BOS Approves Controversial Land Donation Agreement

By Kat Crockett

After three public meetings, held over a 15-day period, where residents of eastern Santa Cruz County expressed a host of concerns, the Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors (BOS) voted unanimously to accept a donation of land from Arizona Mining Inc. (AMI), a subsidiary of South32. The agreement authorizes the county to accept AMI’s donation of approximately 134 acres of land for use as a park. AMI will retain an easement running through the donated property to build an industrial road, referred to as the Cross Creek Connector. The Agreement also states, “The County acknowledges and agrees that AMI’s reserved temporary easement is not inconsistent with park purposes.”

The agreement came to the attention of the public in late December 2021, when an ambiguous and misleading agenda item posted on the BOS website stated that the Supervisors would be discussing an agreement with AMI about a land donation. The wording of the agenda item led many people to believe that the county was donating land to AMI. Ninety-four residents objected in writing and in person, and the agenda item was withdrawn.

The county refused requests from the PRT over the next two months to get a copy of the agreement. The county then scheduled a study session for March 30, described as a “presentation regarding a proposed land donation from AMI to SCC for the purpose of providing a public park.” On March 29, less than 24 hours before the meeting, the county finally made public the proposed agreement.

Several attendees at the March 30 meeting complained that the 26-page proposed agreement was not posted until after 5:00p.m. on the eve of the meeting, allowing little time for public review and comment. Nonetheless, more than 20 residents spoke against entering into the agreement at this time and urged the County to leverage more protections. Many attendees addressed the County’s description of the agreement as land for a park. Ron Pulliam of Patagonia told the supervisors, “This is not a proposal about a park, this is a proposal on an industrial road.” Almost all the speakers rejected the idea of a park with an industrial road running through the center of the narrow, hilly, and wash-ridden land, citing safety issues such as noise, lights, dust, fumes, and operating 24/7, adding that Patagonia has a plethora of beautiful parks and trails.

Per the agreement, the road will be a ‘30’ wide low-volume local rural road’ with 12’ travel lanes and 2-3’ shoulders. The easement will be returned to the county when AMI no longer requires use of the road, or 24 months from the date that AMI is authorized to commence construction of an alternative and permanent access route on National Forest Service land through Flux Canyon to SR 82.

The Flux Canyon route will require a comprehensive study and approval from National Forest Service, which often takes more than 10 years to complete, a process that AMI has not begun. Several comments challenged the viability of this strategy given the ruggedness of Flux Canyon and the residential community along the road. If the Forest Service denies the request, the Cross Creek Connector could become the route used for decades.

A concern shared by many of the speakers at the study sessions was the description in the agreement of a “low volume local rural road for ingress/egress.” Many speakers expressed skepticism about the amount of traffic on the proposed road, and several called for a pre-decision detailed study of all traffic the road would generate. South32 stated that initially there would only be 30 trucks per day using the road, a figure that does not include running through the donated property.

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Lochiel Celebration Draws A Big Crowd

By Sarah Klingenstein

On May 2, Lochiel School alumni, volunteers, and admirers of local history gathered to celebrate the completion of the schoolhouse restoration.

Some 250 attendees enjoyed music, food and lively conversation over the course of the afternoon. The alumni in attendance enjoyed seeing old friends and sharing their memories.

The Lochiel School is located in the south end of the San Rafael Valley. Its history traces back to the Tohono O’odham, who lived and hunted in the area before the first North American settlers came from California in 1880. The De La Ossa family, among the first settlers, and their descendants, named the town La Noria, which means “The Spring.” Later, the Cameron brothers, who migrated from Scotland and established themselves as prominent ranchers, renamed the town Lochiel, after the hometown they had left.

From the late 1800s until 1972, the one-room schoolhouse welcomed elementary students from local ranching and mining families.

The schoolhouse then sat empty until 2010, when the Patagonia Museum arranged with the Patagonia School District to begin a renovation on the building.

Inspired by his mother, alumna Elena Quiroga, to pursue the project, German Quiroga, President of the Patagonia Museum, was honored at the celebration.

The crowd toured the schoolhouse and the teacherage, now restored to serve as an open-air visitors’ center. Colorful murals, painted by local students and volunteers depict the history of the region.

Three musical acts performed, representing the three cultures who made their home here throughout history. Gertie & The T. O. Boyz played Waila music to honor the ancestral lands of the Tohono O’odham people. Mariachi Penumbra, from Nogales, represented the years of settlement when the town was still a part of Mexico. Bagpiper William Don Carlos gave a nod to the early European settlers.

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COUNTY DECISION PROCESS LEAVES MORE QUESTIONS THAN ANSWERS

By Marlon Vendituoli

Emotions run high both for and against the Hermosa Project in the Patagonia Mountains and the recent unanimous decision by the Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors to accept 134 acres of land from Arizona Mining Inc. that “I never saw what we were working on until just before it was released to the public.” Incredibly, he, and presumably the other two Supervisors, Manuel Ruiz and Rudy Molera, never saw the document until March 29, but felt comfortable enough to sign it after two months later, on March 13? According to Bracker, two list Supervisors never tour the land, Bracker said he had not. He has, however, toured the Hermosa Project mine site twice. When asked if he had accepted the Sky Islands Tourism Association’s invitation to meet with local businesses and hear their concerns, he replied “No.” “I met with local business owners casually,” he said.

Supervisors Manuel Ruiz and Rudy Molera did not even bother to respond to questions posed by the PRT in a recent email. Based on their comments at the two study sessions, both Supervisors appeared to have little knowledge of the economic base of the communities on the eastern side of the county.

The Supervisors voted on the land agreement only 15 days after first receiving the agreement and one week before a previously scheduled presentation of a study by the University of Arizona on the importance of the nature-based restorative economy in Santa Cruz County. What was their hurry?

Why did the Supervisors not conduct a survey of residents? Why were there no open houses held in Patagonia or Sonota, areas that will bear the impacts from the mine’s proposed route? Why did the Supervisors never tour the land they voted to accept?

What changes were made to the draft between March 30 and April 13? According to Bracker, two changes in the document occurred between the first public hearing and the vote by the Supervisors to sign the agreement. One was the addition of language about dark sky lighting and the other change was a widening in the easement for the industrial road. None of the comments offered by the speakers at the two study sessions and public comments before the vote were incorporated into the agreement.

Why did South32 want to give this land to the County? The PRT received this statement from the mining company: “The conveyance of 134 acres of land from South32 to the County meets our mutual objectives of maintaining park land for conservation and open space purposes.” Or could it be that South 32 wants to use the agreement with the county to reassure investors that the project is moving forward with local support?

When asked what the benefit to South32 was in donating the land to the county, Bracker said, “I don’t understand why they went to all this trouble. Nothing can affect their road. They believe they are getting something. It doesn’t make any sense to me. But if that means we aren’t going to get any more development on that property, I’ll take the land.”

When asked why he thought that this land with an industrial road bisecting it had any value as a park, he answered, “We don’t even know what kind of park this is going to be,” another unanswered question.

Citizen engagement needs to take place at the forefront of discussions on critical issues such as this. Engagement should never be an afterthought or merely a ‘check-the-box’ under open meeting laws. Questions should be sought and respected and answers delivered.

Perhaps if the Supervisors had been more diligent, more deliberative, put in more time and effort, listened to the stakeholders, and asked tougher questions before signing an agreement to accept land they have never laid eyes on, we might have seen a different outcome.

We are facing many more issues and important decisions about the Hermosa Project. Perhaps this can be a wake-up for the Supervisors to implement a better process and a fairer perspective that includes a fairer perspective that includes input from all citizens of the area being impacted.
Lochiel Schoolhouse Restoration Celebrated

Museum Board Member Maureen De La Ossa, and German Quiroga, President of the Patagonia Museum, enjoy the day. The De La Ossas were well-represented at the event. Quiroga spearheaded the 12-year restoration project at the insistence of his mother Elena Quiroga, an alumna of the Lochiel School.

Alumni of the Lochiel School gather inside the school building. Back row (from left): Elsa De La Ossa Jurahui, Maureen Sullivan De La Ossa, Adelina De La Ossa Beyerle, Reynaldo De La Ossa, George De La Ossa, Arnulfo (Arnie) De La Ossa, Oscar De La Ossa; Front row (from left): Frank De La Ossa, Lolita De La Ossa, Eliza Alvarez, Luis Alvarez, Socorro Alvarez, Elena De La Ossa Quiroga, Lydia De La Ossa Dojaquez, Lupita (Lola) De La Ossa Romo.

250 guests attended the celebration to mark the completion of restoration at the Lochiel Schoolhouse.

Gertie and the TO Boys play Waila music inside the Lochiel School House.

Mariachi Penumbra, from Nogales, celebrates the Hispanic roots of Lochiel.

Bagpiper William Don Carlos commemorates the European settlers of the area.
Antique Piano Finds New Home in Patagonia

By Sarah Klingenstein

A restored antique Blüthner grand piano, the same model that was loved by Tchaikovsky, Rachmaninoff, and Brahms, recently found a new home at the Benderly-Kendall Opera House in Patagonia. The Santa Cruz Foundation for the Performing Arts accepted the donation from Torry and Sandy Johnson of Tubac.

The Blüthner company, founded in 1853, and still making high-quality and innovative pianos today, is considered one of “the big four” piano manufacturers. This model, which started production in the late 1800s, was very popular with many Romantic composers. Sergei Rachmaninoff once said, “There are only two things which I took with me on my way to America...my wife and my precious Blüthner.”

The Rosewood beauty that now resides at the Opera House in Patagonia is typical in size for the period, smaller than the grand pianos we know today, and with 85 keys, instead of the current 88. According to Christina Wilhelm, Founder and Director of the Santa Cruz Foundation for the Performing Arts, “As piano builders developed larger soundboards, and people began to play concerts in larger halls, manufacturers made larger instruments.”

Due to its lighter aluminum alloy frame, a piano of this same model was placed on the Hindenburg dirigible. On its first crossing from Europe to America in 1937, the airship’s captain played classical and popular music for the passengers. The instrument was removed before the fiery disaster several months later, which killed 35 people and brought the age of dirigible travel to a close.

Blüthner Pianos have been seen and heard in films over the past 100 years. You can hear its clear and resonant tones on the recordings of “The Long and Winding Road” and “Let It Be.” Abbey Road Studios had a Blüthner.

The official opening of the new Little Casa Blanca Canyon Trailhead will be Saturday, June 4 at 8AM at the new trailhead parking lot beginning with a formal ribbon cutting ceremony hosted by the Arizona Trail Association. The general public and trail enthusiasts are welcome to join the ceremony and are invited to explore and utilize this access point after that time.

WILDLIFE PRESERVE CONNECTS TO AZ TRAIL

News Release

Borderlands Restoration Network and Wildlife Corridors, LLC are happy to announce linkage of hiking trails at the Borderlands Wildlife Preserve (BWP) to the Arizona National Scenic Trail (AZT).

In partnership with the Arizona Trail Association (ATA), Wildlife Corridors LLC created a formal easement to allow the ATA to build a trailhead and half-acre parking area along with a short connector trail connecting the Cross Corridor Trail at the Borderlands Wildlife Preserve to the AZT.

The access point is located off Casa Blanca Canyon Road on the north side of the Borderlands Wildlife Preserve, approximately five miles north of the town of Patagonia. A kiosk will be built on site with usage and trail information.

The AZT and BWP Cross Corridor Trail allow non-motorized uses including hiking, running, mountain biking and horseback riding. Leashed dogs are welcome on the portion of the AZT traveling through the BWP, but are not permitted on BWP trails. Other trails at the BWP have different usage guidelines so users should read kiosks, trail maps and signage to abide by usage rules for different trails.

Bob Bergier, whose work is on exhibit at the Patagonia Museum, holds the painting he has donated to be raffled off on June 3. The proceeds from the raffle will help to fund the museum’s student docent program.

Raffle to Benefit Museum

News Release

It’s not often you have a chance to win a piece of original art while supporting the future, but thanks to the Patagonia Creative Arts Association, the Patagonia Museum and Robert Bergier, that opportunity is yours between now and May 31.

Bergier is the artist-in-residence at the “Art + History” show, a PCAA sponsored event that is currently on display at the Museum. As a board member and a 4th generation Patagonian, his interest in the community led him to offer a painting to be raffled off as a fundraiser for the museum’s student docent scholarship program. He agrees that investing in the education of our youth is the best investment we can make in the future.

The docent program, which was started by Tom and Linda Shore, is in its fourth year with Nick Dekhtyar and Elizabeth Urias currently serving in the student docent role. Prior scholarship recipients include Gianna Martin, Hannah Young, Brianna Young and Carolina Quiroz.

Chances to win Bergier’s original acrylic “Sonoita Creek” are $20 per ticket or $100 for six with all proceeds going directly to the scholarship fund. The painting can be viewed at the Museum by appointment or during regular hours - Th-Sat from 2-4. Checks can be left with the docent on duty or sent to “The Patagonia Museum” at PO Box 919, Patagonia. Payment can also be made via PayPal noting “raffle tickets” on the submission. The drawing will be held on June 3rd and the lucky winner will be contacted by the curator to arrange delivery.

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Marilyn "Mary" Jameson (nee McDonald, Anderson, Cooper) passed away peacefully in her home on April 2, 2022. She was born on May 4, 1945 in Duluth, Minnesota to Arthur and Eleanor McDonald and was preceded in death by her parents, brother, John "Jack" McDonald and husbands, Carl Cooper and James Jameson. She is survived by her sister, Kathleen (Tom) Ragland; brother, Richard "Rik" McDonald; two children, Arthur "Scott" Anderson, Erin Monroe (Ross); grandson, Riley Monroe and numerous other relatives and friends.

Marilyn was raised in Tucson from the age of six. She earned her Bachelors Degree in Elementary Education from Prescott College, and a Masters Degree in School Administration and Doctorate of Education from Northern Arizona University. Marilyn loved teaching Special-Ed pre-school and elementary school for 46 years.

After working for the U.S. Track and Field Federation, both Carl and Marilyn developed and operated The Little Ranch Pre-School for seven years, which is still in existence today. A fun time for Carl, Marilyn and family was when they relocated to Patagonia, AZ and owned a beautiful ranch and raised sheep, quarter horses, and other animals for three decades. During this time, she taught at the Patagonia Elementary School.

Marilyn later worked an Assistant Principal, Director of Special Services, and Principal in Santa Cruz County. For several years, she taught classes for Prescott College, Northern Arizona University and the University of Arizona.

After retirement and Carl’s passing, she moved to Green Valley where she met and married James Jameson. Marilyn’s big heart and kindness will be dearly missed by her family, friends, teachers, students, and pets.

Services will be held at the Valley Presbyterian Church, 2800 S. Camino Del Sol, Green Valley, AZ on May 14, 2022 at 2 p.m. Donations can be made to Santa Cruz Humane Society. Arrangements by Green Valley Mortuary.

Cody was taken from us suddenly in a traffic accident on April 13, 2022. He is survived by his parents Karen and Carl Gieselman of Scottsdale Arizona, his brother Carl Gieselman Jr. and long time girlfriend Monahsetah Blake.

Cody graduated from Fountain Hills High School in 2010. His need for adventure led him to join the US Army in 2011. Enlisting as a Cavalry Scout, he trained at Fort Knox, KY and joined the 14th Cavalry Regiment at Fort Lewis, WA. His brigade deployed to Afghanistan as part of Operation Enduring Freedom in December, 2011 for one year.

During the deployment, Specialist Gieselman was awarded the Combat Action badge, the Combat Drivers badge, the Army Commendation medal, and the Army Meritorious Duty medal, as well as the NATO and Afghanistan campaign ribbons.

After his discharge from the Army, Cody graduated from the Motorcycle Mechanics Institute.

Cody loved Sonora and the slower pace of life. We’re pretty sure he knew just about everyone in the area.

Karen and Carl want to thank everyone for the outpouring of sympathy and love. It would be appreciated that donations in Cody’s memory be made to the Wounded Warrior Project. A service will be conducted at a later date to be determined.

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Mine Remediation Continues in the Patagonia Mtns.

By Robert Gay

During the mid-1960s, mining production in the Patagonia region came to a halt because of exhaustion of the veins, two world wars, dramatic metals market changes, and in some cases, the accumulation of water in shafts and tunnels. Since there were no regulations regarding mine closure or remediation of tailings or other disturbances, mines were simply abandoned, leaving unsafe tunnels, shafts, smelter slag, large tailings piles and disturbed ground subject to erosion.

Most of the environmental legacy of these local mines lies downstream from them. The 120 miles of Arizona streams now rated as "impaired" have over the years endangered threatened and species of wildlife, fish and plants, including the Mexican spotted owl, jaguar and leopard frog.

Sonora Creek from Patagonia to Patagonia Lake is rated as highly impaired, and Upper Harshaw Creek as medium impaired, the same rating that Alum Gulch and Flux Canyon Creek have.

The ongoing monitoring of surface waters is part of a statewide AZDEQ program to safeguard watersheds for a multiplicity of uses by wildlife, livestock, and humans. For humans, the AZDEQ categories of water uses include "full immersion," like swimming at Patagonia Lake State Park. Also, for humans, drinking water comes from wells in underground aquifers that are replenished in the same watersheds.

In the 50 years between 1965 and 2015, awareness grew that the historical legacy of mining was producing an array of significant pollution problems. Some ecological issues are photogenic, like the orange foamy effluent from the Lead Queen Mine (PRT, May 2018 and January 2020), while others are more subtle, like toxic dust, vegetative uptake of minerals, some of which is then eaten by creatures from cows to cockroaches, or localized damage to vegetation by acid mine drainage.

Public and governmental agency awareness has also grown about the many physical hazards of abandoned mines. The US Bureau of Land Management conducts a publicity program called "Stay Out – Stay Alive," recognizing six types of life-threatening hazards of unprotected abandoned mines. For the five Upper Harshaw mines, there were about ten open adits and shafts, which received bat-friendly permanent gratings.

These mines were dry and had relatively less tailings and toxicity, and thus were not in the main project, which dealt with the washes below. The surrounding CNF land is fully carpeted with unpatented claims held by Barksdale Resources, now seeking approval for its Sunnyside Exploration Project.

The water quality problems in Three R Canyon included excess levels of copper, cadmium and zinc, the three "minerals of concern" as determined by Arizona Department of Environmental Quality studies in 1996 and 2003. The downstream effects of acid mine drainage were a second concern. In 2016 Nagales International article, Murphy Woodhouse about the accumulation of possibly hazardous materials in lake-bottom sediment at Lake Patagonia, the Three R Mine is mentioned as a significant source needing remediation. CNF environmental engineer Eli Curiel is quoted as saying "They built that right across the drainage bottom, so as the water comes down, it plows right through it and spreads it all around. This is going to be a tough project."

The earthwork of the "tough project" is now accomplished. Approximately 9,200 cubic yards of tailings were relocated to a sloping site lower on the wash and in the CNF. Because the tailings were removed from a steep, forked canyon, extensive erosion protection was added, using precast concrete blocks at the bottoms of the washes.

On the east side of the range, CNF worked on a string of five mines that are on five smaller roads going west up upper Harshaw Road, between the Hermosa Project and Guajolote Flat. Known collectively as the Upper Harshaw Project, the mines involved are Marstellar, Blue Nose, Augusta, Endless Chain, and Morning Glory. All are within a mile of Harshaw Road. These mines produced varying mixes of lead, silver, copper, zinc, and gold.

In the surface waters tested at these mines, there were excessive levels of lead and arsenic, so the minerals of concern in the Harshaw Creek watershed were different than for the Three R project. Acid mine drainage was also present below these mines. The tributary washes from each mine are at the headwaters of Patagonia's designated municipal watershed.

Three encapsulation cells were created for tailings, the lower one at the Marstellar Mine for the first three mines, the middle cell at the Endless Chain, and the upper cell at the Morning Glory Mine. The Marstellar cell received 30,000 cubic yards of material, over three times the relocation volume at the 3R project. (To visualize that volume, imagine a football field covered 11 feet deep.) Between the first and second cells, the work was paused from March to Sept., 2021, because of Mexican Spotted Owl breeding season.

The pausing of the project also allowed some modification of the project design based on findings of tailings deeper than originally believed. This led to contract modifications that put the S-mine total cost at $2.7 million, which was paid for out of the Tronox Settlement, a $270 million national case settled in 2011 with the buyer of Asarco's assets after bankruptcy.

At this moment of continuing major drought, there's no flow to be monitored near these mines, but when rain returns, and water begins flowing, future monitoring will tell if remediation projects have been successful.

In a time of continued drought, establishing new vegetation is difficult, but CNF will continue watching both water quality and revegetation for at least five years, and respond with more efforts if needed.

The remediation of mines in the Patagonia Mountains is part of a longstanding Forest Service program on Abandoned Mines and Reclamation. The program helps prioritize and accomplish projects among the 14,000 total mine sites in the U.S. which produce what the agency calls "minerals that pose a high risk of chemical contamination to the environment." The program description concludes: "To say that there's a lot of work to be done would be putting it mildly."
round trips by those trucks, as well as other vehicles. “Traffic figures from the mine do not account for the additional trips generated by sub-contractors, service vendors, suppliers of materials, chemicals, and other deliveries,” Chuck Klingenstein, of Patagonia, said.

The fact that this will be a public road also raised concerns with attendees at the meetings, as other mining ventures in the Patagonia Mountains would have access to this route in addition to ranchers, residents, and recreational users. Dangers to all types of users from the mine-related traffic were repeatedly touched on, including unforeseen safety and environmental liability to the county and taxpayers.

At the second and third study sessions, April 5 and 13, residents brought up additional concerns, citing uncompensated loss of property values, decline of quality of life and negative impacts on water, tribal and historic grounds, biodiversity, eco-tourism, local businesses, and wineries. Linda Shore, president of the Sky Islands Tourist Association, invited the Supervisors to visit Patagonia to meet with business leaders and walk through the area to be donated and designated as a park. She pointed out that, of the 65 business members of SITA, 64 were opposed to this agreement.

Dozens of speakers in all three meetings urged the BOS to delay a decision because there were many unanswered questions and studies that were needed to access impacts so the BOS could make an informed decision.

The final special meeting, on April 13, 2022, generated several hours of discussion and concerns, after which the supervisors went into executive session. Upon return to the special meeting, County Manager Jennifer St. John read a statement endorsing the acceptance of the land donation by the county. She stated that the land donation would give county residents piece of mind that this land would be used for a park for a minimum of 30 years. She added that accepting this donation provided assurance that the road will not be permanent. If the county chose not to accept the land, there would be no assurance that South32 would ever cease to use this road and the county would have no say in that.

Following a motion to approve the agreement, The supervisors spoke. Supervisor Rudy Molero said, “It is a very difficult decision, two parties that obviously are not yet connected. I look at the big picture and the history. Initially, Patagonia was a mine and now you have an influx of people coming in because of the beauty there, so I see the challenges.”

Chairman Manuel Ruiz addressed the audience, stating, “Your group was very well prepared, you all came in, but I did hear from other people that I had the opportunity to talk with, not just in my district, but some of the people in Patagonia, that are very supportive of the mine, but they are afraid they will lose business or a friendship and they don’t want to be singled out.” Ruiz stated a need to, “give some of our young people the opportunity to be successful, to become voters, to become taxpayers, to become landowners,” adding that the mine will provide these opportunities.

Supervisor Bruce Bracker, who represents eastern Santa Cruz County, said, “I believe that this has shown that we need to have a more robust public process.” He added that he would work with South32 and the community “to make the necessary investments in these parcels of land and our community to protect our quality of life.”

A map of the proposed park (in green) bisected by the industrial road and easement retained by South32 (in red).
South32 Responds to Group's Questions

By Lynn Davison

Representatives of South32, and its subsidiary Arizona Mining Inc (AMI), responded to a list of 32 questions submitted by a group of 15 residents, including this reporter, concerning the proposed construction of a road on land that the mining company is donating to Santa Cruz County. The Cross Creek Connector (CCC) is touted by South32 as a temporary route for moving mineral concentrate from the Hermosa project on Harshaw Rd. to SR82.

The questions fell into four general areas:
1. The road: How many trips per day not only of large tractor trailers containing mineral concentrate, but also of other vehicles containing supplies, equipment, and staff during construction and operation phases?
2. The donation of land to Santa Cruz County by South32 that includes retention of an easement on that land to build the temporary CCC Road: What is the definition of temporary for the road easement retained by South32? What happens if South32 is unable to build the permanent road? Would the CCC then become the permanent route?
3. Safety concerns: Harshaw Road is heavily used by residents, visitors, livestock haulers, pedestrians, hikers (e.g., on the Arizona Trail), and cyclists. How does South32 propose to mitigate the safety risks?
4. Impacts on private landowners near the CCC: How would dust, noise, and light pollution be mitigated for homeowners and businesses proximate to the proposed CCC road? How will these property owners have safe access to the CCC road?

The group, which had submitted the questions on March 21, acknowledged South32’s timely response, but noted that 18 of the 32 answers consisted of promises made by South32, some of which could be incorporated into requirements of permits from the County and State, and others which rely only on South32’s word to fulfill them. “In all of these examples, it will be critical for community members to monitor South32’s performance closely,” Ann Gasline, of Patagonia, said.

Greg Gorton, whose property abuts the proposed route, noted that “the problematic track record of South32’s performance with their mines in other locations does not inspire confidence.” Of particular interest were two permits that AMI will have to apply for: the Right of Way Permit from the county for access to Harshaw Road; and the ADOT encroachment permit for access to SR82.

At issue in both these cases will be traffic backups, effects on other businesses and tourism, danger to wildlife passing through established wildlife corridors, degradation of the area designated a special scenic highway, and safety risks for drivers, pedestrians, and bicyclists. Valerie Neale, who lives near the proposed route, was particularly concerned about the connection to Harshaw Road, the small crescent of county-owned land that must be considered in the permit process, and the difficulty in designing anything in the proposed configuration that could be safe.

There were several answers in the response from South32 that caused concern to the authors of the March 21 letter. When asked for a definition of temporary road for the CCC, South32 said the agreement with the County states the easement will terminate 24 months after receiving permits to build a permanent road across National Forest Service land.

When asked why they would choose to donate land and retain an easement rather than just building the road on the private land, South32 said the proposed land transfer and park dedication “uphold our commitment to the Cross Creek area road being temporary.” Gasline commented, however, that the agreement with the county keeps the easement in place for up to 30 years, with the option for an unlimited number of 10-year extensions if a permit for an alternative permanent route is not granted.

When asked about the impacts of an industrial Road operating 24/7 with the incumbent noise, dust, traffic on the property values of nearby property owners, South32 said “we will work with the county and ADOT to meet all requirements for intersections. The land transfer and assurance of open space or a natural recreation park provide certainty for adjacent residential property owners.” “What certainty?” asked Gorton. “South 2 just plain did not answer the question. What you might infer is they don’t see lost property values as their problem. Whose problem is it then, the county’s?”

When asked how the significant increase in traffic on Harshaw SR82 and SR 83 would impact travel times for drivers on these two-lane roads, South32 answered that they projected only a 4% increase in traffic averaged over a 24 hour period caused by the trucks moving ore. Noden noted that the full pre-feasibility study, where this data is found, has not been released to the public. However, the 4% appears only includes trucks travelling one way carrying ore concentrate, which would be a fraction of the many vehicles containing employees, fuel, infrastructure, and equipment that would have to cross the CCC to connect Harshaw Road to SR 82 and 83.

The answers supplied by South32 did not satisfactorily answer the questions raised, according to Chuck Klingenstein, of Patagonia. “We both know more about the plans for the CCC road due to South32’s answers to our questions and we know less about the plans. Many of those answers were promises and moving targets based on future plans, studies, permits, management decisions,” he said.

“Without dogged community monitoring, the Hermosa Mine’s impacts on our communities will be unknown until it’s too late to prevent them. We need more community members who have similar concerns to join us in engaging on these issues with South32 and with Santa Cruz County now. We need to ask the hard questions, and insist on the hard data behind South32’s promises.”

To read the full letter to South32 and their response, visit https://patagoniaregionaltimes.org/letter-to-south32/
Protection

By Zay Hartigan

There are two things all Patagonia residents should know.

1. If we have a firestorm in our town, the majority of structures of all types in our town will be badly damaged or destroyed.

2. It doesn’t have to be this way.

A firestorm is the combination of high temperatures, low humidity, high winds, sufficient fuels, and fire. “Red Flag days” are when all three of these weather elements are present, and the probability that any fire that starts will spread fast, and have enormous destructive potential is high.

Our fire season typically starts in May when the high temps and low humidity set in, and generally ends in July when the summer rains raise the humidity. A crucial example that removing one of the five elements of a fire storm can prevent it in many cases, and diminish the destructive damage from it in almost all cases.

We have no control over the weather, and each year has been getting hotter and dryer earlier. This year we’ve had over a dozen wildfires in our area before the “season” technically starts. That’s an abnormally high level, and an indication of our higher risk under our current drought conditions. We’ve seen firestorms ravage communities such as the Marshal Fire in Colorado this winter that destroyed over 1,000 structures in 24 hours. Not even close to fire season, it actually snowed there the very next day.

This year we face another elevated threat. Last summer’s heavier than normal rains created an abundance of plant growth, “fuel loading” in Fire Service terminology. Fortunately, fuels are the one element of a firestorm we can control to some degree. By eliminating some plant matter, and spacing out the remaining fuels (landscaping trees, shrubs, and even smaller plants as well as firewood piles and other combustible items around our homes) we can greatly increase the survivability of individual structures, and even entire communities. Choosing non-combustible materials for decks, siding, roofs and other elements of a property also has an enormous impact on a structure’s survivability.

Firewise is a proven, scientifically developed program of strategic fuel reduction and spacing that increases by many times the effectiveness of Fire Services’ response capabilities, and improves outcomes. It is a program of community-wide planning and action to reduce and space fuels well in advance of a wildfire, when such actions are most easy and effective. We as a community need individuals who wish to establish and maintain a Firewise program to protect our town.

Patagonia Volunteer Fire and Rescue (PVFR) can take the lead, but our volunteers train for, and respond to a wide array of emergencies in our community. Other civic minded people will need to participate in leadership positions. Please contact Jeff Maxwell 520-305-5606 or Zay Hartigan 520-604-0200. Go to https://www.nfpa.org/Public-Education/Fire-causes-and-risks/Wildfire/Firewise-USA for more information.

While a Firewise community requires most or all members to actively participate and takes time to establish, any property owner can immediately take steps to implement Firewise principles on their property and increase their structures survivability right now. Obviously it will not be as effective as a community-wide effort, but it absolutely improves the odds that firefighters can effectively protect structures in a wildfire.

PVFR members Jeff or Zay will come to your property and assess it’s survivability as well as help you create and understand a strategy to implement Firewise principles. The sooner you do so, the better. Firewise is like a seatbelt for your home. They are both designed to provide some protection in a calamity. And both need to be put in place BEFORE tragedy strikes.

Local Schools to Recieve Grant Aid

By Sarah Klingenstein

In April, the Santa Cruz County School District, which oversees local schools, learned it would receive $5.8 million over three years to meet needs identified throughout the district. Planning for the programs and additional staffing is still in the early stages, but it is certain some of the windfall will benefit Patagonia and Elgin schools.

Perhaps most notably, a preschool will be built on the Elgin School campus. Mary Falley, School Superintendent, said an early childhood program has long been a community dream.

“Now we will go to work on choosing a site, planning the building, securing licensing, and setting curriculum. It will take a while, but we are thrilled to start the process.”

In the Patagonia School District, there will be enhancements to the existing preschool program and a focus on social/emotional learning, a need made critical by the loss of in-person learning during the pandemic. The Gear Up Program, which has engaged tenth graders and their families in early college and career planning, will be expanded to all the secondary grades. It includes tutoring, mentorship, and exploration of post-secondary options.

The arts will be a focus as well. According to Alfredo I. Velasquez, Santa Cruz County Schools Superintendent, arts funding has been especially difficult to obtain in recent years. One highlight of the arts funding will be 43 concerts over the three years, both for and by students, throughout the County.

Other benefits from the grant will emerge as planning moves along in identified areas, including technology, stem, early literacy, and physical and behavioral health. Patagonia Superintendent Kenny Hayes looks forward to the process. “Our County Superintendent’s office does a great job of supporting education,” he said.

Arizona consistently ranks between 47th and 51st in per-pupil spending, according to US Census data. This grant comes from the Arizona Department of Education’s Elementary and Secondary School Relief program, made up of monies left over in the year’s budget. According to Velasquez, this grant meets “a tapestry of objectives and is everything that an educational community would dream of happening.”

Forest Svc Approves Drilling

News Release

On March 30, 2022, the U.S. Forest Service issued a Decision Memo approving an exploratory drilling program by Barksdale Resources, a Canadian mineral resource exploratory company, at the San Antonio Project located near Washington Camp and Duquesne.

This drill program is a five-hole project to be completed in 50 days. Based on organizational comments by PARA, Defenders of Wildlife, Tucson Audubon, and The Nature Conservancy, as well as many individual comments, the permit was issued acknowledging the endangered species in the San Antonio project area and specifically limited any activity to occur outside of breeding season for Yellow Billed Cuckoo (May 15 - Sept 30).

Barksdale Resources President Rick Trotman advised that work on the project will not start until after October 1, 2022.
**MOM**

Growing up, I didn’t give my mom enough credit. She worked a lot and often we were left to take care of ourselves and our little brother. Most of my friends were only children with stay-at-home moms that had the time and income to spoil their kids rotten. One friend who lived around the corner had a mom that stayed home all day and smoked cigarettes while she watched every episode of General Hospital and on Fridays, she got her hair done at a salon. I don’t recall ever seeing my mom go to a salon, so naturally I thought my mother was uncultured and uncool.

Another friend’s mother worked part time and always made it home before Kimmy did. She made white rice with teriyaki hot dogs and had an entire room full of comfy couches where she and Kimmy would watch MTV with their wiener dogs. We only had one couch that was moderately comfortable, and we didn’t get to watch MTV. Lame.

Cindy’s stay-at-home mom babysat the kids of topless dancers and let us stay up all night at sleep overs. My mom wouldn’t let us stay up past 10p.m. on our best day and said irritating things like “Nothing good happens after midnight.” My friend’s mom from Bangkok yelled at us in Thai but would leave us unattended for entire weekends (sorry you found out this way, mom) while she stayed with her boyfriend God knows where.

Given this information you can see how I thought my mom was lame. She didn’t smoke cigarettes or have a mysterious boyfriend. She could care less about MTV and would never have made teriyaki hotdogs, but she did do a lot of things that still resonate with me today. On Wednesdays, her only day off, she would make elaborate dinners and let us invite the neighborhood kids. She made Chinese food and homemade pasta, the kind of food many of the kids in our neighborhood never ate. Some of those kids as adults remember it today.

Once I borrowed an outfit from a friend, and I accidently dyed it pink. My mom spread it out on her ironing board and scrubbed it until all the pink was gone. She made every costume and dress we asked for and then some. A few years ago, I called her and asked to make me two capes and she didn’t even ask why. My mom was Santa Claus, the Tooth Fairy and the Easter Bunny while my dad sat back in his robe and took all the credit. When we were sick, she took us to work with her. She answered uncomfortable questions after my sister and I watched Geraldo and Maury Povich. We had her work number memorized and called her more than we should have. She always made the exact birthday cake we wanted, even if it was in the shape of a pickle. She indulged my “Jell-O phase” in the late 80’s.

My mom is a woman of few words. She doesn’t gush over us or hover. She shows us love through her actions. Most of the time as a kid I didn’t see it and I certainly didn’t make it easy, comparing her to sitcom moms and neighbors down the street. I look back on it all now and I’m sorry I wasn’t more grateful. I think she raised us well. Thank Mom for being the reason we turned out so good. We love you. Happy Mother’s Day.

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**BOARD’S BIAS UNDERMINES ITS CREDIBILITY**

By Stuart H. Brody

In a former life, I was a labor lawyer and involved in major economic struggles, including ones that went to the Supreme Court of the United States. I learned from these experiences that when strong interests are set against each other, as they are here, the primary role of government is to avoid, at all costs, a show of favoritism to one side or the other, lest it lose its credibility as an honest broker.

South 32 induced the Board of Supervisors to put its stamp of approval on its park project, a thinly veiled propaganda scheme. Whatever its tactical goals: bragging rights for perceived generosity, proof of community support to impress investors, inducing some residents to trust its good will, it must play in the months and years ahead.

The Board fell for it: not so much tumbling unawares into a thorny civic dispute, but capitulating to the parent mining strategy of luring officials into its realm - granting the Board “a seat at the table” as one of the supervisors put it - by spreading money around to create the impression that the mine in Patagonia is inevitable.

Given the facts here: overwhelming community opposition, the preposterous claim that the community needs a park, the absence of due diligence in assessing long-term costs and securing contract commitments, and the absence of any showing that action is needed now, the Board’s action, in my opinion is arbitrary and capricious in violation of the due process provisions of the 14th Amendment to the United States Constitution.

Voting unanimously to sign this agreement with South32 adds up to an unwarranted intrusion into the economic contest between the mine and substantial elements of the Patagonia community, an intrusion that neither benefits the community nor advances the ultimate settlement of the mine controversy, only aggravates it. The action taints the credibility of the Board when credibility is central to the role it must play in the months and years ahead.

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LIFE AMONG THE HUMANS

IF YOU SEE SOMETHING, DO NOTHING!

By Martin Levowitz

We hear from time to time about horrific incidents where someone on a subway train, or walking home alone in Philadelphia or New York has been attacked — severely beaten and/or stabbed. The neighbors or the passers-by observe her plight and just walk by or sometimes even hang around and watch. They do not help or even call the cops. Up close, as in that subway car, they shrink away or even call the cops. Up close, as in around and watch. They do not help just walk by or sometimes even hang the passers-by observe her plight and has been attacked — severely beaten. Horrific incidents where someone has been attacked — severely beaten. Horrific incidents where someone has been attacked — severely beaten.

The Prius Factor

I'm trying to remember who it was, maybe it was Walter, who told me that as he and his wife were traveling the country looking for where they may like to retire, they used the "Prius Factor" as a guide.

The Prius Factor was simple. What was the ratio of Prius cars compared to big pickup trucks? To them a Prius was the "Prius Factor" as a guide.

The Prius Factor became quite obvious as time went on. In 18 months, as London withered beneath an endless rain of German bombs, it was clear that The Munich Accords were a farce. (What's the German for "DUH??")

Wishful thinking's always tempting when the caca hits the fan, but wishful thinking doesn't pay the bills. It takes real courage and resolve to move against a hooligan who clearly will not hesitate to turn his rage on you. Those photographs and news reports from The Ukraine are completely atrocious and shocking and sad:

whole neighborhoods reduced to ash, and normal folks like you and me who were walking to work or attempting to flee, lie shrapnel-shredded in the street, dressed just like you and me.

A mother lying dead with a live baby in her arms. A roller suitcase standing on being friends, with neither doing anything to threaten or disturb the other nation's sovereignty. His famous wishful utterance, back then, declared that we would have "PEACE IN OUR TIME." That phrase still lives in infamy, an emblem of refusal to confront reality.

We depend on our global environment for life itself. The decision made by our County Supervisors care about South32 and its money, but not their constituents and voters. Leslie Schupp, Flux Canyon Resident.

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Supes Not Responsive

Dear PRT Editor,

In your April article on South32 routes, the County Supervisors, Rudy Molera, Manny Ruiz and Bruce Bracker, said that they have been working closely with South32. "Board Chairman Manny Ruiz said the County and South32 had been working on this issue for a long time."

However, the residents of Flux Canyon, which South32 wants to use for 80 ore trucks in the future, have written to the Supervisors to request a meeting about this proposed route, which will destroy our environment and property values, and we have received absolutely no replies for months.

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Trumping the Rights of Nature

Our consuming culture does not have a core economic or political system that values a sustainable balance with Nature. Negated is that we depend on our global environment for life itself. The decision made by three men Bruce Bracker, Supervisor; Rudy Molera, Supervisor; and Manuel Ruiz, Supervisor and Chairman, to accept South32’s donation of land for a park in one sense was expected, still I was saddened. Earth is sickened as we are with decisions made on what our society defines as ‘economics’ which trumps the rights of Nature.

David Krest, Patagonia.
The Grumpy Goat Ranch In Elgin Sells Products at Local Markets and Wineries

Richard and Gail Jauck hold one of their goats raised at the Grumpy Goat Ranch in Elgin. They use the goat milk to produce soaps, lotions and sweets.

By Pat McNamara

When Tucson native, and now Elgin resident, Gail Jauck, trained as an audiologist, little did she know that her career path would lead her to being a goat farmer.

She met her husband, Richard, a marine biologist, when she was working as an administrator for Kaiser Medical in California. Richard, a marine mammal trainer, worked as a contractor working for the U.S. Navy, training dolphins for Naval security on San Clemente Island. He also trained sea lions to fetch items from the ocean.

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San Clemente Island has a population of goats. Their origins are clouded in mystery. Some say they’ve been there for 500 years, having been left by sailors passing through from Spain or Portugal or possibly somewhere in Asia. Others say that they came from nearby Catalina Island in the mid-1800s from southern European or Asian origins.

The San Clemente Island Goats have thrived there and are now considered a heritage breed, their genetics now carefully guarded by their registry. With DNA tests required before each goat can be accepted into the registry. Known for their hardiness and self-sufficiency, these goats are disease resistant and very seldom need any human intervention in order to survive.

The Jaucks became enamored with these goats and managed to acquire some for breeding. First starting their operation in California in 2010, their herd, now in Elgin since 2020, has grown to approximately 50 goats, counting this year’s babies.

From this herd, the Jaucks are using the milk to make soap and lotions, currently available at various local wineries, and Richard has developed a recipe for goat’s milk caramels that he sells at the farmers markets in Sonoita and Patagonia.

Operating as The Grumpy Goat Ranch, the Jaucks are the only breeders of this type in Arizona and one of only 22 breeders in the U.S. They sell or donate individuals from their herd to various zoos as well as to other breeders.

The natural hardiness of this breed allows the Jaucks to forgo the usual vaccinations necessary for domestic goats. The does are in charge of all the mothering of their young - no humans need interfere.

Their dietary requirements are simple with only alfalfa and/or Bermuda hay and whatever they may ‘weed eat’ from their enclosure.

The Jaucks have decided to forego any publicity other than providing their products to the locals, as they are, after all, retired. They only ask that their products to the locals, as they are, after all, retired. They only ask that their goats support themselves. Meeting the customers at the farmers markets or seeing their products at the local wineries is all the publicity that they seek at this time.
By Alison Bunting

This article continues the story of the Elgin Community Club (ECC) begun in the April PRT issue. The bare-boned clubhouse was completed in September 1932. In 1933 members focused on paying off their construction debts and planning for improvements such as lights, a permanent floor, and toilets. In 1934 they built 2 “board” outdoor toilets and added stoves and linoleum for the kitchen area. [ECC Minutes, 10/20/1934]. Throughout 1935 there was much discussion about installing a ceiling. ECC was declared an educational organization to avoid paying county taxes on dance income. The ceiling was installed in 1936 and the members worked to discourage the consumption of alcohol by dance attendees. In 1938 an unexpected gift provided seed funding for another building improvement—a fireplace and chimney.

In April 1938, “Margaret Nally presented the Club with a $50 present from her mother Mrs. Nally who recently passed away.” [ECC Minutes, 4/20/1938]. The gift was to help fund the construction of a fireplace on the south side of the clubhouse. In September the ladies voted to immediately purchase a Heatilator insert for the fireplace, and a fireplace committee was appointed to obtain construction bids. Ernest E. Axton and Captain Stone Collie submitted a proposal “to build a fireplace, install the Heatilator, and furnish materials for $250” that was accepted. The hearth and exterior chimney were to be of “faced rock work.” A place was to be left in the rock work to insert a copper plaque with the names of five recently deceased members.

Mrs. Ferris, Klene, Nally, Bartlett and Johnson.” [ECC Minutes, 8/1/1939]. The fireplace was completed by the end of the year and is still in use today. Who were the women honored on the bronze plaque?

Lena Nally was born in Missouri in 1877 and married Claude R. Nally in 1899. In 1920 they were farming on the Oakland Ranch in Greaterville, where Claude was raising grapes. They also rented cabins on the ranch. In the early 1920s they adopted siblings Leonard and Margaret from the Arizona Children’s Home. [Tucson Citizen, 3/25/1987]. Lena had helped to establish the Arizona Children’s Home in Tucson and was a strong supporter. She was the recording secretary of the Empire Women’s Christian Temperance Union, and an active member of the Elgin Community Club (ECC). She died, age 60, in 1938 in Tucson.

Mattie Riggs Johnson was born in Colorado in 1892. Her parents moved to Dos Cabezas, Arizona in 1875. Mattie was 16 when she married George Finley in 1889; they had one son, James. In 1898 she married J. L. Duncan who was shot and killed by a neighboring rancher in September 1899. In 1900 she married Homer “Doc” Goodin, a local cowboy and champion roper. The couple ranched in Cochise County until Doc’s death in 1908. By 1910 Mattie is ranching on her 160-acre homestead in Canelo.

Sometime after 1915 she became Mrs. Johnson; no record of Mr. Johnson has been found. Mattie raised certified Hereford cattle. She was active in the ECC and was elected 2nd Vice President in 1938. She was a member of the Arizona Pioneers Historical Society. In 1917 she petitioned the U.S. Forest Service to designate 10 acres near her ranch as a cemetery, now called the Black Oak Cemetery. Mattie died in 1939 and is buried at Black Oak Cemetery.

The April 2022 Glimpses article has a biography of Katharine Klene, ECC’s first president. Next month’s article will feature Nellie Bartlett and Edith Ferris.

Neighbors Engage

Community Advisory Panel | Meetings of the community advisory panel for the South32 Hermosa Project are now being held at noon on the third Wednesday of the month at the Wild Horse Restaurant in Patagonia. The panel is comprised of community members from across the county. Their meetings are open to the public and led by an independent facilitator. Scan the QR code at left to access agendas and minutes within our online library.

Hermosa Project Updates and News | To sign up to receive electronic versions of the South32 Hermosa Project quarterly newsletter, Hermosa Project News, just send an email to hermosacommunity@south32.net or simply text the word HERMOSA to 42828.

First Friday Drop-In Discussions | We invite you to drop by our Patagonia office between the hours of 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. for a masked/outdoor visit with Hermosa President Pat Risner on the first Friday of any month.

Photo by Alison Bunting
Lessons From An Aphid Mummy

By Mary McKay

Recently in my greenhouse I had a little pest outbreak. I was checking on the beautiful petunias and gazanias when I noticed something strange. Tiny, yellowish, swollen creatures clung to the leaf surfaces, still or crawling very slowly.

For several days they increased in numbers, and I went into complete panic mode. Was it some kind of mite? I prefer not to use dangerous chemical sprays so I whipped out my insecticidal soap and went to town, spraying the undersides of leaves and over the tops. In a couple of days, I noticed the little creatures were gone. “Great!” I thought, as I declared victory to myself. I defeated those whatever they were and I felt accomplished.

Fast forward a week or two later. I was working in the greenhouse while listening to a gardening podcast. It was about beneficial insects in the garden. The podcast guest described how a parasitic or parasitoid wasp lays a single egg into the body of an aphid. The larva slowly numifies the aphid as it consumes it from the inside out. Soon it emerges through a tiny hole chewed it’s back and flies away to repeat the process.

My heart just sank! Oh no! What had I done? I went into my son’s bedroom and found his toy magnifying glass. I searched for any remaining creatures from those I had eradicated before, and luckily, I found a couple in the far corner of the greenhouse. Yep, my fear was true. The little creature was swollen and hard and had a tiny hole in its back where the little wasp chewed its way out and flew away. Probably right into my insecticidal soap. How could I be so stupid?

My goal from now on is to try and identify every bug or insect I see in my yard or greenhouse and take a note of who eats whom. I am also planning to grow plants that attract those beneficials. (If there is an exotic pest problem that has no natural enemies then maybe a spray would be ok.)

What to plant in May: all summer vegetables and herbs. Don’t plant any more cool weather plants such as lettuce, brassicas, or cilantro (unless you want to attract some of the good guys with the flowers). It will be way too hot for these.

News: We are opening a plant nursery in town! By the time you are reading this, Patagonia Plants should be open at 308 Naugle Avenue in Patagonia. I am very excited to grow and source only locally grown vegetables, flowers, herbs, trees, and shrubs that perform in our area of southern Arizona. We plan to carry locally made bagged compost, potting mix, and soil amendments as well as garden gifts, house plants, succulents and more.

Thank you to everyone who has given me support so far!
Hunter or Gatherer?

By Harold Meckler

Polaris

During World War II, my Uncle Gil served in the Merchant Marines. That was where, he told me many years later, he learned how to navigate using the stars. There were, of course, navigation systems on the ships, he said, but if they went down, as was the case after his ship had been hit by a torpedo, knowing a handful of constellations helped to maintain course, to keep from being lost.

Nowadays, it seems like being off course is, at least metaphorically, often the norm. It seems like a strange choice of words, but the stars keep me grounded. And, just as importantly, keep me from drifting when everything appears to be so akilter.

Feeling lost? Not quite sure where you’re heading? Spend a few moments finding Polaris, the North Star. It’s worth the minute or two. For me, in its unique way, it brings back memories of talking to a man who preferred to point out the stars rather than tell me about the day when a torpedo caused considerable destruction and left him with a lifelong limp.

Polaris, the brightest object in Ursa Minor, the Little Bear, appears to be nearly directly over the North Pole. As a result, even though the Earth is forever spinning on its axis, Polaris seems to stand still.

To the naked eye it is a single, average looking star. In reality, it is the largest and most luminous member of a triple star system.

Indeed, though it strikes one as completely ordinary, it is more than four times the mass of the sun, and is about 400 light years from us. In contrast, the sky’s brightest star, Sirius, is less than just nine light years away. Interestingly, from wherever you’re viewing Polaris, it is the same number of degrees above the horizon as is your location’s latitude.

Finding it is easy. Locate the Big Dipper. Find the two stars furthest from the handle that make up the far edge of the dipper’s “pan.” Draw a line starting from the “bottom” of those two “pointer” stars through the “upper” star. Extend that line about four times the distance between the two pointers. The brightest star that appears is Polaris. It always points north.

Uncle Gil would find Polaris, then he’d swing around to Arcturus, Bootes’ alpha star, then out to Virgo. He never owned a telescope and, I recall, the only time he looked at the sky with binoculars was when we had tracked down Halley’s Comet.

He enjoyed looking up, but it was always more than just a quick exercise. Just like sailors from centuries ago, knowing the sky was a matter of life and death, from being lost or finding your way home. I guess for him, it elicited thoughts that were both painful and yet very sustaining.

Maybe what we need when we feel as if so many signposts have been removed, when the way forward is a bit murkier than it had been just a few days earlier, are the memories that bind us to a specific moment or a special person.

Sometimes, it’s an object that can connect us to that time and place. Polaris is an unmovable signpost. It steers me back to my youth, to Uncle Gil, to an open field where I had the chance to be in awe of the sky and in awe of a generation that had come through years of insecurity to reestablish their footing.

Today, it tells me that no matter the twists and turns that are yet to come, I can always find my way.
Spring Bioblitz

Spring is in full swing in our Sky Islands region, heralded not only by a slew of migrating birds, but also legions of lizards, slithers of snakes, and countless insinuations of insects. We are fairly writhing with life.

Carpe diem, I thought one fine April day. Thus, binoculars in tow, I set out with the aim of finding, identifying, and appreciating as many species as I could.

Some biologists, myself included, term this a bioblitz. Whether it’s for cataloging various species in a certain area or, as in my case, purely for the satisfaction of seeing and learning about local flora and fauna, it’s an intense and beautiful experience.

I slowly set forth along a local trail. Slow is the operative word here, as fast frequently equate to fleeing wildlife. Plants are a bit more forgiving. Soon I ditched the trail, preferring instead to meander along an ephemeral creek - itself lazily plying its course.

As the day heated up, eventually reaching the 90’s, lizards of several species made frequent cameo appearances. Elegant earless lizards watched in, I assume, fearful curiosity each time my behemoth form loomed above their lilliputian world. Most assumed their camouflaged body was protection enough, while a few scampered to a safer distance from this would-be predator. Ornate tree lizards did push ups from their arboreal perches in an effort to establish territories and procure mates. Understandably, most self-respecting mammals were hidden in the shade, deep underground (think rodents), or otherwise sequestered in various nooks and crannies during this balmy spring day. Still, I managed to watch a pair of whitetail deer cross the trail ahead of me, as well as a wary rock squirrel eyeing me from a jumble of Fremont cottonwood logs. Meanwhile the tracks of gray fox and ringtail - the latter a catlike member of the raccoon family - alerted me that these crepuscular and nocturnal predators went on their own wanderings each day.

The crescendo of my bioblitz came unexpectedly, as the best gifts often do. About ready to call it a day and head back to my car, a sudden unusual movement caught my attention perhaps 50 yards to my left where a troop of about ten white-nosed coatis - the latter a catlike member of the raccoon family - {-the latter a catlike member of the raccoon family -} relaxed and re-bated along the creek, suspiciously eyeing me. Soon they relaxed and re-bated along the creek, suspiciously eyeing me. Soon they relaxed and re-bated along the creek, suspiciously eyeing me. Soon they relaxed and re-bated along the creek, suspiciously eyeing me. Soon they relaxed and re-bated along the creek, suspiciously eyeing me. Soon they relaxed and re-bated along the creek, suspiciously eyeing me. Soon they relaxed and re-bated along the creek, suspiciously eyeing me. Soon they relaxed and re-bated along the creek, suspiciously eyeing me. Soon they relaxed and re-bated along the creek, suspiciously eyeing me. 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Mayor Andrea Wood signed a new conservation easement on May 2 at the Patagonia Town Hall. The town, in cooperation with Borderlands Restoration Network (BRN), will ensure that 1,800 acres of land in the Sonoita Creek Wildlife Corridor is kept in its undeveloped state. Ron Pulliam, ecologist and board member of Borderlands Restoration Network and Wildlife Corridors, LLC and Matthew Jewell, Forest Legacy Program Specialist with the Arizona Department of Forestry and Fire Management were instrumental in securing the grants that made this project possible.

Pulliam said, “We’ve been working on this conservation easement project with the Arizona Forestry Department for five years and it is coming to fruition. We will be able to pay off all our debt on the land that we have purchased over the years for the Wildlife Corridor. Arizona Game and Fish has identified this land as the most important corridor in the state to connect the Sierra Madre to the Sky Islands for species like jaguar, mountain lion, and black bear, and now this habitat and migratory pathway will be preserved.”

Jewell pointed out that the project is the result of a collaborative effort involving federal, state and local government agencies working hand-in-hand with business and nonprofit partners to achieve a goal that will perpetually benefit both people and wildlife. “This project,” he said “also includes access to the new section of the Arizona Trail accessible from Casa Blanca Canyon Road.”

Locals and visitors are invited to enjoy the Smith Canyon Loop Trail on the property, which features rolling terrain, views of the Santa Rita and Patagonia Mountains, and a recently completed series of interpretive signs made possible through a generous financial gift from an anonymous donor.
The Santa Cruz Foundation
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Benderly-Kendall Opera House,
344 Naugle Ave., Patagonia, AZ
May Schedule

All audience members will be required to show proof of vaccination against Covid19 the first time they attend a concert. We also ask that face masks covering the mouth and nose are worn during the performance.

**MAY 8: 3 p.m.** The Art of the String Quartet - A conversation without words featuring Timothy Kantor, Laura Cassarez, Emily Chao, and Juan Mejia. In the compositions by Haydn and Dvorak, the art of the string quartet comes alive as our musicians eloquently "talk" to each other with their instruments.

$30 Prepay/$35 At the Door

**MAY 22: 3 p.m.** Award winning Bolivian-American pianist Walter Aparicio maintains a versatile career as a performer, teacher, and collaborator in New York City. Amanda Zory is the most recent winner of the Wagner society’s vocal competition and is preparing for performances with the Metropolitan Opera guild at Lincoln Center.

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Saturday May 21, 2022
Registration 8AM
Shotgun Start 9AM

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Scramble Format - Four Person Teams
Prizes: 1st and 2nd place winning teams, Closest to the hole, Longest Drive, Rotarian Club Team Perpetual Trophy

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Senior Spotlights

This month the PRT concludes our series of profiles of the Patagonia Union High School Senior Class of 2022. We hope you have enjoyed learning about these interesting and diverse students as much as we have. Congratulations to all our graduating seniors in eastern Santa Cruz County!

Ben Luke Anderson

Participation in school clubs and sports: Student Government President, English Language Arts Student Mentor

Extra-curricular activities outside of school: The Heart Throbs Chess Team, Videography, Photography, “Film-making,”

Plans for next year: Become Ungovernable.

Favorite teachers: Mr. Porter, Mrs. Hayes, Mr. Hayes, Mrs. Gortarez, Ms. Allison.

Favorite subjects: Poetry Class, Short Story Writing, History.

Which one memory will you remember forever about your time here? The time that we went on an astronomy field trip and Luke put on a wig.

What has been the highlight of your high school years? All the dumb stuff that my friends and I said.

Where do you imagine yourself in ten years? Getting close to my goal and possibly having a family.

Nazario Herrera

Participation in school clubs and sports: The only time I played sports was in 5th grade when I played baseball.

Extra-curricular activities outside of school: In my free time I work on my cars or do construction work. I am a member of the Spaghetti Mafia.

Plans for next year: Planning on getting my certificate to become a mechanic.

Favorite teachers: Mrs. Hayes, Mr. Hayes, Mr. Porter, and Mr. Gudenkauf.

Favorite subjects: English and Math.

Which one memory will you remember forever about your time here: The time that we went on an astronomy field trip and Luke put on a wig.

What has been the highlight of your high school years? All the dumb stuff that my friends and I said.

Where do you imagine yourself in ten years? Getting close to my goal and possibly having a family.

Braxton Youngblood

Participation in school clubs and sports: I participated in cross country.

Extra-curricular activities outside of school: Spaghetti mafia and the Heart Throbs Chess Team.

Plans for next year: I plan to join the US Army.

Favorite teachers: Mr. and Mrs. Hayes, Mr. Porter, Ms. Posada, and Mr. Gudenkauf.

Favorite subjects: I loved Physics, Short Story Writing, and Western Civilization.

Which one memory will you remember forever about your time here? The view of Sonoita from the top of Huachuca Mountain.

What has been the highlight of your high school years? The highlight of my school year is when Santiny called Mrs. Hayes “old.”

Where do you imagine yourself in ten years? I imagine myself in the military doing things I don’t want to at the time, such as cleaning a toilet with a toothbrush.

Angel Covarrubias

Participation in school clubs and sports: Soccer, basketball, and baseball travel ball.

Extra-curricular activities outside of school: Team roping and drag-racing.

Plans for next year: Work hard for my dreams.

Favorite teachers: Mrs. Hayes forever.

Favorite subjects: English.

Which one memory will you remember forever about your time here? So far, the Christmas at Pemberley play that the seniors went to see in Tucson.

What has been the highlight of your high school years? Being more careful with myself.

Where do you imagine yourself in ten years? Somewhere in the world, working hard for my dreams.
HONORING THOSE WHO SERVED

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 pass 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 prtereditor@gmail.com.

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Memorial Day May 30, 2022

In preparation for Memorial Day, Murphy Musick would be very glad to help other people make the very simple but effective flag holders that he has been placing by veterans’ graves in the Patagonia Cemetery. He has a good source for flags, as well.

Flags are placed in the Patagonia and Black Oak Cemeteries each year. The PRT would like to see flags placed on all veterans’ graves throughout our area. “What is needed is to have an organized group take on this project so it will be perpetual and maintained,” Musick said.

There will be a community clean-up for the Patagonia Cemetery on Saturday, May 28 at 8:00a.m. Musick can be reached at murphy@musick1@gmail.com
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By Cami Schlappy

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Shoe looked like, how a stove-heated iron worked, and what spittoons and chamber pots were.

After the tours, everyone assembled back in Pioneer Hall. 4-H youth: Miranda Cass, Celine Schlappy, Carson Dimerling, and Liam and Maelle Collins presented the guest presenters with floral bouquets. 4-H members then took turns excitedly sharing with the group the new facts they learned about the local area and history.

To make this event as close to the original meetings at the fairgrounds as possible, Diane Collins then hosted an ice cream social. The fairgrounds evening ended like so many others over the hundred plus years... with delighted children lining up for sweet dessert.

NAME BORN - DIED BRANCH OF SERVICE
ARIA, ARTHUR F. 1925 - 1984 ARMY
ARTHUR, GEORGE E. 1911 - 1979 NAVY
BECKER, ROYAL H. 1893 - 1965 ARMY
BENHAM, ARTHUR E. 1925 - 1979 NAVY
BENHAM, ROBERT GEORGE 1927 - 1990 ARMY
BIDEGAIN, PETE 1918 - 2007 NAVY
CHAP, ROBERT A. 1926 - 2021 ARMY
COLLIE, STONE 1892 - 1982 ARMY
CROSS, CAROLYN SUE 1953 - 1977 ARMY
DELINGER, ALBERT S. 1916 - 1991 ARMY
DOUGLAS, RALPH A. 1916 - 1966 ARMY
DU PONT, PABLO RAMON 1962 - 1987 AIR FORCE
EDDY, EARL C. JR. 1927 - 1977 ARMY
ENZENSBERG, ORION J. 1879 - 1984 ARMY
FELDMANN, RUSSELL S. 1938 - 1963 ARMY
FELDMANN, WILLIAM GRANT 1932 - 1974 "Vet of Foreign War"
FRAZIER, SAMUEL I. 1919 - 1991 NAVY
GRAVES, LEROY, SMITH 1891 - 1977 ARMY
HARPER, BERNARD LEE 1929 - 2003 ARMY
HEINITZ, EDGAR WAYNE 1925 - 1982 NAVY

Veterans Buried at the Duquesne Cemetery
IGNACIO "NACHO" ARIAS, 1949 - 2016 ARMY
LUIS GRANILLO, 1945 - 2017 ARMY

Veteran Buried at the Fruitland Cemetery
ELLEFSON, WINSOR EDMUND 1912 - 1984 ARMY

Veteran Buried at Black Oak Cemetery
HOUSTON, NATHANIEL L. 1896 - 1948 "LT. COL. 766th M.P. BN WW I"
KURC, DANIE A. 1936 - 1998 NAVY
KURC, MITCHELL R. 1934 - 1982 NAVY
LIEURANCE, WILLIAM F. 1914 - 1960 AIR FORCE
Lowe, James WILEY 1916 - 1992 ARMY
McDaniel, Robert ELMER 1891 - 1968 ARMY
McGregor, Rob R. 1872 - 1942 ARMY
Mckay, ROY W. 1920 - 1992 ARMY
MORRISON, CHARLESE. 1909 - 1963 NAVY RESERVE
MOSS, AUSTIN 1923 - 2015 NAVY
MOSS, RICHARD S. 1949 - 2013 ARMY
PIPER, WILLIAM THOMAS 1927 - 2017 ARMY
Pyeat, Joseph B. 1916 - 1985 ARMY
Roest, Guy 1908 - 2010 NAVY
Schock, Raymond D 1908 - 1996 ARMY AIR CORP
Schock, Leslie Franklin 1919 - 1979 ARMY AIR CORP
Schock, Raymond L. 1952 - 2006 ARMY
Wood, Warren H. 1921 - 1943 AIR FORCE
Young, Sig R. 1913 - 1982 AIR FORCE

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<td><strong>May 5:</strong> Lochiel Schoolhouse Work Day: 10-2p.m. Volunteer event. Bring hat, water, lunch. Call 520-343-5641 for more info.</td>
<td><strong>SCFPA Presents:</strong> 3p.m. Award winning pianist Walter Aparicio. $25 Prepay/$30 at door</td>
<td><strong>AA: Alcoholics Anonymous</strong></td>
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<td><strong>May 6:</strong> Elgin Community Showcase: - at Elgin School. All welcome to the “Thank You” celebration event. Food, drinks, prizes and games. 4-6p.m.</td>
<td><strong>Sonota Produce on Wheels:</strong> May 7a.m. - 10a.m. Jun. &amp; Jul. 6-9a.m. Every 3rd Sat. of the month at the Vine Church in Sonota Call/text Gardenia for more info-602-292-1616</td>
<td><strong>St. Therese of Lisieux Catholic Church:</strong> Patagonia 222 Third Ave., T, Th, Fri 9 a.m. (Oct – March, 8 a.m. April - Sept.), Sat 5:30p.m., Sun 10:30a.m.</td>
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<td><strong>May 7:</strong> Empire Ranch Foundation: Volunteer Day <a href="http://www.empirerenchfoundation.org">www.empirerenchfoundation.org</a></td>
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<td><strong>Overeaters Anonymous:</strong> To find a meeting go to waoasouthernaz.org. Contact Adrienne H. for more info 520-404-3490</td>
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<td><strong>May 7:</strong> Derby Hat Contest: 12:30p.m. at the Sonota Fairgrounds. Registration by 12:15 at the Ramada. Prizes will be awarded.</td>
<td><strong>Patagonia Farmer's Market:</strong> Saturdays 9a.m. - 12p.m. Located at post office parking lot, NW corner Hwy 82 &amp; 83</td>
<td><strong>Patagonia Town Council:</strong> Nov. 17 6p.m. in Town Council Room. Public invited. CDC Guidelines will be followed.</td>
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