Sonoita Resident Throws Her Hat in the Ring for County Office

By Pat McNamara

“If you aren’t going to do something about it, don’t complain!” is the mantra of Donna Federici, Independent candidate for Santa Cruz County Supervisor for District 3. A resident of the Sonoita/Elgin area, Federici has decided to indeed “do something about it” and with the support of her husband, Dave Ciesielski, is running against the current district 3 County Supervisor, Bruce Bracker.

Noting that the Sonoita, Elgin, Patagonia part of the county is being under-represented and with the many complaints Federici has heard about the current situation, she vows that she will work tirelessly for change in the way ‘things have always been done.’

The daughter of a blue collar, Midwestern steel worker family, Federici has been schooled in the importance of hard work from her early years. She has been successful in middle and upper management and was most recently self-employed as a business consultant before moving to Sonoita in 2008. She feels she has the vision and creativity to steer the county in a more fiscally responsible way. Not one to point fingers at the past leaders, Federici wants to be more solution oriented and find ways for the county to expand while being more creative in finding ways to relieve the current fiduciary challenges.

When asked about the salaries at the local fire department, Federici stated that since we live in such a fire prone area, the fire department is especially indispensable, and the budget must reflect that. However, the salaries must be studied, and any discrepancies or unfairness addressed and corrected.

Federici stated that our local schools reflect the lack of younger families in the area. She would like to offer ideas on how to keep families here. Agri-tourism is one of her thoughts as a way to offer jobs for local residents. Finding other ways to promote our natural resources with opportunities to market the hiking, biking and activities around the lakes was another idea addressed, keeping in mind that businesses should be mindful of the water availability in the long term.

Bringing back the courthouse and the storage of road maintenance equipment is something that Federici discussed. She stated that local committees have filed paperwork to obtain the financial results of that decision made by managers in Nogales. She stated that an ‘all or nothing’ approach is not the answer and would like to introduce a part-time solution to the court in Sonoita. Change starts in Nogales and working with the managers there will be another part of her function should she be elected. If the courthouse is not deemed necessary as such, using it as a community center is another option.

“The position as county supervisor should not be a partisan issue!” stated Federici, as it is “for the community and its residents and the money belongs to the people.” This is why she is running as an Independent. Federici is a fiscal conservative and a compassionate advocate for the community and willing to ‘rock the boat’ for economic reform.

When asked how she plans on getting her name out there, Federici stated that she will knock on doors, use social media and ask for help to canvas for her as an independent candidate. She is currently building a website. She can be contacted at donna@federiciforsupervisor.com.

Donna Federici would work to re-open the Sonoita Courthouse as part of her program to correct the present “under-representation” of the eastern part of the county.

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GETTING THE MOST OUT OF THE PRT

By Marion Vendituoli

As we head into the 2nd month of 2020, we at the PRT are still buzzing about our recent fundraising campaign. We were surprised and overwhelmed by the community’s response. Not only did we reach the cap of $20,000 for matching funds in just five weeks of the campaign, we also were able to reach two bonus goals of 100 new donors and a 57% increase of donors over last year.

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Attend the new PRT sponsored public events. In January, the PRT sponsored a public forum on Recycling. (see article, page 4). Future community events include a debate, to be scheduled for this summer, featuring candidates running for Santa Cruz County Sheriff.

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Jared is going to be invaluable in our drive to increase our online presence, in organizing our data and in our outreach programs, as well as increasing our advertising revenue.

We are so excited to add Jared to our team. Teamwork is the key to the success of the PRT. It is sustained by the unique collaboration between our hard-working board, our staff, our volunteers and, above all, our community and local businesses, who support us, not only financially, but with the gathering of news and opinions from throughout our region. Thank you.

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SCC Recycling Update
By Alisha Sander

On Jan 8, 2020 Santa Cruz County officials John Hayes, manager for solid waste / flood control and Jesus Valdez, Director of Public Works met with Santa Cruz Environmental Stewards (SCES), a group of volunteers who have been advocating for increased recycling since the county almost completely ceased recycling in 2019.

The proposal for recycling in the county is currently in Phase One. The county is preparing the sites at the Rio Rico landfill and the Tubac transfer station, in working to find buyers for the recyclable items, is educating the public and is increasing its presence on social media.

The county presented two site plans for the Tubac transfer station recycling area and the Rio Rico landfill recycling area. In both plans they would place seven bins under a covered area to accept plastics 1 and 2, other plastics (3-7), cardboard, mixed paper, glass, aluminum cans, and tin.

The approximate cost to develop the two sites would be between $40,000-$60,000. The cost for employees to work on these sites every day would be approximately $25,000 for six months.

The concern about the Patagonia recycling site is contamination because the current site is not secure. County officials do not believe that residents are at fault, but it is more likely that it is used as a dumping site for garbage by people traveling through the area.

Patagonia Recycling Forum
Approximately 50 people attended a PRT-sponsored public forum on Jan 25 to discuss the state of recycling in Santa Cruz County, facilitated by PRT board member Bob Brandt.

Santa Cruz County Public Works Director Jesus Valdez spoke at the forum and answered questions from the audience. He explained why most recyclables are going into the landfill. Until a little over a year ago a company was coming to pick up the recyclables from all the receptacles in the county. When the firm abruptly stopped collections, the county did not have the operational power to pick up and transport the recyclables to Tucson. For now, the county is still recycling aluminum, tires, cardboard and some glass.

Valdez said that the county wants a better system for collection of recyclables. They are learning more about what happens once recyclables are picked up and before the end of the fiscal year want to create a list of recyclables that have buyers in the market. Once they set up sites for collection in Tubac and Rio Rico they will extend it to other parts of the county, including Sonora and Patagonia.

Joel Block, Tom Gelvans and Homero Lopez, representing the Santa Cruz Environmental Stewards, shared the work being done by their group of community activists based in Tubac. They have visited possibly the most sophisticated recycling program in the state, the Southern Sedona Recycling Program, and have toured the Sierra Vista compost facility. They encouraged people from Patagonia to attend their bi-monthly meetings at the Tubac Community Center the first and third Tuesday of the month at 5p.m.

The meeting concluded with a group of people committing to form a Patagonia task force for recycling. Anyone interested in joining this task force can email prtasted@gmail.com or leave a message at (740) 2069594.

Roads Superintendent Howdy Aguilar answers questions about chip sealing in the Papago Springs neighborhood in Sonora.

By Marion Vendituoli

County officials and public works staff met with concerned residents from the Papago Springs area of Sonora on Jan 16 at the Sonora Fairgrounds to address concerns raised about the chip sealing of roads in that neighborhood.

District 3 Supervisor Bruce Bracker, Director of Public Works Jesus Valdez and Roads Superintendent Howdy Aguilar addressed the audience of approximately 45 people.

The project to chip seal seven miles of Holbrook Dr, Terry Lane, Frazier Dr, Collie Dr and parts of Papago Springs Rd had been put on hold last fall when residents were not visible.

Several people commented on the state of the road at this point, asking if the work done last fall before the project was suspended has been undone by the winter rains. “This is the worst I’ve ever seen,” one woman commented. “It’s a mess.”

Richard Collins, of Sonora, asked if speed bumps could be added to the roads, but Valdez stated that speed bumps were too hard to maintain and were dangerous at night when they were not visible.

Another audience member asked, “Is this already set in stone? Do we have a say in this? Is this a discussion or is this a project you have already decided on?” “We’re here to listen,” Bracker responded. After the end of the meeting Aguilar commented, “I think the project is going forward. Bracker agreed. “People were overwhelmingly in favor of it, based on emails and phone calls after the article [in the Dec. issue of the Patagonia Regional times].”

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Local Winery Wins Big in Competitions

By Jo Dean

Callaghan Vineyards has a long history of winning medals at both state and national wine competitions, and 2019 saw the Elgin vineyard continue this winning tradition.

Callaghan was one of the Arizona wineries to receive awards at the 2019 San Francisco Chronicle Wine Competition, the largest competition for American wines in the world. In the 2019 competition, 6,800 wines from 1,132 wineries were judged.

The Vineyard has received many awards, including gold medals, at the San Francisco Chronicle Wine Competition over the years. In this year’s competition, their AZ Tannat 2016 won the Double Gold Medal and Best of Class.

Callaghan Vineyards also won two gold medals at the 2019 Jefferson Cup Invitational Wine Competition, held in November in Kansas City, MO, for Claire’s 2017 and Rhumb Line Tannat 2017.

Closer to home, Callaghan Vineyards won more medals than any other winery in the 2019 azcentral.com Arizona Wine Competition, held last fall. Their Amor FatiMalvasia Bianca won best in class for dessert wines, and their 2018 Tannat earned a double gold. The winery also won two gold medals, three silver medals and eight bronze medals.

Founded in 1990, Callaghan is one of the earlier wineries to open in the Sonoita region, established by Harold and Karen Callaghan and their son Kent. To prepare for owning and operating a winery, Harold and Kent completed an extension class in viticulture at UC Davis, and continued to educate themselves by hard work and travel to vineyards in Spain, France, Italy, and Sicily. Karen Callaghan also owned and operated Karen’s Wine Country Café, first in Elgin, and then in Sonoita.

Some of the many award winning Callaghan Vineyards wines, hung with their medals, line the counter in the vineyard’s tasting room.

Callaghan Vineyards, with a long history of winning medals at both state and national wine competitions, has continued its success in 2019. The vineyard, one of the earliest in the Sonoita region, was established by Harold and Karen Callaghan and their son Kent. The family business, employing a few local residents, has received many accolades and awards since 1991, including the honor of having their wine being served four times at the White House, at the White House Governors’ Dinner in January 2017; at President George W. Bush’s dinner for retiring U.S. Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O’Connor; at President Bill Clinton’s last State Dinner with the Prime Minister of India in 2000 and at a White House dinner for the Democratic National Committee in 1996.

Visit Callaghan Vineyards at 336 Elgin Road, Elgin, Arizona. Tasting room hours are 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Thursday – Sunday. For information, call (520)455-5322 or visit www.callaghanvineyards.com.
Committee Working to Save Pool

By Aisha Sander

Two motions were presented at the January 2020 Joint Patagonia School District Board Meeting pertaining to the future of the swimming pool. The first motion, which was approved by both the Elementary and the High School Boards, agreed to let Friends of the Patagonia Pool (FOPP), a citizens’ committee, raise money to keep the swimming pool open and agreed to let Mountain Empire Rotary be the fiscal sponsor until FOPP forms a non-profit corporation.

The second motion, which asked the school boards to commit in advance to investing its one-third share ($10,000) for 2020 and 2021 was tabled. The boards requested a member of FOPP present at a future meeting to further discuss their plans.

FOPP is working with a pool company to evaluate the condition of the pool and to make an estimate for the anticipated cost for the operational costs to keep the pool open.

The Elementary and High School Boards elected representatives to form an executive committee for the swimming pool. The Elementary Board elected Kathleen Pasierb and the High School Board elected Jim Cosbey. The town elected Mayor Andrea Wood. This executive committee will be responsible to meet with and make recommendations to the pool manager hired by the school board.

The Town of Patagonia has set a special study session to discuss the pool on Wed. Feb. 5 at 6:00 p.m.

Southern AZ Quail Forever Family Day

The Southern Arizona Quail Forever (SAQF) chapter will hold its annual Family Day on Saturday, Feb. 29, 2020, at the Empire Ranch Airfield Group Site between 8 a.m and 3 p.m. Family Day is open to all ages, is free of charge and includes lunch. Activities include trap shooting, archery, BB gun range, fly casting & fly tying, GPS instruction, animal tracking, police dog demonstration, and a supervised live quail hunt for ages 12 and up. No hunting license is required.

Please register on the Arizona Game & Fish Outdoor Skills Events website (register-ed.com/events/view/142030). Contact Tony Valentino at avalen18@aol.com for additional information.

A young asylum seeker from Honduras draws a picture of his homeland. An exhibit of art created by children from Casas Alitas Shelter in Tucson will be on display at Cady Hall in Patagonia March 12 - March 21.

By Sarah Klingenstein

Paints, crayons, and art paper cover a table at the Casa Alitas shelter in Tucson, where several children are busily drawing and telling volunteers about their work. In response to the question “What do you love?” they draw vibrant images of home, family, and pets. They also portray images of their journeys from Central America, showing fear, hope and longing.

A traveling exhibit of the children’s work called “Hope and Healing: The Art of Asylum,” co-curated by Valarie James, Casa Alitas Trauma-informed Arts and Activities Coordinator, and Arivaca sculptor Antonia Gallegos, will be shown at Cady Hall in Patagonia March 12 through 21. There will be an opening reception and gallery talk by James the evening of March 12, catered by Patagonia Youth Enrichment Center.

The exhibit came out of Catholic Community Service’s work with asylum-seekers at Casa Alitas. Since 2014 they have provided those travelers a short-stay stopover with food, lodging, basic necessities, and travel assistance. The asylum-seekers are en route to a new place last a lifetime. We hope that when the children wrap themselves in our quilts, they will feel safe, warm, and covered with love.

The exhibit also includes four large quilts stitched from dozens of drawings the children did on cloth. In addition to making these quilts, Esperanza Quilters, a group from Oracle, has designed, created, and given away over 150 child-sized quilts and children’s books to the youngest travelers at Casa Alitas. The exhibits are free of charge and includes lunch. We hope that this will help to create a positive lasting memory of when they first came to the United States.

Local partnering organizations are planning ancillary events during the exhibit’s run. These will include a film series, guest speakers, a storyboard walk in Town Park, a portrait gallery at the Gathering Grounds, and a culminating celebration. Details will be made available as the exhibit nears.
The historic Lead Queen Mine in the Patagonia Mountains, which produced lead, silver and small amounts of copper between 1898 and 1940, has intermittently leaked toxic minerals, both visible and invisible, ever since. In 2014, monsoon rains caused a dramatic orange outflow that attracted media attention, followed by two Coronado National Forest (CNF) projects attempting to detoxify the flows. What’s the status as of 2020? In 2019 CNF installed a “hydrauluic plug” at the tunnel entrance, or adit, in all probability closing outflow for good and stopping a major source of acidic drainage into a tributary of Harshaw Creek. A mid-January 2020 visit confirmed that there appears to be no new seepage coming directly from the former adit opening.

The Forest Service project at the Lead Queen also included significant surface remediation. Earthmoving to the tunnel covered the plugged mouth with a slop shaped like a natural grade. The approach route, starting at a newly improved turnaround, was also graded in a natural-appearing way, eliminating the formerly drivable access to the tunnel.

On the steepest of the entry slopes there were straw wattles to help with erosion prevention. Across the stream a relocated pile of tailings, estimated at 30 tons, was shaped like natural ground and given a soil cover.

The regraded surfaces, about a half-acre in all, were left rough and a little scarified with some random placement of small and medium rocks. All but the rocky bottom of the streambed was seeded with a straw and fiber mix that the CNF “Fact Sheet” on the project (July 2019) described as including local wildlife seeds. Few plants have sprouted over the fall and winter, but during spring and monsoon season new plants are expected to appear. No plants were transplanted in this project.

Monitoring over decades will be needed before the project revegetation can be called fully successful. The surface-healing and revegetation part of this project could potentially become an example of creative and scientifically informed restoration projects which enhance wildlife habitat and return disturbed ground to nature. There was evidence at the January visit of a low flow of clear water coming from upstream of the mine near the former mine entrance. Below the former adit a small yellow-orange flow was observed that continues downstream. Within about 200 feet, the stream water became white with tinges of green; further downstream along Forest Service Road 4684, white coloring is visible in the stream bed as far as Harshaw Rd.

Dave Ellis, of Patagonia, who volunteers for the Patagonia Area Watershed Study, explained the white precipitate was non-toxic. “The white sludge” Ellis said, “is calcium carbonate precipitate.” This reaction can occur when very acidic water meets more neutral stream water, or even when rainwater meets acidic water.

Chemically, the reaction is a move toward neutralization, so the incoming acidic water ends up less acidic. Additionally, some of the reactions liberate CO2, a gas which likely explains the white foam occasionally spotted in the numerous other local washes.

Calcium carbonate occurs naturally in limestone, marble, chalk and sea-shells and is not considered a problem for living creatures. However, the stream bed below the mine has been accumulating many dissolved minerals, mostly invisible, in its 80 years of seasonally varying flows since the Lead Queen stopped production in 1940. These include, as local environmentalist Gooch Goodwin explained, “quite a mineral soup of heavy metals.”

Among minerals in mine drainage that were studied in a University of Arizona Master’s thesis project by Susan Ann Dean in the Patagonia Mountains are sulfates (a sulfur-based salt), iron, copper, manganese, zinc, arsenic, lead, cadmium, chromium, selenium, mercury, silver and aluminum.

The study concluded that just as the minerals in the ground around here are wildly varied, so also are their levels in water in different places, sometimes being negligible and other times being above acceptable levels for humans.

Mineral levels change with the season, the distance from a mine, the amount of flowing water they are in, the rock they flow over, and the acidity of water they are found in. Except for a little seepage into the ground, all are being moved downstream, dropping out here and there as they head to the large settling basin of Patagonia Lake, which has been chemically researched in the past by United States Geological Survey (USGS) geo-hydrologist Floyd Gray and others.

Questions have been raised about the long-term public health effects of these water-borne minerals to residents, but extensive epidemiological studies have yet to be conducted. The long-term biological effects of multiple minerals dispersed into local water-sheds are not fully understood, whether for humans, for cattle, horses or any other species. A strong case exists for further research into the complex hydrology and biochemistry of the entire watershed.

The Patagonia Animal Control Officer Karina Hilliard and the Marshall’s office asked Schiano to train them and to address the community in January. “The Marshall, deputies, Nicoll and I spent almost a day with Rosemary, learning techniques to protect predators in our midst. Now we can see even more clearly how events led to the lion’s demise last May,” Hilliard said. “We asked people to leave him alone, to make a lot of noise around him, rather than trying to get close. Unfortunately, people became too excited, following the cougar, taking selfies too close to him, and even giving him a name. Someone began feeding him. We forgot that he was wild, and a natural predator.”

Schiano, who has tracked and studied wildlife all her life, sees this scenario all too often. “When an animal is killed by law enforcement, many people blame the officer or the department, but the officers are required, by this point, to kill these animals. They do not enjoy having to kill the animal and it is quite painful for them to have to carry this out.”

During the training, and at the lecture she gave to approximately 75 community members the following day, Schiano reminded her audiences that apex predators, like the cougar, are instrumental in maintaining the balance of nature, ensuring that, for example, ungulates like deer, don’t destroy the vegetation in an area.

“All predators are also necessary to keep the system in equilibrium,” she explained. “To protect these important and beautiful creatures we need to be versed in the natural history, ecology, and behavior of each species. Then we can be responsible for our own behavior to avoid drawing them into residential areas, where they are likely to be perceived as a threat.”

Pet food left outside, compost, unsecure garbage, small pets, and the feeding of wild animals can all attract predators. “I know this is difficult to hear in Patagonia,” Schiano said, “but bird feeders draw small prey, such as javelina, skunks, and packrats, which draw cougars and coyotes.”

A big part of the professionals’ training was how to humanely remove predators. The Marshall’s office has been trained to use proper aversion and hazing techniques to remove and haze predators from town. “Now we know just how to take a predator to the edge of town, release her and scare the heck of her, so that she’ll roam far away,” Hilliard explained. “We ask the public, when in doubt, to alert us to a sighting so we can advise them how to respond.” She emphasized that the public should not haze these animals; only professionals who have been trained should do so.

Schiano suggested that residents encourage state lawmakers to change policy to protect predators. Local laws with stiff fines can be established to prevent people from feeding wildlife. The public was encouraged to anonymously report people who are feeding wildlife, so the town can address this concern.

Hilliard is enthusiastic about the new practices they learned. “Now we are developing detailed plans for how and where to chase a future predator out of town, if and when it happens again. We hope to address properties that have attracted predators in the past.”

“We can become a community that coexists happily with wildlife of all sorts,” Nicoll commented. “We each have to pick … something that we can do better. We should be personally accountable to our wild animals.”
A FORTUITOUS BIRTH

By Cassina Farley

Sometime during the day (January 3, 2020 for the record), unbeknownst to us, a random man in a random van parked across the street from our house. This time of year, it is no surprise to see cars lined up along the street with empty bike racks; adventurers off on an epic ride leaving their car behind for our safe keeping. Ordinarily this unspoken agreement between out-of-townees and locals goes well - right up until it does not. This is my story.

So, Van Man, or Bike Dude as we will now refer to him, parked his van innocently under the big oak tree. Upon leaving, he secured his belongings and set his high dollar car alarm. Aware he was parked so near the border, he made sure his van was safe from traveling marauders. He was right about marauders except these four-legged ones were scrounging under his van for the crumbs of his pre-ride Cliff bar and whatever else javalinas scrounge around for at one a.m.

Now, Patagonia isn’t somewhere where you hear car alarms. The locals don’t use them. So, when the screeching, honking, night penetrating sound of a car alarm goes off at one a.m., you hear it. We both woke up and realized it was a car alarm. We also both had the rational thought that surely someone accidentally set it off, it would stop, we would drift off back to sleep and all would be right with the world.

It paused and we both began to relax - at last, peace. What we didn’t know is somewhere in the manufacturing of the alarm they decided to add a 30 second pause. It started up again. This time we both got up and made our way to the sound. The horror. Right out our front window, parked across the street was the van, lights blinking, horn honking and alarm blaring. I couldn’t be sure, but I thought I saw javalinas running in all directions. We went back to bed. What could we do? This went on for 5 HOURS. We lay in bed listening to the alarm, almost syncing our breathing to the honk, honk, honk. I scrounged around for ear plugs. Praying for mercy. Then the 30 second pause would happen. A gift and perhaps a promise of ending this descent into madness. Nope it would start up again. Honk, honk, honk, honk, honk.

Sometime in the wee hours of the morning we discussed how to end this ourselves. We’d have to break a window, open the hood and disconnect the battery. We could call the police. We both realized if there was an officer on duty, he would have surely heard this by now and dealt with it. (We would later find out that there was nothing they could have done anyway)

By 5:45am I was suffering from extreme madness and called the Marshall. I explained what Bike Dude (by this point we were referring to him in a more derogatory manner) had done and what was happening now. He vowed to come and handle it, but before he could make his way here, the alarm suddenly stopped. We were giddy. We were sleepy. We were pissed. I wrote a sharply worded letter and taped it to his van. We hoped that his battery was dead.

This is not the end of the story. His van went on to terrorize McKeeown Avenue for several more hours. The alarm mysteriously started up again. The Marshall did get in contact with Bike Dude and he ended our suffering finally by driving that menace away. I have decided to watch a few YouTube videos about dismantling car alarms and I’m investing in a baseball bat. I realize how important biking is to our economy. I also realize how important it is to have a good night’s sleep.

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INGE'S STORY

By Inge Meijer

On February 25 Inge Meijer became a United States citizen, together with 50 other people from 21 countries. She was asked if she would be willing to talk about World War II and encourage people to vote. Here is what she shared at her naturalization ceremony.

I was just six years old when the war started. I was playing in my sandbox singing a song about the queen, when my mother, in total panic, lifted me out of the sandbox and said, “You cannot sing this. It is dangerous because we have traitors next door”.

The following week my mother took me to a meeting place where we had to give up our radio. Radios were absolutely forbidden. In the next few weeks the Germans had total control over everything. Gasoline was only for the Germans, cars were confiscated unless one was able to hide them. Stores closed. All food was only available on points, the amount dependent upon family size. Curfew was installed immediately and by eight o’clock everyone had to be indoors.

This lasted for all five years. The Germans meant business. Once I was a few minutes late, thinking I could sneak through the bushes, when I got a warning shot over my head.

The town I grew up in was between two canals so things were usually a distance away. It was an agricultural town with potatoes and sugar beets as its main products. Several factories did the processing and my father had one of the factories. The Germans would close a factory if the owner would not deal with a cousin farmer quite a way away. It became my frightful job to get the milk every week. It was forbidden to get milk from farms and very close to the farm there was always a soldier lifting his loaded gun. This trauma stayed with me long after the war was over.

And so we struggled along in those horrifying years. There was nothing, no toys, no stores, no candy. There were not even the basics, like toilet paper, soap or shampoo. All playing was indoors.

All this changed very drastically when the Allied forces hit the beaches in Normandy. The German occupiers changed into enemies and there was tension everywhere. My father was a member of the resistance and nobody was hated more by the Germans than the resistance. If they found out somebody was a member, they searched their house. If they could find proof, they took the person out and shot him by the front door. One winter evening my father came home with a bunch of papers to distribute. He was unhappy and pacing the house and finally threw all the papers into the fireplace. Two minutes later the Secret Service rang the bell. They made a thorough search throughout the house, but did not look at the burning fire. We were saved!

Finally came the day when my father woke me up at 5:30 a.m. because the Canadians were coming through town in big tanks, throwing out oranges and Lifesaver candies.

Since we had been isolated from the rest of the country we now learned that people in the west of the country had no food anymore and were surviving on tulip bulbs.

But of course nothing was as shocking as the news that came through of the death camps the Allied forces found. Five million Jews had been killed in the gas chambers. It was horrifying. There was a Jewish family in our street and they were gone one day. Nobody associated this with them being Jewish because other people had also disappeared. All boys 15 years and older were rounded up and sent to the war factories in Germany. So many of them were hiding out on farms and attics just like the family of Anne Frank did.

The aftermath of the war was awful and very frightening. There were many incidents between Dutch people and Germans in the first few years after the war and the death camp stories stayed with us for a very long time. When the diary of Anne Frank was published and made into a play that every one wanted to see, there never was an applause, just ten minutes of deep silence.

In these times, when I listen to the rhetoric of the current president I am reminded of my experiences during the war. As a new citizen of the United States it is my right and privilege to vote and I encourage everyone to also PLEASE VOTE. It can make a difference.

Photo by Dave Ellis

Inge Meijer holds up her certificate of naturalization presented to her on January 10 when she became a U.S. citizen. Because she remembers growing up under Nazi occupation in the Netherlands, she was asked to speak at her Naturalization Ceremony.


Inge Meijer wurde am 25. Februar zur US-Zwerg Bürgerin.

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MY FAVORITE THINGS

By Allegra Mount

After 5 years learning and growing with Borderlands Restoration Network, I’m excited to be moving on to further my career working with land and community healing. As I prepare to leave the Borderlands for a long travel break before pursuing further education, I am reminded of all the things that make this place special and how they have formed my sense of compassion, duty, and community. I’d like to share some of the things that have meant the most to me with you here:

The Plants

The Madrean Archipelago eco-region – made up of “sky island” mountain ranges separated by “seas” of desert – has been a sublime locale for me to cut my teeth as a botanist. The sheer number of individual species (well over 4,000 plant species!) makes this an excellent place to study plants that can be found all across the American West. Working alongside other passionate botanists, horticulturists, and plant lovers, I have cultivated a deep empathy for the plant beings with whom we share this space (especially my favorites, the desert grasses!). I have known many of them from seed, to sprout, to plant, and then on to their role as healer of landscapes and human bodies. It has been a profound experience that I will always treasure.

The People

As for the human beings that move through these spaces, this region again does not disappoint. The complexity and uniqueness of the current era’s Borderlands community is one of the greatest I have ever experienced, right next to the sense of compassion among its residents. Living in a tri-national space where joy and laughter stand right alongside historic and current traumas nurtures a community of individuals able to stand uniquely present, acknowledging the past and working hard towards a vision of an inclusive and thriving Borderlands. Living here, you have so many role models of strong, persistent, and compassionate people surrounding you that you are inspired to believe in your own strength, as well.

The BRN Mission

BRN’s courageous mission of striving to address issues of environmental health within a vision of creating economic systems and human communities that exist in reciprocity with nature is what drew me to the Borderlands region and continues to inspire me to this day. It is not easy work, but so worthwhile, and I know the growing team of passionate folks at BRN will keep the spirit alive.

We have seen so many successes in the organization’s young lifetime, and met so many people that have also been inspired by this work and taken this mission beyond Borders and around the world. And certainly, I will continue to be inspired by and connected to this great work as I take the next steps on my path.

My time in the Borderlands has been illuminating, demanding, and enriching in so many ways. It has engaged every part of my being: head, heart, and hands. I’m so grateful for everyone I’ve met through this job, from passionate restoration practitioners and justice workers all over the southwest to the thousands of plant and animal beings I’ve spent time with, and I am excited to take all these connections and experiences forward with me into the next chapter of my life. Thank you, BRN!

AZ TRAIL RIDER HAS A MISSION

By Bob Brandt

Jimmy Christensen rides with his daughter’s shoes to raise awareness of the teen suicide epidemic.

I met Jimmy Christensen and his companion, Boyd Anderson, as they rode on mule and horse into town recently to secure provisions for their planned ride of the entire Arizona Trail, a trek they intend to complete by doing a segment at a time between now and September. They had only the day before started their northward journey at Parker Canyon Lake, so I thought it a bit unusual that they were already stopping to take on more provisions, especially since they had two pack mules already laden with provisions. Perhaps their mention of ice cream was a clue that their prime “supply” need might have been something to satisfy the sweet tooth.

During their stop on the helipad opposite town hall Christensen called my attention to the lavender running shoes tied to his saddle. He shared that the shoes belonged to his daughter Zibby who died about a year ago. She was just 17 years old and ran track and cross country. “She was a heck of a runner and an honor student,” he said proudly “and I’m dedicating this ride to her memory.”

Zibby’s death has led Christensen to take on a much more urgent mission than merely riding the length of the Arizona Trail. Her shoes are symbolic of his intent to use his loss to raise awareness of the tragedy of teen suicide, which he believes is epidemic in this country. “Kids have so much pressure these days,” he says. “These kids need to know ... there’s people who love them.”

As the riders headed out of town on First Avenue, the hope of helping someone else avoid the pain Christensen endures was unmistakable, as he told me several times to include the hashtag #choosetostay. “The kids will understand it,” he said with conviction.

Perhaps my chance encounter with this veterinarian from Gilbert will help all of us “understand it” and help a young person “choose to stay.”
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Water Quality Report Presented

By Aisha Sander

The Town of Patagonia Flood and Flow Committee and the Friends of Sonoita Creek (FOSC) hosted an event on Jan. 22 focusing on the conclusion of their water quality study, conducted by the Nextgen Engineering firm, based in Tucson. The report, to be released to the public in March 2020, gathered data regarding the watershed to create a baseline for water quality, critical for monitoring the health of a watershed. Nextgen Engineering studied all available reliable data on both groundwater and surface water spatially and over time.

There has been continual presence by humans in Santa Cruz County for 12,000 years. The town of Patagonia is located within the Sonoita Creek Watershed, which is also used by ranchers, fishermen, miners and the US Forest Service. It is a wildlife corridor, because of its riparian habitat and elevation, and a tourist attraction. Along with historic ranching there has also been poor land management. All these are sources of stress for the watershed.

In the last century, the north and south sections of the watershed have had a lot of mining activity, but there is little data from the north and eastern parts of the watershed. Currently the southern part of the watershed, that is regularly sampled by Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ), shows that there are parts of the watershed that are impaired and have chronic or acute exceedances of pollutants as defined by the ADEQ.

Exceedances is the term used by ADEQ when pollutants in a sample exceed the limit safe for humans. Some samples get categorized under exceedances because of a one-time measurement (acute) while others are measured over time (chronic). Other sections of the watershed are not impaired but have had chronic or acute exceedances in their samples and are categorized as “non-attaining.” There are sections of the watershed that are unimpaired. A majority of the watershed is not currently sampled or monitored by the ADEQ.

“With the geology of this area it is not surprising to see metals in the watershed”, said Bill O’Brien, head engineer for NextGen. However, exceedances of certain metals in the historical data can be assumed to be due to mining activity, said NextGen consultant Bruce Kirkpatrick.

It is important to consider the impact of acidity. Acidity in the surface water makes it uninhabitable for aquatic life, affecting the southern part of the watershed and specifically Adam Gulch. The groundwater in this area is naturally “hard” caused by Calcium Bicarbonate (CACO₃). CACO₃ affects plumbing infrastructure, plants, “may add a salty flavor to the water,” and affects the way erosion occurs, bringing naturally occurring elements into the watershed.

Despite the exceedances in nearby streams, the study shows that the “Town of Patagonia municipal well samples have been tested for 89 different contaminants, with zero samples exceeding health standards.”

The gaps in the current data reveal that testing for groundwater is concentrated in the middle of the watershed and there is very little information about the north and south sections. There are almost no samples from springs throughout the watershed. For surface water, the data is concentrated in the southern part of the watershed.

The number of samples have also dramatically reduced in the last decade, though there is no conclusive answer to why that is the case. Nextgen suggested that we need citizen scientists to gather data for the areas of the watershed that have never been sampled and continue to sample more where there is existing data.

The presentation concluded with recommendations that a watershed committee or council be formed to develop long-term thinking around the health and management of the watershed.

Currently the Sonoita Creek watershed is not under active management by the state. When a watershed is designated as an active management area (AMA) it sets in motion a set of policies to protect the watershed. AMA areas in Arizona include the Santa Cruz River, which is the water source for Tucson.

O’Brien said that the stakeholders should not wait for Phoenix to make the Sonoita Creek Watershed an AMA and to take action now to begin the process to secure protection and funding from the state.

There is NO MODERN MINING that will meet the high standards necessary to protect the vitality of the Patagonia Mountains and our water resources.

The Patagonia Mountains are part of the Madrean Pine Oak Woodlands, a Global Biodiversity hotspot identified by scientists as one of the top places most in need of protection for SPECIES SURVIVAL during a time of rapid species extinction.

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Verena Miller, or Miss V as her students call her, has roots in Patagonia, having moved here from Georgia when she was 10 years old. After graduating from PUHS, Miller moved to Tucson to attend the University of Arizona and then Pima College to complete an associate degree in Early Childhood Education.

In the summer of 2019 Miller had just completed her degree and was planning to move to Oregon. However, her great-grandmother was moving from Georgia to Patagonia and Miller was asked if she would be interested in moving home to help with her caregiving. Miller said, “I always knew I wanted to be with my great-grandmother in the last years of her life but thought that I would have to uproot and move to Georgia to be with her. When the chance came for me to be with her in Patagonia, I took it.”

As Miller prepared to move to Patagonia, her father told her about a job opportunity at the Patagonia Elementary Montessori School for a preschool teacher. When school principal Jessie Beebe interviewed Miller, she knew that she was the right fit for the school. Within three weeks Miller had to move, find a place to live and begin preparing for the new semester.

A semester into her role as the new preschool Montessori teacher, Miller has committed to training in the Montessori method under the supervision of Beebe. “The Montessori method and this small-town school is a perfect fit for me,” Miller said, “and the individualized, intimate setting of the school is best for a child’s development.”

Miller is guided by a number of core principles in her classroom. First, she aims to be an observer and, rather than correcting children, she watches and waits for an opportunity to model how to use the materials in the classroom. Second, she sets up the classroom in a way that students are guided by their individual interests to the Montessori materials. Third, she gives students the time to figure things out for themselves. Lastly, she models and demonstrates how to use the materials without using a lot of words.

Growing up in Patagonia has shaped Miller’s personality and returning to her hometown as a teacher has been unexpectedly wonderful, she said. “I never knew it would feel so good to give back and serve my community.”

**Local Poet Honored at National Finals Rodeo**

Janet Clyne Anderson of the Clyne Cattle Ranch near Elgin, AZ was presented with an engraved medallion for being honored as a Famous Woman of the West during the National Finals Rodeo in Las Vegas, Nevada in Dec. 2019.

Anderson’s poem, “Brandin’ Time” is published in “Treasured Poems of America.”

She attended California Polytechnic State University, and is a former Cal Poly Royal Rodeo Sweetheart Princess. She is an associate member of the National Senior Pro Rodeo Association and the Santa Cruz County Fair & Rodeo Association.

Anderson attends Pro Rodeo Cowboy Association Rodeos, Little Britches Rodeos, Indian Rodeos, and is a contributor to National Pro Rodeo Hall of Fame.
**SECG Marks First Anniversary**

By Becky Cooper

January 1 marked the one-year anniversary of the closure of the Sonoita Courthouse by the county, and the beginning of the grassroots Sonoita Elgin Community Group (SECG). SECG has had an active and productive year and plans to continue to advocate for eastern Santa Cruz County in 2020.

Over this past year SECG has worked with officials and members of the community and conducted two community town halls to capture and prioritize community concerns. The group has also hosted two county presentations by the School and Fire Boards meetings, coordinated community presentations by the School and Fire Boards with focus on their budgets, conducted two community surveys and published nine articles in the Patagonia Regional Times and the Nogales International. SECG has also worked to expand outreach via email and Facebook.

At the state level, SECG assisted Representative Gail Griffin in developing HB2486 on county boundaries and, after that bill failed in the legislature, assisted with the establishment of the current study group exploring a boundary change with results due by the end of 2020.

The group coordinated at the state level to bring awareness of high taxes and residential assessments impacting Eastern SCC, met with Cochise and Santa Cruz County officials on community issues and connected with the Tubac Santa Cruz Valley Citizens Counsel.

Future plans include discussions about how to repurpose the Sonoita Courthouse and exploring the creation of a 501.c.(3) or (4) foundation to facilitate grants and county contributions to benefit the community. The group would like to facilitate election debates and discussions, inform the community of vacancies on various boards and encourage citizens to run.

SECG will continue to monitor and inform the State Study Group and continue to monitor and report on the Board of Supervisors, and the School and Fire Boards.

For more information about the Sonoita Elgin Community Group, contact sonoitaeligincommunitygroup@gmail.com.

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**South32 Finishes Remediation at Trench Mine**

South32 today announced completion of its voluntary remediation project at the former Trench Mine, a closed mine last operated more than 50 years ago on the present-day Hermosa Project site.

The project involved remediating tailings from historic mining activities. Previously, the tailings had high moisture content and were placed directly on native ground. This type of tailings storage facility (TSF) allowed for stormwater to soak through and enter local waterways during heavy rainfall, carrying heavy metal contaminants.

The TSF has now been redesigned as a dry stack system, which means the tailings are highly compressed with low moisture levels. A multilayer liner system with sophisticated lead detection underlays the tailings, collecting rainwater that soaks through and directing it to an on-site treatment plant.

The remediation work was completed in accordance with the Voluntary Remediation Program (VRP) of the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality. The approach adopted, which was selected to ensure the highest standards of safety and water conservation, cost over $30 million.

The project, commenced in 2017, involved over a million work hours from South32 employees and contractors, most local to Santa Cruz County.

Pat Risner, President of the Hermosa Project, said “South32 works to high standards because that matters deeply to our stakeholders, whether they own wells downstream from our site, livestock close to the waterways, or shares in our company. It also matters deeply to all of us who work at Hermosa. We need to be able to hold our heads high when we talk about our work, and I’m proud to say that our project team can do that.”

“South32 has done a great job in designing and working with the VRP to ensure that we have the right system in place to address everything that’s coming off their property, to include their future processing,” said VRP program director for ADEQ Laura Malone.

“It’s a win for the environment, and that’s first and foremost. It’s a win for South32, because they have a viable mine site, and they’re going to be able to be in that area for a long time. And it’s a win for the agency, because we know we have a site that is being managed appropriately and works well with the agency to address any of our concerns.”

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**February’s Far-flung Fruits**

February can be a rather bleak month, dieterly speaking, for our native wildlife. While most prudent invertebrates, reptiles, and amphibians give it a miss altogether, our broad array of birds and mammals must somehow tough it out and find sufficient food. Fortunately for these stolid February foragers, several key plant species dangle their fruits predominantly in winter. Not only does a wild animal gain nutrition and fitness from dining upon winter’s wild fruits, but the fruits themselves gain much in the bargain as well.

In the game of “eat or be eaten”, superficial examination of the relationships between native plants and wildlife seem to be heavily skewed towards animals taking advantage of plants. After all, when a wildlife species consumes part of a native plant, the animal benefits, while the plant loses part of its hard-earned flesh. Right?

Well, sometimes this relationship actually can benefit the plant. In fact, a good number of plants lure in various birds and mammals to eat their fruits in the hope that their seeds might be successfully dispersed.

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**STARSTRUCK**

By Harold Meckler

Everywhere you turn there’s evidence of the cycle of life. It’s obvious and, for all of us, it’s altogether comforting. It’s in the trees, in the flowering bushes crushed by the winter cold and yet in full bloom by June, and certainly in eyes of every newborn, human or otherwise. And, it’s in the stars. They’re born, they age, they die, and from their deaths new stars are created.

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The obvious dilemma here from the plant’s perspective is that its seeds are immobile and therefore condemned to be moved only by wind, water, or gravity. While many plant species employ these means of dispersal, others have recruited warm-blooded vertebrates - our birds and mammals - in an effort not only to transport future generations to more distant locales, but even to help them germinate better in the process. Surround your seed with tasty flesh and the temptation to just who might come in and sup upon the free feast, ultimately scarifying the seeds in stomach acids, thus improving germination rates!

This year the fruits of netleaf hackberry heavily bedeck their branches in an ongoing feast. Living up to its alternate name, sugarberry, the fruit tastes like rich date sugar - this temptation for mammals and birds alike. A cursory glance at the range map of this tree species virtually screams “birds ate me!” as many isolated populations are found in the western U.S. I have witnessed American robins, Townsend’s solitaires, and cedar waxwings, among others, downing the tasty orange-red fruits of this species.

A few of medium-sized, omnivorous mammals also partake of the sweet treats adorning the netleaf hackberry. The next time you pass this leaden-barked tree notice its rather gangly, often horizontal limbs. Despite their lack of girth these branches of hackberry, leading this time to bright purple remnants in scat. Interestingly, the branches of this juniper are very mammal-friendly as well in regards to bearing their weight. This juniper hedges its bet by luring in a number of birds as well. Cedar waxwings properly should be called juniper waxwings, as the name refers to their habit of eating the fruits of various Juniperus species. Sage thrashers, uncommon winter visitors to our parts, can be found hanging out in red-berri juniper, often consuming the fruit they’re surrounded by. Once I marveled at a red-berri juniper tree near my home that simultaneously housed multiple sage thrashers, a northern mockingbird, a curve-billed thrasher, and a crissal thrasher!

Adding to February’s frozen fruit feast are various mistletoes (as per my last article), snakewood or Warnock’s condalia, fishhook barrel cactus, cane cholla, and silverleaf nightshade - each with their own fascinating and literally alluring natural history tales to tell.

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Photo by Vince Pinto

A coatimundi feasts on the fruits of the netleaf hackberry.
Local Scholarships

Ranch Tour to Benefit Local Scholarships

By Betty Barr

The ZZ Cattle Corporation is a fourth-generation, family owned ranch which stretches from the border northward to Peña Blanca Lake.

The Santa Cruz County Cowbelles Ranch Tour 2020 will be held Saturday, March 28 at the ZZ Cattle Corporation, located northwest of Nogales.

The daylong event begins at the ranch headquarters at 9 a.m. and features a guided tour of the historic house led by a family member, as well as a pack mule demonstration by Shane Lyman, U.S. Forest Service. Mike and Beth Hughes will interact with guests on a calf roping dummy and Pat Fischer will explain the art of reading brands.

Shuttle bus transportation will be provided to the corral area for working horseshoeing along with Michaela and Andrew McGibbon showing the latest innovations in handling cattle.

Live music and cowboy poetry by Eldon Housley will entertain during the luncheon, which features Rex Dalton’s authentic chuckwagon bbq steaks with all the trimmings and Dutch oven fruit cobbler. Campfire coffee and wine will also be served.

County 4-H and FFA students will help direct parking and have some of their exhibits and produce available for purchase.

A brief discussion of how ranchers, farmers, and various agencies cooperate with each other to facilitate working along the border will be emceed by Dean Fish of the Santa Fe Ranch. The panel includes representatives of Arizona State Game and Fish and U.S. Border Patrol, ZZ Cattle Corporation rancher Dan Bell, John Fleischer of JM Cattle Corporation and Chris Gruli of the Produce Distributors Industry.

The purpose of the tour is to fund high school seniors and to aid in the organization’s beef and agricultural promotional efforts. Registration is $85 per person and includes all the above plus complimentary gift bags for each guest.

To request a registration form or for additional information, please contact brockingbooks@gmail.com.

South32 Exec Meets With School Bd.

By Marion Vendituoli

Pat Risner says that the Hermosa Project is committed to minimizing risk, noise and dust at the Patagonia Schools.

Pat Risner, president of the Hermosa Project, addressed the joint Patagonia School Boards on Jan. 15 to discuss potential traffic concerns near school property.

Eight members of the Elementary and High School Boards, as well as four staff members, were present for the meeting. Safety concerns about increased truck traffic from mining activities had been raised by local environmentalist and author Gary Nabhan in an opinion piece in the December issue of the PRT, which had also been circulated throughout the community. The School board invited both Nabhan and Risner to address the Board, but Nabhan was unable to attend.

Risner opened his remarks by saying that the Hermosa Project was committed to safety. “If we can’t keep people safe, we will not do it,” he said. He refuted Nabhan’s statement that the mine had chosen a route that passed by the school. “He stated that we have revealed our preferred option bringing trucks by the school. That is not accurate at all,” Risner said. “We have paused, took a step back, and are studying how to move product to market.”

“We have evaluated up to 13 different routes,” he stated. “Going by the school is not the preferred route.” The mine has a “three-tiered approach” to the school safety issue, he explained. “Our first preference is to eliminate that risk entirely.” If the trucks were to be routed past the school, he suggested that “there is all kinds of technology to eliminate risk.” He restated that “any level of risk is totally unacceptable,” and said that there would be full transparency about what technology would be utilized on trucks being used by the mine.

The issue of dust raised by passing and possible increased exposure to Valley fever was also raised. “We can minimize dust,” he said. He added that dust would only be an issue during construction of the potential road, which would be paved.

The issue of truck noise going by the school was raised, with Risner responding by stating “I am very confident that we can address noise with technology. He mentioned that the company was looking at electric trucks as an alternative.

PUHS Board member Jim Cosbey asked if the material shipped by the mine would be going to different ports. Risner answered that there are ports in CA, on the Gulf Coast and in Mexico that are potential destinations, but that they would prefer to use one port. He mentioned Guaymas as one option, but that “none of those decisions have been made.” Patagonia Elementary Board Member Nancy Mccoy asked about the possibility of a light rail system to be installed. “A light rail system all the way to the site is unlikely,” Risner answered.

South32’s pre-feasibility study will be released in April, according to Risner, which should provide some clarity regarding, among other issues, the preferred routes and method of transport for the ore being shipped to market.

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Glimpses Into Our Past

By Alison Bunting

Six of the nine one-room schools built in Eastern Santa Cruz County in the early 1900s were in close to Elgin, where the population was booming. The 1900 U.S. Census had one enumeration district (Elgin) for the area and recorded a total of 154 residents. By the 1920 Census there were four enumeration districts (Canille, Elgin, Sonoita, and Vaughn) and 409 residents. As a result, schools were built in Elgin, Canelo, Parker Canyon, Rain Valley, Sonoita and Vaughn, and teachers were needed for all. In addition to the newspaper sources cited below information for this article comes from Betty Barr’s “Hidden Treasures of Santa Cruz County” (2006).

Three women from two pioneer families in the Elgin area played a key role in the education of area children. Dixie Collie, age 16, and her brother Stone joined her parents, Ruben and Lucinda, in Elgin about 1910. An older brother, Bill, had begun homesteading in Vaughn a few years earlier. Dixie was certified to teach second grade at age 17. [AZ Republic 6/18/1911]. Dixie’s first teaching assignments were in the mining towns of Mowry, Greaterville, and Russelville, while Fern began teaching at the Elgin school. In 1917 Fern organized the program for Children’s Day, and Dixie was part of a quartet that provided musical accompaniment. [The Border Vidette, 6/17/1917]. In 1919 Fern married Stone Collie and Dixie married Almond Walker in a double wedding ceremony. Almond was a cowboy Dixie had met in Russellville; he was disabled by pleurisy not long after they wed. They moved to Tucson in 1922 where Dixie worked as a cafeteria cook for many years. The couple also owned and operated the Walker Riding Stables. Almond and Dixie had three children, Philip, Robert and Mary. Almond died in 1960, age 71; Dixie died in 1991, age 97.

Fern and Stone Collie ranched on Stone’s Vaughn homestead until 1925 when they were forced to sell their ranch and move to Tucson when cattle prices dropped. The 1930 U.S. Census lists Stone’s occupation as carpenter and Fern’s as teacher. They had three daughters, Marka, Jane, and Faye. In 1929 Fern ran unopposed for the school board post in the Amphitheater District, a position she held for several years. She was a member of the executive committee that arranged for the first concert of the fledgling Tucson Symphony in 1929 and was first violin chair of the symphony in 1930. [AZ Daily Star, 1/12/1930, 9/12/1948]. By 1940 the couple had returned to Elgin where they operated a guest ranch and Fern once again taught at the Elgin School. Stone died in 1982, age 90 and Fern in 1984, age 89; both are buried at the Black Oak Cemetery in Canelo.

Mountain Empire Rotary Hosts Recycling Event

By Anne Gibson

Michael Sweedo unloads material from his truck at the Fairgrounds to be hauled away by Suburban Miners of Tucson.

The Mountain Empire Rotary sponsored a community recycling event on Dec. 28. Spearheaded by Clare Bonelli, the Suburban Miners of Tucson came to the Sonoita Fairgrounds on a very cold, snowy morning to haul off useless electronics, scrap metal and packaging foam.

All morning folks came with their cars and truck beds full of old stuff, including fencing, metal bed frames, appliances (large and small), computers, monitors, rusty old stuff that had been laying around their property for years. Given that the county is recycling a small percentage of items deposited at the Sonoita dump and in the recycle bins in Patagonia, it’s a tremendous community service to have the opportunity of getting junk hauled away by a company that not only recycles, but refurbishes items and donates the items to their “Free Store” in Tucson to be re-used.

Many household items are available at the Free Store, 3820 E. Blackledge Drive. The store is open on Wednesday mornings and on the first Saturday of each month. The Mountain Empire Rotary Club hopes to sponsor this event every six months as a community service and an effort to further beautify our landscape.

Undercurrents

By Patra Kelly

Ages ago, it seems, I fell into a river rushing toward a Sea with no name or shore.

Now I float on the Sea’s surface, drawn beneath by undercurrents when we speak of things that take us places known and unfathomed, shadowed and luminous, and back again from earth’s magnificence to human wastelands, in and out of thinking asking marveling musing lamenting playing sinking into the depths of this Sea where we can never touch bottom.
Fans of street tacos in Patagonia have reason to celebrate with the opening of Crown B Taqueria this February at 328 W. Naugle Ave. James and Alexis Banks have remodeled the space that was formerly Mercedes Restaurant and, more recently, MJ’s Restaurant, and have created a menu based on a variety of street tacos.

Street tacos are smaller tacos intended to be eaten as finger food. Customers will be offered a choice of corn or flour tortillas or lettuce cups filled with carne asada, pork (al pastor), chicken, ground beef, and portobello mushroom and green chili. There will be a “fixings” bar with toppings that include fresh and pickled vegetables and locally made salsa. The couple will also be serving Mexican corn on the cob topped with crema, butter, queso fresca, chili and cilantro. Mexican sourced soda will be available, and the couple is planning to serve alcohol, as well. The restaurant will be open Tues – Thursday, 11a.m. – 7p.m. and Friday, Saturday, 11a.m. – 9p.m, as soon as the liquor license is approved.

The Banks were inspired by their frequent trips to Mexico to focus on this cuisine. “We love street tacos,” Alexis said. They wanted to provide an inexpensive, fast food option for diners in Patagonia. They have remodeled the restaurant and patio area and added a small bar. The couple plans to hire two or three employees to provide a place where players and fans can grab a meal after the games.

The Banks consider their venture to be a tribute to James’ late father, David Banks, a well-known racehorse trainer. The walls of the dining area are covered with winner’s circle photos of family owned and trained horses and the TVs broadcast live racing. David Banks ran his racing stable on Harshaw Rd. in Patagonia, where Spirit Tree Inn is now located, from 1983 – 1999, when the family moved to Kentucky and then Louisiana. James’ aunt, Virginia Banks Lazenby, who helped to finance the Taqueria, continues to run both flat and steeplechase racehorses at tracks across the country.

The couple both grew up in eastern Santa Cruz County. James attended PUHS, and Alexis grew up in Elgin, the great-granddaughter of Cassie and Clint Mellor, of Canelo. They moved away from the area but returned in 2019 with their three-year-old daughter Sophia. They continue to train horses on their Lake Patagonia property. James, who had worked breaking the young horses in his father’s stables, is now concentrating on team roping horses, while Alexis continues working with barrel horses.

At the restaurant, James is the chef, while Alexis takes care of the front of the house. Alexis has been involved in the restaurant business for several years. Her first job was at the Steakout in Sonoita. “It’s a dream to have your own place,” she said. “I want this to be the neighborhood “Cheers.” I want the cowboys, the miners, law enforcement, the birdwatchers and the locals to come in and feel welcome.”

James and Alexis Banks want to create a welcoming atmosphere for locals and tourists at the Crown B Taqueria in Patagonia.

“Good coffee and a good story just go together,” said Sonoita Bible Church Pastor Mike Wright. His goal for his newest venture, Sonoita Heritage Coffee, located next to the Sonoita Bible Church, across from the Fire Station on Hwy 83, is to produce artisan coffee and, ultimately, provide a community gathering place.

As pastor of the church and chaplain for the fire department, Wright already had his dance card full but a little idea, planted by his friend Steve Gamble was still lurking in the back of his mind. Gamble introduced Wright to artisan coffee roasting. Wright was so taken by the smell of the roasting coffee beans and taste of the final brewed product that, with the encouragement of his sister and brother-in-law from California, Sonoita Heritage Coffee was born.

An electric roaster was purchased and a special attachment for his propane grill was procured. The coffee beans were ordered online, as were the special packaging and labels. Wright had done extensive research into the art of coffee making and picked the brains of fellow coffee connoisseurs in the area to help him produce the best, artisan coffee possible. Sonoita Heritage Coffee was off and running, or rather “roasting.”

But that was only part of the whole picture that Wright had in mind. The word ‘Heritage’ is in the name of his business because he is especially interested in honoring the heritage of the Sky Islands and sharing the history and atmosphere of the Sonoita / Elgin area.

Wright has a passion for bringing people together as a community. His tasting room next to his office offers books to share and comfortable seating. His dream is to eventually own a coffee house where people could meet and relax in a comfortable atmosphere while savoring artisan, specialty coffees and sharing stories of their experiences.

Wright states that the making of really good coffee is in the bean selection, how it is roasted and then how it is brewed, similar to the production of a good wine.

Wright stated that coffee beans are not beans at all but seeds from a fruit, much like a pit in a cherry. Coffee is grown at higher altitudes close to the equator. He purchases his beans from Africa, Chiapas Mexico, other parts of Central America and Hawaii. Prewrapping to support the Mexican economy, Chiapas is where he tends to get most of his product.

Once dried, raw coffee beans have a very long shelf life and can keep for years. Once the beans are roasted, the shelf life is shortened and once ground, the decomposition is even quicker.

Wright offered tips in storing coffee.

“The trick to keeping it fresh is to keep the oxygen out, moisture out, light out and keep it away from heat,” he said. “Keeping coffee in the freezer or refrigerator is not recommended unless the container remains sealed. Once opened, it is best to keep the coffee in an airtight container in a cabinet away from heat.”

Wright wishes that his little coffee shop takes hold in Sonoita and will bring the community together for friendship and a perfectly brewed cup of coffee. Sharing the history and stories of this special place in Arizona with locals and travelers is his goal. Wright trusts that this atmosphere captures the warm spirit of his customers as the aroma of roasting coffee beans has captured his.

For more information, visit Sonoita Heritage Coffee at Facebook® Sonoita Heritage Coffee. Wright can be contacted at Info@SonoitaHeritageCoffee.com.
Meet Andrea Sanchez, the Town of Patagonia’s Administrative Assistant. Sanchez began working in 2010 and is the friendly voice that answers all calls to the town. She enters utility payments into the system, makes deposits to the bank, payroll, accounts payable/receivable, answers the phones, gets the council books ready for the meetings, and issues business license.

The most difficult aspect of her job is prioritizing her time throughout the day and making sure all her work is completed. Sanchez enjoys time with her co-workers and looks forward to seeing members of the community as they come in to pay their bill and to help resolve any issues they may have.

Sanchez said that she hopes "the residents of Patagonia continue to keep making our little town a beautiful place to live."
Critter of the Month

By Cami Schlappy

Desert Centipedes (Scolopendra poly-morpha) spend the daytime under cover and come out at night to hunt things like insects, lizards, mice, and frogs. Centipedes swing their body around when envenomating prey. This has lead to the misconception that centipedes “pinch” with their tail; while in fact, they use the first pair of modified legs to inject their venom. Badgers, ringtails, coyotes, owls, and bobcats prey on centipedes.

Interestingly, female centipedes coil around their eggs and groom them. They also care for hatchlings for a few days until they disperse. It is thought that wild centipedes live for about five years.

Photo by Cami Schlappy

Buffalo Gals of Sonoita

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Tuesday: 10:00am to 12:00pm; World Jazz with Mark Berg
           7:00pm to 9:00pm; Jazz and Blues with Fred Hansen
Wednesday: 10:00am - 11am: Ordinary People Radio Hour. Interview with Inge Meijer on Feb 12. Emphasizing the ordinary within each of us, expanding our awareness through topics of interest.
           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 listeners through music and conversation”
           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.
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**MEETINGS**

**AA** - Patagonia Methodist Church Fri at 7:30 pm, Sonoita Bible Church Tues 7:30 pm. For more AA meetings call 520-624-4183.

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

Al Anon (for family and friends of alcoholics) Patagonia Community Methodist Church, Wed @ 7 p.m.

NEW Adult Children of Alcoholics (ACA), Methodist Church, Tues @6:30 p.m.

CHOP (Community Homes of Patagonia, Inc.) Board meeting 3rd Mon. at 5:30 p.m. in Town Council Hall

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

Rotary Club - 2nd & 4th Thurs., 5:30 p.m. at the Steak Out. Info: Sue (520) 990-4648.

Senior Citizens of Patagonia’s Board of Directors - 2nd Mon, 3 p.m. at the Senior Center.

The So AZ Republican Club meeting, 7 p.m. every 3rd Thurs of the month, Sonoita Fire House Board room.

The Santa Cruz County Democratic Party Meeting every 3rd Sat. of the month 9:30 a.m. at the Bowman Senior Residences located at 189 N Grand Ave, Nogales.

Community Youth Bible Hang Out at the Sonoita Bible Church. 2nd and 4th Wed. April Anderson, andeap@msn.com. 520-508-2502 or Steve Lindsey 520-559-0155

**EVENTS**

Feb 3: 4-5:30 p.m. Tergar Meditation in Sonoita. bdruchnak@yahoo.com

Feb 1-29: Robert Berk: Recent Paintings, at Camel Parts, Patagonia. Eva Wright (520) 688-7768 for viewing.

Feb 5: 5-10 p.m. Deep Dirt Institute Fundraiser at La Cocina Restaurant & Cantina, Tucson

Feb 6: 6:30 to 8 p.m. Borders, Walls, and Immigration with Scott Warren. Patagonia Library

Feb 8: 8 to 10 a.m. Breakfast in the Bay at Sonoita Fire Dept.

Feb 9: 6:30 p.m. Friends of Patagonia Library 3rd Annual Trivia Night. Tickets $25 per person.

Feb 11 & 28: 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Music & Coloring Night at Patagonia Library

Feb 12: 8:30 a.m. “Working Lands & Productive Watersheds Workshop” Sonoita Fairgrounds. RSVP to smw85611@gmail.com before Feb 9. Lunch is provided. No fee.

Feb 12 (for 8 weeks): 4 to 6 p.m. to shop”

Feb 12: 6-8 p.m. Comic Relief: Make America Laugh Again.” At Wild Horse Restaurant. Arizona Borderland Democrats. Free. mandfar@gmail.com.

Feb 22: 4:30 to 5 p.m. Tergar Meditation in Sonoita. bdruchnak@yahoo.com

Feb 24: 6:30-8:30 p.m. Meetup at the Senior Center.

Feb 25: 5:30-9 p.m. Mardi Gras Casino Night at the Fairgrounds by Rotary. 520 Tickets. events.ticketprinting.com/event/Mardi-Gras-Casino-Night-39505. Sue Archibald (520)880-4648


Feb 29: 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Southern Arizona Quail Forever (SAQF) Annual

**SPECIAL INTERESTS**


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

Santa Cruz Singers - rehearsals Thurs at 5 p.m., Beverly-Kendall Opera House, 348 Naugle Ave., Patagonia. New members welcome!

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

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

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


Gratitude Drum Circle - Tuesdays 4-6 p.m at the Gazebo in Patagonia Park. Open to everyone. Bring water, chair, & drum. Extra instruments available.

Tai Chi - Tues & Thurs 10:30-11:30 a.m. at Senior’s Center. Free. All welcome.

**COMMUNITY SERVICES**

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

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

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

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

Sonoita/Patagonia Email Newsletter - Free. Sign up at clarebonelli@sontoapatagonialocals.com.

Patagonia Farmers Market Thursday 10 a.m - 1 p.m. In front of Red Mountain Foods

Nogales Mercado Farmers’ Market Fri 2-5 p.m. 163 N Morley Ave. Nogales, AZ.

Flea Market at Heart of Gold Antiques first Saturday of every month. Free to set up. Call 520-394-0199 for any additional information. Market runs from 10 a.m to 2 p.m.

East SCC Community Food Bank 2nd Wednesday of the month 9-10 a.m. at the St Theresa’s Church.

**CHURCH SERVICES**

Patagonia Community United Methodist Church 387 McKeown Ave., Patagonia 394-2274

Sunday Service: 10 a.m.

Youth Group: Sun. - 5:30-7:30 p.m.

St. Therese of Lisieux Catholic Church 222 Third Ave., Patagonia 394-2954

Sunday Mass: 10:30 a.m.

Canelo Cowboy Church Hwy 83, MP 14, Elgin 455-5000 Sunday: First Service: 8:30 a.m. Second Service: 11:00 a.m. Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. (except third Sundays) Ranch Family Fun Day: 7 a.m. every 3rd Sunday.

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

Sonoita Bible Church 3174 N. Highway 83, Sonoita 455-5779

Sunday Service: 10:30 a.m. Youth Group: 2nd & 4th Wed. 6-8 p.m.

Our Lady of the Angels Catholic Church 12 Los Encinos Rd., Sonoita 394-2954 Sunday Mass: 8 a.m.

Harvest Christian Fellowship/Sonoita Foursquare Church 3107 Hwy 83, Sonoita 602-292-1616 Sunday Service: 10:30 a.m.

St. Andrews Episcopal Church Sonoita Hills Community Church 52 Elgin Rd., Elgin 2nd & 4th Saturdays: 10 a.m

Quaker Worship Group, Sundays at 10 a.m. Call or email for more information and location. David Krest, david_krest@yahoo.com, (843) 830-7184 or Janice Pulliam (706) 614-6959

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