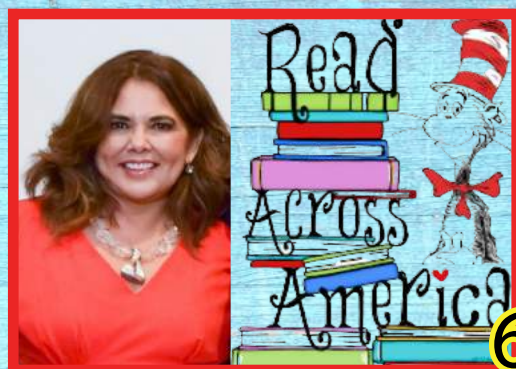




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## CASA of Santa Cruz County (CASA)

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## SCC Justice of the Peace awarded for outstanding

Recently the honorable Emilio Velasquez, Justice of the Peace in Santa Cruz County was recognized by David's Hope, an Arizona Mental Health Criminal Justice Coalition, for his outstanding achievement in Mental Health Criminal Justice Collaboration by a Judicial Officer. The mission of David's Hope is to reduce the number of incarcerations of individuals with mental disorders and drug addictions through Prevention, Intervention and Treatment.

During a Zoom virtual award ceremony, Mary Lou Brncik, Director of David's Hope, introduced Judge Velasquez as, "instrumental in creating awareness and changing mindsets related to mental disorders and addiction in Santa Cruz County."

In his first term in Santa Cruz County, he instituted a drug court program which was the first in Arizona for a justice court. He also recently formed the Mental Health Substance Abuse Community Coalition in Santa Cruz County which meets regularly since 2019 to develop intercepts for SCC. The program serves as a vehicle for mental health. He visits local agencies to learn more about interventions and prevention treatments in an "attempt to match defendants to services available to the defendant that best meets his or her needs."

Velasquez often checks in personally with local agencies regarding those enrolled in the program to determine their progress. He uses the personal reports to help guide decisions in the court room as well as provide personal feedback to the defendant. "Such positive feedback coming from a judge, has proven to be powerful and has led to an abundance of successful outcomes," said Velasquez during his acceptance speech.

He began his interest in mental health in the late 80s working as a receptionist for a mental health agency in California. He spent years in the mental health field as a counselor and ultimately became regional director. It was those years of mental health work and training that ignited his passion for serving those with mental illnesses and drug addictions and has spilled over into his courtroom.

***"My belief is that my court at least, is a second chance type of court. What I want to do is be able to find programs and I want to be able to align these individuals to be able to seek out the right treatment for their mental health or their addictions. One of the things that was really important for me was to make sure that these individuals were being empowered as human beings."*** - Story by

Shannon Enciso /Communication Specialist





# People that “echo” Patricia Barraza

This month we highlight an individual who “echoes” in the field of education. She will be celebrating 10 years with the SCC School Superintendent’s Office. Border Eco is proud to feature this month Patricia Barraza. She was born and raised in Nogales Arizona. She graduated from Nogales High School and attended the University of Arizona for one year.

Patricia worked in the produce industry for two years, got licensed in real estate for the State of Arizona and married her late husband Manuel (Guerro) Barraza that same year. Together they brought up three children Giovana, Andres and Paloma. She moved to Hermosillo, San Diego and then moved back home to Nogales in 2011 after becoming an empty nester.

After moving to Nogales in 2011, she met her present husband, Luis Preciado a man who shares the same enthusiasm as she does for serving his community and an artist. He is well known for his remarkable talent. Patricia Barraza is known as “Nana Pooh” to her four beautiful granddaughters and “hopefully more” in the future. She is the proud daughter of the late Ignacio (Nachito) Acuna and Anna Acuna. Her mom was very much involved with the community and dedicated to helping the less fortunate. She learned from her mother the importance of volunteering, getting involved in politics, and serving the community you live in. Her mother retired as one of the most beloved children librarians and still misses her story hours.

Barraza is a fiscal agent for the school districts. She is responsible for two districts and performs those fiscal duties. She processes payrolls, expenses, reconciliations, journal entries, deposits of warrant vouchers and keeps the homeschooled student records for the superintendents’ office. She also has the tasks of organizing several events during the year.

Patricia organizes the Annual Santa Cruz County Teacher of the Year Awards and Dinner event. It takes seven months to plan it from day one to the day of the event. She first starts with the Kick-off Breakfast, which is mostly a notice to sponsors, donors and school administrators they are starting with the process of honoring our educators. Barraza is also responsible for seeking out sponsors and donors for the event. “These wonderful folks make it possible to be able to provide prizes, trophies, cash rewards and a wonderful reception for our nominees. I am also in charge of hosting the day in, which we select our Teacher of the Year. It’s a tedious challenging event and definitely one of the largest ones in the County but it’s so rewarding to see how happy our incredible educators are at the end of the night,” said Barraza.

Barraza also organizes the Read across America Annual event, which entails inviting over 70 to 90 volunteers to visit every public, private and charter elementary classroom in the county and read a story to them. “The importance of student and adult interaction during these reading sessions is incredible to see. This year was a little tricky to coordinate because of Covid, we had to conduct the readings to the classrooms virtually. It was so nice to see that even though we were faced with a pandemic and challenges, we still had over 75 volunteers for our event and the students were so pleased to have the guests in their virtual classrooms.”

Another event Patricia organizes is the Santa Cruz County Fair Student Art presentation. “Every year, we meet with the folks in charge of organizing the Santa Cruz County Fair and I am given one of the largest halls to be able to feature the artwork from our county students. All schools in the county are given the fair’s theme and they in turn produce the most fascinating works of art. It takes four days to clean up, set up, judge, and reward the students.

“For this event, we invite between 25 and 35 judges from different areas of our county and ask them to come and spend the morning out in Sonoita and judge the student’s artwork. On the last weekday of the fair, the SCC School Superintendent Alfredo I. Velasquez provides transportation to the fair to students. The students spend the morning with the animals and visit the different halls and exhibitions. It is a pleasure to witness the joy they experience when they see the ribbons on their artwork and get to spend a day at the fair. It is so rewarding our hard work has truly paid off.”

The last major event that she organizes is the Annual Student Council Field trip. The student council members from every elementary public, private and charter school are invited to meet elected officials. Students interview each of the elected officials, they ask them about their duties, how elections function, and what inspired them to run for office. They are then provided a tour of the county offices and get to see how each office operates. Student council members get to enjoy luncheon with county elected officials.

“My position as an accounting specialist has two roles. The first is the everyday fiscal operations of our office with the different school districts in Santa Cruz County. Though it is challenging, it is the second part of my position that I enjoy the most. I am fortunate enough to be able to step out of the fiscal capacity of the position and interact with the community, schools, and students. In a way, each of us in the office at some point during the year, get to network with the community,” said Patricia.



People who “echo” in education



# 2021 Read Across America Read on Santa Cruz County Week



The Santa Cruz County School Superintendent's Office and School Superintendent Alfredo I. Velásquez, celebrated, along with 15 Private, Charter and Public Elementary Schools within our county, National Read across America/Dr. Seuss Week from  
March 01, 2021 – March 05, 2021.

With the coordination of Ms. Patricia Barraza-Preciado (Santa Cruz County School Superintendent's Office,) the schools throughout our county had over 78 volunteers conduct virtual visits and read to each classroom in our educational community. The main goal of this annual event is to encourage our children to read and to love reading at an early age. It's one of the most significant actions we can accomplish as parents and as a community. It sets the foundation for a lifetime of success.

The Santa Cruz County School Superintendent's Office, would like to thank each and every one who volunteered a couple of hours of their busy day to participate in this wonderful event.  
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# Let's Talk Health

## April is Sexual Assault Awareness

Did you know that 1 in 5 people in the US have an STD? People may not know they have an STD because many don't have symptoms. This April we are recognizing STD Awareness Month by learning three steps to protect our health: Talk, Test, and Treat.

First of all, when we talk openly to partners, family members, and health care professionals about sexual health and STDs, we are helping protect ourselves and those we love. When adults are askable, it means that the young people they care for see them as approachable and open to questions. That may seem difficult for adults who received little information about sex when they were young, but according to Advocates for Youth, "Research shows that youth with the least accurate information about sexuality and sexual risk behaviors may experiment more and at earlier ages compared to youth who have more information. Research also shows that, when teens are able to talk with a parent or other significant adult about sex and about protection, they are less likely to engage in early and/or unprotected sexual intercourse than are teens who haven't talked with a trusted adult." And most importantly, youth tell us that they want to have these discussions parents are their preferred source of information on these subjects.

It is never too soon for parents and caregivers to create safe spaces for children and youth to ask questions. The American Sexual Health Association reminds us that, "Educating a child about sexual health is an important part of their healthy development." Children need to feel it is okay to ask their parents about sex and sexual health. Parents can foster this communication by being open and not expecting to have all the answers. Children appreciate honesty and we can build trust by offering to look for answers on our own or together. **Resources are available to help caregivers talk to kids and youth about everything from bodies and babies to relationships and STDs.** [www.ashasexualhealth.org/parents](http://www.ashasexualhealth.org/parents) or [www.amaze.org/parents](http://www.amaze.org/parents)

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Mariposa Community Health Center's Community Health Services department, Platicamos Salud/ Let's Talk Health has been providing health education to youth for 17 years. Teens tell us that one of the biggest benefits of our current program is that it helps them have more open communication with their parents. After completing the classes they feel more comfortable talking to their parents about a variety of health and life topics that seemed more difficult before. The classes, called Love Notes, will be offered to ages 14-19 Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Fridays April 5-26th 4:30-5:30PM. Contact Arely Zavala [azavala@mariposachc.net](mailto:azavala@mariposachc.net) or 520.375.6050 ext. 1363 to register.

Talking about STDs is also the first step to ensuring we are accessing the proper testing and treatment options. Talk openly and honestly to your partner and health care provider before having sex. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has resources to help you prepare for the conversations at [www.cdc.gov/std](http://www.cdc.gov/std). Not all medical checkups include STD testing, so don't assume that you've been tested unless you discuss it with your provider. If your provider does not discuss sex or STD testing with you, bring it up.

And finally, the CDC reminds us, "If you test positive for an STD, work with your health care provider to get the correct treatment. Some STDs can be cured with the right medicine, and all STDs are treatable. Make sure your treatment works by doing these things:

- Take all of the medication your health care provider prescribes, even if you start feeling better or your symptoms go away.
- Don't share your medicine with anyone.
- Avoid having sex again until you and your sex partner(s) have all completed treatment.

**Your health care provider can talk with you about which medications are right for you."**

**You can contact Mariposa Community Health Center to schedule an appointment for STD testing at (520) 281-1550.**



Sexual Assault Awareness Month calls attention to the fact that sexual violence is widespread and impacts every person in the community. One of the biggest barriers to preventing sexual violence is understanding sexual violence. Often, victims of sexual violence are left feeling isolated and ashamed without the support they need to begin to heal. Understanding the facts and dispelling the myths about sexual violence is crucial to holding offenders accountable and ensuring that victims are treated with respect and receive the support they need. There are several myths related to sexual violence such as that sexual assault is provoked by the victim's actions, behaviors, or by the way they dress. When in fact sexual assault is NEVER the victim's fault. Sexual assault is a violent attack on an individual, not a spontaneous crime of sexual passion. For a victim, it is a humiliating and degrading act. No one "asks for" or deserves this type of attack.

Another myth is that sexual assaults only occur in dark alleys and isolated areas. In fact, a sexual assault can happen anywhere and at any time. The majority of assaults occur in places ordinarily thought to be safe, such as homes, cars and offices. Many people believe that Sexual assault results from an uncontrollable impulsive sexual urge. This is not true, in fact sexual assault is motivated by hostility, power and control. Sexual assaults are not motivated by sexual desire. Humans are capable of controlling how they choose to act on or express sexual urges. Many people also believe that people who commit sexual assaults are obviously creepy, abnormal perverts, or people who could be easily identified and avoided.

This is also, not true, in fact sexual offenders are "ordinary" and "normal" individuals who come from all educational, occupational, racial, and cultural backgrounds. You cannot pick a sex offender out of a crowd. This myth demonstrates our cultural tendency to blame victims – it is not the case that victims are assaulted because they failed to spot an obvious perpetrator.

It is also common to believe that men cannot be victims of sexual violence. In fact, men can be and are victims of sexual violence. Approximately 1 in 6 men will be victims of sexual violence at some point in their lifetime. Being a victim of sexual violence does not make a man less "manly" and does not have implications for his sexual orientation. Some people also believe that women cannot be sex offenders. The fact is an overwhelming majority of sex offenders are male, but it is possible for women to be perpetrators of rape and sexual violence, even against men. It is important to promote awareness in our community about Sexual Assault, and how this is a real issue. We know young people experience heightened rates of sexual violence, and youth ages 12-17 are 2.5 times as likely to be victims of rape or sexual assault.

Rape, sexual assault, and sexual harassment harm our community and statistics show 1-5 women and 1 in 71 men will be raped at some point in their lives. Unfortunately, we also know that people in the LGBTQ+ community experience sexual assault at a rate that is comparable or higher than the sexual assault rate for heterosexual individuals. Let's join communities across the country in taking action to prevent sexual violence in Santa Cruz County.

Mariposa Community Health Center offers advocacy, support, education, and resources for individuals in domestic violence, dating violence, sexual violence, and stalking situations. Services are free of cost, available throughout Santa Cruz County,

and you do not have to be a patient of Mariposa Community Health Center to receive assistance. Together, we can raise the community awareness about Sexual Assault, not just in April, but each day of the year is an opportunity to create a change and impact someone's life.

**Feel free to contact Community Health Services (Platicamos Salud) for more information at (520) 375-6050.**



# Patagonia Elementary School Awarded “A For Arizona” Grant

Patagonia Elementary School has been awarded an “A For Arizona” grant with community partners Mat Bevel Company and University of Arizona School of Mathematical Sciences. Funding from this award supports the implementation of a The Creative STEM Club with content drawing from a new multimedia edition of The Universe Within STEM world-building curriculum, which has been developed by Patagonia Elementary School, Mat Bevel Company and University of Arizona School of Mathematical Sciences. Lessons align with Science, Engineering, Math, Theater Arts, Visual Arts and English Language Arts state standards. As part of this project, an Instructors Guidebook and The Daily Doodle student notebook provide step-by-step activities and worksheets for both students and instructors.

The award is part of the Expansion and Innovation Fund to help Arizona’s most vulnerable student populations and students in areas hit hardest by COVID-19 have access to an excellent education. The fund provides access to fast capital that will jump start new approaches to learning and educational excellence in Arizona.

Patagonia Elementary School Superintendent Kenny Hayes says, “The Creative STEM Club addresses the impact of COVID-19 which has exacerbated existing achievement gaps with learning loss being greatest among low-income students in our Southern Arizona town. Data and student engagement this fall made it clear to our leadership team that we wanted to rethink learning opportunities this school year and beyond.” This specific “A for Arizona” award is part of Public Small Learning Communities — all community-driven, small scale solutions by public schools across Arizona benefiting nearly 1,000 students this spring 2021 semester.

These grants provide seed funding for new small models and approaches to teaching and learning that support student populations that have been significantly disrupted during the COVID-19 pandemic and make access to Small Learning Communities free and more equitable.

Patagonia Elementary School’s solution is to build scalable public Creative STEM learning pods – proving what’s possible and accessible for more rural families. Patagonia is utilizing its expert math and science teachers to ensure that students will make academic progress exceeding their grade level and the education gap is closed as a result of participating in The Creative STEM pod.

This approach provides a way for Patagonia Elementary School to offer learning pods in various locations, to strategically address students’ academic gaps, including enhanced creative problem-solving skills, increased knowledge of math, science, and engineering well beyond their grade level, greater empathy for community-wide challenges, and improved presentation skills. Patagonia has plans to scale the pods into Santa Cruz and Cochise counties to increase rigorous and stimulating learning opportunities with a focus on STEM.

Community partner Mat Bevel Company offers its President Ned Schaper’s body of work at no cost to advance STEM education for students in Arizona. His formats used in this program include Available Resource Technology divergent thinking practices, his world of Bevelworld framework and basic activities for Corrugated Headgear and The Art of Kinetics modules which form the basis for over 40 hours of educational programming.

Community partner University of Arizona (UA) School of Mathematical Sciences provides intellectual leadership in the mathematical sciences for this program. UA Math Professor Dr. Bruce Bayly assists in developing The Universe Within curriculum and provides instruction as an animated character in opening videos. Dr. Bayly is President of The Physics Factory and heads up the Arizona Mathematics Road Show that brings hands-on science activities to schools and after-school programs.

Patagonia Elementary School provides access to facilities, equipment, teachers and students for The Creative STEM Club which launched in February. Middle school science teacher Randi Trantham and middle school math teacher Catherine Parker are teaching the multimedia edition of The Universe Within through The Creative STEM Club. Five students at Patagonia Elementary School are starring in opening videos, serving as peer mentors who provide tips and demonstrations to other kids their age.

About “A For Arizona”

Governor Ducey remains the first and only governor to use GEERs (Governor’s Emergency Education Relief grants) funding to fuel Innovation Microgrants for local public school leaders developing creative solutions to address the current challenges facing our K-12 education system and to enhance teaching and learning. Over the past 6 months, “A for Arizona” has awarded Expansion and Innovation Fund grants totaling over \$1.2 million to 23 public district and public charter school systems to implement and expand innovative models and practices to support Arizona’s most vulnerable student populations. By the end of the 2021 school year, all of these grant recipients have the potential to reach more than 21,000 students.

## About Patagonia Elementary School

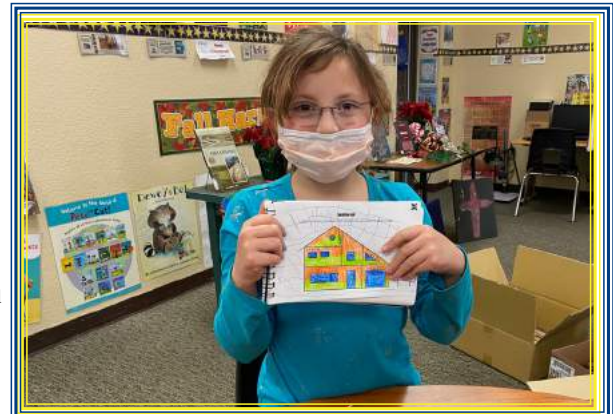
We are a caring community, nurturing and empowering both academic and individual excellence. Patagonia Elementary School is a rural Title One school with over 73% of students receiving free or reduced-price lunch. 26.7% of Patagonia residents had an income below the poverty level in 2017, which was 44.4% greater than the poverty level across the entire state of Arizona. The ethnic make-up of the student population is 61.4% Latino, 1.9% African American, and 36.6% Caucasian. Patagonia schools is one of the few schools to still be providing PE, Music and Art on a weekly basis. One on one instruction and small class size is a value the school can offer its students. The students also receive one time per week mindfulness instruction. The students have access to multiple daily outdoor recess and full service salad bar at lunch.

## About Mat Bevel Company

Mat Bevel Company is an arts and education nonprofit that teaches people to think in original ways, enabling them to tackle challenges and seize opportunities with greater imagination. Through theater, video, educational programs, and inspiring kinetic sculpture made from repurposed and found objects, Mat Bevel Company helps people of all ages see new possibilities that enrich their lives and their communities.

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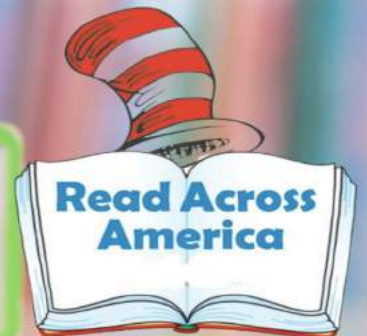
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## *Santa Cruz County Sheriff*

### **A message from the Santa Cruz Sheriff**

**The Command Staff of the Santa Cruz County Sheriff's Office is honored to have participated in "Read Across America" week with the public schools of Santa Cruz County by reading to our classrooms!**



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# Nayo's Plant Nursery

*This past year has been difficult for many non-profit organizations as it has made it difficult for them to perform their usual activities. Nayo's Plant Nursery is just one of the many programs the Santa Cruz Training Programs offers its members. Nogales is a small border town with a high unemployment rate, so finding a job placement for their members is difficult. This is what sparked the idea to start Nayo's Plant Nursery. The nursery provides a job site in which their members can develop skills needed to carry out a job in a nursery. Nayo's Plant Nursery provides an opportunity for its members to learn and practice skills required to work in a regular plant nursery. Their members start with preparing the soil, planting seeds or transplanting plants into bigger pots, watering and preparing for sale.*

*Nayo's Plant Nursery is run by two supervisors who work directly with 3 to 4 members. This group also does groundskeeping work around the community. The supervisors are: Carolina Jimenez & Clemente Gutierrez. The groundskeeping workers are: Krystal Garcia, Mixali Etzogou, Javier Contreras, Gabriel Macias & Mauricio Valera.*

*"During this difficult time of the pandemic most of the families kept their son/daughter home. It was hard to meet the contracts in the community with our grounds keeping responsibilities, the Bakery, Kitchen and Nayo's Plant Nursery had to shut down for over 6 months. We had to shift employees around, providing extra at the group homes during the day to help keep residents active, but some had to go on furlough, helping out when people got sick or were out on quarantine."*

*"We applied for a PPP loan that helped us to pay employees a little better due to the exposure when working face to face with our members. Our program serves all of Santa Cruz County. We welcome all individuals who may have a physical or cognitive delay. It is quite an accomplishment for us to have a program for our members that helps to teach them skills, while at the same time helping them be productive citizens in the community. Whether doing grounds keeping, gardening or offering and selling their products, they are proud of what they have accomplished," said Marina Galahouse-Program Director.*

***If interested in supporting this program or purchasing any of their plants, please contact the Santa Cruz Training Programs for more information at: (520) 520-287-2043 x14***

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# Mayor's Corner

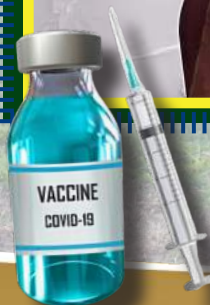
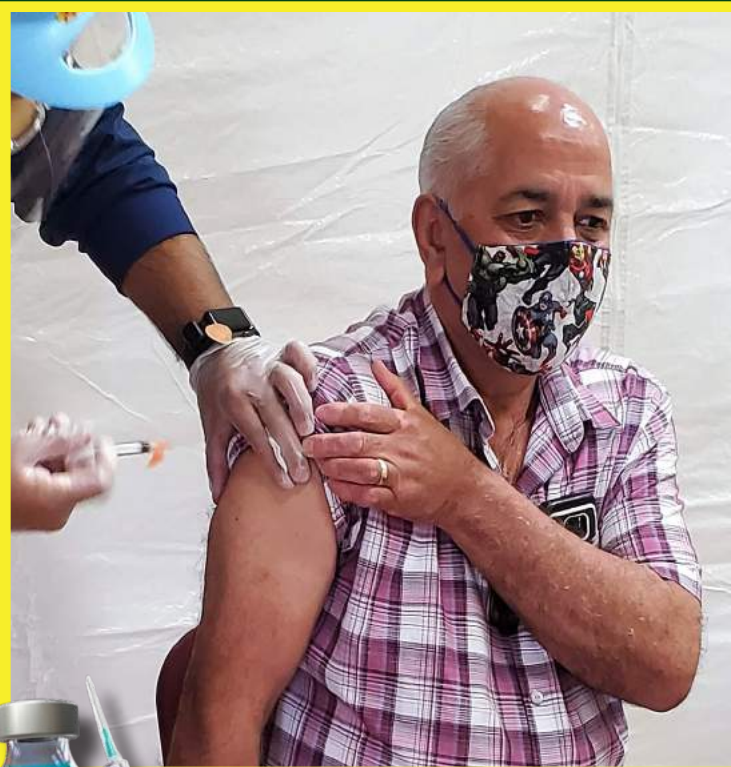


Hello my friends,

I'm happy to report that COVID cases in our area have been declining for the past month. I believe this is attributed, in part, to the high number of people that have already received their COVID vaccine(s). As of the third week of March more than 22,000 adult Santa Cruz County residents have received a vaccine. More than 13,500 have received their first vaccine, and over 8,700 have received both vaccines. This is wonderful news!

This would not be possible without the collaboration between the City of Nogales, the Santa Cruz County Health Department, the Mariposa Community Health Center and the State of Arizona. Thank you to these organizations, their employees, and a special thank you as well to the many volunteers who are donating their time every day. We truly appreciate everything you do for our city and county.

On this note, I want to remind you all to please continue supporting local businesses. Our small businesses are a critical part of our community as they provide employment and are essential in helping our city grow and thrive. I encourage you all to try and keep as many purchases as you can local and to support Nogales businesses as much as possible. Together we will get through this. Thank you!





# Sheriff's Round-Up



As the weather teases us with the hope of warmer days on the horizon, the Sheriff's Office would like to welcome the students back to school! There is a lot of excitement in the air as students relish the opportunity to re-engage with classmates, teachers, and extracurricular programs. Sheriff Hathaway and staff have had the privilege of talking to and meeting with public school officials including Desert Shadows Principal Christopher Miranda and his staff to ensure an effective relationship with the schools via the Sheriff's Office School Resource Officer program upon the reopening of schools. All of the command staff at the Sheriff's Office also had the honor of participating in the "Read Across America" program and to read to the students in various public schools throughout the county. This is an important program that allows students to hear from members of the community who stress to them the importance of reading in the pursuit of any endeavor in life. One of the schools Sheriff Hathaway read too was the Little Red School on Patagonia Highway where the Sheriff answered questions from students about the original much smaller school that was also attended by Sheriff Hathaway and his father before him. The Sheriff noted that there had been many changes made from the single building and creative recess games like freeze tag and kickball played by the students in the dirt preceding the modern facility at the location today. This month, Sheriff Hathaway had the privilege of being the guest speaker with various groups including the Rotary Club in Nogales and the Nogales-Santa Cruz County Chamber of Commerce and shared some of the new programs in the Sheriff's Office and noteworthy accomplishments of staff. Sheriff Hathaway and Chief Deputy Mario Morales were given a very thorough tour of the Mariposa commercial port-of-entry this month by Port Director Michael Humphreys and his staff and discussed cooperative efforts with federal agencies. Sheriff Hathaway reminisced about his participation in the first opening of the Mariposa Port with a group of students while in high school in the 1970s and the second re-opening of the expanded facility in more recent years. The Sheriff's Office has been contacted by many people interested in the volunteer Search and Rescue and Law Enforcement Assist programs. It is not too late to join as we are planning to begin training programs in the near future for both programs. **The Sheriff's Office would like to recognize important members of our team during "Administrative Professionals Week," "National Volunteer Week," and "National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week" which all occur during the month of April. Thank you to all of these key personnel!**  
**Sheriff David Hathaway**





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