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# Santa Cruz County Spelling Bee 2020



The Santa Cruz County Superintendent's Office hosted the 2020 Spelling Bee. The event was held on Friday, February 7, 2020. The event coordinators were Marisol Chiquete-Bolaina, and Adrian Chamberlain. It was held at the Santa Cruz County Complex. The entrance of the courtroom had a large decorative bouquet of yellow and black balloons with styrofoam bees. The inside of the courtroom was beautifully decorated with big colorful paper flowers and paper bees. The Spelling Bee began with a pledge of allegiance followed with a warm welcome by the Santa Cruz County Superintendent Alfredo I. Velasquez. The event was well attended by students, parents, teachers, and judges who enjoyed a fun filled day of suspense, and surprises.

Larry Frederick from Lincoln Elementary School was the pronouncer of the Spelling Bee. This year the Spelling Bee judges included State Representative Rosanna Gabaldon, Santa Cruz County Attorney George Silva, Treasurer Elizabeth Gutfahr, and Jovanna Lopez a State Farm Insurance Agent. Special thanks to the Rio Rico Rotary Club for their support on registering the contestants the day of the event. The Spelling Bee had approximately 26 students participate in the Spelling Bee. This year's 2020 Santa Cruz County Spelling Bee Champion was, 6th grader Daniel Woodburn from Fco. Vasquez de Coronado Elementary School. The runner-up was 8th grader Liam Morgan from Elgin Middle School.



**Winner-Daniel Woodburn  
Coatimundi Middle School, 6th grade**



**Runner-up Liam Morgan  
Elgin Middle School, 8th grade**



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# NFD Dedicated to Service

The Nogales Fire Department is dedicated to the public safety and welfare of the residents of Ambos Nogales. It was first incorporated 1914, in the State of Arizona and the Article of incorporation recorded in the Office of the Santa Cruz County Recorder. According to historical documents from Ralph Woodhouse in the year 1882, there was in place a fire fighting organization or bucket brigade in Nogales. By 1895, The Territorial Legislature passed an act providing for the organization of volunteer fire departments in cities and towns of Arizona. The NFD responds to all 911 calls related to fire, medical, hazardous materials, electrical, water, all public assistance and/or non-emergency calls 24 hrs. a day, 365 days a year. It serves approximately over 3,000 calls combining medical and fire while serving a population of approximately 20,837. The fire department currently has forty (40) shift personnel & four (4) administration (Fire Chief, Assistant. Chief, Division Chief and Administrative Secretary) with a total of forty four (44) employees.

The role of the fire Chief is the director overall responsible for the department's wellbeing of the personnel and for its budget. The Assistant Chief acts as the Fire Chief in his absence, takes over command in major incidents, responsible for all personal protective equipment (fire) and administration duties. Division Chief oversees all the medical division example, equipment, supplies, permits, certification of personnel. Captains supervises their crew, takes command and is the decision maker on 911 emergencies. In charge of the crew training, reports to the Division Chief, Assistant Chief in large incidents. The Administrative Secretary greets all persons walking or calling the fire station, keeps all the fiscal budget in order, submits all paperwork for payroll, is the go to person for the troops when concerns arise in any payroll concern. The engineer is responsible for the fire apparatus, making sure it is ready to respond to emergencies, transports all fire personnel safely, calculates the proper pressure for water flow to extinguish the fire at hand may act as the Captain in their absence.

Paramedic higher level in the medical field, is responsible for treating the patients, makes decisions on how to transport the patient and to what facility for a better outcome, reports to the Captain and may act in the position of Captain in their absences. Firefighter does all the groundwork on the fire & ems calls, set up ground ladders, fights interior fires, operates rescue tools to extricate patients from damaged vehicles, assist paramedics in treatment of patient, drives the ambulances, may act as the engineers in their absence, they are the overall workforce.

NFD is branch of the City of Nogales and a fiscal budget is allocated to the department as other departments are funded within the City of Nogales through a general fund.

According to Fire Chief Jeffrey Sargent the department is funded through a general fund via the city sale tax collection, there is a portion of the sales tax that is collected for public safety (fire & police), all billable medical calls collected go directly to the general fund approximately 1 million dollars more or less a year.

# NFD Dedicated to Service

The NFD would like to encourage the community to call 911 in all emergencies, and make sure to move to the right lane when an approaching ambulance and/or fire truck are responding with lights and sirens, especially allowing the fire trucks the right a way in red lights intersections. Throughout the year the NFD participates in a variety of local events like the City of Nogales Night Out event, the Jump Back 2 School, and parades. They do the Toys for Tots drive every year in the months of November. NFD gives out all the toys it collects on December 24th to children in need. For further information on how to support our local fire department please stop by the station at 777 N. Grand Ave. or call 520-287-6548.



## Noglas Fire Department



## Noglas Fire Department



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# People that "echo" Jeffrey Sargent

This month Border Eco is proud to introduce Fire Chief Jeffrey Sargent as one individual that "echoes" in Santa Cruz County. He has been working in the field of public service since February of 1990. Sargent was born in Oak Lawn, Illinois. He was raised in Phoenix, Arizona. He attended Phoenix College and the University of Phoenix.

"One thing that attracted me to Santa Cruz County was its potential. I have been in Arizona for a long time, I also spent a little time in Washington but basically grew up here. I was looking for a place to land where my skills could be utilized and where I can contribute," said Sargent.

Fire Chief Jefferey Sargent provides oversight and direction to the City of Nogales Fire Department. His main function is to ensure the safety of the fire fighters and the public while being transparent, fiscally responsible and adhering to the local state and federal rules and regulations pertaining to fire and ems services.

"The people here in Santa Cruz County are great. I have a great staff and the folks who interviewed me for this position were actual employees. There is a lot of potential here. I was looking for a small place where I can contribute my skills. I like small communities. I feel I can make an impact," said Sargent.

This type of work is exceptionally rewarding but does have a tendency to leave lasting scars. It leaves you with the knowledge that life is not a given and can be incredibly unpredictable and short, so enjoy the time you have and always let your family know you love them.

This line of work is not easy and has a personal impact on your health such as stress, missed family events, and personal safety risks including cancer. Before considering a job as a firefighter you have to really know what you are getting into but that feeling of knowing your actions made a positive impact on a person's future is one of the best feelings in the world.

My future plans are to work out the rest of my career here in Nogales. I plan to retire and pursue my hobby of blacksmithing and play with my future grandchildren.



# NEW SMART ID TAG FOR PETS

Santa Cruz County Animal Care and Control has teamed up with PetHub to offer a new smart ID tag for pets. This new tag provides an extra layer of protection for pets. Anyone can create a free online Pethub account which contains the owners contact information. If a pet is found wearing this tag, the finder can use a smartphone's camera to scan the QR code, view the contact info on the online profile, and immediately contact you or someone on your trusted list in order to reunite owners with lost animals. Pethub accounts are safe and secure because the user controls what information is shared.

If the finder does not have a smartphone or does not know how to scan a QR code, there are two other ways. First, the finder can call the phone numbers printed on the tag. After the finder provides the license number, they will be connected to the finder. Second, the finder can go to PetHub's website (also printed on the tag), enter the license number, and view your contact info.

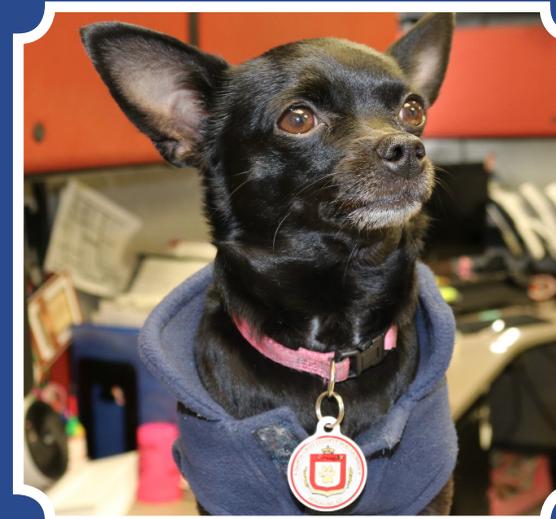


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  - \* Community Alerts – When you report your pet as “missing” on PetHub's website, PetHub will send a virtual “Lost Pet” notification to local shelters, rescue groups, vet offices, pet professionals, and the PetHub community
  - \* Tag Scan Notification – If someone finds your pet and scans the QR code on the tag, you'll be notified with text and/or email alerts
  - \* Social Sharing – Have your lost-pet poster shared on social media to spread the word even faster
  - \* Discounts – Receive special offers from PetHub's partners
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In 2018, 927 animals ended up at our shelter and in 2019, we housed 832 animals. These numbers should decrease year after year as the tags help reunite pets with their owners, hopefully without being brought to the shelter. “-Lt. Jose Pena, Animal Control Supervisor. For more information Visit: [santacruzcountyaz.gov](http://santacruzcountyaz.gov) or call Animal Control at (520) 375-7860 Call: (520) 375-7860 Stop by: 1368 N Hohokam Dr., Nogales AZ.-Shannon Enciso Communications Specialist



# Your Voice Matters! Your Vote Matters!

On Tuesday, March 17th, the Presidential Preference Election will take place. The Democratic Party is the only party participating in the Presidential Preference Election this year. All other voters, including those registered as Republicans, Libertarian, Green, Independent, or those who are unaffiliated, are not eligible to participate. It is an important election day for Democrats, as they get ready to elect their future presidential candidate. Voting is our civic duty. In the general election, we will vote to elect our president for the next 4 years. Voting is important as it dictates policies, and reflects the future of our country.

Voting locally determines the direction our city and county will take in future years to come. Not voting, is giving the other party a voice. Remember your voice is being heard when you vote. Voting tells the government officials what they want it to do. If taxpayers think they're paying too many taxes, they have the option to vote for an official who can lower their taxes. If taxpayers want more services, they can vote for an official who will promise to spend funds to gain more services. Your vote makes a difference! Here's how... Your vote plays a role in choosing our future leaders and changing our laws. Your vote is counted for in every federal, state, and local election.

Our local city and county government have several seats up for grabs. Your vote will determine the future of our local city and county government. Learn about the local candidates and issues before you vote in any election. Make sure to know what's going on in your country and community before your vote. Please remind everyone 18 and older to vote. Remember to respect your right to vote! Voting is a privilege! Make it a point to take part in history as every vote matters!  
**For information on where to vote contact the Santa Cruz County Recorder's Office at (520) 375-7924.**

## Congratulations

To all the Spelling Bee Contestants

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Winner Daniel Woodburn  
Coatimundi Middle School, 6th grade

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# Mayor's Corner



Dear Friends,

On behalf of myself and the Nogales City Council I would like to extend an invitation for everyone to attend the upcoming State of the City Address. I am excited to speak about all the wonderful projects that were completed throughout 2019. We are getting things done! Street paving projects and infrastructure improvements are just a few of the topics that I hope to highlight. I am also looking forward to sharing the future goals and projects the city has planned with all Nogales residents.

The State of the City Address will take place on Thursday, March 26th at 10:00am at the Nogales Recreation Center on Hohokam. This event is completely free and open to the public. I hope to see you all there as we all work to make life in Nogales great!

## Events and Happenings:

1. Valentine's Ice Cream Social at the Casitas de Santa Cruz - Mayor Garino and Councilmembers Esther Melendez Lopez and Nubar Hanessian recently attended a Valentine's Day ice cream social held at the Casitas de Santa Cruz retirement apartments. The resident's had fun and ate cupcakes, made by the Mayor's wife, and ice cream with a variety of toppings to indulge their sweet tooth.

2. Colors of Spring Art Contest - 6th grade students throughout Nogales and Rio Rico were recently invited to participate in the Colors of Spring Art Contest. This contest encourages students to put their imaginations to work by creating butterflies using any desired medium such as: cardboard, plastic, wood, metal, etc. and that conveys this year's theme: Colors of Spring. The contest runs from February 24th through March 9th. All submitted work will be hung on display at Nasib Karam Park on March 20th and the top three most creative classes will each be awarded a pizza party. This project is made possible thanks to the support of the Superintendents, Principals, Teachers, Councilwoman Esther Melendez-Lopez and the Cultural Arts Committee. We look forward to seeing all the wonderful entries submitted.

## Colors of Spring Art Contest

**WIN!** Pizza parties for the top three most creative classes!

**Who:**  
Grade 6 Middle School Students

**What:**  
Artwork that portrays a butterfly  
Artwork that can be hung by a string  
Artwork may be of any desired medium such as: cardboard, wood, paint, plastic, collage, etc.  
**(No paper please)**  
(Students may only enter ONE piece each. Artwork will not be returned)

**When:**  
Artwork will be collected at your respective school on the deadline date, March 9, 2020

**Why:**  
All submitted work will be hung on display at Nasib Karam Park on March 20, 2020



# **EARLY VOTING**

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Friday, March 13, 2020: Last Day for Early Voting at the Recorder's Office  
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