

Periodico de Esperanza



June 2012

Goodbye for the Summer

As we wrap up our second year as Publisher and Editor of the EE Periodico, we look back at some accomplishments of the past year.

Always looking for ways to enhance our magazine, we introduced several new features: Fifteen Minutes of Fame, stories of residents' brushes with fame; Day Trips, ideas for local adventures; Plant of the Month, identification guide to plants around EE; and the on-line Index to past Periodico articles.

Branching out a bit, we also sponsored our first event, the Art Walk held last December, which showcased the creative talents of many of our residents.

We'd like to thank our guest contributors, Kris Bean, Mary Ferland, Lorna Kitchak and Karen Lepper, for their articles. We hope to add others to the list in the future. Of course, our continued thanks go to Mary Hess and Sandy Reed, our regular Periodico writers.

In addition to being a source for EE news and information about our neighbors, the Periodico also helps out the HOA's bottom line. Our advertising revenues continue to generate a significant profit, which we have traditionally donated to the HOA.

As we've said before, the Periodico is your magazine, and we always welcome your comments and suggestions for new ideas and stories.

We are taking July and August off to recharge our creative batteries, and will be back in September with more news and features.

Enjoy the summer.

— Denise and Cynthia

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Important Notice from the Board

The Board wishes to remind all EE owners who have a tall palm tree on their property that it *positively has to be trimmed before the deadline of July 15, and should be trimmed well before that date.*

This is a safety issue. A front page article in the Green Valley News on June 17 pointed out the danger of lightning strikes on untrimmed palms, and the resultant fires which occur every year. We have had this very thing happen in EE more than once, and it is a catastrophe waiting to happen. Should such a fire start, and burning fronds fall on a rooftop, we could have a situation resulting in serious loss of life and property.

Because of the serious nature of this problem, the Board feels that it is necessary to strictly enforce this requirement and we ask for your cooperation. Any homeowner with an untrimmed palm who fails to comply will have the palm trimmed by the HOA, at the owners expense plus a surcharge.

There are several firms in Green Valley who perform palm tree trimming, and owners can use any contractor of their choice. If you need a referral, or further information, you may call Dean Hess at 398-4829, Tom Cooke at 399-0455, or Boyd Morse, at 419-2489.



Board Meetings

No board meetings in
July & August

Next meeting:
September 17

Board member list &
meeting minutes available
at <http://esperanzaestates.net>

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Green Valley Council Happenings

By Joe McCalpin

As you have read in the *Green Valley News*, Arizona Department of Transportation announced an improvement project for Esperanza Blvd. at the off ramp. This improvement was a direct lobbying effort by the Santa Cruz Bicycle Advocate Committee and GVC. The purpose of the project is to reduce the danger to cyclists and pedestrians. The project is funded with Federal money and has nothing to do with street upgrades.

The project involves adding bicycle lanes in both directions and shaping the medians to allow more room for traffic. The most significant change affecting us is that the southbound exit will no longer have a right turn only lane and a yield sign. There will be two lanes controlled by a stop sign. This change will eliminate the danger of westbound Esperanza traffic so it will no longer smash you by trying to turn in to the Arizona Family Restaurant. However, it also means you have to stop at the intersection. ADOT will also add pedestrian crossing lanes on either side of I-19 for those of us capable of running a hundred yard dash in 8 seconds.

It came as a bit of a surprise that the project did not include street repair since Esperanza Blvd. is a disaster. Pima County is planning to repair Esperanza and they will try to coordinate that repair with the ADOT project. Another street improvement project scheduled for the same time period is the paving of Camino del Portillo. GVC has recommended priority pavement improvements to internal collector streets. Camino Holgado, Circulo Napa, Calle Excelso and Vereda Calma are included in those plans.

If You Build It, They Will Go

Restrooms at the Tennis/Pickleball courts have become a reality after being talked about for almost two decades. The project was on the list of items presented to the HOA Board by the Long-Range Planning Committee in May 1996, but long-time residents remember discussions even before that. Special thanks to Jim Lindberg, Ben Sheffield and Kevin Welsh for the many volunteer hours they put it to get the job done.



Have You Seen Me?

Several EE residents — most on upper Napa — have spotted what (according to our research) may be a jaguarundi (*felis jaguarundi*). According to the Sonoran Desert Museum, they are the Sonoran desert's mystery cats. There are a number of jaguarundi sightings in Arizona each year, but a hide or skull has never been found, nor a photograph taken of one in the wild. Even so, some biologists believe they are present in the U.S. and are residents, since these small cats can't travel long distances.

The jaguarundi is a relatively small cat whose weight averages about sixteen to twenty pounds. They have short legs, long bodies, and an especially long tail. Their small head, short ears, and long body have given the jaguarundi the nickname the "otter cat." Unlike the jaguar and ocelot, the jaguarundi has a solid coat color ranging from dark brown to a reddish chestnut color.

Historically, the jaguarundi ranged from southern Texas, southeastern Arizona, southern Mexico, and Central and South America. The range of the jaguarundi has remained much the same, but with a smaller distribution of the cats. Much of the jaguarundis' range is threatened by human encroachment. They been found to be mainly a diurnal (daytime) hunter, although occasionally noted to hunt at dusk. It feeds on ground dwelling birds, rodents, and reptiles.

The jaguarundi is a very secretive animal and does not give itself away easily. While it is a diurnal hunter, it shies away from open spaces, preferring dense cover.

If you believe you've seen one, please let us know. Contact Denise at droessle@mac.com or 399-3312. Better yet — if you can get a picture, you could become the first to capture one of these cats on film in Arizona. (Shown here, photos of jaguarundis taken in Mexico and South America.)



Upcoming Events



Independence Day Party Wed., July 4th • 4:30 Sunset Ramada \$6.00 per person

Includes grilled sausages with onions and peppers, potato salad, and baked beans. Wine, beer, sodas, water and mixers will be provided. \$6.00 per person and \$3.00 for a second sausage.

Weekly Activities in EE

Morning Water Aerobics	8 AM	Mon., Wed., Fri.	Pool
Pickleball	7AM	Tues., Thurs., Sun.	Pickleball/Tennis Courts
Aquasize	3PM	Tues., Thurs.	Pool
Tennis	8 AM	Fri.	Tennis/Pickleball Courts

Saturday Night Movies

Thanks to the EE Arts Club, we now have another great activity to enjoy here in EE. The Club is sponsoring a weekly movie series at the Ramada each Saturday night at 7:30 p.m. The pleasant summer evenings are an ideal time to relax, socialize and enjoy a classic film.

The first two films were trips down memory lane for many residents, especially those who were teenagers in the 1960s.

Beach Party starring Annette Funicello and Frankie Avalon was a nice way to get in the swing of summer and a reminder of the "good old days." Remember Eric Von Zipper, leader of the local motorcycle gang?



The next film, *American Graffiti*, continued the nostalgia. In this popular film starring Ron Howard, Richard Dreyfuss and Harrison Ford, four California teens faced decisions about the direction of their lives.

If you have suggestions for future films, you can contact Kevin Welsh at 231-838-6851. Look for information about upcoming movies in the Monday Morning Memo. Admission charge is a donation to the Arts Club.

EE History...

You have probably heard of the women's group called the Red Hats. But did you know that EE once had a group of volunteers known as the Red Caps? Here is a reprint of the original article that appeared in the July 1991 issue of the *Periodico*. If you were a member of this group or have one of the original red caps, we'd like to hear from you.

Look for the Red Caps

If you spot an Esperanza Estates resident working outside with a red cap on, you're probably looking at a volunteer helping keep Esperanza Estates clean.

There are (now) about 10 to 12 folks serving as volunteers, cleaning up their common areas, patrolling streets and generally looking out for the appearance of their parts of our Association.

Are you bored with nothing to do? You can easily become eligible for your own red cap. Just walk up to the first red cap you see and say, "I want a red cap, too, tell me what I have to do to get one."

Bill Milne says he has lots of extra red caps on hand for those willing to become active volunteers as described above.

Plant of the Month: Chaste Tree

The featured tree this month is the *Chaste Tree* (*Vitex agnus-castus*), and there is one right outside the Ramada. It's most noticeable in early summer when it's lovely sprays of deep blue flowers appear. It's easy to recognize by its distinctive leave made up of five to seven lance-shaped leaflets that are gray-green on top and silver below. The Chaste Tree naturally has multiple trunks but is often trained into a single trunk. Also known as Monk's pepper tree, these trees were grown in monasteries starting in the middle ages. It was thought that the berries were used as anti-libido medicine by monks to aid their attempts to remain chaste.

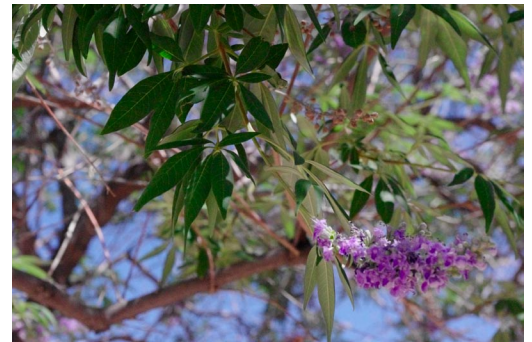


Photo of the Year Contest

Cast Your Vote!

Pictured on these two pages are the monthly winners from the 2011-12 Periodico Photo Contest. EE residents are invited to help us select the Photo of the Year. Vote for ONE by number (one vote per EE resident). Email to droessle@mac.com or leave a message at 399-3312.

Deadline for votes: September 1. The winning photographer will receive a gift card and their photo published in the September issue of the Periodico.

Note: For those reading the print version of the Periodico, you may view the photos in color at the Sunset Ramada bulletin board.



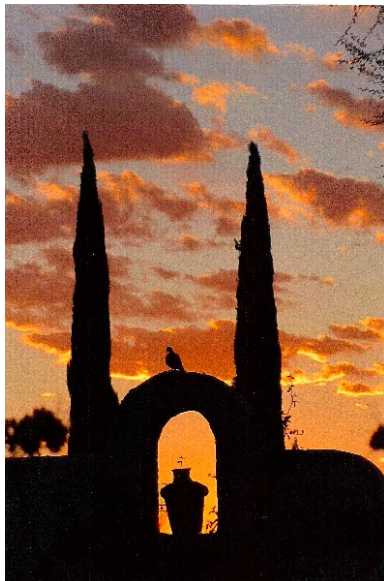
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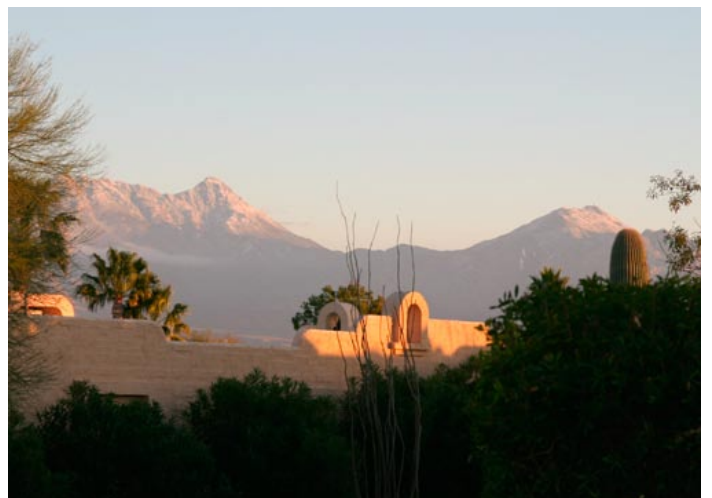
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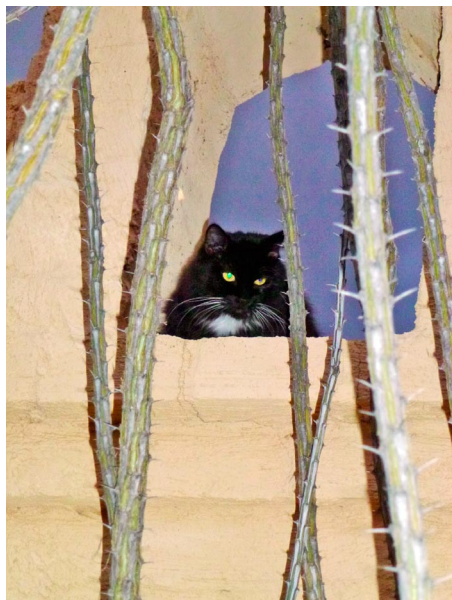


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6) January 2012



7) February 2012



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The Dog Days of Summer

By Cynthia Surprise

The Dog Days of Summer are upon us, and the Periodico staff thought it would be a fitting time to profile a few of Esperanza's full time resident canines (Canis esperanzacus) who beat the heat here in EE.

Are you new to EE? You'll soon discover a curious phenomenon – people tend to know the names of neighborhood dogs, although they may not know their owners' names. If you want to fit right in, learn the names of the dogs in these photos so you can greet them when you see them.



Callie

Age: 9

Breed: Dachsund

Owners: Chris & Joe McMahon

Callie loves everyone she meets, and expects her human friends to pet her when they see her. If you happen to forget for a moment, she's willing to remind you.

Sarah

Age: 6

Owners: Scottie & Fred Blum

After fending for herself in the desert for almost a year before she was rescued, Sarah now leads a pampered life with her humans.



Bitzi

Age: 9

Breed: Yorkshire Terrier

Owner: Joan Moreaux

Bitzi thinks good things come in small packages. She knows all her neighbors' names, and her extensive vocabulary requires her human to do a lot of spelling when she's around.

Sunnie

Age: 10

Breed: Pomeranian

Owner: Pat Flowers

Sunnie believes in riding in style. Her sunny disposition matches her name.



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Stretch

Age: 4

Breed: Dandie Dinmont

Owners: Sue and Gary Thompson

Typical of this uncommon breed, Stretch is bold, brave and smart. Never was this more obvious than when he challenged a Javalina while out on his morning walk. Stretch is a rescue dog that Sue acquired at a Wilcox wine festival.

Barney

Age: 3

Breed: Havanese mix

Owners: Carolyn & Bruce Liljegren

Barney is a rescue dog who has made it his daily mission to patrol the pool at his home. After checking out the perimeter, a brief rest in the sun is in order.



Ozzie

Age: 10

Breed: Poodle/Bichon

Owner: Carollee Robertson

Ozzie, who turned 10 this month, likes being a guard dog. Happy Birthday, Ozzie, keep up the good work.

Shilo

Age: 7

Breed: Shepard mix

Owner: Karyn Grob

Shilo is a rescue dog who loves people and is learning to love other dogs while walking around EE.



Molly

Age: 13

Breed: Shepard mix

Owner: Nancy Moore

Molly is a twice lucky dog. She was a rescue dog first adopted by former EE resident Dr. Patrick Murphy. When Dr. Murphy moved to live with his daughter, Nancy Moore thought Molly would make a good companion and adopted her.

Did you know? The term "Dog Days of Summer" comes from the ancient belief that Sirius, also called the Dog Star, in close proximity to the sun was responsible for the hot weather.

War-Time Tragedy

By Mary Ferland, Guest Contributor

July 15, 1944 began as an ordinary Saturday morning in our small town. I don't remember the day because I was only 29 days old. The morning was warm and Mom put me outside in the back yard for my morning nap. About 10:30 she heard the deafening roar of a plane engine. Knowing something was terribly wrong she ran out the back door to investigate and saw a huge military plane heading toward our house shearing tree tops as it proceeded. She snatched me from the carriage, grabbed my sister, Jeanne, from the house and ran back outside. For a few terrifying moments Mom wondered if we all would become war-time statistics.

The B-24 was flown by 22 year old 2nd Lt. Levine Nelson who had grown up just a few houses away. He and his crew of eight were scheduled to leave for overseas duty and before shipping out he promised his parents he would fly over for a farewell salute. His mother and several others in town knew he was coming and were outside to witness the exciting event. They waved as the plane flew over, much too low, and then watched in horror as it hit a neighbor's tree. Suddenly pieces of metal, plexiglass and tree limbs came raining down on all the houses. Mom and Jeanne watched as it flew over our house and headed toward North Hill where it crashed. The force carried it along for 100 yards before it overturned into a fifty-foot gully. One crew member was thrown clear of the wreckage and three others, whose clothing was on fire, were rescued by neighbors who had been working on their nearby farm. A short time later the fuel tank exploded preventing them from rescuing any others.

A neighbor of ours who was thirteen at the time sent me what he remembered. "Some of the kids from the neighborhood were hit with pieces of the debris. I was one of them. A piece of metal hit on the side of my shoe. I didn't dare to look at it for some time because I was afraid it might be bleeding. Later, when I looked it was OK."

His brother, who was nine, also sent me his account. "We were in our back yard when the plane exploded. It looked and sounded like a bomb went off. People were coming into Blockville from all over. The streets were all full of cars and people so you could hardly get around. We heard one of the crew was missing and they thought he might be in the woods up by Goose Creek. Some of us little kids went down there to look for him. We saw soldiers hollering back and forth on the other side of the creek so we decided we should get back to the town. We could hear guards yelling out to each other all night for several nights until the site was cleaned up. No one was allowed near the site other than officials. Later when we went near the crash site there was a terrible smell for several years. Carpenter's cows would not drink the water in the creek below the crash site for a few years."

Among the five who perished was the Nelson boy; Blockville's first war-time casualty, who died, not in some foreign land, but a mere half-mile from his home. Many years later I found a piece of the wreckage that Daddy had retrieved from the site: a gruesome reminder of a horrible tragedy.

Editor's Note: Mary Ferland grew up in the small town (population 500) of Blockville in western New York. The incident in her story took place on the Carpenter farm.



Day Trip to Wickenburg

An authentic old west town, remnants of an old mining camp and a western museum combine to make Wickenburg, 200 miles north of Green Valley, an adventurous day trip.

Take the Historic Walking Tour of downtown with a map available at the Chamber of Commerce. Frontier Street boasts many of the town's original buildings and several western themed shops and galleries.

Explore the remnants of Vulture Mine, the original mining stake established by town founder Henry Wickenburg, and get a glimpse of what it was like in the wild west.

Desert Caballeros Western Museum (www.westernmuseum.org), often called Arizona's most western museum, houses one of the most extensive collections of western artifacts, memorabilia and works of art depicting the American cowboy.

Museum hours: Monday-Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; Sunday, noon to 4:00 p.m. Closed Memorial Day, Labor Day, July 4, Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Years Day.

Museum admission: Adults \$7.50; Seniors \$6.00; 16 and under admitted free.

Take Interstate 10 W to Loop 303 N; take Loop 303 N to US 60-93 W to downtown Wickenburg. At the intersection of Wickenburg Way (Hwy 60-93) in downtown turn right onto Tegner Street (Hwy 93), go two blocks and turn left to Yavapai Street. The Chamber of Commerce Visitor's Center is at 216 N Frontier Street.

Go to www.outwickenburgway.com for further information.



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Michael C. & Annalisa C. Michielli
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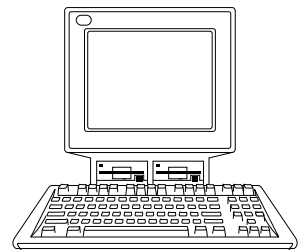
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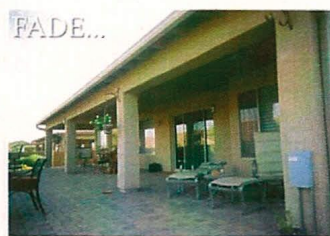
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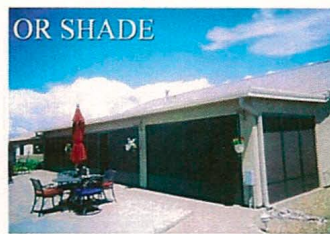


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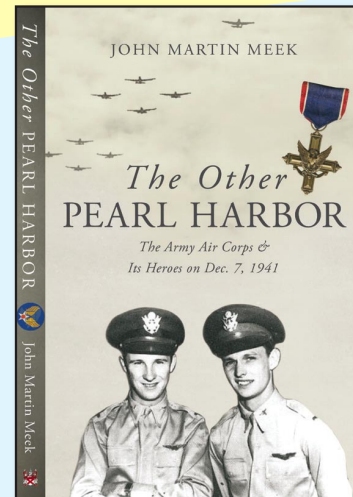
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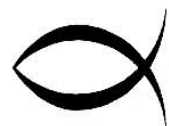


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