Tin Shed Visionary Honored

Roger and Jan Johnson at the unveiling of the plaque honoring Roger’s vision, hard work and dedication to the Tin Shed Theater.

By Marion Vendituoli

Supporters and friends of Roger Johnson gathered at the Tin Shed Theater on Sept. 13 for the unveiling of a plaque honoring the longtime theater volunteer, director, set builder, actor, and visionary. Patagonia Creative Arts Assn. (PCAA) Director Cassina Farley and Board President Martha Kelly pulled back the small curtains, made from material saved from the original theater curtains, to reveal the plaque on the door to the theater, which reads, “In honor of Roger Johnson and his dream that became the Tin Shed Theater.” Johnson, who, as a consultant and board member at the PCAA, was active in the development of the theater program and the creation of the Tin Shed Theater, spoke to the audience, recounting stories of building sets and working on plays. “It’s a phenomenal place,” he said.

The theater was built in an old garage behind the Arts Center. His vision was that the space would be a black box theater, a performance space with black walls and a simple and flexible design. In a 2019 article in the PRT, Johnson recounted the renovation efforts:

“Roger set the precedent that admission would always be affordable,” Farley said at the dedication. “The Tin Shed has always maintained Roger’s vision of affordable theater for everyone. So many doors have been opened because of the theater, including after-school programs, club theater and the creation of the movie house.”

Saul Lieberman, who volunteered at the theater with Johnson, also spoke at the event, saying, “It brought a lot of unlikely people together. It was a community building experience.”

“There have been a lot of great plays here,” Farley said. “I’m looking forward to a pandemic-free future so that we can get back to what the Tin Shed Theater does best – entertaining our community.”

Photos by Marion Vendituoli

Photos courtesy of PUHS Yearbook staff

Homecoming Royalty

2022 PUHS Homecoming Royalty

See Royalty, p.9

Homecoming Queen and King, Becca Ford and Liam Young

Homecoming Princess and Prince, Olivia Blystone and Nick Dekhtyar
**THE RAVEN AND THE PRT**

By Patra Kelly

The raven that inspired the logo for the Patagonia Regional Times died on August 2, 2022, after living for 17 years. (Ravens commonly live between 10 and 15 years.) Judith Hinton Andrew, widow of Walter Andrew, the founder of the PRT, grieved the loss of this raven. “I thought the raven was my friend. I’ve never had a relationship before with a bird like that - a wild bird,” she said. “I heard it ‘talking’ to me, and many other people also stopped to listen to it.” She created a special burial site in the exact spot of her back yard where the raven used to drop whole hamburger buns that it took from the hotel’s garbage dumpster. It was this same raven that brought Walter Andrew and Donna Reibslager together to discuss his idea of publishing a local newspaper, the PRT. They were next door neighbors, watching the raven every day as it perched on the same power pole on Smelter Ave. behind the Stage Stop Inn.

Walter asked Donna, an artist, to draw a picture of the raven, which appeared on the first page of the PRT from its beginning in 2009. He also asked her to become the paper’s first editor. She took on this job, as well as design, layout and illustration.

Judith described what led Walter to publish a newspaper. As a lawyer in Westport, CT, he was the first in his legal group to purchase a computer and write his own reports about cases instead of dictating to a secretary. He discovered that he enjoyed the process of writing.

When he retired to Patagonia in 2003, he walked around town daily, meeting and talking to its residents, finding people and topics to write about. “But,” she emphasized, “his primary motivation and purpose of establishing a newspaper was to find a means to bring together the Anglo and Latino people in the town. He hoped it would help bridge the gap between cultures.”

In 2014 Walter wrote a letter of gratitude, dedicated to Judith, his family, and the community of Patagonia and its outlying areas. He wrote: “I love the social mix, the variety of personalities, cultures and cultural stews that is Patagonia. As a town we are unpretentious, we care about everyone, we have multitudinous deficiencies which we enjoy living with, we have our political and economic differences, but this town has character, something that is being homogenized in the greater world. In short, I love this town. I’ll miss seeing it grow (slowly) into an even more reflective, compassionate, peaceful, appreciative, and culturally diverse locale where ‘we’ continue to value and respect ourselves, respect fellow townspeople (and their ideas) and take responsibility for our own actions.”

The raven on the front page of the PRT can be seen not only as an image, but as a symbol of connection. For Judith, it is a personal connection with a unique bird. It could represent Walter’s dream of connecting people with different cultures and views. The raven could also be a symbol of the connection between two people, Walter and Donna, in the formation of a newspaper, a creative process that continues in the present PRT.

---

**Nominate Your Neighbor**

The first annual PRT Good Neighbor Award will recognize the efforts of residents who are making exceptional contributions to our communities.

Do you have a good neighbor? Are there any unsung heroes in your community? Perhaps somebody has gone above and beyond the normal call of duty during these challenging times. Whether he or she has provided care and support for others, is always on hand when needed, performs acts of kindness, is an active volunteer in the community or has simply been a friendly face around your neighborhood, you can nominate them for the PRT Good Neighbor Award.

The winning stories will be shared in the January issue of the PRT and online.

**Nomination Criteria**

1. There are two categories for nominees:
   - Adults
   - Youth - Up to 18 years old

2. Nominee must reside in Canelo, Elgin, Patagonia or Sonora.

3. Nominee must not have received financial compensation for their good deed(s).

4. Nominations are open from Oct. 1 – Nov. 30

If you know someone deserving of this recognition, please nominate them by providing the following information:

- **Your Name:**
- **Your Contact Information:**
- **Your Good Neighbor’s Name:**
- **Is Your Good Neighbor a Youth or Adult?:**
- **Your Good Neighbor’s Contact Information:**
- **Why is this person a good neighbor?** Please share a short story about what this person means to the community and what they have done to make our community a better place. The more details you share, the better. (limit 100 words)

You can mail this to PRT, PO Box 1073, Patagonia AZ 85624, or email to prteditor@gmail.com.

---

**Board of Directors:**

Kathryn Schrag..................President
Mollie Wright.....................Secretary
Jamie Smith.......................Treasurer
Sue Archibald.................Tom Beal
Lynn Davison...........Cassina Farley
Jae Heiss......................Alissa Huerta
Kay Pitt.........................Emmett Rahn-Oakes

**Contributing Writers:**

Bob Brandt.....................Alison Bunting
Francesca Claverie........Kat Crockett
Lynn Davison.................Jo Dean
Cassina Farley..............Dottie Farrar
Robert Gay....................Patra Kelly
Sarah Klingensten.........Keith Krizan
Martin Levowitz........Pat McNamara
Mary McKay..................Harold Meckler
Vince Pinto....................Cami Schlappy

**Managing Editor:**

Marion Vendituoli
prteditor@gmail.com

**Assistant Editor:**

Nisa Stover Talavera
prtasted@gmail.com

**Ad Manager:**

Patrick O’Neal
prtads@gmail.com

**Bookkeeper:**

Cynie Murray

**Administrative Assistant:**

Jay Babcock

**Patagonia Regional Times**

PO Box 1073, Patagonia, AZ 85624
(740) 206-9594

---

**MISSION STATEMENT**

To be a reliable and engaging source of news for the communities of Eastern Santa Cruz County - open to all views, focused on local issues, written and edited by local people, and providing a platform for community education and involvement.

**WHO WE ARE**

We are a nonprofit organization, funded by paid advertising, donations and grants. PRT is a free monthly publication distributed to news stands and local merchants in The Mountain Empire.

---

**Receive Breaking Local News Sent Straight to Your Inbox**

Sign up for the PRT E-Newsletter!

patagoniaregionaltimes.org/connect-with-the-prt
After months of planning and restoration by the Town of Patagonia and the Sky Islands Tourist Assn. (SITA), the Southern Pacific caboose on the east side of Doc Mock Park will open for business as the Sky Islands Welcome Center in early October. Plans are still coming together, and funds still being raised, for an outdoor covered “train stop” that will complete the project.

Visitors to the area will be able to pick up brochures and receive recommendations from volunteers who will staff the Center. Once the train stop is built, they can sit in its shade as they plan their visit to the area.

The train stop will mimic the structures traditionally found at smaller stops along rail lines. In the historic town of Crittenden, north of Patagonia, a similar shelter protected waiting riders from the elements as early as the 1880s.

Seating at the stop will include ‘Walter’s Bench,’ which sat for years in front of the former Center on the corner of Third and McKeown Avenues. The bench was painted and donated in honor of Walter Andrew, late husband of Patagonian Judith Andrew, and the founder of the PRT.

The 1940 caboose was donated by Peter Robbins, an area resident who reached out to Mayor Andy Wood to see if the Town had a use for it. When it was determined that it would make a good visitor’s center, it was moved from Casa Grande to its location through funding by South32.

The exterior has been painted the original colors. In addition to getting electricity and water to the caboose, the Town installed the concrete pad and walkways and is retrofitting steps to aid access.

Volunteer Tom Shore has spent many hours restoring the interior, which originally featured a work desk, two upholstered seats, a heating/coal stove, a lavatory and a cot where the two crew members slept.

The caboose and train stop will be owned by the Town of Patagonia and managed and staffed by SITA. Town Manager Ron Robinson and his crew took on the project enthusiastically, reported SITA President Linda Shore.

“There is nothing more to be done. It’s cool to see how it has evolved in the last months,” she said. “They were very creative in finding thrifty solutions to challenges along the way.”

Southern Pacific train cars of this vintage ran through Patagonia on the Nogales branch of the New Mexico & Arizona Railroad. The branch started in Fairbank, now a ghost town on the San Pedro River along SR82. From there, lines connected through Tombstone to Bisbee, and to Benson, Tucson and beyond.

These routes were very active, shipping ore, cattle, and transporting soldiers, but the lines were abandoned by the middle of the 20th century. After 1929, Patagonia was the end of the line from Fairbank. The last train passed through Patagonia in the early 1960s.

On Nov. 12, the community will be invited to a dedication of the improvements that have been made to Doc Mock Park. There is a lot to celebrate. Besides the Welcome Center, an Arizona Trail informational kiosk is being created and will be installed between the Gazebo and the Caboose by the AZ Trail Assn. In addition, the community will dedicate the Doc Mock Park Community Forest, in which over 76 native trees, donated by residents, were planted by Borderlands Earth Care Youth and Patagonia Youth Enrichment Center kids.

All that will remain is the building of the train stop. Anyone wishing to donate funds for that project, or volunteer at the Center, is encouraged to contact Linda Shore or JoAnn Wales at visitskyislands@gmail.com.
Candidates for Local and LD 19 Offices

The only contested race in Santa Cruz County local elections is the Superior Court Judge (Div 1) race between Jose Luis Castillo and Thomas Fink.

Running unopposed are Juan Pablo Guzman, SCC Clerk of the Superior Court, Emilio Velasquez, Justice of the Peace, and Constable Eduardo Huerta.

There are no Patagonia School Board or Sonoita Elgin Fire District Board elections this year.

Running for two available seats for State Representative – District 19, which now includes Sonora, Elgin and Patagonia, as well as most of Cochise County, a portion of Pima County, and Graham and Greenlee Counties, are Sandra Clark (Dem), from Green Valley, Lupe Diaz (Rep), from Benson, and Gail Griffin (Rep), who resides in Hereford.

Running unopposed for AZ State Senator, LD-19, is David Gowan (Rep), from Sierra Vista.

Important Election Info

Tuesday, November 8, 2022 - General Election
Tuesday, October 11, 2022 - Last day to Register to Vote
Wednesday, October 12, 2022 - First day of Early Voting
Friday, October 28, 2022 - Last day to request an Early Ballot by Mail
Friday, November 4, 2022 - Last day of Early Voting

Local Voting Centers:
Patagonia...Cady Hall, 346 Duquesne Ave.
Sonora..........Sonora Fairgrounds, 3142 S. Hwy 83
Elgin..............Elgin Community Club, 475 Elgin Rd.

There are ten propositions on the Nov. 8 ballot. For more information about the propositions, visit patagoniaregionaltimes.org/2022-ballot-propositions/

SCC Superior Court Judge Candidates

Two candidates are running on Nov. 8 for Santa Cruz County Superior Court Judge, Jose Luis Castillo (Dem) and incumbent Thomas Fink (Ind). The candidates responded to a request by the PRT for information by email. Some of the information has been edited for space and clarity.

José Luis Castillo

To what extent have you practiced in the area of criminal law? Family law? Complex civil legislation?
I have almost exclusively practiced criminal law but have some experience in immigration law, civil litigation, environmental and family law. My 21-year judicial career often called for interpreting just what the Legislature meant in complex laws.

Do you possess any expertise in a field other than law?
I have held an FCC broadcasting license. I am fluent in Spanish, have some knowledge of Portuguese and have been learning my maternal grandparents’ language (Hiaki). I write children’s stories, poetry and cuentos (short stories).

Please describe your administrative experience.
What are your primary strengths as a supervisor? As an administrator?
I learned to lead in the United States Marine Corps. I learned to lead civilians as a presiding judge for the largest Justice Court system in Arizona. I streamlined and modernized several of our processes and led our court to institute innovations such as expansion of our web services and preservation of our history.

Who are your judicial role models?
Senior Federal District Court Judge Frank Zapata - He has been a role model to several Latino lawyers including myself. Superior Court Judge Harry Gin - By observing him, I gained a unique perspective on our court that does this, and we are expanding the ability to hire counsel. We have a successful program in our court that does this, and we are expanding the program due to its success.

What is your vision for the future of our judicial system? What changes would you advocate and why?
More help needs to be provided to those persons who cannot afford to hire an attorney to ensure that their interests are not compromised by their inability to hire counsel. We have a successful program in our court that does this, and we are expanding the program due to its success.

Why should voters support you rather than your opponent?
I do not know much about my opponent, but I rely on my record as a judge for the last eight years, where I have done my best to be fair, impartial and respectful of those who have appeared before me.

Name: José Luis Castillo
Residence: Nogales, AZ
Education/licenses/certifications/military: BA, JD - University of Arizona, US Marine Corps, AZ Army National Guard
Recent employment: I work in a counseling agency in quality management.
Community organizations/activities: I am not currently involved save for some pro bono services. Formerly: Wendell Editorial Advisory Board; the Judicial College Board; Co-Chair Limited Jurisdiction, AZ Judicial Conference; Supreme Court of AZ Advisory Committee on Alternate Dispute Resolution; Judicial Ethics Advisory Committee; AZ Supreme Court Publications Committee; Liaison to Teen Court/Teen Court Advisory Board; Global courtroom judge; Courttour for youth. Tucson Citizen Bond Committee; Pima County Air Quality Hearing Board; Fairgrounds Neighborhood; Tucson Rape Crisis Center; El Proyecto; So South Tucson Lion’s Club; Sonora Environmental Research Institute; YMCA Triangle Y Camp; Southern AZ People’s Law Center (Housing Advocacy); Planned Parenthood.
Previous public office/service: Justice of the Peace in Pima County.

Thomas Fink

To what extent have you practiced in the area of criminal law? Family law? Complex civil legislation?

Do you possess any expertise in a field other than law?
Weed eating.

Please describe your administrative experience.
What are your primary strengths as a supervisor? As an administrator?
As Presiding Judge, I have administrative supervision authority over all Santa Cruz County Courts, a delegation from the Chief Justice of the Arizona Supreme Court.

Who are your judicial role models?
Former Supreme Court Justice John Paul Stevens. Justice Steven was fair, impartial, non-ideological and a faithful servant of the Constitution of the United States Constitution.

What is your vision for the future of our judicial system? What changes would you advocate and why?
To what extent have you practiced in the area of criminal law? Family law? Complex civil legislation?

Why should voters support you rather than your opponent?
I do not know much about my opponent, but I rely on my record as a judge for the last eight years, where I have done my best to be fair, impartial and respectful of those who have appeared before me.

Name: Thomas Fink
Residence: Dry Canyon Road, Patagonia (between Patagonia and Sonora)
Education/licenses/certifications/military: Law Degree and legal certification
Recent employment: Presiding Judge, Santa Cruz County, June 2014-present

Community organizations/activities: None.
Judges are limited by law with respect to participation in outside activities.

**LD-19 State Representative Candidates**

Three candidates are running on Nov. 8 for the two available seats for State Representative for District 19, Sanda Clark (Dem), Lupe Diaz (Rep) and Gail Griffin (Rep). The candidates responded to a request by the PRT for information by email. Some of the information has been edited for space and clarity.

### Sanda Clark

**Why are you running for LD19 State Legislature?**

I came to the U.S. as a young musician to escape communism in my native Romania. My decades-long career was a heady experience, but my greatest thrill was becoming a citizen of my adopted country. I am doing one of the most American things possible: running for public office as a clean election candidate and as a government outsider. I am running as a grateful American to give a voice to rural AZ from the people’s corner, not the big business who own the current representatives.

**What are your top three priorities for the state of Arizona?**

1. Voting Rights: Conspiracy theories regarding our 2020 election have been proven unfounded, and yet, those conspiracy theories have been used - successfully - by Arizona Republicans to make voting harder. These new voting restrictions are straight out the Communist Playbook. We can maintain election integrity and make voting easy and convenient.
3. Education: Arizona is losing industry and jobs because we refuse to fully fund our public schools and we cannot provide a sufficiently educated workforce.

**Community organizations/activities:**

- Compassion and Choices
- Terrier Rescue
- Have volunteered for Girls State, AZ/NM Coalition of Counties, National Federation of Independent Business, Arizona Senate (5 years)
- Az. Assoc. of Realtors (also Local and National Assn.);
- Republican State Committee member and Precinct Committee member;
- Girls State, AZ/NM Coalition of Counties, National Federation of Independent Business
- Previous public office/service: Arizona Senate (8 years)

### Lupe Diaz

**Why are you running for LD19 State Legislature?**

To help the people of my district with good sensible laws. To identify and not allow and remove any law that is unconstitutional. To be the common sense voice of conservatism at the House. To serve the people for the constitutional good.

**What are your top three priorities for the state of Arizona?**

1. Fiscal responsibility at the state level; Pay down debt (we did this and want to keep it that way); Prepare for a possible recession (we did not do enough in my opinion); Support rural life and the economy in the districts.
2. What do you think are the top two challenges facing the district in the next five years?
   - Flow of illegal activity from the border. How the view of drought is going to affect agriculture, natural resources and housing. Economy and inflation recovery; Work force development and the shortage of workers. We need to help economic development by supporting our community colleges develop the workforce.
3. What do you think are the top three issues facing the constituents in Eastern Santa Cruz County (Patagonia, Sonoita, Elgin & Canelo), and what will you do to respond to them?
   - Illegal activity flowing from an open border.
   - Filling the gaps of the wall. We need to see virtual technology applied at the border.
   - Economic growth with cattle and wine industry. Offering grants and forgivable loans for water conservation for farmers and ranchers.

**Community organizations/activities:**

- Benson Terrier Rescue, and have volunteered for Compassion and Choices
- Statesman Academy
- Az. Assoc. of Realtors (also Local and National Assn.);
- Republican State Committee member and Precinct Committee member;
- Girls State, AZ/NM Coalition of Counties, National Federation of Independent Business
- Previous public office/service: Benson City Council member, four years

### Gail Griffin

**Why are you running for LD19 State Authority?**

Rural Arizona needs a strong voice at the capital to represent the people. I have the experience and leadership skills to be that voice.

**What are the top three priorities for the state of Arizona?**

1. A strong economy and jobs.
2. Inflation/High prices
3. Crime - Safe Communities - Border Security/Anti Drug and Human Smuggling

**What do you think are the top two challenges facing the district in the next five years?**

Strong local economies and protection of private property rights and water rights. Safe communities/border security.

**What do you think are the top three issues facing the constituents in Eastern Santa Cruz County (Patagonia, Sonoita, Elgin & Canelo), and what will you do to respond to them?**

1. Protecting rural lifestyles, local economies and customs.
2. Inflation and high costs for food and energy.
3. Border security/drug and human smuggling. The fentanyl coming through our borders are killing our children. We all want safe communities for our friends and families. I believe in less government, lower taxes, personal responsibility and the free enterprise system. I am pro-family, pro-business and I support our Constitutional Rights.

**Community organizations/activities:**

- Benson Terrier Rescue, and have volunteered for Compassion and Choices
- Statesman Academy
- Az. Assoc. of Realtors (also Local and National Assn.);
- Republican State Committee member and Precinct Committee member;
- Girls State, AZ/NM Coalition of Counties, National Federation of Independent Business
- Previous public office/service: Benson City Council member, four years

---

**Name:** Sanda Clark  
**Residence:** Green Valley  
**Education/licenses/certifications/military:** Master’s Degree, University of TX at Austin  
**Recent employment:** Retired  
**Community organizations/activities:** I help with Terrier Rescue, and have volunteered for Compassion and Choices  

---

**Name:** Lupe U. Diaz  
**Residence:** Benson  
**Education/licenses/certifications/military:** Bachelors in Theology; Ordained Minister; Private School administrators Training; Legislators Training Statesman Academy  
**Recent employment:** Pastor Grace Chapel Benson  
**Community organizations/activities:** President of Benson San Pedro Valley Chamber of Commerce; President of Benson Ministerial Association; Benson Transportation Committee; Faculty member at Cochise College Humanities department  
**Previous public office/service:** Benson City Council member, four years  

---

**Name:** Gail Griffin  
**Residence:** Hereford  
**Education/licenses/certifications/military:** Real Estate license  
**Recent employment:** Real Estate Broker (over 40 years) Current - State Representative. I Chair the House "Natural Resource, Energy and Water Committee."  
**Community organizations/activities:** Az. Assoc. of Realtors (also Local and National Assn.);
- Republican State Committee member and Precinct Committee member;
- Girls State, AZ/NM Coalition of Counties, National Federation of Independent Business  
**Previous public office/service:** Arizona Senate (8 years)
Paul Anthony Mihalik, Jr. passed away on August 28, 2022. He was 60 years old.

Paul (Pablo) is survived by his parents Paul and Lucy Mihalik of Patagonia, Arizona. He is also survived by his siblings: Denise Heiss (Jac) of Patagonia, Cliff Mihalik (Karen) of Springdale, WA, John Mihalik (Cathy) of Healdsburg, CA, Ann McGuire (Michael) of Patagonia, Cathy Sotomayor (Fernando) of Nogales, and Steve Mihalik (Polina) of Asheville, NC. He leaves behind seven nieces and nephews and seven great-nieces and nephews.

Paul was born on January 14, 1961 in Amarillo, Texas. He attended school in Tucson, Az and graduated from Patagonia Union High School in 1980. He took welding classes at PUHS and became a professional welder by trade. He worked and traveled to several states, including Hawaii, Washington, Alabama, Florida and Nevada. In between these destinations, he always returned to Patagonia and then remained here for many years.

Paul enjoyed family gatherings and his wit and sense of humor brightened many of our parties. He loved music, movies, and a good joke and was happy sharing these with others. Paul's strong and constant faith brought him comfort throughout his life.

A private family memorial and graveside service will be held.

The family wishes to thank our wonderful community and friends for the outpouring of love and support during this difficult and sad time.

Glen "Gooch" Goodwin, beloved Bisbee-Patagonia resident and lifelong Arizonan, passed away on July 19, 2022 at the age of 64.

Gooch was born in Patagonia and spent the first four decades of his life working on ranches throughout the southwest. Endowed with a creative spirit, he learned silversmithing in his early years and launched Gooch Goodwin Silver in 1975, where he made jewelry and other adornments for his clients.

In 2000, Gooch left the ranching life behind and took a job as a seasonal fire lookout on Red Mountain in Patagonia, Arizona. He worked as a lookout for six seasons and was so inspired by the mountains - the landscapes, wildlife, canyons, watering holes - that he picked up photography professionally in 2004. Photography was a life-long interest of his, which he continued to practice up until his death.

Gooch had a passion for the environment: for owls, mountain lions, and coyotes, canyons and oak trees, ravens and wild things. He never left home without his binoculars and was often asked to accompany journalists, students, and gap-year groups to the Patagonia Mountains and San Rafael Valley to talk about his experiences as a rancher and environmental activist.

He could be found volunteering for nonprofits in his later years: pulling invasive species, checking wildlife cameras, monitoring springs, and co-founding Patagonia Area Re-

source Alliance, a nonprofit fighting to protect the water and wildlife of the Patagonia Mountains from industrial mining.

Gooch was also known for his golden heart, his generosity, and his listening spirit. Those who knew him know intimately the deep love he had for others and the compassion he had for their lives. He loved to read and enjoyed trying new things. His many experiences in life included working as a board member, a coffee roaster, a community watchdog, and a wildlands firefighter.

A memorial service to celebrate Gooch's life was held Sept. 11 in Patagonia, Arizona at the Town park.

Please consider making a donation in his memory to either Borderlands Restoration Network or Sea Shepherd Conservation Society - two nonprofits. Gooch cared very deeply about - or to the Anxiety & Depression Association.
SUSAN ELLEN RAYMALEY CRABBE
NOVEMBER 26, 1946- JULY 19, 2022

Susan Ellen Raymaley Crabbe (Suellen) passed away July 19, 2022 in Tucson Arizona. She was 75 years young, and the oldest of five children born to Virginia Newhall Heald and Edwin Rudolph Raymaley Jr. She enjoyed much of her childhood in Plattsburgh, New York riding ponies, playing with her father’s dogs and going to school. She graduated from Plattsburgh High school where she was captain of the cheerleading squad and attended Bucknell University majoring in English Studies.

In 1965 she married Kenneth Linn. They enjoyed some travel adventures abroad and settled down in New York City. Their son Clay was born in 1968 and four years later, Suellen rightfully earned the title of “Hockey Mom.”

In 1983 Suellen married her high school sweetheart Cullen “Cuffy” Crabbe and relocated to Scottsdale AZ., where she worked as a legal secretary, rode her two dressage horses, played with her dogs, and rode with Cuffy on the back of his motorcycle and in the passenger seat of their dune buggy. It was the dune buggy that took them to the Santa Rita mountains where she fell in love with all things Patagonia. She started a collection of watercolor paintings of Patagonia and dreamed of retiring there. Her dream was realized in 2017 when, after 39 years, they sold the Scottsdale home and moved to Patagonia.

Suellen was an avid visitor at the Fountain Hills dog park. She was famous for remembering all the humans’ names as well as their dogs. She loved hummingbirds, peach faced lovebirds, her cocker spaniels and German short-haired pointers. Suellen was a voracious reader of all types of books and used her library card often. She was an amazing cook and baker. She never passed up a good crisp apple, aged cheddar cheese, a good cup of hot coffee or a spirited conversation. She could often be found gardening, weeding, or tending to her Thai chili pepper plants sporting one of her several pair of well-worn cowboy boots.

Suellen was very much a “townie” who loved nature, her dogs, a new Louise Penny book, pottery made by friends, and was an old soul who touched everyone around her in a most positive and interesting way. She will be missed.

Suellen is survived by her son Clay Weston Linn; her ex-husband Kenneth Linn (Hadassah); brother Michael Raymaley (Susan); sisters Jeannine Raymaley Keegan (William), and Bonnie Raymaley Kassen; sister-in-law Susan Crabbe Fletcher; step-children Sande Pullen (Tony), Lindsay Sims (Dustin) and Cullen Crabbe (Rita); grandchildren Alec Weston Linn, Jacob, Elizabeth, Emily and Jesse Pullen, Kate and Ella Sims, and Chaelie and Roxanne Crabbe, and great grandson, Cali Jo Crabbe, and two dogs. She was preceded in death by her parents, her sister Kimmie, who passed away in December 2021.

There is no funeral planned but those who knew and loved Suellen are encouraged to donate to Hoof and Paw Rescue in the memory, favorite photo and/or use to build our careers and gave us opportunities we wouldn’t have had otherwise.”

Tom was married three times: first to Kay, then to Sara and last to Marilyn. After he retired, he left his home and moved to Iowa to help his son, Sean. In Tom’s final years, his legs bothered him, but he enjoyed spending time with Sara watching golf and classic Westerns. Tom also enjoyed scratching lottery tickets with Rachel and eating good meals together.

Jeanne Peterson Insurance
Independent Broker

Jeanne Peterson Insurance
Independent Broker

Therapeutic Massage
DOTTERRA ESSENTIAL OILS
Wellness Advocate #326978
www.mydoterra.com/ReneeBrown
Renee Brown, LMT
P.O. Box 203
Sonoita, AZ 85637
25 PRFIFE LANT, EGON, AZ
520-455-5591
520-237-8669
reneet306@gmail.com
LICENSE NUMBER: MT-051927

JPI Jeanne Peterson Insurance
Independent Broker

Medicare Advantage Plans • Medicare Supplements
Medicare Part D Plans • Medicare Advantage
Medicaid/AHCCCS Plans
Individual Short Term

P.O. Box 1244
Sonora, AZ 85637
(520) 455-5464
Cell: (520) 237-3284
Email: jpiins1@gmail.com

Red Mountain cottage
Located one mile from Patagonia
Fully equipped kitchen Pet Friendly
redmtncottage.com  520.394.2514
Preparing for Fair Success

By Marion Vendituoli

The key to success at the County Fair is hard work and involvement, on the part of the leaders, parents, and the 4-H and FFA members who are showing their projects. The Prentice family is a case in point. Dusti Prentice, a practicing veterinarian, homeschooling mother of Rori and Everett, and Mustang 4-H Club leader, has worked to improve the level of showmanship that her 4-H members bring to the fair.

Livestock Activity Day is one of the programs that Prentice has developed to help the club members develop their skills. After her children attended a livestock camp that focused on fitting, grooming, feeding, and showing animals, she came up with the idea of developing a similar program for the Mustang 4-H Club. “We needed to bring that level of instruction back to club members so they would be better prepared for fair,” she said.

The 72 members of the Mustang 4-H Club meet twice a month, once for a business meeting and the second where members of the community share their knowledge and skills. Topics this year have included photography, first aid, local history, and leatherworking. “I would like to see more community members share their experiences with the kids to help expand their horizons,” she said.

Prentice estimates that she spends 20 hours a week working on the club. “I am in awe of Dusti and her accomplishments,” Cami Schlappy, who serves as a 4-H leader with Prentice, said. “Her incredibly long hours, foresight, and dedication to improving her community through 4-H is inspirational and a model for others to follow. The entire community benefits from her efforts.”

Prentice has passed on her work ethic to her two children. 13-year-old Rori was involved in five 4-H projects in this year’s fair - dog agility, cooking, crafts, market goat and pig. She took home six championship buckles. She won grand champion in the dog competition with her labradoodle, Wiggles, who put in 20 hours a week working on the club. “The best thing about the fair is I got to spend a lot of time with my friends,” she said. When he is not working on his 4-H projects, Everett likes hunting, outdoor crafts, collects knives and axes, and is involved with Boy Scouts. He describes Everett as a survivalist and a prepper.

“Everett is unsure whether he will continue in 4-H. “Maybe I will, maybe I won’t,” he said on the last day of the fair. Dusti is also taking a step back. She will not be the Club leader next year but will continue as leader of the veterinary science project and the goat project. The family is already preparing for next year’s fair. They hope to be showing a new crop of goats a year from now.”

Outside of 4-H, Rori likes to crochet clothing for her cat, take care of the 11 species of animals the family owns, and is working on a western science fiction novel set during the time of homesteading.

11-year-old Everett, who has been in 4-H for two years, also had a successful fair. He went home with grand championships for his breeding sow, Daisy, and in cooking, horticulture, metal work, pottery and for his bug collection, as well as finishing fourth overall in market pig.

“Prentice has worked with the kids to help expand their horizons,” Cami Schlappy, who serves as a 4-H leader with Prentice, said. “Her dedication to improving her community through 4-H is inspirational and a model for others to follow. The entire community benefits from her efforts.”

Local, Organic & Natural Grocery

Open 7 days a week - 10 am to 5 pm

ENTER DRAWING FOR $41 COUPON

• Case price discounts!
• Bulk beans, grains & flour
• Gelato, imported cheese, CBD
• Local grass-fed beef & produce
• Local coffee, honey & crafts
• Vegan & gluten-free foods
• Case price discounts!

CASA of Santa Cruz County
2160 N. Congress Dr., Nogales, AZ
(520) 375-8159 or mfasl@courts.az.gov

Click for details

CASA of Santa Cruz County
Santa Cruz County Fair
4-H/FFA Junior Livestock Show Champions

Grand Champion Turkey
Grand Champion Chicken
Grand Champion Dog Agility
Grand Champion Bred ’N Fed Market Goat
Grand Champion Bred ’N Fed Market Steer
Grand Champion Bred ’N Fed Lamb
Grand Champion Bred ’N Fed Swine
Grand Champion Breeding Doe
Grand Champion Breeding Sow
Grand Champion Market Goat
Grand Champion Market Steer
Grand Champion Breeding Ewe
Grand Champion Market Swine
Grand Champion Market Lamb
Grand Champion Breeding Wether
Grand Champion Market Steer
Grand Champion Heifer
Grand Champion Market Rabbit
Grand Champion Jr. Beef Showmanship
Grand Champion Jr. Beef Showmanship
Grand Champion Jr. Sheep Showmanship
Grand Champion Jr. Swine Showmanship
Grand Champion Jr. Swine Showmanship
Grand Champion Jr. Goat Showmanship
Grand Champion Jr. Goat Showmanship
Grand Champion Jr. Chicken Showmanship
Grand Champion Jr. Chicken Showmanship
Grand Champion Jr. Rabbit Showmanship
Grand Champion Jr. Rabbit Showmanship
Grand Champion Jr. Turkey Showmanship
Grand Champion Jr. Turkey Showmanship
Grand Champion Sr. Dairy Showmanship
Grand Champion Sr. Dairy Showmanship
Grand Champion Non-Market Sr. Round Robin
Grand Champion Non-Market Jr. Round Robin
Grand Champion Market Sr. Round Robin
Grand Champion Market Jr. Round Robin

Jenna Gamble
Stephanie Paz
Rori Prentice
Stephanie Paz
Addison Tomlinson
Alexander Ohlde
Rori Prentice
Rori Prentice
Laura Keith
Everett Prentice
Cash Keith
Talan Pacheco
Ellissa Bird
Cash Allen
Ivy Allen
Ian Corona
Addie Tomlinson
Cash Allen
Samantha Dickey
Ellissa Bird
Hannah Munoz
Rori Prentice
Calvin King
Sandy Fajardo
Jair Corona
McKenna Cass
Calvin King
Ellissa Bird
Cash Keith
Laura Keith
Cash Keith
(Tie) Ellissa Bird,
Laura Keith
Addison Tomlinson
Rori Prentice

Stand up for a child who has been
abused or neglected.
Become a CASA volunteer today.
The 2022 PUHS Royalty Court was announced on September 22, during halftime at the homecoming soccer game. Becca Ford and Liam Young were chosen for Homecoming Queen and King.

The entire school votes for the King and Queen, while each grade votes for their royalty.

In the homecoming game, Patagonia lost 5-1 to North Valley Christian Academy. Other homecoming activities included a parade of floats created by each high school class, a powder puff football game and a bonfire.

For more photos of homecoming festivities, visit patagoniaregional-times.org/homecoming2022
The Queen is dead. Long Live The Queen! Elizabeth has passed away, but now we’ve got, right here in town, a new and lovely, youthful queen known as The Queen of Cups. In Tarot, cups mean plenitude.

Located on Smelter Alley, behind the Gathering Grounds, in a repurposed warehouse, this enterprise has tables and a handsome bar inside, and tables in the entry alcove, too, outdoors, where it is quieter.

Four local folks, all just about 30 years old, decided to create a classy restaurant and bar. They are two couples: Lily Christopher and Emmett Rahn-Oake; and Kayla Lewis and Bo Simpson. All four attended college to pursue degrees in unrelated fields: environmental science, communications, poetry and civil engineering. Not one went off to culinary school and that’s resoundingly okay, considering how things turned out. All four are smart and hard-working and love delicious food.

The menu at the QOC is interesting in several ways. The food is varied, excellent, and hip. Daily offerings include appetizers: an omelette-like Spanish tortilla, made with potatoes, eggs, and onions; house salad of greens, walnuts, cilantro, and pomegranate molasses. A bit unusual, and good. The more expensive cucumber salad features two varieties of local cucumber, celery, dried apricots, pistachios, red wine vinegar and red pepper flakes. Again, both fanciful and good.

There is a cheese board and a meat board, and a combo of the two - all interesting and varied in their changing selection of domestic and imported stuff. These “boards” are served with homemade bread the likes of which you’ve never had. The single ten-pound loaf that Emmett bakes each day is probably the most delicious bread I’ve ever eaten. You can ask for an order of bread. There’s lots of wine, including local wines, and even wine they make themselves, both red and white. There’s beer and booze as well, and fancy cocktails, too.

They have a dinner special every night, starting at 6:00. I’ve now had three, all excellent and affordable at $15. The flavors and the spices are sublime. The first night I had something vaguely Thai, featuring slender noodles and nicely spiced pork. The texture of the noodles was as good as any I have ever had. The next time it was chicken served with rice. Quite nicely done. And, recently, there was lamb and yogurt and some vegetables, all served with couscous and authentic Middle Eastern spice. On some nights there’s a special salad and special dessert. I’ve eaten nothing there so far, which wasn’t a delight.

These four young people have never run a restaurant before and they are learning as they go. Their roles overlap and are loosely defined. Kayla’s in charge of “the front of the house” and the bar. Lily is the go-to brain for menu-planning and the food itself, while Emmett, in addition to baking and making the wine, helps out with other chores as needs arise, and so does Bo when he escapes the ranches that he runs.

These folks are quite inspiring. They really do appreciate and talk a lot about this town and its supportiveness, and marvel at the generosity of those who’ve helped them get this project launched, including the patrons who keep coming back. The village is supporting them, and they reciprocate with excellence.

You can visit The Queen of Cups Wednesday through Saturday, 4:00 p.m. until 10:00 or so. Find them on Instagram (@queenofcups_patagonia). Reservations are not accepted. BTW: Don’t park in Smelter Alley - it’s too crowded. There’s lots of parking on McKeown and Third Avenue.

Partners Emmett Rahn-Oake, Lily Christopher, Bo Simpson, and Kayla Lewis have turned a warehouse space into The Queen of Cups, a popular new restaurant in Patagonia.

New Dining Option in Patagonia
By Martin Levowitz

Open for Business

By Martin Levowitz

New Business News

By Martin Levowitz

New Business News

PUHS Homecoming Parade

Photos by Marion Vendituoli

The 2022 PUHS homecoming Parade circled the town park on Sept. 23, complete with Shrek, Mary and her lamb, a dinosaur, three mice and more. Students from Patagonia Elementary School, parents, and friends cheered on their favorite characters, and grabbed up candy thrown from the floats.

www.atozec.com | eric.herman@atozec.com | 602.635.0117

• wildlife and plant surveys
• wildlife camera studies
• biological assessments
• biological monitoring
• free services for local non-profits
• free education programs for kids
• and other flora/fauna requests
Mapping Migrant Deaths

By Robert Gay

The PRT has previously reported (April 2020 and Nov. 2021) on Alvaro Enciso’s decade-long work “Where Dreams Die,” in which he places hand-made wooden crosses at the sites of migrant deaths in Pima, Santa Cruz and Cochise Counties. Aided by a team that sometimes includes Patagonia volunteers, the placements continue almost every Tuesday. Each cross, Enciso says, “is where someone’s dream has died.”

Enciso and his team work from a map created by the Tucson-based non-profit Humane Borders as part of the Arizona OpenGIS Initiative for Deceased Migrants. Using data pertaining to migrants’ deaths compiled by the Pima County Office of the Medical Examiner (OME), Humane Borders places a red dot on the map for each location where a migrant’s remains have been recovered. The data for each red dot includes GPS coordinates, which guide Enciso’s team in siting each cross. The database also includes, when known, the name, sex, age, cause of death, condition of remains, date of reporting, and estimated date of death.

According to Humane Borders, over 3,600 undocumented migrants have died within the Pima County OME jurisdiction since January, 1990. “The information presented is stark and perhaps unsettling. Please use these tools with sensitivity and mindfulness,” Humane Borders states on their website.

Enciso often posts photos of his cross-placing sites on Facebook, but isn’t much of a social-media promoter. He prefers making art and planting crosses to record-keeping. However, in the last couple of years his cross planting expeditions have sometimes included Alyssa Quintanilla, a documentarian and professor at the U.S. Naval Academy who studies narratives and the stories that travel with language, especially as they influence borders and perceptions and behaviors.

Upon arriving at a red-dot site, she makes a 360-degree interactive video, which she later integrates into an interactive story map at vistasdelafrontera.com. “It’s very much a first draft,” she cautioned. She calls her project a “digital memorial.” Enciso welcomes the collaboration.

The map shown here uses a satellite view to plot the 96 currently known red-dot locations within our region. A cross symbol is added to the red dots at the 37 sites which have received a cross.

Migrants choose their routes to avoid detection, so only a few of the red-dot crosses are visible from paved roads. South of Patagonia, one such location is on SR82, on the right shortly past the T4 Ranch. Another is across from the mailboxes at the entrance to Kino Springs’ residences. Two more roadside crosses sit on the east side of North Elgin Road, one across from a windmill about a mile north of Elgin, and the other just south of the entrance to Los Milics Vineyards.

The most startling local red-dot cross viewing site is the 11 crosses on the north side of SR82. As you leave Sonora, the row is on the left beyond Hops and Vines, sitting well beyond the guardrail at Milepost 36. It’s the largest group Enciso has placed, marking the location of a van crash in 2009.

Below the large outlook on SR83, another vehicle crash is memorialized. There, crosses mark four deaths from a 2004 accident.

The list of the more obscure red-dot locations are worth mentioning. The most recently recorded local migrant death was July 8, 2022. It’s along the old railroad right-of-way by Sonoita Creek, and is slated for a cross placement in October.

In early August, 2022, Enciso’s team visited two local sites. The first, for 23-year-old Ramon Mendoza Alcaraz, was very close to the border, a body recovered in 2010. To the north, in the Coronado National Forest near Cox Gulch, the cross-placing spot turned out to be a mesquite thicket. After mentioning the name of the 24-year-old male who’d passed there in 2014, Giovanni Nolasco Rodriguez, Enciso added: “It’s likely we’ll be the only ones seeing this spot.” There was no regret in his tone - he appeared content with that moment.

These two sites from the August trip have an extra layer of meaning - both bodies were reburied to their countries of origin for proper burial by their families. Medical or legal investigation that makes this connection is rare, and roughly a third of the remains recovered are never identified.

CHOP Helps With Home Repairs

News Release

For years real estate has been considered a reliable way to increase personal wealth. But how does a retiree on a fixed-income, someone who is experiencing health issues, or someone who recently experienced a life-changing event maintain their home?

Community Homes of Patagonia (CHOP) supports low to moderate income stakeholders by helping in building and maintaining their long-term assets. The non-profit organization supports safe and affordable homeownership for working class people through its Home Repair Program. Although CHOP has been in existence since 2007, it is not always on people’s radar when needing home repair. Sometimes it takes a friend suggesting reaching out to CHOP for home repair assistance. In fact, this is how CHOP met its latest home repair applicant, Pancho.

Pancho is an 80-year-old great-grandpa, dad, doc, cousin, neighbor, and friend, who has lived in Patagonia for over 65 years. He’s raised his family here, as have his daughters and grandkids. Pancho’s 1970s manufactured home needed plumbing work to get hot water into his home. A retiree on a fixed income and wheelchair bound, the repairs were not feasible for him to undertake.

CHOP coordinated the repair logistics with the help of Todd Norton Plumbing, Rebuilding Together of Santa Cruz County, and the recently acquired Santa Cruz County Nonprofit Grant for Community Financial Capacity, through the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 funding from the U.S. Department of Treasury. Pancho was able to get a new hot water heater, handicapped accessible toilet, all leaks fixed under his trailer and, equally importantly, all pipes securely connected to the town’s main sewer pipe.

The CHOP Home Repair Program’s mission is to help individuals and families who cannot shoulder the cost of their repairs that are crucial to their health and safety. CHOP fills the gap by securing the necessary materials, equipment, and labor. Common repairs include heating and cooling systems, plumbing and sanitation systems, fixing roof leaks, and providing equipment to make homes handicapped accessible. If you or a friend are interested in CHOP’s help, the Home Repair Program Application can be found in the Town Hall, the Patagonia Library, on the Town website (patagonia-az.gov) or on the CHOP website (chopatagonia.org). The simple, two-page form asks for housing and household information, a description of need, and copies of proof of income and of home ownership.

For more information on how you can volunteer or make a financial contribution to support the diverse and vibrant residents of the Town of Patagonia and its vicinity please email info@chopatagonia.org. Right now, and with your help, CHOP can install a heating and cooling system and perform a much-needed roof repair here in town.
**THE WEIGHT OF THE WORLD**

By Cassina Farley

I have always associated depression with darkness. It reminds me of my grandparents’ old Zenith television with the turn dial and the on/off button. The button is pushed and the picture fades to a pinpoint and ultimately to black.

Depression leaves you vulnerable to the weight of the world crushing all rational thoughts and hope. I first was diagnosed with depression in my 20s. I had been struggling with a wide variety of symptoms from crying to total apathy. Life is hard, and we’ve got to watch out for each other. We can’t afford to lose another and we’ve got to watch out for each other. We can’t afford to lose another.

I had been struggling with a wide variety of symptoms from crying to total apathy when a doctor suggested that I may be depressed. I heard “crazy” and decided to take my rage elsewhere.

Naturally, the symptoms only got worse and by the next doctor visit I was a mess. I felt it as a form of darkened. I couldn’t see anything through the shade that had been pulled over my eyes. I was existing with a huge weight on my chest, just dragging it around.

Somehow, I managed to function, keep my job and, miraculously, my marriage but I couldn’t foresee a future and I didn’t know how to be happy. Thankfully suicide never crossed my mind, but I did have the feeling of giving up.

I finally saw a doctor that explained to me that this feeling that I hadn’t communicated without medications. It was a chemical imbalance and with medication I could be happy. Good old serotonin, or in my case, the lack thereof. I took my medication and rallied, and with a little self-help and determination I was able to rise above.

I think of those who were not so lucky. I’m sure many reading this column knew me back then and probably had no idea I struggled with my mental health. At the time I was running a busy restaurant, had recently gotten married, and could suck it up better than anyone I knew.

For me depression is always there. In the quiet and without warning, sometimes the darkness tries to creep back in, and if I’m not prepared, I’ll fall right back down the rabbit hole. It’s been years since I have taken medication for depression. I struggle from time to time to keep it together and can recognize stress versus a mental health crisis.

Depression doesn’t look the same in everyone and it often goes unnoticed, and that’s why I’m telling you about my experience. If you are struggling with the darkness or you aren’t even sure what it is, call someone, tell someone. If someone you love is dealing with depression, don’t take their ability to “keep it together” as a cue to believe that they will be alright. Life is hard, and we’ve got to watch out for each other. We can’t afford to lose another to the darkness.

**ROSEMONT EXPANDS SCOPE**

By Stu Williams and John Murphy

Trouble continues to brew in the Santa Rita Mountains. Rosemont Copper, operating there since 2014, has shifted its plan of operation from the east side of the mountains to the west to dodge federal court rulings, hoping to take advantage of rubber-stamping state agencies and local apathy.

Rosemont Copper continues aggressively moving dirt on its private land on the west side of the range. The Arizona subsidiary of Canada-based Hudbay Minerals continues to build “Copper World” for its planned pits, tailings, and leaching facilities.

Rosemont also continues to seek additional land on the north side of Copper World, in Corona de Tucson. It tells residents it wants to buy these lands as a buffer from the inevitable noise, light, and dust that the mine project will create. An unsightly power line running straight to the northern ridgeline would be built along Santa Rita Road.

In July, Rosemont broadly expanded the scope of Copper World, touting a “Made in USA” copper cathode production plan that claims to be greener than its previous plan. That process is expected to generate 140,000 annual tons of sulfuric acid. Looking at the production data in the annual water use, one can calculate water use to at least be twice than the current 6,000 acre-feet a year it’s currently permitted to pump from wells in Sahuarita.

There are practical limits to what can be done to stop work on private land. But once Copper World has a nexus to roads, air, views and the Santa Cruz River, this project becomes a community issue. It is impossible to contain a mine project of such a size with no impact on public lands and natural resources.

Rosemont needs proper permitting and genuine outreach to frontline communities in the months and years ahead. Several ephemeral washes run directly from the proposed mine site to the Santa Cruz. The risk of runoff contamination will become very real.

The U.S. needs copper for electric vehicles and a green economy. But there is a large global inventory of copper, according to U.S. Geological Survey data. Copper is also highly recyclable. It’s absurd to destroy an intact Sky Island range that sustains us, and wildlife, and hosts the Arizona National Scenic Trail. The Santa Risas’ iconic northern ridgeline would be obliterated under the mine plan.

Residents in these frontline communities should know that Rosemont plans to produce cathodes that require a massive amount of sulfuric acid. Acid production requires burning sulfur, which, in turn, becomes sulfur dioxide, then sulfur trioxide. When that molecular compound is dissolved in water, it forms sulfuric acid. Sulfur dioxide, a gas, is an eye, nose, and throat irritant linked to lung cancer and cardiovascular disease. And sulfur trioxide is carcinogenic to the human respiratory system. A thousand feet above the Santa Cruz Valley, temperature inversions will expose residents to these potential hazards, which certainly do not improve residents’ quality of life or their home values.

Hiking Madera Canyon or the Arizona National Scenic Trail, one meets people from across the country and worldwide, drawn to this and other scenic Sky Island ranges. Magnificent landscapes, natural history, and biological diversity are the attractions. Unfortunately, Copper World will trade off spectacular nature for a few hundred jobs and profits to non-local investors. These mountains are worth preserving and protecting for future generations.
LIFE AMONG THE HUMANS

SHALT THOU NOT KILL?

By Martin Levowitz

I’ve always disliked killing things, but make exception for an evil few: mosquitoes, kissing bugs, and ticks, (e.g.) Is that quite simply selfishness? In any case, the cops have never pulled up to my house with flashing lights and pistols drawn, to bring me in for having slain a tick or biting fly. So, who is it okay to snuff? Who, not?

I’ve never killed a human and I hope I never do. And, even less would I aspire to harm the very young. There is a special place in Hell for child-murderers. Young children are so radiant with their unproductive land, which would other- wise be wasted, into the many useful products emanating from them.

But, then we get to the divide between kids who’ve been born or not. Are embryos real people or another class of things, like newts or gnats? If you erase an embryo just minutes after it’s conceived, or dodge an abortion with “morning-after pills,” is that the same as murdering another human being, or more like “merely” stepping on a roach or butterfly? (Ugh, nonetheless!!) And, how about the folks who think — if you can call it that — that even contraception is a sin. What’s up with that?

The Constitution grants us all — all citizens, at least — Life, Liberty, and The Pursuit of Happiness. That’s sweet! Can fetuses be citizens? They were not born in The United States — or even born. Do fetuses have “Right to Life” or any rights at all?

Do fetuses have souls? Do you? Do it? What do we mean when we say soul? Is soul just emotion and thought, or something even more profound? Would it be more appropriate to say that we are souls, instead of “have”? If science cannot prove that souls exist, does that mean our morality is built on shifting sands?

Whatever agreement on an issue is both passionate and long, there’s got to be important merit to both points of view. No matter which way you incline, abortion’s a pretty tough call. One reason the riddle’s so hard to resolve is that it dwells in three domains: the moral, practical, and the inflamed political. Great clarity in one domain may not address the other two at all. No matter which side you are on, if you think that the answer is open and shut, and see no merit, whatsoever, in the other point of view, you’re doing what so many of us do: because we hate the icky onus of uncertainty, we drag ourselves, exhausted, from the surf of ambivalence onto the blessed shore of so-called “clarity.”

And, as regards the practical? Why would we want another kid when we’re already raising four, inflation’s going through the roof, her ultrasound’s abnormal and my wife is feeling ill, and the family’s already subsisting on Twinkies and Spam? Are you or is society — prepared to pay for “unadopted” futures? (Not just the dentists and tuition and the other “normal” stuff; the costs of parole, welfare fraud and widespread overdose is, in the long run, shared by all — or, as we say, “society.”)

Is every life a precious gift from God? Well, only if there is a God. Is every life a gift in any case? I reckon so, but some lives are so bugged up that Not To Be might be the better course. Is not each suicide a vote for that alternative? To kill a healthy fetus is a nasty, creepy thing. But, on the other — yep, I’m sorry, there’s another hand to bring another life into a dismal, hopeless world where endless pain will likely reign is, likewise, grim. Despite the Constitution’s decent efforts to empower us, for those in wretched circumstance “Pursuit of Happiness” is just a bunch of fluffy words, irrelevant, ironic, and perhaps a bit obscene, like courteous, upbeat music at the morgue. What could be more personal — i.e., closer to home — than that which takes place within one’s own body? If you don’t own your own insides, what, then, do you control? Perhaps you’ve read The Handmaid’s Tale? Within the dark recesses of the patriarchal brain, the female human matters most as sex object / receptacle and — even more importantly — as incubator of our future sons. If men could conceive and bear children themselves, they might well treat “the weaker sex” with even less respect than they do now.

So, finally, as regards abortion, who should have the right to choose? It seems to me that Mom and Dad should make the final call, instead of judges, priests, or theologians, including politicians whose “morality” is often simply grandstanding for votes. And, certainly, the pregnant mother, more than anyone, should know both what she wants and can’t afford. The loved and unloved embryo is growing in her body, after all; not yours or mine or Ron DeSantis’s.

Perhaps the best thing that we can do in this imperfect world, if we have need to take another life — the life of one who might have been the next Hitler or Christ — is to do as the Native Americans do: You proffer thanks, apologize, and humbly wish we knew more than we do, instead of draft- ing rigid rules that twist and deform others’ lives in order to assuage our consciences.

BENEFITS OF GRAZING

By Bill Schock

The great advantage of grazing livestock is that they convert grass on unproductive land, which would otherwise be wasted, into the many useful products they are able to produce. Grazing livestock affects their pastures and the surrounding ecosystem in a variety of ways.

Livestock affect their pastures through mouth action, consumption, hoof action and deposition of manure and urine. Benefits of cattle grazing include increased water infiltration rates and water-holding capacity. Hoof action digs manure, urine, and dead plant mulch into the soil surface, where it can be more quickly broken down by soil organisms. Their decomposition provides much needed nutrients for microorganisms that plants depend on for healthy growth. Hooves break the ground crust to allow more rain infiltration and stimulate the growth of grass. Cattle grazing can improve the diversity of grasses by dispersing seeds with their hooves and in their manure. Soil surfaces can become pocked from animals’ hoof marks especially when the surface is softened by rain, helping to trap seeds and moisture essential for establishing desirable vegetation. Pocking also can increase surface roughness in disturbed areas, slowing erosion associated with surface water runoff.

Soil compaction does not occur from extended grazing on pastures over 50 to 60 acres per cattle unit month due to the short time the cattle spend grazing in one place. Soil compaction generally occurs only in areas around water and salt and along trails. Grazing can build so much nutrient-rich grassland that dead plant material (thatch and litter) can choke out new growth of grasses and forbs. Given a long enough period without disturbance, grasslands will often convert into brush dominat- ed shrub lands. The shrubs inhibit the germination and growth of native and non-native grassland plants by shading the sun and using the available water and mineral resources in the soil. This ultimately leads to reduced production, more bare ground, and increased sheet erosion. It is important to maintain sufficient grasslands because of the many species that depend on them for habitat.

Ponds developed for livestock watering support large numbers of breeding amphibians, which also feed on the abundant insect life found in the surrounding grasslands. Troughs maintained by ranchers provide much needed water in dry areas for the benefit of wildlife as well as cattle.

Editor’s note: Bill Schock is a Supervisor for the Santa Cruz Natural Resource Conservation District.
True Food Security

For all his valid concerns about poverty and the rising costs of food in our county, Patra Kelly may have quoted Jim Staudacher of ESCCC Food Bank out of context with this statement: “Our area is commonly known as a food desert.” If he was referring to other parts of Santa Cruz County, maybe, but that hackneyed term poorly fits the state of the food system in Patagonia itself. In fact, the USDA has stopped using the term “food desert” in part because its definition was “lacking a full-service grocery store” like a Safeway, Fry’s or Bashas. A chain grocery store in a town our size is no valid indicator of food security!

Patagonia churches, for-profits and non-profits have many programs to innovatively deal with these challenges. Since 1981, we have been blessed to have Red Mountain Foods in our community, for it provides an extraordinary diversity of healthful and affordable foods to our community for prices well below those of Whole Foods, Natural Grocers and other big city analogs. Its founders Annie and Barry were also in on the ground floor of the Tucson Cooperative Warehouse, and have integrated many of that now-defunct food hub’s strategies into their own organization. Red Mountain currently supports the town’s weekly farmers markets, as well as discount sales for customers year-round.

What other town of 800 to 1000 residents has a free seed library, a food bank, church food pantries, Mary McKay’s garden nursery, Native Seeds/SEARCH and the Borderlands Restoration Nursery? What other town this size has had a summer Earth Care Youth Corps where high school students plant gardens at home, for the elderly and the school? What other town has locally-produced grass-fed beef available every day, free-to-pick fruit trees in public spaces, a community-operated mesquite hammer mill for grinding flour, as well as sprouts and mushroom producers? Get off the main drag, and you will see grassroots efforts no food bank can match - family orchards, with neighbors sharing wild fruit, pecans, fermented beverages, and seasonal greens in a year-round cycle. And our Senior Center assures that the elderly get good meals in their belly, thanks to an all-volunteer staff!

True food security is based in the community itself, not just institutions receiving governmental or philanthropic support. We are blessed by many food resources and talents in Patagonia, although the challenges never seem to magically disappear! That’s why I am grateful for every level of generosity we see expressed in our town.

Gary Nabhan
Patagonia

Disputes Food Desert Description

The very first sentence in this article (Food Insecurity a Pervasive Problem in Eastern SCC, PRT OCTOBER 2022) states that “our area is commonly known as a food desert.” Has Jim Staudacher ever been to Red Mountain Foods in Patagonia? Food insecurity is an economic issue with the customer. A food desert is a place where no healthy, affordable foods are near. We stock literally thousands of products that are health foods. We have a 5-door refrigerator and 4-door freezer that are both eight feet tall. We have a 12-foot long, double decker produce cooler and two large tables of produce, both organic and conventional, and when available we carry local produce. Our prices are comparable to supermarkets, especially when you factor in the cost of driving 20 to 60 miles.

I wish consideration had been taken for the vast availability and fair pricing that Barry and I at Red Mountain Foods have tirelessly worked to provide to our community for over 40 years.

Anne Sager
Patagonia

Righing a Wrong

I believe it is incumbent upon each of us to reflect on the past in order to understand the present so that we can contribute to co-creating a better future. During my formal education there was a false narrative about the founding of the United States. The factual information about the first people of these lands was not shared in history books. As those false narratives are replaced with historically correct information, it has become important to acknowledge new information by changing the story.

In September 2022, the U.S. government announced an important action to change the names of nearly 650 places that used a racist term for Native American women. Interior Secretary Deb Haaland said “I feel a deep obligation to use my platform to ensure that our public lands and waters are accessible and welcoming. That starts with removing racist and derogatory names that have graced federal locations for too long.” The term “squaw” originated in the Algonquin language and may have once simply meant “woman.” But over time, the word morphed into a misogynist and racist term to disparage Indigenous women.

Two places in Santa Cruz County have received new names. Squaw Peak is now known as Santa Rita Peak (Latitude 31.58628938 Longitude -110.8377641) and Squaw Gulch is now known as Santa Rita Gulch (Latitude 31.5294749999999 and Longitud e -110.7994575),

Carolyn Shafer
Patagonia

Happy to Be Back

Lucky me! I’ve just arrived back in Patagonia from Colorado. Time to tune into KPUP, enjoy tasty, nutritious meals at our Senior Center, swim in our wonderful outdoor pool at the school (thank you lifeguards!), hike Harshaw Creek Rd (my fave), jog the Train Track Trail (TTT).

Queen of Cups now open! Will Velvet Elvis soon do the same? How about those wonderful thunder & lightning shows from our oh-so-necessary monsoon rains?

Speaking of the TTT. If someone has the ways and means to mow, I’ll buy the gas!

Chris Gore
Patagonia

Let’s Address Food Insecurity Honestly

Patra Kelly’s article in the Aug/Sept issue of the PRT on food insecurity in Eastern Santa Cruz County reawakened my longtime interest in promoting healthy eating. As an elder senior who lives on just slightly above poverty level and who has, as a special education teacher, observed the adverse effects that poor nutrition has on children (and later as adults), I am motivated to explore the challenge in our own community of the seemingly lack of accessibility to affordable fresh food, especially produce, for all.

While I have no doubt that many individuals and families in Santa Cruz County face financial and other challenges in accessing such foods, it is also clear that many hardworking single parents and elderly folks may lack the know-how and/or time and energy to gather, grow or prepare healthy foods. The article had me asking myself, “What is the next step we could take in Patagonia to alleviate this problem?”

I would like to propose a one-time guided brainstorming session for our community on this topic. This would simply be a gathering of information in order to have a realistic foundation for future action; attendees would not be obligated to volunteer for planning or executing any idea or plan.

It will be crucial to have a broad cross-section of our community in attendance, especially including those who are experiencing (or are serving) the need for accessible, low-cost, healthy fresh foods. If this interests you, please contact me at jacquitreinen@yahoo.com or 520.604.0207

Jacqui Treinen
Patagonia

Local & regional art, gifts, jewelry, books & more!
Open Every Day 10 - 4

317 W. McKeown Ave, Patagonia AZ 85624
520-394-2100 / www.patagoniatradingpost.com

THE PURPLE ELEPHANT THRIFT SHOPPE
325 West McKeown Ave
NEW HOURS
Thursday - Sun
10am - 3pm

BENEFITING FAMILY HEALTH CARE AMIGOS

PATAGONIA TRADING POST
PAG TE ONLA N TIMES OCTOBER 2022
**TOWN COUNCIL NOTES**

By PRT Staff Reporters

**August 10**

Town Manager Robinson announced the closure, until further notice, of Richardson Park because of damage from the fallen tree.

Heather Floyd, of Valley Telecom, presented the plan to bring a high-speed fiber line to Patagonia, with initial connection at the high school. Timing of availability of service to residents is not confirmed. Further information can be found at www.vpc.net.

The Mayor and Council approved a letter of concern from the Town’s Flood and Flow Committee to the County Planning and Zoning Commission concerning the Conditional Use Permit proposal by the Palo Verde Eco-Lodge project.

Mayor and Council approved the liquor license for the Community Garden’s annual pie auction fundraiser, Sept. 11.

Mayor and Council approved a resolution to proceed with establishing fees for use of the town’s park by for-profit groups.

Mayor and Council approved a resolution formally adopting the results of the Town’s primary election, held August 2. Mayor Wood was reconfirmed, as was Steve Finch for Council member, the single available position. Both candidates were unopposed, and thus are renewed by declaration. A proposal for a cycling camp was tabled.

**August 24**

Mayor Wood reported that the McKeown Rd. improvements are draining well after all the rain. The Mayor and Council approved the sale of a portion of Rothrock Alley right-of-way in the eastside addition to Martin Shore’s Coronado Development group.

The Mayor and Council approved the awarding of a water service replacement to E&G Contractors, for $274,303.00 along Sheard Drive.

A Town Council Public Hearing for the CDBG Colonias Set-aside Grant was approved for Wednesday August 31, at 6 pm.

Zander Ault presented plans for this year’s Spirit World 100 event. Mayor and Council approved the dates of Nov. 4 and 5 for the event. Details included start-finish line change, road closure request, race start time on Nov. 5, live music concert plans, and request for Town Park use. Ault was asked by Mayor Wood to submit a revised application for Park use.

Mayor and Council approved a $3500 increase in the Nextgen Engineers’ contract for construction management of the Sheard Drive project, adding inspections to their work.

**September 14**

For the March 4, 2023 Ruta Del Jefe cycling event, the Mayor and Council approved a route from Blue Haven Road through town to Harshaw Ave. The event organizers anticipate about 70 riders in small groups between 2 and 11.30 pm. Riders will follow all traffic regulations and wear approved bicycle helmets.

The Mayor and Council approved Manager Robinson to apply for Surface Transportation Block Grant for $1,523,068 to SEAGO (Southeast Arizona Government Organization) for continuing the reconstruction of McKeown Av from 4th Av. to SR82. The Town pledges $86,211.00 as a 6% matching amount.

The Town approved the Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department’s liquor license for a barbecue fundraiser during the Oct. 8 - 9 Artisans’ Market, in the Park, at the bathroom end.

Mayor and Council approved a special Town council meeting and public hearing for the CDBG Colonias Set-aside Grant on Wednesday, Sept. 21, 2022, at 6 pm.

The Mayor and Council rejected the proposal to purchase the house next to Richardson Park, at 417 McKeown Av, to transform it into a duplex unit creating affordable housing. Manager Robinson said he’d received from the seller a 100-plus page inspection report showing very substantial work required. The purchase and resulting construction work would add significantly to the Town’s debt.

---

**Supporting the Ranchers of Tomorrow.**

The future of farming depends on dreams like this. And at American Family Insurance, we’re proud to support the National FFA Organization and the dreams they help make possible.

---

**Gordon Purvis, Agent**

Gordon Purvis Agency Inc
Bus: (520) 298-3900
gpurvis@amfam.com
gordonpurvis.com

**American Family Insurance**

Proud to Support

American Family Mutual Insurance Company (U.S. and its Operating Companies), American Family Insurance Group, 6800 American Parkway, Madison, Wisconsin 53783

©2016 016330 – 06/19 – 1306766
Robin Kulibert wants her students to learn what "actions...humans need to take to sustain biodiversity."

By Rebecca Ford

Robin Kulibert, the new dual credit environmental biology teacher at PUHS, describes Patagonia schools as a family. "I love how casual yet serious about learning the school is," she said. She is teaching one course at PUHS this year. "The essential question for course is "What actions do humans need to take to sustain biodiversity?" she wrote. Kulibert believes that teaching is all about the magic that happens when students are excited to learn, grasp the material, and master working independently, but are also able to make connections as a group.

She has taught at the middle school, high school and college levels. "To equitably preserve our own and other species, we need to understand basic ecologic principles and grapple with the environmental ethics of being human," she wrote. "This all starts with education."

Kulibert is originally from New York. After attending Middlebury College as an undergrad, she earned her Master of Science in plant ecology/conservation biology at the New York State University College of Environmental Science and Forestry. She also earned a Master of Science in environmental studies/education at Antioch New England. After college, she worked at Cornell University on recycling/composting education, and environmental outreach. After grad school, she worked for the USDA Animal and Plant Health invasive Species agency doing invasive species field work.

In Patagonia, she serves on the board for Voices From the Border and is a former member of the Recycling Task Force.

She loves to dance, sail, rollerblade, hike, bike, and when she’s inspired, re-upholster chairs. "Patagonia is a great town, I’m honored to teach at the high school."

Glimpses Into Our Past

Parker Canyon

By Alison Bunting

Parker Canyon bears the name of an Arizona pioneering family, headed by William Andrew Parker, who along with several of his adult children moved to the San Rafael Valley around 1881. "It wasn’t long before the area was known as Parker’s Creek, then as Parker Canyon." [Kathy Goodwin, A Look at the Parker Family. Zopilote Press, 2006:23-24]. The canyon is best known today for Parker Canyon Lake which was constructed in the early 1960s.

William Parker was born in Tennessee in 1824. He married Mary Jane Tackett in Missouri in 1842. The couple moved to California around 1852 where they farmed in various areas of the state and had six children. In the early 1870s the family moved to the Phoenix area of Arizona Territory and by 1881 had moved to the San Rafael Valley. Several of their adult children homesteaded nearby, including sons John and James, and daughters Nancy, Emily "Emma" married in Phoenix in 1872 and had 13 children. Jim and Emma’s sons, George, Duke, Frank, and Robert Lee continued the Parker family ranching tradition on their own homesteads in the San Rafael Valley. Over ten Parker family homestead claims were registered with the Government Land Office in Santa Cruz and Cochise counties.

Two Parker family cemeteries exist. One is located on the site of James and Emma’s homestead, and the second is where William and Mary Jane ranched. Early in the 1960s, articles about Parker Canyon began to appear in local newspapers as the proposed location of a new trout fishing lake. "The lake will cover 132 surface acres on the road from Canelo through Montezuma Pass - about 80 miles from Tucson. It’ll be a trout lake with Forest Service licensed concession." [Arizona Daily Star, 12/19/1960].

Arizona Game & Fish Department had responsibility for the construction and funding for the project. But before work could begin, the US District Forester in Albuquerque needed to issue authority to start work and complete a land exchange agreement - "between the Forest Service and Amado rancher George Parker, whose land is to provide the bulk of the lake's site." [Tucson Daily Citizen, 3/1/1961].

George W. Parker, Jr. was the great-grandson of William and grandson of Jim. His father, George, was Jim and Emma’s oldest son. Born in 1908 in Nogales, George Jr. was raised on his father’s San Rafael Valley ranch. He was a noted marksman, becoming the Arizona Rifle Marksman champion at age 16. [Tucson Citizen, 5/8/1984]. His first career was in law enforcement, including as a U.S. Border Patrol officer.

By 1940 he was working as a hunting guide and became a well-known big game hunter. George’s El Cazador [the hunter] Ranch in Amado had “a large room almost 50 feet long, 20 feet wide and 13 feet high at the main ranch house [with] a private collection of big game animal trophies that would be hard to equal anywhere in this country." [Arizona Daily Star, 2/28/1960].

The land that George proposed to exchange with the Forest Service included the homestead of his uncle, Robert Lee Parker, and the homesteads of John Merritt and James Guthrie. It took until May 1961 for the exchange agreement to be finalized. The “bid call” to construct the lake and dam was opened on June 19. [Arizona Daily Star, 5/18/1961]. By June 1962 "Parker Canyon Dam, high in the Huachucas, was formally approved. The...90-foot high, 825-foot-long earth-and-stone structure will bottle up southern Arizona’s largest lake. Now all the officials can do is await the summer runoffs which eventually will fill the hole gouged from the 5,400-foot-high juniper country." [Arizona Daily Star, 6/15/1962]. The lake was dedicated in summer of 1963 and opened for fishing in May 1964. It took until March 1965 before the lake was nearly full. [Arizona Daily Star, 3/20/1965]. George Parker owned the concessions at Parker Canyon Lake until the mid-1970s. He died in Amado in 1984, age 76.

Special thanks to Kathy Goodwin for sharing her in-depth knowledge of the Parker family and the photo that accompanies this article.

New Teacher Profile: Robi...
Fall is my absolute favorite time of year here in Southern Arizona and fall gardening is fun! There are so many plants to try out that thrive in the cool nights and warm days.

Now that most summer veggie crops are coming to an end, don’t be sad and certainly don’t give up on your garden. Pull out your old summer crops and compost them (unless you have a known pathogen or insect infestation in which case throw them in the trash.) Mix some fresh compost into your soil before you plant, and this will be sufficient to carry you through the fall and winter months.

Fall is the perfect time of year to plant perennials like trees, shrubs, flowering plants, spring blooming bulbs, and herbs. Remember, perennials in our area should be hardy to zone 8. Warm days and cool nights are perfect for new plants to develop a good root system before the first killing frost arrives (end of October to mid-November for us). They may die all the way back to ground level in some cases, but by the time spring comes around their roots and crown will be primed and ready to grow. Some perennials sown from seed require a period of cold (called vernalization) after germination for flowering in the following spring or summer.

Garden Guides
Fall Gardening Is Fun!
By Mary McKay

Fall is a great time to take note of how everything did this summer and think about how you can improve. Do you have a spot in your garden that looks bare and could really benefit from a tree or perhaps a flowering vine or shrub? While plants are still alive and growing, you can really visualize where and if any new plants can actually fit into your landscape. Take photos of your garden while it is still growing to keep as a reference this winter when the itch for spring planting starts.

What to plant in October:
- Directly plant from seed root crops such as beets, carrots, radish, and turnips. Direct seed, or transplant from starters, leafy greens such as lettuce, spinach, kales, Asian greens, mustard greens. Direct seed or transplant green onions, cilantro, parsley, chives. Lettuce needs light to germinate so do not bury it with soil. A very, very light dusting of soil over top of the lettuce seed can help hold the seed down.
- Cilantro and parsley will not germinate until they have had a period of moist and cold temperatures (called stratification). To speed this process along, fold cilantro and parsley seed into a damp, not soggy paper towel, and put in a sealed container in the fridge for two weeks before planting.
- Plant hard or soft neck garlic. Hardneck garlic has a stiff central stem or scape and is the most cold tolerant and flavorful. Soft neck garlic is the typical grocery store garlic with a long storage life. Garlic takes around six months to mature before harvest.

All these plants can take a freeze, but what they won’t do is grow much once it gets really cold. To remedy this, use a hoop house or floating row covers to protect them. This is especially true for things (lettuces and such) that you want to continually harvest throughout the coldest months. And don’t forget to mulch! Mulching will keep those plants protected from cold temperatures.

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 Update and News To sign up to receive electronic versions of the South32 Hermosa Project quarterly newsletter, Hermosa Project News, just send an email to hermosa@hermosa32.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 Hasner on the first Friday of any month.

We come to you! 520-357-1711 www.lopezhousecalls.com Cera Lynn L.Ac., LMT Aesthetician

In-Home Chiropractic Care www.spazen.net cerafina1903@hotmail.com Chinese Medicine Acupuncture, Integrative Care Skin Care, Aesthetics, Medical Massage Lymphobiology, Pain Syndromes 520/398-9886 www.espazen.net
RIGHT TO SAFE DRINKING WATER

We all deserve access to safe drinking water, but environmental damage from mining leaks and spills are a threat to public health. According to the Environmental Protection Agency, 40% of the headwaters of western U.S. watersheds have been polluted by mining. We have a responsibility to ensure this problem doesn’t get any worse.

PATAGONIA AREA RESOURCE ALLIANCE

- Collaborates with Strategic Partners to protect the water, land and wildlife of the Patagonia Mountains and the Sonora Creek Watershed from the negative impacts of modern industrialized mining.
- Works to assure that any mining activities meet the highest science-based standards of protection of our region’s natural assets, and
- Supports the expansion of the nature-based restorative economy that depends on the remarkable biodiversity and cultural heritage of our region.

PROTECTING OUR REGION’S BIODIVERSITY

E. O Wilson (American biologist, researcher, theorist, naturalist, and author) who wrote “Half Earth: Our Planets Fight for Life” makes the point that even though extinction rates are soaring, a great deal of Earth’s biodiversity can still be saved. Wilson contacted 18 of the world’s senior naturalists (each with international expertise in biodiversity and ecology) and asked them to “Name 1 to 5 places in the world you consider best based on the basis of richness, uniqueness, and most in need of research and protection.” Among the top choices are the Madrean Mountain chains of Mexico and the Sky Island heights of the southwestern United States and include the Patagonia Mountains.

PATAGONIA AREA RESOURCE ALLIANCE

HTTPS://WWW.PATAGONIAALLIANCE.ORG/

E-Mail: info@PatagoniaAlliance.org
Phone Number: 520-477-2308
Mailing Address: P.O Box 1944 Patagonia, AZ 85624
Beguiling Biodiversity With a Bite

Jaguars, gray hawks, oak trees, various rattlesnakes, mule deer, Mexican poppies, Sonoran toads...These and many other charismatic flora and fauna populating the Sky Islands tend to register strongly on the Richter scale for many people in our region. But there are plenty of other species here in the Madrean Archipelago who tend to run under most people’s radar, but who deserve our attention, admiration and protection. Here’s a look at a few relatively obscure species that we might categorize as Sky Island skulkers.

Let’s start with a plant whose common name is Mala mujer, or “bad woman.” To my knowledge it’s the only local botanical name plagued by a misogynistic label.

Mala mujer is not exactly rare, but it is uncommon enough to be easily missed by many, even those with a predilection for spending time in the wilds. If, however, you inadvertently brush against this stout, short-tailed grasshopper mouse - northern, southern, and Mearn’s. These tough mice are immune to scorpion stings, which helps when they feel like a bit of arthropod sushi. Other invertebrates, including various grasshoppers, also make their way down the gullets of grasshopper mice, as do other mice, which are pounced upon with the same ferocity of a cougar dispatching a deer. A hard bite to the neck can suffice to execute the other, weaker mouse. I once live-trapped a southern grasshopper mouse and placed it in a terrarium with a seven-inch long Clark’s spiny lizard, foolishly thinking them a benign pair. The next day I discovered the mouse, but no reptile - the little bugger had eaten it, bones and all!

To top it all off, these murderous mice also have large territories which they defend in part by howling. I’ve witnessed this impressive feat several times in the wild. The fly, spotting a yellow paper wasp, zoomed out, caught its quarry with its long legs, then maneuvered it into place before delivering the final blow with its stiletto-like mouth. Fly 1, wasp 0.

This article was a tough one to write - who would make the cut, allowing me to share some fascinating natural history tidbits that might help shed light on these species, thus bringing them into your good favor? I could easily have written about the Madrean alligator lizard, northern beardless tyrannulet (a bird), white-backed hog-nosed skunk (one of four species here), any number of bat species, Arizona tree frog, elf (a butterfly), ball moss (Arizona’s only bromeliad)… Truth is, we’re collectively unaware of far too many species with which we share the Sky Islands and the planet in general. This does not bode well for their conservation with so many threats looming over their future.

I entreat you, then, dear reader, to get outside and look for that which you haven’t seen or found before. Go on a wild scavenger hunt for species, even if you don’t know what the hell you’re looking at. Make the acquaintance of new plants, animals and fungi, and enter into their world while they still manage to survive in ours.

Vincent Pinto and his wife, Claudia, run RAVENS-WAY WILD JOURNEYS LLC, their Nature Adventure and 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 and biodiversity tours. Visit: www.ravensnatureschool.org
LET'S GO GET STONES

Monsoon Hiatus
By Keith Krizan

Here it is. Summer 2022. Our second year of retirement. Our second summer in southeastern Arizona and it is a monsoon in full.

I’ve taken a few weeks off from rockhounding to take stock of where I’ve been and what I’ve seen and what, if anything, that I have learned.

Summers here are not the ideal time to go off-road and hunt for minerals. There are snakes to be respected. There are washboard roads with washouts to contend with. There are days and adventures cut short by late morning or early afternoon deluges. I hope to avoid ever being someplace in a car high up in a canyon waiting for water to recede before I can continue back to civilization.

And then there is the lightning. According to Center for Disease Control and Prevention there were 444 deaths from lightning strikes in the US from 2006 through 2021. Florida was cast as the lightning capital of the U.S. for 2021. Last year it averaged 223 lightning strikes per square mile. Arizona didn’t even make the top nine states in that category.

Last year’s monsoon, following two years of “monsoon,” was spectacular. I heard it described as once in a generation. I wasn’t expecting much this year. This year did not disappoint though.

From my vantage point, at the 4800’ elevation in Elgin, I have watched storms from both my west-facing front porch and my east-facing back porch. By observing distant storms in progress and then referring to Doppler radar on the Elgin page of the wunderground.com web site, I think that I have seen storms happening as far southeast as Cananea, Sonora, 50 miles away, and, to the northwest, in Marana, at 71 miles. I have seen giant, towering, formations of cumulonimbus clouds in a train heading north from Sasabe 62 miles to our west. When storms scoot along the US/Mexico border we can see them 35 miles away in Nogales.

I’ve popped popcorn and gone from porch to porch to watch a long parade of storms discharging bolts at a rate of one per second for hours at a time. My wife calls it “Close Encounters” lightning. It’s as if every day the monsoon moist winds blow and say, “I am here” but the desert, hot and hard in its dryness, says, “but not for long.” The battle plays out nightly in the form of lightning, but lightning as a variety of pulses and forks and sheets. Serpentine curly cues.

I’ve sat and watched as clouds flashed pink somewhere 50 miles into Mexico at the same time that an angry brew in Whetstone was attempting to come for me by going up and over the Mustangs, and thought that I really do possess the finest wide screen TV ever made.


If I had to choose a favorite it would be a coin toss between the Langite, because I chipped it off from the inside of a shaft in the Patagonia Mountains, and a large chunk of petrified wood that I found on Salero Ranch, because it was so unexpected.

The last three or four mornings have been among the most unusual that I have witnessed while in Arizona. Overcast, with dense rolls of clouds on the ground at the bases of the Santa Ritas, the Whetstones, the Huachucas and the Mustangs. As I watch the low clouds that are finally lifting out, and I look at the 10-day forecast, it looks, too, as if the monsoon itself is beginning to lift out. The maximum is past. Time, soon, to return to rockhounding.

MONSOON HIATUS

STARSTRUCK

Jupiter... and Beyond

By Harold Meckler

Seems like everywhere you look nowadays - in the sky, on the internet, on television - it’s all about Jupiter. The fifth planet from the sun, and the largest in our solar system, is quite deservedly getting top billing.

It is currently the sky’s brightest object (discounting the Moon). So, it was with perfect timing that the new James Webb Space Telescope recently delivered images of the gas giant that displayed auroras over both poles, faint rings circling the planet, and picked up some of Jupiter’s tiny moons in orbit. It’s famous great red spot - wide enough to fully engulf Earth - was suddenly white, due to its reflection of sunlight.

This month, Jupiter is easily spotted, rising in the East after sunset, moving steadily across the southern sky, and setting in the West just before sunrise. As various media organizations have noted, this full-viewing opportunity is due to the planet being in “opposition,” meaning that the Sun, Earth and Jupiter are basically lined up with us in the middle. It also means that the two planets are at their closest to each other. Indeed, this may be the closest encounter in the last 70 years.

This is the brightest and biggest Jupiter most of us will ever see. It’s just approximately 370 million miles away. Stare at it all night long, but remember that it takes about 33 minutes for the reflection of the sun’s light to bounce off Jupiter and reach us. We’re always seeing it slightly in the past.

Now, all of this should be enough to keep any astronomer astronomer perfectly happy and focused. And, I was until the Webb Telescope sent down another image that pushed Jupiter into the “really casual” category and challenged my view of distance and time and space itself. As incredible as the views and insights of Jupiter were, they paled in comparison to the photo and explanation of the ringed light of a incredibly old and distant galaxy.

Its mysteries expand even as they are discovered. There is no imagined sense of security. In space, there’s no reason to be disillusioned by some perceived failure or lack of knowledge. In that sense, it’s liberating. There’s nothing and no one to judge.

Just when we think we know all about Jupiter, we see and learn new details about it. Just when we think we’ve seen the edges of the universe, we’re gifted with the light from a galaxy so far away we can’t possibly imagine anything so old. Who knows what has happened to it in the last 12 billion years. Its light, though, continues to shine. It bends around the edges of objects, becoming the face of infinity. Seeing it, marveling at it, I believe, lets us be, in a special way, a part of that infinity. That’s the magic of it all.
The Santa Cruz Foundation
For The Performing Arts
Benderly-Kendall Opera House,
344 Naugle Ave., Patagonia, AZ

October - November Schedule

Updated health protocols: Proof of vaccination is required for first-time attendees. Mask wearing inside the venue will be optional though strongly recommended. SCFPA reserves the right to alter its safety policies at any time, based on the latest information and advice.

Oct. 23: 5p.m.
A Friends of the Opera House Members Event. The Benderly-Kendall Opera House is transformed into an intimate bistro setting for a private event open to members of the Friends of the Opera House (FOH) program. Tenor Edgar Ricaud, guitarist Martin Marquez and pianist Christina Wilhelm perform classic art songs of Italy and Mexico. Guests enjoy the concert while sipping champagne and listening to chamber music as it was meant to be heard, up close and personal. If you are not a member and would like to attend this concert, please consider joining the FOH program. Details can be found on the "Support us" page on our website, scfpapresents.org.

Nov. 5: 5 p.m., Nov. 6: 3 p.m.
Evan Kory, Juan Mejia, Emily Chao, Laura Casarez, and Rafael Lizama grace the stage to showcase the extraordinary 1881 Bluthner grand piano donated to SCFPA by Torrey and Sandy Johnson. 
$30 Prepay online/$35 At the Door
Visit www.scfpapresents.org for more information

Oct 14, 6p.m. Film: "My Neighbor Totoro" A 1988 Japanese animated fantasy film written and directed by Hayao Miyazaki and animated by Studio Ghibli for Tokuma Shoten. When two girls move to the country to be near their ailing mother, they have adventures with the wondrous forest spirits who live nearby. $5 per person. Kids Free

Oct. 29, 6p.m. Halloween Double Feature: "Hocus Pocus" (1hr, 36 mins) and "Hocus Pocus II" (1hr, 36 mins) A curious youngster moves to Salem, where he struggles to fit in before awakening a trio of diabolical witches. Free popcorn and witches brew. $5 per person. Kids Free.

Nov. 5, 6p.m. Documentary: "Gabby Giffords Won’t Back Down." A documentary film directed by Julie Cohen and Betsy West. It follows Gabrielle Giffords as she recovers from the 2011 shooting. $5 per person.

*Dates and Times Subject to Change*
If you would be interested in sponsoring upcoming events, please contact Cassina Farley at 520-394-9369.
Visit www.patagoniacreativearts.org or 394-9369 for more information.

Performances:
Tues., Oct. 25, 5p.m.
Wed., Oct. 26 5p.m.
Tickets:
Go on sale Oct. 3 in the school office. Tickets:$10 each or $50 for an entire table (seats 6).
Limited number of seats available, so buy your tickets early!
There will be NO sales at the door.
Dinner:
Three course meal and a beverage.
Contact
Journee Hayes for more information. jhayes@patagonia.k12.az.us
Community

Visit our website to find events on our new community calendar page. patagoniaregionaltimes.org/events

SPECIAL INTERESTS

Lunch for Seniors: Fresh-cooked meals. In-house dining only 11:30a.m. - 12:30p.m. Patagonia Senior Center.


The Natures Conservancy’s Patagonia-Sonoita Creek Preserve: Wed, Sun: 6:30a.m. - 4p.m. Masks required in restrooms.

Sonoita Farmers Market: Saturdays 9a.m. - 12p.m. Located at post office parking lot, NW corner Hwy 82 & 83.

Patagonia Farmers Market: Thursday 9a.m. - 12p.m. In front of Red Mountain Foods.

Patagonia Flower Farm’s Monthly Market: Last Thurs. of month 9a.m. - 3p.m. at the Gazebo in the park.

Sierra Vista Farmers Market: Thurs. 10a.m. - 2p.m. at Veteran’s Park.

Nogales Little Mercado: Fridays 4p.m. - 7p.m. 163 Morley Ave, Nogales. email cdavid@mariposachc.net for more info.

Purple Elephant Thrift Store: 325 - 327 Mckown Avenue, Patagonia. Open 10a.m. - 3p.m., Thurs - Sun.

Angel Wings Thrift & Gift Shop: 22 Los Encinos Rd, Sonoita Thurs. - Sat 11a.m. - 2p.m.

Patagonia Community United Methodist Church Thrift Shop: 387 Mckown Avenue, Patagonia. Open Fri and Sat from 10a.m. - 12p.m. Look for the OPEN flag.

Patagonia Museum: Open hours 2p.m. - 4p.m. Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays. www.thepatagoniamuseum.org for more info.

Patagonia Library: Wed - Sat 10a.m. - 5p.m. Call for more info. 520.394.2010

AA: Alcoholics Anonymous:
Sonoita Bible Church - Tuesdays at 7p.m., 3174 N. Highway 83, Sonoita.
Patagonia Methodist Community Church - Fridays at 7p.m. 387 McKown Ave., Patagonia Contact Dave at 207-249-8302.

Overeaters Anonymous: to find a meeting go to www.oasouthernaz.org. Contact Adrienne H. for more info 520-404-3490.

Patagonia Town Council: Meets 2nd & 4th Weds. of the month. 6p.m. Public invited. CDC Guidelines will be followed.

Rotary Club: 2nd & 4th Thurs. 5:30p.m. has moved online. Info: Sue 520-990-4648.

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

The Constitutional 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, 10:30a.m. NOW hybrid. In person at 32 Morley Ave, Nogales or www.azsantacruzdem.org/meetings.

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

*Email prtasted@gmail.com with any event or updates you would like listed.
## Classifieds

### Help Wanted

**Barn Help Wanted**
Fri. Sat. Sun: Feed hay, water, pick up manure for two horses. Approx. 1 hr/day $20/day. Located in Sonoita 1 mi. south of Fairgrounds. Call: 520-975-9920.

### Miscellaneous

**Sonoita Self Storage + RV/Boat Storage Rentals**
5x10, 10 x 10, 10x 20. 520-455-9333 or 520-455-4641.

---

### Homegrown Instruments

**Beginning Lessons**
Ukulele, Guitar, Native Flute Sales

**Zach Farley**
520-216-0258

### Get the Patagonia Regional Times Delivered

$50/year (10 issues). To sign up for home delivery or for more information, contact prtbookkeeper@gmail.com

### Litter is Preventable!

---

### KPUP Broadcast Schedule - Autumn 2022

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Day</th>
<th>Time</th>
<th>Program</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Mon</td>
<td>5pm to 6pm</td>
<td>Swing Hour</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>7pm to 8pm</td>
<td>eTown repeat of Saturday’s show</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Tues</td>
<td>10am to 12pm</td>
<td>World Jazz with Mark Berg</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>7pm to 9pm</td>
<td>Jazz and Blues with Fred Hansen</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Wed</td>
<td>5pm to 6pm</td>
<td>Swing Hour</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>7pm to 10pm</td>
<td>Sean Alexander show</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Thurs</td>
<td>7pm to 10pm</td>
<td>Possibility Explorers. “Celebrating the Evening of Mushkil Gusha, the Remover of All Difficulties.” Hosted by Graves</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Fri</td>
<td>7pm to 9pm</td>
<td>Hook’s Sunken Roadhouse</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sat</td>
<td>12pm to 1pm</td>
<td>eTown - “Educate, entertain and inspire listeners through music and conversation”</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sun</td>
<td>10am</td>
<td>Patagonia Community United Methodist Church service</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>6pm to 8pm</td>
<td>Acoustic Café “Today’s great songwriting talents. A bit of country, rock, blues, folk, pop”</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>8pm to 10pm</td>
<td>Folk Alley “Folk Music Radio from WKSU-FM in Kent, OH”</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Daily Shows:** Best of the Oldies: 1pm to 2pm / BirdNote: 6am and 10am / Growing Native with Petey Mesquity: MWF at 7am, Sunday at noon / Feature Story News (FSN.com) Mon – Fri. 8am, 12pm and 6pm, Sat. 8am & 6pm, Sun. at 8am / Patagonia Weather Forecast: Every odd hour.
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Price</th>
<th>MLS #</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>$1,050,000</td>
<td>22204620</td>
<td>106 ACRES CLASSIC ADODBE HOME NEAR KINO SPRINGS WITH CANTERRA STONE ACCENTS. 5680 SF, 3 BED/3.5 BATH, POOL, 2 CAR GARAGE, COURTYARD, GATED LEASE. JEAN MILLER 512.568.3335</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>$589,000</td>
<td>2221580</td>
<td>11.34 ACRES 2400 SF HOME ON 10 LUSH ACRES W/2 PRIVATE WELLS. ROOM FOR BAR OR WORKSHOP. REMODELED KITCHENS, CATHEDRAL CEILINGS, 2 BD/2.5 BA, OFFICE. BARBARA HARRIS 602.826.4026</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>$489,000</td>
<td>2220881</td>
<td>36.25 ACRES UNIQUE 2009 SF, 3 BD/2 BA STABILIZED ADODBE W/BRICK FLOORS, BEAMED CEILING IN GREAT ROOM, STUDY/LIBRARY. INCREDIBLE VIEWS, SOLAR &amp; GREAT INTERNET. JEAN MILLER 512.508.3335</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>$79,000</td>
<td>22025368</td>
<td>14.7 ACRES PANORAMIC VIEWS — LAKE PATAGONIA 262 CIRCULO MONTANA. BRING YOUR HORSES! LOVELY MOUNTAIN VIEWS. BUILDING SITE READY. PRIVATE WELL, ELECTRICITY AT LOT LINE. JEAN MILLER 512.508.3335</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>$34,000</td>
<td>2218890</td>
<td>5.74 ACRES LAKE PATAGONIA RANCH ESTATES 2 SECLUDED HOMES ON APPROX. 20 ACRES JUST 15 MINUTES FROM PATAGONIA. GORGEOUS MOUNTAIN VIEWS. LIVE IN ONE AND RENT THE OTHER. BARBARA HARRIS 602.826.4026</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>$73,050</td>
<td>2220881</td>
<td>4.87 ACRES BEAUTIFUL LOT IN WILDLIFE CORRIDORS JOIN THE CONSERVATION-FORWARD COMMUNITY OF WILDLIFE HAVEN! TREE-STUDDED, WITH UTILITIES AT THE LOT LINE. PRIVATE WATER COMPANY. SAMANTHA SHORE 602.743.7833</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>$160,000</td>
<td>22211205</td>
<td>10 ACRES IN THE HEART OF WINE COUNTRY 10 FLAT, USEABLE ACRES WITH LOVELY VIEWS OF THE MUSTANG AND SANTA RITA MOUNTAINS. SEVERAL GOOD BUILDING SITES READY FOR YOUR DREAM HOME. CHERYL VOLK 512.975.7271</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>$595,000</td>
<td>22218890</td>
<td>164 SALERO ROAD 2 SECLUDED HOMES ON APPROX. 20 ACRES JUST 15 MINUTES FROM PATAGONIA. GORGEOUS MOUNTAIN VIEWS. LIVE IN ONE AND RENT THE OTHER. BARBARA HARRIS 602.826.4026</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>$55,000</td>
<td>2220881</td>
<td>3.48 ACRES SONOITA ESTATES 29 BUCKSKIN LANE CORNER LOT WITH HIGH BUILDING SITE AND GREAT VIEWS. CLOSE TO ELGIN SCHOOL AND LOCAL WINERIES. READY FOR YOUR HOME, PETS, AND HOBBIES. CHERYL VOLK 512.975.7271</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>