Local Healthcare Response to the Pandemic

By Aisha Sander

The Mariposa Community Health Center (MCHC), which has offices in Nogales, Patagonia, Rio Rico and Tubac, has instituted a series of changes in response to the coronavirus pandemic to implement best practices to protect patients and healthcare providers with the goal of slowing the spread of the disease.

Dr. Molly Anderson, the family health practitioner at the Mariposa Clinic in Patagonia, reported that the clinics set up an entry area tent at all their locations on March 17 to screen patients. People are asked questions about their travel history, any symptoms of fever or cold or if they have been around someone with symptoms to determine their potential to exposure.

If someone has respiratory symptoms but no fever, he or she is asked to wear a mask. If the patient has both fever and respiratory symptoms, one of the nursing staff will evaluate (outside) and, if needed, a doctor or a physician’s assistant will also assess the patient outside. If a care provider determines that you fall within the criteria to receive a test you will be recommended to go to MCHC in Nogales, according to Dr. Anderson.

The strict criteria to receive a test at MCHC is largely based on Center of Disease Control’s (CDC) recommendations. If a person has a fever, cough or shortness of breath in combination with a known significant exposure to someone who has documented Covid-19, someone who has symptoms and works in a high-risk profession such as medical worker, grocery store cashier, jail guard or someone who is living in a nursing home and/or jail, that person will be tested.

As of March 25, there has been one person assessed at the Patagonia clinic who was sent for testing to Nogales. In Nogales approximately a dozen people have been tested. To date, all those who have become negative. There have been three confirmed cases in Santa Cruz County as of March 31.

Anderson said it is not ideal that tests are not readily available. She said “testing becomes less useful when disease is rampant. It is most useful when the numbers are small.”

Jeff Terrell, the Director of Environmental Health Services in Santa Cruz County, said “we are trying to get more tests and replicate the drive-through testing that has started in other places but there is a nationwide shortage on tests. We are doing our best, but I have no timeline at the moment.” Currently, test kits are available at MCHC, Holy Cross Hospital and Nexcare Urgentcare in Nogales. Desert Stream Clinic in Sonoita has put in an order for tests but has not received them yet.

Anderson explained that Covid-19 is “spread by moist droplets.” In terms of the outbreak in Arizona she said there is “plenty of evidence that people have the virus with no symptoms or mild symptoms and we are not testing them, which means the number of people infected or contagious is quite a bit larger than the [confirmed] positive cases.” As of now Anderson said, “we don’t know if the virus is maintained in the air for any length of time,” but we do know it can be passed on through surfaces. “Being in a rural area is a protective measure, people are more likely to be exposed in a high-density area”, she said.

“People are calling frantically because they can’t get tested,” she said but it’s important to remember that “testing a person who is sick is not going to make a difference in their treatment.” Testing widely has been shown to be an effective way to curb the disease in other countries.

The recommendation in place for people with symptoms of fever and cough is to stay home if they are not critically sick. At home, try to isolate yourself from others in the family and wear a mask. Masks are most useful if you have respiratory symptoms and want to avoid spreading it to others, said Anderson, but masks are not very effective in protecting you from getting the virus. If you are feeling significantly ill, call ahead before going to see your healthcare provider. People showing signs of significant illness that meet the criteria will get tested for covid-19.

MCHC has instituted a policy for all staff to be screened for a fever before entering work. Any staff person who is not feeling well is asked to stay home. MCHC also decided to cancel all non-urgent appointments for people who are considered high risk (those who are elderly or immunocompromised) and has switched to telemedicine during this time. You can call (520) 281-1550 to make a telehealth appointment with a variety of providers.

There is still no specific treatment for the virus. If one feels sick, he or she can have Tylenol or a cough syrup, said Anderson. Drugs are being tested around the world, said Anderson, “but we don’t have any information that they work.”

For now, Anderson reiterates the recommendations from CDC to help avoid contracting or spreading the virus. These recommendations are to stay home, stay away from groups of people, avoid any gathering of ten or more people, stay six feet away from other people, wash hands frequently and don’t touch your face. During this physical distancing you can take time to go outside and are encouraged to take walks, said Anderson. “You can bike, you can take a scenic drive, just stay away from people.”

A patient waits to be screened for coronavirus symptoms before being allowed to enter the Health Clinic in Patagonia.
By Lynn Davison

Be thankful you live in a small rural town. While it is very likely the coronavirus will get here too, Sonoita, Patagonia and Elgin are more able than our urban brothers and sisters to manage the spread and support each other through these scary times. Without a doubt, everyone, absolutely everyone, must take the pandemic very seriously and scrupulously follow the guidance from trusted federal, state, and county public health sources. Our individual behavior is the most powerful deterrent to spread of the virus. That said, our communities have a lot of advantages going into this crisis and we can, and are, already building on them.

Because we are small and people are more horizontally connected to each other, information spreads quickly. There are probably no more than two degrees of separation between all of us...we may not know you, but we do know someone who knows you. Our cultural values promote multi-generational family connection and support. All this matters now because the social isolation and the serious health and financial impacts of the pandemic require us to check in with each other. Call your friends and neighbors, especially if they are medically high risk or economically vulnerable. Figure out how you can get them what they may need without compromising your own health.

In small towns, most business owners are friends and family. Retail business are among those being particularly hard hit by the necessary health and safety measures taken in response to the coronavirus pandemic. Like other sectors, our business community is finding safe and creative ways to continue delivering goods and services. For example, in Patagonia, the Wagon Wheel is open for pick up. Red Mountain is open and continuing to receive stock. Sonoita Mercantile is open for pick up, but their bathrooms are closed, and the Sonoita Inn remains open. Financial support for small businesses will come from the federal government eventually. In the meantime, take advantage of local goods that are made available safely.

Patagonia is blessed with a relatively large number of effective nonprofit organizations. They are all stepping up in the current crisis by modeling good public health practices, and, those who offer essential services are finding safe ways to continue. The Senior Center has suspended congregate meals but is offering bag lunches M-F. The Patagonia Youth Enrichment Center has closed the Center, but the Coleman family is still cooking meals in their commercial kitchen for the kids to take home. The Food Bank in Patagonia remains open Monday mornings outside the Senior Center and, in Sonoita, there is still Produce on Wheels every third Saturday of the month at the Harvest Christian Church. South 32 has donated $50,000 to the Southern Arizona Community Foundation designated for Santa Cruz County non-profits on the front line of the crisis.

Our volunteer Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) in Patagonia has regularly updated posts on confirmed cases of covid-19. They also have great information on debunking the myths associated with the virus. Also in Patagonia, the Town Marshall, Fire Chief, Dr. Anderson at the Mariposa Community Health Center and the Town Manger have implemented a coordinated approach to share the latest health and safety information from county, state, and federal sources. Patagonia and Sonoita are blessed with great Fire Departments who together provide excellent emergency response capability.

Our natural environment in the Sky Islands is a tonic to soothe the fear and anxiety of the pandemic. Go outside and appreciate the beauty of the migrating birds, the greenery of the cottonwoods, the lovely warm spring days, the budding wildflowers, the glow of Red Mountain at sunset. Walk or ride in the hills, appreciate the beautiful landscape and the incredible diversity of plants and animals who share their home with us.

With all these advantages, should we be doing more? Absolutely. The federal government will hopefully provide critically needed public health information, materials and equipment, and financial support to the U.S. healthcare system. Regarding the economic crisis, the government will provide financial aid to individuals, families, and businesses impacted by the pandemic. Unfortunately, like everything in government, that help will take some time.

In the meantime, the PRT is committed to providing regularly updated, locally focused information on the coronavirus pandemic. The robust response to our recent online survey suggests that our readers really appreciate the PRT’s daily coverage. For easy access to these updates, you can add this link to your bookmarks: www.patagoniaregionaltimes.org/coronavirus2020.

Our board is also discussing what else the PRT might do to help during this crisis that has upended so many lives. We would like to organize a community discussion to identify the best ways to provide help for those in need of services or goods and invite you to join that conversation. If you would like to become involved, please contact us at prteditor@gmail.com and we will set up an online discussion. It’s what we do in small towns, take care of each other.
Readers Respond to PRT Survey

By Marion Vendituoli and Aisha Sander

The PRT asked our readers to respond to a survey about their feelings about the coronavirus pandemic. 130 people responded, 62 people from Patagonia, 45 from Sonoita/Elgin, eight from Nogales, seven from Tucson and eight from other areas. More than three times as many women responded to the survey as men.

A large majority of the respondents (111) reported that the coronavirus outbreak had affected their emotional well being and mental health, with six of the respondents reporting that they were extremely affected. One respondent wrote “I disagree of the federal government not acting sooner when we had more time to flatten the curve. I am appalled at the lack of testing. I am appalled at the dismantling of the pandemic task force. I am appalled at the lack of supplies for medical professionals.”

77% of Patagonia respondents and 67% of Elgin/Sonoita respondents indicated that their individual behavior had changed due to the virus’ economic and health risks, with only six people saying they have not changed their behaviors at all. One person suggested that people who continue to gather face to face in large groups should be arrested, while another wrote “I disagree of ALL of the State, City and County shut-downs. It’s unconstitutional and will ruin lives of the working people who will NEVER recover - with or without government hand-outs.” Another respondent said “Don’t start canceling everything months away. Take one day at a time,” a contrasting opinion to a comment that read, “There is no measure too drastic or taken too soon.”

Financial health over the next six months was somewhat or very concerning to 60% of Patagonia respondents, but only 40% of Elgin/Sonoita respondents were concerned. 91% expected their finances to worsen over the next six months. Six people have already lost their jobs and 23.8% have already been told to work from home. 125 people are protecting themselves by washing their hands and using sanitizer, 122 people are practicing social distance, 53 have canceled or postponed medical appointments, 43 are praying and 37 people are stockpiling food and water. Five people responded that they are doing nothing to protect themselves. Responses included “stay at home, and do not panic buy. To panic means you’re scared. With time, things will heal, and we will keep moving forward.”

A woman asked “What do you think your chances of catching the coronavirus in the next three months are,” 66% felt their chances were high of contracting the virus. Six people were 100% certain that they would become ill. 61.5% felt, if infected, they had minimal chances of dying. Four people were certain that they would die.

Only 38.5% of respondents supported all actions being taken on the state and federal levels to combat the outbreak. 55% of respondents supported some of these actions. One person wrote, “Top officials when giving press conferences do not model precaution. Santa Cruz County currently is not making recommendations on how to mitigate the spread. The county health department is not in the loop on all possible cases in the county...Our local reps - supervisors and state reps LD 2, and congressmen are not in front of this to protect their constituents. They have been invisible. The only local entities that inform the public in real time are the PRT and the Nogales International.”

Several respondents disapproved of the job that President Trump and his administration have been doing. “I am ashamed by the lack of professionalism and leadership shown by this administration, the lack of answers, and the tardiness of having a plan in place,” one person wrote. Another wrote that the “President is untrustworthy, federal gov’t behind the curve. In general, states seem more proactive and capable.” In contrast, one respondent wrote that we should “let the President do his best under the circumstances. The hatred needs to stop somewhere, and the health of our nation should be top priority. The media needs to focus on the true facts and not Trump’s blunders.”

Both Patagonia and Sonoita/Elgin agreed that the CDC and WHO were the most trusted agencies to protect Americans from a major outbreak of the coronavirus, but Patagonia responses leaned more towards trusting state health agencies. The Elgin/Sonoita communities leaned more towards President Trump and his advisors.

When asked which two sources respondents trust the most for accurate information, 83.8% trusted the CDC, next highest was state government at 21.5%. Network news (15.4%) county or local government (13.1%), and “none of the above” finished higher than the federal government (10.8%), the internet (9.2%), cable news (7.7%), and social media (1.5%).

Both communities agreed that the PRT can best support the community by keeping the respondents informed and updated with frequent, accurate information on closings, programs, contagion spread, etc.

South32 Donates $115,000 in Response to Pandemic

South32, owner of the Hermosa Project near Patagonia, has donated $50,000 to the Southern Arizona Community Fund, earmarked for Santa Cruz County nonprofits that provide mission-critical services and can be helpful during the pandemic response. South32 also donated $5500 to Patagonia Public Schools to purchase chromebooks for distance learning in response to school closures and have donated $60,000 to Santa Cruz County for the purchase of personal protective equipment (PPE) and tents for emergency response and testing.

“One person, one group, can’t go this alone,” said Hermosa President Pat Risner. “Every day, we are actively seeking ways to help each other, our neighbours, and our communities, and we know we can make a difference by supporting the capacity of local charities, especially those that share our core value of care. Care is always important, but perhaps never more important than right now.”
Lost Lives Memorialized by Tucson Artist

By Pat McNamara

This roadside cross in Elgin is one of more than 600 crosses that Alvaro Enciso has erected in Southern AZ.

Five crosses that have recently appeared on both sides of Hwy 82 two miles east of Sonoita and one cross on the east side of Upper Elgin Rd have a story to tell. They were placed there by Tucson artist Alvaro Enciso to honor those migrants who have lost their lives looking for a better life in the United States.

Enciso’s project, named “Where Dreams Go to Die” was inspired by the work of Pastor John Fife, who was working on a ‘Death Mapping’ project. Fife had created a map with red dots representing the discovery of the remains of migrants found in the Arizona desert.

Since 2001, Pima County has been keeping records of those remains and have documented more than 3000 bodies. The county medical examiner works with Humane Borders.org, a nonprofit organization which maps the location of remains using GPS data provided by law enforcement. If there is enough evidence, the ME collects DNA samples and attempts to evaluate the cause of death. The DNA is then sent to the Colibri Center for Human Rights, who seeks to identify those victims by matching it with the DNA of family members of migrants reported missing from Central and South America.

The Death Mapping project sparked a passion that went right to the soul of Alvaro Enciso and he began to create a way to honor those who had died on their journey. He uses items he has found in the desert to decorate his crosses. The paint comes from donors with leftover paint and each cross features a red dot, to match the red dot on the GPS map, molded from clay donated by a friend who is a potter. The red dots should remain even after the wooden crosses have disintegrated.

A group of volunteers hike out with Enciso to place the crosses. There are many crosses in the Sonoita, Elgin, Patagonia and Nogales mountains and grasslands along with those in other places of the southern Arizona desert. Enciso estimates he has placed over 600 crosses which do not necessarily represent the Christian faith but are more a geometric representation of the vertical start of the life journey and its horizontal end.

Enciso, himself an immigrant, came to the U.S. from Columbia in the 1960s after graduating from high school, with dreams of attending college here. He arrived at JFK airport with his visa and paperwork in order, ready to take on the world, knowing no English and naive enough to think that getting accepted into a university would be simple.

It was during the Vietnam war and Uncle Sam had other plans for him. He was drafted into the army and spent time in the infantry in Southeast Asia. Upon his discharge, now fluent in English and with the GI bill in hand, Enciso entered Queens College where he received his BA, working his way through school as a NYC cab driver and a custodian for a ‘peep show.’ He then enrolled in the New School for Social Research where he earned his MA in anthropology.

After his graduation, Enciso became, as he labeled it, “a bureaucrat.” He worked for the government in Washington D.C. and Baltimore, teaching and overseeing immigration policy, mostly with Southeast Asians, as the Vietnam war was winding down. His experience as an immigrant was an asset in this profession and he spent the next twenty years helping to resettlement those who immigrated to the U.S.

Having finally had enough of bureaucracy, Enciso moved to New Mexico to develop his talent as an artist, and then, in 2011, settled in Tucson, where for the past seven years he has been working to leave a visual reminder where the remains of those lost lives have been found.

“Migrants who cross the Arizona desert are my heroes,” he said. This is the reason for Enciso’s work. It is his passion. Because he is also a migrant, he feels his life has come full circle, starting 50 years ago with his arrival here from Colombia.

Enciso feels he has reconnected with his origins. “As you age, it all changes and I want to honor my losses and the courage of those in the desert who have perished, their losses, too. Then I have a name, a family, dreams, hopes and were just looking for a better life, looking for home. I want to honor that.” With his creations, Alvaro Enciso has found a way to do just that.

Hayes Named Patagonia School Supt.

By Marion Venditutti

Kenny Hayes has been selected as the new Superintendent of the Patagonia School District.

The Patagonia District School Board has hired Kenny Hayes as the Superintendent and Principal of the Patagonia High School and Patagonia Elementary School, replacing Rachell Hochheim who did not renew her contract. Hayes has been at the Patagonia Schools for the past seven years, most recently serving as Interim Superintendent during Hochheim’s maternity leave.

The School Board selected Hayes after meeting with students and faculty members who urged the board to not conduct an outside search for candidates. Many of the speakers at the Feb. 24 meeting asked the Board to consider Hayes for the position.

Hayes grew up in Valier, MT, a small town near the Canadian border. He met his wife, Journee, when he moved to Payson, AZ, where he taught and coached football for five years. He then went on to Dakota State University where he served as defensive coach for the football team for four years, as well as teaching history, before moving to Patagonia. The couple have two children, Espen and Holland.

Hayes credits his leadership team of Michael Young and Ann Gortarez for the success of the PUHS curriculum, saying they “have been instrumental in the process. They’re both knowledgeable and skilled administrators. We’re lucky to have them.” Hayes plans for the schools include keeping the electives program. “I want to continue our partnership with the Patagonia Creative Arts Association,” he said. “I think they do a super awesome job. It’s what electives should be.”

He would like to find certified PE and music teachers. He believes that the CTE program (which includes the FFA program), as well as dual credit courses are also very important to the success of the students. He stressed that all four of the teachers who teach dual credit courses, which can earn students college credit, have experience teaching at the college level. “I can tell you I teach those classes exactly like I taught the college kids,” he said. Currently, PUHS offers eight dual credit class in history, English, early childhood development and introduction to social work. “It would be nice if we could get our kids out of here with an associate’s degree,” he said.

Hayes sees one of the biggest challenges in education to be “too much apathy about education by students.” “I think if we can get them to believe in themselves, the sky’s the limit,” he said.

He thinks the “small town vibe” of eastern Santa Cruz County is a plus. “There’s plenty of community organizations that support the kids,” he said. “We like the town. It reminds me of Montana without the winters. We plan on staying here awhile.”

“I never planned on becoming an administrator,” he said. “I wanted to be a coach and a teacher. But my competitive nature wants me to be the best at what I do. I think I can help teachers become great teachers.” He was appreciative of the support for his appointment he received from the students but cautioned that “the new car smell will rub off pretty soon. Hopefully they supported me because all my decisions are based on what’s best for them.”

The closing of schools in response to the covid19 pandemic has brought up new challenges to the school, as teachers have had to prepare online classes. “The teachers have done a great job,” Hayes said. “They got right to work on providing education for the students.”

“This is a trying time for everybody. If we all stick together we can provide a safe environment for the kids. The parents don’t have to be teachers they just need to support their kids.” The maintenance crew at the school has fully disinfected the campus and the food service staff has prepared meals that are available at the Sonoita Fairgrounds and at the Patagonia gazebo. (See p. 18 for more information about the free meal program.)
PRCF Announces 2020 Grant Recipients

By Jan Herron

Fourteen 501(c)(3) organizations submitted funding requests this year for the Patagonia Regional Community Fund (PRCF) grant cycle. Twelve came from local groups and two from nonprofits outside eastern Santa Cruz County. With total requests nearly exceeding $50,000 and just under $23,000 available for funding, the PRCF steering committee and this year’s guests from the community had the challenging task of deciding which grants to make in full, which to partially fund, and which to turn down.

After rating individually, followed by several hours of discussion and consideration by the full group, the following grants were awarded:

- Family Healthcare Amigos to complete the concrete ramp, iron railings, and powder coat the railings on the sidewalk, and to help fund the remodel of the bathroom in their new offices and store to make it handicapped-accessible.
- Patagonia Youth Enrichment Center to help with the purchase of supplies and adult expertise so they can create valuable and enjoyable activities for youth in the summer months.
- Patagonia Creative Arts Association to purchase specialized equipment and software to make it possible to transmit programs to Wi-Fi enabled hearing aids. This will allow them to expand their existing theater programming to the hearing-impaired population.
- Mat Bevel Company to hire student videographers to shoot on-location at Patagonia Public Schools, to provide funds for a teacher to finalize lesson plans and a professional to convert creativity tests into computer lessons.
- Friends of the Patagonia Pool to assist in their goal of keeping the public pool open, covering reasonable expenses for the 2020 season, and help in facilitation of a new management agreement for the pool.

Patagonia Museum to help with the purchase of materials and cost of labor in the construction and installation of an ADA ramp.

Borderlands Restoration Network to train and hire Patagonia youth through the Borderlands Earth Care Youth (BECY) program to install rainwater-harvesting cisterns at the Patagonia Youth Enrichment Center. Cisterns will support native pollinator and food gardens, planted and tended by Patagonia youth.

Deep Dirt Institute to help with teaching traditional adobe building. They will partner with an Americorps NCCC team to construct two adobe tiny houses. The local community will be invited to participate in workshops, tours, and presentations.

Arizona Trail Association, Inc. to help inspire students to become stewards of the land by providing meaningful outdoor expeditions, including transportation, experienced instructors, and healthy snacks.

Patagonia Community Radio - KPUP to purchase podcasting equipment, related materials, and labor to configure and install equipment at the studio. This will make it possible for remote live broadcasting by area students and community members.

The PRCF steering committee thanks this year’s dedicated community members who helped with the selection process, the nonprofit organizations who submitted requests for funding, and especially those people who believe in the betterment of this community by donating money to increase the funds available to grant.

If you would like to help, contributions can be made online at azfoundation.org/Patagonia or by sending a check made out to PRCF to ACF’s agreement for the pool.

Robert E. Kimball, a retired editor and publisher of the Nogales International and The Weekly Bulletin, has written his first novel.

Town Park Improvements Slated to Begin Soon

By Bob Brandt

The $79,175 grant approved by Arizona Parks & Trails in May 2018 will soon be available to fund several projects that will beautify and increase the recreational value of both Doc Mock Park and Richardson Park.

The grant provides funding for six projects: splitter-free mulch in Richardson Park; a concrete pathway through Doc Mock Park; a ramada over the existing Doc Mock Memorial; five educational signs; a trail map sign; and three workshops.

All the funded projects are part of a master plan developed four years ago under the leadership of Caleb Weaver of Borderlands Restoration, L3C. The plan is the product of a collaborative effort by various community organizations and individuals and approved in concept by the Patagonia Town Council.

Under Weaver’s guidance, a draft implementation plan has been developed in cooperation with the town’s Tree and Park Committee and Town Manager Ron Robinson. Preference will be given to local contractors, craftspeople and artisans to implement all components.

By far, the most expensive element funded by the grant is the six-foot wide concrete pathway that will meander in snake-like fashion the length of the park from Fourth Avenue to Beatty Lane, anchoring all elements of the improvements included in the master plan. At an estimated cost of $60,175, the pathway is scheduled for completion before this year’s Fall Festival.

Also slated for completion before the 2020 Fall Festival is the ramada to be erected over the Doc Mock Memorial at the east end of the park. The ramada’s metal posts will double as trellises to support climbing vines which, along with benches to be installed under the ramada, will create a shaded, visually appealing place for visitors to sit and enjoy the peaceful surroundings.

The five educational signs envisioned for the park will be patterned after the pollinator sign across the street from the Gathering Grounds and will interpret the natural and human history of the area. The trail map sign will show the hiking/walking trails in and around Patagonia. Borderlands Restoration Network is contributing $2400 toward the cost of signage.

Three workshops open to the public will be offered under the grant. Final decisions on topics to be covered have yet to be made but suggested topics thus far include fruit tree pruning, Doc Mock history, trail orientation, and concrete patch.

Barring unexpected impediments, all projects are expected to be completed by the end of 2021. All funds must be expended by June 30, 2022.

Approval of the grant was contingent on the town’s providing a cultural survey of the park grounds. The survey was written by Borderlands Restoration Network at a cost of $3600 and revealed no significant cultural features on the site.
By Aisha Sander

The day when I came home from school, was my favorite, my best friend. One each with its own distinctive pattern. Soon gave birth to three calico kittens, Gee was living in our woodpile. She must wonder who will croak.

I had a lovely terrier hit by a car and killed when I was young. What once again twisted my frustrated brain was that she lay there looking as she always had, but lifeless - inert - just a sack of stuff. Her energy, her manic charm, her personality: all gone. And that’s when I realized what death really is, seen from this side, at least. It is nothing at all: no feelings, love, or energy, no laughter, pain, or suffering.

I saw Toe stretched out on the lawn. My heart filled up with love as always when I saw my cat. I called her name. She didn’t respond. And that seemed odd. As I drew close, I realized with astonishment that my dear friend was dead. She looked just as she always had, but dead. When it sank in that she was gone, forever and completely gone, it felt like a hammer blow straight to the heart. Far too much pain to comprehend. My fuses and my mind were blown.

I remember my first year in Montreal realizing how much I missed the things I took for granted in Karachi: the call to prayer, the local music, the ease in communication and the knowledge of where I belonged. Leaving Karachi drew out just how much I am shaped by where I grew up and how it will always define my identity. Having mixed-race children with dual nationality has complicated my identity and my relationship to home even more. This week the fear that I have in the past buried and placated with yearly trips home arises in the center of my chest. I can’t help but think of the dreaded phone call letting me know that something has happened to someone I love. The distance feels unbearable and all I have is distraction and prayer to survive. Covid-19 has stripped bare our privileges, exposed our vulnerabilities individually and collectively, and demonstrates how meaningful in-person human connection is. We are reminded that we are all vulnerable to catastrophic and sudden changes and that there have always been people living with treacherous uncertainty and fear.

I hope this crisis can teach us to look with mercy into each other’s eyes, to share my predicament. Far from home, migrants often leave their closest family members to start a new life in another country. We arrive in different guises but underneath we all carry a similar burden of leaving behind a world which we know and understand. Some like me, privileged with education, class, and the right accent can “pass” in my host society as an insider. More often though, first-generation immigrants are on the margins of society, not comfortable in English and working for minimum or less than living wages in spite of their qualifications. One of the ways immigrants navigate loss is by finding comfort in the familiar. Far from home, with little to no access to return, first-generation immigrants cluster in ethnic enclaves. They move to places where there are other immigrants like them, and they fill their neighborhoods with the sights and smells of the home they have left behind.

I feel a bit as Mark Twain did when asked about the fear of death. “Why fear it?” Senior Clemens said, “since you and I were almost surely what we now call "dead" for endless eons before we were born.” At last relieved of personhood and breath, we go back to that post-al system in the timeless sky which brought us here initially. The system is larger and smarter than we. There’s reason to trust it implicitly. I’ve always thought that dying elders, if they are beset by fear, would benefit from being present at a child’s birth; to help remind them: we were not, before we showed up here on Earth. So, dying is, to tell the truth, another, outbound form of birth.

By Martin Levowitz

The plague has come upon us. We must wonder who will croak. My fascination with death began in childhood. When I was four or five years old, a feral female cat named Gee was living in our woodpile. She soon gave birth to three calico kittens.

The most bittersweet of opportunities to be able to visit my family every year. Today as I hang up the phone with my 80-year-old aunt, who has always lived with my family and is like my mother, I wonder, is this the last time we will talk? My parents, my brothers, my nephews and nieces and all my closest friends are all locked down in Pakistan. Karachi is already a place racked with all kinds of challenges and is ripe for a massive outbreak of Covid-19. My father who suffers from a debilitating autoimmune condition is easily the most vulnerable in my family. I wonder will he ever meet his new grandson?

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All of us are in this boat of uncertainty together with the illusion of control thrown overboard. I’m living with the helplessness that if something does happen to anyone in my family I cannot travel there. And I am not alone. More and more people, irrespective of their immigration status, share my predicament.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DEAN

Covid-19 has stripped bare our privileges, exposed our vulnerabilities individually and collectively, and demonstrates how meaningful in-person human connection is. We are reminded that we are all vulnerable to catastrophic and sudden changes and that there have always been people living with treacherous uncertainty and fear.

I hope this crisis can teach us to look with mercy into each other’s eyes, to share my predicament. Far from home, migrants often leave their closest family members to start a new life in another country. We arrive in different guises but underneath we all carry a similar burden of leaving behind a world which we know and understand. Some like me, privileged with education, class, and the right accent can “pass” in my host society as an insider. More often though, first-generation immigrants are on the margins of society, not comfortable in English.
By Cassina Farley

To say that recent events have been disruptive in my world is an understatement. I haven’t spent this much time at home in years. I remember a statement. I haven’t spent this much time at home in years. I remember a statement. I haven’t spent this much time at home in years. I remember a statement.

I fantasized about being laid up on the couch with a good book and a whole bottle of pain pills just so that I would have a stress free moment to myself.

Those were the good old days. In one week’s time I had to cancel everything that took me months to plan. Even worse, all my personal plans went out the door as well. In one day, everything I had planned for months was cancelled.

There was I with nothing to do. I’ve learned that my body is addicted to stress. It yearns for it. So, off my mind went, thinking about all the worst-case scenarios. The what ifs started to get to me, so I paired them with nighttime cocktails. You know just to make the evening news more palatable? I’d wake up in the morning feeling a little fuzzy and then my irrational brain would say “am I getting sick?” “Oh God this is it” and then the rational side would chime in and say, “No dummy that’s just the two double Jameson’s you had before bed.”

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Nervous baking is a thing. I didn’t have much time pre-virus to bake. So, I’m baking now, every day. For no reason. The NY Times calls it Distraction baking. I call it the Pandemic 15. We will surely all gain weight over this, I feel fortunate that I didn’t hoard snacks because I would have already eaten them.

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Take care, Patagonia. I miss you.

THE HUMAN FAMILY

By India Aubrey

The following speech was presented at the Celebration of the Human Family event held March 15 in the Patagonia Town Park.

Welcome everyone to the Celebration of the Human Family. In recent days there was serious discussion about whether to proceed with this event, in deference to the many cancellations, restrictions and quarantines.

It was determined that, though the seed of this ceremony had sprouted, it was determined that the event be cancelled in deference to the many cancellations, restrictions and quarantines.

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‘STOCKING UP’ LEADS TO EMPTY SHELVES

Customers are faced with empty shelves in the Nogales Safeway in March as shoppers swarm the store in response to fears about the coronavirus pandemic.

By Robert Kimball

The New York Times in their emailed Daily Briefing March 20 suggests, “Stock up on a 30-day supply of groceries, household supplies and prescriptions, just in case.”

There’s not a store in the country that would not have empty shelves if even a small percentage of customers followed this advice. My son, Gregory Kimball, a Walgreens store manager in Glendale, AZ, said when he orders face masks he usually only gets one. Why? Because there isn’t enough stock on hand at warehouses to support emergency demand. Greg says he has been out of stock on bottled water, paper goods and canned food items. He reorders several times a week but usually does not receive the quantities he asks for during this crisis.

A few years back there was a lot of talk about, “just-in-time supply chains.” The idea was to reduce on hand inventories so that stores only ordered what they needed until their next delivery. It works until you have ordered what they needed until their hand inventories so that stores only stock items. The pressure is on to keep inventories as low as possible, to have just enough on hand until the next delivery from the warehouse.

Next, the Times recommends, “And, in no particular order, make sure you’re set with soap, toiletries, laundry detergent, toilet paper and diapers, if you have small children.” All of the above applies here. It doesn’t take very many people following this advice to empty store shelves.

So what’s a customer to do? Many stores are opening early for senior citizens to give them the opportunity to shop in a less crowded environment. It makes sense but to the extent that seniors stock up they may well empty the shelves by the time the store opens for everyone else. Added to the problem is that many stores are limiting customers to one bottle or one package of water.

By Robert Gay

When there is quarantine or lockdown, when schools close their on-campus activities, businesses close, workers are laid off or start working remotely, coronavirus gives us a kick in the ass, but also the unexpected gift of time. At the very least, commuting and travel time is saved, and at most, you could be presented with entire unstructured days. The adaptation is a challenge for sure, and yet offers a lesson in flexibility, whatever your age.

In the spirit of making lemonade when given lemons, what could we do with this unexpected extra time and change of schedules?

1. Start a journal of reflections, questions and ideas.
2. Open that old sketchbook again and use some of those blank pages.
3. Meditate, whatever your practice, and do some yoga, stretching or other exercise.
4. Create a personal home altar, with personally meaningful objects, colors, and images.
5. Purge those objects around you that don’t nourish you. (This is hard but rewarding.)
6. If you’re in a home, repair some thing. Fix furniture, paint, or mend clothes.
7. Plant something, even a pot in a windowsill.
8. Make some music. Listen to some new stuff.
9. Spend some new kinds of time with whoever’s in your household.
10. Communicate more with family and friends.
11. Think hard about who you vote for and why and help keep democracy working.
12. Try new kinds of body care.
13. Even if you don’t leave your property, get outside for air, sun, view of clouds and stars.

Furthermore, the same supply issues exist with prescription drugs and over the counter aids as with other store stocked items. The pressure is on to keep inventories as low as possible, to have just enough on hand until the next delivery from the warehouse.

15. Scrapbook, or scan, those family photos in that old box.

16. Record some of the key stories of your life or write your autobiography.
17. Read books and articles you’ve been wanting to get to someday. Someday is here.
18. If you have a computer and a backup system, back up the files that matter.
19. Prepare your “go-bag,” the thing you grab when running out the door in an emergency.
20. Learn some new software or computer processes; maybe get some new fonts.
21. Whether in school or out, deepen your practice of becoming a lifetime learner.
22. Try these 25 non-screen fun activities and link to answers, go to https://bit.ly/3dii6Hc
23. To explore 136 questions with links to answers, go to bit.ly/2Un3COL
24. Learn the ecological way of thinking, and how science shows we live among miracles.
25. Get rid of the idea that humans are superior, replacing it with interdependence.
26. Get rid of any entitlement you may feel and replace it with gratitude for the gift of life.
27. Prepare the seven documents needed before you die, with help at bit.ly/2U33COL
28. Prepare emotionally and spiritually for your coming death, however it arrives.
29. Make a list called “After the pan demic.”
30. Remember what the old Chinese man with the white horse said, when consoled by villagers for various traumatic things that happened in his life, “I don’t know. Could be bad news, could be good news.”

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TOWN NEEDS BETTER BROADBAND

By Bob Jacobson

At a time when staying connected and in touch is of paramount value to all Patagonians, it’s disappointing that none of our public services is providing that connectivity.

The FCC ruled two weeks ago that public schools and libraries may use their own broadband connections as WiFi “hot spots” accessible to locals without their own broadband facilities without risking “eRate” funding. Across the nation and in our own region, schools and libraries are doing just that.

Regrettably, neither Patagonia High School nor the Patagonia Library are able to act as local “hot spots,” although either one offering such a service would reach 95% of all Patagonians within town limits. The High School can’t do so (even if it wished to and knew how to) because its own internet service, supported by County Schools fiber from Nogales, has its own internet service, supported by the County libraries are networked and thus capable. Perhaps some modifications to its equipment are necessary and should be undertaken immediately, if necessary with a grant from the Town, a collection taken among the citizens, or a gift from one of the public or private philanthropies that serve our community in other ways, at the moment considerably less consequential.

So far, we’ve been lucky to escape scourge generally. Informed citizens can do a lot to prevent COVID’s appearance here. And also remain calm. It’s time to bite the bullet and get the parties responsible and able to turn on the facilities we all can use to stay connected.

Some may recall Patagonia’s effort last year, led by Town Manager Ron Robinson and me, to win a broadband-communications planning grant. We didn’t win a grant because the sponsor of the grant competition, the Arizona Commerce Authority, simply ran out of money, The Legislature allocated a paltry $3 million to award to almost 25 towns, cities, and reservations, a drop in the bucket. This year, the bucket is half-full at $10 million, so maybe we’ll reaply when the new competition begins.

Also, the new ACA VP for Telecommunications, Jeff Subotka, who helped us compete last year and who’s proving to be an exceptional public advocate generally, recently nominated Patagonia as a testbed for private solutions that might bring quality communications to Patagonia. And local private interests are talking about helping out, also.

If one or more of these efforts proves successful, both the High School and Library will be beneficiaries, as will the rest of us. No Patagonian should ever again be unwillingly disconnected from the rest of us. That’s the meaning of community.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

They Will Be Missed

I somehow missed hearing about the passing of Ramon & Arcenio not long ago. Sad to hear...both really represent the history, culture and ‘fiber’ of Patagonia from the ‘way back when’ days. I remember Ramon fondly from St. Theresa’s. No one was more devoted to the parish or served the church more faithfully over the years. I remember Arcenio fondly for his many years of service to the community. He always greeted me with a smile and helpful hand if it was needed. Patagonia will not be the same without these ‘fellas’! They will be missed!

Brock Fuller
New Mexico

Errors & Omissions

The PRT incorrectly stated in the March issue that John Arnold was given an award by the King of Nigeria. There is no King of Nigeria. He was given the award by a small kingdom in the Imo State of Nigeria.

Our apologies for this error

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OPINION & COMMENT

WHY IS THERE NO BOARD OF HEALTH?
By Donna Federici

Once again, we are faced with the knowledge Santa Cruz County is unprepared and ill-equipped to protect its residents. In January when we first inquired about the Board of Health, we received an email from Jeff Terrell stating that “currently the county is developing a resolution to create a board of health.”

Today, facing the largest pandemic since the early 20th century, I am at a loss as to why our officials have been so cavalier. Under the Health Services page of the county website is a list of lofty goals, but who is truly at the helm to ensure these goals are met if we have no Health Services Board to govern?

Just as painful is the website directory under “Environmental Health Services.” It lists names and titles, but their basic function is sanitation, mosquito remediation and food safety.

Arizona Revised Statute 36-183, requires the Board of Supervisors to appoint a board of five members consisting of a member of the Board of Supervisors, a licensed physician and three citizens selected for their interest in public health, each citizen member to be a resident of a different supervisory district, so that each supervisory district in the county has a representative on the board.

Santa Cruz County has a contract with Mariposa Community Health Center to provide some health-related services for the community (immunizations, maternal and child health and STD/HIV/tuberculosis prevention and control) but these services are not a replacement for a Health Board. And nowhere in the list of services is epidemic, pandemic, community immunity or mitigation mentioned.

A true Health Board, led by a certified physician, could and should have been working with local medical professionals and Arizona State officials, early on, to ensure we had adequate COVID-19 tests (and preventative measures in place) for Santa Cruz County residents.

In addition, each county district should have been represented so that the individual/unique needs of our districts are met and the preparedness response is local, detailed and specific to our communities.

Even though Santa Cruz County is currently designated a “low risk” area, that determination could rise rapidly. Every day, the demographic changes as to who will contract the virus. No age group, no ethnicity, no nationality nor gender is being spared. Acting now, we could be managing risk and not managing an epidemic later.

How are residents of Santa Cruz County supposed to believe their leaders are forward-thinking and prepared when our officials appear to value promoting wasabi over public health?

Editor’s note: Donna Federici is running for the SCC District 3 Board of Supervisors position currently held by Bruce Bracker.

COUNCIL NOTES

By PRT Staff Reporters
March 11, 2020

Marshall Patterson, noting he’d served the town for nine years, discussed the workings of the Sex Offender Registry program, due to an ongoing case involving “vigilante” posting of inflammatory material on local bulletin boards. The misinformation included reference to pedophilia, which the Marshal explained was not what the local registrant in the program was charged with.

He further explained that his department would be participating an interagency training with the Border Patrol.

The North American Development Bank’s $500,000 grant for rehabilitation of the wastewater treatment plant was approved, with the Town being able to meet the 10% participation requirement of the grant.

March 25, 2020

Eight people attended the March 25 council meeting, including three audience members. Mayor Wood participated by phone.

Mayor Wood said she was in correspondence with US Senator Kyrsten Sinema about coronavirus measures and would share the results with Council and Manager.

Marshall Patterson announced he was coordinating with the County on data flow regarding the current outbreak, and that Santa Cruz County had announced its second case, of about 400 for the State. He continued, to state that his department had personal protective gear available to workers and was spreading out the presence of deputies and himself.

They were decreasing their responses to fire calls if not strongly needed.

Councilmember Finch noted that the Town’s Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) had this week opened an informational website with links to current virus information at patagoniacert.org.

The Marshall said that local traffic was down because of voluntary “sheltering in place,” but they were seeing an increase in nature-recreational traffic. He noted that the Patagonia Lake State Park is still open, but full.

The Town has closed the public bathrooms in the park. The Town Hall remains open, though currently experiencing only about five people a day.

The Mayor’s proclamation declaring the month of April as Fair Housing Month in Patagonia was approved.

Two liquor licenses were granted: one a special event license for the Volunteer Fire Department’s annual steak fry, planned for June 27 in the Town Park, and the other a license for the Crown B Taqueria.

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‘Leaving Home’ Exhibit Features Art By Young Asylum Seekers

By Sarah Klingenstein

COVID19 concerns curtailed some of the activities of the Hope and Healing series focused on seeing migration through the eyes of children. Others went forward, including a short run of the art exhibit at Cady Hall that allowed Patagonia schools to visit.

The gallery opening of children’s artwork was held at Cady Hall on March 12, catered by the Patagonia Youth Enrichment Center. The show’s curators, Valarie James, the founder of the Trauma-informed Arts and Activities program at Casa Alitas, and Arivaca artist Antonia Gallegos spoke about the works.

Those who caught the exhibit early were lucky to see and absorb the drawings of children of asylum-seeking families stopping over at Casa Alitas in Tucson, a shelter operated by Catholic Community Services.

James said that the children’s drawings specifically about the journey were done on their own in the evenings, after staff and volunteers had left for the day. “They were so eager to claim their right to exist, to say ‘I was here, I matter,’ that they used cardboard and paper towels to draw on if they couldn’t find paper, and gum in lieu of tape to make sure their drawing made it to the wall, to be seen in the morning.”

In one drawing, a 5-year-old Guatemalan child’s experience of trauma is evident. Two stick figures, locked in a gunfight, stand next to a house riddled with what appears to be gunshot holes. The weapon is large and in the forefront. Both figures’ heads are smudged with blood red marker. To the right, a door-shaped grid drawn in black marker is a graphic symbol of detention in children’s drawings. Next to the grid, two large green trucks head right for a larger fortified wall.

Self-portraits are another common theme in drawings made by children in trauma. They often show a child’s face with eyes wide open; some children just draw their eyes, indicating all they have seen along the way.

Children also drew in response to the question “What do you love?” They depicted family, home, God, and nature, as well as writing thank you letters to the volunteers who showed them kindness during their short stay at Casa Alitas.

Drawings of pets were common. Many children had not had the opportunity to grieve pets who were left behind as they fled northward.

And houses were common subjects as well, as they are for all young children. For these children, the houses drawn were either homes they had left or homes they long for.

Patagonia children who visited the exhibit were asked to draw their own pictures of what they love. They noted that we all love the same things regardless of our backgrounds.

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.
Wineries, Restaurants Hit Hard by Closures

By Kat Crockett

Rune Winery
Rune was operating six days a week and business was good until the first case of COVID-19 hit the County on March 20. By Order of Governor Ducey, they shuttered their tasting room and offered bottles “to go” on weekends but now serve few customers. According to winemaker James Callahan, normal sales are down 80 to 85 percent and he expects it will get worse before it gets better. The industry’s peak season is March to May where wineries typically stockpile cash and save up for harvest to cover expenses for fruit and bottles. Callahan believes he will need a small business loan to get through the year and will closely follow stimulus legislation. Everything is crunched, especially in the service industry and money is tight for people not working. Rune’s six part-time employees are not fired, but they are down from an average of 28 hours a month each to about 9 hours a month each and very little in tips. Some have other jobs, but some of those jobs are also on layoff. Rune also has a contractor renovating the tasting room; however, with limited capital they may have to halt construction, soon causing more unemployment.

When Rune reopens, Callahan is concerned that people will not have money for discretionary spending, slowing down economic recovery for a significant time. Mom and Pop operations without cash flow have a rough road ahead. Callahan believes we need leadership from our government on ways to do business that keep people safe and get our economy going again. He has 27 acres and can set up outdoor tastings with social distancing, but exercising that option will require the Governor to ease restrictions. Although the worst may be yet to come over the next few months, Rune is focusing on creative plans for reopening and they plan to stick around for years to come.

By Donna Federici

Copper Brothel Brewery
The Copper Brothel was on target for a record month when the pandemic hit and serving restrictions went into effect.

Part of the Brew Pub’s success is the relaxed and comfortable vibe and sales were immediately affected with the loss of that environment. Like other restaurants in town, The Copper Brothel has improvised, reworking hours, and adding breakfast to their take-out and curbside orders, but sales have dramatically decreased. Brewing operations have ceased and brew scheduling is on hold, even though growlers and crowlers account for 30% of take-out sales.

From the moment the family heard about the impact Covid-19 had on bars and restaurants around the country, their first concern was their employees. “We employ 30 people, most of which reside in the Sonoita-Elgin area”, explains TJ Martinez, General Manager. “Much of our staff has been with us since the day we first opened, and they’ve all become our extended family; so, our top priority is making sure that they’re taken care of.”

Before the governor’s executive order, management held a staff meeting and discussed multiple options to best suit the employee’s needs until dine-in options could be resumed. “We’ve offered a helping hand as far as provisions go and have been in constant contact with everyone. Right now, we have a handful of employees that declined a furlough option, so we have them in rotation on our schedule. We look forward to having the whole brewpub family back together as soon as we can,” said Mo Jesser.

Longing for the end of the eerie quiet, the once bustling establishment is in lockstep with regards to keeping the community safe with social distancing. Until then, the CBB team is using this downtime to improve systems, perfect new recipes, and develop new brews. They are grateful that their customers have been extremely supportive of their staff and business as a whole.

The Patagonia Youth Enrichment Center is working hard to support local youth.

In the last two weeks of March, the Center handed out 540 meals. The Youth Center has also given out activity kits for younger children (crayons, beads, etc) as well as journals and activities for older youth to help ease the stressors of the current situation of social isolation.

The Youth Center is grateful for generous donations from Deep Dirt Institute, Crown B Taqueria, Boulder Crest Retreat, Eastern Santa Cruz County Community Food Bank, Rancho Rossa Vineyards, and many individual donors. For more information please email Director Anna Coleman at info@pyec.org.
South32 Suspends Drilling

By Lynn Davison

South32 is aggressively responding to the coronavirus pandemic. The majority of employees are working now from home. The Tucson office and Patagonia Office/Visitor Center are closed. They have halted all international and domestic business travel. The Hermosa site is closed except to those necessary for essential services. Drilling has been suspended for two weeks. S32 has increased hand washing stations and does temperature checks on every person entering the Hermosa site. Employees are asked to practice social distancing both at the site and during van transport.

There have been no layoffs. Employees who cannot work from home and are not essential workers at the site are using their paid time-off benefits (PTO). Pat Risner, Hermosa Project President, expects the federal Family Support Act funds to supplement PTO benefits. All employees also have access to S32’s employee assistance program which offers mental health counseling and support.

Risner says the “practices now in place at S32 will help protect not only their employees, but also Patagonia area residents.” While community briefings by S32 have been suspended, Risner encouraged people to use their community inbox, hermosacommunity@south32.net if they have any questions.

Real Estate Less Affected

By Kat Crockett

Jean Miller, Long Realty’s CEO, confirmed that real estate is considered an essential service under Governor Ducey’s Shelter at Home order. To reduce risk of exposure, agents have closed their offices to the public and shifted to ‘by appointment only.’ Property showings require one designated person to open doors and turn on lights, disinfecting everything touched on the way in and the way out and buyers are encouraged not to linger.

Miller believes people have more time on their hands, resulting in increased internet property research and more buyer knowledge prior to showings. She has seen a pronounced increase in people from outside the area who have never been to SE Arizona taking interest in properties and asking questions about the town. Presumably, many are looking to move away from higher pandemic risk areas and accelerating long range plans to retire to this area. Customers from California for example, have increased.

The virus is also delaying the departure of some snowbirds from the area, who are hoping to avoid returning to their homes in locations with high pandemic impacts. They feel safer in our community, so agents are working to extend rental contracts.

Contracts now have an addendum to automatically extend deadlines and escrow periods when caused by delays due to unavailable or limited services because of pandemic restrictions. The use of electronic signatures has significantly increased.

Miller commented that at present, there are no layoffs and business is going fairly well, as realtors are still working on projects in the works prior to the pandemic but she remains concerned that newer agents may experience negative impacts over time.

Borderlands Cancels Activities

By Lynn Davison

The Patagonia Museum and Borderlands Restoration Network have cancelled EarthFest for 2020. Borderlands has also suspended regular nature walks and volunteer Tuesdays at the nursery have been cancelled until further notice. Spring programs have been cancelled and summer programs may be affected. Borderlands also cancelled the open house for the new retail space at the nursery. However, since many people have been requesting plants, people can send an email to horticulture@borderlandsrestoration.org to make an appointment to purchase plants at the nursery. Local deliveries are available. As always, seeds are available online.

None of the 22 employees on the payroll have been laid off. Employees have paid time-off benefits and are expected to stay home if they are sick or someone in their family is sick. Director Kurt Vaughn, says they will actively pursue all available federal benefits related to extension of sick leave and unemployment expansion.
Surviving and Thriving in a Viral Age

As a wilderness and urban survival instructor I frequently concern myself with any number of potential personal or societal catastrophe scenarios. While I find no pleasure in contemplating the grim realities of existence, the wildlife biologist side of me knows all too well that unbridled population growth in any species is unsustainable. Thus, either disease, war, civil unrest, famine, a financial crisis, water shortages, or any number of other scenarios have been part of the curriculum that I offer during a survival course. Over the years I have found that ignoring these plausible chains of events even more daunting and even worse is that they can happen in our lifetimes.

I pen this article as we, humanity, find ourselves at the cusp of the new reality. First of all, take a deep breath - a few actually. This is NOT the end of the world or even humanity, it's just a test, actually. This is NOT the end of reality. First of all, take a deep breath - a few actually. This is NOT the end of the world or even humanity, it's just a test, actually. This is NOT the end of reality.

Common sense dictates that you enact the following key steps:

1. Keep your house in good repair such that it requires minimal maintenance.
2. Use empty and hygienic containers to store the water from your tap. There is no need to hoard store-bought water. Further, have a way to boil your water supply if it becomes necessary to sterilize it. This might mean carefully lighting your propane stove if the power is off or using an inside or outside hearth to do it the old fashioned way.
3. Stock your home with dried, canned, and frozen foods, that will last you at least several months. Grow an organic garden. Plant an orchard. In fact, plant a landscape around your home that has many useful components to it. Forget about lawns and exotic, ornamental species. Plant native species with a wide range of uses, such as food, medicine, fuel, etc.

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Similarly, there’s no shortage of high-quality resources away and we are quickly in trouble.

Think of the countless humans that have survived and even thrived in times of war, natural disaster, plagues, etc. What got them through it? In two words, resourcefulness and self-reliance. This powerful truth leads to the logical and imperative question: what resources do we have at hand to help us become more self-reliant through these challenging times?

As we all prepare for the weeks ahead, a quick word on the key survival priorities for home self-reliance:

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The ripe pods of mesquite contain meaningful calories to augment or substitute for modern foods. Harvest them when they are tan or tan with reddish stripes. Avoid green pods or ones with obvious black or moldy areas. You can eat the pods right off of the tree, but never from the ground, as they can have unseen contaminants, such as fungi and mold.

You can also grind the pods into a flour when they are dry. Toasting the pods first in a slow oven and/ or freezing them helps to thwart the beetle larvae that can be your bane when it comes to storing mesquite pods. Beware also that overconsumption of mesquite pod products can lead to severe constipation. Rather than eating it at once, try incorporating this or other new wild edible plants - only when you completely know them - within a framework of your everyday foods.

My best piece of advice? Keep and promote a positive mental attitude in regards to ALL that might come your way. Also, avoid direct social contact (get over it), become more self-sufficient, form a network of resourceful people and friends, and continue to celebrate and enjoy the unique beauty and biodiversity of our Sky islands!

Vincent Pinto and his wife, Claudia, run RAVENS-WAY WILD JOURNEYS, their Nature Adventure & Conservation organization devoted to protecting and promoting the unique biodiversity of the Sky islands region. RWJJ offers a wide range of custom-made Survival Courses. Visit: www.ravensnature-school.org

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STARSTRUCK

by Harold Meckler

There are many free and easy to access astronomy-based digital resources that can help fill your time if your social distancing during the Covid-19 outbreak. The phone apps, websites and software I will detail in this column are just a sampling. I don’t pretend to know every product. There are many I’ve simply never tried. What follows is just a couple of resources that I’m familiar with that can make it easy for you to start an astronomy hobby at this difficult time.

My nephew can nonchalantly walk down a street and, with his phone, take a photograph that looks like it be - a - phone and somehow turn it into a three-dimensional replica of a baseball player with bat in hand. There are skills and abilities I can only dream of. Luckily for all of us, basic amateur astronomy doesn’t require this level of talent. Now, more than ever, there are tools that make it easy to expand our knowledge of the night sky and, perhaps, become observers as well.

There are countless phone apps. I use two. The first is the free version of “Night Sky.” After entering your location, it provides constellation outlines and names, galaxies and, really, everything else. As you scan the sky, it moves with you so that at any moment you can put a name to everything you see, as well as plenty of more distant objects that require magnification. You can search for countless celestial points of light and even aim your phone below the horizon to see what is either above to rise or has already drifted out of sight until the next day.

The second app is “Planets.” It lets me see which planets are observable at any given time, and even gives me the phase of the Moon. Again, these are just two of many, so experiment to find those that feel best for you.

Similarly, there’s no shortage of websites. There are three that I would start with - NASA.gov, skyandtelescope.com, and space.com - that are easy to access. With my short attention span, I have a desire to keep my own astronomy hobby very low key. These sites offer something for everyone with plenty of links to more advanced material. No surprise here: you can’t really go wrong with NASA. Last year I taught an introductory astronomy class at Patagonia High School. (The students, if I’m able to read into a teenager’s mind) seemed to really enjoy my use of the Stellarium software, which I project - ed onto the wall. It is described as a “planetarium for your computer.”

Check with a computer tech if you have any worries about open source material. Apple computers require changes to some default settings to allow this software to download.

Once you have it safely installed, it really is excellent. My favorite feature is the ability to zoom in on an object. Going from the fuzziness of the Orion Nebula to being able to count stars within that giant cloud is a serious eye-opener. The program also lets you go back in time or into the future.

Projecting it onto a big-screen TV from your computer will give you endless enjoyment.

Finally, there are many purchasable programs that can be downloaded directly to your computer. A search on Amazon for “astronomy software” shows that there are myriad options.

For me, the apps, websites and software, above all else, serve a single purpose. I love astronomy because it brings me moments of awe. Anything that boosts and enhances those moments is good. And today, experiencing awe is a much-needed respite to the challenges we face. But it doesn’t have to be that special. All the tools I’ve mentioned can help to reduce stress and anxiety. This is a health benefit we can all use. I hope our beautiful dark skies give you some peace.
Recycling Station
Closed in Patagonia

The County posted this notice at the recycling station in Patagonia on March 27.
By Bob Brandt

The Recycling Task Force that grew out of the PRT-sponsored community forum on January 25 is now fully engaged in the task of improving Patagonia’s failing recycling program, but while the group quickly succeeded in partnering with town and county officials to work on a new recycling system, just as quickly the coronavirus caused the county to take unilateral action to remove the town’s four recycling trailers and store them at the chipping yard, thus virtually suspending all local recycling activity until further notice.

After holding its organizing meeting on February 15, the task force met with Town of Patagonia and Santa Cruz County officials. The meeting was convened in town council chambers and was attended by Mayor Andy Wood, Vice Mayor Michael Stabile, Town Manager Ron Robinson, County Public Works Director Jesus Valdez, Surveyor Leonard Fontes, Community Development Director Frank Dillon and task force members Robin Kulibert and Bob Brandt.

At that meeting, Valdez made it clear that he and his staff want to work closely with the town and the task force to bring about changes that will work for the town and larger community. “You tell us what you want, and we’ll work with you to get it,” Valdez said. Robinson suggested that the town needs to take drastic action to build a workable system. “We need to change the image of the facility and educate people on how to properly use it, and to do that we should start over,” he said.

Valdez offered to bring in new specialized receptacles designed to receive only certain recyclable items and to help monitor usage, modify the site to restrict access and improve its appearance. The idea of beautifying the site received considerable attention as the consensus among those in attendance was that the present unsightly condition encourages illegal dumping.

At a meeting on March 14, the task force focused on how the site could be improved to make it more attractive, to encourage proper recycling behavior and to cut down on illegal dumping.

Robinson gave a detailed account of the land lease arrangements and related a problem he recently discovered with the boundaries on the recorded plat that may reduce the area of land covered by the lease. According to Robinson, the lease may affect what is possible in terms of allowing vehicular access to the recycling station while restricting access by people on foot.

The task force discussed whether it would be a good idea to start over by removing all the recycling trailers at some point. Although it would no doubt be protested by some residents, it would bring attention to the fact that something major is happening and it would create an opportunity to carry out a robust public education campaign aimed at preparing the community to properly use the new receptacles once they are installed.

The group made no firm decision on this matter at that time, but Santa Cruz County landfill director Jerry Montoya, fearing spread of the COVID-19 virus, made the decision when he announced to Robinson on March 26 that the trailers would be moved the very next day.

As it turned out, that move was in sync with Robinson’s belief, expressed at the task force meeting, that it would be best to remove the trailers, improve the site’s visual appeal, begin anew with containers that accept only #1 and #2 plastics and cardboard and build a more complete system from there. Now that the trailers are gone, the group at least knows it will be starting from square one in rebuilding the community’s recycling program.

The task force meets monthly on the second Sat. and will deal with the new reality at its meeting on April 11. That meeting is likely to take place online.

Editor’s note: Santa Cruz County has suspended all recycling due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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ARTICLES OF FAITH
Easter in the Time of Covid19

By Tom and Gardenia Moffett

There is no doubt. This year Easter is going to look different for many, due to the COVID-19 pandemic. But hopefully Easter will also hold new meaning. We know it does for us.

For Christ followers everywhere, Easter is, arguably, the most important Christian holiday of the year. It’s a holiday that commemorates Jesus Christ, and how He willingly came down from heaven and took the form of man to die for our sins, which He bore willingly on the cross. As Christ followers, likewise we celebrate the reality of his resurrection that frees us from sin and death.

During this time of viral pandemic, economic instability and uncertainty in the world, we’re reminded of the reality of His resurrection power and how He also defeated fear. Fear too has been contagious and running rampant. Unfortunately, media in general has not helped. There’s fear of contracting the virus, fear of death, and fear of the unknown. The list goes on.

Just as the world is rushing to find a vaccine for COVID-19, we too can rush to the vaccine against fear - God’s love. The unconditional love of God is the antidote to man’s fear. It is the love that is discovered in the message of Easter. Here are two verses to consider.

“This is real love—that not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son as a sacrifice to take away our sins.” 1 John 4:10 NLT

“There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear...” We love Him because he first loved us.” 1 John 4:16 and 19 NIV

What Jesus did for you and for me is perfect love in action. He is not simply a loving God, He is LOVE. This Easter we can take action and put our faith, hope and trust in the reality of our loving God whose perfect love destroys all fear. We can also mobilize and be the hands and feet of Jesus. We’ve seen wonderful examples in our local communities of people finding needs, reaching out and filling them. Continue to let your light shine Patagonia, Sonoita, Elgin and surrounding areas! Continue loving well!

This year let’s allow Easter to hold new meaning for all of us. It’s a time of remembering that because He lives, we can face tomorrow. It’s also a time of ‘new life.’ We can choose to live our lives differently, a life free from fear, holding onto every precious promise written in His Word. We may not know exactly what tomorrow holds, but we can have peace today, because we know He holds tomorrow.

The finished work of Jesus, allows everyone, everywhere, the opportunity to accept Him, and receive Him into our hearts and live the abundant, joy filled lives that He provided with His death and resurrection. There is one familiar verse that rings clear. It’s the invitation and message of LOVE...

“For God so loved the World that He gave His one and only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in Him, will not perish, but have eternal life.” John 3:16

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Brothers Daniel (1857-1941) and Abraham (1839-1916) Saur homesteaded in the Elgin area starting about 1912. Abraham, a Civil War veteran, claimed 160 acres in Section 25, while Daniel and his wife Adriene claimed 160 acres in Section 30. It was reported that “Abraham and Daniel Saur are erecting new dwellings on their homesteads. The structures are to have concrete foundations, with large cellars and the superstructures are to be frame, one of four rooms, the other, three and when complete they will be commodious and comfortable, farmhouses. Both quarter sections are enclosed completely with five-foot hog wire fences.” [The Oasis, 11/30/1912].

In 1915 Abraham was hospitalized at the Sawtelle Soldier’s Home in Los Angeles, where he died on December 14, 1916. It is likely that Abraham deeded his property in Section 25 to Daniel and Adriene who in turn provided land for the cemetery. By 1920 Daniel and Adriene were living in California.

When deeding the land for the cemetery, the Saur named I. P. Fraizer, A.C. Dalton, and Charles L. Wood as trustees. As noted in last month’s article about the Fruitland townsite, Ike Fraizer was one of its developers. Albern C. Dalton and his wife Lorina homesteaded 275 acres in Elgin in Section 35, close to the cemetery. They had nine children and operated Dalton’s Dairy, first from Elgin and later from Nogales. A.C. died in 1952 and is buried in Black Oak Cemetery. Charles L. Wood and his wife Millie homesteaded in the Rain Valley area about 1912. By 1919 he had sold his property and moved to Los Angeles, where he died in 1920.

Grave markers for Henry (left), Mary and Bertha (right) Barton. Mary and Bertha share a headstone, with separate inscriptions on each side of the headstone.

The graves in the “Homesteader’s Plot” include Ida I. Miller, who died in 1917 at age 57. Her husband David homesteaded 160 acres in Section 26, close to the cemetery. Willard Delton McGuire, who, with his wife June, homesteaded 320 acres in Elgin, is also buried there. He was killed in 1919, age 33, when he was thrown by a mule. Three members of the Barton family are buried in the Homesteader’s Plot. Bertha Barton who died in 1919 at age 19; Bertha’s mother Mary Sherman Barton who died in 1922 at age 52; and Mary’s husband Henry Barton who died in 1940 at age 73. In 1920 Henry and Mary were renting a farm in Vaughn; they had two children, Bertha and Henry, Jr.

Phoebe E. Lewis Arnwine, age 73, died in 1921. A widow, Phoebe homesteaded 160 acres in 1915 in Section 25, adjacent to the cemetery. Charles Putnam died in 1954 at age 85. Charles homesteaded near Sonoita in 1912 and was a rancher, carpenter, and musician. [Tucson Citizen, 10/5/1954]. Dorothy Putnam Sprung died in 1984 at age 84. Dorothy came to Elgin in 1912 with her family; her father Fred was Charles Putnam’s brother. She married Lyle Sprung, who had a 160-acre homestead in Elgin. Lyle worked for the Coronado National Forest and discovered Sprung’s Spring on Mount Wrightson. [Arizona Daily Star 11/9/1984].

Burial at Fruitland Cemetery is available via Sonoita Bible Church. Contact Pastor Mike Wright, 520-455-5779, for additional information.

Birth Announcement

Riley Ann Purvis

Welcomed by parents Levi and Alisa Purvis, currently stationed at Ft. Wainwright, AK, and grandparents Denise and Gordon Purvis, of Sonoita, and Bryan and Juli Gutierrez, of Elgin.

Date of Birth: 1/17/2020

6 lb 10 oz
19 1/2 inches
Local Resources

Food Banks & Free Meals

Eastern Santa Cruz County Food Bank

Monday Vegetable Distribution

The Monday Vegetable Distribution at the Patagonia Senior Center will continue as long as there is a supply of vegetables and people to distribute to. Social distancing, sanitizing will be observed.

Monthly Food Bag Distribution

Monthly Food Bag Distribution will take place April 1 at the Eastern Santa Cruz County Food Bank in Patagonia 9a.m. to 10a.m. Clients are encouraged to drive up Rothrock Alley to receive their food bag in "Drive Through" fashion to limit personal contact. Food bags will be put into the trunk, pickup truck bed or unoccupied back seat of vehicles. Food Bank volunteers will not physically interact with clients during the food bag delivery. The Food Bank has discontinued delivering food bags and all food bags should be picked up with a vehicle. The Food Bank continues to offer emergency food bags anytime to anyone who asks for one.

Produce on Wheels

Produce on Wheels will take place April 18 at Harvest Christian Church in Sonoita. Three handwashing stations will be available. Volunteers ONLY will be handling produce. Hand sanitizer will be provided for all participants at registration table. We will be practicing Social Distancing. If you have any flu-like symptoms, please stay home.

The Patagonia Senior Center

The Patagonia Senior Center is closed for dining, but will distribute lunches outside the center from 12 - 1p.m. Mon-Friday until further notice.

Patagonia Public Schools

Patagonia Public Schools will be providing free meals, Mon - Fri, during the school closure for children 18 years of age or younger. Breakfast may be picked up at the Patagonia Park gazebo 8a.m - 8:30a.m. Lunch may be picked up at the gazebo 12p.m. - 12:30p.m. Breakfast may be picked up at the Sonoita Fairgrounds 8:20a.m. - 8:50a.m. and Lunch may be picked up there 12:20p.m. - 12:50p.m. Adults may purchase breakfast for $2.50, lunch for $4.00 at either site.

Elgin School

Elgin School is providing breakfast and lunch, Mon - Fri, to any community member in need. Call the school to order. Leave a message what meals you would like and when. The school will deliver meals along the normal bus stops or meals can be picked up at the school.

Patagonia Youth Enrichment Center

PYEC is closed, but the Coleman family is making family-style meals for youth to take home. Pick up times for meals are Wed from 4:30-5:30 at the Youth Center. To order meals, text 520-343-2356.

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- Bird Song Massage: Closed until further notice
- Little Bubbles washer and dryer: Open; self-serve
- Mariposa Clinic: Open regular hours and offering tele-health services. 520-281-1550
- Ovens of Patagonia: Open for take-out, daily 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., (520) 394-2330
- Earth Space: Open by appointment
- Velvet Elvis: Take out only, Th-Sun 11:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. (520) 394-0069
- Patagonia Market: Well stocked and open; new hours 6 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- Charlie’s Gas Station: Has propane and gasoline. New hours 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Mon to Fri. Credit card gas pumps 24/7. Emergencies, call (520)604-1659
- Crown & Taqueria: Closed until further notice
- La Frontera Realty: Open for business; if office door locked, call posted numbers
- Wagon Wheel: Open for take-out only (520) 392-2433
- Methodist Church Thrift Store: Closed until further notice
- Mesquite Grove Gallery: Need to call (520) 400-7230
- Red Mountain Foods: Open for business; well stocked. Open every day 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Long Realty: Open for business; if office door locked, call posted numbers
- Gathering Grounds: Closed until further notice
- Creative Spirits Artist: Closed through April 3, then will reassess
- Global Arts Gallery: Closed until further notice
- Wild Horse Restaurant and Bar: Open for take-out only (including beer and mixed drinks). Fri, Sat, & Sun 9 a.m. - 8 p.m., Mon-Thur 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. (520) 394-2344
- Stage Stop Inn: Rooms are open (520) 394-2211
- Patagonia Health and Fitness: Closed until further notice
- Bed and Breakfasts: Many are open. Call for information

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- Sky Island Diner: Open for take-out (520) 455-3787
- The Cafe in Sonoita: Open for take-out (520) 455-5044
- The Steak Out Restaurant and Bar: Open for take-out. (520) 455-5205. The Steak Out also offers cut steaks, ground beef and pork ribs for freeze or cook at home options. Beer, bottled wine and cocktails available
- The Sonoita Mercantile: Open for fuel and take out food options, but the sitting area and restrooms are closed to the public
- The Sonoita Inn: Open (520) 455-5935
- Desert Stream Family Practice: Open but no walk-ins. Call for Appt. Mon-Thurs 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. (520) 224-3401
- The Copper Brothel: Open for take-out only. 7a.m. – 6p.m. (including beer and mixed drinks). Offering breakfast burritos 7a.m. - 11a.m.
- Tia Nita’s Cantina: Open for take-out only. Wed – Sun 4p.m. - 8p.m. Full menu and beer. 520-455-0500
- Sonoita Realty: Open for business; If office door locked, call posted numbers
- Sonoita Mini Mart: Open for business; well stocked. Open every day 7a.m. to 7p.m.
- Sonoita Strands: Open by appointment. (310) 968-0341
- Old Pueblo Drugs: Open M - F 9a.m. - 5p.m. Closed for lunch 12 -1p.m.
- Cowgirl Flair: Open Thurs, Fri, Sat 11a.m. - 5p.m. or by appt. (520) 609-1483
- National Bank Sonoita: Open. Doors are locked, two customers at a time may enter. You may also call for an appointment. 520-455-5030
- Sonoita Hardware: 8a.m. to 5p.m. Mon.-Sat. 520-455-5523
- Produce on Wheels and Sonoita Community Market, 3rd Saturday each month, 8-11am, on Hwy 83. Information, Call Gardenia 602-292-1616
- Dollar General: Open for business; well stocked. Open every day 8a.m. to 9p.m.
- Senior Hour 8a.m. - 9a.m. daily 520-394-5183
- Long Realty: Open for business; If office door locked, call posted numbers
- Heart of Gold Antiques: Closed until April 30.
- Wineries: Open for bottle purchases only.
- Bed and Breakfasts: Many are open. Call for information
- Angel Wings Thrift Shop: Closed until further notice.
- 3Bar3 Ranch and Feed: Open. Will take phone orders for pick up. 520-455-5734.

Senior Center News

By Valerie Hing

The Patagonia Senior Center is now closed for dining due to the response to COVID-19 precautions. Cooked meals are being distributed at the door from 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m., said Chuck Kelly, spokesman for the center. This will continue until further notice, he said, adding that frozen meals will be provided to those who needing extra food.

The Center’s Guest Chef dinner by town manager Ron Robinson was sold out on February 29th. Also well attended was a community breakfast on March 14, sponsored by the Methodist Church.

The family of former Patagonia mayor Gary and Rita Gay donated generously to the Senior Center and a bench with a plaque in their honor will be situated in front of the building.

The meal program served 754 meals during the month of February. The three vans of the transportation program drove 36 passengers 2,172 miles in February, taking them to medical appointments and shopping.

Photo by Robin Kulibert

People line up, maintaining physical distance, to pick up fresh vegetables outside the Patagonia Senior Center recently.

LITTER IS PREVENTABLE!
This month the PRT begins a series of profiles of the PUHS senior class of 2020.

**Damian Castro**

By Jordi Peterson

Damian Castro, a senior at Patagonia Union High School, has attended Patagonia Public Schools since Pre-K. What surprised him most about high school is how much fun he actually had all four years, but the most challenging aspect was probably keeping up with his grades along with sports.

Some of his best times in high school basketball were the late bus rides back from games and winning the games people thought they’d lose, as well as learning all that Coach Hayes had to teach him.

Outside of school Damian spent his time cruising all over the beautiful town of Patagonia, going to the Patagonia Youth Enrichment Center with friends, playing basketball and going to all the basketball games.

When asked about his favorite subject, Damian said it was English because Mrs. Hayes is a really great teacher. His favorite teachers are Mr. Hayes and Mrs. Hayes equally because they both help him a lot in school and make learning easier and better to understand.

Looking back, his hardest lesson was probably getting his school work done on time. But the hard times were always overshadowed by the good times such as going to state three years in a row, and, hopefully, making it four.

His friends have described him as passionate, big hearted, funny, athletic and open-minded. Damian’s advice to underclassmen is to not procrastinate and to keep your school work your number one priority!

Damian would like to study sports medicine, hopefully attending University of Arizona.

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**Lauren Fletcher**

By Amaris Ochoa

Lauren Fletcher is a senior at Patagonia Union High School. She came to Patagonia in 10th grade from Pennsylvania. During her years at Patagonia, she has participated in FFA for three years and volleyball for her junior and senior year. She has also participated in 4-H for a year.

Her favorite subject is the agricultural education program. Through competing and being involved in FFA, she has gotten to participate in many activities. This past year, Lauren’s team won the State Agriculture Issues Competition, earning the chance to represent Arizona FFA at the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana. She was also the President of the FFA this year, which taught her a lot about managing a leadership position.

For her, it was hard finding out who she belonged with at the school. One thing that surprised her most about Patagonia was how close the students at school were. She adapted to the tight-knit community here, even though it was a small struggle. She has made many friends and has a new place to call home, although, Lauren still has Pennsylvania in her heart.

Lauren’s advice for the underclassmen is to never back down from having your own opinions and to always be yourself. Also, she would like to encourage all younger students to find a senior to get to know and become close to so that you can cry when they graduate. All joking aside though, she stresses the importance of getting along with your classmates because you’re stuck with them until you graduate.

After high school, she is planning on going to the U of A. She would like to study veterinary medicine.

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**Isaiah Ruiz**

By Amaris Ochoa

Angel Ruiz, known by his friends and teachers as Isaiah, is a senior at Patagonia Union High School.

He has been a student at Patagonia Schools since Pre-K. During his years at Patagonia, he participated in football and chess his freshman year. He has also participated in basketball and soccer all four years of high school. His favorite subject has been weights, because it helps him feel confident. It also motivates him to keep improving his body.

What surprised Isaiah the most about high school was how fun it actually was. He found it challenging not to give up on school. Isaiah isn’t a huge fan of school, but his perseverance helped him push through tough times. The best thing that happened to him during high school was making memories with his friends and family. Isaiah definitely hated waking up early in the morning, but he pushed through, nonetheless. Some of the worst times of high school for him were the usually long bus rides home after away games for basketball.

Isaiah’s basketball coach, Nate Porter, would describe him as a “stud and a determined hard-working young man.” His friends describe Isaiah as “kind, strong-hearted, and a natural leader.” He’s most proud of going to state for basketball all four years of high school.

Isaiah’s favorite subject is English because Mrs. Hayes is a really great teacher. His favorite teacher has been SJ [Tonya St. James] because she’s taken over the FFA chapter like she’s been their advisor for years. Lauren said that the kids have all grown close with SJ, especially the group she took to National Conventions in Indianapolis. Lauren says that SJ will do anything for her students.

Lauren’s advice for the underclassmen is to never back down from having your own opinions and to always be yourself. Also, she would like to encourage all younger students to find a senior to get to know and become close to so that you can cry when they graduate. All joking aside though, she stresses the importance of getting along with your classmates because you’re stuck with them until you graduate.

After high school, he is planning on going to University of Arizona.

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**Brianna Arbizo**

By Russell Sherman

Brianna Arbizo is a senior at Patagonia Union High School. She has been in and out of Patagonia since she was little, but she is happy to be able to graduate in her hometown. Brianna managed soccer her junior and senior year. Her favorite part about managing soccer was seeing all her “angels” (the players) improve throughout the season. Brianna’s favorite subject is English because of her love for poetry and books. Her favorite teacher is Mr. Hayes because he is one of the coolest people she knows.

After high school she plans to attend college for a few years and major in English. She also plans to write some poetry books. One thing that surprised her about high school was how everyone kept telling her that this was going to be the best four years of her life, Brianna explains, “I plan on living a life so memorable I won’t even remember high school.”

Outside of school Brianna loves to read and write as much as she can. Her friends would most likely describe her as outgoing, bubbly, funny, and very blunt but she says the one quality that describes her best is outspoken. “I’ve always been a very outspoken girl, I never not said what was on my mind” Brianna said.

The best thing that has ever happened to Brianna was meeting new people throughout her travels and being able to try new things. Her favorite place she has traveled to was Globe, Az. Brianna thinks that the energy in Globe is so peaceful and clear, and the people are so nice and so unique. If Brianna could change one thing about the world, she would want there to be world peace. Brianna’s biggest influence in her life is singer Lana Del Rey because she lives a life Brianna hopes to live one day, a life filled with adventure and happiness.
Andy Manriquez

Andy Manriquez, a senior at Patagonia Union High School, has been involved in sports for three years, including cross country for two years, as well as soccer and tennis for three years. Even though he has been highly involved in sports, Andy has still made sure to remain dedicated to his studies in his high school career.

Andy’s favorite subject has been science because, he explains, it is related to his future career field. He intends to study veterinary medicine. Although his favorite subject may be science, his favorite teacher is Mrs. Hayes, his high school English teacher. Andy has enjoyed Mrs. Hayes as a teacher and a class sponsor because he says she is the most understanding and will do anything to work with students’ schedules to help them with assignments.

Andy believes that life in high school can be easy if you do all your work and he encourages underclassmen to do just that. Andy feels the best thing to happen to him in high school is becoming closer to his friends throughout his years here in Patagonia. Andy’s friends describe him as outgoing, although he may be quiet at first, but when he gets to know other people, he gets more comfortable around them.

After graduation, Andy hopes to join the U.S. Army and then go to school for veterinary science. All of Andy’s friends and teachers wish him the best of luck and will miss his charm and positive attitude.

Luis Ocampo

Luis Ocampo, a senior at Patagonia Union High School, transferred here at the start of the 2019-2020 school year from Glendale High School. Coming from a very large school, he was mostly surprised at the small size of Patagonia.

At his old school he participated in football, chess, drama, and ceramics. His favorite subject here at PUHS is English because the people in the class are fun to be around and he really enjoys the class. During Luis’ time in high school, the hardest lesson he had to learn was not to help others on tests and to concentrate on his own work.

Luis considers himself a kind and happy young man. His favorite teachers are Mrs. Gonzales and Mrs. Meckler because they are always helpful, make sure he’s doing okay and ask him how his day is going. The most challenging thing about high school for Luis has been his science class and basketball practice because they were different for him than what he had experienced at his old school.

His favorite part about high school has been being able to spend time with this year’s seniors because, as he describes them, they are very funny and kind and have welcomed him and accepted him as one of their own. If he could change one thing about the world it would be for everyone to have peace and to get along and to just be happy so the world can have no problems.

After high school, Luis is going to school to be an EMT and a firefighter in Oregon. Luis says if he could give one piece of advice to underclassmen it would be to stay focused on your goals.

Gabriel Wilson

Gabriel Wilson, known around the small halls of Patagonia High School as Gabe or Gibby, is currently a senior this year and will be graduating soon.

Gabe has been a member of the basketball team for the last two years, proving himself to be a threat on and off the court. His friends here at PUHS would describe him as incredibly funny and someone who always brings humor into any situation.

While Gabe was surprised at how much work was required in high school, his favorite subject was English and the times he could go into the resource room.

Gabe experienced a great deal of hardship when he lost of his grandfather and explains it as being “a stab to my heart.” Nevertheless, he continued to grow and blossom in the garden of Patagonia seniors. He has been helped by his favorite teachers, Mrs. Hayes and Mrs. Gortarez who have guided him on his path to graduation when he has gone astray. Gabe says these two are his favorites because they have always been there for him and never given up on him and they always make sure he is doing his best to succeed.

Gabe says that one word that describes himself is “unbroken” because he continues to strive for the very best even when life doesn’t quite go as planned.

We all know he will do great things; the best of Gabriel Wilson has yet to come.
All events at Tinsed and Patagonia Center of Creative Arts cancelled until further notice.

All events at Santa Cruz Foundation of Performing Arts cancelled until further notice.

Patagonia Library Closed until further notice.

Schools are closed until the end of the school year. Free breakfast and lunch available. (See pg 20).

Borderlands Restoration Network, Friends of Sonoita Creek and Patagonia Area Regional Alliance have cancelled all their events until further notice.

Earthfest 2020 is cancelled.

Patagonia Library Closed until further notice. Library Hop Service cancelled.

Town of Patagonia Updates:
- Modified Office Hours 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. Mon-Fri.
- Court services closed until May 6
- 4th Ave Public Bathrooms closed indefinitely.
- Late fees for March & April billing cycles will be suspended as well as turn-off orders.
- Mayor is corresponding with the Governor for up-to-date information and State mandates.
- Landlords are ordered not to evict anyone who had been monetarily affected due to Coronavirus.
- Town posts up-to-date information about the Coronavirus at the Town Hall.
- Regular Town Council Meeting continue with social distancing measures in place. Public is discouraged from attending although, not barred.

**All updates on this page are as of March 30, 2020**

Lunch for Seniors - Dining Room Closed. Fresh-cooked meals, Mon - Fri, noon-1 p.m. At the Patagonia Senior Center Available to pick up.

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. CLOSED until further notice

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

Sonoita/Patagonia Email Newsletter - Free. Sign up at clarenbonelli@sonoitatagonialocs.com.

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

Flea Market at Heart of Gold Antiques first Sat of every month. Free to set up. Call 520-394-0199 for any additional information. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. CLOSED until further notice

East SCC Community Food Bank 2nd Wednesday of the month 9-10 a.m. at St Therese Catholic Church. Please see page 20 for update.

Sonoita Produce on Wheels every 3rd Saturday of the month at Harvest Christian Church. Pg 20 for more details.

Patagonia Youth Enrichment Center providing dinners for free for youth, see pg 20.

Email prtasted@gmail.com with any event updates or cancellations you would like listed.

*Please note many meetings will be cancelled or moved online until further notice.*

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

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

Al Anon (for family and friends of alcoholics) Patagonia Community Methodist Church, Wed @ 6 p.m. online on Zoom. Call (315)516-5998

NEW Adult Children of Alcoholics (ACA), Methodist Church, Tues @ 6 p.m. online on Zoom. Call (315)516-5998

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 Public Discouraged to attend but not barred.

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

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

The So AZ Republican Club meeting, 7 p.m. every third Thurs of the month, Sonoita Fire House Board room. Check before attending

The Santa Cruz County Democratic Party Meeting every Sat online at 9:30 a.m Contact 520-2339160

Community Youth Bible Hang Out at the Sonoita Bible Church. Canceled until further notice.
Classifieds

HELP WANTED

ARE YOU A COMPASSIONATE AND QUALIFIED CAREGIVER AND LOOKING FOR WORK?
Please contact Patagonia Assisted Care Agency 520-604-8179 or fill out an application online at www.carepatagonia.com

BORDERLANDS RESTORATION IS SEEKING A VOLUNTEER
To help plant sale events and opportunities. Email horticulture@borderlandsrestoration.org if interested

GLOBAL ARTS GALLERY IN PATAGONIA
is seeking a part time Gallery/Boutique salesperson 21-24 hours weekly, including Sundays. Adrienne 520.404.3490 adrienne@globalartsgallery

HOUSING RENTALS

HOUSE FOR RENT LAKE PATAGONIA
2 Bedroom with office, 2 Bath. Awesome views, lots of space. Pet Friendly
More Info call Traci England (520) 360-1260

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$300/Month 520-394-2007 Will Stack

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SONOITA SELF STORAGE+RV/BOAT STORAGE RENTALS
5x10, 10 x 10,10x 20. 520-455-9333 or 520-455-4641.

KPUP Broadcast Schedule Spring 2020

Mon: 7:00pm to 8:00pm: eTown repeat of Saturday’s show.
Tues: 10:00am to 12:00pm: World Jazz with Mark Berg
7:00pm to 9:00pm: Jazz and Blues with Fred Hansen
Wed: 10:00am - 11am: Ordinary People Radio Hour. Emphasizing the ordinary within each of us, expanding our awareness through topics of interest.
7:00pm to 10pm: Sean Alexander show
Thurs: 7:00pm to 10:00pm: Possibility Explorers.
“Celebrating the Evening of Mushkil Gusha, the Remover of All Difficulties”. Hosted by Graves
Fri: 7:00pm to 9:00pm: Hook’s Sunken Roadhouse
Sat: 12:00pm to 1:00pm: eTown - “Educate, entertain and inspire listeners through music and conversation”
Sun: 10:00am: Patagonia Community United Methodist Church service
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.
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CROWN C EQUESTRIAN ESTATE
MLS #22000162 62.93 ACRES
COMpletely REMODELED! Rammed earth construction. Updated kitchen and baths, hardwood floors, new A/C. Barn w/14 stalls. BARBARA HARRIS 602 826-4026

$159,000
AUTHENTIC NAVAJO HOGAN
MLS# 21920191 716 REDROCK AVENUE
Built in 2002 under Navajo supervision. Cozy w/ wood stove, full kitchen. Separate bathroom, 2 storage sheds. Fully fenced. Owner financing. JEAN MILLER 520 508-3335

$749,000
68 DRY CANYON RD. 44.58 PRISTINE ACRES
Private with WOW views. 3425 spacious sq. ft. w/4bd/4ba, sunroom, Rec room, full downstairs living quarters. Private well. JEAN MILLER 520 508-3335

$529,000
VIEWs AND MORE VIEWs IN SONOITA
MLS #22004603 2.9 ACRES
Well built custom home. 1281 sf, 3bd/2ba. w/high end cabinets, windows & doors. Great outdoor spaces, lg workshop, greenhouse. LARRY DEMUN 520 732-9179

$1,395,000
LAZY RR CUSTOM HOME
MLS# 21917028 5670 SF, luxuriously remodeled. Land is dividable, w/no HOA. Direct access to Nat. Forest. Great for horses, vineyard, or nature lovers. JEAN MILLER 520 508-3335

$375,000
COUNTRY LIVING WITHIN TOWN LIMITS
MLS #21931570 .58 ACRES
Artistic home w/loads of modern green features. AAC/Adobe, radiant floor heating, mini-splits. 2bd/2ba w/lg studio. Room for guest house. JEAN MILLER 520 508-3335

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116 RED MOUNTAIN CT. 4+ ACRES
BEAUTIFUL SETTING IN THE TREES. 3 baths. Well maintained & updated. 2112 sf, 2 Master Suites. Bonus room, separate worksop/studio. JEAN MILLER 520 508-3335

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COZY MFR HOME ON LARGE LOT
MLs #21921120 404 SONOITA AVE.
Comfy double-wide Mfr home on almost 2 lots. Lots of trees for shade & privacy. 2 Bd/2 Ba, storage building, fully fenced. Great location. BARBARA HARRIS 602 826-4026

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1995 sf, 3bd/2ba w/ loads of modern green features. AAC/Adobe, radiant floor heating, mini-split. 2443 sf with separate studio. Fresh paint, newly coated roof. Burnt adobe w/high beamed ceilings, Saltillo floors, patios off every room. JEAN MILLER 520 508-3335

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Fully fenced, 3bd/2ba bungalow guest house. Great building site for your main home. Lovely views and plenty of room for horses. CAROL FORD 520 604-0162

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