

# Periodico de Esperanza



June 2013

## Goodbye for the Summer

It's that time of year again: summertime. Our favorite season when we were kids. School was out and we could spend long, lazy days swinging in a hammock, reading, fishing or just having fun doing nothing. Being retired, we could probably spend all of our time that way, but like many other EE residents, we don't. The year is too full of activities, and we're always on the go.

Summertime is a welcome break in an otherwise busy life. For many of you, it's a chance to catch up with things you can't get around to doing when the social season is in full swing. Others enjoy the quiet around EE and throughout Green Valley. Many people return to their summer home or travel to visit family or escape the heat for a few weeks.

Where are you headed this summer? Please share your travel photos with us. Just pack a copy of the Periodico in your bag (or print the first page from the website) and send us a photo of you holding it at your vacation spot. (*See article on page 15.*)

As we wrap up another year, we thank our regular Periodico staff writers, Mary Hess and Sandy Reed, our guest contributors, Mary Ferland and Michael Christopher, and the board members and committee chairs who give us their reports.

This year we were fortunate to add Paul LaVanway to our writing team, and we look forward to more of his articles and ideas. As a history aficionado and all-around curious guy, Paul has uncovered some interesting information about Green Valley and the surrounding areas and he'll be educating and entertaining us with what he's learned.

Special thanks to our residents who have shared their stories with our readers or sent in photos. That's what the Periodico is all about.

Our Photo of the Month contest, which has run for the past three years, will wrap up when we announce the photo of the year in September.

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## Palm Tree Trimming Reminder

This notice is from the Board to all homeowners with tall palm trees on their property:

We have had fires in untrimmed palms more than once, and such a fire poses a serious danger of igniting homes by falling on rooftops. Trimming these palms is a critical issue due to the fact they are lightning magnets, and every year in Green Valley there are fires caused by lightning striking untrimmed palms. If one of these fell on a roof in here, it could burn out the entire 4 or 5 houses in the row. There is a real possibility of jeopardy to life and property.



*The trimming absolutely needs to be done by June 30.*

The HOA absolutely requires this to be done as a safety issue, and if owners refuse, or neglect it, then the HOA will be forced to do it and will assess the homeowner at cost plus a 50% surcharge. Your cooperation in this matter will be appreciated and it is in the best interest of both you and your neighbors to arrange for the necessary trimming.

The HOA uses the Monstrosity Tree Service because they do a good job at a competitive price; however, owners can use anyone they please.

You can contact Monstrosity Tree Service at: (520) 230-7131 or (520) 625-TREE. Monstrosity can do the trimming even if owners are not in residence. They will also generally give owners the same rate they charge the HOA--a discount from their normal charge--if the work is done while they are in the neighborhood trimming EE common area trees.

## Goodbye

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But that doesn't mean EE photographers should put away their cameras. Starting in this June issue, we are going to put out a monthly call for photos on a specific topic, and we'll publish most of what we receive. We can't wait to see how creative you can be. (See page 3 for details.)

Until September...

*Cynthia and Denise  
AKA Lou Grant and Mrs. Pynchon*

*"Mr. Grant, I will see you in my office!"*



## Board Meetings

*No meetings in  
July & August*

Meetings resume on  
Sept. 16

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

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# Around Esperanza



*A great time was had by all who attended Dive-in Movie Night in May, which featured a hot dog cookout and the Elvis Presley film, "Blue Hawaii."*



*Boyd Morse and Tom Cooke on weed patrol aboard the summer version of the gator.*

## Calling All EE Photographers! A Picture Is Worth a Thousand Words

*Starting with the September issue, we will publish photos you send us to illustrate a specific theme related to Esperanza Estates.*

*The theme for the September issue is "Esperanza After Dark." What's out there when darkness descends? Show us in photos.*

*We always welcome photos for the "Around Esperanza" page each month, so please feel free to snap pictures of residents working and playing.*

*Submissions should be sent to [droessle@mac.com](mailto:droessle@mac.com) or delivered to 801 Circulo Napa by September 13.*



## Independence Day Party

Thurs., 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 provided.

## Author, Author!

*By Sandy Reed*

**A**re you a short story writer who wants to get published? Here is a sure chance.

Several years ago, Esperanza Estates published a book of 23 love stories written by residents of our community. It made little money for our HOA, but gave pleasure to many and added to the reputation of Esperanza as an innovative and creative place.

I'm proposing that we publish another collection of short stories, written by residents, on any subject. We have a wealth of interesting experiences, careers, and ideas in Esperanza. Many have appeared in the Periodico, but there are still many to go. Let's get them in book form that others can enjoy.

I would be pleased to serve as editor once more. For those who are reluctant to write up their ideas, I'd be glad to talk to you, then create a factual or fictional story, based on the conversation. You will edit this for final use. I can be contacted at areed56@cox.net or 520-393-1427 or 520-648-0334.

## Social Services in Green Valley

**T**he Green Valley Council's Community Services Committee is interested in new service projects to operate under the auspices of GVC. Joe McCalpin attended a workshop sponsored by the Collaborative Care Advocates (CCA) on "Surviving Our Summer." Its purpose was to outline the avenues for obtaining help when our winter residents leave for the summer.

The CCA is an organization of professional caregivers who are interested in making the public aware of the services that are available through the nonprofit agencies of Green Valley: Casa Community Service, Friends in Deed, Valley Assistance Services. Each of these groups, along with the CCA, has brochures identifying the assistance they provide. Joe will make these available at the Ramada, as well as answer any questions and provide contact information.

The biggest obstacle to having these services delivered to us is the lack of public awareness. Let's make sure we all do our part to solve this problem.



# EE History: The Plan to Change Our Street Names

By Cynthia Surprise

It generally takes new EE residents a while to learn the names of the streets in our subdivision. Then, of course, there's the matter of learning to pronounce them correctly if you don't speak Spanish.

So, you can imagine why in 1983 the county created such a stir among EE residents when it proposed to change the names of Placita Napa (as it was originally named) to Calle de la Morada, Circulo Napa (South segment) to Calle Napa, and Circulo Napa (West segment) to Calle de la Fe.



In addition, the introduction by the county of the term “vuelta” to indicate a loop street or one whose only two intersections are with the same street, would have required changing Circulo del Norte to Vuelta del Norte and Circulo del Sur to Vuelta del Sur.

The proposal would also have changed the numbers on our streets that run east and west and cut Circulo Napa into two segments.

Why change our street names? It was all part of a massive address change project throughout Green Valley to accommodate the new enhanced 911 emergency system. The enhancement added the ability to determine the source of an emergency call even if no address was given.

The 911 system worked on a computer system that required street names not be duplicated and the grid of 100 blocks not crisscross. Apparently, in Green Valley at that time the address system lacked directional designation and many address numbers were absurdly out of sequence.

In addition, many streets in Green Valley had similar names linked to “calle,” “camino” or “circulo.” So, if an emergency caller didn't give the entire street name, it would create a dispatcher's nightmare.

Throughout the summer of 1983, a number of informational meetings were held to explain to residents of each subdivision the changes that would impact them and to let them voice their concerns. EE's informational meeting took place on September 9.

In late September, the plan was put on hold, and ultimately a compromise plan designed to change the least number of addresses possible was put in place. Instead of the 2,000 changes initially proposed, only 300 were implemented.

After all the brouhaha was over, Placita Napa was the only street in EE to undergo a name change, and the HOA was allowed to select the new name. EE resident Al Yeager took the initiative to find names acceptable in the system and proposed Placita Nueva (which, fittingly, means “new”). He started a petition and over a majority of the residents on that street signed it. The new name became effective on January 16, 1984. Fortunately, all the street numbers remained the same. It would have been a shame to replace the address tiles cemented into our walls.

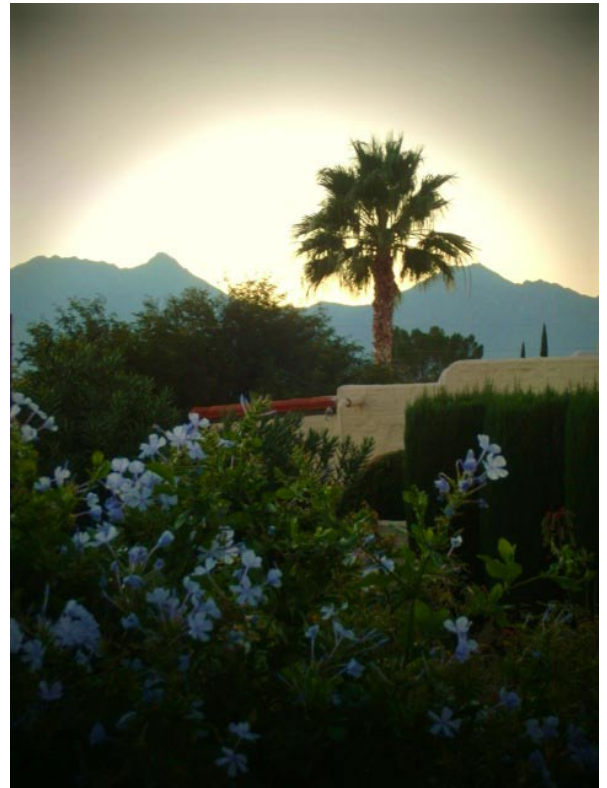
Then, in 1995, it was rumored that Placita Nueva might once again be renamed. When Portillo Ridge, the new development next to EE on Esperanza Boulevard, was completed that year, it created a single, long street by joining Placita Nueva and Calle Excelso. Previously those had been two very distinct streets separated by a large patch of desert. Because the county didn't want to have one street with two different names, it was feared that either Placita Nueva or Calle Excelso would have to change its name. As it turned out, neither was renamed.

# Photo of the Year Contestants

Here are the monthly winners November 2012 through May 2013. There are also posted on the Ramada bulletin board. Please email your vote for Photo of the Year, by number, to: Denise at [droessle@mac.com](mailto:droessle@mac.com) or leave a phone message for her at 399-3312. The winning photo will be published in the September Periodico, and the photographer will receive a gift card of their choice.



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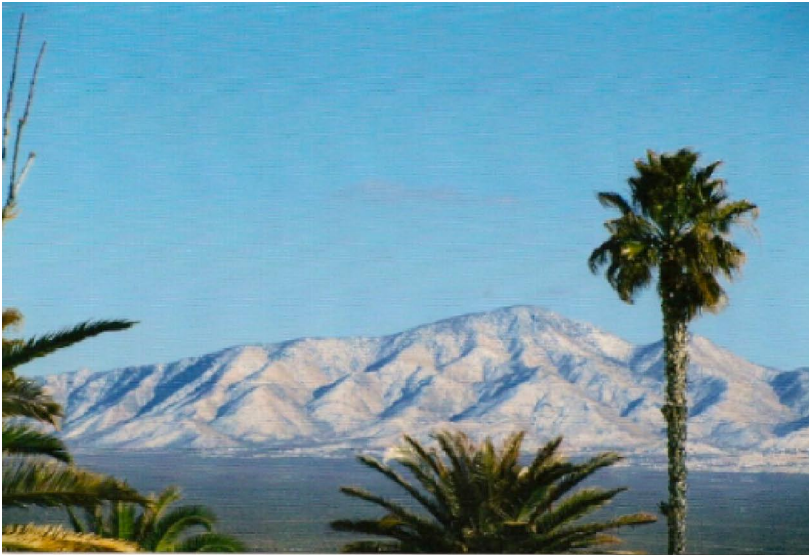


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## In Memoriam

*Wandell Lear*  
933 Calle del Regalo  
June 11, 2013

## Welcome New Owners

*Daniel C. McNett & Sundra J. Gleeson*  
957 W. Calle del Regalo



# A Tale of Two Homes

By Cynthia Surprise

At least a third of EE homeowners are not year-round Green Valley residents. Whether you call them “snowbirds,” “winter residents” or “part-timers,” they all have another place they call their “other home.”

Do you ever wonder what those other homes look like? I know I do, so I figure there are others who are curious too.

Could you pick out the other home of a person you know? Let’s find out. Below and on the next page are photos of 12 “other homes” of EE residents. Can you match them up with the correct resident? The answers are on page 11.

The residents whose homes are shown are:

*Patty and Ken Adler*

*Bill Berdine and Stacie Meyer*

*Barb and Dick Carver*

*Barb and Jim Copeland*

*Barb Cottrell and Greg Gramstad*

*Cheri and Steve Day*

*Jane and Eric Ellingson*

*Cynthia and Hugh Gates*

*Marian and Ron Mundale*

*Sandi and Roger Oster*

*Jackie and Gary Rautio*

*Mona and Ben Sheffield*

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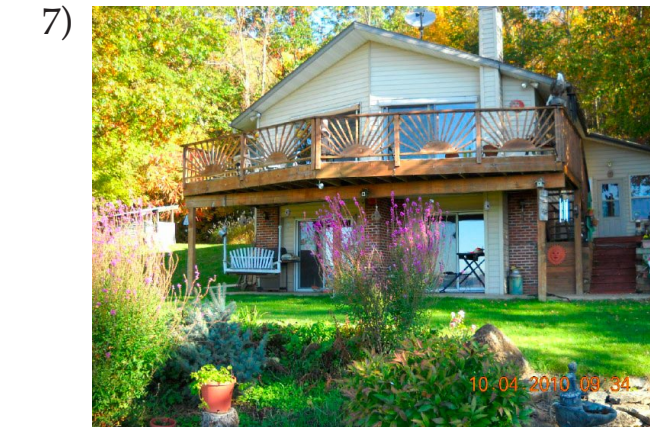


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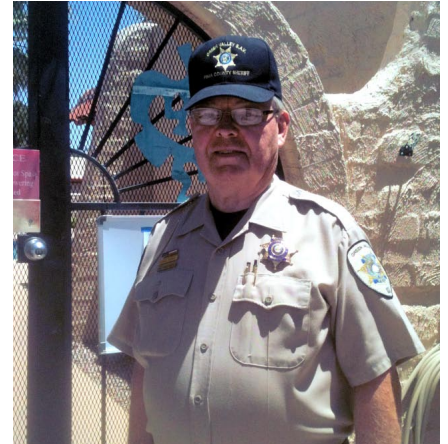
# Proud to be an SAV

By Cynthia Surprise

Started in 1978 as the Citizen Bear by volunteers who used citizen band (CB) radios for communications, the Green Valley Sheriff's Auxiliary Volunteers have become a vital part of the quality of life in Green Valley. EE residents Gary Chelseth and Patty Adler are very proud to be part of this well-trained group.

Gary joined SAV after he retired in 2010. Knowing he liked to be "out and about," his wife, Gail, suggested it might be a good fit, and that has proved to be the case.

Gary explained that the SAV is involved in much more than their very visible presence at the White Elephant or doing traffic control at special events. "Our volunteers patrol Green Valley in marked vehicles, bikes and on foot. We also do home security checks for residents (currently, 1,563 homes) who are out of town, assist the Sheriff's department at serious accidents, crime scenes and fires, provide a free fingerprinting service, and serve as justice court bailiffs and Sheriff's front desk personnel. Our Scam Squad has made the community aware of the growing number of scams that target senior citizens, and we now have an alzheimer and memory impaired protection program."



Gary's favorite SAV job is being on patrol. "Every day is different, and you never know what will happen," he said about driving around Green Valley looking for suspicious activity or damage to county property. "During the summer, I might do 40 home checks in one six-hour patrol." Gary explained that their job is safety. "We aren't armed and if we find an open door during a home check, we don't go in, we call the Sheriff's Office."



As the mother of a police chief in Colorado, Patty Adler has a long-standing interest in assisting law enforcement agents. So volunteering in the SAV was a top priority when she moved to EE.

Patty realized her dream when she graduated from the SAV training academy in the spring of 2012. Of the 18 people who started in Patty's class, only 10 stuck with it and graduated. "I knew the academy would be challenging, but it was more intensive than I expected," she said of the 16 hours of classroom training the trainees received each week for 8 weeks. "In addition to the classroom time, we had a lot of homework and daily quizzes."

SAV trainees learn how to handle downed power lines, how to use a fire extinguisher, CPR, defensive driving techniques, how to control a hazardous material event, elder abuse issues, the geography of Green Valley and how to pronounce street names.

"Before a trainee can graduate, they have to pass a test on the 100 codes used to facilitate communication on the radio," Patty said of the test she aced. She also learned traffic control, although she found it "pretty scary to be in the middle of the street with cars coming at you."

A born shopper, Patty has enjoyed her stints at the White Elephant where SAV's presence acts as a deterrent to shoplifters. But Patty has found her true niche as part of SAV's Citizen's Care/alzheimer protection program.

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Patty explained the role of this quickly growing unit. “We routinely check Green Valley residents who require assistance. After gathering information about them, we take their pictures and give them an identification bracelet that is provided at no charge by the GVR lapidary shop. The Sheriff’s Office appreciates our cataloging process and frequently uses it to identify individuals who wander.”

Patty finds it “kind of cool, being on the cutting edge of this unit” and will be promoting the program at a number of HOAs next year.

If you think you might enjoy being part of this great group of volunteers, Gary and Patty would be happy to talk to you about it.

*(Editor’s Note: Many EE residents volunteer in organizations in Green Valley. Periodically, we feature a behind the scenes look at what they and the organizations do for the community. Please contact us if you would like to tell us about your organization.)*

Two Homes

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Maintaining two homes and commuting between them isn’t always easy. That’s especially true if they are several thousand miles from Green Valley. So, why do people do it year after year? Here are a few reasons why they go back. I doubt the answers will surprise you.

*Donna Shay: The heat here in the summer and four grandchildren back in Illinois.*

*Mary Ferland:I like our home in New Hampshire and that’s where the grandchildren are.*

*Tom Buinicki: My cottage is sentimental.*

*Dick Vincent: Washington state area is our home and family is there. It’s gray in the winter so we come to Arizona for the sun and return to the northwest where it’s beautiful in the summer. We have the best of both worlds.*

*Sandi and Roger Oster: We enjoy a lot of activities back there (close to arts venues) and family. It’s where our past is. It’s nice to have a change of scene by spending a few months in each place.*

*Greg Gramstead: Having family in Minnesota is the only reason we go back. Fishing is good too.*

*Ed Buckholtz: South Dakota is in my blood, and we go back for family.*

Why Do You Stay in EE?

Denise Roessle wants to give equal time to our year round residents. Email her this summer (droessle@mac.com) and tell her why you choose to stay in Green Valley all year, despite the high temperatures. If she gets enough responses, we’ll report them in the September Periodico. If she doesn’t, she will likely punish us with a tirade about how quiet it is, the lack of traffic and crowds, and the beauty of the monsoon season. Even though she misses her snowbird friends when they’re away.

- 1) Sheffield, Newfoundland
- 2) Gramstad /Cottrell, Minn.
- 3) Berdine /Meyer, Kentucky
- 4) Copeland, Minnesota
- 5) Carver, Washington
- 6) Day, New Mexico
- 7) Mundale, Minnesota
- 8) Ellingson, New Hampshire
- 9) Gates, Vermont
- 10) Rautio, Minnesota
- 11) Adler, Colorado (built entirely by Ken)
- 12) Oster, Minnesota

OTHER HOMES ANSWERS:

# The Enemy in Our Midst: POW Camp Continental

By Paul LaVanway

Unknown to many, from 1943 to late 1945, several hundred German prisoners of war were held in a branch labor camp in what is now the Green Valley-Sahuarita area.

Named "Camp Continental" and holding about 250 enlisted German POWs, the encampment was located on the west side of Old Nogales Highway, exactly 3 miles north of the Continental Store. Considering contemporary landmarks and geographical features, Camp Continental was located in the desert area across from what is now the entrance to Quail Creek---near the Sahuarita Veteran's Memorial Park and adjacent to a vacant parcel of Arizona State Trust Land.

Although not a trace of Camp Continental remains today, historical reports indicate that the garrison included several barracks, a mess hall, a small dispensary and recreational facility, as well as a few administrative buildings. The garrison was surrounded by a 10 foot-high barbed wire fence---the perimeter included several watchtowers.

Prisoners were paid about \$1 a day for their labor, which included picking cotton, tending vegetable fields, building fences and performing just about any other type of farm chores that needed to be done. Other POWs were assigned to work on forestry and park improvement projects up at Madera Canyon. Work details averaged about 2 dozen prisoners, with an armed guard in charge of each of the details.

Camp Continental was one of about a dozen 'branch camps' which fell under the organizational umbrella of a regional POW 'base camp' located at Davis-Monthan Army Air Corps Base, Tucson. There were over 425,000 POWs held on American soil during World War II. About 50,000 of them were Italians, with approximately 375,000 Germans being imprisoned.

Interestingly, the State of Arizona was somewhat of a "hotbed" in terms of the placement and operation of WW II POW camps. Camp Florence, Arizona---located in the desert area between Phoenix and Tucson---was the single largest prisoner of war camp in the United States. Covering over 500 acres, Florence held tens of thousands of prisoners.

Then there was Camp Papago Park, Arizona. Located east of Phoenix, Camp Papago Park was the site of Germany's "Great Escape," where on the evening of December 23, 1944, 25 German prisoners of war escaped via a 178 foot-long tunnel dug under the Camp's perimeter fence.

As prisoners from Papago Park fled into the surrounding desert, what ensued was what the Phoenix Gazette called "the greatest manhunt in Arizona history," involving hundreds of soldiers, FBI agents, sheriff's deputies, the Arizona Highway Patrol and even Papago Indian scouts. After an extended chase, all of the escapees were recaptured---all without bloodshed---although a few of the escapees almost made it to the Mexican border, 130 miles south of the site of the breakout.





# The Cow Puncher's Daughter

By Mary Hess

This issue's fascinating person may not have achieved fame or fortune, but Hope Allen tells a story of hardscrabble life in and around Arivaca that inspires nonetheless. She was once described by folks in town as the "hardest working woman they have ever known."

She and her husband, Hal McMickle, live surrounded by rocks, artifacts and antiques acquired during Hope's years of adventurous living in the Arivaca/Ruby territory: an old wooden ice box, mill stones, spear heads, a Dobro mandolin played at dances nearly a century ago in Ruby, and a handsome set of steer horns hanging over the doorway to their bedroom. Many colorful Mardi gras beads hang from those horns, but she denies having acquired them in the usual way.

"I'm surprised you didn't ask me about those beads," she chuckled. "A couple of kids gave them to me when we were in New Orleans." She acquired the horns in exchange for her barbering services years ago.

The work ethic was born in her, nurtured in the ranching and mining culture. Hope was the daughter of a 'cow puncher' who rode a horse by himself from the Oklahoma territory to Southern Arizona when he was 11 years old. Suited to rugged, outdoor living, he was a trail boss before he was twenty years old. After he married, he moved his wife and two small children from ranch to ranch.

When her parents split up, her brother stayed with her dad and Hope remained in her mother's care. Life was difficult. Her mother's new companion worked a claim near Ruby and was a heavy drinker. They lived down a long, winding road in rugged territory. In order to attend school, Hope would ride her burro to Arivaca eleven miles away and stay with her grandmother, a woman who shared her meager income to provide a part time home for Hope.

"All the kids had burros and we liked to ride all over on Saturdays. Tourists would take our pictures on the animals and give us tips, which we quickly spent on candy at the general store," Hope remembers. Another cherished childhood memory was the rare excursions to Tucson with her best friend where they went to movies at the Fox Theater. Those trips were glimpses of life beyond the hills around Arivaca.

She finished the 8th grade, but family finances would not allow her to be boarded in Tucson to attend high school as some of the other children did. Thus began her working life. She kept house and cared for four children at the Montana Ranch until she was 15 years old.

Along came A.J. Allen, a man 25 years her senior, who proposed marriage. By this time, Hope's mother was struggling with severe arthritis and could no longer work at the odd jobs that were the family's sustenance. It was an opportunity for Hope to start out on her own, so she got married.



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The couple raised two children, but a mine injury left her husband disabled and the family struggled to get by. "We did odd jobs. I cared for elderly and disabled people. We painted buildings and fixed roofs, anything that needed done."

She is proud to display a certificate the townspeople gave her from the "Arivaca Institute of Barbering." "I didn't have a license, of course. But I guess I was pretty good at it and people paid me. One day a lady moved to town with a beauticians' credential and set up a shop. She threatened to turn me in. She lasted about four months."

Tourists came to Arivaca to scour the countryside for gems and minerals, which eventually led to a business. The Allens sold five different kinds of metal detectors, and transported visitors to locations known to have what they were looking for. "We showed them how to use the metal detectors and how to pan for gold."

At one time, the couple owned four mine claims. In order to keep their rights, the locations had to be worked periodically. "I would drill a hole, drop a stick of dynamite in the ground, and blow it up. The impact fractured the rock so we could sort through it. Then we would clean up the debris, fill in the hole, and go do it again at another spot. It was a lot of fun," she explained. Small mines eventually became unprofitable, so they sold out.

Hope eventually studied for and passed the GED examination, then qualified as a nursing assistant. A divorce and employment at Santa Rita Care Center brought her to Green Valley. After 14 years, she was injured at work, so retrained to sell real estate. She met Hal, who has owned property in Esperanza Estates since 1981, and they became husband and wife on July 22, 2006, in a ceremony that took place in their living room.

A celebration meal was held at the Longhorn Restaurant. Hope didn't change her name for professional reasons. "It would have cost too much to change all the papers around," she said.

Her compassion and nursing care skills enabled her to bring home her ex-husband when he could no longer care for himself. Together, Hal and Hope cared for him over two years until he died.

Today she and Hal hire out to clean houses and do yard work. "I have always worked. It's what I do," she said.



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# On the Road With the Periodico

By Cynthia Surprise

As Editor of our Periodico, I always take a copy of the most recent issue with me when I make the annual 3,000 mile trek to my summer place in Massachusetts. This year, we invite you to take the Periodico with you on your vacation and share your photos with us. If you left home without a recent issue, never fear. You can just go to the EE website, [esperanzaestates.net](http://esperanzaestates.net), and print out the first page. Or if you are tech savy, pull it up on your tablet or smart-phone and hold it up.



Here I am in Cawker City, Kansas, next to the World's Largest Ball of Twine. Quite an interesting achievement for Frank Stoeber who started this ball of twine on his farm in 1953. Apparently, there are two other towns that claim a similar record. Darwin, Minnesota claims the largest twine ball built by a single individual and Lake Nebagamon, Wisconsin claims the heaviest ball of twine. I'll have to check those out on our next trip.

A crew of tornado hunters stopped by to check out the twine ball, and found the Periodico fascinating. They assured me there were no tornados in the area.



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