As we head on into the hot months before monsoon, I find myself dreaming of water and blessed rains. Is there a more amazing time to live in the Sonoran Desert? Three times of summer, instead of taking a summer break Connection will be publishing a monthly issue all through summer. Expect to see the 12-page version through the hot months when most of our Green Valley writers are enjoying cooler states. We’ll be back to the 16-page version soon enough!

Have an amazing June!

Kristen Randall

Cover: Open for Business! Acrylic on wood. A sign to celebrate La Siesta Campgrounds, and a gift from Kristen Randall to Steve Rendon for being the amazing community partner that he is.

Dr. Julius H. Woodward of Ruby

By Mary Kasulaitis

Beloved is not too strong a word to use in describing Dr. Julius H. Woodard, physician at Ruby during the 1930s. His name comes up every time you have a conversation with anyone who lived there during those times. It goes something like this: “Dr Woodard delivered my sister.” Or “Dr. Woodard put my dad back together again after the accident.” Tall and blond, he was a busy man with a sense of humor who went out of his way to help people. Considerate and kind, he is one of the reasons that former Ruby residents look back on that period of time in their lives with such good memories.

Dr. Woodard and his wife Pauline came to Ruby with the Eagle-Picher Lead Mining Company in 1930. He was from Missouri, as was the Company. Under the name of the Montana Mines Operations, an option had been taken by the Eagle-Picher Lead Company in 1926. A 250 ton capacity mill was completed in 1928. Lack of water limited mill operations and then in 1930 it was closed altogether because of low lead prices. Opening up again in 1934 and lasting until 1940, the lead, zinc and silver mining operation was expanded until between 1000 and 1500 folks had moved into the area. This included mine or mill workers and their families and those who provided services to the miners. One of those services was medical, since a mining operation is hazardous at best.

Born in 1900 in Lancaster, Missouri, Dr. Woodard had recently graduated from Washington University Medical School in St. Louis when he took a position with the Company. However, he contracted TB, and came to Ruby because it offered a drier climate for his recuperation, while maintaining a medical position for him with Eagle-Picher. It seems that when he arrived, a local curandera, the grandmother of Sammy Rosthenhausler, provided him with a local herb to speed his recovery. She attributed his shorter cure time to this treatment.

After 1934, when the mine reopened, Dr. Woodard’s patient base suddenly expanded. Those were the days of human doctors who provided personal attention and made house calls (or in Ruby, tent calls). Dr. was nothing if not conscientious. Fortunately, he was licensed to do surgery, anesthesiology, pediatrics and just about anything else he needed to do while so far out in the hills. Dr. Woodard maintained a clinic with as many as nine beds. Or perhaps as many as he had filled at any given moment. Ruby was a bit different from St. Louis. The facilities included an adobe building with an attached porch, covered with canvas, where patients could stay overnight. However, Dr. and Mrs. Woodard frequently took patients to their home if they needed to be watched overnight. Mrs. Woodard was a nurse and also worked in the office, which was tiny, as was the examination room. A nother of the nurses was Anne Worth, wife of machinist Norman Worth. Katherine Grover Duff, also a miner’s wife, served as anesthesiologist. The Ruby community was like a family, and that included the medical team.

Dr and Pauline inspired devotion in their patients. Katherine Grantham remembered that a woman was involved in a car accident on the Nogales Highway. They wanted to take her to the hospital in Nogales but she refused, demanding to be taken instead to Dr Woodard in Ruby (think about it—the road over the mountain isn’t much different now as then). Another woman, an aunt of Socorro Moyza Valencia, moved to Ruby just to be near him.
in case she needed medical help. The first baby he delivered in Ruby, Maria Jackson, went on to become a nurse in his office in Tucson. Frequently Dr. Woodard would recommend that patients go to a specialist for help, and just as frequently the patient thought he could handle it just fine. Sometimes he could.

In the thirties there were no doctors in Arivaca, so people from there and the surrounding ranches and mines would travel to Ruby to be treated by Dr. Woodard. Whether it was mine accidents, horseback accidents, gunshot wounds or eating too many peaches, no ailment was too small to ignore and people expected to be taken to him for help. His care extended from physical ailments to those more difficult to treat. He delivered at least 40 babies. Sadly, he presided over a number of deaths, as well.

Dr. Woodard brought professionalism and community service to the mining camp of Ruby, as well as the values of midwestern America. In 1935 he helped organize a Boy Scout Troop at Ruby with 15 members. He belonged to the Santa Cruz County Medical Society and he and Pauline hosted a dinner for the other members, who traveled from Nogales for the occasion. For some time, Dr. Woodard’s father stayed with them and helped around the clinic.

After all this adulation, it might be good to point out that Dr. Woodard was a stuffer, but he never let that get in his way nor did he let it have an effect on his capabilities as a physician. He never seemed to stutter when he sang or spoke to an audience.

When Ruby closed in 1940, Dr. moved to Tucson and practiced at St Mary’s hospital, with an office at 188 N. Church. Many of his Ruby patients had moved there too, so when he died suddenly of a heart attack at the young age of 54, he left behind a host of sorrowful patients and friends.

References: U.S. Bureau of Mines pamphlets, Arizona Daily Star and Tucson Citizen, Nogales International articles. Thanks to Tallia Cahoon, Katherine Grantham, Maria Jackson, Socorro Moyza Valencie, the late Charlie Foltz and Fred Noon for their memories.

Note: Pat and Howard Fredericks of Ruby will soon be opening a little museum in the Schoolhouse. Stay tuned for more information regarding days and times. Ruby, Arizona has a Facebook page.

Arivaca Helping Hearts
We’re here to serve the needs of Arivaca residents (living within the 85601 zip code). If you need a little help with any of the following expenses, give us a call!

- Propane
- Rent
- Water company
- Gasoline
- Clinic co-pay
- Phone
- Medical
- Auto repair
- Taxes
- Eyeglasses

And other approved expenses

Arivaca Helping Hearts current amount of aid:

$100 in assistance every six months

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Contact us at (520)398-3033, PO Box 156 Arivaca, AZ 85601
Stop in at Cinderella House on Friday or Saturday to bring invoices from vendors

Restrictions apply on types of expenses, amounts and frequency of disbursements. Arivaca Helping Hearts pays the expense directly to the vendor
I find that the longer we continue to get extreme bias information, over the past number of years, the more I realize that this country is in extremely deep trouble...both morally and legally.

With the Comey book, the political investigation, the intertwining of our political and intelligent communities and the vitriolic statements from both sides... its a wonder if we will have a legitimate country for our grandchildren,( hopefully this is an overstatement)

Let's be serious... when the FBI and the CIA , as well as the IRS feel that they need to interfere in our election and to falsify statements, who is going to ...who can...right the wrongs that we currently experience. The congress has the legal /constitutional obligation to oversee the actions of the Executive branch of the government, but we know Congress has not bothered to exercise its right. However, when Congress orders documents and the Atty. Gen. does not order the Justice Dept to hand over documents to, Congress; we, as a country, are in deep trouble. Who is going to take charge...?? The constitution is being trashed, not by President Trump, but by the bureaucrats in Washington. I know I sound like an alarmist, but we know as FACT...what would the FBI,-CIA,IRS feel they would be entitled to do...and to whom. For decades these agencies ran their own shop...were entitled to do what "they" felt was...right and just. We now have a small example, not the entire picture, of what and who and how they conduct business...most certainly not to protect the entire population.

In reality, this is not a few bad people run amuck, but entire government agencies who believe that they KNOW what is best and have been allowed to implement their "superior" behavior on the entire population...the entire population as long as those chosen have the same ideology. I do not, for one minute, believe that it is only a few high office holders. I believe that it is pervasive, as a general culture in each agency. Their attitude seems to say: 'we are the only people to make decisions as long as you have the proper political credentials'. For decades, this has been the business of the agencies...they do not change with each administration...however, they have been "weaponized" by this last administration as has been proven...as FACT.

Unfortunately it traces its original behavior back decades and implemented by weak and deferential administrations, along with a weak Congress, and certainly brought to bear by the last administration. In my opinion the political hacks...sorry to say on both sides.. have a "anything to win" attitude and everything is fair...as long as they don't get publicized. This is the sad state of our political and legal situation.

In my opinion, given the success of the President, both domestically and foreign, we should ALL stop listening to the resounding background NOISE from TV and MSM. Most, if not all, of this noise is not germane to running a country. We should be asking questions about things that matter...Why Congress can not get requested documents ?..Is the Mueller investigation overreaching its original purpose? Questions that have validity, AND I do mean questions from all sides. We need to receive actual proven FACTS.

As a side note: we should always be aware of what our representatives in Wash DC are doing...are they actually participating in government affairs ? Do they represent your political thoughts?

Just some thoughts...Greg Wedemeyer

Abortion Rights Are Liberating

by Paul Taylor

Nature's Gift of Life is precious and should be spent wisely, but where do we get this necessary wisdom? Such wisdom, I propose, comes as an emergent product of the collective effort of the caring, open-minded members of any society that enters into serious discussion when...
conflict resolution is needed as is the case for the abortion rights issue.

Recently, one state passed an abortion law that bans all abortions except when the health or life of the mother-to-be is endangered. While this measure displays a sensitivity to the realities of life, it has little voice regarding our federal laws. Insensitivities exist when some anti-abortionists go so far as to apply the word, “murder,” for any abortion. Some have even remarked that abortion is just a sugarcoated word for murder.

We have in this country, abortion laws that free those who choose abortion from any charge of “muder.” If you disapprove of the law, then work to change it, but do not make the reference to “murders.” Read the Roe vs Wade court case of 1973, where a 7 to 3 vote, affirms the legality of a woman’s right to have an abortion. This is the Law of our country approved by We The People. Do not use demeaning language that attempts to strip women of their humanity. This would be an example of religious supremacy at its worst. No group holds a supreme position in our republic form of government.

It remains however, for us to carefully examine in case-by-case, moral reasoning discussions the many situations where it might be reasonable to accept that liberating abortion rights should be granted. The following questions and thoughts, when discussed, could be where the liberating morality of the Golden Rule and compassionate love could reach far into the hearts of self and others where friendships and not enemies can be developed.

1) Could there exist situations of deep psychological harm in the case of vicious rapes or incest that are so abhorrently despicable that liberating abortion rights should be granted to the victim? Yes.

2) Could there exist situations in the case of a developing fetus where genetic, physical, and/or mental defects are so abhorrently harmful and clearly unacceptable that liberating abortion rights should be granted to the mother? Isn’t every child-to-be, born deserving of the best healthy start we can provide? Would not every child request that of us? Yes. Yes. Yes.

3) Should an immature, psychologically ill-prepared, mistake-burdened, physically underdeveloped, young pregnant girl bring a fetus full term? No. Aren’t some of these situations so clearly inappropriate that liberating abortion rights should be granted to the young girl? Yes.

4) Could there exist situations, such as an accidental pregnancy, where the mother-to-be could not provide properly for her child-to-be because of such things as her living conditions, financial position, and personal handicaps that in the final analysis are so decidedly unacceptable that liberating abortion rights should be granted? Yes.

5) Under what authority do some anti-abortionists claim the position that abortion is in some absolute sense fundamentally and universally to be disallowed? Is that authority in need of review? Yes. Consider the issue of abortion as it relates to the use of a 3-day old embryonic blastocyst of about 150 cells in stem-cell research, which research has the likely potential to greatly benefit the health and well-being of the human population on a large global scale. To deny the use of a blastocyst for health-care research, based on an argument that this amounts to an abortion that “klls” a human being so strains the moral reasoning process to the breaking point. The blastocyst is not yet a human being and defining it as such is an example of arbitrary and lethal moral reasoning that supports mainly personal and religious supremacy ideology. For this position to be a part of the “Right to Life” movement demonstrates a clear denial of a truly compassionate and worthy moral of a “Right to a Life” free of pain and suffering for many humans. Here is a situation where the concept of abortion hardly applies, but cries out for reasonable people to reassess their moral authority for holding a denial position for the use of blastocysts in stem-cell search. Isn’t our challenge and responsibility to free the mind of burdening, enslaving, and harmful dogma? Yes. Let’s begin.

We live in a nation where the separation of church and state is secured by a secular constitution under which we rule by law granted by the consent of the people. Laws so derived provide us with moral behavioral guidelines and a measure of protection which includes rights of privacy to include presently the liberating reproductive rights to abortion. Opponents should respect not only the law, but also the people who abide by the law with appropriate language and express any opposition to the law with civility, free of rancor and religious dogma. Our life is precious and we must spend it wisely. It would be wise to ponder deeply, Mark Twain’s counsel in his oft-quoted advice, “It ain’t what you don’t know that gets you into trouble. It’s what you know for sure that just ain’t so.” Let’s put aside claims that likely “just ain’t so” and commit our collective efforts to open-minded discussions such that our lives can be wisely lived in the pursuit of happiness where one’s happiness is measured by helping others achieve happiness. Liberating abortion rights could go a long way toward achieving this goal of happiness by making transparent the contents of our mind that, “just ain’t so.” If all life is to be considered sacred, no child should be born that’s known to be destined with a debilitating handicap that could have been prevented with liberating abortion rights that serve the living and the unborn.
Supervising Supervisors: Pima County Chronicles

by Ryan Kelly

If late May and June don’t have you singing Andy Williams’s holiday classic, “It’s the Most Wonderful Time of the Year” (…think about it, the heat has chased away the snowbirds and the desert is once again ours), well then you might be a Pima County Supervisor. Budget season is upon us, and never does the dysfunction shine brighter than when our Board talks ‘roads’.

Way back in August, our Supervisors appointed members to a Sales Tax Advisory Committee which was asked to determine the need for, and impact of, implementing a sales tax to support road repairs. The findings of that committee seem to have fallen on deaf ears. Any proposed sales tax would have to be approved by the Board via unanimous 5-0 vote, and while several Supervisors have entertained the notion of a temporary sales tax, strictly for road repair revenues.

In a recent copy of the bi-monthly ‘Tancque Verde Voice’, a community newspaper on Tucson’s east side, Supervisor Christy wrote of Ally Miller, “One Supervisor is dead set against any additional taxes for road repair. Yet, said Supervisor offers no plan to actually fix our roads, citing there is already enough money within the county’s budget to fix all our roads. How we unlock and get to that money – that some say cannot be used to fix roads – remains totally unclear.”

The final budget date looms, and come June 19th, Supervisor Miller will have spent yet another budget process squander- ing every opportunity to live up to her perceived title as some sort of conservative ‘roads champion’. She was first elected to her seat in 2012.

While progressives generally see sales taxes as a regressive idea, disproportionately burdening poorer residents, the three Democrats on the Board have tried to maintain an open mind. They’ve even tried to strike a balance, by calling for increased funding for social services in correlation with any implementation of a possible sales tax. Supervisor Christy was not too keen of that concept.

Politics aside, it’s worth pointing out a couple of factors when talking roads and taxes. First, Pima County has no sales tax. Yup, you read that right: 0%. Sure, residents pay the State sales tax rate of 5.6%, and if you live in Tucson city limits you pay an additional 2.6%, but the county charges you nothing. Comparatively, Maricopa County charges 0.7%, and Pinal County institutes a 1.1% sales tax. The proposal that our Supervisors will soon vote on would add a half cent sales tax on every transaction, and would sunset after 10 years.

Another tax trope we hear in Pima County is that our property taxes are too high. Many of those complaints come from folks in the Catalina Foothills, Oro Valley, and Dove Mountain (interestingly all in Ally Miller’s district). The truth is Pima County’s property tax rate is below the national average. Yup, you read that right. In a county long despised by much of our heavily-conservative Arizonans as being some sort of liberal backwater, we actually have below average taxes. And if you think our “blue” county stands alone when it comes to road repair issues, think again.

Navajo County is using 40 year old tractors and machinery for road maintenance. Graham County officials have considered converting paved byways back into dirt roads, to cut costs. In Mohave and La Paz Counties (both very conservative), rainy day funds have been emptied, and road conditions are absolutely dire. Arizonans across the spectrum are tapped out.

Money once dedicated for county use has continuously been taken back into the state’s general fund. This phenomenon be- gan during the recession, but as the coun- ty’s property tax rate is below the nation-

The meeting concluded with promises that the County would issue two written notices to Arivaca Recycling and La Siesta Campgrounds permitting them to continue operations while working with the County to bring them into complaince. They also pledged to research ways to reduce fees and red tape.

Kenny Buchanan, informal mayor of Arivaca, said “We did this the right way. I’m so proud of our community. We came together, petitioned the Government our grievances and they responded.”

Steve Rendon of La Siesta Campgrounds being interviewed. Pic by Bart Santello
A Golden Eagle Experience
by Emily Bishton

An hour or two after dawn, while driving slowly down Arivaca Road on our way back from birding at Aguirre Lake, my husband Uno and I saw the silhouette of a very large bird sitting on a lower branch of a Mesquite tree, just 10 feet from the edge of the road. Uno stopped the car, and I rolled down my passenger-side window so we could get a good look at the bird, which we realized immediately was a mature Golden Eagle.

At first, while we stared closely at it with our naked eyes and through binoculars, it seemed completely disinterested in our presence and was intently looking off into the nearby grasslands. This gave us a fantastic opportunity for a long look at it from head to toe; its sheer enormity of size, filling the Mesquite tree; its massive hooked beak with the brilliant yellow base and lining, the large dark eyes, golden-tipped crown and nape feathers reflecting the morning sun; broad brown shoulders and back, and heavy, scaled feet with feathers all the way to the tips of its long, sharp talons. This sighting happened over 15 years ago, and I still consider this bird one of the most beautiful and memorable that I have ever seen.

As I looked adoringly out the open window, the Golden Eagle stayed perfectly still, and then slowly turned its great head to gaze at me with a piercing stare. At that moment, I instantly had an image enter my mind of this “bird’s eye view”, realizing that only my head and neck were visible from its vantage point. The Golden Eagle is one of the fastest and nimblest raptors in North America, and there was my head, just a few feet off the ground, very close, and a similar size as some of its some favorite prey. Regardless of whether or not food was actually crossing this powerful bird’s mind, the feeling that came over me was definitely something I had never experienced before. I instinctively pressed the button to get that window rolled up as quickly as possible. The Golden Eagle continued to look at me for a few seconds longer, then went back to scanning the grasslands with a steady gaze.
The Regenerating Arivaca Group
by Les Rivett

The meeting of the people interested in "Regenerating Arivaca" was held on May 6th. The next meeting is June 3rd at 5 PM at the Arivaca Community Center. The meeting is every first Sunday at 5 PM and starts with a Pot Luck.

As you can imagine most of the meeting was spent discussing the recent closures and the bulletin boards.

There was discussion of a board at Marian's Market. The Regenerating Group feels like more people go to the PO than the market, (unfortunately) so near the PO would be the most central place. More discussion will happen. There are bulletin boards available at the library, coffee shop, The Merc, the Community center and public announcements are still allowed at the post office. Also, send information to arivacanmemories@gmail.com and it can be posted on the new blog at the Visit arivaca.com website.

We asked everyone to call Sharon Bronson’s office to ask for the recycling center and La Siesta back and what we can do? It worked, a town meeting got scheduled for May 25th at the Arivaca Community Center. At the time of this article, a petition already has over 1,000 signatures to ask for waivers. A large crowd is expected at the meeting.

The Schoolhouse friends will be working with the Parks and Rec summer program again this year. They would like to video the students experiences this year. Our local film maker, Eva has been requested to help out.

The 4th of July parade is already being planned. Contact Patty Jent to get on the line up. Banjo Bob asking for more people to join the 2018 Marching Band.

After the parade, join in for a Family Potluck at the Old School House. Show up for the pot luck or bring your own family picnic. There will be the dunking tanks lots of talk going into who we can put in the cage. There will be some kids games too. Hoping to have a donation for kids prizes for the free games. Set up a vending booth if you want. There will be music and fun, so don’t rush home after the parade.

The Regenerating Arivaca Group plan for helping with Arivaca gardens is moving along with the season. started has moved along. More donations were made this month to Human Resources and the Community Center after school program. Hopefully, there will be extra tomatoes this year to ask Sandra of Careless Coyote to help with canning at the Arivaca Community Center.

Let’s work on branding Arivaca as a grower and processor of locally grown and local hand made products. Thank you all for helping to grow Arivaca into a Sustainable Community.

Next meeting, June 3rd at 5:00 with a Pot Luck.

June at Marian’s Market
by Les Rivett

Buy Fresh, Buy Local! Support all Arivaca Local Businesses! Come visit Marian’s Market, Arivaca’s Local Farmer and Artisan Market. Arivaca’s farmer’s market is open every Saturday from 9-11... As the weather gets hotter, some vendors will arrive earlier.

Expected Vendors for June:

The Arivaca Community Garden has fresh picked organic veggies every week. They’ve got kale, turnips, kohlrabi, carrots and more. Squash and green beans are not too far off. Dates and Eggs too.

Careless Coyote has pickled vegetables of all kinds and jams. Sandra uses local ingredients as much as possible. Ask her how to prepare some of her nice veggies, she can cook too.

Jay’s Garden Variety has kale, swiss chard, carrots and fresh herbs. Squash later in the month. Jay will be making breads for the market again soon. Special orders for pies, breads and treats can be called to Jay 520-460-0303 or on Facebook.

Francisca Ortiz “the tamale lady” will be at Marian’s Market on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays. Get there early because her Tamale’s are an Arivaca favorite. She as baked goods too and sometimes fresh delicious cheese.

Monica has a variety of things she puts together. She often has jars of jellies and sometimes honey and other garden favorites. She’s also a great cook, ask her about wild game. She makes baked treats too.

Look for new vendors each week and out on the street. Why not think about joining Marian’s Market? It’s fun and it’s free!

See you Saturdays.
A Fine Performance of Life

The water babble of the wandering creek attracts my curiosity,
I descend its crumbling bank and sit on a black tree stump
to allow my senses to wed the wonders around me.
A fallen cottonwood has created a bridge for busy squirrels,
Leaves of giant cottonwoods hum in harmony
to a playful autumn breeze,
baby finches zip in and out of flickering shadows as blue
throat hummers jet-dive fallen bushes on damp grassy slopes.

Three hawks squeal with delight as they play
‘catch me if you can’ in thermals of warm air,
an unseen chorus of birds sing a bush ballad
composed by the genius of Mother Nature,
Arizona woodpecker hammers out percussion
adding rhythmic ambiance to their song.
I hear large black bumble bees with ‘Harley’ exhausts
zooming with purpose in and out of the trees,
then I hear the voice of my best friend,
“Are you alright down there John”
I answer,
“Sure, I’m being entertained by a fine performance
of life, please come and join me.”

John D. Coutts 2018
Patagonia AZ, amazing one day, sensational the next

Early Old Age;
Letters to Myself

Morning mist, in the distance,
curling around hills.
Dissipating in the heat of the day.
I guess the aches, pains and fatigue of old age,
are all just part of the package deal called life.
I’ve learned to respect my elders,
and their hard-earned experience,
here, at the university of life.
(Unlike the days of my youth,
I’m not so cocky and sarcastic anymore.
I no longer need to exaggerate my self-importance.)

Maybe someday it will all make sense.
Meanwhile, I do my best,
to face another day, of life,
another afternoon, in the sun,
another night beneath the stars.

Here,
amid the joy and the sorrow,
the ups and the downs,
the good and the bad,
the yin and the yang,
the past and the future.

James Carney

STUMP BEAUTY
The huge eucalyptus tree
Which had graced our village
For so many years was
Dismantled
Dismembered
Deconstructed
And disposed of
In slightly under four hours.
All that remained was its stump
With its 54 rings.
Magically, as it were,
Within hours of the tree’s demise,
Its awesome stump,
Large as a dinner table,
Was covered with blooming geraniums
And a dwarf pine tree.
Beauty lives on.

Loretta Carmickle

Breaking the Chains
By Patty Miller

When the people feelin’ hungry,
When the people feelin’ poor,
Make the laws that get them more.
There needs to be a revolution,
Seems to be the only solution.

When Earth’s resources that should be for the many,
Are reserved for the few,
And the many don’t have any,
And the few don’t have a clue.
There needs to be a revolution,
Seems to be the only solution.

Why should the few live high off the hog,
When the many are left worse than a motherless dog?
Earth’s resources and energy used for military and war
Nothing left to feed and shelter the world’s poor.

Seems the only solution
Is a worldwide revolution.

The rich and powerful few just don’t and won’t share,
Because they really don’t care,
That it is their greed and mongering for war,
That cause the many to be shelterless, hungry, and poor.
There really needs to be a revolution, for the solution SOON
Before the insane few end it all with a BOOM

BP lost his luck,
Stopped to pee
And lost his truck.
As it went up in a hurry,
He let out a holler
And escaped with his gun
But dont you worry,
Your tax dollar
Will buy him a new one.

-George Huesler
May 28 2018
Lush Cosmetics Invests in Southern Arizona Wildlife Refuge

Lush Cosmetics, owner of the Lush bath products and skincare boutique at La Encantada Mall in Tucson, has awarded a grant to the Friends of Buenos Aires National Wildlife Refuge. The Friends is an all-volunteer, non-profit organization which supports the 118,000 acre U.S. Fish & Wildlife Refuge near Arivaca along the US/Mexico Border.

Quote from Lush Charitable Giving Communication Liaison and Regional Ambassador West, Hilary Pickles:

“I saw a brochure for Friends of the BANWR and got on the phone with Reta Rutledge to learn more. I was impressed with their projects and the drive of the community to address the safety of wildlife in the area. It was clear to me that Friends operates with passion, commitment and scientific facts; they are implementing real solutions and we are thrilled to be supporting them.

When we encounter organizations that are addressing the root causes of the issues at hand, it gets our attention.”

The Refuge is home to over 50 mammals and 300 bird species. Their key work includes reintroduction of the endangered Masked Bobwhite Quail plus protecting other endangered and threatened species including the Pronghorn Antelope. Replacing barbed wire fences with wildlife friendly fence allows deer and pronghorn to move safely through the fence instead of being caught or cut by it. Additional work involves removing invasive grasses and restoring water to the landscape by repairing eroded washes.

Funds from Lush will be used by the Friends group to purchase and install three miles of wildlife friendly fence, survey the habitat of the Yellow-billed Cuckoo Bird for protection and improvement and hire a consultant to identify rapidly eroding washes and how they can be repaired.

Reta Rutledge,
President, Friends of Buenos Aires National Wildlife Refuge

Ruby Mine Museum

Ruby Mines Museum is having a "soft" opening July 1.

This Museum is in the N room of the School house.

"Soft" meaning that it will not be finalized or perfect, but very interesting and a future to come, as we improve it.

You may come in to see the museum at 2:00 pm. The Museum will be open 2:00 until 4:00 as we trial what works. If there are not interested parties, Michael may close by 3:00.

You may check-in at the Museum/School House with the caretaker. I will have forms to sign-in at the door. Parking can be below the school and along the road to the jail or on the basketball court, behind the school.

Welcome to Ruby History and the artifacts that were generously donated!

Pat Frederick

Arivaca Early Learning Center

Registration packets for next school year are available now. To request one, or to ask questions about enrolling, please call 520-262-4066 or email arivacaearlylearningcenter@gmail.com.

Arivaca Community Center

If you haven't been by The Arivaca Community Center lately and seen all of the recent renovations, you will find plenty of opportunities with this summer's line up of community events! Please come to the special Summer Presentations, sponsored by the library, which will all be happening at The Community Center! In June there will be "Mad Science," June 4, 13, 18 and 27 at 1pm. There will also be an evening of magic, comedy and pot luck with guest Cody Landstrom, happening June 22, at 6pm.

There are more events happening thru Pima County Parks and Rec Summer Program open to the community as well, such as Arivaca History Days brought by Mary Kasualaitis on June 29th at 10 am, as well as the first 3 Fridays in July. We also invite everyone to
join us at the Sopori pool on Tuesdays and Thursdays for a fun day of swimming.

A variety show is in the works, starring the summer camp kids, along whomever decides to bring their talent to the stage! This will happen sometime in mid-July, date to be announced. The Parks and Rec Summer Program still has openings for enrollment, and you can register your kids for our free summer camp at www.pima.gov/nrpr. We have a great fun-filled summer planned including swimming, free meals program, crafts, sports, presentations, games, summer reading program and several field trips.

The Arivaca Community Center has been extra busy the past few months with many upgrades. Addressing sound issues, there are newly installed acoustical panels and new stage draperies plus fresh paint, all giving the space new life.

Finally, The Community Center is now registered as a KIND CAMPUS thru local non profit organization Ben’s Bells. Don’t forget to peruse the Kindness table set up with Ben’s Bells materials and tokens of inspiration to keep this special “campus” KIND. When you come by, we have hand painted inspi-

rational rocks by the entrance gate for anyone to choose one.

Hope to see you soon! For more info call 398-3010 or stop by!

Written by Ellen Dursema and Desiree Arnold:

Trico Electric Co-op Awards Scholarships to 38 Students

Trico Electric Cooperative Inc., has awarded a total of $170,000 in college scholarships to 38 students in southern Arizona for the 2018-19 academic year.

Each year, the Trico Foundation – a non-profit foundation formed by the Cooperative in 1985 – awards scholarships to Trico Members and their families to attend a university, community or vocational college. Since 1995, more than $1.7 million in college scholarships have been awarded by the Foundation, benefiting over 450 students from the Cooperative’s predominately rural and economically-disadvantaged service area. For more information, visit www.trico.coop.

Trico Electric Cooperative, Inc., is a not-for-profit electric cooperative serving more than 40,000 customers in northwest Tucson, Marana, Corona de Tucson, Saddlebrooke, Sahuarita, Green Valley, Three Points and Arivaca. Formed in 1945, Trico is owned by the people it serves.

Pima County to Ask Border Patrol to Pay for Ruby Road Fix

A new memo from Pima County Administrator Chuck Huckelberry offers a potential solution to the rapidly deteriorating Ruby Road. Although residents were originally told that the Border Patrol, a heavy user of the rural route, could not pay to maintain a public road there might be a way around this stipulation.

The new memo dated May 23rd from Mr. Huckelberry to his Deputy County Administrator of Public Works, Carmine DeBonis, states that al-

though Border Patrol cannot pay for roads directly they are able to provide funding to other agencies. Although not explicitly mentioned in the memo, much of Ruby Road goes through the Coronado National Forest, which is managed by the US Forest Service.

The 64-page memo also includes a Government Accountability Office (GAO) report from October 2017 entitled “Actions Needed to Enhance CBP’s Maintenance of Roads Used for Its Operations.” The GAO recommends that the Customs and Border Protection (CBP) look into what it would take to address maintenance of non-federal public roads, and notes that the Department of Homeland Security agreed with the recommendations.

It is unclear what CBP thinks about this and whether or not they will fund a public, non-federal road that is a main artery of their operations. The County seems interested in persuading CBD to pay their fair share, saving the taxpayers money and keeping your oil pan safe on Ruby Road!

The full memo can be found on the County Administrator’s website or on teh Connection Facebook page.
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**HELLO GOOD PEOPLE, THE ARIVACA COMMUNITY CENTER is seeking an awesome drawing to represent the feel of our space in the Community. We have undergone a lot of change, and we would love to sponsor a contest. It will adorn T-shirts which we use as a fundraiser. Please submit your drawings to us at PO Box 36 and the Board will choose the design that feels right, at our September meeting. Thank you! Entries must be received by September 1st, The Winner will be gifted $100.**

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**Wine, 5-7pm at the Old Schoolhouse.**

**3rd Sun - 4pm. Arivaca Action Center -**

**3rd Friday - 5:30-8:30pm - Tween/Teen Nite Center**

**3rd Saturday - 9-11am: Farmers Market**

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