whiner Observatory in Sonolta, the Whipple Observatory, The Flandrau Planetarium at the University of Arizona and hosted one night sky class for the students. A Star Party is planned for the whole community in February. Harold Meckler states, “The purpose of the class is to introduce the students to subject of astronomy and to hopefully nurture an appreciation for the beauty of the night skies that we are able to enjoy year around. I want to give the students something that is free and available in their own backyard that makes them say ‘Wow’.”

PUHS also offers Chess as an elective and, as a result, the chess team has had a winning season with several students taking home “Best Upset” trophies for out-playing a higher ranked opponent and winning their matches. The team has had the opportunity to participate in competitions all over the state. Junior and seniors also have an opportunity to take Pima Community College dual credit courses during the first period. This year, PUHS is offering the U.S. History prerequisites, English 101 and 102 and an Early Childhood Development class. Dual Credit classes are available to juniors and seniors who pass the entrance exam.

Rachell Hochheim continued, “We plan to have all sophomore, junior and senior students take the placement exam each year and encourage them to take as many dual credit classes that we can offer. We had several students who didn’t think that college was within their grasp pass the exam, take the dual credit class and rethink their plans for after high school. We can now help our students expand their opportunities.”

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say invaded - by an army of prosperous tree-hugger types: retirees who’ve lately chosen this quaint place in which to spend their sunset years. They cherish peace and quiet, horses, hiking, biking, flora, fauna - all that wholesome, high-on-nature stuff. They breastfeed owls and worship weeds, and do not seem to be aware, or care, that they may seem like Martians to the “ordinary” folk who came to live here years ago when this was just a no-frills ranch and funky mining town. These “rich retirees” (as we’ve been carelessly described) are mostly senior refugees who - by some blessed twist of fate - didn’t need to swim the Rio Grande or climb a daunting wall to settle here in heaven with y’all.

Like any smart expatriates, we pay our way by doing things to benefit the town. We hire local contractors; we open, fund and staff the local library, theater, visitor center, art center, youth center, newspaper, senior transport van, and other worthy projects far too numerous to list, and hope that makes the locals glad to have us in their midst. We’ve even hatched an affordable-housing plan to help assuage our sense of guilt for buying local real estate and raising prices / taxes to a level that the locals can’t afford. We are this region’s New Age Mongol Horde.

On Iwo Jima, Everest, or anyplace you name, a flag, displayed, seems to proclaim “We own this place! We’ve won the game!” It all seems quite familiar, thanks to newsreels we’ve all seen: the French or Afghan village, looking as it always has, but swarming with the vehicles of an invading force: the Wehrmacht or the U.S.A., or, hereabouts, these days, South32.

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WHAT’S IN A NAME?

By Cassina Farley

As a teenager I moved to Patagonia and suddenly my last name wasn’t such a problem. Toss that same rock in Patagonia and you might hit three or four Quirogas. Spelling my name wasn’t such an issue and having a street sign with your family name on it helped.

When I married my husband, Zach, I took his name. It was important to him and it did shoot me up to the top of the alphabet. In the beginning I thought that Cassina Farley looked funny and it didn’t quite depict who I was. So early on, I spent a lot of time reminding folks that even though my name said Farley I had been a Quiroga first and I had been a Quiroga longer - up until now.

In the last 22 years we have built a “Farley” life. I have adopted a few “Farley-like” behaviors and his Farley family is my own.

This year I will be a Farley one year longer than I have been a Quiroga and I feel sort of sad. Quiroga is the connection to my siblings, to my mom and most certain to my dad. It’s as if I am no longer theirs. I am a Farley now. But I am reminded that you can’t wash away Quiroga so easily. I have the Quiroga nose and the signature “know- it- all mouth.” I am told that I have the Quiroga butt (flat) and the Quiroga temper - oops, nine-year-old - in me thinks they look cool, the fleet of big white pickup trucks with slender whip-antennas and their bright-orange battle-flags. Those flags are not some show-off ploy like the lurid green tee shirts the pro-mine folks wear to meet meetings at the high school, every other year or so, where we’re informed, unfailingly, of all the good and noble things the Forest Service hasn’t done to save this lovely town. Those shirts are brilliant in two ways, one good, one not: They proclaim solidarity and instigate polarity. Those orange flags, on the other hand, were born of concrete need: the huge earth-moving trucks used by the mines are dangerous. The driver can’t see squat; his rig’s too big. A normal car or pickup truck nearby will be squashed flat. The mines, therefore, quite sensibly require those who drive out there to fly a bright orange flag.

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HERSTORY

The Women in My Past

By Mary H. Monroe

As I have grown older and have had more time to think, I have been reflecting on these wonderful, strong young women of today. They are striking out in all directions, from politics to work discrimination, to jobs, to sexual identity. It has been a long time coming, and more fortunate than many, as the women in my past quietly asserting their influence in so many ways. I am thinking more and more, you would find strong women in your lives, stories carried me through the tough times in my life.

My great grandmother on the other side of the family got tired of having her whaling captain husband sail off to the South Pacific for years at a time. She announced that for the next trip he was NOT going to go off without her. She took her son, packed up their clothes, took a rose bush with her and boarded the Sea Ranger, a miserable, smelly, whaling ship for four years in the South Pacific. She mended torn clothes and patched up injuries for all the men on board, was sea sick, broke an arm in heavy seas, and had a baby on Norfolk Island in the South Pacific.

My Yankee grandmother became a widow at a young age, raised seven children, ran a farm, fed all the help and all the transients that showed up at dinner time. She marched in Carrie Nation’s temperance marches as did her daughters. She famously walked into the florist’s shop at Christmas time and helped herself to a dozen roses. The owner said, “Mary Sawyer, what do you think you’re doing?” She answered, “The same thing you do George, in the spring when you help yourself to my lilacs!”

The other grandmother (the one born in the South Pacific) outdid herself by divorcing my grandfather, and announcing that for the next trip he was NOT going to go off to the South Pacific for years at a time. She announced that for the next trip he was NOT going to go off without her. She took her son, packed up their clothes, took a rose bush with her and boarded the Sea Ranger, a miserable, smelly, whaling ship for four years in the South Pacific. She mended torn clothes and patched up injuries for all the men on board, was sea sick, broke an arm in heavy seas, and had a baby on Norfolk Island in the South Pacific.

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This year’s Patagonia Christmas Bird Count was held on Thursday, December 20. Total species seen was 121, with the total individual count around 3573. The count was down considerably from past years. Even so, over 40 birders from Patagonia, Tucson, Green Valley, Rio Rico, Huachuca City and several out of state participants enjoyed a sunny day doing what they love to do. There were a few highlights: Gray Hawk, Poorwill, Black-capped Gnatcatcher, Greater Pewee, Scott’s Oriole, Cassin’s Kingbird and Cassin’s Finch. The Audubon Christmas Bird Count is the nation’s longest running community science bird count. The results are part of what fuels Audubon’s work throughout the year.

2019 Christmas Bird Count

Green-winged Teal 1
Blue-winged Teal 2
Ring-necked Duck 7
Bufflehead 2
Wild Turkey 53
Gambel’s Quail 4
Montezuma Quail 22
Great Blue Heron 2
Black Vulture 7
Northern Harrier 5
Sharp-shinned Hawk 5
Cooper’s Hawk 5
Red-tailed Hawk 34
Gray Hawk 2
Common Poorwill 1
American Kestrel 15
Merlin 2
Kildeer 2
Wilson’s Snipe 2
Eurasian Collared Dove 22
White-winged Dove 75
Mourning Dove 93
Inca Dove 13
Common Ground Dove 8
Greater Roadrunner 3
Western Screech-Owl 5
Whiskered Screech-Owl 1
Great-horned Owl 1
Northern Pygmy-owl 1
White-throated Swift 1
Broad-billed Hummingbird 11
Anna’s Hummingbird 21
Violet-crowned Hummingbird 2
Belted Kingfisher 1
Acorn Woodpecker 34
Gila Woodpecker 67
Williamson’s Sapsucker 1
Red-naped Sapsucker 8
Ladder-backed Woodpecker 37
Arizona Woodpecker 9
Red-shafted Flicker 57
Hammond’s Flycatcher 16
Gray Flycatcher 22
Dusky Flycatcher 2
Pacific-slope Flycatcher 1
Black Phoebe 19
Say’s Phoebe 25
Cassin’s Kingbird 1
Loggerhead Shrike 3
Plumbeous Vireo 2
Cassin’s Vireo 1
Hutton’s Vireo 23
Woodhouse’s (Western) Scrub Jay 5
Mexican Jay 181
Chihuahua Raven 15
Common Raven 155
Raven sp. 12
Bridled Titmouse 110
Verdin 9
Bush tit 98
White-breasted Nuthatch 84
Brown Creeper 1
Rock Wren 7
Canyon Wren 18
Bewick’s Wren 96
House Wren 9
Ruby-crowned Kinglet 174
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher 14
Black-tailed Gnatcatcher 2
Black-capped Gnatcatcher 2
Eastern Bluebird 75
Western Bluebird 136
Mountain Bluebird 8
Townsend’s Solitaire 7
Hermit Thrush 35
American Robin 150
Northern Mockingbird 6
Curve-billed Thrasher 10
Crissal Thrasher 4
Staring 5
American Pipit 2
Cedar Waxwing 14
Phainopepla 4
Orange-crowned Warbler 7
Yellow-rumped Warbler 31
Audubon’s form 53
Black-throated Gray Warbler 1
Townsend’s Warbler 5
Hepatic Tanager 5
Green-tailed Towhee 3
Spotted Towhee 34
Canyon Towhee 23
Abert’s Towhee 19
Rufous-winged Sparrow 5
Rufous-crowned Sparrow 12
Chipping Sparrow 281
Brewer’s Sparrow 1
Vesper Sparrow 10
Lark Sparrow 7
White-crowned Sparrow 78
White-throated Sparrow 1
Black-throated Sparrow 4
Savanna Sparrow 6
Baird’s Sparrow 1
Slate Fox Sparrow 1.2
Song Sparrow 13
Lincoln’s Sparrow 17
Dark-eyed Junco 122
Oregon Junco 24
Pink-sided Junco 35
Gray-headed Junco 47
Chestnut-collared Longspur 32
Northern Cardinal 35
Pyrrhuloxia 4
Lazuli Bunting 1
Scott’s Oriole 2
Western Meadowlark 50
Eastern Meadowlark 37
Meadowlark sp. 10
Brewer’s Blackbird 39
Great-tailed Grackle 1
Cassin’s Finch 2
House Finch 164
Pine Siskin 55
Lesser Goldfinch 72
House Sparrow 23
Total species = 121, plus 1 CW
"CW" means “Count Week”, a bird seen on one of the three days prior to the count or on one of the three days after the count, but not on count day itself.
Holiday Scenes

Rebecca Smith sells her crafts at Christmas in Elgin

Jim Koweek, Rana Tucker and Johnny Mann performing at Sonoita By Starlight

Barry Rorek auctions off reindeer for the Sonoita Fairgrounds

Sophie Vendituoli tells Santa her Christmas list at the community Christmas party at the Sonoita Fairgrounds.

Elgin School carollers sing at Sonoita By Starlight

Beau and Ayla LaDage visit with Santa at the Empire Ranch

Elaine Carlson sells her candies at Christmas in Elgin

Volunteers make root beer floats at the Community Christmas party at the Sonoita Fairgrounds.
Bringing Harmony to the Community since moving to Patagonia in 1991.

By Bob Brandt

Dick Klosterman has been an important part of the local music scene since moving to Patagonia in 1991.

Fargo, ND is no Nashville, but fortunately for music lovers here in Patagonia, it produced a musician whose contributions to this town’s rich and colorful cultural fabric are widely recognized and appreciated by many whose lives have been touched by his singing, guitar playing and support for all things musical.

Dick Klosterman has come a long way from his boyhood days when he sang endlessly in the yard, the farmhouse, at school...wherever it was permissible. His introduction to Patagonia some three decades ago came about when he and Phyllis, his wife of 63 years, visited his cousin, Doris Wenig. Eager to join with area musicians, he connected with the Stringbenders and fondly remembers the privilege of being a member of his Army choir in a concert with the world-renowned Vienna Boys Choir while he was stationed in Salzburg, Austria.

As good as he was, singing was never his primary means of financial support. Dick’s main occupation always was farming, in which he engaged actively with his brother for more than forty years, planting mostly soybeans, corn and sugar beets on some 4,000 acres. But he always made time for music and at age 32 his musical career was ratcheted up a notch when Santa brought him a guitar. Not surprisingly, he took to it like a duck to water, taught himself how to play, and by the next September was playing and singing with a local band in bars, rest homes and at special events.

Over the years, the Klostermans have gradually spent increasingly more time in Patagonia, now spending most of the year here. Dick is effusive in speaking of the town’s welcoming nature and its community spirit. “Patagonia is the kind of town Phyllis and I really enjoy.” A lover of classical music while being a master of folk and bluegrass, he is especially grateful for Fred and Christina Wilhelm’s work in making the new opera house a reality.

As he devotes more of his time and energy to family life and other good things about everyday life in Patagonia, perhaps he will turn more of his attention to his extensive collection of model airplanes which is on display in his “hangar” that doubles as a garage, and which he will proudly show to anyone interested in seeing his handwork.

Dick’s participation in the local music scene is slowing, but his influence on that scene, both past and present, is undeniable. “I’m proud to have been able to make a contribution to the community through my music,” he says. “Music is good therapy.”

Good therapy, indeed. Thanks, Dick Klosterman.

The community is richer for your role in promoting harmony, both musically and socially.

Musicians of Note is a monthly column that recognizes individuals and groups whose collective talents combine to produce the rich and vibrant musical tapestry of Eastern Santa Cruz County.

Musicians of Note

Photo by Marion Venseluci
Glimpses Into Our Past

By Alison Bunting

Throughout 1918 the Santa Cruz Patagonian featured a column about mining on the front page of each issue. The December 6 issue included an exciting announcement: “Pierce & Gardner Make Rich Silver Strike at Harshaw.” The December 27 issue notes: “The vein of high grade ore which was but 5 ft. wide at the beginning and about $50 in value per ton has widened to seven feet and values have improved to $150 in silver” 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.

The Pierce and Gardner silver strike at the Black Eagle mine, which they leased from the mine’s “locator,” Mariano Soto, brought together two unlikely compatriots: C.A. Pierce, a college educated mining engineer from the Midwest, and Tom Gardner, II, son of a well-known Sonoita/Patagonia pioneer, Thomas F. Gardner, II, known as the ghostly owls. In 1917 he was working mines under lease arrangements with the Duquesne Company. He later leased the Hardshell, Eureka, and Total Wreck mines. Tom died in 1942 and is buried in the Patagonia Cemetery where Maria Margarita was also buried after her death in 1977. The couple never attained Tom’s goal of a dozen children - they stopped at ten.

Nature Journeys

Winter’s Great and Ghostly Owls

The Solstice has come and gone, officially heralding in winter and its many attendant flora and fauna. The shorter days and longer nights of January are ripe for those desiring intimate glimpses of our mostly nocturnal hunters: the owls. Given our much-vaulted biodiversity in other taxonomic categories, it should come as no great surprise that we also come as no great surprise that we have afternoons - the barn owl family and the true owl family. The former consists of just one local species - the rather cosmopolitan barn owl - as well as about 17 species found in other biogeographical realms. All are variations on a narrow theme - highly nocturnal species with a pronounced facial disk that aids their hyper-acute hearing.

Owls are highly secretive in their auditory prowess, barn owls in studies consistently catch mice in complete darkness. Indeed, small rodents comprise most of their fare, which seems to be a key evolutionary strategy. What about the interactions of these two local owls? When barn and great horned hoo-hoo” vocalizations this month. Listen for their distinctive “hoo-hoo-hoo” vocalizations this month. These owl families have some camouflage and even size in a showdown with a competitor or predator. Great horned owls range from Alaska to Tierra del Fuego. They are also the largest local species of owl and hence the strongest and fiercest. A female, which are generally larger in owls, can weigh over 3.5 pounds and subdue prey as big as skunks - whose olfactory-aimed defense is of little avail here, foxes, 20-pound wild turkeys, other owls, hawks, and even (rarely) roosting eagles! Truly, great horned owls rule the night skies. A wide range of smaller prey, nonetheless, is more typical. January is courtship and egg-laying time for this species, as getting a head start on the growth of their nestlings seems to be a key evolutionary strategy. This may also adult owls to feed the nestlings and fledglings more efficient, given the often abundant avian and mammalian prey - young and inexperienced birds and mammals in particular - available in late winter and early spring.

Additionally, securing a nest before other raptors generally insures that competing hawks and eagles will be unsuccessful in trying to dislodge great horned owls from their reproductive site. Listen for their distinctive “hoo-ho-hoo-hoo-hoo” vocalizations this month. What about the interactions of these two local owls? When barn and great horned owls meet, either the bigger great horned eats its smaller cousin or chases it away from its territory. Clearly the ghost has met its match!
Native Plant of the Month: Evergreen Sumac

By Francesca Claverie

It doesn’t really make sense for plants with leaves to keep them after the first hard frost of the season. Who would want to spend the energy protecting your weak regenerating appendages from frost-bite night after night rather than just going dormant and waiting for warmer times to regrow your beautiful hard-won foliage? The evergreens, that’s who.

Evergreen plants are a special group. They provide important habitat for overwintering plants, and although they might not flower during the winter months, they can provide a year-round screen for a yard, or some pretty greenery in an otherwise bleak, woody landscape.

It’s deceptively hard to be an evergreen plant in southern Arizona. The intense swings in temperatures are rarely felt as we cozy up indoors in the dead of night, but often the local valleys and cold air drainages coming off the peaks of the Santa Rita’s or Patagonia Mountains can make our nighttime lows dip into the teens and single digits. This is a tough shift for many plants, making the decision to go dormant a simple one for first hard frost natives.

Our plant of month is the evergreen sumac, scientific name, Rhus virens. It’s in the Anacardiaceae family, which interestingly makes it related to cashews and mangoes, as well as poison ivy and poison oak. Evergreen sumac is not poisonous, and some say its berries are quite tasty despite the hard seeds you should spit out. Here’s a description from the Borderlands Restoration Flora catalog: “Rhus virens or “evergreen sumac” is an evergreen native shrub found between 3500-6000 feet elevation in full sun in grassland and woodland habitats. It grows eight feet tall and wide and is true to its name as it does not drop its leaves in winter like other native sumacs. White flowers cover the plant from August-September, turning into berries that feed birds and other wildlife.”

The evergreen sumac is also fairly drought tolerant compared to non-native evergreens that depend on strong winter rains. If you’re considering planting an evergreen perennial, it’s important to follow the watering rules. This means making sure your transplant gets plenty of water in the first year after planting. Just because a plant is native does not mean a container plant can make a transition into the ground without help. In the wild, plants have massive root systems that are intricate tied into the earth through moisture pockets and mycorrhizal webs. When irrigating perennial to get them established, opt for long irrigation times that are spaced out at a few times a month versus short watering times throughout the week. This will ensure that your perennials their roots deep to find and keep moisture in the ground versus staying close to the surface of the soil where they can dry out quickly and suffer if they miss a watering or two. Keep an eye out for this dark green beauty. You can find it along the highway, in woodland hills, and all the way to the top of Red Mountain in Patagonia. The evergreen sumac sticks out this time of year for being so leafy and lovely when everything else has taken a break.

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90 min, $80
Check It Out At The Library

By Laura Wenzel

I do not typically believe in New Year’s resolutions. I don’t like making them and I don’t like keeping them. Apparently, I’m not the only one that feels that way. According to U.S. News & World Report, 80% of people who make New Year’s resolutions fail by February. However, at the beginning of last year, inspired by a friend who is a voracious reader, I quelled my resolution doubts and took the plunge to read 50 books in 2018.

To me, 50 books might sound like a lot. To others, that number pales in comparison to the many books they consume. I also realize that in my profession, 50 books a year sounds like pretty small potatoes. A library blog recently posed this question on their Facebook page: “How many books have you read this year? What are your goals for 2019?”

One librarian claimed to have read 300 books, with a goal of 365 for 2019! I’m probably not ever going to be able to read 300 books a year, but 50 is the perfect challenge for a moderately social butterfly and Netflix binge-watcher such as myself. As of writing this, I’ve read 42 books this year with the help of Goodreads.com.

Goodreads is a free website that allows the user to see what friends are reading; track books the user is reading, has read, and wants to read; receive personalized book recommendations tailored to the user’s literary tastes; and access book reviews. There are 80 million members and just as many book reviews so it’s a quite a rich community of readers. I log in to my account almost every day to update my progress and see what my friends recommend.

Though Goodreads has many great book reviews, NPR’s Book Concierge is a Patagonia Library favorite. There you can access NPR’s recommendations for over 300 of the best books of the year. Visually, the concierge is brilliant. It’s modern-looking and user-friendly, with the covers of the books prominently displayed (because, unlike the popular idiom, many people do judge books by their covers) instead of lists. The covers can then be clicked on to access their reviews. Not only that, but there is a column of filters on the left-hand side to help you narrow down the results even further to find exactly what you’re looking for.

The library has many of these books in the collection, so if you find something you’re curious about, stop by or call us to see if we have it.

I plan on making this same challenge this year. If anyone else chooses to do the same, now you’ve got a couple of resources to help you get started!

Take A Hike!

The Paton-Nature Conservancy Trail

By Chris Strohm

If you’re looking for a scenic hike in Patagonia, try the Paton-Nature Conservancy Trail. Recently built by a local volunteer group, the Dirtbags, this is a gentle, well maintained, one mile trail (two miles round trip). It features beautiful vistas of the Santa Rita and Patagonia Mountains, the town of Patagonia and the Sonora Creek riparian corridor.

Exquisite interpretive signage designed by local artists provides cultural and ecological information.

Along the way, you’ll encounter a signed intersection with the Geoffrey Platts Trail. This is an approximately 3 mile, moderately difficult loop and not maintained. At the same intersection, there is a short, signed, uphill spur that affords an especially panoramic vista. There are no dogs or horses allowed on Nature Conservancy land.

Directions: From the Patagonia Market on the corner of State Route 82 and 3rd Avenue, proceed south on 82 toward Nogales .2 miles to 4th Avenue. Turn right onto 4th Avenue and proceed until it tees into Pennsylvania Street. Turn left onto Pennsylvania Street and go approximately 1 mile across dry (very occasionally wet) Sonora Creek to the Paton Center. Park here and locate the trailhead gate at the back of the Richard Grand Meadow.

By Laura Wenzel

Families make snowmen with cotton balls and paper plates after listening to winter stories by author Yossi Lapid at library storytime on Dec. 8.

Photo by Laura Wenzel

Monika Aylward, a long-time resident of Sonoita and Patagonia, presented her artwork along with her daughter Clare Aylward at Cochise College, Benson. The exhibition, titled “Intersections,” will be on display until January 31 2019. The Gallery hours are Monday to Thursday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Photo by Aisha Sander
Patagonia Public Library will host eight weekly two-hour sessions of the Foreign Policy Association’s “Great Decisions” discussion program, beginning January 31, 2019, at 6:30 p.m.

The Foreign Policy Association provides a weekly 30-minute background documentary and a briefing book as the basis for a group discussion of the most pertinent and important foreign policy issues facing the U.S. and the world.

Participants are asked to complete the supporting reading section prior to attendance, and each session will begin with a group viewing of the documentary. Face-to-face discussions will be facilitated by the group leaders, and a member or outside contributor with special expertise might provide further context. The goal of the session is not to argue or convince anyone of the correctness of a particular view, but rather to give all involved the opportunity to expand their knowledge, share their perspectives, and gain the insights of others on these topics, while becoming better informed citizens in a supportive, focused listening environment.

The program is being brought to Patagonia by two seasonal visitors, Deborah Locke and Gary Vines. Locke and Vines will be returning in mid-January for a volunteer stint as on-site hosts at TNC’s Patagonia-Sonora Preserve, where they served in 2017-2018. During that experience, they came to really enjoy and feel welcomed in Patagonia and see sponsoring this series as a way to contribute to the community.

Locke and Vines are retired in their seventh year as full-time RVers, spending summers on the Olympic Peninsula of Washington and winters in southern Arizona.

Prior to “hitting the road” they were both educators - Locke as a high school library media specialist, and Vines as a high school social studies teacher and then guidance counselor. The couple have been participants in “Great Decisions” groups several times, both in Maine and in Tucson, and have felt greatly engaged and rewarded by the experience.

The topics for the eight sessions will be: Refugees and Global Migration; The Middle East: Regional Disorder; Nuclear Negotiations: Back to the Future?; The Rise of Populism in Europe; Decoding US-China Trade; Cyber Conflict and Geopolitics; The United States and Mexico: Partnership Tested; and State of the State Department and Diplomacy.

If anyone, as a group member or special guest, has a strong academic or experiential background that could enrich any of these topics, please contact Locke at deblocke164@gmail.com to discuss contributing to one of the sessions. Briefing books for the first ten participants will be available at the library prior to the start of the program, provided by the couple’s sponsorship of the program. A copy of the briefing book will also be on reserve in the library.

Contact Abbie Zeltzer at the library for further information. Phone (520) 394-2010.

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387 McKeown Avenue
Patagonia, AZ 85624
(520) 394-2274

Senior Citizens of Patagonia, Inc. will hold its Annual Meeting on Jan. 14 at 3 p.m. in the Senior Center, during which Board Members and Officers will be elected. This is an open meeting and all are invited to attend. Anyone interested in learning the financial and grant reporting systems, as Assistant Treasurer, is encouraged to volunteer.

Our three vans (two in Patagonia and one in Sonora) are used continuously by people needing rides to doctor visits, hospitals and shopping. More volunteer drivers are needed. Only a driver’s license and a good driving record are required. If interested, please call 394-2494 and leave a message.

Lunches are served Monday to Friday for seniors and people with disabilities at the Patagonia senior center. As our government grant covers only half the cost of these meals, donations are suggested although not required.

A grant from Delta Dental will cover part or all of dental visits for seniors, depending upon the cost. Please call 394-2494 for further information.

Noted Writer, Scientist to Speak in Patagonia

Robin Wall Kimmerer, the director of the Center for Native Peoples and the Environment at SUNY ESF, will be coming to Patagonia in February. Kimmerer, a distinguished Teaching Professor of Environmental Biology, and an enrolled member of the Citizen Potowatomi Nation, is the author of “Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge, and the Teachings of Plants”.

As a writer and scientist, she has delivered a TEDx Talk, addressed the general assembly of the United Nations, and won the prestigious John Burroughs Medal for Writing and the Sigurd Olson Nature Writing Award.

She will spend a week in Patagonia for various activities, two of which will be open to the public. She will be presenting at Cady Hall on Feb. 7 at 6 p.m., followed by a potluck dinner on Feb. 8 at 7 p.m. She will host a book discussion at the Sarvodaya Center for Awakening located at 37 San Antonio Road, Patagonia.

“Braiding Sweetgrass” is available for sale at a reduced cost at the Patagonia Public Library.

Gary Nabhan
Speaker at Library Event

By Kate Peake

Friends of Patagonia Library (FOPL) featured local author Gary Paul Nabhan’s annual Fall Fundraiser held at the Spirit Tree Inn on the evening of Nov. 30. While it was a cold, wintry evening, guests were warmed by the open cooking fires of the EZ Castle Company’s chuckwagon dinner.

Given the setting, Nabhan began his talk with a few fitting barn jokes, before jumping right into the central themes for the evening, celebrating the landscape, the food, and the people that bring us together as highlighted in his two new releases out this fall, “Mesquite: An Aboreal Love Affair” and “Food from the Radical Center: Healing our Land and Communities.”

Nabhan spent the evening encouraging us all to meet at the radical center, the fertile ground where community members can put aside differences to share the work of restoring the biocultural landscape and the nation’s ability to produce nourishing food.

After taking a moment to celebrate the Patagonia Library staff, particularly Abbie Zeltzer and Laura Wenzel, for their work in connecting community members and helping people to meet at the radical center, Nabhan went on to discuss examples from around the nation of communities working together to restore soil and replenish water to restore habitat for near-extinct species like bison and sturgeon and bring back heritage plants and grains. He highlighted several local examples featuring the work of Borderlands Restoration Network and its many partners to engage youth in this work to restore lands and communities.

FOPL is grateful for all who attended the event and helped to raise money for programming at the Patagonia Library. They will host another Trivia Night fundraising event in February as they continue to raise support and awareness for the services the library provides for this community.

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387 McKeown Avenue 394-2274

Sunday Service 10 a.m.
Thrift Shop Hours
Friday 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Saturday 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
A floodplain has been defined as any land susceptible to being inundated by flood waters. Floodplains can also be regarded as the land needed by a river or stream to convey and store flood waters. Patagonia has successfully qualified to join the Community Rating System (CRS) program. The CRS is a voluntary National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) for recognizing community floodplain management activities that exceed the NFIP standards. A major factor in gaining enough “points” to qualify was the recognition of The Nature Conservancy (TNC) properties as open space in the Open Space Preservation (OSP) activity of the CRS program.

With the help of local stakeholders and Santa Cruz County, I plan to get enough credits to permanently qualify Patagonia for CRS recognition. The County GIS office has created an overall map of some possible OSP parcels. These areas are:

1. The Nature Conservancy properties.
2. The Patagonia Schools property, which has been submitted for approval.
3. The Native Seeds Search on their properties within the Town boundary.
4. All of Patagonia’s current properties are to be evaluated to be preserved as Open Space.
5. Entire floodway of Sonoita creek that is within the Town boundaries.

Another aspect of OSP is called Natural Functions Open Apace (NFOS), which provides extra credit for parcels credited for OSP that are preserved in or restored to their natural state. Studies are showing that natural open space can be more effective at controlling or attenuating flooding and is less expensive than traditional manmade flood control structures.

There are two ways we can work towards the restoration of the whole Sonoita Creek floodplain from the County Fairgrounds to the Santa Cruz River:

First, create awareness about developing an OSP corridor right through town. Second, facilitate organizing the many groups that are currently working towards restoration and preservation of the Sonoita Creek watershed. Special efforts will focus on OSP and NFOS. Creative partnerships will accomplish a great deal toward making this preservation project work.

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2019 Schedule

Jan. 5: 4 p.m. Exhibitions on Screen: “Canaletto and the Art of Venice at the Queen’s Gallery, Buckingham Palace” Free - Donations accepted
Sponsored by Don and Doris Wenig

Jan. 20: 12-2 p.m. Patagonia Creative Arts Association 20th Birthday Celebration
music and refreshments Free

Jan. 21: 6 p.m. MLK day movie “Children’s March” Suggested donation $5

Jan. 30: 6 p.m. Presentation by the Arivaca based organization No Mas Muertos to speak about how borderlands residents can help Free

Feb. 2: 6 p.m. PCAA’s Annual Fundraiser “Breakfast at Tiffany’s” Brunch and movie
SAVE THE DATE

Feb. 15, 16: 7 p.m./ Feb. 17: 2 p.m. LIVE THEATER “Plaza Suite” by Neil Simon
directed by Lars Marshall Admission $5

Feb. 27: 6 p.m. IB History Students from Nogales High School present a historical film: “Zapata” (bilingual with subtitles) Free

*Dates and Times Subject to Change*

PCAA 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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Assology 101

By Pat McNamara

What on earth are you riding? I didn’t know you could actually ride those! Why would you want to ride something like that? Isn’t he stubborn/stupid/slow/ornery/mean? These are the questions this writer has been fielding for the past thirty of her sixty-odd years spent in the equine world as a rider, reinswoman, riding instructor, competitor and trainer. Those of us more ‘creative’ (some say ‘eccentric’) equestrians have discovered a little something different - the world of mules and donkeys. Sharing some of the facts about these sometimes-misunderstood cousins of the horse is the purpose of this article.

The terms ‘burro’ and ‘donkey’ are interchangeable. Some say that a burro is a small donkey and that is acceptable, but they are all the same species, Equus Asinus. In America, donkeys are categorized by four different sizes. Mini donkeys are less than 36” at the wither (the part at the base of the neck where the mane ends). Next size up is the standard donkey. These range from over 36” up to 48” (usually the wild BLM donkeys fall in this division). The large standard donkey is over 48” up to 56” and the mammoth donkey, sometimes called ‘mammoth jack stock’ is 66” and higher. Some of these donkeys will grow as tall as 68” or draft horse height.

A male donkey that is not used for breeding is gelded (castrated) and called a gelding. A male donkey that is used for breeding is called a jack. The females are called jennets. Donkeys can be any color from white to black and every shade in between. Many have a dorsal stripe along their spine with shoulder bars down their shoulders and stripes on their legs. This, along with the light dun color is the original markings of the wild donkeys in the Middle East and Africa. Donkeys can also have spots and splashes of color all over their hides.

Donkeys have been used by mankind for thousands of years, especially in arid countries, as beasts of burden. They came to the U.S. with the Spanish in the 1500s and have been used as pack animals and worked in the mines since then. Today donkeys are making a resurgence as trail riding and driving partners and are even shown nationwide at donkey and mule shows just as horses are at horse shows, just not quite as fancy and with a much more relaxed and friendlier atmosphere. After all, if you take yourself or your animal too seriously, donkeys and mules are not the show animal for you. Just when you think you have complete control, they find a way to show you differently. They do have a sense of humor and you had better have one too!

A mule is the product of a female horse (mare) and a male donkey (jack). Mules come in all sizes, shapes, colors and dispositions. A mare horse can be a mini bred to a mini donkey to produce a mini mule or you can breed a clydesdale mare to a mammath jack and get an enormous draft mule. And there are all the combinations in between. Mules are stronger, smarter, tougher and generally longer lived than horses. They require less feed, can go longer without water and can carry heavier loads. Their intelligence (some say stubbornness) and surefootedness comes from the donkey and their speed and athletic ability from the horse. They can compete with horses in everything from endurance riding to cow work, jumping to dressage.

A mule will not knowingly put itself into a dangerous situation, no matter what its handler says or does. That is why some horse people dislike mules - because mules can’t be bullied. Male mules, called johns, are always gelded. Females are called Mollys. All mules and donkeys in general can be called asses and that is appropriate.

Just an additional quick note to further confuse you, one can do the reverse in breeding. That is, breed a stallion horse to a jennet donkey. That offspring is a hinny, which is very similar to a mule. Both the mule and hinny are hybrids, thus sterile and unable to produce an embryo. One time in a zillion or so will there be a news story about a mule being bred and foaling but that is rare enough to be...well...newsworthy.

Why have some equine enthusiasts made the decision to use mules and/or donkeys instead of the more rare enough to be…well…newsworthy. Perhaps this has given the reader a little more understanding of the ‘world of asses’, the humble equines. One just has to remember to have a sense of humor and not take themselves too seriously when aboard these long-eared riding partners.
Empire Gardening

A Spiral Herb Garden  By Alyssa Cazares

Herbs are magical. They are the gift that keeps giving whether you are having a relaxing mint drink or making salsa with fresh cilantro. Most herbs do well in Southern Arizona, as they love our mild winters and do well in the heat of summer.

Spiral garden beds can offer diversity to your herb garden that you may not get from a standard bed. The spiral is versatile, aesthetically pleasing and makes harvesting easy. You can create different microclimates in a spiral garden. For instance, if a plant likes more wet soil you plant it near the bottom, or if a plant needs more shade you can plant it opposite from the sun, limiting its sun exposure. Companion planting will also help your herbs thrive. You can use river rocks, wood, bricks or anything you choose to construct it with.

Plant mint at the bottom of the spiral. It loves its soil wet and it can sprawl out of the spiral. Mint can help settle a stomach ache and tastes great in tea. Thyme grows well in similar conditions to mint. Place the plants approximately 16 inches away from one another to give them enough room to grow. Thyme is one of those herbs that can dress up any pasta and will clear up any sinus congestion. Thyme and rosemary are great companions, rosemary is wonderful with roasted meats and is said to boost memory and the bees love the tiny flowers.

Basil enjoys full sun and wet soil, so this should be around the midpoint of the spiral. Basil is a great anti-inflammatory. In the summer I love to make watermelon agua fresca and blend fresh basil into my drink. You will thank me later.

Oregano is next, this plant likes its soil a bit drier and loves the sun. I was able to harvest wild Mexican oregano here in the Patagonia mountains last year. I really enjoy it. I use it many ways, including in my Christmas tamales. Sage and oregano go well together. Sage can grow in many environments but prefers dry soil and some sun.

An ancient native cilantro, papaloquelite or papalote, grows all over the empire area. The name means butterfly in Nahuatl, the Aztec language. This herb is one of my favorites and it is great in salsas. The flavor is strong and zingy. It grows in full sun but prefers shade and dry soil. It has been a part of my garden for many years and never disappoints.

The top of the spiral should have tarragon. It loves its feet dry and hot. Tarragon can help with digestive issues and is good in salads and dressings on meats and soups.

You can start construction of your new spiral herb garden in January and start putting herbs in February or March. If it gets too cold at night throw a light cover over the top to protect your herbs, but most of these will be just fine with the cooler temps. Other herbs that do well in zone 8a are borage, chervil, chives, comfrey, coriander, cumin, dill, European oregano, fennel, horehound, lemon balm, lovage, marjoram, and parsley.

KPUP Broadcast Schedule Winter 2019

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.
Interspecies Communication

I recently read an intriguing book, “Kinship With All Life” by J. Allen Boone, that had been recommended to me by fellow animal lovers for over twenty years. Boone shares many of his personal experiences communicating with various species, from a remarkable dog that came into his life to a common housefly. Boone’s first animal teacher was a famous German shepherd film screen actor named Strongheart. Until this dog was placed in his care, Boone had not had personal experience with canines. Little did he know what an impact this creature would have on his life.

Studies have revealed that many of our ancient human societies communicated easily and deeply with other species, but it seems to have gotten lost as we evolved, or devolved, some might say. Today there are many humans who are reverting to the old ways of learning to communicate with a variety of animals. Most successful equestrians share this depth of communication with their mounts. Verbal communication is not required. It is more the melding of the two beings in to one, sharing each other’s thoughts and intentions.

I, myself have enjoyed exchanges with other beings, both wild and domestic, throughout my life both with and without intention. I believe the success of these events has come from spending so much of my time with animals and having such a deep affection for them.

I used to go for walks regularly with my beloved Husky, Skye. We took the same route back in the woods to a hill where I would sit on the grass and meditate. While I did this, Skye would wander off and explore and return when I was finished. One day, I heard him trotting up to where I sat way earlier than usual. I continued to meditate with my eyes closed after he stopped beside me.

When I opened my eyes, I was surprised to see that it was not Skye at all, but a wild coyote standing there looking at me inquisitively. I felt in total awe of having this wild creature so close to me, unfraid and trusting, just looking into my eyes. We held this exchange for almost a minute, then he trotted down the hill, turned and gave me one last glance and retreated in to the forest. I was elated!

Recently, based on what I had read in Boone’s book, I used meditation in a conscious effort to connect with a dog my friends had asked me to check on. Smokie is one of maybe three dogs who have displayed a great dislike for me right from the get-go. When I tried to put his leash on, he growled and tried to bite me. I decided to simply open the kennel door and let him come out on his own. As he played in the grass with my dog, I began to meditate and send messages of love to Smokie.

Just as I opened my eyes, the little guy walked right past me, went in to his kennel all on his own and laid down. I then handed him a treat through the wire and he took it readily. Ever since then when I see Smokie, he greets me with joy. Coincidence?

Cate Drown is the proprietor of Beyond Reason Ranch, where she provides specialized care for all beings large or small. Contact Cate at latecate1957@gmail.com.

Solstice Sunflower

At the outdoor shower yesterday a brave little sunflower, transplanted from below bird feeder & blooming at the darkest time of the year, insistently cheery as our morning temperatures dance around freezing.

great company for my brisk and bracing morning showers Longer warmer days are coming, starting NOW

As our planet’s invisible shaft tips back toward the sun That tireless giver of light & life & global warming

Point

This morning my ears are on either side of my head. But a few days ago, one was on my chin, the other on the back of my neck. Both are heavily calloused.

It seems I’d allowed myself to stretch a point too far and listening to it had put my ears on waivers.

It’s like military drone training for months at a time, or incessant advertising, or innocuous banter, or insipid reasons for celebrating, for hate. It’s all been accumulating far too long.

This poem too, is a point so I won’t dwell on it. Just as I won’t dwell on what body part my ears may travel to next.
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<td>7 p.m. on Mondays, at Sonoita Bible Church, 3174 AZ-83. Carpool from Patagonia post office at 6:30 p.m. Any questions, contact Robin (<a href="mailto:crobin60@gmail.com">crobin60@gmail.com</a> or 315-516-5998), or general info about the program, <a href="https://adultchildren.org/">https://adultchildren.org/</a></td>
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<td>San Rafael Community H H Club</td>
<td>- 2nd Mon, Patagonia Methodist Church, Thurer Hall, 5:30 p.m. Info: Tami, 455-5561.</td>
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<td>Santa Cruz Singers</td>
<td>rehearsals Thurs at 5 p.m., SCFP office, 348 Naugle Ave, Patagonia. New members welcome!</td>
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<td>Bingo</td>
<td>- 1st &amp; 3rd Mon., St. Theresa Parish Hall in Patagonia, 6 p.m. Info: 455-5681.</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>Open Tennis</td>
<td>- Saturdays, PUHS at 9 a.m. Info: 394-2973.</td>
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<td>Gratitude Drum Circle</td>
<td>- Tuesdays 4-6 p.m. at the Gazebo in Patagonia Park. Open to everyone. Bring water, chair, &amp; drum. Extra instruments</td>
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<td>Group Meditation</td>
<td>- Fridays 5-6 p.m. at the Seniors Center. No experience required. Call Aisha (520) 400-9253.</td>
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<td>Tai Chi</td>
<td>- Tues &amp; Thurs at 10:30-11:30 a.m. at Senior’s Center. Free. All welcome.</td>
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### COMMUNITY SERVICES

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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>Sonoita/Patagonia Email Newsletter</td>
<td>- usually twice a week. Free. Sign up at clarebonellisonoitapatagonialocals.com.</td>
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<td>Patagonia Farmers Market</td>
<td>Thursday 10a.m. - 2 p.m. in front of Red Mountain Foods</td>
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### CHURCH SERVICES

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<td>Patagonia Community United Methodist Church</td>
<td>387 McKeeown Ave., Patagonia 394-2274 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 Sunday Mass: 10:30 a.m.</td>
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<td>Canelo Cowboy Church</td>
<td>Hwy 83, MP 14, Elgin 455-5000 Sunday Services: 9 a.m. Sunday School: 10:30 a.m. (except third Sunday) Ranch Family Fun Day: 7 a.m. every 3rd Sunday.</td>
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<td>Sonoita Hills Community Church</td>
<td>52 Elgin Rd., Elgin 455-5172 Sunday Service: 10 a.m.</td>
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<td>Sonoita Bible Church</td>
<td>3174 N. Highway 83, Sonoita 455-5779 Sunday Service: 10:30 a.m. Youth Group: 2nd &amp; 4th Wed. 6-8 p.m.</td>
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<td>Our Lady of the Angels Catholic Church</td>
<td>12 Los Encinos Rd., Sonoita 394-2954 Sunday Mass: 8 a.m.</td>
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<td>Harvest Christian Fellowship/ Sonoita Foursquare Church</td>
<td>3107 Hwy 83, Sonoita 455-5505 Sunday Service: 10:30 a.m</td>
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<td>St. Andrews Episcopal Church</td>
<td>Sonoita Hills Community Church 52 Elgin Rd., Elgin 2nd &amp; 4th Saturdays: 10 a.m.</td>
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Patagonia “Lobos”
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Boys JV, V, Girls HS Basketball

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<td>St. David</td>
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<td>Valley Union</td>
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<td>Fri, Jan 11</td>
<td>Green Fields (JV)</td>
<td>Away</td>
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<td>Tues, Jan 15</td>
<td>Bowie/San Simon</td>
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<td>Baboquivari</td>
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<td>Duncan</td>
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<td>The Gregory School</td>
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<td>Wed - Fri, Feb 6-8</td>
<td>Regional Tournament</td>
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