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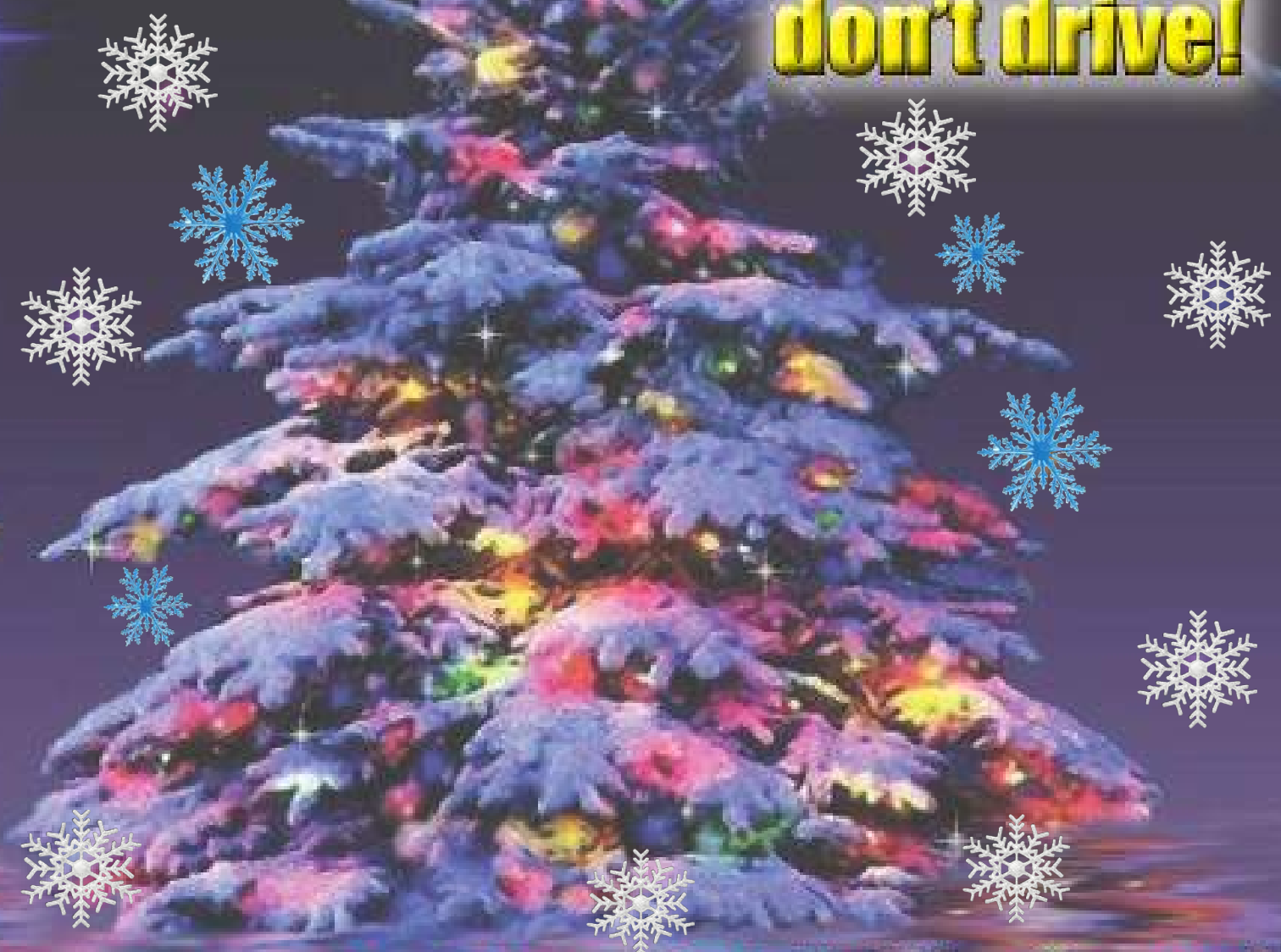
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Santa Cruz County Arts for Learning Holiday Nutcracker Performance

Friday, December 13th was a magical day for Santa Cruz County's 4th grade students and teachers who attended the Holiday Nutcracker performance sponsored by County School Superintendent Alfredo I. Velásquez and the Santa Cruz County Arts for Learning initiative in partnership with Young Audiences. Under the direction of Fred Milner, NUSD #1 Music & Arts teacher, Challenger Elementary School's 4th & 5th grade students performed their rendition of the Nutcracker complete with costumes, set changes, and a chorus who sang in multiple languages.

An audience of nearly 900 students, along with teachers, principals, and parents were mesmerized by the 90 minute show that took the classic Nutcracker story and added a special twist. Milner, a veteran music teacher and Director of the long-running show, adapts the ballet so it feels more like a musical with many types of dance and comedic dialogue. Acting coach Alex Guzman and choreographer Lupita Bustamante assist Milner with the countless hours of rehearsal, stage preparations, and costume fittings.

The performance was part of a series of arts events that will take place in our K-12 schools during the 2019-2020 school year. Santa Cruz County Arts for Learning is an initiative Superintendent Velásquez is passionate about with one simple message: Get art to kids! The partnership with Young Audiences will allow teaching artists to visit our school districts, as well as support our local arts activities. A very special guest, Carolina Rendon, former Director of Young Audiences in Santa Cruz County, was honored during the intermission for her dedication to bringing quality arts experiences to our community.

A special thanks to NUSD #1 Superintendent Fernando Parra and NHS Principal Tim Colgate for the use of the James Clark Auditorium.

For more information contact C-CREO Grants Program Director, Maya Donnelly at mdonnelly@santacruzcountyaz.gov.



Los Padres Christmas Celebration

Mr. Alfredo I. Velasquez and the Santa Cruz Superintendent's Office celebrated Los Padres Program 1st Christmas Parent Connection with Santa Claus. Los Padres Program provides services centered around child development, family health & safety, kinder-readiness and parent-child interaction. The Superintendent's Office was awarded with a First Things First Grant in July 2018, and since then our program has been serving 62 families with children 0-5 years old. Our program organizes a support group every month for parents to socialize with other parents of the program and learn about different topics related to health, safety, child development, self-care, and mental health.

Our Christmas celebration took place at the Santa Cruz Center, on Thursday December 19th from 10 to 12 p.m. The parents and their children enjoyed making gingerbread houses, candy cane reindeers and popsicle Christmas trees, while sipping on hot chocolate and cookies. We would like to extend our gratitude to Dr. Stella Perez and Christie Monreal for facilitating the Santa Cruz Center for our event.

For more information on Los Padres Program from the Superintendent's Office, please contact Program Director Georgina Parra at gparra@santacruzcountyaz.gov, or (520)375-7951.





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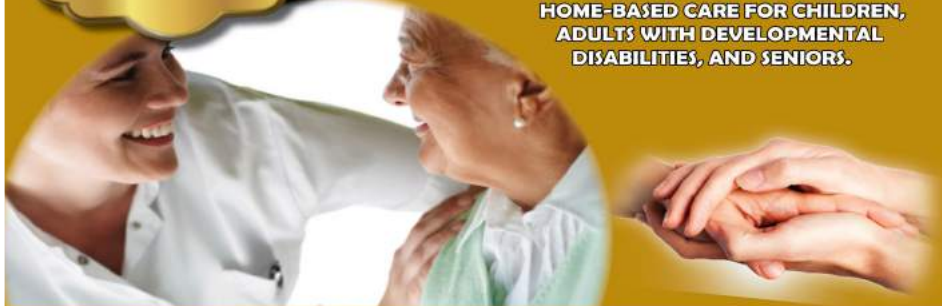
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Year in Review



Event of the Year

Congratulations to the Santa Cruz County Superintendent's Office for being selected as having hosted the most memorable event of the year! They hosted their 12th Annual Santa Cruz County Teacher of the Year Awards Dinner Ceremony, which took place at the Americana/Quality Inn Mayan Ballroom. This event recognized 20 teachers across Santa Cruz County. This extraordinary group was accompanied by their Superintendents, Principals, family and over 250 guests, who gathered that day to honor them. The wonderful event was co-sponsored by the Santa Cruz County School Superintendent Alfredo I. Velásquez, the Nogales Rotary Club and coordinated by the Santa Cruz County School Superintendent's Accounting Specialist/Special Events Coordinator Patricia Barraza-Preciado. The Superintendent Alfredo I. Velásquez thanked all the nominees and every teacher in our county, for their extraordinary dedication and commitment to the students of Santa Cruz County. They did a great job of recognizing our educators in Santa Cruz County who do a lot for our students!



Organization of the Year

Congratulations Santa Cruz Workforce for being selected as the organization of the year. Last year Santa Cruz Workforce hosted its 6th Annual Santa Cruz Job Fair and Community Expo at the Nogales High School Ray Molera Gymnasium on Friday, October 18th. The event was a huge success as it helped dislocated workers, and new career job seekers connect with local employers in Santa Cruz, Cochise, and Pima County. A total of 522 people participated in the job fair with more than 100 employers in attendance. The job fair had a variety of vendors from healthcare, education, non-profit, government, retail, transportation, and manufacturing industries. This event gave an opportunity for potential employees to meet with employers and learn a bit more about the local businesses in the area. Thank you for helping to lower the county's unemployment rate by hosting such an important event that helps create opportunities.



Person of the Year

Congratulations to Nisa Talavera she was selected for our editorial for people who "echo" of the year in Santa Cruz County. In October of last year, she was one of the key players that helped to bring the Jessie Lewis Choose Love Enrichment Program to Santa Cruz County. Nisa Talavera and Heidi Pottinger both founded the local non-profit organization CHARM (Child Health and Resilience Mastery). CHARM partnered with the Jesse Lewis Choose Love Enrichment Program. The "Choose Love" movement was introduced to the community by CHARM (Child Health and Resilience Mastery). The "Choose Love" is a global movement started after Scarlett's 6-year-old son Jesse was murdered at Sandy Hook Elementary. Scarlett Lewis is nationally recognized for her global movement teaching "Nurturing, Healing, Love" to help create safer schools and communities. This global movement is in all 50 states and in DC, as well as 80 plus countries worldwide.

Mayor's Corner

Happy New Year From Mayor Garino!

On behalf of myself, Mayor Garino and City Council we would like to wish you and your families the very best this New Year 2020! In the last 12 months, my main motivation has been to give residents great service and support. It seems like the year 2019 went by too quickly, with so many progressive projects time really does fly!

Many major paving projects were completed last year. To name a few paved roads: Silver Reef Road, Paseo Valle Verde Drive, McNab Drive, Saddle Drive, West Street. The New Year promises to bring many more major paving and improvement projects in 2020! We are excited to be getting things done!

Events and Happenings at City Hall:

1. The holidays were marvelously celebrated by the City Of Nogales. For the first time ever the City sponsored its 1st Annual Christmas Village Display at Karam Park. Schools from NUSD and other organizations were invited to participate in decorating their very own "casita" in Christmas themes and nightly light displays.

2. On December 7, the city held its Annual Christmas Light Parade. Over 60 participants shined brightly with decorated lit floats, marching bands, dancers and car and truck groups joined the festivities.....Glad the Grinch did not steal Christmas!

3. The Border Youth Tennis Exchange (BYTE) a nonprofit organization that provides tennis classes and after school enrichment activities to ambos Nogales youth on both sides of the border held a Tennis Festival on December 4 to celebrate the Nogales Tennis Court Renovation (on Madison St). BYTE's objective is to provide a platform for border youth to promote their voices and share stories of growing up in ambos Nogales. Please contact Charlie Cutler, Executive Director at bytetennis.org for more information.





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Alfredo I. Velásquez
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Taste 4 Grand Opening, RRHS food program gets a makeover

Sodexo, the food provider for SCV35 schools recently held the grand opening of Taste 4, a retail style cafeteria located inside Rio Rico High School. The cafeteria makeover is a result of efforts by SCV35's food provider to improve school lunches across the U.S. The company conducted focus groups with students all over the U.S. regarding the question on the minds of millions of parents and schools everywhere. What do kids want to eat?

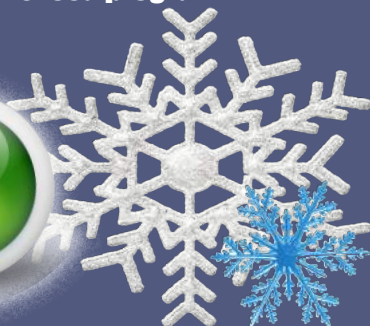
Families can understand the challenges of deciding and preparing meals daily for children. Parents and schools alike want to provide healthy and tasty food. Let's face it, kids can be picky and healthy can sometimes be tricky. Although a very big undertaking, Sodexo was determined to win the stomachs of students everywhere. After polling students across the nation, two factors simmered to the top of the list, students wanted more flavor and more options. With that in mind, Sodexo approached the district about revamping the food program.

When approached about the change, SCV35 Business Manager Isela Brown agreed and asked the company to go one-step further. She wanted to see the cafeteria transformed into a more modern style with a retail feel. "Many times we eat with our eyes," said Ms. Brown. She wanted students to be excited about the food changes as well as the presentation. She wanted to exceed the student expectations of cafeteria food. Kendal Zuniga Sodexo Senior Marketing Director agreed with Ms. Brown saying, "Generations of students are different in their expectations for not only food, but presentation."

The new combination of style and food resulted in the grand opening of Taste 4. The new menu has four options, one of which is a weekly rotating option. Street tacos, chicken dishes, and Asian cuisine are just a few examples of the rotating food items. In addition to the new menu is a rotating flavor station. Flavors like sriracha and garlic parmesan were added to compliment the menu while adding flavor in a healthy way. The daily options include fresh, made to order deli sandwiches, spicy chicken sandwiches, pizza, burgers, fresh fruit and fresh flavored water.

Students were pleased at the grand opening, as was obvious by the food line that wound around the cafeteria. Students were asked what they thought about the new menu, sophomore Benjamin Gonzales said it was "good, (an) improvement of food choices." Yesena Michel, who was surveyed while eating her Asian bowl, said it "looks more appetizing. (It) looks cooler." Of course, none of this could have been possible if it were not for the local Sodexo team who cares and serves RRHS students daily. Rachel Carroll, Sodexo Food Service Director for SCV35 said the company "has made changes to 29 school programs, and RRHS Sodexo team helped make this the smoothest." SCV35 wishes to thank Sodexo for their dedication to our students.

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Meet Your Arizona State Representative, LD2

Rosanna Gabaldón

State Representative Gabaldón serves as our LD 2 State Representative, a position that she has held since first elected in 2012. She is a Ranking Democrat on the Natural Resources, Energy, and Water Committee, and also serves as a member of the Transportation Committee. While serving at the legislature, she has been fortunate to be selected to participate in several special interim committees that have impacted Santa Cruz County. State Representative Gabaldón served on the Sahuarita Town Council from 2009-2012, and accepted leadership roles on several not-for-profit boards. State Representative Gabaldón was the prime sponsor of HB 2532: critical health information; emergency responders, which was signed into law by Governor Ducey and took effect on August 27, 2019. The State House first read HB2532 on February 4. In addition to the votes, there were several presentations and outreach to stakeholders throughout the process. State Representative Gabaldón introduced and sponsored several bills related to public safety, the environment, and public

She supported and advocated for bills that were important for Santa Cruz County and worked on a variety of legislation with her colleagues. Representative Gabaldón advocacy resulted in bringing attention to the funding of repairs needed to the Nogales IOI and Wash.

For the past eight years, Rosanna Gabaldón has been an adopted daughter of Santa Cruz County. "I feel the family connection that is familiar to me. Through my volunteer efforts, I have worked with countless people who are an inspiration to me for their dedication and willingness to do so much, and so many times without enough resources. We do what we can with what we got. It has been my honor and pleasure to be a voice for Santa Cruz County at the State Legislature," said State Representative Gabaldón.

Investment in the economic development of Southern Arizona benefits everyone. Representative Gabaldón will continue to address the funding needs for the roads and infrastructure of Santa Cruz County.

State Representative Gabaldón will encourage the legislature to take advantage of the opportunity to capitalize on the improvements invested in the infrastructure of the State Route 189, Mariposa Road. "We must find revenue for much-needed road infrastructure, especially in rural communities," said Representative Gabaldón. Her priorities include funding for public education, infrastructure, and working toward obtaining sustainable water supplies. According to State Representative Gabaldón, "We must make sure that the gains we have made for our public schools are expanded and secured for the long haul. There is a fundamental need to improve our infrastructure, including rehabilitation of our roads and highways. We must all come together – Republicans and Democrats – and find a long-term solution to Arizona's water needs. We have a great history of making smart, bi-partisan water policy, and our future depends on it."



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