Local Restaurants: Surviving the Pandemic

Owner Anita Kay, shows off the new takeout area in the front of Tia Nita’s Cantina, added as part of the remodeling done this year in response to the pandemic.

By Marion Vendituoli

The PRT surveyed area restaurants to learn how the pandemic affected them and what they did to stay afloat. Three Sonora restaurants, Tia Nita’s Cantina, the Steak Out Restaurant and the Copper Brothel Brewery, described the challenges that they faced over the past year.

Tia Nita’s Cantina

Anita Kay, owner of Tia Nita’s Cantina, took time during the pandemic to remodel her restaurant, turning her office into a pick-up room for takeout orders. Because her menu was already geared for takeout, she did not have to adapt it or pare it down during the pandemic. She did have to shut her bar area until that restriction was lifted.

The pandemic created challenges for the business. “From the management side, it’s been difficult with no way to plan for anything. From the server side it’s been people,” she reported.

“I managed...with a skeleton crew. Trying to build staff back has been a challenge. With things still in flux I can’t say when I’ll be able to fully recover. Just trying to cut the losses and move forward.”

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Jr. High Finals, High School Rodeo Coming to Sonoita Fairgrounds

Local youth competing in the upcoming Jr. High Finals and High School Rodeos at the Sonoita Fairgrounds May 7, 8 and 9 gather in front of the bucking chutes in the main arena. From left: (Front Row) Cason Scouten, Ember Hubbell, Cienna Beyer, Kaydee Zerbal, Jake Scouten, Lexie Miller, Cade Hubbell. (Top row) Serena Hubbell, McKenzie Beyer, Damian Padilla, Cole Hubbell, Sterling Miller.

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Twelve local students will be competing in two Arizona High School Rodeo Assoc. rodeos on May 7-9 at the Sonoita Fairgrounds.

Middle school students Cienna Beyer, Kaydee Zerbal, Lexie Miller, Cole Hubbell, Damian Padilla and Jake Scouten will be competing in the Junior High Finals Rodeo May 7-8. McKenzie Beyer, Cason Scouten, Ember Hubbell, Serena Hubbell, Sterling Miller and Cade Hubbell will compete in the high school rodeo on May 8-9.

The students participate in several events including tie down roping, team roping, breakaway roping, chute dogging (a form of steer wrestling), barrel racing, goat tying, and pole bending.

These young rodeo contestants compete monthly all over the state leading up to the finals. The High School Finals are scheduled for June 3-6 in Prescott.

The top four contestants in each event at the Junior High Finals are eligible to compete in the National Junior High Finals, to be held in Des Moines, IA. The top four contestants in each event at the High School Finals are eligible to compete in the National High School Finals, to be held in Lincoln, NE.
COMMON GROUND By Marion Vendituoli

We can learn a lot from a graveyard. I’ve been doing a lot of reading about the need for people to find ‘common ground,’ to focus on what unites us, not what divides us. Well, I can’t imagine a better example of ‘common ground’ than a cemetery.

In this issue of the PRT, in honor of Memorial Day, you will see a list of veterans buried in our local cemeteries. It is a place where politics, prejudices and petty bickering have been put aside. Uncle Jack’s rant no longer send your Aunt Loretta over the edge and everyone just lies there quietly side by side.

But that doesn’t mean that there are no stories left to tell there, and no one’s stories are more important than those our veterans have to tell us, reminding us of their sacrifices and the price they and their families have paid to preserve our freedom.

My Uncle Staff was a doctor in World War II, part of the Allied Forces that entered Sarajevo after the Germans retreated. The day after he wrote home to his parents describing the horrors he saw in Sarajevo and the gratitude of the citizens of that city towards their liberators, he drove out to administer typhus shots to people living in the countryside. I don’t know if he ever got to deliver the vaccines. A land mine planted by the retreating Germans blew up his jeep and took him from his wife and children, his parents, his siblings.

As I tried to fill in some of the blanks in the veterans’ list on page 4 of this issue, I came across Sgt. Henry H. Wood, a veteran buried in Black Oak Cemetery. Henry, who was 22 years old, was a gunner in the 411th Bomb Squadron. His military record states “Service terminated by death 8.26.43.” His death certificate listed his cause of death as an airplane crash that occurred at Gowen Field Base in Boise, ID. He was survived by his wife, Maxine.

Cindy Morris, who has helped to identify veterans for this list, sent me the obituary for Pvt. Lona L. Young, buried in the Patagonia Cemetery. Lona, who was 22 years old, had enlisted in the Women’s Army Core (WAC), just seven months before her death and was driving jeeps at Camp Hood, TX. She was killed in an automobile accident there. Lona had two brothers in the service at the time of her death. One brother was serving in the South Pacific and the other was in the Air Corps.

Cindy also told me about Pvt. Virginia M. Horrocks, who served as a WAC. Virginia lost her husband, Chief James W. Horrocks, who went down with the USS Arizona on Dec. 7, 1941 during the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor. James was one of four sailors from Arizona lost that day.

It strikes me, looking at this list of 137 names, that this lightly populated area has had a disproportionate number of people who have answered the call of duty. This Memorial Day, take a moment to honor their memory, remember your family members that have served, and pay homage to them by trying to find some common ground that we can all build on to preserve our freedom.

Perhaps, as Murphy Musick has suggested, we could all come together at the Patagonia Cemetery twice a year - Memorial Day and Veterans Day - for services and praise of our fallen heroes, creating a new tradition to honor our veterans and other ancestors.
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My wanderlust began in Hawaii, the second of five children. Dad was a career Naval Officer and mom a nurse who graduated from Patagonia High School in 1948 after grandpa moved there to work in the mines. When Dad was in Vietnam, we lived in Tucson and almost every weekend traveled to visit Grandma and Grandpa Schmidt in Patagonia, spending summers down at the creek. We grew up moving to a new state almost every year with all seven of us packed into the old station-wagon with a big slobbering dog!

After two failed attempts in college, I landed a job at the Washington Navy Yard. Eight years later I was ready to escape the heavy traffic, snowstorms, and the humidity, so I trekked out to Long Beach to work at the Shipyard and turned in my high heels for steel-toed boots and a hard hat. The weather was great, and I lived two blocks from the beach, sweet! Then the wanderlust kicked in and my next journey took me to Germany and Italy for five years.

Just outside of Venice I met my exceptional husband of 26 years, and followed him to Virginia for a year, then off on a four-month camping adventure across US National Parks, ultimately landing in Tennessee for 13 years. We ended up in Whetstone working at the Fort in 2005, and then to Elgin in 2013 to plant a vineyard and sell wine grapes to the local wineries. We were more than ready to settle down to play in the dirt with our tractors, shovels and pruning shears and stay busy!

Fond memories: graduating high school in Virginia Beach; raising cattle, adopting wild horses, and learning how to garden and can in Tennessee; watching the moon rise over the temples and obelisks at Karnak - imagining life 2,000 years ago; adoring my grandkids, meeting incredible people, loving family and friends, and enjoying every sunrise and sunset in Arizona. La dolce vita!

Lynn Davison

PRT founder Walter Andrew began recruiting me BEFORE I moved to Patagonia in January of 2013! He was a determined and persistent fellow. Soon after I hit town, I began writing for the paper and joined the board of directors. In 2021, the PRT still has me solidly in its grip.

My spouse, Judy Clegg, and I live in Patagonia the majority of the year and are Arizona residents and voters. We still spend summers on Vashon Island near Seattle.

I had an eclectic career in Seattle working in the public and nonprofit sectors in the public health, environmental, mental health, and affordable housing fields. I loved my work and was proud to surround myself with smart, committed, and fun people who knew more than I did!

The beauty and richness of the landscape of the Sky Islands is a major draw for me. Hiking, birding, and photography are important parts of my life here. Equally important is living in such a vibrant and quirky community.

Patagonians have a remarkable array of histories, skills, talents, and perspectives. I contribute to Borderlands Restoration Network, the PRT, Patagonia Youth Enrichment Center, and periodically to several other local nonprofits. It is mostly very, very rewarding.

A few things you might not know about me: I lived in Afghanistan for eight months in 1975; I have jumped out of an airplane for fun, twice; three time during my career I traded in all my retirement savings to pay for travel adventures; and I grew up in a place where the snow was occasionally over my head, Buffalo, NY.

Robert Gay

An avid Patagonia adoptee, I moved "over the hill" five years ago after 20 years in Tucson. Besides writing and shooting photos for the PRT, I’m a practicing architect, “for people, place and planet,” as my business card states. After phases of university teaching and general contracting, in recent decades I’ve focused on residential design, and have had about a dozen projects in Santa Cruz County. Other strands in my fabric are mapmaking, ecology, genealogy, meditation, skywatching, visual artmaking and an abiding love of stone. Three family members held patents, so I’ve got some engineering nerd in me as well, probably why I calculated the depth of the shaft at the Mowry mine, after dropping a rock and counting seven seconds for it to hit bottom. I once said to my mom that my playmates included lines, words, and images.

Two of my children live in Arizona, one in Vermont, and I have no grandchildren. To me, "desert rat" is a positive term, and with partner Carolyn, I love local explorations in the Sky Islands, ever delighted to come across stuff like animal tracks, crystals, salamanders, fossils and really big trees. In these relentless months of pandemic restrictions and years of toxic politics, I feel extra strongly that being with nature is powerful balm for the soul.

After cancer, thinking about what to have engraved on my tombstone (if I have one) I felt Nietzsche, though important, was a little dark when he wrote “What doesn’t kill you, makes you stronger.” Instead, I now want it engraved with “We live among and because of miracles.”

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The PRT Has compiled this list of names of veterans who are buried in local cemeteries in Duquesne, Elgin, Lochiel and Patagonia to recognize these men and women for their service and sacrifice for our freedom. Please pause for a moment to remember them this Memorial Day.

If any readers know of friends and family that should be added to this list, please let us know at prteditor@gmail.com. Many thanks to Gay Moss, Murphy Musick and Cynthia Matus Morriss for their help with this project.

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DONNIE LEWIS MARTIN
MAY 6, 1940 - APRIL 1, 2021

Donnie Lewis Martin earned her wings on April 1, 2021 at home with her family. Donnie was born the daughter of Blain and Laura (Dunham) Lewis on May 6, 1940.

Our cherished wife, mother, grandmother, sister, aunt, cousin and friend is survived by beloved husband of 63 years, Dave Martin; sons Tom and Weston; daughter Davette Dave Martin; sons Tom and Dustin, and sister-in-law Jean Lewis; Wanda DeLaOssa (Oscar) (Louis Yslava); sister Weston; daughter Davette Dave Martin; sons Tom and Ian; loved husband of 63 years, friend is survived by be sister, aunt, cousin and mother, grandmother, 1940.

She lived her entire life in the Patagonia area. She was honored to be crowned the very first Miss Santa Cruz County (1958). She deeply loved her family and friends. And she thoroughly enjoyed her life. She will always be remembered for her unconditional love, kindness and compassion. She will be greatly missed and will live on in our hearts forever.

REMEMBERING JEANNETTE (GRANNY) SWYERS
AUGUST 30, 1928 – MARCH 24, 2021

By Patra Kelly

Jeannette Swyers was born and grew up on a ranch on Salero Rd. near Patagonia. Her father, Sy Swyers, was a rancher and her mother, Gladys, was an elementary school teacher who taught in the Alto School at the silver mine on Salero Rd., the Washington Camp School, and the San Rafael Valley School, before she taught in Patagonia. Jeannette was four years older than her brother, Harold, who lives in Patagonia with his wife Nancy. Jeannette, "Granny," as she liked to be called, often shared her memories of riding horses through the hills on their ranch with her father.

Granny was known for her generosity and helping people in need. She always let them know how to sign up for the County Food Bank. She was prepared during the Christmas holidays with an entire refrigerator of candy for children.

She had strong opinions and did not hold back expressing them. To her, Blue Haven Rd., along Sonoita Creek to Patagonia, was for ranchers and she resented the road becoming a walking place for visitors of the Nature Conservancy and birdwatchers. But she had a sense of humor. She convinced two linemen to place an artificial bird high in the branches of a tree. She had a good laugh while driving by a group of birders with binoculars and cameras with telephoto lenses, all trying to identify a red fake bird.

Granny was very patriotic, always participating in Veterans Day celebrations. She was a member of the Women’s Auxiliary of the VFW in Sierra Vista, as both her father and brother were submarine sailors. The Fourth of July was her favorite holiday. She rode a horse in the parade, and in later years sat in a horse-drawn buggy. One year, Lars Marshall, who organized the parade for many years, was advised by Granny of the proper placement of some of the parade participants. She made it clear to him that he needed to consult her before planning any parades in the future. And he did! The next year, a week before the parade, he was seen hurrying to the entrance of the Wagon Wheel. When stopped by friends outside, he nervously exclaimed, "I can’t talk now! I have to meet Granny!"

She talked often about her "kids." She had no children, but for a time taught catechism to children at the Catholic Church. When they were older and she encountered them in town, they were mutually delighted to see each other. A few people who knew her well were amused that she had taught catechism, as she was well known for her colorful language. She knew swear words in both English and Spanish and could use many in one sentence! She sat almost every afternoon at the Wagon Wheel. On a cold day, when a few people entered, a voice was heard, exclaiming, "Shut the x!#%! door! Were you born in a x!#%! barn? Looking around to see who was yelling, they saw a small woman wearing a large cowboy hat sitting in her favorite spot.

Jon Larsen recalled how he met Granny at the Big Steer bar in 1996. “One day Granny told me to move my travel trailer to her place, which I eventually did. As time passed, I became her caregiver, driving her to town.”

“Granny’s housekeeping was beyond casual. I maintained paths through her collection of newspapers, clothing and assorted things, which became the home of mice and often rattlesnakes. One night Granny said she killed a rattlesnake with a baseball bat in her bedroom and said another one was under her bed. I knew that I could not remove it safely with my pole and bucket. So, with a flashlight in one hand and a shotgun in the other, I looked under the bed and saw three pairs of eyes looking at me - a rat, a pair of eyes in the middle and pulled out a five-foot long rattler.”

Eccentric people can have a role to play in a small town, where everyday contact with people often seems to be predictable. Granny could stir things up. Like a child, she expressed her emotions, but she could be entertaining. There are people here who will always remember her.
Neighbors Engage

Neighborhood Advisory Panel with 14 diverse and independently selected community members from across the county has launched. Stay tuned for more information!

Hermosa President Pat Risner has had great turnout for his “First Fridays” open office hours at our Patagonia office. Drop by any time between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. to talk about Hermosa. First Friday of any month, masked and socially distanced!

Hermosa News Update

We’ve released the second issue of Hermosa News following great response to the first. To receive electronic versions of this quarterly newsletter, just email us at hermosacommunity@south32.net!

SEFD Boards Discuss Budget, Chief’s Retirement

By Kat Crockett

The Sonoita Elgin Fire District Board (SEFD) held a public meeting on April 19, focusing on the 2021-2022 budget. A draft budget was approved on April 26, which has been posted on their website for public review and comment for 30 days.

The Board will then consider public input, tweak the draft if necessary, and convene a board meeting to adopt the final budget. During each of the last three board meetings, Board members have stated they will not raise the tax rate. Even with the same tax rate, SEFD will most likely accrue additional revenue because property assessments and valuations have increased for many residents in the fire district.

According to the draft budget, the total projected income and expenditures for the next fiscal year is $1,497,590. This amount exceeds last year’s budget by $4,330, or less than 0.3%. Approximately $954,000 will be generated from SCC district taxpayers, $128,643 from Pima County district taxpayers, $270,000 from ambulance revenue and the rest from other sources.

The Board members and SEFD staff worked together to bring more clarity to the budget line-item descriptors and reached agreement to add a new line for “future” or long-term capital improvements to include ambulances, fire trucks, compressors, and more.

There will also be a short-term capital outlay for the current year purchases. The Board concurred with the proposal presented by acting Chief Buonaccorsi to raise the hourly wage for firefighters and captains by 7% and lower the hourly wage and possibly reduce the work hours of the administrative assistant, a position now vacant due to the recent resignation of Katie Goodwin. These changes will impact ten employees and increase payroll by under $20,000. Currently, five firefighters are paid at $12.15 per hour.

During the meeting, the board also authorized Buonaccorsi to commit up to $65,000 for a replacement ambulance. He was able to locate a lightly used 2017 diesel ambulance with mileage around 10,000 for $60,000 and is arranging the purchase and delivery.

The latest investigation stemming from an allegation made by one or more SEFD members remains in process. No information was available from the Board Attorney, Donna Aversa, who has contacted the SCC Attorney’s office on the issue of overpayments to the former chief. The Board continues to collect additional information for the insurance claim recently filed to recoup some of the overpayments and related expenses. The IGA with Palominas is still a work in progress and may now include short-term support for admin services. The Board will also soon begin reviewing applications for the current board vacancy. They continue to collect and review all SEFD vendor and personal service contracts and agreements. The SEFD PSPRS (retirement and benefits) Board met on April 21. The Board concurred that the service credits listed by former Chief Joseph DeWolf in his retirement application filed in early February make him eligible for normal retirement.

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Updates on the Rosemont Project

By Robert Gay

It was 2005 when Augusta Resources first started buying properties in Pima County. Sixteen years later, where does the Rosemont Project stand? The project has been in litigation for the last two years, with sustained public outcry as a steady background, around the major issues of water drawdown, air and water pollution, endangered wildlife, biodiversity, sacred lands, natural beauty, and social-cultural damage.

The Rosemont Mine has been controversial and administratively complex from its start, involving different kinds of jurisdiction from the US Army Corps of Engineers, US Forest Service, and AZ Department of Environmental Quality.

Following the Forest Service’s favorable Record of Decision, and the issuing of a pivotal Clean Water Act 404 permit in early March 2019 by the Army Corps of Engineers, lawsuits were brought by six major conservation groups and three Arizona tribes. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Army Corps of Engineers, lawsuits were brought by six major conservation groups and three Arizona tribes. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Army Corps of Engineers, and the US Forest Service, were brought by six major conservation groups and three Arizona tribes. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Army Corps of Engineers, and the US Forest Service, agreements and three Arizona tribes.

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Army Corps of Engineers, and the US Forest Service, and the Arizona Biological Diversity saw Soto’s ruling as a “partial victory for the jaguar in Arizona.” Hudbay immediately appealed the decision and arguments for and against the appeal concluded a year later, in mid-February 2021. The legal discussion is complex, focusing on the validity of Hudbay-owned claims in the Coronado National Forest as a place to dump the massive tailings. A date for the judges’ ruling has not yet been announced.

The company maintains an optimistic outlook on the results of litigation, saying, in October of 2020, “Hudbay is fully committed to building and operating the Rosemont project once the appeal process has been completed.”

One of the plaintiffs in the suit is Save the Scenic Santa Ritas. For that group, VP Greg Shinsky, in a Nov 13, 2020 letter to the Green Valley News, summarized the current phase from a different point of view: “After winning a victory in Federal court in Tucson on July 31, 2019, Hudbay appealed, and we are now in the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals. We expect a decision in the first half of 2021 and are confident of another win.”

Last year Hudbay began a new phase of mineral exploration on private, patented land they hold, straddling the ridge where Gunsight Pass sits, northwest of the proposed open pit of the original Rosemont Copper proposal, in a zone of about 20 historical mines. The making of roads and drill pads is visible from SR 83, as well as from Green Valley, above the former town of Helvetia. The company claims to have struck good copper deposits at significantly shallower depths than the first Rosemont Mine proposal. They named the explored area “Copper World,” and now present to it investors as a potentially very lucrative second mine on their property.

If Copper World were developed as a mine, it could clog apart the north horizon of the Santa Rita Mountains, creating massive tailings visible from both sides of the range, and consume water in aquifers in the Santa Cruz River basin from Green Valley and Sahuarita to Tucson.

The outcome of a second protracted legal effort against Hudbay, that alleges that atrocities were committed by mining company security personnel in indigenous communities around Hudbay’s former Fenix Mine in Guatemala, may affect the corporation’s future as well. In this decade-long case, thirteen members of the indigenous Mayan population from the village of El Estor are pursuing three related precedent-setting lawsuits in Ontario Superior Court against Hudbay. The cases involve murder, rape of individual women, gang rape and the eviction of villagers.

On January 6, 2021, a former chief of security for the Fenix mine pleaded guilty to criminal charges in connection with the assault and homicide events of the Canadian case, as reported in The Financial Post. Gonzalez’ plea was in a Guatemalan court, so this admission is not directly in the Canadian case, but lawyer Murray Klippstein summarized the effect of this guilty plea: “This pulls the rug out from Hudbay’s main denial right now.”

This is a precedent-setting case holding a major mine company internationally accountable and is being closely followed by the mining sector and beyond.

So, is the Rosemont Project dead or alive? Depends on who you ask.

Wineries Win Awards

By Kat Crockett


Ann Roncone of Lightning Rise Cellars in Elgin was awarded Silver for her 2017 Aglianico. Kim and Phil Asmundson of Deep Sky Vineyards earned Silver for their 2018 Malbec.

There were over 48 judges at the SFCWC, representing several North American wine regions, who evaluated nearly 5,700 wines from over 1,000 wineries. Bob Fraser, SFCWC executive director, said, “The response from the wineries of North America at our 2021 competition was outstanding this year.” SFCWC is the largest wine competition in North America.

Town Street Improvements Continue

By Bob Brandt

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By Cassina Farley

We are all understandably a little bit jumpy when it comes to the vaccine. Some are outright against what they do not understand, and there are others that are taking it on faith that the scientists of our country know what they are doing.

For me I viewed it as a means to an end. My reasoning was simple: We’ve got to do something. Naturally, I had my own fears. On the day of my first shot I sat down and dramatically wrote all our passwords and banking information out for Zach. Given all my allergies I wasn’t sure if I wouldn’t end up with a chair at the vaccination clinic waiting. I spent my day sanitizing vaccine clinic to pay back all that was given to me. I spent my day sanitizing, tables, monitoring patients and helping people receive their vaccines.

As the days roll on, my anxiety about the vaccine has subsided. I no longer associate my aches and pains with my possible DNA annihilation. Instead, I can go to work now with a renewed confidence and less fear. I am also extremely grateful. So grateful that I volunteered my time at the vaccine clinic to pay back all that was given to me. I spent my day sanitizing, tables, monitoring patients and helping people receive their vaccines.

I saw the same look of worry and relief on their faces as I’m sure I had and if any of them were like me they went home and started to blame every sore arm.

Over the following month every random pain, itch, or headache I had, I secretly wondered if it was the vaccine. All the while the media droned on, daily highlighting the negative vaccine news. As I laid in bed at night, I thought I could hear it altering my DNA.

By the time, my second shot rolled around, all the people in my life had had theirs too and it gave me comfort. Either we’d all be safe together or we’d all have lizard tails by the summer – a concept I had grown to accept.

As of today, I am fully vaccinated and so are most of my loved ones, including Zach.

A COVID shot is administered during the vaccine clinic at the Patagonia High School April 21. 32 vaccinations were given at the event, which was sponsored by South32.

What was the reaction to this? I turned off the evening news and replied “No dear. It’s a rash. I’ll get you some cream.” I guess he needs a little more time.

Vaccines are available to everyone now. If you are able, get one. We could all be together again by summer.

MY TWO CENTS

By Clare Bonelli

We in this country, in this area, have been blessed so abundantly. Oh, I am not discounting those who are suffering, who are fighting desperately to keep a roof over their heads, but, generally, we live in relative safety and with some safety nets available.

What must it be like to be so afraid for your family, for your children, that you pick up and leave everything and everyone you know and love, and do whatever it takes to get to a foreign country where you don’t understand the culture and don’t even speak the language?

Joseph packed up Mary and the baby Jesus and fled to Egypt in the middle of the night – a distance of 300 miles or so. According to https://www.costsotransport.com/how-far/from-merida-venezuela-to-texas-united-states, 2664 miles is the average travel distance between Venezuela and Texas. If you could walk at the speed of 3mph, it would take 27 days 17 hours. How desperate does one have to be to do this?

In churches, I have heard the United States referred to as a Christian nation. REALLY? If being a Christian means having a relationship with Jesus Christ and being His hands and feet on earth, how does this line up with stopping people at the borders? “Come unto Me ALL you who are weary and heavy laden” (Matthew 11:28) - ALL. I’m not advocating an open border, and I’m not pretending to have all the answers, but to stop desperate people at the border or even to send them back to the hell they came from – how does that line up with being Christian?

Micah 6:8: He has shown you, O man, what is good. And what does the LORD require of you but to act justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God?

Especially amongst conservative Christians, there seems to be a lot of flag waving and pledging “allegiance to the flag and to the Republic for which it stands – one Nation under God, with liberty and justice for ALL.” ALL. Liberty and justice for ALL. And then, by these same people, there is support for sending refugees back where they came from. How does that all line up? I don’t get it.

Matthew 25:41-43: Then He will say to those on His left, ‘Depart from Me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you gave Me nothing to eat, I was thirsty and you gave Me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not take Me in, I was naked and you did not clothe Me, I was sick and in prison and you did not visit Me.’

There are so many, within 50 miles of here, who are hungry, thirsty, strangers, in rags, sick – and who we live in abundance are saying it’s not our problem – keep them away, we don’t want them.

What’s Jesus going to say about that?

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Pool Update

The Pool Assessment that Friends of the Patagonia Pool, (FOPP) commissioned shows that the pool, while over 30 years old, is in great shape and could provide at least another decade of recreation and water safety training to the communities of Patagonia, Sonoita, Elgin and surrounding areas. That is not without costs, however.

The Town of Patagonia and the Patagonia Elementary and High School District Boards approved extending the pool IGA through May 2021 in order to allow FOPP to search for an anchor sponsor for the pool’s financial needs that are beyond what the Town or schools can handle on their own. Hopefully, by very early May we will know whether we can count on a substantial financial partnership, and the School Boards will agree to working together with the other partners to open the pool, at least for this year.

The Town of Patagonia has unofficially indicated that if the pool could open, they would provide the water needed for the season as well as continue their ¼ share of chemical expenses for the year. FOPP will also commit to continue our ¼ share beyond May 31.

Even if a major sponsor joins us, FOPP will need to raise approximately $20,000 dollars, in addition to the funding we currently have in place, in order to cover pool expenses for this year. The School Boards would need to decide what financial and management support they could provide.

FOPP also approached South32 Hermosa to ask for financial support for the pool. South32 has shown interest in supporting the community and indicated their agreement that the pool is an important community amenity. There are still important operational details to work out before commitments on the part of the owners and any potential funders can be made. FOPP is working hard to facilitate discussions to get those answers quickly.

FOPP feels that it is imperative to open the pool this year. Our goal all along has been to keep an important community amenity functioning and available to all in our area. We have developed a draft budget for that purpose and shared it for discussion and input with the Town, School Boards and potential major sponsors.

It will not be possible to open immediately after Memorial Day. There is a lot of work to be done that would normally have already been under way by now. If we can quickly get a major sponsor commitment for at least this year, we might be able to open by July 1. Our goal would be to be open through September.

The FOPP pool assessment, major cleanup and assistance with monthly expenses is made possible by grant funds from the South32 Hermosa Community Fund held at the Community Fund of Southern Arizona, the Patagonia Regional Community Fund, and by donations from many local pool supporters.

We invite all interested citizens to join our work to keep the pool open. Please contact school board members and ask them to help the pool open this year. And please contact Karen Rigs, FOPP president at: mustangmntswriter@gmail.com to lend a hand.

Maryknoll Spicer
Karen Rigs

Self Reflection

What if We the People were in charge of our own personal and collective lives? What if when falling ill we would confine ourselves as we know to do even with a cold. What if while we are recuperating, we reflect on our participation with the illness and by so doing set the stage for strengthening our immunity. By not reflecting and not working with the natural healing powers that the body inherently has, looking for the quick fix, do we increase the possibility for illness, putting ourselves and the earth in danger?

The Coronavirus is seen as the enemy and the role of the enemy is to instill fear. Fear that someone we love will die, or we will die because of the enemy. Fear, which brings about a level of stress, as we know, can actually suppress the immune system, that which helps us “fight off” disease.

We the People individually thus collectively are responsible. If we consciously and responsibly empower the natural wisdom within us, the pain, suffering, deaths, violence, depression and spike of addictions we are now experiencing would exponentially minimize the fear-based conundrum we are presently experiencing.

We humans are self-aware, and unlike other species, we consciously direct our evolution. If we do not practice self-reflection or mindful awareness and common sense in light of the individual and the collective, we do not evolve.

How and what we perceive ourselves to be has a major effect on the Earth and on all of us.

David Krest
Patagonia

Thank you to South32

KPUP-LP (100.5FM), would like to take this opportunity to thank the South32 Hermosa Community Fund, held at Community Foundation for Southern Arizona, for their generous grant that was awarded to us this last month.

This award will allow Patagonia Community Radio to meet its day-to-day financial responsibilities which is normally funded through our annual Hawaiian shirt and Luau fundraiser that was interrupted last year due to the Covid-19 pandemic shut down. Again, thank you to South32 and the Community Foundation for Southern Arizona for their continued support of non-profits in general and KPUP in particular.

Sincerely,

Fred Hansen
Treasurer, KPUP-LP Radio

SEFD Board Press Release

The haven of Patagonia Fire District released costs associated with the investigation of various personnel and financial matters that occurred in 2020 and 2021. In prior Board meetings, SEFD’s bookkeeper stated various amounts as being the cost to SEFD of investigations conducted in 2020. As pointed out by the Board, the amounts previously presented by her were inaccurate and overstated as they include amounts unrelated to investigations conducted in 2020 and 2021, including items from the 2019-2020 fiscal year and salaries that would have been paid regardless of an investigation.

Expenses associated with SEFD investigations and additional audit reports were driven by allegations and discovery of misconduct and of violations of SEFD policies by SEFD employees. In one instance, the SEFD Board committed to a comprehensive investigation by specifically including input from current and former SEFD members and community members who might have information relevant to the investigation which not only extended the duration of the investigation but also increased the costs.

Investigations fall under SEFD HR Policy when misconduct is suspected or reported. Fact finding helps protect both the employee and employer from unfair and/or highly emotional situations and guide decisions based on fact, rather than emotion. Most investigations are done internally, but when situations arise where deciding officials could potentially be a witness or otherwise involved, due diligence necessitates that we use outside investigators. Investigation expenses are necessary for compliance with SEFD’s policies, state and local laws, and fiduciary responsibilities to the public.

As of April 19, direct expenses for investigatory matters are estimated as follows:

- Attorney $5,500
- Investigator $26,749
- Auditor $5,400
- Total Cost of direct expenses = $37,649

The Chief’s employment was terminated for cause by directing or allowing and accepting an increase in pay of $300 per week without obtaining SEFD Board approval. The increase occurred in November of 2018. The most recent report from SEFD’s auditors Walker & Armstrong put the amount of unauthorized overpayments to the former Chief at approximately $75,000.

The former Fire Chief’s pension is governed by Arizona’s Public Safety Public Retirement System (PSPRS). The local SEFD PSPRS Board is responsible for reviewing the member’s total period of service and eligible compensation used to calculate the pension amount, as well as to apply other statutory provisions prior to forwarding the application to the State for final review and approval. The local Board convened on April 21 and verified service requirements were met. The Board adjusted his eligible compensation to determine the annuity by subtracting the unauthorized overpayment and lowering the employee and employer contributions to what they would have been without the bump in pay. It will ultimately be up to the state to make the final determinations.

As facts are developed and decisions made, the SEFD Board is committed to see these issues to conclusion with as much transparency as permitted, and we will continue to execute our responsibilities for public safety, for our SEFD members and volunteers, and for the District’s taxpayers.

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Marshall Patterson reported he had been doing preparation for covid vaccinations in Patagonia, working with Ray Sayres of the Santa Cruz County office of Emergency Management.

David Budd is resigning as chairman of the Planning and Development Committee. He was thanked for his service.

The major funding for Phase 3 of the McKeown Street pavement modification project - between Third and Fourth Ave to SR 82 - will come from Southeast Arizona Governmental Organizations (SEAGO), a total of $437,557. The Town will contribute $60,000. South32 will contribute to cover the rental of barriers during pavement work. Councilor Reibslager asked about the significant dips where Fourth Ave. crosses McKeown, and was assured they would be considered.

The Council and Mayor approved a resolution which authorizes the submission of an application for Fiscal Year 2021 for a Community Development Block Grant, previously discussed.

South32 gave details of the previously approved Stage 2 road modification project. It will modify the pavement on three sides of the helipad-Mariposa Clinic block, add sidewalks on Third Ave. and McKeown Ave., and integrate water runoff toward the town’s central park areas. The work will begin staging in May, see completion of paving by end of June, leaving 4th of July free, and will complete by the end of August.

The Council and Mayor approved a proclamation declaring April as “Fair Housing Month” in Patagonia. They also adopted a fair housing policy.

The Council and Mayor approved a new job description for a utility service worker for streets and maintenance.

The Council and Mayor approved a Budget Study Session for 6p.m.,April 21, 2021

They proclaimed April 22, 2021 as Earthfest in Patagonia, as well as AZ Trails Day and Arbor day.

The Council and Mayor approved a proposal by Sky Islands Tourist Association to be the sponsor of a rebranded Fall Festival as “Sky Islands Artisan Market,” to be held October 9-10, 2021 in the town park.

The organizer, Southern Arizona Arts and Cultural Alliance, plans for only artisans as exhibitors, with no community groups, political organizations or candidates, nor the beer-garden. Publicity will be local and not utilize social media, with the hope of avoiding the crowds who have filled prior Fall Festivals.
Art in the Pandemic

Paula Wittner stands in front of her painting, titled “Boundaries.”

By Charlotte Lowe

Patagonia artist Paula Wittner has figured out how to spin a pandemic into pure gold. A year ago, Wittner was scheduled to have an international showing that she thought would be a slice chocolate frosted yellow cake.

Once she started painting to get her hands dirty again with anything Patagonia Library related, she said Wittner, was an amazing cadre of volunteers, who turned to her. Wittner transformed that moment unexpectedly turned to her. Wittner and looking into us, said Wittner, was a deep bath of intelligent observation coupled with a Classical European sensibility. They are gorgeous and wry. At times, transfiguring. One painting of an evocatively beautiful person turning, and looking into us, said Wittner, was the reverse image of someone she had seen in a hospital waiting room. The person was having a seizure and unexpectedly turned to her. Wittner transformed that alarming moment into a state of grace. Most of Wittner’s people are beautiful because she intends them to be.

Further on, in muted tones of gouache with touches of oils, are Wittner’s social cartoons. An out-of-work short order cook, cigarette dangling from lips, wears a comedically short pink and black diner-esque uniform, exposing his toothsome thighs. From his hands hang some useless utensils and overhead hover heavenly visions of a banana split and a hefty slice chocolate frosted yellow cake. It is, as is The Pandemic Show, about both impotence and hope.

Check It Out At The Library

By Laura Wenzel

After a successful reopening of the library building in April, Patagonia Public Library staff have many projects that we’re working on at the moment, including revitalizing our Semilloteca/Seed Library collection and planning our Summer Reading Program.

Our amazing cadre of volunteers, itching to get their hands dirty again with anything Patagonia Library related, are assisting with LibraryCall Dial-a-Story and Resource Hotline services. Call (520) 980-9810 to hear a story read to you in either English or Spanish. For a list of current hours and services from our Resource Hotline, available 24/7, call (520) 980-9910.

The next big project is our “Libraries Transforming Communities: Focus on Small and Rural Libraries” citizen science grant project. As part of the grant, library staff will take an online course in how to lead conversations. Staff will then host a conversation with residents about citizen science and use the grant monies to fund PPL’s new “Library of Things,” including a lending telescope from Cornerstones of Science; and birdwatching, butterfly spotting, and plant I.D. backpack kits available for checkout. The library will also become a Weather Underground weather station to provide accurate information on weather events in Patagonia.

Some citizen science projects that will be highlighted are the annual Audubon Society Christmas Bird Count, Sky Island Alliance’s ongoing Border Wildlife Study, and the Friends of Sonora Creek wet-dry mapping of Harshaw Creek in the summer of 2021.

Using information from SciStarter, National Geographic, Cornerstones of Science, and more, the library will introduce participants to projects like Stream Selfie, the Great Sunflower Project, and the annual Backyard Bird Count. If you are interested in taking part in the conversation, please contact Laura Wenzel at (520) 394-2010 or visit www.patagoniapubliclibrary.org for more information.

“Libraries Transforming Communities: Focus on Small and Rural Libraries” is an initiative of the American Library Association in collaboration with the Association for Rural and Small Libraries. Conversation date is TBA.

(From left) Tomas Jonnson, German Quiroga and Zay Hartigan celebrate the opening of the new section of the Train Track Trail in Patagonia.

By Zay Hartigan

In 2007, Betsy McGee and Cornelia O’Connor decided to pursue a Rails-To-Trails conversion of the old rail bed between Patagonia and Sonora. With strong support from the County, the Town of Patagonia, and a number of agencies and organizations, a core group of dedicated volunteers set about creating partnerships with the three necessary owners of the railbed, The Nature Conservancy, Native Seeds SEARCH, and the Town of Patagonia, to build a 2.5 mile loop trail to the town limit. This was completed in 2010. Local school kids named it the Train Track Trail.

It took another 11 years to get the next 3.25 miles built, made possible when South 32 purchased crucial properties and allowed the trail to cross them. This new section connects the town of Patagonia to the new alignment of the Arizona National Scenic Trail at Casa Blanca Canyon. A small COVID cautious opening ceremony was held on April 22.
The Dec. 17, 2020 Patagonia Christmas Bird Count left some concern about the reduction of bird numbers compared to past bird counts. Specifically, the consensus from volunteers who participated is that the sparrow count was significantly down from past years with the exception of the white-crowned sparrow at a record 667 individuals. No new-world sparrows were observed in the western portion of the count area in San Rafael Valley.

Bird populations have declined by more than a third since the 1970s. Grassland-dwelling birds, including sparrows and meadowlarks, are especially vulnerable and, in some species, have lost much more than a third of their populations.

The most likely reason for these dangerous declines, according to the Scientific American article “Silent Skies: Billions of North American Birds Have Vanished,” by Jim Daley, Sept. 19, 2019, is due to the fact that “intensification of agriculture is happening all over the world, [as is] increased use of pesticides, as well as the continued conversion of the remaining grass and pastureland - and even native prairie” to cropland.

Since Christmas Day, 1900, the National Audubon Society Christmas Bird count has been collecting data on bird populations and species which provides valuable information worldwide on population trends of birds. Knowledge of bird species and population trends provides valuable information about the health of the environment.

The Patagonia Count, started in 1963, takes place in 7.5-mile radius circle with the center near the intersection of Harshaw Creek Road, Harshaw Road, and the San Rafael Valley. Once established, the designated count area remains the same every year for accuracy of bird population trends.

This year in the western area of the count circle, in San Rafael Valley, only a few house sparrows were found near a ranch house. House sparrows are an old-world species that were introduced from Europe into New York City in 1851 and arrived in Tucson by 1903. The remaining sparrows that are found in southeastern Arizona are considered new-world sparrows indigenous to this area.

There are 23 species of sparrows who are naturally occurring in southeastern Arizona. Of these 23, the historical data of the Patagonia count shows that 16 of these sparrow species have been identified during the past Christmas Bird Counts.

Data available from 2014 through 2020 shows that, overall, the species counts and individual counts have remained consistent. Species counts range from a low of 131 in 2014 to a high of 142 in 2017. Individual numbers of birds during these years also remains consistent with a low of 5,291 in 2019 and a high of 6,482 in 2015.

The recent count was alarming in that some species regularly counted in abundant numbers have dropped. For example, the chipping sparrow has fallen from a high of 875 individuals in 2014 dropping to 199 individuals in 2020. This seems alarming, although their conservation status in North America shows the population of chipping sparrows as common and widespread.

The lark sparrow generally had numbers from 50 to 100 from 2014 to 2017, but dropped to only seven individuals in 2020. In recent decades populations of lark sparrows have disappeared completely from former nesting grounds east of the Mississippi but is still common and widespread in the West according to National Audubon.

One likely explanation for the lower counts in the survey is the prolonged drought and lack of grass for forage, especially in the western area of San Rafael Valley. Most passerine birds counted in that area were at one small water source.

In summary, the species of sparrows historically counted during the Christmas Bird count were not significantly lower than past count trends, other than the lark and chipping sparrow. Interestingly, almost all the grassland sparrow species counted, other than the lark and chipping, have population declines in their normal habitat throughout North America. Declines in population are attributed to habitat loss due to grazing and farming. Tracking population trends requires decades of data, so a few years of declines or increases does not confirm a problem but does raise a red flag for further observation and conservation awareness.

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that will meet the high standards required to protect the vitality of the Patagonia Mountains—a global biodiversity hotspot—and our water resources. The well-being and economic prosperity of the region is deeply tied to the health of these mountains and Sonora Creek, which flows into the Santa Cruz River and into a watershed utilized by over one million people.

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

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The Gardens of Patagonia

By Sarah Klingenstein

“Gardeners, I think, dream bigger dreams than emperors.” Mary Cantwell

If true, then Patagonia is a town of big dreamers, people who have given their time to the public gardens of our town. Over the past 25 years or so, these beautiful spaces dotted around our townscapes have received the hopes and sweat equity of amateur and professional botanists, builders, sowers and reapers.

The Community Garden

In an heirloom fruit orchard at Duquesne Ave. and Fourth St., images of the Buddha and Our Lady of Guadalupe stand back-to-back, overseeing the plots where local gardeners plant, water and harvest vegetables all summer and into the fall. Some donated pear, peach and other tree stock date back to the 1600s. Our Lady has been blessed by a Catholic priest, and the Buddha fountain is dedicated to Peter Chipman, former Patagonia mayor.

In the late 1990s, local gardening expert and permaculturist Kate Tirion saw the need for food security as global climate change continued having its impacts on the land. She was granted permission to develop a garden on a site that had been donated to the Town by Roland Richardson. With the help of volunteers and donors, an empty lot became a fenced fruit orchard.

Over the years, garden plots were marked out and enhanced with organic planting soil and compost, and an irrigation system developed to water the fruit trees. A brick-floored ramada, built with donated materials and labor, is the site of the Annual Pie Auction Fundraiser, brainchild of volunteers Janet and the late Woody Winans. Attendees purchase homemade pies made by their neighbors and fill the garden coffers for maintenance and improvement projects, such as ongoing soil enhancement and tree pruning.

About 10 years ago, Janet Winans and Martha Kelly took over managing the garden. Kelly has led vegetable-growing projects with 4H Clover Club kids there, and she and Wynans oversee maintenance of the site, so it is ready to welcome local gardeners who need a place to grow food. Free raised and in-ground beds are available each spring, and gardeners have access to tools, hoses and water, and enjoy the camaraderie of working alongside their neighbors. Garden plots may still be available; call Martha Kelly at 520-604-0300.

Post Office Garden

About 15 years ago, some Patagonia members of a Nogales garden club had an idea for a project close to home: the strip of land between Taylor Lane and the Post Office was calling out for some tender loving care. Overgrown juniper hedges had recently been removed and the ground was bare. Betty Johnson remembered, “We asked the US Postal Service for permission to use the space and water, and we cleared the ground and planted, with lots of local help.” As Jackie Covey, of the Post Office, recalled, “Originally, we wanted roses. But we realized that native plants would be a much better fit, and much easier for volunteers to keep up.”

Over time, Don Wenig, Jude Weierman and David Clark took over the hand watering and maintenance. This spring Covey took time out from behind the Post Office counter to do extensive pruning and cleanup. The garden today shows off a mature Santa Rita prickly pear, blue stem prickly poppies, penstemon, and Cleveland sage, among others. Look for new native plants being added as this month’s issue goes to press.

Kathy West, who is currently maintaining the garden, would love some help with regular maintenance and watering. Anyone interested, please call Kathy at (206) 280-1242.

Take a moment to stop and smell the flowers and veggies as you pass by these gardens this summer. Next month we will explore two more public gardens of Patagonia - the Butterfly Garden and the Library Legacy Garden.

The tomatos at the Post Office garden were built by Martha Kelly and painted by local artists.

Photo by Chuck Klingenstein

Garden Guides

Planting Tips and Tricks

By Mary McKay

Hello again fellow gardeners! It’s time to plant all the frost sensitive stuff (after May 5th). Tomatoes, squash, beans, etc. You can continue planting through mid-July usually. Check out the days to maturity on your seed pack or nursery tag to find out how long it will take before it bears a crop. You want a crop before the average first frost which is late October or sometime later.

Choose the right plant. When shopping for starters, look for nice strong looking plants. Inspect the bottoms of the nursery pots. You don’t want to purchase plants that have excessive roots coming out the bottom of the container. Also try not to pick plants that are already flowering or fruiting while in their nursery container. Plants like this might not ever reach their full size or production potential. Inspect the plants for damage, insects, or bugs and check for deformed or discolored foliage as this could be a sign of disease. After you get them home, give them a couple days to acclimate to their new surroundings. This is very important! Most nursery plants have come from a climate-controlled facility from another city or state. They have never seen the full sun or dealt with hot, dry air. If you put the plants straight out into the bright sun, they might burn and die. Place them in a semi-sheltered area for a couple of days before planting. This goes for ornamental plants as well.

Allow for enough space between plants. In general, I plant things like tomatoes about 1 ½ to 2 feet apart and give them something to support them. Peppers and summer squash should also be planted 1 ½ to 2 feet apart. Corn and beans need about six inches. Choose compact plants for containers or raised beds. Check the label to see what size the plant should be when mature.

You don’t want to plant something into a pot or raised bed that’s going to be a monster. Look for names that include compact, space saving, or container friendly. These things were specifically bred for use in containers or raised beds.

For plants to reach their full productive potential, they need nutrients. They will do fine with what’s been added to the soil when you prepared your beds for a while, but you will need to replenish this after three - four weeks, then every three - four weeks after that. Did your peppers not produce last year or your tomatoes were all foliage and no fruit? Fertilizer my friends! I recommend for beginners to use a balanced fertilizer like 10-10-10 or one with more phosphorus (the middle number) than the other nutrients such as 10-20-10. Feed and water your plants regularly, get them planted in enough sun and you will have a harvest to be proud of!

Bury tomato plants halfway up their stem. Carefully pluck the leaves from the bottom half of your tomato starts and plant them so they are half buried. Tomatoes have the ability to form roots along their stems. This trick will make a very robust tomato plant.

Please contact me at kmckay810@gmail.com with any gardening questions or to share a tip of your own. You can find my locally grown veggie starts from Patagonia Plants at the Patagonia Farmer’s Market on Thursdays 9a.m. to 12p.m.; at the Sonoita Hardware store; or by making an appointment to come to my backyard nursery (make an appointment by emailing me).

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The Art of Raising Silkworms

By Pat McNamara

Silkworms are not the first thing that comes to mind when one visits Patagonia. Usually associated with China, their discovery as a valuable commodity was first noted in the 27th century BC. Chinese legend has it that Empress His Ling Shi was sipping tea under a mulberry tree when a cocoon fell into her cup and began to unravel. The empress was so captivated by the shimmering threads that she identified and studied the source and found the Bombyx mori silkworm munching mulberry leaves and eventually forming the silk cocoon that so fascinated her. From this discovery she developed sericulture, the cultivation of silkworms, and invented the reel and loom to process the glistening threads into luxurious fabrics. Not only is silk a beautiful fabric, pound for pound it is also stronger than steel, making it even more valuable and considered at that time more precious than gold.

During the latter half of the first millennium BC, demand for silk eventually created the trade route now known as the Silk Road taking it westward and bringing gold, silver and wool back to the east. By CE200, sericulture had spread throughout Asia via Chinese immigration and finally, around CE550 it reached Europe.

New York native, and Patagonia resident since 1987, Susan Corl has added sericulture to her many, many other endeavors as an artist and crafts-person. In 2000, Corl helped a second grade teacher in Tucson teach metamorphosis by creating a puppet show about the Empress His Ling Shi and her silkworm discovery. Corl had crafted the puppets for the event and became enamored with this story of silk they were reenacting in the puppet show. This prompted her journey into sericulture, the cultivation of silkworms.

Corl’s life has been anything but routine. After leaving New York City for a five year stint at a Hudson River Valley herb farm, she realized what she had missed in the city was the natural world – “the feel of the earth.” A friend invited Corl and her young son to accompany her on a trip to Tubaic, and that trip is what brought Corl to Arizona.

Corl sums up her life as “a life-long student with unending curiosity.” Self-taught, she has mastered many of the arts and crafts that she now teaches in schools and on tribal reservations. She has received grants from various foundations to hold workshops for many non-profit organizations.

Corl has traveled extensively in the southwest over the years to teach her many talents, including silk paper making, paper origami, felting, papier mache, book making, weaving making, Ukrainian egg decorating and her many other skills as a teaching artist and artist in residence. Writing poems and quilting are even more of her many creative outlets.

Of all of these, perhaps the most unusual is her journey into sericulture. The season is short, March through the end of May, and during that time, Corl can be found at various locales in SE Arizona where mulberry trees are leafing out. Into her seventh decade, she can still climb a ladder or a tree picking the green leaves for her wriggly charges to keep them alive and well fed. Her silkworms are domestic and could not survive out in the wild, so she must care for them in a controlled environment, assuring their safety from the elements.

Keeping them alive and able to breed, lay their eggs and feeding them through the larval stage until they finally make their cocoons out of the precious silk or “dried worm spit,” as Corl describes it, is a full-time job. It takes three days for a worm to spin the cocoon and then two weeks for the mature moth to emerge, always in the mornings. They are flightless, but mate, lay their eggs and then die. At the end of the season, Corl collects the eggs, stores them in a cool place and waits for the following spring for them to hatch. “They seem to know when spring comes and come out when the time is right.” At that point, the process starts again.

Corl processes the cocoons left by the moths by simmering them in washing soda to remove the harder outer coating called sericin. After being rinsed, the silk is ready for dyeing and processing into the paper that she makes from it.

Corl’s silk paper and other creations are available for purchase at the Patagonia Trading Post as well as various craft shows in the area.
Glimpses Into Our Past

By Alison Bunting and Dick Schorr

A fun recollection of Dr. Richard “Dick” Schorr is of the 42-mile (one-way) trip to school in Patagonia from Canelo in 1949. That year both the Canelo and Elgin one-room schools had been recently closed. The elementary age students attended Patagonia Elementary School by taking the Patagonia Union High School bus with the high schoolers. The trip from Canelo to Patagonia took one and a half hours beginning at about 7:30 a.m. on mostly dirt roads, where students from local ranches and homesteads were picked up.

The school bus driver in 1949 was Harold Wearne who lived during the week on an old homestead with Jasper Joiner and wife. Jasper was the cowboy of one of the Jim Parker ranches located about one-half mile from the old Canelo adobe store. Ronnie and Jim Pyeatt drove about five miles down from their parents’ old ranch to the Canelo store to board the little bus. Mr. Weaver then proceeded to the adjoining Canelo Canyon to pick up Wag, Dick, and little Glenn Schorr (3rd grader), who had walked a mile from their parents’ Canelo Hills Ranch. Maralyn Parker’s stop was next. Her father, Jim, would drive her about three miles from their main ranch home.

The bus ride went on across the Houston and Babacomari ranches to pick up Nancy Whiteside from their ranch that surrounded Elgin on the west side. From there it crossed the bridge past the still active railroad station to meet Elaine Benham (Lindsey) from the Schock ranch and Grace Townsend (Wystrach) from the Rain Valley ranch.

Next stop was Ed Legendre’s Sonoita Mercantile for the Sonoita area students. Children who lived several miles north of the crossroads were transported to the Mercantile by a van driven by José Urquides. They were Billy Barnett from the Empire Ranch; Larry, Lloyd, and Scott Feldman from the Feldman homestead; Charlie Putnam from the Putnam homestead; June and Alice Stoddard from the Stoddard ranch; Mike and Carolyn (Honnas) Pine; and Linda Hummel (Roslund) from the Gene Hummel ranch.

From the Vera Earl Ranch came Antonio, Aurelio, and Maria Leon; Billie Anna and Dorothy Douglas from the Bill Douglas ranch in Gardner Canyon; and Freddy and Herman Dojaquez from the Dojaquez ranch. Donald Honnas walked from the Honnas Ranch.

On the way to Patagonia the bus picked up Mary Kellogg from the Frank Kellogg ranch and Robert, Bill, and Christine Ambrose from the Ambrose ranch. Next stops were the Crown C ranch to pick up Mercy Jimenez; the Rail X ranch for Wally, John, and Jim Kolbe; and finally at the railroad crossing at the Lazy RR ranch for Rawson, Peter, and Lynne Harmon.

The bus arrived in Patagonia around 9 a.m. and started its return trip at 3:30 p.m. Dick recalled: “Stopping at the Mercantile and Post Office was a treat on route home. The older boys pumped the gas. We got to look at the sheet music for sale to see the words of our favorite cowboy songs coming out of KLINT radio in Texas/Mexico on Saturday nights.”

Most days the Canelo kids were home and doing their chores by 5 p.m., unless nature intervened. Dick recalled a long day in September when they arrived at Vaughn Wash on the Houston ranch to find it totally flood ed. “The bus stopped and tried to turn out in the pasture and got stuck. The Parkers realized the situation. They brought some apples and tried throwing them to us just before dark. The flood was too wide. We had to wait it out until about 9 p.m. when some adults using two lariats tied together helped walk us through the water. Glenn, our brother, rode Wag across. We had to then sleep at a neighbor’s house until morning. No one had telephones so my parents never knew where we were. We got fed and somehow we got some dry clothes to wear that night.”

Special thanks to Linda Hummel Roslund who helped recall some of the names included in this article. We apologize if we missed anyone - please let us know.

Upside Down

By Patra Kelly

Upside down is another way to see, all the edges are blurred, lines of separation gone between outside and inside, above and beneath.

Suddenly my attention is released from what binds and clenches, needs daily maintaining arranging or changing, making plans and lists of things to do.

Upside down is another way to be, with the mind unbound, unbridled and uncaged to run and glide, enlivened and enthralled with the worlds around and within me.
Arizona’s Epiphytes

The Sky Islands region of southeast Arizona plays host to over 2000 species of plants. Among their ranks are trees, shrubs, succulents, vines, grasses, ferns, mosses, and herbaceous plants. Few of these species regularly grow off the ground in other plants - perched above terra firma, sometimes high above our peering eyes. When these species exhibit such proclivities, they can truly be called epiphytes - plants that grow on other plants but are not parasitic on them. While common in many tropical areas, this botanical phenomenon is exceedingly rare in our neck of the woods.

One might consider many of our vines to be epiphytes, as a majority do grow up the nearest plant. Poison ivy sometimes grows as a robust vine up various tree species, especially in riparian zones. I’ve seen it as thick as my arm, the main stem adorned with hairy-looking aerial roots.

While I shudder at my own youthful misadventures with contact dermatitis, I now admire the beauty of a poison ivy vine artfully winding its way up a tall tree. Not only does it provide additional shade to our land-bound creatures, but the fruits are highly prized by a wide range of birds as well. A number of other vines - wild cucumbers, morning glories, and Gila man root among them - are also quasi-epiphytes. Their roots, however, always seem to be in the ground itself, perhaps disqualifying them as true epiphytes.

Perhaps our strangest occasional epiphytes are several species of cacti that rarely grow in trees locally. The most common species to accomplish the feat are various prickly pears. Given that their seeds are dispersed by fruit-eating mammals and birds, we do not doubt have them to thank for this rather implausible arrangement. The first time I saw an aerial cactus was high atop a billboard near the Chiricahua Mountains. While certainly not an aphotic situation, the scene opened my mind to these familiar succulents going airborne.

Years later, I found myself in Barranca del Cobre - Mexico’s famous Copper Canyon. There I marvelled at a wide range of cacti species, including prickly pears and more cylindrical species, like our hedgehog cacti, perched beautifully in a variety of trees. Large morpho butterflies and colorful birds completed the tropical scene.

Back in Arizona I soon discovered a few prickly pears growing in mesquite trees, sometimes within reach. Enough soil had apparently accumulated in the crotch of the host trees to accommodate the cacti. Still, the situation is a rare one in our parts - a mere hint of the tropics to the south. The same can be said of our fern species (particularly polypondy), mosses, and lichens to a degree, as they too can be epiphytic, but most are not bound to the lifestyle. Which plant is then in Arizona?

Enter Ball Moss. Though the name is decidedly deceiving, this is a flowering plant, not a moss, whose first cousin is the more famous Spanish moss of the southeastern U.S. Both are members of the Bromeliaceae, the pineapple family. While many of our more tropical species in the Sky Islands logically trickle up from the tropics to reside in Arizona, ball moss is among the few I’m aware of that do so from the Caribbean and the deep south of the U.S.

Sometimes dubbed an “air plant”, ball moss indeed gathers much of its moisture from airborne humidity - no small accomplishment in arid Arizona. Strangely, it almost exclusively grows on red-berry (aka one-seed) juniper in our parts, though I’ve seen a few netleaf hackberries host it as well.

Sonora Creek State Natural Area, which is nearly at my doorstep, is the best place to observe the species, including rarely on towering cliffs. Ball moss truly hits its stride, however, on junipers lurking in shady canyons. There it can grow so densely that it almost looks like a colony of ball moss hosting a juniper instead of the exact opposite!

As climate change continues to envelop us in a mega-drought, the prospects for ball moss and other moisture-loving plants is dubious at best. So, go now to see this Arizona anomaly. If you come upon its muscule royal purple flowers or see a northern beardless tyranneul (a tiny flycatcher) nesting in a clump of ball moss, then count yourself fortunate to have virtually traveled to the tropics. As for me, I am grateful that I live within easy walking distance of southeast Arizona’s only epiphyte.

Vincent Pinto and his wife, Claudia, run RAVERS-WAY WILD JOURNEYS LLC, their Nature Adventure & Conservation organization devoted to protecting and promoting the unique biodiversity of the Sky Islands region. RWWJ offers a wide variety of private, custom-made courses, birding & biodiversity tours. Visit: www.ravensnatureschool.org

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STARSTRUCK

Apparantly, the signs of the zodiac were first established some 3000 years ago. They have nothing to do with size or brightness, but rather by where they are found in the sky. These 12 are just part of the 88 constellations that are recognized by the International Astronomical Union.

Some members of the zodiac, like Libra and Cancer, contain rather faint stars. Others, such as Leo and Taurus, are much more easily spotted. However, all share two characteristics: they are more easily observed in the opposite season for which they are best known, and each has at least one star that falls within the ecliptic, the apparent path of the sun as seen from Earth.

Clearly, though, it is not the sun that is moving across the sky, but rather the changing view from our own planet as it slowly circles the sun. One of my favorite memories from childhood is walking from the left field flagpole in Yankee Stadium to the far corner of right field. The only thing that moved was me, yet every part of the ballfield seemed to change so drastically and rapidly. Our perspective of the sky is determined by the position of the Earth on its yearly path around the sun. That’s the astronomical side.

For astrologers, the zodiac holds great meaning, for it professes to influence human affairs. I must confess to have read my horoscope many, many times, especially on my birthday. If I liked what it said I’d yell out, “that’s me.” Otherwise, I’d tell myself that tea leaves might be a better prognosticator. Since the 1900s researchers have shown that astrology, while it might be fun, has no scientific basis.

So, let’s head back to Sagittarius. Though it is known as the Archer, it seems to me to resemble a teapot. Aside from its unique configuration, it holds several famous objects, including two wondrous gas clouds, the Trifid and Lagoon Nebulae. You’ll need dark skies and a strong telescope to spot them, but a Google search will display their beauty with just a few taps on a keyboard.

Perhaps more incredibly, astronomers have pinpointed the center of our galaxy to an area just west of teapot’s spout.

You can find Sagittarius most easily in May if you’re a very early riser. It will be nearly due south just above the horizon in the early morning hours before dawn. By the end of summer, it’ll be visible during the evening.

Most importantly, at least for me, Sagittarius’ arrival coincides with the change in weather, with the chance to spend more time outside at night. It’s yet another example of the dichotomies we find in the heavens. We Sagittarians celebrate our own arrivals in the cold of winter, when the lazy days of summer and the dazzling displays of autumn are behind us.

And yet, here we are in May. Trees have given color to the desert. The wind no longer sends us inside for warmth. Sagittarius’ return beckons us to return our gazes to the sky. After a year of trauma, it is another gift - like the new growth on the mesquites and the pali verde - that proves that life has again found its way. Sagittarius is, indeed, a sign. It says “Welcome Back.”
PUHS Excels in State FFA Competitions

By Sarah Klingenstein

The Patagonia Union High School FFA received multiple awards at the 2021 State FFA Competition.

“I’m so proud of these kids,” said Tonya St. John, FFA teacher at Patagonia Union High School. “Not only did they excel at State this spring, they did so in areas that were very new to them not long ago.”

FFA is an “intracurricular activity”, meaning the Club activities go along with high school for-credit courses. There are seven courses offered at PUHS, and many students enroll in FFA all four years of their careers. Our local FFA teams took first place at the State competition Dairy Management and Range Management, shining in the rigorous written, oral and performance tasks. St. John said that in the livestock categories, for example, students must understand animal husbandry, feed rationing, laws and regulations, and breed characteristics.

Range Management team member Lalo Aguilar said one part of the written test required knowing approximately 50 range plants. He and fellow team member, Dylan Jacob agreed, “There was a lot of study. We really had to work, because we were responsible to our teammates to learn it all.” Aguilar achieved the highest score in the state on the written test as well. Jacob received highest ranking in the competition.

In our geographic area, it seems fitting that our local kids might excel at Range Management. But Dairy Management? Another first place winning teams, she knew that she wanted to teach young people about agriculture. “I love especially teaching the freshmen students about tool use and care, and how to sand, measure, cut, and assemble wood.”

Hannah Young, who took first place on the state Job Interviewing test, said, “FFA has brought me out of my shell over my four years of involvement. I’ve been a chapter officer three of those years.” Her twin sister Brianna Young, FFA chapter President, has participated in many areas, including agricultural issues, horse judging, and livestock evaluation. She is a member of this year’s Dairy Cattle Evaluation team. She credits FFA with developing her communication and public speaking skills. She plans to begin study at the University of Arizona School of Agriculture and Life Science next year.

According to their teacher, about three quarters of this year’s graduating seniors are considering ag-related careers. She cited agricultural business, veterinary science, and equine practicums as examples.

St. John grew up on a dairy farm in Missouri and was very active in FFA. After serving as a chapter, then state officer, and competing on multiple winning teams, she knew that she wanted to teach young people about agriculture. “I love especially teaching the life skills aspects of FFA that I was able to benefit from. And the ag industry is so vast and broad; there’s a place for everyone.”

2021 PUHS State FFA Competition Results

Range Management
1st place Team - National Qualifiers
Hannah Woodard, Lalo Aguilar. Lizzy Urias, Dylan Jacob

Individual Rankings
Dylan Jacob 1st, Lalo Aguilar 3rd, Lizzy Urias 4th, Hannah Woodard 9th

Dairy Cattle Evaluation
1st place team - National Qualifiers
Brianna Young, Carol Quiroz, Julian Vasquez, Hannah Young

Individuals rankings
Brianna Young 2nd, Julian Vasquez 3rd, Hannah Young 5th, Carolina Quiroz 10th,

Livestock Management
2nd place team
Brianna Young, Julian Vasquez, Carol Quiroz. Jayla Umfleet

Individual rankings
Julian Vasquez 4th, Brianna Young 7th

Meats Evaluation
9th place team
Tavania Padilla, Tyler Young, Avelina Soto-Murrietta

Nursery Landscape Management
5th place team
Makayla Cocio, Jenny Vasquez, Madison Vines, Sophia Routledge

Individual rankings
Makayla Cocio 10th

Individual Written Test Awards
Julian Vasquez - 1st place Dairy Evaluation high test score
Hannah Young - 1st place Job Interview high test score
Lalo Aguilar - 1st place Range Management high test score

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El Pancho Villa Serves
Mexican Food in Patagonia

Mother and daughter, Clementina Dumont and Stacy Armenta, are off to a strong start at El Pancho Villa, despite the challenges of opening in the midst of the pandemic.

By Nisa Talavera

Patagonia has a new Mexican restaurant in town. El Pancho Villa, the freshly painted red and yellow building located at 328 Naugle Ave. opened its doors on January 24, 2021 and has been well received by the local community.

Owners Clementina Dumont and Stacy Armenta, a mother and daughter team, jumped in with both feet after getting encouragement from Clementina’s husband Kevin Dumont. “What made us decide to start a restaurant was my mom’s husband,” Stacy said.” Kevin suggested the town needed someone to share their delicious family recipes and Mexican dishes with the community. Now they are doing just that.

The most popular items on the menu are the carne asada tacos and burros. All tacos are served with cabbage, tomatoes, onion, cilantro salsa and a grilled jalapeno on the side. The brown mole, a mild, not spicy version made from an original recipe passed down from Stacy’s grandmother has also been a big hit with the locals.

Clementina and Stacy are enjoying whipping up their family favorites and sharing them with the community.

“The best part has been seeing this place change and grow and see all our customers happy,” Stacy said. "We love this town and we are not planning on going anywhere.”

El Pancho Villa’s menu items range in price from $2.75 to $8.00. Breakfast and lunch are served from 6:00a.m. to 4p.m. Tuesdays - Sundays. They are closed Mondays.

Tucson with her son, made the move to Patagonia hoping to be closer to her family, feeling a bit lonely without them. Kevin frequently encouraged Stacy and Clementina to share their delicious family recipes and Mexican dishes with the community. Now they are doing just that.

Readers familiar with Harold Meckler’s astronomy column in the PRT might expect that his new book “Chasing Light, and Darkness” would take place among the stars, or at least at an observatory, but in this case, light and darkness do not refer to the night skies and stars. Instead, Meckler takes his readers into a world of political intrigue and a dystopian scenario of the effects of climate change.

The narrator, and main protagonist, of the story is Sgt. Harry Zuca, a marine MP tasked with a secret mission to discover who is behind a series of murders along the U.S. Mexico border. He enlists the aid of his best friend, Jason Broker, a brilliant physicist who is hoping to find enlightenment by making time disappear.

Broker lives in a run-down farm near Casa Grande and conducts his secret experiments in an isolated barn that becomes a hideout for the characters as Zuca uncovers a widespread plot to gain control of the world, starting with a take-over of the drug cartels in Mexico.

As Zuca follows clues from the west coast to New Jersey and back, he encounters Dr. Sega, a scientist from the University of Arizona who is sounding the alarm about climate change. The Middle East is going to undergo grave consequences. Its deserts will grow. The temperature will become even hotter. Agriculture will suffer. As a result, rural populations will move to the cities and disrupt balances that have been in place for years. Then, as more and more nations move to green energy sources, the price of petroleum will decrease, leaving governments with less money to address new issues as they arise.

Meckler does offer some hope for the future of the planet. In the end, the conspiracy is thwarted. The question of whether we are too late to save the planet hangs over the book, but Zuca concludes that “We could change everything if we simply chose to.”

By Marion Vendituoli

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Restaurants (Cont.)

experience rising food prices and shortages. “We have had to adapt and work extra hard to keep all of our menu items available,” she wrote. Following COVID guidelines for restaurants presented challenges for the staff. “Working in a restaurant is very physically taxing. It’s like a six-seven-hour workout. Can you imagine exercising for six hours straight wearing a mask? It has been tough on our staff!” Luckily, she reported that the restaurant was able to retain most of the staff during the pandemic.

She did not feel that there had been much support from county, state or the federal government in dealing with the pandemic. “It has been tough – we’ve sort of been on our own to figure a lot of this out,” she said.

Allen is grateful to the local community for their patronage over the last year. “Local customers supported us by buying takeout and grocery items during the mandatory shutdown last March and April. People understand that the service industry has been hit hard over the last year and they are eating out when they can and taking great care of servers with generous tips,” she wrote.

“We have worked hard to make it through a very tough year. Our employees rose to every challenge we asked them to meet to make our customers feel welcome and safe. It has not been easy, but we are grateful that our customers have continued to value our product and what we provide the community.”

Copper Brothel Brewery

“Every part of our daily operations changed since March 2020,” Monika Jesser, marketing manager of the Copper Brothel Brewery, wrote in response to the PRT survey. “COVID has brought many challenges for our business, from adjusting our business plan to be strictly takeout, to increasing sanitization efforts, rising costs for gloves, protein, and cleaning products, items being unavailable through our vendors, and now we are looking to fill positions throughout the restaurant with the sudden increase in volume and decrease in available help,” she wrote. “We still continue to experience increased food costs and shortages, especially with proteins.”

The restaurant was 100% takeout during the six-week shelter in place phase of the pandemic, she reported, decreasing to 30% of sales after the dining room could reopen. That percentage “continued to decrease as time went on,” according to Jesser.

The Brewery did adapt their menu during the pandemic “to fit the climate surrounding the pandemic and guidelines at the time,” she noted. “Most of our staff was furloughed but returned once dine-in services were able to resume. As volume has picked up, we are now experiencing staffing issues,” she wrote.

Jesser echoed the other restaurants’ praise for the community support the received. “The local community was very supportive throughout the pandemic,” she wrote. “We were so fortunate to see so many familiar faces stopping by for food and beer to go.”

LET’S COOK With the Elgin/Sonoita Cowbelles

MOJO BEEF KABOBS

Steak cubes are threaded on skewers with lime and onion then grilled to perfection. A sauce of citrus, herbs and spices provides the finishing touch.

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 beef top sirloin steak boneless, (about 1 pound)
- 1 teaspoon coarse grind black pepper
- 1 large lime, cut into 8 wedges
- 1 small red onion, cut into 8 thin wedges
- 1 container grape or cherry tomatoes (about 10 ounces)

MOJO SAUCE:

- 1/4 cup fresh orange juice
- 1/4 cup fresh lime juice
- 3 tablespoons finely chopped fresh oregano
- 3 tablespoons olive oil
- 2 tablespoons finely chopped fresh parsley
- 1 teaspoon ground cumin
- 1 teaspoon minced garlic
- 3/4 teaspoon salt

COOKING:

2. Cut beef Top Sirloin Steak into 1-1/4 inch pieces; season with pepper.
3. Alternately thread beef with lime and onion wedges evenly onto four 12-inch metal skewers. Thread tomatoes evenly onto four separate 12-inch metal skewers.
4. Grill tomato kabobs, covered, about 2 to 4 minutes or until slightly softened, turning occasionally. Grill beef kabobs, covered, 8 to 10 minutes (over medium heat on preheated gas grill 9 to 11 minutes) for medium rare (145°F) to medium (160°F) doneness, turning once.

Serve kabobs drizzled with sauce.

The Elgin/Sonoita Cowbelles are part of the Santa Cruz County Cowbelles, organized in 1947, consisting of the Elgin/Sonoita and Tubac/Amado locals. The Cowbelles promote cattle ranching. To learn more about Cowbelles, visit the Patagonia Museum.
This month the PRT concludes our series of profiles of the PUHS senior class of 2021.

**Dylan Jacob**

Participation in school clubs and sports: Soccer, baseball, and basketball for three years and FFA for four years.

Extra-curricular activities outside of school: I work for Sonora Fencing and I attend E & M Aviation Services where I am obtaining my private pilot license.

**Plans for next year:** Working and continuing my flight education.

Favorite teachers: Mrs. Hayes.

Which one memory will you remember forever about your time here?

Extra-curricular activities outside of school:

**Participation in school clubs and sports:** Radio broadcasting, tennis, soccer.

**Extra-curricular activities outside of school:** Med- start

**Plans for next year:** School and work

Favorite teachers: Mrs. Hayes, Mr. Guddenkauf

Favorite subjects: Writing, biology/chemistry, history (all of them), lunch

Which one memory will you remember forever about your time here?

Walking to lunch or breakfast and staring at the beautiful view of Red Mountain, then playing magic with Dylan and Gideon.

What has been the highlight of your high school years?

Where do you imagine yourself in ten years?

**Esteban Guzman**

Participation in school clubs and sports: Soccer, baseball, and basketball for three years and FFA for four years.

Extra-curricular activities outside of school: I work for Sonora Fencing and I attend E & M Aviation Services where I am obtaining my private pilot license.

**Plans for next year:** Working and continuing my flight education.

Favorite teachers: Mrs. Hayes, Amanda Zamudio was a fun teacher.

Favorite subjects: Ag with Amanda Zamudio

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Favorite teachers: Mrs. Hayes, Mr. Guddenkauf

Favorite subjects: History

Which one memory will you remember forever about your time here? The time Mr. Schrieber told me to pick up the balls during tennis practice.

What has been the highlight of your high school years? My senior year even though it was all online.

Where do you imagine yourself in ten years? In the military.

**Sean Fleder**

Participation in school clubs and sports: Tennis

**Plans for next year:** Taking a gap year.

Favorite teachers: Mrs. Hayes, Mr. Guddenkauf

Favorite subjects: History

Which one memory will you remember forever about your time here? The people I’ve met and the experiences I’ve had

Where do you imagine yourself in ten years? A doctor with a clinic that is really affordable and accessible by poorer communities

**Jami Peterson**

Participation in school clubs and sports: I was in chess for half a season as manager at one point in high school.

Extra-curricular activities outside of school: Farmers Market!! Some PYEC things.

**Plans for next year:** Become a tattoo artist!

Favorite teachers: All of them!

Favorite subjects: English & science

Where do you imagine yourself in ten years? As a Tattoo Artist

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Jocelyn Webb

Participation in school clubs and sports: Tennis and volleyball.
Extra-curricular activities outside of school: Being a cool person.
Plans for next year: I plan on having my own apartment and going to Cochise Community College.
Favorite teachers: Definitely Mrs. Hayes
Favorite subjects: The ones I don’t have to do the assignments in.

Which one memory will you remember forever about your time here? Mrs. Hayes rapping to Tupac.

Favorite subjects: Hayes, Mrs. Hayes
Favorite teachers: Mr. Porter, Mr. Hayes
Favorite subjects: FFA and mathmatics

Which one memory will you remember forever about your time here? Winning a banner in basketball my senior year.

What has been the highlight of your high school years? Seeing myself grow over the years to becoming an adult.

Where do you imagine yourself in ten years? Hopefully having a family or years?

Planning for next year: I plan on having school:
Extra-curricular activities outside of sports:
Participation in school clubs and being a paramedic.

Considering it, completing college, and hopefully having a family or years?

Where do you imagine yourself in ten years?

What has been the highlight of your senior year.
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Get To Know The Mustang 4-H Club

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Working alongside our project leaders, we have club officers who build skill in communication, public speaking, organization and leadership.

Participation in school clubs and sports: Basketball, Soccer, Baseball, FFA
Extra-curricular activities outside of school: 4-H
Plans for next year: Attend a university and pursue a chiropractic degree.
Favorite teachers: Mr. Porter, Mr. Hayes, Mrs. Hayes
Favorite subjects: FFA and mathmatics

Which one memory will you remember forever about your time here? Living my best life as a chiropractor with my own business.

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Get To Know The Mustang 4-H Club

By Cash Keith and Daniel Lindsey

through their service: Ryan Anderson - President, McKenzie Beyer - Vice President, Daniel Lindsey - Secretary, Ben Baez - Treasurer, Cash Keith - Sergeant Of Arms, and Rori Prentice and Laura Keith - Community Outreach/Friendship Officers.

The Mustang Club is invested in giving back to the community who support us. Our club will be working to beautify and maintain the Fairgrounds and will be reaching out to our community members who need a helping hand with yard work, fence mending or other odd jobs in order to instill a service-based mindset that reflects the values of 4-H. As 4-H members, we pledge our head to clearer thinking, our heart to greater loyalty, our hands to larger service, and our health to better living, for our club, our community, our country and our world.

This year we have many fundraising opportunities available to our community. We invite you and your family to come have some fun and meet our hard-working members while supporting your local Mustang Club. On Saturday, May 1, from 9a.m. to 3p.m., visit the Community Rummage Sale and Chicken Poop Bingo event at the Derby Day Celebration at the Sonoita Fairgrounds. We are accepting donations for our 4-H sale table, or purchase a table for $20 to sell your items. Our bingo raffle is $5 per square. Squares can be purchased in advance or the day of the event. For more information contact Jennifer Keith at 520-286-6659.

On Friday, June 4 we are hosting a Community Bingo Night at the Fairgrounds from 6p.m. to 8p.m. Hot dogs, popcorn, snacks and drinks will be available for purchase. Bingo Cards are $2 each with blackout bingo showdown to conclude the night.

Saturday, June 26, we are introducing the first annual “Livestock Activity Day,” building skills in showmanship, goal setting, communication, nutrition, grooming and husbandry. The camp is open to all 4-H members of Santa Cruz County who show livestock.

For more information about the Mustang 4-H Club, please contact club leaders Dusti Prentice at drdprentice@email.arizona.edu or Leigh Cheatham at superdestiny@aol.com. You can also follow Mustang 4-H Club on Facebook.

Editor’s note: 15-year-old Cash Keith and 16-year-old Daniel Lindsey are club officers of the Mustang 4-H Club. Look for future articles in the PRT
May 1: Santa Cruz County Fair and Rodeo Assoc: Derby Party 2:00p.m - 8:30p.m.
May 1: 4-H Rumage Sale Fundraiser 9a.m.-3p.m. Sonoita Fairgrounds Gardner Hall. Jennifer for more info 520-286-6659
May 1: 1st Annual Softball Tournament. Sonoita Fairgrounds: 9a.m.
May 1: Border Patrol Appreciation Day: At the Vine Church. For more information call Gardenia 602-292-1616.
May 2: Don and Doris Wenig Art Sale. Cady Hall 11a.m.-3p.m. Social distancing and masks please. Contact Mary Louise Luna at 520-909-7559 mlunna@cfaz.org
May 5: Cienega Watershed Partnership. 12p.m.-1p.m. Lunch and Learn Zoom meeting ID 846 5850 4052 Passcode: Cienega
May 6: Film Screening of “Undeterred” Fundraiser event for People Helping People. 7p.m. Suggested donation $10 per person. Wed 7p.m. 220 Harshaw Road, Patagonia (White Residence). Outdoor screening, masks please for common areas. Email Shelley at mlwhite@bc.edu ahead of time to RSVP and for additional information.
May 8: K kup Luau 4:30 -9p.m. Cady Hall. Tickets for dinner and band $20 include a drink ticket. Tickets for band only or for child’s dinner, $10 and includes a drink ticket. Hawaiian shirts sold in front of Global Arts Gallery the two weeks before the event.
May 8: The Sonoita-Elgin-Canelo Community and Friends to host a reception honoring Chief Joseph DeWolf. 10a.m.-12p.m. For more info email Susan Day at mtnridinglady@yahoo.com
May 16: S CFPA presents String Quartet Chamber Music at 2p.m. Concert can be viewed on the SCFPA Facebook/website under performances. www.scfpaprresents.org www.scfpaprresents.org/program-schedule
June 4: Community Bingo Night at the Fairgrounds from 6p.m. to 8p.m. Hosted by Mustang 4-H Club. Hot dogs, popcorn, snacks and drinks will be available for purchase.
June 5: The Patagonia Fire Dept to host The Burger Burn fundraiser at 11a.m. Prices are $10 per plate. This is a drive-thru fundraising event.
June 13: American Red Cross Blood Drive. 10a.m.-3p.m. at the Our Lady of Angels Church. 22 Los Encinos Rd. Sonoita. Must pre-register at www.redcrossblood.org
MEETINGS
AA: Alcoholics Anonymous
In person meetings weekly Tuesdays at 7p.m at The Sonoita Bible Church 3174 N. Highway 83, Sonoita. Social distancing honored This meeting is also on Zoom at 544 376 9576 (no password required)
Overeaters Anonymous: Thurs 6:30p.m. Fragrance-free meeting. Patagonia United Methodist Church. 520 404-3490. Has moved online.
Alanon (for family and friends of alcoholics): Patagonia Community Methodist Church, Wed, 6p.m. online on Zoom. Call 315-516-5998
NEW Adult Children of Alcoholics (ACA): Methodist Church, Tues, 6p.m. Online on Zoom. Call 315-516-5998.
CHOP (Community Homes of Patagonia, Inc.): Board meeting 3rd. Mon. at 5:30p.m. in Town Council Room.
Patagonia Town Council:
Meet the @nd and 4th Weds. of the month, 7p.m. in Town Council Room. Public invited. CDC Guidelines will be followed.
Rotary Club:
2nd & 4th Thurs. 10a.m. - 2p.m. Free to set up. Call 520-990-4648.
Senior Citizens of Patagonia’s Board of Directors: 2nd Mon. 3p.m. at the Senior Center. Senior Center Dining Hall is closed.
The Constituational Conservatives of Southern AZ Club Meeting: 6:30p.m. every 3rd Thursday of the month, Sonoita Bible Church. All are welcome.
The Santa Cruz County Democratic Party Meeting: every 3rd Sat of the month, 9-30a.m. has moved online.
Community Youth Bible Hang Out:
at the Sonoita Bible Church. 2nd and 4th Wed. April Anderson at andeap@msn.com, 520-508-2502 or Steve Lindsey at 520-559-0155.
Patagonia Senior Center Closed for indoor dining. Fresh-cooked meals Available to pick up, Mon - Fri 12p.m. -1p.m. At the Patagonia Senior Center.
Santa Cruz County Native Plant Society (SCCNPS) Meetings held on the third Thurs. of the month. 6:00p.m. -7:30p.m. Meeting ID is: 874 9175 9629. Questions or considerations, email Robin at cobiint60@gmail.com.
Sonoita Farmers Market: Saturdays 9a.m.-12p.m. Located at post office parking lot, NW corner Hwy 82 & 83
Patagonia Farmers Market:
Thursday-Spring/Summer hrs 9a.m. - 12p.m. In front of Red Mountain Foods
Flea Market at Heart of Gold Antiques: First Sat of every month. 10a.m. - 3p.m. Free to set up. Call 520-394-0199 for any additional information.
Patagonia Community United Methodist Church Thrift Shop: Re-opening. Sat. and 6p.m. from 10-2p.m. Please note it may not be every weekend. Look for thrift shop signs and flags. Items will be located in Thurber Hall.
East SCC Community Food Bank:
Every Monday from 10:30a.m. - 11:30a.m. Distribution of fresh vegetables at the Senior Center in Patagonia through vegetable season.
Sonoita Produce on Wheels: every 3rd Saturday of the month, 10a.m. VINE Church (previously Harvest Christian) Contact Gardenia for more info 602-292-6161.
Patagonia Museum: Open. Hours 2p.m.-4p.m. Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays. www.thepatagoniamuseum.org for more info.

Canelo Cowboy Church 14 McCarthey Lane, Elgin 520-604-6990. Sunday Service: 8:30a.m. Sunday School: 10a.m.
Patagonia Community United Methodist Church In-person Sunday service 10a.m. Services will continue to be broadcasted to KPUP 100.5 as well. Several other services are being offered throughout the week. Call or email church office for more info. 520-394-2274 patagoniaumc@gmail.com
St. Theresa of Lisieux Catholic Church 222 Third Ave., Patagonia In-Person Service resumed. Call for time & schedule 520-394-2954
Sonoita Hills Community Church 52 Elgin Rd., Elgin Sunday Service: 10a.m.
Sonoita Bible Church 3174 N. Hwy 83, Sunday Service: 10:30a.m. Youth Group: 2nd & 4th Wed.
VINE Christian Church 3107 Hwy 83, Sonoita Sunday Service: 10a.m Cafe, 10:30a.m. service
St. Andrews Episcopal Church 969 W. County Club Dr. Nogales Services are weekly, however times changes frequently. Visit standrewsaz.org for additional info.
Quaker Worship Group:
Meets via Zoom. Contact Janice Pulliam if interested 706-614-6959
Our Lady of the Angels Catholic Church 12 Los Encinos Rd., Sonoita 520-394-2954 Sat 10:30a.m. 5:30p.m. Sunday Mass: 8a.m.

Email prtasted@gmail.com with any event updates you would like listed.
KPUP Broadcast Schedule - SPRING 2021

Mon: 7:00pm to 8:00pm: eTown repeat of Saturday’s show.
Tues: 10:00am to 12:00pm: World Jazz with Mark Berg
7:00pm to 9:00pm: Jazz and Blues with Fred Hansen
Wed: Wednesday, 3pm: Jackson’s 10 Songs
7:00pm to 10pm: Sean Alexander show
Thurs: 7:00pm to 10:00pm: Possibility Explorers.
“Celebrating the Evening of Mushkil Gusha, the Remover of All Difficulties.” Hosted by Graves
Fri: 7:00pm to 9:00pm: Hook’s Sunken Roadhouse
Sat: 12:00pm to 1:00pm: eTown - “Educate, entertain and inspire listeners through music and conversation”
Sun: 10:00am: Patagonia Community United Methodist Church service
6:00pm to 8:00pm: Acoustic Café “Today’s great songwriting talents. A bit of country, rock, blues, folk, pop”
8:00pm to 10:00pm: Folk Alley “Folk Music Radio from WKSU-FM in Kent, OH”

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