The Wittner Museum: a real brick and mortar museum named after Patagonia artist Paula Wittner. It sounds like a fantasy, a dope dream. But it is as real as the building standing at 204 N. Morley Avenue in Nogales, and the money behind it. Against great odds it is a reality in progress.

Formerly a cigar factory in the early 1900s, and most recently a bike shop, the Wittner Museum will open no later than spring 2023, according to Evan Kory. Kory, a gallerist, pianist and fifth-generation Nogales resident, is using recently awarded grant monies to fund the museum. Wittner will be placing a large portion of her trove of oil paintings in the museum’s permanent collection, and her signature will be incorporated in the signage.

“I think her work is extraordinary and timeless,” Kory said. The museum has come about organically. Wittner had shown both her photography and paintings at La Linea Art Studio, a space in Nogales where Kory has served as president. (La Linea recently became a nonprofit and is now rented by a group of artists.) And her work was featured in “Both Sides Now,” an innovative event that exhibited work at two locations: across the Mexican border at the Contemporary Art Museum, and at La Linea.

Opened just as the Covid epidemic began, “Both Sides Now” was closed to the public for many months in 2020-2021. It was during this long, strange period of hours spent hanging out with Wittner and other artists inside the empty La Linea that Kory came up with the idea of the Wittner Museum.

“We started brainstorming,” Kory said. “We would meet up at Paula’s studio and we’d share ideas, talking about the possibility of a museum.”

Those wild storms led Kory to a building at 204 N. Morley Ave. owned by his parents, Greg and Sandra Kory. With 14-foot ceilings, 2,500 sq. ft. of space and more square footage upstairs that could be used for artist studios, the building made perfect sense as a place to house the Wittner. The Korys agreed to donate use of the building to Santa Cruz Advocates for the Arts. Grant monies from various sources, along with some private funding, are covering the cost of renovating the building, which needed only cosmetic work.

The Wittner Museum is the beginning of Kory’s vision for a true arts district on Morley Avenue.

“I think the arts will bring people together and build community like nothing else,” he said. “I grew up on Morley Avenue in our stores. I’ve seen the ups and downs of the border economy. I think an arts district would help the overall quality of life for people in the area and make downtown a vibrant place again. The historic...
LOCAL NEWS IS ESSENTIAL, SO IS YOUR SUPPORT

By Marion Vendituoli

November marks the beginning of the Patagonia Regional Times’ annual fundraising campaign, that time of year when we ask our community to step up and help us continue our mission to provide local news for our community here in Eastern Santa Cruz County.

Our reporting is community driven and community funded. In other words, we wouldn’t exist if it weren’t for you. The PRT is a nonprofit organization that depends on donations and grants to be able to continue bringing you news and information that would otherwise go unreported.

For the fourth year in a row, the PRT has been selected to participate in NewsMatch, a national matching-gift campaign that drives donations to nonprofit newsrooms (like ours) around the U.S. We are also excited to announce that we have received an additional $15,000 in matching funds from Loud Hound, a foundation that supports local, nonprofit news organizations.

Here’s how our fundraising campaign works: NewsMatch and Loud Hound will each match up to $1,000 in donations per individual donor within the campaign period. This can either be a one-time donation or a recurring monthly donation. New recurring monthly donations are eligible to be matched at their 12-month value. For example, a donor who begins a $10 monthly gift starting in November or December will yield a match of $120 ($10 x 12 months).

The bottom line is, no matter how you donate to the PRT before the end of 2022, your donation will be tripled by NewsMatch and Loud Hound. That’s a big deal for the PRT.

As we look back, we are proud of the accomplishments of the PRT. I would like to share some of the highlights of this past year. Thanks to your generous support in 2021, we were able to launch our new website in mid-June and we immediately saw a significant increase in traffic. Average monthly views increased from 2800 in 2021 to an average of 7221 views for July through September, a 158% increase in traffic. Our weekly e-newsletter continues to grow and is an important vehicle for breaking news and for community announcements.

We have developed a new interactive calendar that allows organizers of events to submit their information directly to our website, including links to flyers and to their websites. The calendar is available to local businesses as well as nonprofits and community organizations, as one of our goals is to support economic development in the community.

We provide a platform for area nonprofits that cannot afford paid advertising.

We held our first writers’ workshop this spring for our volunteer journalists, and we have launched a program to take on a student intern from the Patagonia High School. In June, we hosted a forum to help small businesses and nonprofits navigate the County’s forgivable loan program.

Two of our writers received recognition from the Arizona Newspaper Assn. for their reporting, finishing 2nd in a statewide competition.

We also received a highly competitive ‘sustainable publishing’ grant from the Knight Foundation, one of only 26 news organizations in the entire country to be selected.

Our community has benefited significantly from all these innovations and expansion of services that the PRT provides. But a free press isn’t free. All this comes with increased expenses, including staff hours, operating expenses, and volunteer efforts. In 2022 it cost an average of $8427 per month to bring the news to our readers.

To continue producing the high-quality, independent, local journalism you’ve come to rely on, the PRT needs to raise at least $27,000 from our donors before the end of December. We hope that you will consider helping us to continue the work of bringing you your local news by participating in the NewsMatch campaign.

Will you make a donation to the PRT? Just think of the impact that could have - not just in our newsroom, but in our community.

The time is now. Trusted journalism like ours has never mattered more. Give today and triple the impact of your donation. Send a check to: P.O Box 1073 Patagonia, AZ 85624. Or donate online at: www.patagoniaregionaltimes.org/donate/
October 26, 2022

A letter from Kurt Vaughn

Dear Friends,

With a mix of reflection and gratitude, I wish to announce that I will be resigning as the Executive Director of Borderlands Restoration Network. I am grateful for the valuable experiences and friendships I gained during my time with the organization.

I feel proud of all that we have accomplished together over the past five years, from the hundreds of thousands of native plants we have produced for regional planting efforts. Further, I feel confident that our new Strategic Plan has set a solid path for the organization for the next five years as we work to help grow a regional restorative economy.

My last day will be Friday, January 20, at which point a successor or interim Executive Director will be named. Until then, I plan to work with the board to continue to oversee the process of permanently filling the position. I am confident we can make this a smooth transition for our staff, partners, and supporters.

Please help us find our next Executive Director by sharing the job description and posting announcement that can be found at this web address: https://www.borderlandsrestoration.org/job-opportunities.html

Sincerely,

Kurt Vaughn
Executive Director

Borderlands Director Announces Resignation

Borderlands Restoration Executive Director Kurt Vaughn will be leaving the organization in January.

End of the Line for Local Gas Station

By Sarah Klingenstein

In early October, news began to spread that Patagonia was down one basic amenity, as Charlie Montoy’s gas station emptied its tanks of unleaded and diesel. The tanks at PIGS, the Politically Incorrect Gas Station, at 300 Naugle Avenue, will not be filled again, at least not by Charlie. In short, the station is being offered for sale, with or without equipment.

According to Montoy, the station passed part of a recent State inspection of the underground tanks, which are approximately 30 years old. Montoy was then asked to conduct further tests. In the process, a brass fitting broke. One thing led to another. The result was unexpected repairs and tank replacement that would cost much more than he was ready to take on.

“Bruce and Bonnie Pine, who owned the station before me, replaced the tanks with new double-wall fiberglass tanks,” Montoy said. “I’ve kept up with inspections since I bought the station in 2000. But state law requires replacement every 30 years, which comes up in March of 2023.”

Now the options are to remove the tanks or fill them with slurry. Montoy plans to pull out the tanks and pumps in January. He plans to remove the propane tanks by the end of the year.

“It’ll need work, but the property can be turned into anything anyone wants it to be,” Montoy said.

Montoy company and trading in conversation that was decidedly not politically correct, hence the name. “Everybody and anybody was welcome to the BS sessions,” Montoy said. “Some have moved on and some are still around. Folks like Bill and Suzy Berger, Bob Murrietta, Lee Gordon, Dick Bauerbach and so many more. Somebody once suggested I should rent out the seats, that I could make some money.”

Patagonian Rhonda Brew spent a fair share of time warming a seat at PIGS. She said she’ll really miss the place. “All the world’s problems were solved by 7a.m. It was pretty sweet,” she said. “Charlie is a really supportive guy. A few years ago, he collected money to reroof my trailer and a crew came over to do the job. My son worked for him during high school and, after he went off to college, Charlie would send him things to help out - new jeans, a pair of shoes.”

How does Montoy feel about closing the station? He says he’s okay with the change. “I figure God is watching over me and wants me to do something different now.”

He welcomes inquiries from anyone who might be interested in purchasing the property. He can be reached at (520) 604-1659.
New Manager Takes on a Big Job at Conservancy

By Sarah Klingenstein

Aaron Mrotek, the recently hired manager at the Nature Conservancy Preserve on Blue Haven Road, holds an unusual distinction. He may be the only person you’ll ever meet who has lived and worked in both Patagonias - the real one here in southeastern Arizona and that other one you’ve heard about in Argentina. He has carried his passion for ecosystem restoration to both settings.

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Annie McGreevy
January 26, 1938 - October 6, 2022

Annie McGreevy died peacefully October 6, 2022 at home in Sonoita, AZ surrounded by family. She was born in 1938 in Kansas City, MO where she grew up enjoying many sports, especially field-hockey and golf. She attended the Sunset Hill School for 15 years and then went on to Vassar before eventually graduating from Goddard College, a school that facilitated remote learning long before computers and Zoom were in vogue.

Annie raised her four children in Chestnut Hill, MA, where her warm, generous personality helped nurture familial neighborhood bonds that are still strong today. Annie added three wonderful stepchildren to her brood when she moved to Cleveland in the 1980s, where she also worked hard for the nuclear freeze movement in order to ensure a safer world for all.

For the last 35 years, Annie was an important member of the Sonoita/Patagonia community. She met her husband Quentin during her fight against unsafe highways and added four more stepchildren to her family. She fought passionately to save the Scenic Santa Rita Mountains, helped the Arizona Community Foundation, and championed the Patagonia Youth Enrichment Center.

Annie was predeceased by her parents, Milton and Barbara McGreevy and her brother Tommy. She is survived by her husband Quentin Lewton; her sisters Jean Green (Moulton d.) and Gail Harmon (John); her children Joanna Nelson (Jack), Colin McNay (Anne), Alice Curtin (Ron), and Kate McNay Koch (Bill); as well as seven stepchildren: Tom Heller, John Heller (Katherine), Cindy Heller, Trip Lewton (Kelly), Jennifer Labovich (Jonathan), Sasha Lewton (Talene), and Michael Lewton (Morgan); and many grandchildren, nieces and nephews, all of whom will miss her greatly.

Everyone she leaves behind will remember a supportive, kind spirit who forged her own path in life and inspired others to improve their lives and their environment. In lieu of flowers, donations in Annie’s memory may be made to any charity of your choice.

Avi Segal
December 25, 1943 - October 19, 2022

Avi Segal was my dad. He was a wonderful father and couldn’t have cared more about me. He also loved the world, everyone in it, every plant, animal, even bugs. He always sought out to help people as best he could, and I wish I could have many more years to learn from him. He was also a very humble person and never really spoke of any of his accomplishments, even to me, his son.

Avi was born in Tel Aviv, Israel on December 25 in the early 1940s. He wanted to help people from a young age and studied for a short time to be a rabbi, but he wanted to do more. He moved to Japan where he lived for eight years and studied at the University of Tokyo to become a Dr. of Acupuncture. While he was there, he also studied chiropractic, cupping, and eastern medicine, in addition to getting his black belt in karate.

In the early 70s he moved to Florida. He worked as an acupuncturist and continued to study many areas of alternative medicine, including iridology, reiki, and crystal healing. In the mid-70s he met my mother. They were married for a few years and had me, Adam Segal. During that time, they moved to San Diego where he opened an acupuncture and alternative medicine practice. Shortly after that they split up and he moved to Phoenix. He never remarried.

In the mid-80s, while meditating, a gift of spiritual healing opened up to him. He shifted his practice from acupuncture to spiritual healing, using his gift to open the love and light in many people for the rest of his life. In the early 90s he moved to Las Vegas where he stayed for nearly 17 years, raising me in my teenage years.

After spending so many years listening to so many people, he learned to enjoy his solitude a little more as he aged. Through meditation once again he was guided to move to Patagonia and find peace with nature. He remained there until he passed away.

Aside from healing, he had many hobbies and joys. He really loved the outdoors and nature and took me camping quite a bit when I was younger. He was also an amateur ham radio operator and certified mechanic. For a short while he was even a member of the Freemasons.

I thank the people of Patagonia for being his friends and neighbors in his time here.

I would really enjoy it if the people who have known him might share some of their stories about him on his Facebook page, “Facebook.com/Aviezer Segal,” so we can all share our experiences.

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Artist Launches New Gallery

By Pat McNamara

The building formerly housing the visitors center in Patagonia welcomed a new tenant this past August. Katherine Cudney, an award-winning artist specializing in oils, acrylics and watercolors, now occupies this historic space that became available to rent, after Cudney was gazing in the window of the building’s rear portion.

This building was always a special place for Cudney, a longtime Sonoita resident. One day, not long after the building’s new tenant this past August, the building’s owner happened by for a chat and to view her paintings displayed in the freshly updated space.

It’s taken a while for Cudney herself to stop and set a spell. Former stunt woman, professional singer and mixed medium artist, the Hoboken, NJ native possesses so many talents that settling on which to pursue has been a challenge.

Growing up in an orphanage in New Jersey was a difficult beginning for Cudney, but she found solace in her art and music. Always a good student in school, she could have earned a scholarship to higher education through the orphanage, but left the facility at age 17 which, unbeknownst to her, disqualified her. “It felt like they found satisfaction in depriving me of my continuing education,” Cudney lamented, as the orphanage was a very controlling atmosphere to grow up in.

Her initial dreams of becoming a medical illustrator dashed, Cudney used her talents as a singer to earn a living, working with big bands and country bands, even having her own small ensemble for a time.

When the economy got rough, Cudney, now based in New York, found work as a stuntwoman in film and TV productions. Her specialty was falling down stairs - a dangerous stunt she was particularly adept at. “I got to use the experience I got as a kid playing with my sister on the stairs at my grandfather’s house,” Cudney said. “We would roll down the stairs. Sometimes my sister would push me too soon. It was basic survival skills I learned early on.”

Music, art and stunt work were all unpredictable sources of income. Without family to fall back on, Cudney found herself homeless and living in her car for six months. After finding steady work as a barmaid, she was able to afford an apartment. Throughout this chaos, Cudney continued honing her skills painting and selling her art.

In the early ‘90s, Cudney married her husband, Cliff Cudney, a stunt coordinator and professional stunt driver (or: “wheel man”) who worked on such films as “The French Connection.” He trained Cudney to do stunt driving - yet another skill she mastered. Her marriage enabled her to settle down and focus on her art. In 1998, the couple welcomed their son, Clifford Loftin into the world. The family settled in the Sonoita area in 2006.

Cliff passed away in 2020 after a long illness, leaving Cudney with decisions to make about her future. Cliff was her biggest supporter in her art, once saying, “If you have something to fall back on, you will, so keep following your bliss.” Having obtained a BA in human development and a master’s degree in transformative arts, Cudney considered a career as an art therapist, but she chose instead to focus on Colibri as a way to share her artistic talents.

“Even now I feel like I continue to grow,” she said. “I don’t feel there is a final destination in my artistic journey. I am constantly learning.”

Colibri is open to the public by appointment and Thursday through Saturday from 11a.m.-ish to 4p.m.-ish. Cudney has a website, www.katherine-cudney.com as well as an art page on Facebook that details her many juried awards in art and her memberships in prestigious art organizations.

She is so grateful to the community for their warm welcome and feels at home in her new “digs.” She looks forward to visits from anyone to stop by for a chat and to view her paintings displayed in the freshly updated gallery.
Winemaking is a family affair at Najar Cellars Winery in Elgin. (From left) Natalie, Alan, Mina, and Emily Sanchez.

By Dottie Farrar

Winemaking in Sonoita-Elgin is inherently challenging. Capital is hard to come by. The climate is tough. The physical work is daunting. And land, vines, fencing, weather protection and predator control are very expensive.

Elgin-based Najar Cellars Winery approaches these challenges with a unique philosophy: biodynamic viticulture. While Najar is not a certified bio-dynamic winery, Najar owner-operator Alan Sanchez believes in using sustainable and organic winemaking practices, along with the rhythms of the earth, such as picking grapes on a harvest moon. These practices in combination become “biodynamic.”

“Our goal is to produce wine which is as good for you as it can be,” Sanchez said in a recent interview. “Wine is made in the vineyard with soil and topography, giving the wine its characteristic taste and flavor. And then, of course, there is the terroir: the complete natural environment in which a particular wine is produced, including factors such as soil and topography, giving the wine its characteristic taste and flavor.

Sanchez, who worked as a hydrologist prior to obtaining viticulture degrees from the Southwest Wine Center in Wilcox, where he did his practicum, is now the future site of the Wittner Museum. Most recently she volunteered to paint a mural on Kory’s bridal shop, also on Morley Avenue, called “Wedding.”

Photo by Marion Vendituoli
NOVEMBER 8: Your **YES** vote on Proposition 413 increases our local community college’s expenditure limits without increasing your taxes!

Access to post secondary education offered through the SCCPCCD, our local provisional community college, is foundational for any economic development plan in our community to succeed. SCCPCCD offers affordable local options for college bound students and adults who want to expand their career options, shorten time to degree and reduce the cost of college.

A student can get an associate’s degree from SCCPCCD for roughly $4,500 compared to $24,000 at one of the Arizona's state universities. Through the Dual Credit Program at Rio Rico and Patagonia Union High Schools, students are earning college credit for free, giving them a head start on post secondary education.

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SCCPCCD offers classes at times that fit the busy schedules of lifelong learners, adults who are returning to school after being in the workforce for several years.
Halloween Scenes 2022

Sonoita Fairgrounds Community Party

By Marion Vendituoli

This year’s Community Halloween party at the Sonoita Fairgrounds featured costume contests, cotton candy, a cake walk, hot dogs and nachos, hay rides, a D.J., and more than a hundred excited kids and their families.

The Sonoita Rodeo Queen greeted party goers at the door and handed out fake hands filled with candy. The Cowbelles handed out cupcakes and snacks at the cake walk, their version of musical chairs. The SEFD firefighters gave out candy outside by their truck, kids lined up to get cotton candy on the ramada, and the fairgrounds tractor pulled the hayride trailer around the grounds.

The party was organized by Fairgrounds Manager Lacy Beyer, with the help of volunteers who helped decorate Pioneer Hall and worked in the kitchen and at the bar. “It kind of kicked off the Halloween weekend,” Beyer said. “I thought it was a really fun weekend for our community.”

By Marion Vendituoli

Patagonia Trunk or Treat

By Robert Gay

At this year’s Trunk or Treat event, about 18 vehicles lined up against the Town park’s south edge, each displaying its own brand of Halloween wackiness. Kids with wildly varied costumes (and a few adults) cruised everywhere, and the gazebo had been colonized by spiders playing music with enough beat to get a few dancers going. A cowboy was seen riding on a pekinese, humans rode on horses, witches abounded, gory body parts were occasionally spotted, dinosaurs danced, monarch butterflies fluttered, festive color and lights were everywhere, hot dogs were scarfed up, and of course a river of candy flowed.

Photos by Marion Vendituoli, Robert Gay, Sally Reichardt and Lacy Beyer
PHOTO BY MARTIN LEVOWITZ

Somebody mentioned “Career Day” at the high school, when local adults come in and sit at tables in the gym to talk to kids about the kind of work they do out there in “the real world” and help promote awareness of the possibilities. It’s noteworthy (but no surprise) that no one’s there to represent the life of idleness. The parent/teacher/principal and den mother conspiracy which one might call society is always pushing productivity, or what Bob Dylan called suck-cess.

When we were young - in seventh grade - the girls studied “Home Ec.” We boys were given six weeks each of several kinds of “shop,” including metal, wood, and print. The culminating projects were, respectively, a dustpan and a birdhouse, and a business card of your own.

What I found odd, back then, was that my friends already “knew” what they would “be.” (I don’t mean cowboy or astronaut - it was New Jersey, after all - but things more likely and mundane, like lawyer, plumber or podiatrist.) And I’ll be damned if most did not go on to “be” those things. How can you decide what you’re going to eat when you’ve not even looked at the damn menu yet?

Why can’t there be a table in the corner of the gym where someone shiftless sits promoting fertile idleness that leaves you free to see and hear and to appreciate?

In most “developed” cultures you’re defined by what you do. Careerlessness, like nakedness, is an embarrassment. (Unless, of course, you were born rich.) But, moving lower, closer to the edge, if you’re a gypsy/wanderer, and don’t have an identity - i.e., nothing invested and nothing to lose - you make them nervous, and The Normals keep an eye on you.

Perhaps, too, you’re familiar with the thorny and complex history of Colorado River water allocation: the 1922 compact that divvied up the river among seven Upper and Lower Basin states and Mexico; the overestimation back then of total river flow - a miscalculation upon which allocations are still based; the “use it or lose it” policy that forces some farmers to dump unused water, rather than forfeit their rights to it; and the unwieldy Folsom Bill that locks farmers into growing water-intensive crops, such as cotton, or lose their subsidies, and their shirts, altogether.

Now, a century later, an 80-fold increase in the Colorado River Basin population, a protracted megadrought, and less snowpack in the Rockies due to climate change, demand for water is up and supply is down. Way down. A full 6% of the Colorado River returns to the water cycle through evaporation and leakage beneath the reservoirs before any of us use it. Of the water we do harvest, 6% goes to residential use and another 8% goes to commercial and industrial uses including office buildings, golf courses, power plants, and mines. What’s left - the remaining 86% - is used for crop irrigation. Alfalfa, while drought resistant and relatively water efficient, is the single largest consumer of agricultural water in California due to its high acreage and perennial growth. Together with grass hay and corn silage, alfalfa accounts for 32% of the west’s water footprint. Put another way, a third of all water used in the seven Basin states goes to feeding cows. Americans eat four times more beef, on average, than everyone else on the planet. Meanwhile, a good ten percent of the cattle forage grown in the southwest is shipped overseas to China, Japan, and the Middle East. Given the over 8,000 McDonalds in these countries, it’s not surprising people there have developed a taste for beef. Saudi Arabia is actually buying farmland in California and Arizona to grow hay, so they don’t have to tap their own water reserves. We are essentially exporting water in the form of alfalfa. How, then, do we begin to align the west’s demand for water with its dwindling supply, thereby averting a mass migration to the Great Lakes? Here are a few suggestions:

First, perhaps we could cooperate. As entrenched as the situation seems, we must move beyond the “water wars.” Second, let all ranchers follow the example of those ranchers in our area, like Bill Brake of the Rose Tree Ranch in Elgin, who reduce irrigation (and sequester carbon in the soil) by implementing rotational grazing programs. (See Stephen Williams’ article in the March 2021 issue of the PRT.)

Third, could we put a moratorium on foreign land sales? On endless urban sprawl in this region?

Lastly, dare I say it: Maybe we Americans could simply EAT LESS BEEF. Who knows? The West Most Well Be Saved...By Salad.

-- Robin Kulibert
that nobody knew. I assumed Zach’s co-workers and this random couple family, my family, friends, neighbors, party. Everyone was there: Zach’s five years ago at our housewarming anniversary at our house.

What we didn’t expect is people walking into the park. What we expected and endure the festivals, street construction, highway noise, parades, bicyclists camping the park. What we expected was people too fearful to cross the street.

Lately, the issue has gotten worse. In the last year we have had at least six people come into our yard and almost into our house. Thankfully we were able to stop them before they tried to come in. Recently I was laying on my living room couch enjoying my weekly “Law and Order” marathon when my front door opened, and a strange woman appeared. If not for the dogs running at her at full speed, she may have made it all the way inside. The look of realization slowly reached her face, and she sped off, leaving the door wide open. She scurried out of my yard and made her way to her actual destination - THE STORE NEXT DOOR!

My first instinct was to follow her and give everyone involved a piece of my mind, but I settled on a piece of chalk and a sign I wrote on the sidewalk in front of my house, “NOT the store next door.” Zach and I were satisfied that this would work or at least send a message and this held true right up until today.

Once again I was watching “Law and Order” when I heard the gate open. I got up to find yet another woman standing on my porch reaching for the door handle. (A side note: they all look the same. Big wallet in one hand, long shorts, and shoes that look like they just climbed out of an RV.) My trusty guard dog Diesel and I met her at the front door. The poor thing looked so confused. “What’s wrong, is the dog confusing you?” I asked. She answered with a shaky “Yes” and I replied, “That’s because the store is next door!” and, as you may have guessed, she ran away.

Naturally, I did what most people do in this situation and took to social media. Upon reading my story on Facebook, my virtual friends did not disappoint. Most people thought that I need to put up a sign. Logical, but people don’t read. Remember the giant chalk sign?

Some suggested I let the dogs deal with them. Tempting, but we don’t know what kind of diseases out-of-towners carry. Many people suggested I take advantage of the situation and give them what they want - produce. I think I’ll leave that to the neighbors.

My favorite suggestion: electrify the gate and install a live feed camera. Effective but it would really upset the UPS and FedEx drivers.

Most said, and I must agree, that they can’t believe that people are that stupid. My house has become an IQ test, identifying the dumbest of the dumb.

Let the record show that I now have to lock my doors, not because I live on the border, but because dumb RVers come into my house thinking they are going to find Brussel sprouts and kum-bucha. (You can read into that whatever you like.)

By Cassina Farley

When we bought our house on the main street, we sort of knew what to expect. In the five years of glorious home ownership, we have come to expect and endure the festivals, street construction, highway noise, parades, bicyclists camping the park. What we didn’t expect is people walking into our house.

The first incident happened about five years ago at our housewarming party. Everyone was there: Zach’s family, my family, friends, neighbors, co-workers and this random couple that nobody knew. I assumed Zach knew them and, of course, he thought the same of me. Our family assumed they were friends of ours and even started up a conversation with them when the couple revealed they were supposed to be at the store next door. Since then, we have had a few random folks mistake our house for “the store next door.” It has mostly involved folks parking in front of our house, or blocking our cars, or people using our wall as a perch for eating their newly purchased fruit. A few carefully positioned pots on the wall fixed the sitting problem and a couple of no parking signs slowed down the onslaught of lazy people too fearful to cross the street.

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Santa Cruz County Attorney George Silva talks to students about a career as an attorney at Career Day. The event, held on Oct. 21, was hosted by the Mountain Empire Rotary Club.

**News Release**

2022 continues to be a very busy year for the Mountain Empire Rotary Club (MER). The Club will be holding a “Game of Thrones”-themed Casino Night Fundraiser on Nov. 5. Hope you can join us for an evening of gaming, fun, food and silent auction. Remember that these fundraisers allow the Club to continue with projects supporting the needs of our community. Details are available at: mebrc.better-world.org/events/casino-night

The school year started with our annual “Welcome Back” brunches for the Elgin and Patagonia staff. We are now completing distribution of the Club’s annual gift of Dictionary/Atlas Books to third grade students in Elgin, Patagonia and the Patagonia Montessori Elementary Schools.

On Sept. 17, we prepared and served dinner to 4H Club members at an appreciation dinner sponsored by the SCCFRA. On Oct. 15, MER manned the Sonoita aid station for the annual Nogales Bicycle Classic Race.

On Oct. 16, we hosted an environmental symposium bringing together the Tucson Verde Rotary Club and various environmentally conscious organizations for a day of discussions and presentations. The Tucson Verde Club focuses their projects on the environment and hopes to be able to collaborate with organizations in our community. Many thanks to Tucson Audubon at Paton Hummingbird Center, Patagonia Area Resource Alliance (PARA), Borderlands Restoration Network and the Nature Conservancy’s Sonoita Creek Preserve, and Friends of Sonoita Creek for their participation and presentations. Thanks also to the Spirit Tree Inn for providing part of the venue for speakers, as well as a patio for lunch. As a result of this event, both Rotary Clubs are planning an annual Environmental Fair to be held in Patagonia.

Speaking of the environment, SAVE THE DATE – JAN. 7, 2023. That’s when the Club will hold another recycling and shredding event at the Sonoita Fairgrounds location.

On Oct. 21, MER held its annual Career Fair at the Patagonia School with representatives from colleges, vocational schools and businesses speaking about career opportunities with high school and middle school students from Patagonia and the Elgin School.

Meanwhile, MER has secured a Rotary Grant to partner with the Nogales Sonora Industrial Rotary Club for a school desk project. In Sonora, children cannot attend school unless they have a desk. The Club in Mexico has created a way to refurbish old desks and then donate them to the school. MER members are planning to join the Sonora Club in Mexico in January 2023 for the first workday on this project.

And here’s another SAVE THE DATE: April 22, 2023 will be our annual fund-raising Golf Tournament, held once again in coordination with the Benson Rotary Club. Stay tuned for more details.

So, as you can see, the Club is active and excited about what they can contribute to the community. We love supporting the community and our youths and invite anyone from the community to attend our meetings and learn more about Rotary. We meet the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month at 6p.m. If you have an issue in the community that you think the Rotary can help with, please contact us. We are here to listen and hopefully help.

If you want to know more about Rotary, attend a meeting, or suggest a project, feel free to contact Reba Webber at rebawebber@yahoo.com or your favorite Rotarian.
TOWN COUNCIL NOTES

By PRT Staff Reporters
September 28
The Mayor and Council approved a special event liquor license for the AZ Trail Association for November 3-5, 2022, in conjunction with the Spirit World 100 bicycle event. The Mayor and Council approved a proclamation of the Town, declaring October 2022 to be “Domestic Violence Awareness Month” in Patagonia. The Mayor and Council approved major repairs of two of the Town’s much-used equipment. Rock Equipment will repair the 4WD John Deere loader and backhoe. The cost is $25,103.13 and will come out of the Contingency Fund.

The Mayor and Council approved a resolution committing local funds of $25,000 as leverage for a total of $400,000 of grant money for “shovel ready” improvement projects supported by SEAGO, the Southeast Arizona Governments Organization.

October 12
In the Call to the Public, a resident reported annoyance at “meddling with political signs.” She was encouraged by Mayor Wood to make a written request for an agenda item before the next meeting.

Samantha Carlson made a comment opposing Agenda Item 9, the renewal of the ReLeaf marijuana shop’s license, claiming a list of infractions like jaywalking customers and a dog in the shop. Manager Robinson stated he observed the shop to be clean and well run and Mayor Wood suggested Carlson deal directly with AZ Dept of Transportation, since Naugle Ave. is totally within ADOT jurisdiction. Councilor Finch reported that the pre-Veterans Day cleanup of the cemetery was underway, and people could volunteer. Councilor Stabile reminded all that it was a “high-snake” season. It was announced that Karla Avalos, from Senator Kelly’s office, had to postpone her visit to a council meeting to discuss how Senator Kelly and the Town could strengthen their partnership, and would reschedule.

Mayor and Council approved the Planning and Development Committee’s report on a use permit for the retail marijuana business at 436 W. Naugle Ave.

Mayor and Council accepted Ike Isaacson’s resignation from the Planning and Development Committee and added “he will be greatly missed.”

Mayor and Council approved Manager Robinson’s writing of a letter of commitment and support for a SEA-GO community-wide assessment grant. The purpose of the grant is to assess properties of the town (not private properties) for existence of possible “brownfield” sites, under sponsorship of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

November 1
The Mayor and Council approved a proclamation of the Town, declaring November “Veterans Awareness Month” in Patagonia.

We found the articles to be very interesting, well written and informative edition.

Kudos for Martin
Recently, my wife and I spent seven days in Patagonia and happened to be a group of folks at the Patagonia Regional Aquatic Center. The couple at the Lumber Company have done lots for the town. Velvet Elvis reopening in the spectacular Mission building, Queen of Cups offering such tasty meals.

I am a new homeowner here in Patagonia and am constantly impressed and pleased by the effort I observe from the above mentioned groups.

While perhaps not an individual, they certainly qualify as good Patagonia neighbors.

Chris Gore
Patagonia

I find it curious, and a bit elitist, for letter writers Gary Nabhan and Annie Sager to criticize the food bank when neither one has donated a nickel or volunteered an hour of their time to the food bank to see the breadth and depth of our services and the food insecurity problem in East Santa Cruz County.

I welcome them to come volunteer and experience the real scope of food insecurity in our county as well as the smiles and gratitude that comes with personally serving our community.

James Staudacher, President, ESCCCFB
Patagonia

Food Bank a Lifeline for Many
I read with interest comments from PRT readers objecting to my use of the term “Food Desert” in a PRT interview on food insecurity in our community. I am not interested in engaging in an argument about labeling or parsing definitions. My reality, as president of the East Santa Cruz County Community Food Bank, and the reality of our many clientele in Eastern Santa Cruz County, is that there is a food crisis that makes support from our organization for the elderly, disabled, single parents, low-income adults and families essential to their wellbeing.

We support a host of people from all walks of life that have one thing in common. They and their families don’t have enough food to eat each month. Demand for our services has increased dramatically in the past few months as inflation has taken a toll on our clients’ incomes.

As their discretionary income has gradually disappeared (if our clients ever had any) our food bank has become a lifeline.

Yes, there are farmers’ markets selling local food and there is grass fed beef available for those middle- and upper-class citizens who can pay a premium for it.

Those are not the people we provide food for.

We provide food for single mothers working two or three jobs and trying to keep their old car running so they can make it to Nogales once a month for inexpensive groceries.

We provide food for the working poor, who may have a functioning car but not enough money to put gas in it.

We provide food for the elderly and disabled through our partnership with the Senior Citizens of Patagonia.

We provide food for our youth and their families through our partnership with the Patagonia Youth Enrichment Center.

We provide food for churches in the northern part of our county who partner with us on outreach to make sure the isolated elderly and low-income workers don’t fall through the cracks and have the food so essential for wellbeing.

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Seeking Input
My name is Ron Ochoa. I am an Arizonan with an environmental, health, and safety background. Our family has an Arizona legacy that pre-dates the Arizona Territory. My father, David Ochoa, a purple heart veteran of WW2, and former Talisens West employee, is buried in the old Patagonia cemetery. The Ochoa family has a deep, local history that stretches back generations to the guards of the original Tucson presidio. Like most people who live in Patagonia, we value and appreciate the Patagonia area not only as a beautiful place but also as part of our past / present heritage.

We are fortunate to be stewards of a large parcel of native land that overlooks Patagonia.

We propose building a ‘Talisens-West’ style environmental lodge integrating modern green technology harmoniously with people and nature. Paseo Verde will be a small nine-room lodge and will eventually have four or five additional casitas, an existing gravel road, plus numerous hiking and bike trails on-site.

Our plans calculate less than 3% of the acreage would be under the roof. We have an extraordinary piece of land and the desire to see people hike, bike, and enjoy the area.

We seek to form a local Environmental Advisory Committee to guide and advise the project. If you want to become involved and serve on the Paseo Verde Environmental Lodge’s Advisory Committee, please get in touch via email at ron_ochoa@yahoo.com.

The Advisory Committee will be influential, and some details of our plan will undoubtedly change as we receive input.

We want to share Patagonia’s vision for a sustainable future.

Ron Ochoa
Patagonia/Tempe

COMMUNITY NOTES

Impressed by the Community
I am unable to identify individuals worthy of this award [The PRT’s Good Neighbor Award], however groups of wonderful, caring locals impress me on a daily basis.

I am referring to our Senior Center and the dedication of the folks who provide meals Monday thru Friday. And how about the hard working group of folks at the Patagonia Regional Aquatic Center? The couple at the

Kudos for Martin
Recently, my wife and I spent seven days in Patagonia and happened to read your PRT newspaper, the October edition. We found the articles to be very interesting, well written and informative for such a small community.

In particular, Martin Levowitz’s “Life Among the Humans: Shall Thou Not Kill?” was extremely well thought out for such an explosive topic. Martin did an excellent job of walking a tightrope and asking questions that no matter which side you want to stand on should give pause to reflect (unless you no longer have a brain). Martin should be commended for tackling the topic with careful thought and asking simple but yet brilliant questions.

Gary Andrews
Austen, TX

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O’Donnell Canyon

By Alison Bunting

O’Donnell Canyon in Canelo runs northeast from the Canelo Hills and is adjacent to Sycamore Gulch. It is most likely named after brothers Anthony and Patrick O’Donnell whose ranch is identified on Roskruge’s 1893 Official Map of Pima County. Neighboring ranchers included James McCarty, Victor Igo, Fernando Martinez, J. Rice, T. Rice, and Samuel Hunter.

The O’Donnell brothers were born in Ireland - Anthony in 1850 and Patrick in 1856. They emigrated to the United States about 1873 and arrived in Southeastern Arizona from California around 1878. They initially lived in Tucson, working in the hotel business, and Anthony worked for the Pima County Sheriff. [Arizona Daily Star, 6/19/1900].

The 1880 U.S. Census lists the brothers living in Harshaw; Anthony’s occupation is miner and Patrick’s is prospector. Anthony was also the Harshaw town constable.

In 1881 Anthony purchased “100 acres of land west of Huachuca Mountains” for $1,000, and the brothers became cattle ranchers. [Tucson Citizen, 8/14/1881]. They also "raised a fine strain of race horses which they shipped to England." [Tucson Citizen, 4/5/1926].

Patrick married Mary McNamara of San Francisco in 1889. They had eight children: Annie, Anthony, Mary, Maude, Gertrude, Genevive, Regina, and Joseph. Patrick was awarded beef and grain contracts and became notary public of Fort Huachuca. [Tombstone Weekly Epitaph, 11/18/1894]. When a large gold deposit was discovered in Pearce, AZ, Patrick considered relocating to "develop some mining properties." [The Border Vidette, 6/12/1897].

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Crowds, Rain
Mark Artisan
Market in Patagonia

By Nisa Talavera

This year’s Sky Islands Fall Artisan Market was well attended despite the unexpected October rains. The Southern Arizona Arts & Cultural Alliance (SAACA) along with the Sky Islands Tourism Association (SiTA) partnered again this year to sponsor the event. Now, in its 32nd year, the market can attract more than 15,000 visitors to Patagonia’s lovely tree-shaded park in the center of town.

Festival goers were treated to over 100 colorful booths, creative vendors, talented musicians, and the sweet smell of kettle corn in the cool, fall air. Participating artists showcased their work in a wide range of mediums including wood, ceramics, jewelry, photography, metalwork, handcrafted soaps, painting, and much more.

The weekend event also featured food and beverage vendors offering a variety of food trucks’ fare of smoked sausages, Indian taco fry bread, vegan/vegetarian entrees, gyros, and sweet treats, along with the local offerings of Patagonia’s eateries such as the Gathering Grounds, Wild Horse, El Pancho Villa, Ovens of Patagonia, the Wagon Wheel Saloon and The Velvet Elvis at La Mision.

The total number of attendees for this year’s festival is still being tallied, but vendors reported excellent sales for the weekend.

SAACA plans to continue to grow the success of the Fall Festival, as well as Patagonia and the Sky Islands region.

Photo by Sally Reichardt

Llamas are a perennial crowd favorite at the Fall Artisan Market.

Afternoon rains on both days of the festival did not seem to deter visitors.

Photo by Nisa Talavera

The kids’ activity area included the opportunity for young musicians to jam with their friends.

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GPS, Internet Vulnerable to Solar Storms

By Kat Crockett

In February 2022, SpaceX launched 49 satellites from Cape Canaveral two days after a solar magnetic storm slammed into earth. Forty of the satellites failed to reach full orbit and disintegrated during reentry despite ground controller attempts to save them. The atmosphere was too thick, and the satellites could not reach their higher, more stable orbit position, wrote Marcia Dunn of the Associated Press.

A solar storm takes three to five days to reach Earth after leaving the sun, providing a window for advanced warnings. SpaceX did not indicate whether it was aware of the solar storm which occurred five days prior to lift off. SpaceX has not released the cost caused by loss of satellites. Many scientists estimate it was in the tens of millions of dollars.

Solar storms are caused by fluctuations within the sun that blast charged particles into space. When these solar storms hit Earth, it disturbs the Earth's magnetosphere, setting off a geomagnetic storm. Earth's atmosphere absorbs the energy, heats up and expands upward. This expansion significantly increases the density of the atmosphere and causes drag, which can be a major problem for satellites, wrote Dr. Piyush Mehta of University of West Virginia.

Drag is just one hazard that space weather poses to space-based assets, said Mehta. In strong solar storms, electrons will penetrate the shielding on a spacecraft and can damage electronics, causing functional errors. If the error occurs in something critical, the entire satellite can fail. Mehta said solar storms can also disrupt the ability of satellites to communicate with Earth using radio waves, like GPS. Critical industries like aviation, maritime, robotics, transportation, farming, military, and self-driving vehicles rely on accuracy from GPS. An error of even just several yards is not acceptable.

During solar storms, satellites can suddenly drop to lower altitudes. The lower the orbit, the higher the difficulty for the spacecraft to recover when a solar storm hits. Anja Stromme, the European Space Agency mission manager, wrote that in the last five or six years, satellites have been sinking about 1.5 miles a year, but since this past December, they are virtually diving at a sink rate of 12 miles a year. Some satellites have propulsion capability and can use it to regain altitude, but many will continue to sink. With the increased solar storm activity even those with capability are likely to run out of fuel sooner than expected.

The frequency of solar storms follows an 11-year cycle, and the risk of intense geomagnetic storms is elevated during the peak or midpoint of the solar cycle. The current cycle will peak in 2024-2025. During the sleep year of this solar cycle, thousands of satellites were launched, and these new operators are about to face their first solar maximum. “The solar activity is a lot higher than the official forecast suggested,” wrote Hugh Lewis, a professor at the University of Southampton, who studies the behavior of satellites in low Earth orbit. “In fact, the current activity is already quite close to the peak level that was forecasted for this solar cycle, and we are still two to three years away from the solar maximum.”

It is easier and cheaper to deploy smaller satellites and, coupled with the demand for technology, the sky is getting crowded. Dewsof, a developer of measurement and technology systems, reported that, as of January 2022, there were 4,550 satellites in orbit, with SpaceX owning 36% of them and planning to launch more than 1,000 new satellites into orbit every year. Satellites support television, telecommunications, space observation, and navigation and global positioning.

Satellites are not the only risk to internet failure - damage to long distance land and submarine cables that constitute the backbone of the internet may also fail. Underwater cables travel long distances across the world and connect countries and large regions. They are at elevated risk to fail because seawater has high conductivity. Dr. Sangeetha Abdu Jothy at the University of California, Irvine presented a research paper in September 2021 entitled “Solar Superstorms: Planning for an Internet Apocalypse.” Jothy reported that one of the greatest dangers facing the internet with potential for global impact is a powerful solar superstorm. Power companies are already taking measures to protect the grid; however, the networking community has largely overlooked the risk. Jothy stated that we have a limited understanding of whether the current infrastructure is resilient against a powerful solar storm. Geomagnetic induced currents will not impact the fiber itself but will impact the repeaters that boost optical signals. Even a single repeater failure can leave all parallel fibers in the cable unusable due to weak signal strength or disruption of power. Jothy projects that connectivity between the Northeastern U.S. and Canada to Europe could fail completely.

Damage to satellites and power grids can be very expensive and disruptive. Solar storms are more damaging now than in the past due to greater dependence on electrical, satellite and global positioning systems. If your GPS fails, your internet goes down, or your phone stops working, you may look to the sun as the reason.

Editor’s note: Look for “Space Weather – Part 3” in an upcoming issue of the PRT for information on forecasting solar storms and preparing for solar events. Also, see “Space Weather Threats” in the August/September 2022 PRT for more information on solar storms.

Cowbelles Celebrate 75 Years

Santa Cruz County Cowbelles enjoy music by Bruce Andre during the 75th anniversary celebration at the Patagonia Museum.

Karen Bond, President of the Santa Cruz Cowbelles, welcomed guests to a celebration of the 75th anniversary of the founding of the Santa Cruz County Cowbelles, held Oct. 22 at the Patagonia Museum. Guests at the party included AZ State Cowbelle Secretary Trina Sue Riggs. Live music was provided by Bruce Andre.

The Santa Cruz County Cowbelles is comprised of two clubs, Elgin Sonoita Cowbelles, and Tubac Amado. Both clubs work to promote the beef industry and to raise money for scholarships for local students. They share responsibility for a booth at the County Fair, and each club raises money through such projects as raffles and selling merchandise. The Elgin Sonoita club will have a booth at the upcoming Empire Ranch Cowboy Festival.

Vera Earl Premium Beef and Vera Earl Ranch, of Sonoita, were thanked for their donation of 100 lbs. of their locally grown beef for the Cowbelles’ raffle, as well as providing beef sticks for the anniversary party.

HERMOSA PROJECT COMMUNITY ADVISORY PANEL: CALL FOR APPLICANTS

South32 Hermosa formed the Santa Cruz County Advisory Panel to the South32 Hermosa Project in early 2021. The panel consists of 14 members who convene monthly to 1) advise on aspects of project development with community impacts and 2) identify joint goals and priorities that could benefit both the larger community and South32. Members of the panel recommend priorities and strategies important to the community, such as those related to transportation, infrastructure, water, environment, wildlife preservation, and workforce concerns.

There are currently two panel positions open. We encourage community members with diverse perspectives about the impacts of Hermosa to apply, especially those with strong networks within existing local and regional boards, committees, formal and/or informal community groups and/or businesses. Panelists volunteer approximately five hours per month for at least one year.

We’ve contracted with a third party to manage and facilitate this process, and this contractor will select and interview prospective panel members. Panel meetings will be open to the public.

For assistance in completing an application, contact Dean Slocum at dslocum@acornintl.com or email askhermosa@south32.net.

Application pickup:
South32 Visitor Center
301 McKeown Avenue
Patagonia, AZ
Deadline: November 7, 2022, by 5 p.m.
Getting around - dispersing, if you will - is one of the key ecological tenets of life for the vast majority of species on planet Earth. Many do it of their own accord, employing wings, legs, fins, and even torsos (think snakes) to make it from point A to point B, and beyond. Other less mobile species rely upon other modes of transportation, traveling at the whims of a variety of forces of nature. November is prime time to witness some of this latter group, particularly our pernicious prickly plants. Let's take a look at some of our local Sky Islands hitchhikers.

One of my least favorite sets of clingers-on are invertebrate parasites. Having grown up in Lyme disease country, I can attest to the fact, relatively speaking, we have no ticks here. Yes, a few are around, but I've never had one on me. More often, though not frequently, I've been vexed by fleas - vagabond ectoparasites hopping my fleshy freight train. Most often these unceremonious “boardings” have occurred near skunk holes. Other invertebrates may use us and other animals for transport on occasion, though perhaps not so religiously as ticks and fleas, who use us not only for a lift, but also make a convenient meal of our hemoglobin.

A more benign animal-animal transport relationship involves two invertebrates. Pseudoscorpions are marginally mobile, stingless relatives of true scorpions. They are generally just a few millimeters long and mostly live in moist, dark places, and thus remain undiscovered, generally speaking. I've found them in damp plant parts at times. Occasionally, scientists have found pseudoscorpions hitching rides on the bodies of larger invertebrates. Beetles can be the bush pilots here, as the minute pseudoscorpions climb onto their elytra - the hard, outer wings of beetles - and await aerial transport. A Lilliputian world rarely glimpsed by us.

Many species travel with us, even if they're not directly on our bodies. Various creatures move via our vehicles. Think mice, other rodents, a whole slew of invertebrates (the live ones, not the squished ones on your windshield), and no doubt even such larger species as ringtails and raccoons. In 2021 a yellow-bellied marmot (a less famous cousin to the groundhog) was reported to have stowed away in a vehicle, traveling from its native Colorado to Glendale, Arizona, a 600-mile trip! We might just have to change the name of our state's professional baseball team name to the Mighty Marmots! Boaters and fishermen also unwittingly transport aquatic species from one body of water to another via wastewater, creating ecological disasters by introducing species not native to their new “home.”

No offense to our cute marmot or other animal wayfarers, but it's truly the plants that shine in the transportation department. One would think the opposite, given how they are generally rooted in one place. But flowering plants' seeds are far from immobile. Anyone who has recklessly trod through a Sky Islands grassland in November can attest to the fact that our socks seem to be the perfect transport vehicles for a wide range of seeds. Some socks become so covered in them that you're probably better off planting them than attempting to clean them! A diversity of grass seeds shine in this regard - poking, puncturing, and progressing at our expense. One grass flowering top - our native plains lovegrass - flies instead at the whims of the wind. Honorable mention to stickleaf, cocklebur, and bidens...

Perhaps my favorite hitchhiker is the devil himself. Devil's claws, that is. Many a curved seed pod of this slick member of the unicorn plant family lurks in wait to spring its insidious trap on you. Step in the wrong place and - voila! You are suddenly the proud parent of a number of devil's claw embryos stuck to your foot. Where these baby beelzebubs come off is up to you - extract by hand when desired. Don't complain - it's far better than being mugged by a jumping cholla joint, which (sorry to spoil the tall tale) do not jump. They do, however, rate as the most painful plant hitchhiker west of the Pecos.

So, next time you're feeling a bit lonely, just go out for a November stroll and soon all sorts of friends will try to tag along.

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

Thank you for your support and the patience of Sue Archibald!
**LET'S GO GET STONES**

**Melendrez Pass**

*By Keith Krizan*

The Santa Rita Mountain Range lies due west of where I live in Elgin. (Note to Siri: it's Elgin as in gin and tonic, not Elgin as in the Greek Marbles pillered from the Parthenon by agents of Thomas Bruce, 7th Earl of Elgin, in the first decade of the 1800s.) The Santa Ritas are the first range that I look to in the morning and the last one that I see if I go out to watch the evening sunset. In the morning, as the sun first rises, I am in the shadow of the Mustangs to my east and because of that, the first things that I can see that catch direct sunlight are the peaks in the Santa Ritas. From there, the shadow lowers until it is at the base of the mountains. It then begins its race eastward, across the basin, to the point where I am finally in full sun. Bob Dylan, in "I Shall Be Released," from 1967, sang, "I see my light come shining, from the west down to the east." That song invariably pops into my head whenever I observe that phenomenon.

The Santa Ritas, from my vantage point, are a majestic mound of rock, frequently snow-capped in the winter and the first local range to build clouds during the monsoon. I’ve looked at them close up from the Empire Ranch and seen the old bald man asleep on his back, as described by some old timers. I’ve also heard the legend of the Native woman perpetually pouring water high up in the folds of those mountains, but I have not seen her yet.

A few weeks ago I had occasion to take a trip up into the Santa Ritas with some like-minded adventurers. In my distant youth this might have been a hike or a horseback ride, but now the altitude is gained in a side-by-side.

A word about side-by-sides: Before I moved out west I don’t think that I could have pictured myself in one of those things. Noisy and gas guzzling. I thought of them as the antithesis of a meaningful and contemplative experience with nature. Just one look, on an excursion into the Santa Ritas, was all it took to convince me otherwise. Side-by-sides are a most efficient way to get to the hard to reach and beautiful places here in southeastern Arizona. As far as noise and gas consumption are concerned I am certain that if Ford can manufacture and sell an electric F-150 then an E-ATV is not too far behind.

Our goal that day was Melendrez Pass and the radio transmitters on a nearby peak. The pass is five miles NNE of Mt. Wrightson, 13 miles SE of Green Valley and ten miles NW of Sonoita in Pima County. At over 5400' there is a great view down to Green Valley on the west and a north view up to Tucson.

The road that we took up, as one would expect, was steep and rocky with wonderful vistas of grasslands giving way to mesquites and steep pitched washes where many present day mining claims are in effect. Time constraints owing to a gathering monsoon storm precluded any rockhounding but we did stop at a remarkably intact prospector’s cabin in Little Fish Canyon. According to a plaque on the cabin’s front door, it was built by Bee A. Brothers and his friend Old Man Wilson in 1929 under the established Gold Seal mining claim. The sign goes on to document some family history of who was born and raised there and lets it be known that in addition to the mineral gold that could be gleaned from and digs during the Great Depression there was also liquid gold in the form of moonshine produced there during Prohibition. Apparently the Santa Ritas have been responsible for more than one kind of shine over the years.

On the way back out we passed Kentucky Camp, a well preserved ranch and mining camp where the U.S. Forest Service has developed a ‘Bed, No Breakfast’ lodging experience.

A little further beyond we stopped in a high meadow to unpack a picnic lunch and watched a storm build and build above us. Some peals of thunder hurried our meal and our conversation.

Some shining lightning sent us racing from the west down to the east and back out to the Sonoita/Elgin basin.

**STARSTRUCK**

**A Wide-Angled View**

*By Harold Meckler*

People have asked me if I have a specific object or two in mind when preparing for a night under the stars. Sometimes. But usually, whatever plan I begin with quickly falls apart and I wind up looking here and there without any focus. The funny thing is that the viewing is always better that way; serendipitous stargazing always seems to lead to something better than I would have otherwise seen. If only that were true everywhere.

During the first week in October I went “home” to New Jersey for a family event. Three generations of us piled into a beach rental not far from where my wife and I grew up. Everything was great, except the stargazing. It was basically nonexistent.

Family and friends I hadn’t seen in years marveled at my description of what can be seen from Patagonia after sunset. “You’re so lucky,” they said, remarking that they had to travel quite a distance to reach a dark location. I think it was a sad thing to hear. Among the toughest things about moving from New Jersey to Arizona were losing the smell of the ocean, the fresh seafood, and the waffle and ice cream sandwiches. But, regarding the opportunity to admire the stars, we clearly have gained so much.

That’s why, this month, I encourage you to do two things. First, do what you can to limit light pollution. We have a gift here that many have forever lost. Then, just take in the whole sky. It’s a treasure that is well worth protecting. Start with that wide-angle view of the heavens and see where it takes you.

For most of November, early in the evening, the Milky Way stretches across the sky almost perfectly east to west and almost perfectly overhead. So many wonderful objects inside its irregular borders. And yet, forgetting the individual gems and settling for its totality is, at least for me, equally satisfying. Any type of magnification zooms past such objects as the magnificent star Capella, the Perseus star clusters and the Summer Triangle of Deneb, Vega and Altair and sends you deep into the galaxy beyond.

Binoculars and even the smallest telescope bring out the haze of the Milky Way, the light from some of the billions of stars that orbit a shared, common black hole. If I’m amazed at the beauty of the Albireo double star at the bottom of the Northern Cross, I’m completely lost for words at the seeming infinity of the mass of stars of which Albireo is but just one member. So, wander a bit. Enjoy the singular and the full expanse and, at the end of the evening, ask yourself where your journey has led you, for no matter how often I look, something new is always found. And, inevitably, what I find is not out there among the stars but, rather, within me.

During my New Jersey trip I visited Ellis Island and the Statue of Liberty for just the second time. I sat on the same benches where my then five-year-old father sat in 1922, an immigrant from a place that didn’t want him. I put my hand to his name, etched in the wall outside the main building, and pondered how a horribly violent twist and turn of life brought him first to the New York City harbor and, after WWII, to New Jersey where, many years later, my interest in astronomy was born.

Every star I see reminds me of every step leading to this moment where, thankfully, the skies are still dark and where, also thankfully, I have not been forced from my home. Every time I look at the stars, I learn to be more appreciative for these things that I have and mindful of those who have not been, or are not now, so fortunate.
Students at the Patagonia High School entertained audiences with two performances of "Café Murder," an interactive murder mystery and dinner theater experience, held Oct. 25 and 26 at the school.

Guests were first served a murder-themed meal, prepared by Audrey Doles, that included bloody basil soup, lasagna that’s to die for, and ‘death by chocolate’ dessert topped with a killer strawberry glaze. The menu came with a disclaimer that “No suspects were harmed in the making of this meal…we think.” The school cafeteria was transformed into a bistro, complete with black tablecloths and flowers at each table, that served as part of the set of the play, which takes place at a café where one of the diners is murdered.

The mystery unfolds as the victim, played by Rebecca Ford, disappears off stage where her body is discovered. The victim’s brothers, played by Nicholas Dekhtyar, Andres Hoyos, Carlos Chap, and Lenin Albarran; the waiter, played by Wyatt Rowell; the maître’d, played by Olivia Blystone; the chef, played by Gabriel Nunez; and the detective, played by Liam Young; all are suspects. These characters then visited with the audience, who had to guess who the murderer was after asking the characters questions about the crime. Despite some acoustic issues, the play was well received by the audience. The students made the most of the snappy dialogue and almost slapstick nature of the production. They were at their best, however, when they went from table to table interacting with the audience. They all managed to stay in character as they improvised their cleverly evasive answers to the guests’ questions.

The play, and the evening, was directed by PUHS teacher Journee Hayes. Her passion for language and for her students was evident in the attention to detail and the enthusiasm of her actors. The school, and the community, are enriched by her presence.

The suspects gather as the killer is unveiled in the final act of “Café Murder.” (From left) Olivia Blystone, Andres Hoyos, Nicholas Dekhtyar, Lenin Albarran, Carlos Chap, Wyatt Rowell, Gabriel Nunez, and Liam Young.

By Marion Vendituoli

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New Teacher Profile: John Lynch

John J. Lynch, a Southern California native, is the new Patagonia Union High School math teacher. After graduating from UC Santa Barbara, where he studied math and anthropology, he has taught math for the past 30 years. Students at PUHS have welcomed his presence at the school. “Mr. Lynch is really outgoing,” Senior Lizzy Urias, who is in Mr. Lynch’s pre-calculus class, said. “I appreciate everything he has done for us in the short amount of time he’s been here.”

Senior Olivia Blystone agreed, saying, “He adds a lot of personality to the school.”

Although from California, Lynch has roots in this area. His wife’s grandparents owned the Rocking Chair Ranch, outside Patagonia, and he has been coming here for the past 32 years. After the death of his wife’s aunt, Carol Connelly, three years ago, the Lynchs took over her property.

Lynch, who had grown tired of living in Los Angeles and felt he needed a change, moved to the ranch in August. “I just think it is one of the most beautiful places in the United States,” he said. His wife has stayed in California to take care of her mother, while continuing to teach middle school math, but plans to move to Patagonia next year.

Outside of school, Lynch has a range of interests which include working on vehicles, fishing, water skiing, and bicycling. He considers himself a “Jack of all trades, master of none.” He has no plans to retire from teaching any time soon. “I will continue to teach until I can’t anymore,” he said.

By Rebecca Ford

John Lynch has joined the faculty at PUHS as the high school math teacher.

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Nov. 5, 6p.m. Documentary: “Gabby Giffords Won’t Back Down” A documentary film directed by Julie Cohen and Betsy West. The life and career of former congresswoman Gabby Giffords, who was left partially paralyzed and with a language impairment following a 2011 assassination attempt. $5 per person.

Nov. 15, 6p.m. “Stewart Udall, The Politics of Beauty” New film about the life and legacy of Stewart Udall, former Interior Secretary, environmental and social justice advocate. Followed by a panel discussion with the director and local author and ethnobotnist, Gary Nabhan. The new 75-minute documentary celebrating the work and legacy of former Interior Secretary Stewart L. Udall, follows the trajectory of Udall’s remarkable life from his childhood in a Mormon ranching family in St. Johns, Arizona, to his final 20 years as a resident of Santa Fe. $5 suggested donation.

Nov. 19, 6p.m. R&R Press presents musician and writer Dan Stuart, former front man for the band “Green on Red.” Dan will be reading from his newly released novel, “Marlowe’s Revenge.” Join us for a reading and musical performance. $5 suggested donation.

Nov. 25 & 26, 10a.m. - 4p.m. "The Other Side of the Wall," A documentary by Bisbee resident Kevin Barth. The film will play at the top of the hour both days of The Art Walk.

Nov 27, 2pm Tucson film maker Daniel Buckley presents a sneak peek of his film in the making, “The Mariachi Miracle” Special guest Ruben Moreno, trumpet player and historian, will speak on the history of mariachi. Presented by PCAA and the Patagonia Museum. Donations accepted

Dec. 3, 2p.m. “My Childhood, My Country” Following Amir over the course of two decades, from when he was seven and living alongside recently-destroyed Buddhas of Bamiyan in central Afghanistan. As an adult with a family of his own, he decides to pursue a career as a news cameraman in Kabul. $5 suggested donation.

*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.

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**Ode to the Heart**

By Patra Kelly

I marvel at how the heart keeps going sending its rivers rushing with liquid energy to each and every organ.

I listen and feel my heart speaking to my mind that is suspended in wonder at the heart’s power and ability of coordination and connection—

While hidden from view in their microcosm, the heart’s quanta turn toward each other moving to the beat, leaping in and out of time and our reality—

And from a place deep and unlocatable, grows my indescribable affection and admiration for the heart

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**LITTER IS PREVENTABLE!**
Want to tour the Hermosa Project?

The South32 Hermosa Project public tour season is back. Join us to learn more about this critical minerals project in the Patagonia Mountains. Ask questions, discover how our team is uniquely designing for sustainability, and get a guided view of the site from our project overlook.

Weather permitting, public tours take place the first Friday of each month and continue until monsoon season. Send your inquiry to askhermosa@south32.net. Tours fill quickly, and capacity is limited.
**Community**

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

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<td>Phone: 520.344.53</td>
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<td>Angel Wings Thrift &amp; Gift Shop 22 Los Encinos Rd, Sonoita, AZ Like us on Facebook! Donations Accepted During Store Hours</td>
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<td>Office Hours: Tuesday &amp; Thursday 10am-4pm, or by appointment.</td>
<td>Tubac Buddhist Meditation Center 2247 Frontage Rd #2, Tubac Sunday: 8:30 - 10a.m. <a href="mailto:tubacbuddhistmeditationcenter@gmail.com">tubacbuddhistmeditationcenter@gmail.com</a> for zoom.</td>
<td>Homegrown Instruments Location one mile from Patagonia Fully equipped kitchen Pet Friendly redmtncottage.com 520.394.2514</td>
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Classifieds

HELP WANTED

MISCELLANEOUS

SONOITA SELF STORAGE + RV/BOAT STORAGE RENTALS
5x10, 10x10, 10x20. 520-455-9333 or 520-455-4641.

KPUP Broadcast Schedule - Autumn 2022

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<td>Acoustic Café “Today’s great songwriting talents. A bit of country, rock,</td>
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Daily Shows: Best of the Oldies: 1pm to 2pm/ BirdNote: 6am and 10am/ Growing Native with Petey Mesquitey: 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.
CUSTOM ADOBE RANCH ESTATE—NOGALES

$899,000
MLS # 22204620
106 ACRES

REDUCED! Classic adobe home near Kino Springs ready for your updates. 4500 sf, 5BR/5BA, pool, 2 car garage, courtyard, and private lot. Loads of extras! JEAN MILLER 520 508-3335

LARGE TOWN LOT IN PATAGONIA

$79,000
MLS # 22100804
.62 ACRES

11660 N. 1 Ave at North Ave. Great location! No flood plain, room for home and outbuildings. Electricity, phone, gas at alley. Mfr Home Ok. JEAN MILLER 520 508-3335

CUSTOM ADOBE NEAR LAKE PATAGONIA

$489,000
MLS # 2220881
36.25 ACRES

UNIQUE 2009 sf, 3BR/2BA stabilized adobe w/brick floors, beamed ceiling in Great Room, studio & library. Incredible views, solar & great internet. JEAN MILLER 520 508-3335

PANORAMIC VIEWS—LAKE PATAGONIA

$79,000
MLS # 22025368
14.7 ACRES

262 Circulo Montana. Bring your horses! Lovely mountain views. Building site already in place. Private Well, electricity at lot line. JEAN MILLER 520 508-3335

LAKE PATAGONIA RANCH ESTATES

$34,000
MLS # 22107278
5.74 ACRES

Build your dream home tucked into the hillside and out of the wind. Lovely mountain views, paved roads, electricity and phone at the lot line. JEAN MILLER 520 508-3335

BEAUTIFUL LOT IN WILDLIFE CORRIDORS

$73,050
MLS # 2220881
4.87 ACRES

Join the conservation-forward community of Wildlife Haven! Tree-studded, with utilities at the lot line. Private water company. SAMANTHA SHORE 602 743-7833

10 ACRES IN THE HEART OF WINE COUNTRY

$160,000
MLS # 22211205
LOWER ELGIN ROAD

10 Flat, usable acres with lovely views of the Mustang and Santa Rita Mountains. Several good building sites ready for your dream home. CHERYL VOLK 520 975-7271

LAKE PATAGONIA RANCH ESTATES

$595,000
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164 SALERO ROAD

3 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

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$24,900-$28,000
MLS # 48,50,54 LADO de LOMA

Buy 1, 2, or all 3 depending on your land needs. Electricity & phone at the paved road. Good building sites. Great location & views. BARBARA HARRIS 602 826-4026

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PATAGONIA: 327 McKeown Ave., next to Gathering Grounds  520-394-2120
SONOITA: Corner of Hwys 82 & 83, next to Post Office  520-455-5235
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