The New Normal for Local Healthcare Workers

By Alisha Sander

When Jennie La Dage, RN, of Patagonia, comes home from working a 12-hour shift at Northwest Hospital in Tucson she takes her clothes off in the garage and puts them in a plastic bag with her scrubs. She leaves her shoes and bag outside, doesn’t wear her wedding ring or other jewelry, goes into her guesthouse bathroom and takes a hot shower. She puts the clothes into a two-hour cycle in hot water and wipes her car down with bleach before she goes into her house to be with her family.

La Dage is just one of many healthcare workers living an entirely new reality since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic. The most striking change she said is “being terrified of going to work. I’ve been a nurse for ten years and love my job, love going to work, but now I have a lot of fears around going to work.”

“For now, I feel like my workplace is assessing the risk and protecting its workers, but if I go and I don’t feel safe, then I will quit, which is terrible. I don’t want to quit but I’m not going to risk my family,” La Dage said. Some people believe that healthcare workers signed up for this, said La Dage, “but I didn’t sign up for going to work and being unprotected.” She would be most comfortable with a full protective suit, which is not available. Healthcare workers are wearing thin gowns, and because of the anticipated shortage of personal protective equipment there is “a lot of compromise on how we have been trained to work with infectious diseases. It should only be single use of all personal protective equipment (PPE).”

The hospital has changed too. There are no visitors allowed, each person who enters must have his or her temperature checked, and only one entrance and exit is open. The policy on masks has been updated so that every healthcare worker is expected to wear a blue surgical mask all the time. N-95 masks are to be worn all the time in the ICU, which has been split into two sections, one for COVID-19 patients and one for others. But there is a problem with wearing the N-95 all day said La Dage. “If you have a good seal, the longest I can wear mine is 20 minutes because you’re breathing your own air.”

Though there is no shortage of PPE as of now, the hospital is trying to repurpose N-95 masks to get three uses out of them, according to La Dage, which indicates a need for conservation of a precious resource that protects healthcare workers from contracting COVID-19 from their patients. A nurse is constantly touching surfaces in a hospital, from door handles, to medicine dispensary, to charting, LaDage said. Following the CDC recommendation to wash hands after touching surfaces has led her to have to cracked, bleeding hands.

The COVID-19 pandemic is “horrendous and really scary, not anything like I have experienced,” especially imagining being with a COVID-19 patient who can’t have any family there or if the outbreak leads to rationing care to favor patients most likely to live, as it has in other places like New York.

She wishes that people were better educated about staying at home and social distancing because if there is a big surge of COVID-19 cases it will ‘break the system.’ “People don’t stop having heart attacks or car accidents. They will still need healthcare, but resources will be diverted to the pandemic.” This can be avoided if we practice social distancing properly, had better testing and if there were a nationwide shutdown to slow down the spread of the virus, said La Dage.

Karina Hilliard is an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) with both the Sonoita and Patagonia Fire Districts. The “hardest part is taking someone to the hospital,” said Hilliard. The EMTs have to call ahead of time so that someone can meet them outside the hospital and screen their temperature. The EMTs have to prioritize if a patient’s needs can be met at a hospital that doesn’t have positive COVID-19 cases. Disinfecting the ambulance has become more specialized. They have to use a special spray to kill anything that may have been aerosolized and wipe down anything that they touch (steering wheels, door handles.)

The EMT team receives a daily update from their base hospital, Banner University Medical Center in Tucson. Their protocol to wear PPE has changed and, though there is no shortage yet, they are reusing their N-95 masks. The EMTs wear safety goggles, masks and gloves and have been instructed to put a surgical mask on all their patients.

For now, because the team of EMTs is so small in Patagonia, they have broken up the response to calls so that everyone is not on call at the same time, said Hilliard. “We are all learning together, it’s so new,” and we are “so appreciative of the donations of masks and food from our community,” said Hilliard. “My morale is good, but I really miss seeing my friends and colleagues when I’m not working.”

Susan Lange, RN, who works with Patagonia Assisted Care Agency, expressed a similar wish for the community to take the CDC recommendations of social distancing and wearing a mask when out more seriously. She said, “when I go out and see people closer than six feet apart, I try to educate them, but most people get irritated with me.”

Lange is afraid that people who get relaxed because the numbers of cases are so low, but our “count is so inaccurate because we haven’t tested enough people and because people can have the virus but are asymptomatic.” Most importantly, she said that even if you think you are not at risk of getting sick, think globally and think of the community.
RUMORS, REALITY AND RESPONSIBILITY

By Aisha Sander and Marion Vendituoli

The COVID-19 pandemic has changed the world as we know it, but even as it brings the world together against an invisible enemy, it reveals the differences in how we experience it. “I heard that we are all in the same boat,” a Facebook user posted recently, “but it’s not like that. We are in the same storm, but not in the same boat. Your ship could be shipwrecked and mine might not be. Or vice versa.” Our worldview depends on the seaworthiness of the metaphorical boat we find ourselves in, and it colors our perception of the news we consume and how we react to authority and government restrictions.

As your local news source, we do not take lightly our responsibility for accurate reporting. In times like these, local news matters more than ever before. We have been chastised for including the County’s updates on the number of confirmed cases on our website, even as others thank us for this information. We understand that there are residents for whom the reporting of positive tests by zip code in Santa Cruz County is disconcerting. They feel threatened when confronted with evidence that COVID-19 exists in our community, and there are those for whom the test shows how little we know about how widespread it may really be. There are also those who, when we report that the County’s Health Director confirmed that the one reported case in the 85624 zip code had recovered, felt that all danger had passed and we could relax the restrictions about wearing masks and social distancing.

Rumors abound during this time of uncertainty. The lack of hard information has led to speculation that quickly becomes ‘fact’ after being repeated a few times. Local businesses, who are dependent on community support, can be negatively affected.

One small business owner has seen a marked decrease in clients after a rumor spread that a family member had tested positive. A local shop was reportedly besieged by calls from customers demanding that a resident, whom they feared was ill, not be allowed in the store. Both these examples demonstrate a response to the fear of this terrible virus. ‘If I think I know who is sick, then I can keep myself safe from it.’

Reports from around the world, from our state, from our county and from our own local healthcare providers show that, for now, the best way to combat this pandemic is by staying home, wearing a mask and social distancing. Yes, it makes things inconvenient. It makes things scary, uncertain and for many with real health concerns, the rise in number of cases and fatalities makes this a daily reminder of their frailty.

There are a lot of unknowns surrounding this virus, and little solid information to guide us. We are told that we will have immunity if we have had the virus, but maybe not, and maybe not for an extended period of time. We are told to stay at home, limit trips to the supermarket, but don’t buy too much when you do go shopping. The CDC says buy enough to last two weeks, but the FDA says buy enough for one week. We are told that symptoms can vary from mild to severe, involve a bewildering host of organs, or can be nonexistent. There is even conflicting information about the number of days that the virus can live on surfaces.

What we do know is that there is very little information about the spread of the virus for Eastern Santa Cruz County. There have been 225 tests administered in the county to date, only 0.48% of the population. We do know that it is spreading here; there are more positive cases reported every day. We will not have an accurate picture of the spread of the virus until testing becomes more widely available and we all need our politicians and health officials to act now to get us the information that we need to protect ourselves and each other.

We also know that we have a high number of retirees in our population and others who are vulnerable because of pre-existing health conditions. We still do not know enough about the virus to guarantee that it doesn’t affect the healthiest of us all.

If anything, in a small community like ours, we know better than anywhere else that each life matters. Each person in our communities is worth protecting and every person in our communities must share the responsibility to keep us all safe.
Schools Rising to the Challenge Of Distance Learning

By Sarah Klingenstein

Emiliano Leon, a Patagonia Elementary Kindergarten student in Sara Vicary’s class, works on beginning reading tasks at home.

Schools in Arizona closed on March 23 and will remain closed for this school year, but the academic year goes on. It is uncharted territory for the students, parents and teachers at a time when parents may be trying to work from home or are out of work and wondering when they’ll work again. To learn more about this transition to distance learning, The PRT spoke with administrators from Patagonia Public, Patagonia Montessori, and Elgin Schools.

Patagonia Schools

When the initial two-week closure began, Superintendent Kenny Hayes, gathered teachers in small groups with the District IT specialist to discuss plans and present an overview of Google Classroom. Teachers are using a combination of online learning and paper packets. In addition to traditional academic work, students are also involved in challenging experiments. One such project asked students to adapt a common object to perform an unusual task, such as using a mouse trap to blow out a candle.

Hayes said the biggest challenge of all is not having access to the kids. “None of us became teachers to stare at a computer screen. It’s a bit easier that this occurred in the final quarter, when we generally spend a lot of our time reviewing material in preparation for end-of-year testing. And it’s easier to support our students now, as classes have developed close relationships. Most classes have regular Google Hangout times and/or teachers have established office hours when students can call.”

“Another challenge is internet access for our kids from the more rural parts of our district. Some live in areas where it would require a new tower to improve their access, so we adapt by giving them paper materials and assignments. And they do have phone access.”

Hayes encouraged the community to stay tuned for a “Drive-Through Graduation Celebration” to take place on May 22 for graduating seniors, with coverage on KPUP Radio. Eighth grade graduation will be broadcast on KPUP on May 21. (See p. 22 for more details)

Patagonia Montessori School

Principal Jessi Bebbe says the small school size and high parental involvement have made distance learning easier. Enrollment is 32 children in preschool through eighth grade.

Because Montessori education relies on hands-on activities with specialized manipulative objects and an individualized curriculum, teachers have spent hours creating materials and lessons for each student.

“And we try to remember,” Bebbe said, “that all families are going through something different. We can’t assume students can devote the time to school that they normally would. So we offer several hours of work daily.”

The Montessori philosophy extends to home life as well. “We encourage parents to let the kids figure things out on their own.”

The charter school is a “low-technology school” so it has foregone platforms like Google Classroom. Middle school students have some optional internet activities. Bebbe said the families stay in touch, and help each other out. “This is a close-knit community, and families are looking out for each other.”

Elgin School

Principal/Superintendent Mary Faley was glad that their technology ratio was already 1:1 when school closed. Each child has been assigned an iPad or Macbook. While there are some families without reliable internet access, staff is working to help them connect. The school’s Wifi extends to the parking lot, so it is not unusual to see cars parked there as children work online.

In grades 2-8, teachers are using Google Classroom to assign and receive schoolwork, as well as present links to online lessons. According to Faley, many grades were already using online learning, including keyboarding, reading and math programs that adapt lessons to students’ skill levels. “What was supplemental technology has become primary,” she says.

Many lessons are shared on social media. Examples of assignments on the school’s Facebook page include videos of a young child reading aloud to siblings, a boy riding a bicycle through a homemade obstacle course and presentation of an apex predator species for a science class.

More Than The ABC’s

Besides the children’s academic growth, the schools care deeply about kids’ emotional and social health. Children and parents at all the local schools have access to staff by phone, and teachers know that, while sometimes the kids may need academic clarification or help, sometimes they just want to hear their teacher’s voice. Bebbe said, “We are trying our best to take the situation and make the most positive experience out of it,” said Bebbe.

Faley said that Zoom class meetings help kids’ emotionally, as they can stay connected to their teachers and classmates.

Faley summed up the gratitude the staffs at all the schools expressed. “Thank you to our community for their offers of support and to our parents for doing all they can to help their children. We’re grateful to our hard-working and creative staff of course, but without parents, we could never accomplish what we are.”

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Patagonia Schools
By Pat McNamara

As with the rest of the world, the Santa Cruz County Fair and Rodeo Association (SCCFRA) has been negatively affected by the recent Covid 19 pandemic.

"There has been no precedent to compare with and it’s been like every day, body blows to the organization," said Harry Dotson, president of the SCCFRA. Closing Pioneer Hall to previously scheduled events and canceling the 105th annual Sonoita Horse Races was the right thing to do, but still a very difficult decision. Dotson stated that he spent many sleepless nights worried about the financial effects of the closure and the loss of the facility to the community as a traditional gathering place.

"We want the community to know that cancelling the races was not a decision we took lightly at all," said Fairgrounds Manager Lacy Beyer. "We understand the effects cancelling it has on the community. We went over every possible solution to it and we couldn’t see any way to go forward. It was the logical thing to do."

At this point in time, Dotson feels that expenses can be met, even with the loss of revenue. Because the Fairgrounds received funds from the federal payroll protection plan, the two salaried employees, Beyer and Grounds Manager Howard Brottier, can continue in their positions, at least for the short term. With an eye on the budget, only spending what is necessary, Dotson is cautiously optimistic that SCCFRA is financially secure for the near future.

Beyer is now working remotely from home, where she also has the responsibility of home schooling her four children, with schools closed due to the pandemic. This is a challenge for Beyer. However, she is lucky to have family available to help her when she needs to come into the fairgrounds office.

Beyer and Dotson both lamented the loss of revenue from the cancellations, but remain optimistic about the future as they look forward to the upcoming AZ Jr. High School Rodeo Finals, a High School Rodeo, the Sonoita Rodeo Royalty Competition and an all-breed horse show, all tentatively scheduled to take place in May, depending on state mandates for gatherings at that time. As of now, the Sonoita Labor Day Rodeo and the Santa Cruz County Fair are still scheduled for September.

The outdoor facilities at the Fairgrounds are open for use, including the arenas, the Rotary Park and the ballfield.

Mine Study Delayed

By Marion Vendituoli

The completion of the pre-feasibility study (PFS) for the Hermosa Project in the Patagonia Mountains is now projected to be completed by the end of the third quarter of 2020, according to the mining project’s communications director, Jenny Fiore. The study was originally scheduled to be released this spring.

"It’s just a matter of taking time to do things right. [The] PFS team studies every option for every aspect of project development, and some of the options that they’ve identified along the way warranted additional work and, thus, a schedule extension," she wrote on April 20. "Of course, the new situation with remote working requirements related to COVID-19 has slowed things a bit, too. Note that when the study is complete, we’ll be meeting with community stakeholders to share key outcomes from it."

Fiore was unable to comment further on which options had been identified that ‘warranted additional work’.

Food Bank Seeing More Fresh Produce...For Now

By Aisha Sander

The Eastern Santa Cruz County Community Foodbank (ESCCCF) in Patagonia has seen a noticeable increase in demand since the start of the COVID-19 crisis, according to Jim Staudacher, president of the organization. The Foodbank operates a weekly vegetable distribution in front of the Patagonia Senior Center on Monday mornings and a monthly distribution of bags of canned and packaged food. They are also available for emergency distribution of food throughout the month.

For the short term, there is an increased amount of fresh food available, due to the closing of restaurants across the country during the pandemic. “The vegetable supply for our Monday distribution has been steady and plentiful, with higher quality than usual,” wrote Staudacher. “That might seem like a good thing (it is for our clients) but the reason the vegetables are so nice and available is that there is a supply glut stemming from restaurants and other consumers being closed or unwilling/unable to buy vegetables like usual.”

Staudacher is concerned that the current oversupply will cause growers in Mexico to plant less in the coming months which could lead to future shortages. “Exactly when the vegetable harvest will wain in Mexico...is guesswork at this point,” he wrote. “We intend to continue distributing vegetables as long as they are available, and people want them...I personally am hopeful we can distribute all the way through May but that is uncertain.”

The Foodbank saw close to a 100% increase in demand for their supplementary food bags from March to April and anticipate another increase in demand for May. Shortages of non-perishable items, such as flour, however, have made it difficult for them to fill the monthly food bags that they distribute. “Disruptions in the supply chain have made it more difficult for us to purchase non-perishable food in the quantities we need to fulfill our mission. We are working with our suppliers and their distributors to make sure we have enough purchased food available to fill our monthly food bags and future commitments,” Staudacher wrote.

ESCCCF is an independent, non-profit food bank that depends on grants and donations of funds and food to fulfill its mission. “At this point we are doing well with a noticeable increase in demand for our services,” he wrote. “However, we anticipate greatly increased demand for our services if this crisis continues.”

The Foodbank is in need of donations to help defray the cost of purchased food. Although the organization welcomes volunteers, they are not accepting new volunteers at this time to minimize their risk of exposure to the virus, according to Staudacher. “That will change when this crisis passes,” he wrote.

“The most beautiful thing about working with the East Santa Cruz County Community Food Bank, Inc is the unwavering community support we enjoy, uninterrupted since our incorporation in 1994,” Staudacher wrote. “Seeing the smiles on the faces of our volunteers and clients and hearing the constant ‘Thank You’ comments is just so heart warming.”
**Update From ‘Voices From the Border’**

By India Aubry  

In light of the recent border closings, Voices From the Border (and all other humanitarian aid organizations on the US side) have ceased operations in Mexico. This means that an already marginalized and desperate population is made that much more vulnerable in incomprehensible ways (kidnapping, extortion, murder, poverty and disease). Cases of asylum are currently frozen. Very little is being done to protect migrants and asylum seekers from the spread of COVID-19.

Even when life “returns to normal” here in the U.S., the aftershocks will be felt in Mexico for much longer. In response, Voices from the Border is currently locating asylum-seekers that we’ve maintained relationships with on both sides of the border, some now having to wait in Mexico due to the Remain in Mexico Policy, and helping asylum-seekers in their area. It bears repeating that asylum seekers are legally in the U.S. but not eligible for governmental aid. Many became eligible for work visas 180 days after being processed for asylum into the U.S., but most have now lost their jobs. In a time of unprecedented crisis, they have no safety net and nowhere to turn.

We are also continuing to support shelters in Nogales, Sonora with whom we have relationships. Please keep them all in your prayers with an awareness of their plight and, if you have the means, please continue to support Voices from the Border through www.mightycase.com or donations given directly to board members.

This is a BIG ASK, but it cannot be overstated that the value of empathy is the most important currency we have going for us right now (regardless of ability to donate financially).

As of the time of this writing, the president said he “will be signing an Executive Order to temporarily suspend immigration into the United States to protect against the coronavirus and its economic toll.” While details of the plan remain unclear, the move would “be the broadest expansion of restrictions imposed in the US since the outbreak of the pandemic earlier this year.”

We will continue to provide updates as we have new knowledge and understanding.

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**Local Distiller Stepping Up to Fight the Virus**

By Pat McNamara

Gary Ellam changed his distillery operations in early March to respond to the increased need for hand sanitizer scratch. This takes longer and eighteen-hour days are now the norm. He produces the sanitizer in 2oz bottles, which are for sale to the public at his distillery on Elgin Road for $1.50. He also has commercial accounts that purchase sanitizer in one- and five-gallon containers. Ellam has a source in Los Angeles that provides watertight hundred gallon containers that he fills as well, to send to labs in the northern part of AZ where they use it to manufacture sanitizing wipes.

Ellam’s hand sanitizer is FDA approved medical grade. He donates it to first responders and those on the front lines whenever he gets the opportunity. He also has donated a large amount to the Hopi Reservation, as they have a very immediate need that is not being met by the government at this time. It has been a challenging time and Ellam is a bit concerned about what it’s going to take to get back into building his inventory of wine and award-winning spirits when this all is over. He feels the health of the public takes precedence, however, and is glad he is able to contribute his expertise, supplies and equipment in this time of need.

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Vaccines - A Short History

By Jo Dean

Vaccinations have been in the forefront of news in this tumultuous time as we await the development of a Covid-19 vaccine to add to the arsenal of vaccines that have been used to fight illnesses over the last several centuries.

The first use of inoculation, a fore-runner of vaccines, is thought to have started around the year 1000 with the Chinese inoculating for smallpox, a disease with a death rate of 30%. In 1777, George Washington ordered mandatory inoculation for smallpox of his troops unless they had already survived smallpox as a child.

Not only smallpox, but numerous other deadly bacteria and viruses ravaged humanity. In 1735, a diphtheria epidemic in New England killed 32% of all children under the age of ten. Many children buried by our ancestors died of diseases that are now preventable with vaccinations.

Locally, Ft. Buchanan, founded in 1856 in the Hog Canyon area of Sonora, was abandoned in 1865, partially because of malarial diseases and other maladies, many which would have been avoided with vaccines. Every soldier stationed at Ft. Buchanan suffered from mosquito borne diseases, according to an Army Sanitary Report written in February 1859. Of those that survived, some went on to fight in the Civil War where their odds of dying from disease and infection were higher than dying on the battlefield. The Union Army saw 67,000 cases of measles with 4,000 deaths. Of the 660,000 deaths incurred in the Civil War, two-thirds were due to infection and diseases.

People born in 1920 lived their first 20 years during the development of vaccines for tuberculosis, diphtheria, scarlet fever, tetanus, pertussis (whooping cough), yellow fever, and typhus. After 1940 the first vaccines for tick-borne encephalitis, influenza, the Salk vaccine for polio, Japanese encephalitis, anthrax, and adenovirus were developed. In the 1970s the first oral polio (Sabin Vaccine), measles, mumps, rubella (German measles), chicken pox, pneumonia and meningitis vaccines became available. In 1980, the greatest global medical success, the eradication of smallpox worldwide, was announced.

Vaccines continue to develop worldwide for diseases that are common in many countries including malaria, Ebola, and dengue fever. Vaccines have been introduced for many diseases common in the United States, including hepatitis A and B, Lyme disease, rotavirus, flu, human papilloma virus (cervical cancer), and enterovirus 71 (hand, foot, and mouth disease).

There is the term “herd immunity” or community immunity. Herd immunity is the ultimate in social altruism. We are vaccinated not only to protect ourselves but to protect others. Herd immunity is effective only if 80% to 95% (depending on the disease) of the population is immune to the disease either by developing natural immunity or through vaccination. Herd immunity then protects the most vulnerable of the population who cannot be vaccinated such as young babies, young children, the elderly, pregnant women, and those with weakened immune systems.

There are people who are anti-vaccination or “anti-vaxxers.” Many anti-vaxxers are also millennials (born between 1981-1996). In the Patagonia, Elgin, and Sonora areas most are Caucasian, college educated parents who want to do their best for their children. The current anti-vax movement, started with a vaccine-autism study published 20 years ago in the medical journal “The Lancet” by Andrew Wakefield, a former British doctor who linked the MMR (measles, mumps, and rubella) vaccine to autism. People in the United Kingdom were the first to follow Wakefield’s science. Consequently, the UK suffered 12,000 cases of measles, hundreds of hospitalizations, many serious complications, and three deaths. Wakefield was found to have perpetuated a myth in a world where fabricated science spreads faster than a disease. Wakefield was de-licensed for a “callous disregard for the welfare of children.”

The long-term effects of his study remain today. Many people choose home-schooling to maintain their right of personal exemption from vaccines in public schools. Many private schools do not require vaccines. It is estimated that only 20% to 40% of the children in Montessori and Waldorf schools are fully vaccinated. Home schooled children in California have a 24% vaccination rate.

In Arizona, private schools have similar rates, way below the safe herd immunity level of vaccinations. Public schools in Arizona, per county, have averages differing according to education and ethnicity. Counties with higher Latino populations have higher vaccination rates, usually above 95%. The lower vaccination rates occur in Mohave and Yavapai counties, Yavapai with a full 10% of student population self-exempt from every vaccine. Santa Cruz County has the highest rate of vaccinations in the Arizona public school population with only 0.5% of the students exempt from all vaccines.

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PRCF Adopts New Investing Policy

By Jim Schatz

Effective this April, the Patagonia Regional Community Fund (PRCF), which provides grants to charitable organizations in Patagonia, Sonoita, Elgin and Canelo and scholarships to local students, has adopted a socially responsible, or ESG, investing strategy professionally managed by the Arizona Community Foundation (ACF).

Socially responsible, or ESG, investing takes into account various environmental, social, and governance factors in deciding what stocks and bonds to invest in.

Environmental factors include seeking investments that tend to limit climate change, diminish the use of, or encourage the more efficient use of, raw materials, improve the recyclability of products and limit obsolescence of products. Investments in fossil fuel industries tend to be avoided, and investments in industries pursuing renewable power sources are favored.

Social factors include companies that support human rights, employ equitable labor practices and require the same of companies in their supply chain. Investments are favored in companies that emphasize workplace health and safety, integrate well with their local communities, and are actively increasing diversity in the hiring and promotion of their employees. Other social factors include promoting consumer protections and animal welfare in the design, production, testing, marketing and recommended uses of products and services.

Governance factors prioritize investments in companies that follow equitable and balanced principles with defined rights, responsibilities and expectations between the different stakeholders in companies (owners, managers, employees, suppliers and customers).

Socially responsible investing has become increasingly prevalent and successful, particularly over the last five years. The evidence suggests this type of investing tends to be more successful than investing that does not take ESG factors into account. PRCF made this change after careful consideration of such evidence in order to better steward and grow the funds entrusted to it by contributors.

If you wish to help PRCF increase its endowed funds so it can provide more support for our local community, you can make donations online at azfound.org/Patagonia or by check made out to PRCF and mailed to the ACF regional office at Arizona Community Foundation, 400 W. Fry Boulevard, Suite 6, Sierra Vista, AZ 85635.

Donations may be designated for the PRCF general Community Fund (PATCF), the Patagonia Town Fund (PATTF) or the PRCF Scholarship Fund (PATSF).

KPUP Airs Concerts

By Sarah Klingenstein

nist, was the first artist featured on the series. Kory was Artist-in-Residence for the 2017-18 season at the Opera House.

In introducing his CD performance of Bach on April 5, Christina pointed out, “Musicians must earn their living by performing. They need an audience. Today you are their audience.”

April concerts in the Foundation’s “Stay Tuned” campaign featured Juanito Pascual, Flamenco Guitarist (April 12), Newpoli, Mediterranean Heritage Music (April 19), and Richter/Uzer, Cello/Guitar Duo (April 26). Look for more updates soon, including video performances and ways to support the artists, on the Foundation’s website, www.scfpapresents.org.

“As a community radio station KPUP has been a valuable life-giving source of information and comfort every day in so many ways” said Kory. “This is another great service they are performing, and we thank Mark Nicholson, KPUP volunteer, for his enthusiasm and help.”

Lending Shed Seeks Donations

With residents staying at home during the pandemic crisis, donations of adult incontinent supplies have plummeted. Family Health Care Amigos has applied for and received a COVID-19 grant from the United Way of Santa Cruz County, who has sent us $300 in packages of adult pull-ups and bladder control pads.

An average client spends between $100 and $300 a month on incontinence supplies, an amount a continent person never considers. With most of our clients meeting the federal poverty guidelines of a monthly income under $990, for many seniors and disabled residents the cost of these supplies is out of reach.

With this in mind, and looking for a creative way to encourage residents in Elgin, Sonoita and Patagonia to donate adult pull-ups and bladder control pads of all sizes, we have partnered with Mr. Shed in Huachuca City, who is building a donation drop-off box, which will be placed around the corner from our new building next to Long Realty in Patagonia.

The Legacy Foundation has approved a COVID19 grant application to pay for the drop box, giving us a permanent solution for on-going donations from the community as we all work to help each other.

During your trip to the store, think about a neighbor who might be home-bound and perhaps in need of incontinent supplies. Buying products and putting them in the drop box leaves your neighbor with their dignity and provides a way for you to donate anonymously. The donation box should be in place by May 1 and available for you to conveniently drop off these much-needed supplies.

Most of our clients are ambulatory and therefore need pull-ups rather than tabbed diapers, finding the tabbed product difficult to use without help. We accept a small number of tabbed diapers for use by our disabled clients who have caregivers to help them put them on. If you have adult diapers left over from a surgery or family member who has passed, please feel free to drop them in the box.

Neighbors helping neighbors. It’s what the Lending Shed is all about.

The Power To Move Stones

By Juanita Havill

The wash after the storm
Soggy Runnels, ruts, and caves
Where the bubbly brown
Instant river ran
The smell of mud and death
A thousand years of colliding stones
Stones collision-cracked
By other stones
A thousand years of colliding stones
Will make a bed of sand
Before a force so powerful
A sealed tomb lies
Vulnerable as a desert wash.

Distancing

By Patra Kelly

If the Psyche has no known boundaries, then in times of crisis and duress, threat of deadly disease with the need of more space between—

the Mind must move a way, sometimes outrun thoughts everywhere erupting, mutating and seizing facts fading and reshaping—

for the Psyche floats like cloud into clouds melting into others, feeling rejuvenation and exhilaration from communication—

but also angst when drawn too near swamps of fear and black holes of despair.
LIFE AMONG THE HUMANS

SEE YA LATER, VENTILATOR

By Martin Levowitz

CORONAVIRUS DAY AND NIGHT
CORONAVIRUS ON TV.
CORONAVIRUS WILL OR WILL NOT
BE THE END OF YOU AND ME.

CORONAVIRUS IN THE NEWS,
CORONAVIRUS ALL THE TIME,
I DON’T KNOW HOW IT MAKES YOU FEEL
BUT GETTING TIRED OF IT I’M.

YOU CAN’T GO TO A MOVIE AND
YOUR WORKPLACE HAS SHUT DOWN.
THE SCHOOL IS LOCKED, YOUR CHURCH
DE_LOCKED, AND SILENCE FILLS THE TOWN.

IT SEEMS LIKE FOLKS GET FRIENDLIER
WITHIN SIGHT OF THE REAPER’S KNIFE.
THERE’S NOTHING LIKE MORTALITY
TO SPONSOR LOVE OF LIFE.

SHELTER IN PLACE.
DON’T TOUCH YOUR FACE.
IT’S ONE A GAME OF SIMON SAYS –
NEW RULES YOU’RE LIKELY, SOMETIMES, TO IGNORE.
WHO’S WINNING AND WHO’S LOSING?
LET THE CORONER KEEP SCORE.

YOU CAN’T HANG OUT WITH FRIENDS NO MORE –
THEY’RE WAVING FROM THE OTHER SHORE.
LET’S HOPE THE OTHER SHORE IS
NOTHING LESS THAN SIX FEET NIGHT.
YOU GET TOO CLOSE,
YOU MAY DIE.

WE DON’T KNOW WHO’S INFECTED
AND WHO’S (THANK YOU, JESUS) NOT.
THE DEVIL, AS IT TURNS OUT,
IS A MOLECULE OF SNOT.
AND SINCE HE’S FAR TOO SMALL TO SEE
YOU MUST REMAIN ALERT:
PLEASE WEAR A MASK FOR EVERY TASK,
A CONDOM, DENTAL DAM, GALOSHES, GLOVES,
AND A HAIR SHIRT.

MY FAVORITE DRINK WAS VODKA / TONIC,
NOW IT’S VODKA AND PURELL.
I’M GONNA HAVE A TIDY COLON
WHEN I GET TO HELL.
(A FRIEND OF MINE CONCOCTED
THAT FINE, ANTISEPtic BREW;
THEN, SUDDENLY, THE DUDE EXPIRED.
I WOULD HAVE CRIED, BUT I’M RETIRED.)

YOUR ATTITUDE WAS POSITIVE.
PANDEMIC PUT AN END TO THAT
BECAUSE YOU’RE STUCK AT HOME
WITH YOUR MEAN SPOUSE
AND ANTSY BRAT.
YOU’D DEARLY LOVE TO HOP THE FENCE,
BUT AREN’T ALLOWED TO LEAVE THE HOUSE.
YOU’RE SIMPLY STUCK.
CAN YOU SAY "@#$%&@#"?

THERE’S NOTHING TO ALLAY THE STRESS,
EXCEPT TO CROWN ABOUT A BIT.
GO STUFF SOME MEDICATED CHARMIN’
IN YOUR SISTER’S BORROWED BRA,
PUT ON YOUR WIFE’S OLD WEDDING DRESS.
AND MINCE ABOUT. HA HA.
THE KIDS THINK YOU’RE A HOOT, OF COURSE.
(THE GROWNUPS KNOW YOU’RE SIMPLY COARSE
AND HALF A BUBBLE OFF.)
AND THEN THE FEVER STARTS, AND THE DRY
COUGH.

YOU’RE OUT OF FOOD, THE RENT IS DUE,
THERE’S REALLY NOTHING YOU CAN DO
BUT GASP AND WHEEEZE AND, FINALLY,
(sorry)
CROAK.

YOU GAVE THIS LIFETIME YOUR BEST SHOT
BUT WERE LAID LOW BY MICROSENT.

VIRUS, VIRA, VAROOM.

FOR SOME FOLKS LIFE’S A DIRTY JOKE,
THEY TOTE THAT BARGE AND LIFT THAT BALE
THEN TAKE THEIR HARD-WON WINNINGS
TO THE TOMB.

SOME OTHERS, MORE LIKE YOU AND ME,
JUST WOBBLE FORWARD UNCERTAINLY
AND GAMELY HOPE WE DON’T SUCUMB.
AT SUCH TIMES LIFE SEEMS SOMEWHAT
BLEEPING DUMB.

TO LIVE LONG IS A GOAL
WE SHARE. BUT
FACE IT, JEFF, IT’S QUALITY
ABOUT WHICH WE SHOULD CARE.
LONGEVITY MEANS NOTHING
WITHOUT HAPPINESS AND GRACE.
COMPASSION AND / OR EMPATHY
GIVE LIFE WHAT VALUE IT CONTAINS.
APPRICATION WINS THE PRIZE,
AND OFFSETS ALL THE PETTY PAINS.

WE CELEBRATE GOD’S HOLY NAME
AND SEE HER HAND IN EVERYTHING
WHICH HAPPENS ON THIS SPINNING LUMP OF MUD,
INCLUDING THAT WHICH SEEMS WAY TOO SEVERE.

AS EXPLANATIONS GO - THERE’S NONE;
YOU CAN’T GET THERE FROM HERE.
WE MAY DIE SOON OR WE MAY NOT.
LET’S FACE IT, JAKE, WE DON’T KNOW SQUAT.
AND YES, YOU’RE RIGHT,
IT ALL SEEMS MIGHTY STRANGE!

STILL, AFTER ALL THE FUN AND PAIN,
YOU SMILE SADLY, SHRUG,
AND JUST ACCEPT
WHAT YOU CAN’T CHANGE.

KEEP US ALL SAFE

By Lynne Marie Zerance

COVID-19 has made its appearance in our area, and with a vaccine still a long way out on the horizon, it may be settling here for a while as an unwelcome guest.

Ever since the virus found its way into our region, I’ve been concerned about our collective fate. I’m saddened to imagine this friendly, small-town community missing some of its familiar faces. And I’ve spoken to enough people here to know that I’m far from alone in the sentiment. No one wants to see helicopters flying in to transport our people to hospitals.

Fortunately, that frightening image doesn’t have to become our reality. We have an amazing opportunity to halt the coronavirus in its tracks here in the Mountain Empire. What’s more, it won’t take a magic wand or a miracle to do it. It will require only one thing, and luckily, it is right in our wheelhouse: a cooperative voluntary effort will keep our community safe.

Please volunteer to wear a mask or face covering, and practice social distancing while you are in the stores, the post offices, or other shared public spaces. If everyone participates and does so consistently, I have the utmost faith that we will succeed in keeping our community as safe as possible.

If the purpose of wearing a cloth mask isn’t clear to you, I’m happy to clarify: wearing a cloth mask helps ensure that the wearer doesn’t infect others. It’s not for self-protection. Only N95 respirator masks offer real wearer-protection. And since it is possible to have the virus without symptoms, any one of us could have the virus at any given time and be spreading it to others unknowingly. According to the CDC, up to 25% of people infected with coronavirus experience no symptoms. That’s a lot of Silent Spreading.

This helps explain how the virus has been spreading like wildfire across our globe. And this is why it’s vitally important to wear a mask when you’re out in the public spaces. Our ‘case’ numbers in Santa Cruz County only represent a sliver of the actual people here who are infected with the virus. The true number of virus-infected people is immeasurable and unknowable.

So please wear a mask to protect the community – friends, neighbors and the essential workers who are keeping us rolling. If you value their well-being and their lives, wearing a mask is the best way to show it.

If you don’t have a mask yet, please buy one, make one, or wear a makeshift face covering until you get a better one. And please start wearing it now, rather than waiting until the virus is engaged in an all-out battle here in our mountains, as it is in all of the current U.S. “hot spots.” It will be too late then; the horse will have left the barn.

I’ve been wearing my mask now since early March, long before we even had a recorded ‘case.’ And I’ll continue to voluntarily wear my mask to be sure I don’t ‘silently spread’ the virus to someone who might be ill-equipped to fight it off. I’m simply not willing to play Russian roulette with someone else’s life. And the way I see it: if we lose even one person in our community to this virus, we will have lost one too many.

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DON'T BE SO DRAMATIC

By Cassina Farley

If you have been following along then you know that last month I wished publicly for a broken leg. (AKA time off) Well, the Universe saw my wishing and gave me a ruptured appendix. Be careful what you ask for.

All kidding aside, it was one of the scariest events I have ever endured and I’ll just go on record as saying that going to the hospital during a pandemic has all the earmarks of a real-life zombie movie.

Here’s my story.

Driving into the parking lot of the hospital I felt like I was going into the heart of the pandemic. I saw tents, people in hazmat suits and lots of globs. My sister drove me to the ER entrance and was immediately shoved away. No family. No friends. Nobody to go with me. I was informed I had to go it alone and since I was in so much pain I agreed. I was still pretending I had something easy like irritable bowel syndrome.

The entry way to the ER was littered with sick people in masks being denied entry to the hospital for one thing or another. As I looked around in horror, a nurse slapped a mask on my face. I would remain wearing this mask for the entire duration of my stay, having to smell my own breath for what seemed like an eternity.

I gained access to the ER where there was not a soul but me and a lady behind a piece of plastic. My pulse began to race. I was rushed into a room and tested and re-tested until it became apparent, I needed surgery and then I began to cry. I had the realization that I really must do this alone.

The doctor, not knowing how to calm a crying woman in pain, did the only thing reasonable, he okay’d the morphine. From then on, I only remember bits and pieces of this surreal event. I remember going down the hall on a gurney joking (morphine) about Zombies with the transport guy. He didn’t think it was funny as we rolled down deserted hallways lined with empty beds. I remember telling the anesthesiologist’s nurse to please take off my mask so that I could have some fresh air just in case I die. I did get a laugh that time followed by him mercifully taking off my mask.

I have vague memories of waking up in the recovery room mad as hell because I was in pain and I had the stupid mask back on. I also recall waking up in my hospital room and discovering that my body was dyed yellow and shaved bald, which led me to the memory of only seeing men as I was put under. What the hell?

I was forced to drink mineral oil at some point and was visited by a physical therapist who showed me how to get out of bed without screaming. Apparently, that is frowned upon.

I also remember kind nurses that understood that I was alone, scared, drugged up and vulnerable. For those 24 hours they acted like my family. I especially remember that ER nurse who, like my mother, reminded me more than once to not be so dramatic. I wish she knew how much I needed her that night.

At the end of all this I got to go home. The nurse on duty pushed me in a wheelchair out a rear exit. No exposure, I suppose. My mother and husband were waiting for me in the running car like I had just robbed a bank. They shoved me in the car with the intensity of an ongoing heist and we sped away.

In the days since then I have calmed down and my fear of being exposed to the virus has subsided. I think about my appendix and where it might be today. My mother the nurse gave me the gory details. I guess it went what it had coming.

P.S. Nurses Rock!

MILESTONES

By Aisha Sander

RAMZAN

Ramzan is the most important month of the year for a practicing Muslim. Even people who don’t observe the rituals of Islam during the year find a newfound commitment to them during Ramzan.

My parents had found a way to live with the contradiction of being Muslims who drank alcohol. The drinking in my house was dysfunctional and my siblings and I deeply wished my parents would stop. We knew what life without alcohol would be like because during Ramzan both my parents would stop drinking as part of their commitment to the special status of the month.

My happiest childhood memories come from the days of Ramzan, a month in which Muslims commit to abstaining from food, drink and sex from sunrise to sunset. It is also a time to do additional prayers, refrain from frivolous entertainment and socializing, and give to charity.

Unfortunately, the night Ramzan ended my parents would binge on alcohol. The beautiful month would end with hysterics. To make things harder, the day after Ramzan is Eid, a time to meet and celebrate with extended family. Going to see family with hangovers caused me shame and anxiety.

This contradictory experience of faith, as well as certain cultural beliefs about women, led me to abandon Islam early on. My parents never forced me to fast or pray but they did make sure I learned how to read the Quran in Arabic and memorize some essential prayers. At 12 I quit the Quran classes and at 15 I declared myself an atheist. God, as far as I could see, didn’t exist.

I had just turned 27 years old. It was Ramzan and I was living in Toronto. My new workplace was full of Muslims and I saw something really special that motivated me to keep a rosaz (fast). I had never had that urge before. I fasted for four days and then my body gave up. I will never forget what my ex-husband said to me, “Oh God, for a moment I got scared that you were turning Muslim on me.”

Within six weeks of that day our relationship came to an end.

No one can prepare you for the pain of a heartbreak and nothing I had in my toolbox was helping. One day, without warning, I felt the urge to pray on my janamaz (prayer mat). Because I had never really learned the whole prayer, I had to go on YouTube to watch and listen to people performing the five daily ritual prayers.

My cousin came to visit me on a cold December day. I had come home from work and she was there holding me at the end of a torturous crying session. She said, “Hold the Holy Quran, ask for guidance and open it, and read whatever comes up on that page.”

Surah Baqarah, verse 216: “Fighting is ordained for you, even though it be hateful to you; but it may well be that you a hate a thing while it is good for you, and it may well be that you love a thing while it is bad for you: and God knows, whereas you do not know.”

I will never forget the strange peace that followed reading those lines. I felt I received an answer. My ex and I used to fight so much. Maybe, just maybe, there was something I didn’t know. I started to surrender myself to a higher power.

I wish that I could say that after that everything was easy and I let go. But it wasn’t and I didn’t. In fact, the months following reading that passage, I resisted my break-up with a vengeance. I became depressed, suicidal and turned to my reliable friends, drugs and alcohol, to survive.

I moved back to Pakistan to live with my parents and soon after it was Ramzan again. Ten years ago I approached Ramzan with newfound commitment and a confidence that I could observe the fasting and the hardship that it brings.

Ramzan again became my favorite month of the year, but for different reasons. Ramzan showed me the capacity I had to sacrifice and the goodness in others who, just like me, struggled all year to show up with gratitude and faith. The community atmosphere of millions of people fasting together is like a special superhero cloak that covers our flaws and faults.

I’ll have to dig deep to find motivation to observe the traditions of Ramzan this month, far from my family in Pakistan and distanced from my friends and my community here because of the pandemic.

If you feel like supporting me from afar to mark this special month send me a note. I’d love to hear from you.
WHISPERING TOWN

By Charlotte Lowe

I walk my dog for an hour down alleys, through the park, up and down streets. A few small, very vocal dogs, acknowledge us. Beside the Opera House, in a vacant lot, three ravens stride awkwardly, in their non-flight, lurching step (oddly, at suggested social distance apart). I imagine they’re evaluating the property, given we two-feeters aren’t in evidence. They see us and fly away, graceful, meant as they are to be magically airborne.

Because I know this town, somewhat, what I feel the people within the houses. Some are old classmates from Patagonia Union High School; others newer, also good friends.

I feel a whisper. Inside these stillled homes are babies crying, laughter, the smells of cooking, arguments and the conversations that happen when we are under lockdown. The Wagon Wheel with its neon beer sign still lit in the window gives no idea if it’s open or closed. One car is in the parking lot, way to the side on the highway.

Perhaps it is a hum not a whisper. This vibration of life is what I feel as I see only 14 people, at distance, in an hour during our dog walk. There is a man with a well behaved golden retriever not on a leash. There are travelers, possibly hikers, who are piling back into their vans. Three avid runners go fast through the town, so lean, as if running away or emerging from a town under siege. Two have ear plugs, they hear anything but the silence or the whispers.

My white dog with his black eye patch is delighted for the grass and the trash cans he finds. He marks, he pees, and it’s one happy dog roaming our ghost town.

Well, not quite a ghost town if you count the aged motorists who gather in threes and fours blaring old metal rock and blowing smoke up into the air as they linger by the park. No social distancing for them and some how I don’t care. Let them smoke and party-hearty as long as they stay away from me - and our local stores. Fat chance. I would despise them but I know one of my old friends is one of such a pack. Hard to hate what you know.

I hear the Town Manager and probably the Marshall have the odious task of dispersing groups - the time-old, “and if you don’t, you better get out of town.” Like old west days except now because of the COVID-19 not feuds.

We have a plague.

There is a beautiful moment: a car passes me and a hairy arm waves and I see a friendly, unshaven face. This car pauses at the corner when a man, bent forward like a tree who has encountered too much wind, is standing. The unshaven face calls out “Do you need anything from Nogales?” The man on the street says no, and they continue to talk about a mother’s operation. I am too far to hear whose mother it is. But it is sweet, this brief brush with humanity.

It has been two weeks since I left our home in Red Rock Acres. Voices on the phone are reassuring but no substitute for the face, the eyes across a table or on a patio. Sick for a week, I’ve self-isolated until now, even though it was just a bad cold or another sort of flu. Amazing when a wet cough reawakens in the quiet. Our thermometer allows that I am very normally alive or even sub-normally: 97.4 F.

No word has passed from me to any other, except to say “caw” to the ravens. My accent is bad and they know what you know.

I think of the parable about the man walking along a beach, throwing starfish into the ocean. Someone tells them they can’t make a difference, they can’t save all the starfish. The person says that they can make a difference to the one starfish they just threw in.

On the other hand, I think we all know the cautionary tales that warn us that the best intentions do not always translate into effective help. No one wants to hurt efforts by donating inappropriate goods, but how do we know what is needed and when?

What can we learn from volunteer mutual aid efforts in the Bay Area or Tucson so we don’t have to reinvent the wheel? How can we make sure everyone knows best practices for no-contact drop-offs, so we don’t accidentally infect someone we are trying to help? What if 15 different people are all calling a tiny, overworked non-profit asking the same questions about how they can help, when we could have a centralized place tracking, sharing, and matching needs and resources instead?

I think it takes one person or organization with some time, good community connections, ability to use google forms or a spreadsheet, and bilingual skills. They could create an efficient, community-wide framework.

Some mutual aid efforts give options to volunteers. So if you’re well and comfortable doing things outside the home you can indicate that, versus lots of ways to participate/organize without leaving your house. If you need help, ask for it. If you can help someone, help them. If you can’t, find someone who can.

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This is the reality of hard rock mining:

Hard rock mining threatens the biological wealth and natural diversity of the Patagonia Mountains. Mining puts stress on regional water sources, creates acid drainage that leaks into our watershed and streams, pollutes the air with metal toxicants and tailings particles, degrades natural habitats—and more.

The Patagonia Mountains are home to over a hundred sensitive, threatened, or endangered flora and fauna species, including the Yellow-Billed Cuckoo and the Mexican Spotted Owl. The region provides opportunities for local recreation and ecotourism, two big drivers of economy in the state of Arizona.

Let’s PROTECT our biologically diverse wildlife corridor. Learn more at www.patagoniaalliance.org.
Despite clear support for keeping the pool open, whether anyone actually gets to “dive in” this summer now depends less on the wishes of local decision-makers than on the course of the Covid-19 pandemic.

Friends of Patagonia Pool (FOPP) has taken some important steps toward ensuring the successful operation of the pool. Working with school personnel and Leslie’s Pool Services, FOPP has formulated several recommendations for bringing the facility up to a high operational level and maintaining it going forward. It has also been aggressively raising funds to supplement the $10,000 allocations the town and both school boards have made annually since 2002.

FOPP has contributions, pledges and grant funds totaling over $18,000 and has its sights set on raising at least twice that amount for the 2020 pool season. FOPP recently elected the following members to serve as officers: President, Karen Riggs; Vice President, Mary Spicer; Secretary, Barbara Kuhn; Treasurer, Dorothy Sturges.

The Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA), recently extended through October 31, 2020 by action of both school boards and the town council, calls for the high school to receive the funds, hire staff and manage the pool. Newly-appointed Superintendent Kenny Hayes confirmed that the school will take on that responsibility this year as required in the IGA. He expressed concern about whether there would be adequate funding to operate the pool and on what schedule lifeguards could be re-certified because state certification activities are suspended due to the pandemic.

A pool advisory committee comprised of representatives from both school boards, the Town of Patagonia and FOPP will provide oversight and guidance to the pool operator. Committee members are Jim Cosbey, Audrey Doles, Andy Wood, Gary Brown and Mimi Henley. The committee’s role as defined in the IGA is to “advise and make recommendations to the swimming pool manager and PUHS administration concerning the use, operation and maintenance of the swimming pool.”

Donations may be made to the pool through the Patagonia/Sonoita Rotary which is serving as the interim fiscal agent for FOPP pending its approval as a nonprofit entity under section 501(c)3 of the IRS code. Donors should note on the check that the donation is for the Patagonia Pool fund. Checks should be made payable to P/S Rotary Club Foundation, Inc. and mailed to Leslie Kramer, P.O. Box 795, Sonoita, AZ 85637. They may also be dropped off at Kramer’s office at 3129 Hwy 83, Suite 1 in Sonoita. If the office is closed there is a drop box located between the two office doors.
**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

**Community Event A Success Despite Cancellations**

Dear Patagonians,

By now, most everyone’s well aware that the recent ‘Leaving Home: Migrations Through the Eyes of Children’ project was curtailed by the COVID-19 crisis, but not before significant gains were made.

Along with Voices from the Border, “Leaving Home” was co-sponsored by Borderlands Restoration Network, Casa Alitas, Gathering Grounds, Global Arts, No More Deaths, Patagonia Creative Arts Association, Patagonia Library, Patagonia Youth Enrichment Center, and Velvet Elvis and supported by dozens of volunteers.

What started with an exhibit of art work created by children of asylum staying at Casa Alitas Welcome Center in Tucson, and displaying the plight of migrant children shapeshifted into a ten-day series of events.

First and foremost, I want to acknowledge my teammates: Carole Broadfoot, Deb Goff, Robin Kulibert, Ruth Ann LeFebvre and Maggie Urgo.

Ninety plus people, businesses and organizations mobilized to make this exposition possible.

One hundred local students and teachers participated in special pre-opening classes at the Art of Asylum exhibit, experiencing lessons in empathy and belonging facilitated by co-curator and early childhood educator, Gale Hall. Huge thanks to Cassina Farley and Jessie Beebe for being instrumental in making this possible.

Journee Hayes brought poetry students through the exhibit and challenged them to write original poetry in response to what they saw, and what they felt in reaction to it. Their poetry was shared in a moving tribute at the Celebration of the Human Family Gathering on Sunday, March 15. Very special thanks to Hayes and students, Arianna Ochoa, Reyna Ochoa, Lauren Fletcher, Nicholas Botz, and Russell B. Sherman and deep gratitude to the String Benders, Zach Farley, Pastor Tom Jelinek, Robin Kulibert, Gary Nahban, Alke Noden, Anesa Miller, Carolyn Shafer and Father Alex Tigga for their thoughtful and original contributions.

It’s worth noting here that the curators of the Art of Asylum project intend to continue to travel with this exhibit after the stop-gap of COVID-19. Patagonia helped create the template for what the future may hold for this exhibit.

I look forward to a celebratory night of music and dancing at La Mision de San Miguel when we are able to reschedule the benefit concert.

Thankful,

India Aubry

**PYEC Thanks Donors for Support**

On behalf of the Patagonia Youth Enrichment Center board and youth, I say THANK YOU! Thank you for the acts of kindness in support, encouragement and donations that the youth center has been receiving during the COVID19 closure.

Our community meal distribution program would not be possible without the generous support of the Sonora/Egin/Patagonia community, our friends and family, and grants from the Community Foundation of Southern Arizona and Arizona Community Foundation.

I am humbled.

Respectfully,

Anna Coleman

PYEC Director

**COUNCIL NOTES**

**By PRT Staff Reporters**

**April 8, 2020**

The Mayor has received a letter from the League of Arizona Cities and Towns, about small town financial allocations from the State, and will be processing it and bringing possible Town actions to the Council.

The Marshal announced that his department will be following the Governor’s Executive Orders related to the coronavirus, and that there were to date none specifically restricting travel. He added that the recent Executive Orders allowed restaurants to sell certain packaged groceries. In addition, a provision suspends sign restrictions for restaurants putting up signage about being open for particular services.

The Mayor raised the question of virus protection for, and from, Greyhound bus passengers stopping in town. The Marshal will research the issue. Councilman Reibslager asked about the possible increase in visitors to Town, such as RVers and motorcyclists, who might be carriers of the virus. No immediate action was resolved.

A Proclamation of the Mayor and Council was approved, declaring Saturday, April 18 as Earth Fest Patagonia, Arizona Trails Day, Earth Day and Arbor Day, described as “a celebration of our biological diversity, cultural heritage, and local resiliency.”

An intergovernmental agreement between the Town of Patagonia and Santa Cruz County was renewed, for continuing the County’s building inspection services for Patagonia building projects.

7 pm, Wednesday, April 22, 2020 Councilperson Murietta was absent again, and will be asked if she wants to stay on the Council. The possibility of a temporary replacement until the summer election for Councilpersons was raised, with the replacement procedure to be figured out pending Council’s response.

The minutes of the April 15 Budget Study Session were included in the approval of regular Council meeting minutes.

The Marshall announced that Animal Control Officer Hilliard had been busy, and that there had been an Extreme DUI incident at 8.45 one morning.

The Library now has e-books available, at https://www.patagoniapubliclibrary.org.

The Mayor and Council adopted Resolution 20-02, to adopt the tentative Town budget for Fiscal Year 2020-2021, with adoption to be finalized at a public hearing at the next regular meeting, May 13, at 7p.m., continuing to be held with Zoom. Interested participants will need internet connection to create a free zoom account at https://zoom.us, then use the meeting number and password published by the town, to join the meeting 10-15 minutes ahead of time.

Robert Proctor was approved to replace Kathy Paiser on the Town’s Flood and Flow Committee.

Flood and Flow Committee has approval to engage in conversations with Coronado National Forest requesting some specific water protection and monitoring measures within the Patagonia Municipal Watershed.

The current IGA (Intergovernmental Agreement) with the School District for the operation of the pool was extended from June 30 to October31, 2020. Because of pandemic uncertainty, it is not known if the pool will reopen during that period. The Pool Advisory Committee was approved to add two members with experience in pool operation and management, Mimi Henley and Gary Brown.

The current cleaning contracts for the Town Park restrooms were extended. Their closure continues until further notice.

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Bountiful Spring!

After a relative hiatus of some years, spring has made a phenomenal comeback. This year’s abundance is to be celebrated, as any seasoned Arizonan well knows. While monsoon floral displays tend to be quite consistent, those of spring are mercurial. This year, ample late monsoon and well-spaced winter rains served to saturate soils so thoroughly that a spectacular wildflower display was almost a foregone conclusion as of early February. Still, I must admit sweating it a bit until the first flowers tentatively peeled their petals into the air, awaiting various pollinators to arrive.

The virtual carpet of native flowers has, like ecological dominoes, led in turn to a general revival of biodiversity that, unfortunately, seems to be increasingly rare. Here, then, is a partial ‘Who’s Who’ of the players that have made this such a memorable spring. When I think of the quintessential Sky Islands species representing a spring surfet, Mexican poppies immediately come to mind. This species can often dominate landscapes, blooming as early as January and continuing as late as early May. While yellows and oranges predominate in their blossoms, a much rarer white-petaled variant can be found here and there.

Joining the poppies are a whole host of other striking wildflowers. Various lupines with mainly purple and pink blooms can dominate local landscapes. Purple Papago lilies (actually related to agaves and yuccas) along with deep yellow mariposa lilies (actually a lily) are perennial - rare among our spring flowers - that attract butterflies.

The list goes on. Pink fairy dusters, which can bloom three times a year, lure in hummingbirds and sphinx moths. Several species of native desert dandelion "exploded" this spring, each with reduced leaves that alay desiccation. A number of phlox species seemingly came out of nowhere, covering the ground in areas where I had not seen them in more than a decade. A species of yellow blazing star, or stickleaf, with small, stellar-shaped yellow flowers now dominates as a dense ground cover in some areas. The kaleidoscope of color has been dazzling, dense, and delightfully disconcerting.

Lured in with the promise of nectar and pollen, butterflies have responded nicely of late. Pipevine swallowtail, painted lady, checkered white, dainty sulfur, southern dogface, Texan crescent, tiny checker-spot, golden-headed scallipoping, and others have added greatly to our spring biodiversity. These winged wonders along with other insects serve not only as effective pollinators, but also as food for a myriad of other species, such as birds. Thus, there has been a nice influx of migrant, often insectivorous, birds. Lavish too, especially ornate tree lizards and elegant earless lizards have come out in force to soak up the sun and supper small insect fare.

All these small vertebrates have not gone unnoticed, as red-tailed and gray hawks along with American kestrels ply the sky, searching for a quick meal. Coachwhips and diamondback slither below, seeking the same.

Even the beleaguered honeybee seems to have staged a respectable comeback, as evidenced by the peach trees, apricots, plums, and quinces in our organic orchard. Indeed, one could not ask for a more abundant spring, though perhaps we should plan for them.

Gone are the days of "benign neglect" of nature, where life seems like so much window dressing. With so many humans crowding our fragile planet, we must now try to support, promote, encourage, and entice our native species while becoming more self-reliant at every turn. Thus, I implore you to: plant an orchard tree or two, compost your food waste, grow an organic garden, remove nonnative species from your yard, plant and encourage native plants that attract wildlife, reduce your water use, and in general live more lightly on the planet. The time has past when this was a choice. Now, I feel it is our collective duty.

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. RWWJ offers a wide range of custom-made self-reliance and Earth Stewardship programs. Visit: www.ravensnatureschool.org

Science fiction or figurings of our imagination. I believe there is life beyond Earth. I believe others are climbing mountains on unnamed worlds. And I hope, given what we’re going through on our own planet, that they’ve figured out a way to do it better.

But, right now, Earth and its viruses are all we have. And it’s more than enough. This month, Jupiter and Saturn are visible in the East after midnight and up to sunrise. In December the two giant planets will appear to be nearly on top of each other. Both will be viewable at the same time in a telescope’s field of view. So, we don’t have to escape anything; we don’t have to climb to Window Rock in Tucson or in some city 50,000 light years away on a giant planet circling its own sun.

There’s no virus in the darkness of the open spaces right near our homes. Go outside and enjoy what’s right there for the taking.
BRN, Local Orgs, Hold Bat Appreciation Day

By Audrey Rader

Several organizations in Patagonia, AZ came together on April 17 to acknowledge the role bats play in all of our lives. In an effort spearheaded by Caleb Weaver to spread awareness on how important bats are to their ecosystems, Borderlands Restoration Network (BRN) partnered with local organizations in Patagonia to distribute 100 take-home youth bat activity kits that were distributed through the Patagonia Youth Enrichment Center Food Distribution Services, which is currently providing more than 450 meals per week to Patagonia youth and families.

Kits included art projects, a bat mask, stickers, a bat activity book, and some agave seed pellets with instructions on how to plant them to help feed bats.

The Patagonia Creative Arts Assn. donated art supplies to these batty activity bags. Patagonia Public Library Director Laura Wenzel hosted two virtual storytimes (youtube videos where Wenzel reads stories aloud for youth on a weekly basis) last week centering on bats.

On April 17, BRN staff Francesca Claverie and Perin McNelis hosted Instagram Live where they discussed about the overlapping paths of agaves, bats, and people in this special part of the world. Both these videos may be found on BRN’s Facebook page.

Bats, who we can thank for pollinating plants responsible for many of the good things in life (chocolate and tequila included) and limiting many of the things in life we’d like less of (mosquitoes that carry dengue and Zika fever, for instance), have recently received a bad rap due to misinformation surrounding SARS-CoV-2.

While scientists believe SARS-CoV-2 originated in bats and transferred to humans through another mammal, according to Bat Conservation International, the SARS-CoV-2 outbreak is more likely a result of illegal wet markets where “live animals stacked closely together in stressful and unsanitary conditions increase the chance that viruses can ‘spillover’ from one animal host to another and to humans.”

Bat Appreciation Day was an opportunity to come together for the youth of our community and set the record straight on these important creatures.

MURDER AND MAYHEM MAKE FOR A GOOD READ

By Lynn Davison

Local author Bob Kimball has spun a good tale in “News to Die For.” It’s a mystery, a love story, and perhaps most of all, a window into the newspaper business.

The Lafferty family owns and manages The Tucson Independent, a daily paper with a proud history and a fragile present. The heroic protagonist, publisher Meghan Lafferty, faces multiple adversities, including the violent deaths of two of the most important people in her life, her dying newspaper, an evil stepmother, embezzlement, a lightning strike and her own serious illness.

Throughout the twisting and twirled plot, we get a bird’s eye look into the daily running of a newspaper. Kimball, a retired (2005) editor and publisher of the Nogales International, also includes some local landmarks and a foul mouthed, but talented, reporter who hails from Patagonia.

The bibliography is a treasure trove for those interested in reading more about journalism and the newspaper business.

“News to Die For” is Kimball’s first novel. It is available at Amazon.com in both soft cover and kindle editions.

Errors & Omissions

In the April issue of the PRT, the photo credit on p.16 of musicians performing in the gazebo on March 15 was incorrectly listed. The photo was taken by Tomas Jonsson. In the oped submitted by Bob Jacobson in that same issue, it was incorrectly stated that the library was not a ‘hot spot’ for internet. The Library, though closed, is providing free WiFi outside the building for conventional access to the internet.

Our apologies for these errors.
Dr. Phillip Williams, the Head of Pediatrics at Mariposa Community Health Center (MCHC), and currently working on COVID-19 crisis management, reported that the clinic intends to have curbside medicine in place by April 27 so that all sick patients will be seen outside. He reported that Mariposa has switched to telemedicine for a majority of its appointments. As a community health center it provides services to everyone regardless of their ability to pay.

As of April 24, the Mariposa Clinics had performed 90 COVID-19 tests. Testing has also been done at the Clinic in Patagonia since mid-April. The tests that they are using are CDC recommended and FDA approved, called PCR Nasal Swab tests. Although there is a 30% chance of a false negative result, its specificity is 90%, which means that if a person tests positive that it is very accurate. If a person tests negative but continues to show symptoms of fever, lower respiratory tract infection and/or general malaise they are recommended to be re-tested, said Williams.

Though there are other tests that CDC recommends, some that take swabs from the mouth and others that take swab from the front of the nose, they are not readily available.

Due to privacy regulations, Williams could not reveal how many confirmed cases have come through their clinics. However, the state (AZ) Dept. of Health Services has been updating a daily zip code map on its website since April 20. Once a patient is diagnosed as positive, the County Dept. of Health Services is contacted and the epidemiologist on staff performs contact tracing, seeking people who have come in contact with the patient.

Testing is also available at Holy Cross Hospital and Nextcare Urgentcare in Nogales. Shelly Jacobs, the County Public Health Emergency Preparedness and Response Coordinator, said that Holy Cross only has three ventilators. Holy Cross CEO Debra Knapheide wrote that sister hospitals St. Joseph and St. Mary’s in Tucson have rooms that “are being repurposed to designated COVID units for more streamlined and specialized care. Additional capacity is available by flexing the utilization of other areas.”

Even if the county did build an emergency hospital for an anticipated surge in cases, there are not enough health care workers in the county to run the hospital, said Jacobs. Therefore any of the supplies the county receives are distributed to the existing healthcare facilities in the county. The county had just completed updating a pandemic response plan in February 2020 and because of that, Jacob said they have a “robust plan,” with updated communication with all key players across the county.

At this point there is no way to know if we have reached our peak of cases or not, according to Williams. There is “anxiety and fear all around the board,” and we must remember to care for our emotional health, he said. There are behavioral counselors available at the clinic through telemedicine and he encouraged people to call with questions. Williams also recommended connecting with others virtually, eating healthy foods and exercising.
The Quiroga Family in Patagonia

By German Quiroga

According to the Patagonia 1900 U.S. Census, Joaquin Quiroga (1844-unknown) and Francisca Guevara Bustamante (1853-1929) arrived in the United States in 1898. Family history recounts that they arrived from Imuris, Sonora, Mexico. The Quirogas had settled in Sonora during the 1770s in the town of San Felipe along the Río Sonora, according to Guillermo Molina, an attorney in Banamichi, Sonora. Joaquin was said to have been a military man from Mexico and is reported to have led a group of citizens in repelling an attack by Apaches in 1886 when Geronimo attempted to raid Imuris.

It is unknown why the family had decided to move north, but their daughter Elena, the eldest of the family, was already living in the Patagonia area with her husband Rafael Candelario. Elena’s granddaughter, Edith Sayre Auslander, became the first Hispanic woman to serve on the Arizona Board of Regents in 1984.

Living with Joaquin and Francisca in 1900 were their three sons, Joaquín Guevara Quiroga, Jose María Guevara Quiroga and Ramon Guevara Quiroga. They were living in a row house at the time, neighbors with Walter Fortune, who would later become a trustee of the Patagonia Elementary School Board. The three sons attended grammar school in 1901 with John Cady’s daughter, Mary Rebecca Cady, in the first Patagonia Elementary School class.

The row house may have been the Duquesne House, as Francisca would later be living there in 1929. Joaquin and his two older sons (Joaquín Guevara and Jose María) worked for the Southern Pacific Railroad which had a new depot in Patagonia.

Joaquin (the father), Francisca and Elena are said to be buried in the original Patagonia Cemetery next to the front gate of the Mesa development on Third Avenue. There is no record of Joaquin’s death but he is not listed as living with his wife in the 1910 Census. There is some conjecture that he was riding with Pancho Villa at this time but that has never been authenticated.

Joaquín Guevara (the son) and his wife, Maclovia Nanez, had several sons including Joe, Alejandro, Gilbert and Ramon N. who just passed away. Joe has been recognized for his rain harvesting work in the Canelin and Eligin area and is included in Patricia Preciado Martin’s book, “Beloved Land.” Joe started working for Clint and Cassie Mellor in 1961 tending livestock and training horses. He also drove the Eligin School bus for 16 years. He recently retired as ranch manager after working 40 years for the Diamond C Ranch in Canelin. Gilbert recently served on the Patagonia Town Council, and as Mayor, also drove the school bus for many years. Alejandro “Cano” is a retired rancher living in Sonoita. The only surviving sister, Magdalena, lives in Patagonia.

Jose María’s son, Francisco Quiroga, was a real estate agent in Tucson circa 1919 and was an unsuccessful candidate for the Tucson City Council during the same time period. The youngest son of Joaquin and Francisca, Ramon Guevara Quiroga and his wife, Francisca Sanchez, established a home for their family circa 1915 along Santa Rita Avenue in Patagonia. Four of their six children were born in the home. The eldest of the family, Ramon Sanchez Quiroga, built his mother a home on the same property in 1948 which still stands today.

Over the next 6 years, Ramon built a home for his wife in 1951 and then a home for his family in 1954. In the 1960s, Ramon owned those three houses plus the Duquesne House and the Lopez Pool Hall properties. Ramon’s half-sister Amelia Ochoa Lopez and her husband Bartolo Lopez built the Lopez Pool Hall in the early 1940’s after the Montana Mine in Ruby closed down.

Ramon S. and Joaquin N. Quiroga, first cousins and grandchildren of family patriarch Joaquin Quiroga, circa 1935.

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Glimpses Into Our Past

By Alison Bunting

The Gatlin Jones Cemetery in Patagonia was established in 1907 with the burial of Bessie Inez Jones Gatlin who died at the age of 19 from kidney problems. [The Oasis 7/13/1907]. This private cemetery is located at 508 S. Third Avenue, Township 22S, Range 16E, Section 7. Bessie was the daughter of James Isaac Jones (1849-1931), and the daughter-in-law of James Smith Gatlin (1849-1937). James Jones and James Gatlin most likely met while serving in the Texas Rangers in the 1870s. Both families moved from Texas to New Mexico in the late 1800s and by 1904 had moved to Santa Cruz County, Arizona. The account that follows focuses on James Gatlin and his children.

James Smith Gatlin was born in Bastrop, Texas in 1849. He drove cattle on the Chisolm Trail and served in the Texas Rangers from 1869-1872. [Arizona Daily Star, 10/21/1937]. In 1872 he married Elizabeth Celeste Kidd. They had six sons and two daughters.

By 1904 most of the family moved to Arizona to homestead in several areas of Santa Cruz County. James S. first ranched in the Red Rock area near Patagonia, and in 1914 was elected to the Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors. [The Border Vidette 11/7/1914]. By 1930 he and Betty were retired and living in Patagonia. James S. died in 1937, and Betty died a few month later in 1938.

The Gatlin daughters, Nora and Texas Nancy married and ranched with their husbands. Nora remained in New Mexico. Texas Nancy married William R. Stevenson in 1907. The couple had five children and ranched in the San Pedro Valley near Hereford.

The eldest son, Harvey Gatlin, married Minnie Earl in New Mexico in 1889; they had 12 children. They first settled near Patagonia but by 1920 were ranching on the Blue River in Greenlee County. Harvey and Minnie divorced in the 1930s; about that time Harvey returned to Santa Cruz County to ranch in the Sonoita area. He died in 1949.

The youngest son, Ibery, was tragically killed during a cattle drive in 1913 when he fell from his horse. He was only 17 and was the second to be buried in the Gatlin Jones cemetery. James E. Gatlin married Ella Hayes in 1901, and they had four children. He homesteaded 160 acres in the San Rafael Valley southeast of Patagonia. By 1919 the family had moved to Gila Bend to ranch. [Border Vidette 6/21/1919]. Ella died in 1946 and James in 1968.


Starting in 1922 Jesse led a troubled life. After selling his ranch early that year he declared bankruptcy. [Arizona Daily Star, 3/25/1922]. Several months later he was arrested for violating the prohibition act; he had 19 cases of tequila in his car. [Arizona Republic 7/28/1922]. He was eventually convicted and sent to Leavenworth Federal Penitentiary.

He returned to Patagonia after serving his sentence, and married Forrestine Hooker. The couple moved to Ajo where Jesse began work as a miner. In February 1935, after a night of drinking and quarreling, Jesse shot and killed his wife and himself. [Arizona Daily Star, 2/26/1935].

Albert Gatlin (1885-1957) married Bessie Ynez Jones in 1906. They homesteaded southwest of Patagonia and he also worked as a forest ranger. After Bessie’s death in 1907, Albert married Leota Sipes and had two children. Albert began work as a customs agent in the 1920s. He and Lon Parker discovered a cache of hidden liquor in the Locheil area; and Albert arrested three Yaqui Indians planning to smuggle 1,000 lbs. of ammunition and three rifles into Mexico. [Arizona Daily Star, 5/23/1925, 11/29/1929]. Albert died in 1957 and Leota in 1984.

William “Woody” Gatlin married Gladys Maud Denton in 1916 and they had two sons. In 1924 he married Elizabeth Purcell and they had two sons. Woody was primarily a businessman, working in various stores in the Patagonia area. He served as Patagonia’s postmaster from 1939-1962. Woody died in 1963 and Elizabeth in 1986.

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PUHS Valedictorian ‘Engaged and Talented’

By Sarah Klingenstein

Nicholas Botz, Valedictorian of the Class of 2020 at Patagonia Union High School, has excelled through his high school career, taking multiple dual credit (high school and college) classes in English and history.

Botz is the son of Erin and Jason Botz. Erin is a teaching assistant at Patagonia Elementary. He has three brothers: Andrew studies at Phoenix College and Thomas is a sophomore at PUHS. William is an 8th grader at the Patagonia Montessori School, where Botz also received his primary education.

Kenny Botz, teacher and Superintendent/Principal at PUHS, admires Botz greatly. “Botz is not only smart and talented, he is very approachable. Anytime you need something, Botz is willing.”

One of his best memories was this year, when he and a small group of students took responsibility for their musical education, forming a steel drum band and designing the curriculum. He wrote music and took on a teaching role. He is a multi-instrumentalist, having studied violin, mandolin, guitar, and piano, and played in PUHS bands during his entire high school career. “I’m a dabbler,” he says.

Botz feels lucky to have been a PUHS Lobo. “Patagonia has it all when it comes to mentors - both in school and in the community. Teachers like Mr. and Mrs. Hayes, Mr. Young, and Mr. Melanson, and the people I worked with at Borderlands Earth Care Youth Initiative gave me advice and support all the way through.”

While he and the other seniors are disappointed not to complete their senior year together, Botz is grateful for the closeness they have. “It’s great to be in a small school with a supportive faculty. There are seven of us in my writing class and we have regular “hangout” classes where we share our work. And our senior class is very close - we’ve never had drama. We’re like a family.”

Botz plans to attend Brigham Young University - Hawaii in the fall to study music and music education.

PUHS Salutatorian

Ochoa-Tovar Named 2020 PUHS Salutatorian

By Sarah Klingenstein

When asked to talk about her academic passion, Arriana Ochoa-Tovar, Patagonia Union High School’s 2020 Salutatorian, expressed her love for the natural environment and her gratitude for being able to pursue that interest through the National FFA classes at PUHS. She has been a club officer, attended the national FFA competition this school year and earned 2nd place in the State of Arizona competition for Nursery Landscaping. She has participated in the Borderlands Earth Care Youth program for the past three summers and feels lucky to have worked with great conservation professionals. She feels very ready to pursue her education at the University of Arizona in the fall, studying conservation biology with a minor in business administration.

Very active in high school, Ochoa-Tovar played flute, drums and standup bass in the PUHS seasonal bands - marching, steel drum, and jazz. She ran cross-country freshman year, then enthusiastically joined the new co-ed soccer team, leading the team as Captain her junior year. She had led the new softball team through its first game of the season this spring before school was closed.

Ochoa-Tovar is the daughter of Salinas Ochoa and the granddaugh- ter of local architect Jeff and Alice Latham. Her twin sister, Reyna, will be attending Aveda Institute in Tucson in the fall, and the two sisters will live together. Younger sister Amaris will be a sophomore at PUHS next year. The family lives in Patagonia.

“When we moved here from Tucson in the 7th grade, I felt so welcomed by the community. It’s a great place to grow up. Here everyone has your best interests at mind. Super-intendent [Kenny] Hayes and Journee Hayes treat their students as if we were their kids. I’m going to miss them, as they’ve made PUHS a family.”

It appears others feel the same way about her. For one thing, she has been class president the past three years, and vice-president before that. “Ochoa-Tovar is kind of the class mother. She always helps her classmates do the right thing,” Kenny Hayes said. “And she’s extremely inquisitive. When I first had her in my class, I thought she was asking questions to get us off track. Luckily, I quickly figured out that she has a very curious mind and wants to understand.”

Regarding her academic success, Ochoa-Tovar believes PUHS faculty have helped her, as they help all students, by understanding her and her learning style, then adapting their teaching to that. “It’s a benefit of such a small school,” she said.

Ochoa-Tovar says, humbly, that she has always just tried her best, in school and in life. Maybe it has something to do with that unquenchable thirst for knowledge.
Art Teachers Get Creative to Help Their Students

By Sarah Klingenstein

“Everyone left for Spring break, thinking we’d be back in a week. Ongoing projects sat in classrooms in various stages of completion. We haven’t been back since,” said Cassina Farley, Patagonia Schools Art instructor.

Soon after the initial academic distance learning plans went into effect, Farley got her online 6th-12th grade elective art class up and running. Through Google Classroom, she assigns projects, views submissions, and communicates with students about their work.

Elementary school colleagues Martha Kelly and Tammie Quiroga encourage younger students to create, inspiring them to lose themselves in art for a time. They recently asked kids to design a rocket ship, and supplied art for a time. They recently asked kids to design a rocket ship, and supplied art for a time. They recently asked kids to design a rocket ship, and supplied art for a time. They recently asked kids to design a rocket ship, and supplied art for a time. They recently asked kids to design a rocket ship, and supplied art for a time. They recently asked kids to design a rocket ship, and supplied art for a time. They recently asked kids to design a rocket ship, and supplied art for a time. They recently asked kids to design a rocket ship, and supplied art for a time. They recently asked kids to design a rocket ship, and supplied art for a time.

The secondary art class students’ partially completed clay desert garden projects were fired at Kelly’s Patagonia kiln. The team then distributed them, along with other work in progress, such as crayons, markers, and glue in bags labeled with each child’s name and hung them on the fence at the Elgin School for pickup.

Cassina Farley believes the kids welcome the opportunity to dabble in art right now, re-imagining a common object such as a shoe as a mode of transportation, or designing “a page of your life.” “I believe creative expression is a way for young people to lose themselves in creation and bring some peace to their minds during this unstable time,” she said.

Editor’s note: Casey Scouten (eighth grade) and Ryan Bronstein (seventh grade) are students at the Elgin School.

My School Life at Home

By Cason Scouten

Ever since I got word that our school would be shut down due to the coronavirus, I was interested to see how school would be with every student now at home.

That first week was a quick scramble, so my teachers sent home packets filled with work to do while we students stayed at home. I would wake up each morning and do the amount of work specified for each day of the week. For the first few days, it was a little weird not being around my friends, but I adjusted and kept doing my assignments. While working from home did have its advantages, I realized that it was more than just being able to work at your own pace or go outside whenever you want.

This whole working from home experience has given me the chance to be closer to my family and spend every day with them. Now instead of waking up and going to see my friends in the morning, I wake up and see my family.

Not that I do not miss being around my friends, but this opportunity to be with my family is certainly a plus about working from home. I do get to see my friends through online group chats on Tuesdays and Thursdays held by my teachers to do classwork but to also reconnect and see what each other is up to.

Working from home can also have some downsides. If you have an urgent question and you email your teacher, you probably will have to wait a while to get an answer. However, in English class, Ms. Sebert uses the RemindApp to respond right away to all parents and students.

In addition to her RemindApp Class, I also use Zoom for live lessons, can text her, email her, and everything is posted on Google Classroom. In science class, we also have the RemindApp, email, and Google Classroom and the social studies class uses Google Classroom. My math class was already online when I started the school year, so it was the same kind of learning when I was actually at school.

Although there are deadlines, we can work at our own pace, taking breaks when needed, and again being around family.

When I found out that all schools in the state would be closed for the rest of the school year, I was a little disappointed that I would not go back to school and see my friends in person, but otherwise was comfortable with working from home. When I started my 8th-grade year at Elgin, I was thinking this was going to be a great year, and it did turn out to be a great year so far. Starting the first half of the school year at school and finishing the other half at home is a big adjustment, but one that put everything in perspective.

I am sure my classmates can agree that this whole change of schooling was a weird but also humbling experience for us all.

Learning from Home

By Ryan Bronstein

Doing work at home for school, or having distance learning, because of Covid-19 can be really helpful, but it can also be very hard and aggravating.

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In addition to her RemindApp Class, I also use Zoom for live lessons, can text her, email her, and everything is posted on Google Classroom. In science class, we also have the RemindApp, email, and Google Classroom and the social studies class uses Google Classroom. My math class was already online when I started the school year, so it was the same kind of learning when I was actually at school.

Although there are deadlines, we can work at our own pace, taking breaks when needed, and again being around family.

When I found out that all schools in the state would be closed for the rest of the school year, I was a little disappointed that I would not go back to school and see my friends in person, but otherwise was comfortable with working from home. When I started my 8th-grade year at Elgin, I was thinking this was going to be a great year, and it did turn out to be a great year so far. Starting the first half of the school year at school and finishing the other half at home is a big adjustment, but one that put everything in perspective.

I am sure my classmates can agree that this whole change of schooling was a weird but also humbling experience for us all.
This month the PRT begins a series of profiles of the PUHS senior class of 2020.

**Damian Castro**

By Nicholas Dekhytar

PUHS senior John “Johnny” Quiroga is a current senior at Patagonia High School. Johnny, known by his friends to be a joyful, funny, intelligent, kind, and loyal friend, is also the captain of the chess team, participates in the drama club, and multimedia creations. Johnny is described among his friends as quite the chess master whose classmates are like family to him. When Johnny first came to Patagonia, he soon realized how quickly the work piled up, but he persevered and came through.

Johnny stated that his favorite subject is English because he loves literature and theater and that math was very challenging for him. Even so, Johnny says his favorite teacher in high school was Mr. Melanson, saying “Mr. Melanson has been there for me through many of my struggles; he was my chess coach and my mentor. He was inspiring, making you your best self and try your hardest. His puns were always the highlight of my Monday and he was so great with the students. His impersonations were amazing.”

Johnny has always been close with his senior class and says he would describe himself as a good friend to anyone in need. As he looks back at high school, he reflects that the hardest lesson he had to learn was that a person can learn from everything that is thrown at him throughout his life. He says he has learned two things, “1, to better myself and 2, Not to make the same mistake again.”

Johnny’s advice to his younger classmates is to get over the idea that no one person is better than another. Everyone should be his own person and follow his own heart.

**Reyna Ochoa**

Reyna Ochoa, a senior at PUHS, has been involved in much during her high school career including FFA, poetry and short story writing dual credit classes, Poetry Slams, and Student Council. This dynamic, pink and purple haired queen says that what surprised her most about high school was the atmosphere. She stated, “it was way better than middle school and my relationships with my teachers, they are meaningful and deep, I will always carry everything they taught with me.” Reyna said it is hard to pick just one favorite teacher and says that all her teachers have amazing qualities and teach well, and she believes they have all worked very hard and contributed to her education.

She stated that her favorite subject is English because “Mrs. Hayes is the best at reading stories.” Reyna found that the most challenging part of high school was finding out who she really was while being surrounded by schoolwork and pressure. Reyna recounted that the best thing to happen to her in high school are all the friendships and relationships she has developed over the years. She is loved by many of her classmates and can be described as funny, energetic, kind, crazy, and trustworthy, but Reyna likes to describe herself as “sparkly!” Reyna would like to be remembered as someone who is bubbly and kind to everyone.

Looking back on her high school years, Reyna explains that the hardest lesson she had to learn was that the world doesn’t stop for your problems and the best advice she can give to underclassmen is to remember to try and make the best out of everything. Reyna plans to attend cosmetology school in Tucson after graduation.

**Russell Sherman**

By Jordi Peterson

Russell Sherman is a high school student who has played basketball, baseball, soccer, and football throughout his four years at Patagonia High School. Clearly a person with a passion for sports, he also had an academic side, his favorite subject being English, as he liked writing and getting his opinion down on paper. Russell has accomplished much throughout his high school career and he feels it has gone by very fast, which he says is what surprised him most about his time at PUHS.

Russell found that managing his time was his greatest challenge, and he admits that his most embarrassing moment in high school was the time he wore tights in front of the school during Ms. Lucas’ production of Once Upon a Mattress. Along with the bad times, of course, come the best times, as Russell realized how close he became with his friends at a school where they were once strangers.

Russell says his favorite teacher would have to be Mr. Hayes, because he has been like a father to him all four years at PUHS.

Russell says that “one of the hardest lessons I learned in high school would be dealing with people no matter how much they get on your nerves.” His friends and teachers describe Russell as reliable and gentle, hardworking and kind.

Russell’s advice to underclassmen would be to stop procrastinating and get your work done on time!

After high school, Russell will be joining the ranks of the U.S. Marines and then he wants to become a special education teacher. English teacher Journee Hayes says of him, “we need more teachers like Russell. He will make an amazing educator”.

We wish him luck, but we know with his hard work skills and his dedication that he won’t need it.
**Jose Santos**

Jose Santos is known around the PUHS campus as a loyal and caring friend with a big heart. During high school he participated in many extracurricular activities from music, drama, art, radio broadcasting (who could forget those dance moves?!), multimedia creations, soccer, and yearbook. While an essential part of each of these clubs, Jose’s presence will most be missed on the basketball court. Jose served as the boy’s basketball manager and student coach all four years of high school. Coach Kenny Hayes said of Jose, “Jose was more than a manger; he was like an assistant coach. He helped the coaching staff and myself develop and support the players at PUHS.” Jose’s positive attitude and dedication to the sport will be greatly missed.

Jose says he was most surprised about how much you have to stay on track with your school work when he came to high school. He states that math is his favorite subject because he enjoys solving as well as creating problems. Jose says he would like to be remembered as “that one kid who will put a smile on your face when you are having bad day and also the kid you can come and be yourself around.” He admits that procrastination was the most challenging problem he faced in high school and that the hardest lesson he had to learn was the importance of turning work in on time, but that the best thing to happen to him was meeting new friends and growing closer to his classmates.

Jose would like to thank every teacher he has had in the course of his four years at PUHS because, he explains, “you learn that they really want to help you exceed. But, if I had to pick one, I would choose Mrs. Hayes because she has helped me since I’ve been a freshman in high school and she has also helped me out with so much, who I’ve become, and without her honesty I wouldn’t be wanting to read books anymore.” After high school, Jose plans to attend Pima Community College and then continue on to ASU to pursue a degree in Cyber Security. And of course, he’d like to be a basketball coach someday too, like his “dad” Coach Hayes. Jose stresses the advice of not falling behind in class work to his younger classmates.

**Kaelyn Kueneman**

“High school was a big change for me, Kaelyn Kuenaman said. “I assumed that my experience would be something not too dissimilar from movies like ‘Mean Girls.’ To my surprise, I found there were many different groups of people who were all accepted by others.”

Kaelyn’s favorite subject is English. “At first, I was a little weary of the subject, considering most of the work was essays. As it turned out, the English essays would be the most memorable thing about high school.” “Mrs. Hayes is a huge reason English was my favorite subject. I love listening to her read stories,” she said. Her favorite teachers have been Mrs. Hayes, for her understanding nature and loving approach to both teaching and her students’ lives; Mr. Hayes, whose teaching style is consistent and doesn’t leave students guessing; and Mrs. Lemons, who has really been there for her over the years.

The most difficult thing about high school was learning to manage her time - how much time she needed to finish a project, how many breaks she could take, which projects take priority, etc. “It took me a long while to figure out the balance of things with the help of Mrs. Gortara and Mrs. Meckler,” she said.

“I want to be remembered as a kid who tried her best even though she wasn’t naturally gifted” Kaelyn said. “I also want to be remembered for winning the apple bobbing contest and immediately falling over afterward.”

Kaelyn describes herself as “determined.” She hopes her classmates would describe her as a loving and caring person who tries to make light of everything. Her advice for underclassmen would be to not take everything so hard. “You just gotta ride with the wave and do your best not to fall in. You’ll get out alright,” she said.

Kaelyn plans to attend Pima Community College and then attend an in-state university.

**Karina Norton**

Karina Norton participated in volleyball, basketball and student government for the past four years, tennis for two and chess for three. Her favorite subject is history. “I really enjoy learning about how things have come to be as we know them today,” she said. “The most challenging part of high school for me was learning how to time manage because we’re such a small school that you can be involved in so many different clubs and activities at one time. You just have to learn how to put an equal amount time and effort into every commitment you’ve made.”

She feels that some of the best things to have happened to her in high school were all her academic and athletic achievements, such as female athlete of the year in the 2018-2019 school year. One of the worst would have to be the stress of senior year and trying to figure out what she will do with her life after school.

One word that she feels best describes her would be ‘adventurous.’ “I love to turn the littlest of things into adventures,” she said. “Even if it’s just going for a drive, you can bet yourself that I’m going to turn my playlist on, roll the windows down and have a concert with you in the car.”

Her advice to the underclassmen would have to be to live life to the fullest. “Try something new and if you don’t like it then at least you can say you tried it. Take the opportunities that come your way and don’t take any of it for granted. The memories that you make in your four years are what YOU make of it. Don’t decide to do something because someone told you what to do. Your happiness is decided by you, not them. Make your own mistakes, grow from them and just learn how to be yourself.”

What surprised Karina most about high school is how sad she is to be leaving the place that she couldn’t wait to get out of at 3:15 every day. She plans to attend either Pima Community College in Tucson or the University of Valley Forge in Phoenixville, Pennsylvania. She plans to major in Criminal Justice.
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EVENTS/UPDATES

SPECIAL INTERESTS

CHURCH SERVICES

May 27, 6 p.m. Legislative District 2 Candidate Debate between Andrea Dalessandro, Daniel Hernandez (current state rep.), Luis Parra and Billy Peard. www.azcleanelections.gov/arizona-elections/debate-information

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Overeaters Anonymous - Thurs. at 6:30 p.m. Fragrance-free meeting. Patagonia United 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.

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St. Citizens of Patagonia Van Service
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Sonora/Patagonia Email Newsletter - Free. Sign up at clarebonelli@soniatapatagonialocals.com

Patagonia Farmers Market
Mon: 10 a.m. Vegetable distribution outside the Senior Center, Patagonia Food bag - 2nd Wednesday of the month 9-10 a.m. at St Therese Catholic Church.

Sonora Produce on Wheels every 3rd Saturday of the month at Harvest Christian Church.

Patagonia Youth Enrichment Center providing dinners for free for youth every Wed. 4:30 p.m.

Patagonia Public Schools Free Meals Breakfast at the Patagonia 8 a.m. - 8:30a.m. Lunch: 12p.m. - 12:30p.m. Breakfast at Sonoita Fairgrounds 8:20a.m. - 8:50a.m. and Lunch: 12:20p.m. - 12:50p.m. (Until May 22)

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52 Elgin Rd., Elgin 455-5172
Sunday Service: 10 a.m.

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Sunday Service: 10:30 a.m.
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Our Lady of the Angels Catholic Church is closed until further notice. 12 Los Encinos Rd., Sonora 394-2954
Sunday Mass: 8 a.m.

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