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We want to thank our readers and customers for their continued support. Your support helps us report on the great people, events, and organizations who make a difference in our community.

Our goal is to help connect Santa Cruz County. Santa Cruz County is a unique bordertown rich in culture, and traditions. We are here to support our community. Please send us any information on any upcoming community events, meetings, or conferences. Don't forget to follow us on Facebook, YouTube or Twitter for the latest events, people, and organizations who make a difference in Santa Cruz County.

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Let's Talk Health

National Breast Cancer Awareness Month is an annual campaign to increase awareness of the disease. Breast Cancer is the most common cancer diagnosed in women in the United States, other than skin cancer. It is the second leading cause of cancer death in women, after lung cancer. There are over 3.1 million breast cancer survivors in the United States. According to the National Breast Cancer Foundation, more than 200,000 women are diagnosed with breast cancer every year. More than 40,000 succumb to the disease every year. Remember, all women should perform a monthly **breast self-exam** to check for breast changes (it is simple to do)!

While most people are aware of breast cancer, many forget to take the steps to have a plan to detect the disease in its early stages and encourage others to do the same. The breast cancer mortality rate in Santa Cruz County is higher than for Arizona. Nationally, breast cancer is diagnosed in later stages among Hispanic women than among all U.S. women. For more information, visit www.nbcam.org

What can you do? Get screened and talk to your doctor about which screening test are right for you if you are at a higher risk. Have a mammogram every year starting at age 40 if you are at average risk. Have a clinical breast exam at least every 3 years starting at age 20, and every year starting at age 40.

You can schedule your breast screening appointment at Mariposa Community Health Center at (520) 281-1550.

No insurance? No problem! Our Well Women Health Check Program can help if you are uninsured or underinsured, a woman ages 40-64, and live in Santa Cruz County. Call us for more information at (520) 375-6050 or stop by at second floor of the Mariposa Sierra Building.

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2021 SANTA CRUZ COUNTY FAIR

It was “On with the Show” this past week as the 2021 Santa Cruz County Fair opened its doors once more in Sonoita. Once again, the Santa Cruz County School Superintendents Office was responsible for the coordination of this great annual event. The majority of the schools throughout our county highlighted the talent from their students and art teachers. These exhibits were all set up on Wednesday, September 15, by the remarkable fair coordinators that took time to drive out to Sonoita and set up the artwork and science projects that the students so carefully prepared for the Fair. On Thursday, September 16, thirty judges from across the county drove out to the fairgrounds and dedicated the entire morning to selecting winners in each Division and making sure that each exhibit received a ribbon.

We want to thank all the schools, teachers and fair coordinators that took the time to prepare the exhibits that these students sent out to present to the public. SCC School Superintendent Alfredo I. Velázquez, Mrs. Patricia Barraza-Preciado and SCC School Superintendent staff send a big thank you to our incredible judges and volunteers, who took time off from their daily responsibilities and drove out to Sonoita to be part of this wonderful event.

Trophy winners in each Division

K-2 grade	Ismael Barrionuevo	Bracker Elementary Painting
3-5 grade	Alejandra Pastelin	Mexicayotl Charter School Space Science
6-8 grade	Dylan Lindsey	Desert Shadows Middle School Physical Science
9-12 grade	Tavania Padilla	Patagonia Union High School Poems
Division 13	Aleck Quintero	Bracker Elementary Poem/Recycled Art

Best in show	Julissa Aguirre	Nogales High School Painting
Best in show	Amanda Pacheco	Lourdes Catholic Art
Best in show	Amelia Salazar	Mexicayotl Charter School Space Science
Best in show	Abigail Duarte	Bracker Elementary Recycled Art
Best in show	Leonel Leyva	Bracker Elementary Recycled Art
Best in show	Group project	Coatimundi Middle School
Best in show	Juan Pablo C.	Mexicayotl Charter School Space Science
Best in show	Little Red Elementary	Recycled Art
Best in show	Rodolfo Navarro	Desert Shadows Middle School
Best in show	Jesus Castro	San Cayetano Elementary Short Story



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THE SCV35 DISTINGUISHED HALL OF FAME

The Santa Cruz Valley Unified School District #35 recently inducted 16 new members into the first inaugural class of the SCV35 Distinguished Hall of Fame. Among the inductees were student teams, former superintendents, student athletes, board members, bus drivers and current district administration.

Due to COVID-19 precautions, the ceremony was live streamed for the community as inductees were limited to the number of guests permitted to attend. The evening began with a meet and greet, followed by dinner and the ceremony which began at 6:30pm in the Rio Rico High School gymnasium. The RRHS JROTC began the ceremony with the Presentation of Colors and RRHS culinary students served dinner to guests. John Fanning, the SCV35 Hall of Fame Committee Chair was the host for the evening and presented the awards to the inductees.

The evening was full of emotion and pride as inductees were invited up to receive their plaque and say a few words regarding their memories and experiences during their time at SCV35. When Eric Chavez, inducted individually and as part of the 2000 Boys' Cross Country State Champion team addressed the audience, he spoke of coaches who encouraged him and his teammates that they were good enough to "line up" against anyone in the state or country. He also spoke proudly of the community he loves.

"This community is special. Whether it's academics, ...athletics. There's so much talent here. I'm very very proud to be from Rio Rico. I'm not from anywhere else. If people don't know where Rio Rico is, I tell them. I'm not from Nogales, I'm not from Tucson, I'm from Rio Rico. I'm very proud of this place, and I will always be very proud of this place."

Daniel Fontes, former SCV35 Superintendent, parent, and teacher was also among the inductees. He commended current leadership in the development of the Hall of Fame, when he said, "I want to first of all thank John (Fanning), Dave (Verdugo) and the leadership here for starting the Hall of Fame. This event is going to carry the District very very far and give the District a lot of maturity."

Hanna Rustin (Henson), former RRHS runners and NCAA Woman of the Year Nominee in 2012, thanked the committee for making the event possible and also spoke of the special community of SCV35 and Rio Rico. "It's like a reunion and it truly is as some have said, coming home and it's fun to introduce my husband to a place he's heard a lot about. But this night gives him a little taste of it. So thank you for pouring into me and showing me what a community looks like.

The most emotional induction of the evening was of Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and former head cross country and track coach Stephen Schadler. Schadler first thanked his wife Toni Anne, who coached middle school cross country and track athletes that fed into Schadler's high school program. Repeating other inductees before him, he also thanked the community. "In counting how many people used the word "home" in describing this community, I counted 5, I'll be number 6. It really is a home district, a home environment. Finally, he thanked the athletes. "To all the athletes I have been fortunate enough to coach. Some of whom are here, some of who are not. Some are represented on the wall, some are not. Some have won medals, some have not. Just know that I've gotten more than I've given."

The original venue for the event was the RRHS Performing Arts Center and would coincide with the grand opening of the center. However, the event had to be relocated to the gymnasium. "Although the much needed rain over the summer delayed the completion of the RRHS Performing Arts Center, the ceremony was elegant, powerful, and spoke volumes about the students, staff and community members in our district", said Fanning. "The SCV35 Hall of Fame ceremony was a celebration of the rich history of our District. It honored those that have laid the foundation and left a positive legacy," said Superintendent David Verdugo.-Shannon Enciso/Communication Specialist



Making Community Health A Priority

NCHP is devoted to the promotion of the health and wellbeing of individuals and communities across the U.S. The organization, based in Tucson, Arizona, with a regional office in New Orleans, was founded in 1984 to address the health needs of border populations. NCHP has developed a national presence by providing education and services to minority and underserved populations in 46 states and three U.S. territories.

The Border Health Foundation launched a national campaign in June of 2010 to promote National HIV/AIDS Testing Day. Border Health Foundation (BHF) changed its name to National Community Health Partners (NCHP) in 2010 to reflect its expansion and scope of services. Over 70 public health programs and services are offered here. The NCHP is an organization dedicated to promoting health and well-being across the communities it currently serves.

The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) awarded NCHP funding for the Proyecto Para Prevenir COVID-19 project to provide prevention/education materials and vaccinations to residents of the Arizona/Mexico border. NCHP collaborates with JSI Research and Training Institute, 100 Angels, and Old Town Health LLC. Staff to help meet the needs of Cochise, Pima, Santa Cruz, and Yuma counties. The total service area is approximately 389 miles. All three organizations have a long history of working along the Arizona/Mexico border. NCHP thus strives to improve the health & well-being of the communities it serves along the Arizona/Mexico border. The NCHP partners with several local organizations in Santa Cruz County to increase vaccination rates. The vaccines are being distributed for free to people in Santa Cruz. We will provide all three vaccines: Moderna, Pfizer, and Johnson & Johnson.

For more information call 1-833-567-NCHP (6247).



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Promotoras are members of the community who receive specialized training to provide basic health education without being health care professionals. The majority of their work is educational, but they also facilitate access to health care resources in their community. Promoters are often local residents or identified leaders in their communities who are involved in community-based health promotion activities.

The NCHP promotoras will inform Santa Cruz residents about the importance of protecting themselves against COVID-19. Michelle Moreno and Genesis Meza are currently conducting outreach across Santa Cruz and Pima County. Their insight and knowledge of cultural norms and the community help them to provide information and education to help address COVID-19 hesitancy in our communities.

Michelle Moreno works as a promotora for NCHP.

She has worked in the healthcare field for many years. She worked as a medical assistant since 2006. Nogales is where she was born and raised. Michelle is a married and a mother of two children, a 13-year-old boy and an 11-year-old girl.

Moreno said, "I am committed to my community and want to make sure our community members are informed and vaccinated. We can only lead normal lives if we increase vaccination rates in our communities."

Genesis Meza is another promotora for NCHP.

She was also born in Nogales, Arizona, the daughter of Victor and Bertha Meza. Public service is her area of expertise. She is familiar with some of the challenges families face when it comes to misinformation. "We build a healthy community by educating ourselves and keeping everyone informed. Our goal is to increase the vaccination rate of non-vaccinated citizens in Santa Cruz and Pima County and to decrease vaccine hesitancy," Meza said.

In partnership with the City of Nogales, Borderlands Food Bank, and Lutheran Social Services, we are hosting vaccination clinics. Vaccinations will be conducted at these locations. Our priority is the health of the community," Moreno said.

If anyone is interested in getting vaccinated please contact the NCHP promotoras Michelle Moreno at (520) 860-8638 or Genesis Meza (520) 354-9431 to schedule your vaccine appointment.

www.nchponline.org

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Let's Talk Health

October was first declared as *National Domestic Violence Awareness Month* in 1989. Since then, October has been a time to acknowledge domestic violence survivors and be a voice for its victims. Domestic violence is prevalent in every community, and affects all people regardless of age, socio-economic status, sexual orientation, gender, race, religion, or nationality. Physical violence is often accompanied by emotionally abusive and controlling behavior as part of a much larger, systematic pattern of dominance and control. Domestic violence can result in physical injury, psychological trauma, and even death. The devastating consequences of domestic violence can cross generations and last a lifetime.

Although there has been substantial progress in reducing domestic violence, an average of 20 people are physically abused by intimate partners every minute. 1 in 3 women and 1 in 4 men have been physically abused by an intimate partner, and 1 in 5 women and 1 in 7 men have been severely physically abused by an intimate partner. Many people live in daily, silent fear within their own homes. In addition, many children are exposed to domestic violence. Domestic violence incidents affect every person within a home and can have long-lasting negative effects on children's emotional well-being, and social and academic functioning. Domestic violence thrives when we are silent; but if we take a stand and work together, we can end domestic violence. Across our community and country, there has been an increase in incidence of domestic violence, particularly due to the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic.

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 Domestic Violence, not just in October, 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.



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PROCLAMATION

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

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WHEREAS, violence against women and children continues to be a social problem due to the imbalance of power in gender and age; and

WHEREAS, approximately one in four women and one in seven men in the United States will experience physical domestic violence at some point in their life; and

WHEREAS, 15.5 million children in the United States live in families in which domestic violence occurred at least once in the past year, and 7 million children live in families in which severe domestic violence occurred; and

WHEREAS, only one-quarter of all physical assaults, one-fifth of all rapes, and one-half of all stalking incidents perpetrated against women by intimate partners are reported to police; and

WHEREAS, the damage caused by domestic violence is not limited by gender, age, ethnicity or sexual orientation; and

WHEREAS, the crime of domestic violence violates an individual's privacy, dignity, security, and humanity, due to systematic use of physical, emotional, sexual, psychological, and economic control and/or abuse; and

WHEREAS, the impact of domestic violence is wide ranging, directly affecting society as a whole; and

WHEREAS, public awareness has the potential to increase the identification and reporting of abuse by the public, professionals, and victims themselves, and can act as a catalyst to promote issue-based education and long term prevention;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Santa Cruz County, Arizona, Board of Supervisors does hereby proclaim the month of October 2021 as:

"DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH"

and urges all citizens to actively participate in the scheduled activities and programs sponsored by local, state and national organizations, to work toward the elimination of personal and institutional violence against women, men, and children.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 21st day of September 2021

Manny Ruiz
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Supervisor

Mayor's Corner



Dear Friends,

The season of giving is upon us, and as we prepare to celebrate this time of the year, I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. May you experience peace, joy, happiness and good health throughout the Christmas season and in the New Year.

I ask you all to please continue supporting local businesses, especially during challenging economic times like these. I encourage you all to try to keep purchases local and to support small businesses whenever possible. 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 would also like to take this opportunity to thank the Nogales City Council and staff for their unwavering dedication to providing the highest service to the community. Especially, the fire and police departments, who do everything possible to keep us safe.

We have a wonderful community in Nogales. I'm very proud to call this city home and every day I witness the support and kindness of our residents. Now more than ever it's important to be safe and take care of each other. As COVID cases are rising again I want to remind everyone to please continue following CDC guidelines especially the following: wear a face covering while out in public or around other people; stay at least six (6) feet away from other people; stay home if you feel sick; and last but not least, please avoid large gatherings. I realize it seems very difficult to do this, especially during the holidays, but the only way we can ensure that our loved ones stay safe, especially the most vulnerable, is by avoiding large gatherings. I appreciate the effort everyone is making and by taking care of yourself, your family and your community.

On behalf of myself and city council, I extend my warmest wishes to everyone in our community. May God's blessings and the spirit of this wonderful season be with you and your loved ones during this Christmas season and may you have a prosperous and happy New Year. Stay safe!



Sheriff's Round-Up



This past month local officials, including the Sheriff, spoke to the community in 9/11 events to recognize the sacrifices of heroes and to emphasize the importance of liberty. Another joint priority is the recognition of substance abuse problems in all communities and an earnest effort to stop these problems in the early stages. Mayor Garino, Sheriff Hathaway, Chief Bermudez, and County Attorney George Silva have reached out to the public on various occasions this month to emphasize the importance of intervening and offering help to those who have become trapped in a cycle of substance abuse. The Sheriff and others have spoken to the public this month via radio, print media, and in person at events held at Pierson School (Over dose Awareness Day), Teyechea Park (Nogales Night Out), Cordova Park, and Karam Park. The Sheriff's Office was also honored to participate in a fallen officer memorial tribute at the Little Outfit Ranch this month where family members of fallen officers Jesus "Chuy" Cordova and Jeremy Brinton were presented with plaques honoring the service of those officers.

The colorful and festive Fiestas Patrias in downtown Nogales brought a bright and cheery atmosphere to the community while the county fair and rodeo were great successes allowing the community to feel a hint of fall with some fresh cooler weather. The Sheriff's Office Command Staff was also happy to meet with and welcome new Mexican Consul Officer Victor Jimenez this month to assure that cross-border issues are dealt with smoothly through official channels. The Sheriff and his family also enjoyed participating in a clean-up day for the one-room Lochiel School House arranged by Patagonia resident German Quiroga. Thank you German for the efforts you make to keep the community involved in historical preservation efforts like this! The Sheriff's Office is pleased to welcome two new senior officers to our deputy ranks, Miguel Diaz and Mario Rodriguez. We also congratulate Detention Officers Daniel Fimbres, Alex Castillo, Christian Matus, and Brian Garcia who graduated from the C.O.T.A. Academy this month. Also, we recognize newly hired detention employees Alejandro Castellanos, Ernesto Sandoval, Justine Astorga and newly hired Telecommunicator Christine De La Riva. Welcome aboard!



The Santa Cruz County Attorney reminds you to report violence

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