



Newsletter

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From The Chamber of Commerce



Bouse Chamber Of Commerce & Bouse Museum

Our work crews have covered a lot of ground this season and only one more crew is needed to wrap up the Museum fence, then we're taking the summer off!

If you haven't noticed the white information plaques we've added at the Rest Stop displays recently, swing by and take a walk along the back row to learn a little bit more of the history of our community and surrounding areas.

We'll be talking about new projects for next season at our Chamber meeting at the Booster Hall on Mon, Apr 3, at 6pm. We'd love to have you join us (even if you're not a member) 'cause we're always open to new ideas to enrich the Bouse experience for our residents and visitors. Bob Kelly, owner of American Premium Garage Door will join us to speak at our meeting.

And, speaking of meetings, it's time to pay your annual dues for the Chamber. Individual \$10, (couple \$20), Lifetime \$100, Business \$25. Please send your check to P O Box 817, Bouse, 85325 or just bring it to the meeting and save us both a stamp.

Plans for our next season-long raffle are in the works, along with three more breakfast tours of Camp Bouse. Interest seems to increase every season and our reservations go fast. Our tours are scheduled for Nov 18, Dec 29, and Feb 11, so if you're interested in joining us, keep those dates in mind and make your reservation early. We serve you pancake and eggs breakfast at 8am and load back up to head for the desert around 9. If you're interested in our November tour, it would be good to get signed up now. 928-851-2509. We will call you the first of Nov to confirm your plans.

Our thanks to all those hard working crews on our projects, our museum curators, our event planners and doers, and our board members who keep it all together . . . and those of you who support us through membership, donations, and participation in our fund raising events, and a pat on the back once in awhile. Thank you! Every year seems to outdo the last one!

We wish you all a safe and happy summer filled with fun wherever it takes you!
Harley Kruidhof, President

Bouse Boosters Club

To all of friends and neighbors of the Bouse Community . . . what a great year/season we've had in Bouse! All activities at the Booster Club end March 31, 2023. What a busy season and wonderful volunteers we've had to provide holiday dinners and other events held for our community.

Thanks to all those who came to the fund raising functions, THANKS to Sharon and all parishioners at the Assembly of God Church for the donations of their time, talents, and funds to provide free events at the Booster Club for our people of Bouse with donations going directly to the BBCI (Bouse Booster Club Inc.). A very special thanks goes out to those who donated to and helped with prep, service, and cleanup for the Holiday Dinners.

Every season the Bouse Quilters & Crafters guild provides a quilt raffle for a beautiful quilt that has been handmade by their members with all proceeds from the raffle donated to the BBCI. This year's quilt blocks sported an old fashioned tear-drop trailer, each one original in fabric and color. This quilt broke all kinds of records: it won 1st place in the Quartzsite Quilt Show and sold a record amount of tickets . \$1,517 was donated to the BBCI! Many people expressed their opinion that this was the most unique and beautiful quilt produced over the years. Many thanks go out to all the quilters & crafters for their stitches and time that goes into these annual project quilts!

Sometimes we fail to think about and appreciate what it takes to provide the services we depend on the BBCI to provide: A place for local clubs and organizations to use for their own meetings, bingo, exercise programs, dancing, food bank delivery etc; supporting their own venue costs for public breakfasts and other food events; providing organized events

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Bouse Chamber Of Commerce
& Bouse Museum

Bouse Museum

Our last day for the season will be Sun, April 2, 10-2. Kacie and Jef and family have already gone for the summer.

We've seen a lot of new people

here this season and some returning with friends along. It's been our pleasure to offer more open hours this season and hit a new high of guests this year.

Thanks for your interest in our little Museum with a big heart. Don't forget those last minute souvenirs to take home to your family and friends. Our new colorful T's have been popular and sizes are selling out fast. Only \$15.

Stay safe and happy and healthy this summer. We're looking forward to seeing you in November! Jeff and Carolyn; Kacie, Jef, Lexie, Graham, and Finn.

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for local crafters to display and sell their wares; an open venue for town meetings when needed; and a fully certified kitchen. The BBCI food manger can be available for others to use the kitchen. PLUS - offering and operating weekly Bingo games! IT IS ALL ACCOMPLISHED THROUGH VOLUNTEERS!

I hope you will think about this and show your appreciation by lending a few hours to join the team of volunteers at the BBC in seasons to come. We wish you a super summer and look forward to reopening for the fall/winter season to begin serving and sharing with you again!

Just a quick note from the BBCI President's Desk! I am Mike Martself, a recent new resident to Bouse and La Paz County. Susan and I have visited for years and in 2021 we made the move to be permanent residents. I look forward to serving the Bouse Community and helping it grow. Some of you may know me as the "caller at the Bingo game" on Thursday evening. We have great things planned for 23/24 season so come be a part of it.

Bouse Rest Stop

Our Bouse Rest Stop was born by an idea originally introduced by Bud Wall and Norm Simpson (current mayor of Quartzsite) at a Bouse Chamber meeting in 2009 for a parking/rest area in conjunction with the Camp Bouse Monument which had been dedicated in 1996 directly across Main Street on the corner of Highway 72.

Working with the Arizona & California Railroad, Arizona Department of Transportation, and the La Paz County Board of Supervisors on the site planning and paperwork, the Chamber received the necessary permits to in 2011.

In early 2012 the county provided some of the labor and heavy equipment to clear and level the site. Thanks to local businesses and individuals who donated funding, materials, and volunteer labor the site preparation was completed to be fenced with the help of Home Depot in Lake Havasu City, who provided the fencing materials and some weekend labor assistance.

The Ribbon Cutting ceremony took place on Mar 31, 2012.

The Rest Stop as you see it today has been a labor of love to add improvements over the last ten years, beginning with porti-potties and information kiosk, through the adding of the static historical displays (either custom built or volunteer donations), rest room privacy enclosures, and just added info plaques for the displays.

Monthly Swap Meets were begun, thanks to efforts of John Bennett and expanded to bi-monthly a few years later.

The Rest Stop also serves as oversize short term parking for day ATV riders, and a weekly parking spot for Juan's customers and his mobile produce market during the winter season.

Bouse Community Kids Recreation Committee

Thanks to all of the folks...and all those kids...who braved the storm for our 2nd Annual Fund Raiser on March 19! Volunteers primarily from the American Legion and VFW didn't have their spirits dampened to awaken to see those dark clouds looming overhead. We were unable to use the Bouncy House that was planned due to the wind, but other than that things proceeded as planned and we are happy to report an overall successful mission for both kids and adults! The kids loved the games and prizes, we had oodles of cakewalk donated baked goodies to keep the walkers going throughout the day. Both the face painting and the paint-a-rock tables were busy until they ran out of kids and the wheel of fortune and the other games had to close down when they ran out of candy and prizes.

Lots of kids and adult raffle prizes were awarded, hot dogs and Sloppy Joes were the entrees of the day; and when all was said and done, this year's total proceeds and donations of \$5,862 are deposited in the bank with last year's almost \$4,000 to grow and use to augment the proposed splash pad equipment or other improvements once La Paz County's planned upgrade is completed at the Bouse Community Park.

We sincerely thank all of our volunteers who worked on this project, and the following who have donated sponsor funding for this event: Earl & Diana Ball, Bouse VFW & American Legion, Lions Riders from Chandler, American Legion Fun Run, JoMax Creations, Sue Herron, Scott Guthrie, Bouse Booster Club, Friends of the Bouse Library, Bouse Chamber, Kerrie & Kelly McBain, SAT Off-Road ATV, Pat Walch, Tommy & Janell Carbary, Shlicia Elwell, Bouse Elementary School, Roadrunner Market #2, and those who have contributed prizes for our raffles. A special thanks to our cash donors who have chosen to remain anonymous and Heather Mayhew, Holly Bare & Deedee Brocks, our face and rock painter gals.

Back to Summer Hours
at the Transfer Station.
Friday & Saturday, 6am-1pm

Bouse Chamber of Commerce
Monthly General Meeting
April 3 at 6pm ...Booster Hall
Catch up on what's going on in Bouse!

Update for Bouse Water Customers

Drilling was completed the week of 3/10. Well construction & drilling demobilization was completed the week of 3/17. Pump testing will be the week of 4/3. We have been told that once we start putting in the new waterlines we will be informed in advance so we can notify homeowners when the construction crew is in your area. It would be helpful to have everyone's updated contact information. Text to 928-851-1120 or email to bousewater@yahoo.com.

PACE, our engineers, responded to some residents' high pressure concerns, the meters themselves do not have regulators, that is the homeowners responsibility, If you are concerned we recommend that you have your water pressure checked and then you can consider if you need a regulator.

Bouse Domestic Water Improvement District now offers Zelle as a form of payment for your water bill at no additional cost to you, If your bank offers Zelle you need to sign up and add (we are enrolled as) Bouse Domestic Water Improvement, phone #928-851-1120 to your payee.

We thank you for your patience and cooperation throughout the drilling procedures and look forward to a smooth connection with all customers

AARP Tax Services Close April 11

AARP Tax-Aide is offering free drop off and pickup tax preparation.

As a result of changes implemented by AARP, Tax-Aide Volunteers will only prepare Federal and State Individual Income Tax Returns for Arizona residents, and Federal Individual Income Tax Returns for residents of states having no Individual Income Tax filing requirement.

WHEN: Monday and Tuesday, Feb 6 through Apr 11, 2023

WHERE: Quartzsite Public Library, 465 Plymouth Rd, Quartzsite AZ.

Before making your appointment please pick up a Taxpayer Intake/Interview and Pre-Appointment Package at the Bouse Library. Important documents to bring with you to the appointment are:

- *Completed Form 13614-C Intake/Interview & Quality Review Sheet*
- *previous year's tax return*
- *all income documents,*
- *photo ID for taxpayer & spouse*
- *Social Security card and/or ITIN notices/cards or other documentation that show the taxpayer identification numbers for every individual on your return*
- *Any other applicable documents or information listed on the "Documents We Need" form in the Pre-Appointment Package*

Appointments can be made on line at <https://appt.link/quartzsite-az-aarp-tax-aide-meetings> beginning Jan 31, 2023. An e-mail and contact telephone number is required to schedule an on line appointment. If one is not available or if assistance is needed to schedule an appointment call 928-916-3114.

Bouse resident forms will be at Bouse Library.

Who dumped the palm tree trimmings in the edge of the desert just off Raeder by the Airport? Those things belong at the transfer station (and it's free!), not in the desert for others to clean up! Have some respect for our community, please.

Winchester

By Bob Hewitt

Just seeing the Winchester hanging on the wall transported me back to Saint Helena. I can almost smell the woodsmoke, bacon frying, homemade bread baking and coffee. I'm in seventh heaven, in a place where, as a young boy, I can do almost anything I can imagine. I can go jump in the river fully clothed or skinny dippin'. I could run around, yell and shoot guns without getting into trouble.

I remember one time Grandma came in from swimming and she was crying. She had lost her wedding ring at the swimming hole in the river. Now, this is the Genesee River and it is wild in the spring and apt to flood. About a year after Grandma lost her ring, while eating lunch, Uncle George asked her if Gramp had bought her a new ring. She and Gramp were giddy and giggly as they related how they'd gone down to the river that morning for a swim and they'd seen something. Glimmering in the sunshine was Grandma's wedding ring.

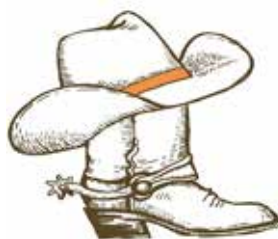
Speaking of lunch, we used to eat quite a bit of venison in St. Helena. I remember Aunt Nell telling Uncle George, one time, the larder was getting low. She said, "take Bobby with you and show him how to hunt deer."

Next morning Uncle George got me out of bed early. We walked through the kitchen and into the woodshed where he quietly slid a window open. Poking his model 76 Winchester 45-60 out the window he shot a deer grazing in the meadow. Another time Uncle George showed me how to sharpen knives.

This idyllic life was cut short; it only lasted two or three years. By the time I was 14 – Saint Helena no longer existed. A dam had been erected downriver to produce electric power and to tame the Genesee, but there's one more story to tell.

My wife and I were married at the Saint Helena memorial site.

Booster Quilt Winner – Hazel Peterson



Western Dance Classes will move from the Booster Hall to Somewhere Bar,

Mondays 3-4pm
(until further notice).

Come on down, try it
...you may like it!



Thanks to those who showed up for the Highway Clean up on Mar 4. Sorry the turnout of volunteers was down this year but those roadsides look great!

Most of our Bouse organizations have suspended their meetings until November. Our last Newsletter for this season will be May. We'll try to present everything that will change hours or days open here in town or summer activities and events in surrounding towns that may be of interest to those who stay here for all or part of the summer. If you have any local info to go into May's issue or know of anything that is happening through the summer, please get in touch with me at 208-949-9022 or bousenews16@aol.com by Apr 15. Thanks!

Bouse RV Park RO Water will be open all summer. Park overseers, Barb and Gary are located in the space across from the water station if you have any difficulties or questions.

If you haven't driven by the construction going up on Joshua for the American Premium Garage Door building, it's worth a trip. I hear there's two acres of inside square footage or more under that roof. Looks like there's going to be a whole lot of work going on in there!

My apologies to anyone who didn't receive their emailed copy of last month's Newsletter. Hoping I've gotten all of the addresses replaced in my new group list. But, please if you are one who didn't get yours by email, please call me at 208-949-9022 or send me an email bousenews16@aol.com and I'll get you reinstated. Thanks for understanding.

Healthy La Paz Expo - April 1, 9am – noon
Western Park, Parker
Health Screenings, Onsite Mammography, Games and Activities, Healthy Snacks, Lots of Prizes, Inflatables, Dunk Tank
**Healthy La Paz is a coalition of health related agencies and partners for healthy resources.*

Get to Know Your National Parks

With spring and summer upon us, why not plan a road trip to one or more of the National Parks and National Monuments that are nearby, or for those leaving for the summer, on your way home. Here's a few you may want to consider right in Arizona and other surrounding states:

Arizona – Canyon de Chelly and Monument Valley (NE), Saguaro, and Chiricahua (SE), Organ Pipe (SW) Petrified Forest, and Painted Desert (NE), Vermillion Cliffs (NW), and of course, Grand Canyon – all spectacular. California – Joshua Tree. Colorado – Mesa Verde – a jewel in the 4 Corners area. New Mexico – Carlsbad Caverns. Utah – Arches, Canyonlands, Bryce Canyon, Zion, and Capitol Reef – all in a somewhat close proximity, pick one or see them all.

All National Parks in Arizona are free admission on Easter Weekend. A good chance to get out of the house. Most major National Parks are free on First Day of NPS Week, April 22, Great American Outdoors Day, Aug 4. National Public Land Day Sept 23, and Veterans Day Nov 11. Many of the parks do not charge daily admission. Check your phone or computer to see if your choice of parks observes anytime admission or free admission dates. Check out our do's and don'ts when visiting our Parks.

- Do "Leave No Trace"
- Don't Get Close to Animals
- Don't Feed the Animals
- Do Stay on Designated Trails
- Don't Play Loud Music
- Do Take Lots of Pictures
- Don't Smoke
- Don't Vandalize (no writing or carving on anything)
- Do Plan Ahead of Time (check weather)
- Do Be Flexible
- Don't Hike Without the Gear
- Do Talk to Park Rangers
- DO HAVE FUN! Happy summer!

Recycle Update

Please deposit your newspapers, glass, plastics, tin and aluminum cans that have the recycle logo on them into the big dumpster at the back of the transfer station. Do not include plastic bags or other containers when you drop your items into the recycle dumpster. All recycle goes loose into the container. Put your sacks or boxes into the garbage dumpsters. There are dumpsters on the right for large appliances, tires, TVs, etc. Cardboard and magazines go into the regular garbage dumpsters, please break boxes down if possible before discarding. Please check with the attendant if you have items that are questionable.

Please cover and/or tie your load down for the trip to the dump to avoid loss along the way. If you happen to lose part of your load, please stop and pick it up. Thanks for helping keep Bouse clean and green!

ATTENTION BUSINESS OWNERS

Parker Chamber of Commerce, partnered with Arizona Western College, will offer the following business development classes this month, taught by Emmanuel Graham.

Giving Exceptional Customer Service - April 18, 12:30 – 5pm, Training fee \$50/person

Leadership 101 - April 19, 8am-5pm. Training fee of \$100/person. Lunch will be served.

Register today at: <https://business.parkeraz.org/events/details/customer-service-training-10906?calendarMonth=2023-04-01>

Need more info? Call 928-669-2174

Bouse Public Library**Weekly Hours:****Mon thru Thurs 8 to 4PM****Wifi Password: Bouselib*77**

44031 Plomosa Rd

Ph: 928-851-1023 Fax 928-851-2758

by Yvonne Baron

Here we are coming to another winter season ending, but we will not be ending our orders for new books and DVDs for our shelves this summer. Drop by and check out our new selections.

Authors keep them coming and we keep expanding. We have added *Good Dog/Bad Cop* by David Rosenfelt, *Distant Thunder* and *A Safe House*, by Stuart Woods. Movies, especially the series DVDs, will grace our shelves over the summer months to catch you up on what you've missed or get you hooked on a new one. Check out *Equalizer*, *Lucifer*, and *Ghost* series.

Come join us and browse our shelves and see what you can find. Looking for a particular author or movie, ask at our circulation desk to see if we have it.

Wifi will keep you up to date with family and friends or to help you research treasures and other needs.

**PARKER**

- More info 928 669-2174 (PCOC)

April 1

Healthy La Paz Expo, 9am-12, Western Park

April 15/16

IJSBA Western States National

April 25

Beards, Blues, Brews & BBQ VFW 7061

April 28/30

ADBA Drag Boat Races, Blue Water

QUARTZSITE**April 15**

Sr Center Craft Show & Yard Sale

Bouse Fire District

We are so lucky to be getting all this wonderful rain! Look at all the beautiful flowers just waiting to come to life!

Bouse Volunteer Fire is in the process of applying for a grant to upgrade equipment. This would include an IGA agreement with 3 other agencies to benefit all who applied.

We are in the process of hiring a Fire Chief to oversee operations and duties. This would be a much needed asset to the community and would not put more strain on our budget with an IGA in place with another department. Hopefully we will be making the announcement next month at the regularly scheduled Board meeting or before.

Bouse is in need of a few more volunteers willing to go through the training and respond to calls. The application is on line, can be downloaded and turned in at the office Mon -Thurs. 9am-3pm. Training is available locally and will be ongoing for interested persons.

Please watch, as you are moving things around and spending these great days out and about, for those nasty critters we all know are out there. They are slow but just as lethal as in the middle of summer. Raise or move things with a rake or shovel not your bare hands and please wear closed toed shoes in the dirt and brush areas.

I am sad to see our winter visitors return to their summer homes and want to say a special Thank You for all your great support, and look forward to seeing you next year. Be safe in your travels and we will see you next year!

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**Friends of the Bouse Public Library**

By Yvonne Baron

March brought a change of time for our friends afar and a "wearin of the green". April is here and so is Easter Egg Hunting for the child in us and Tax Time.

Friends of the Library would like to express our many thanks to the Bouse Community for the continued support by purchasing books and DVDs helping the Library add to their shelves.

Also thank you for the donations made to help our sales. Although we appreciate your kindness, there are a few items that do not do well at our sales. Some of which are Cookbooks, Magazines, Encyclopedias, Dictionaries, Self Help. The Computer age made it easy to look up what we need and save space in our homes. Donations can be made at the Library during the summer months.

During April, many will be leaving for cooler weather. Safe trip to all and see you next season. No book sales are scheduled for April.



Nikki's Nook is a free resource center for our community & anyone who is in need. We have clothing, household goods, and a food bank. Located behind Bouse Southern Baptist Church on Hwy 72, our hours are every Saturday (from Oct - March 11am - 3pm

Donations are also excepted during these hours or call Liz 623 498-7246 or Randi 928 916-9744 for more information

Attn: Businesses, Organizations, and Individuals

You can join our list of reporters! Your Bouse Community Newsletter is always looking for news of interest to our folks who live here, eat here, play here . . . well, you know what we want. Announcements of achievement, Services available, Something new coming to town. That's what Around Town with Pat Walch is all about. It doesn't have to be big news, just news. But we can't put it in the paper unless we know about it. Please feel free to call us at 208-949-9022 to tell us about something new that's available at your business or club, your menu. We're waiting for your call!

BOUSE SOUTHERN BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday Sunday School: 8:45 am
Worship Time: 10:00 am
Discipleship Training: 4:30 pm except
 for the 1st Sunday of the month

Wednesday Midweek Prayer Time: 4:30 pm

Saturday Nikki's Nook - 11 am-3 pm

Special Events:

Call Randi at 928-916-9744 or Liz at 623-498-7246 for more information Pastor's Cell Phone: 928-581-7294

BOUSE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Your Community AG and JOY Youth would like to thank the community for supporting the Car Wash held on February 18th, you all are amazing!

As some of our winter families start planning their flights north again, we want you to know how much we love you all and will miss your presence with us. Please like and follow Bouse Community Assembly of God on Facebook to keep apprised of all that continues to happen here.

Sunday - Worship Service - 11:00 AM
 JOY Youth (6th-12th grades) - 5:30 - 7:00 PM
 Wednesday - Bible Study - 7:00 PM
 Thursday JOY Kids (PreK-5th grades) - 6:30-8:00 PM
 Friday - Women's Group - 10:00 AM
 Men's Group - 10:00 AM

"from the end of the earth I call to you when my heart is faint. Lead me to the rock that is higher than I,"
 Psalm 61:2 ESV

No VFW Social on the 16th

There's a District Meeting at the "Vee" so there will be no Social that morning. It will be "members only" until the meeting is over, probably about 3. But it sounds like the Socials will continue into the Summer and more according to their 'social director,' Jan.

It's a great twice-a-week venue to get acquainted with new friends or just chat . . . and there's donuts and coffee, too!

CAUTION! REMINDER!

The speed limit on town streets is 25mph. Please control your speed and ride OHVs on the pavement to avoid dust while driving through town and residential areas.

MONTHLY FOOD BANK

1st Wednesday of month
April 5 ... 9-11:00am (winter hours)
Behind Bouse Booster Club

THE BOUSE COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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Available online at www.bouseazchamber.com.

Bouse Elementary School

Hello April- It is hard to believe we only have 2 months left until the end of this school year. On April 3, 13 students in grades 3-8 will be taking AASA tests (Arizona Academic Standards Assessment). AASA is the statewide achievement test assessing English, Language Arts and Mathematics. Mid quarter progress reports will be printed on April 20th and mailed out on April 24th.

Bouse Elementary is excited about their new "Little Free STEM Library" box. Thank you to Misty Standeford with Arizona PBS who delivered and set it up for us. Arizona PBS is collaborating with Arizona Sci Tech to provide these little library boxes. These boxes are equipped with fun and innovative STEM "take and make" activities and books that are free for all students. Each month there will be a new STEM activity.



If you have driven by the school you have noticed we are getting our fencing updated. We have also gotten new drainage areas in the back of the school property to help with standing water during monsoon season and a new cement half wall next to the roundabout on the side of the school. They will be resealing /marking the front parking area and replacing the asphalt in the roundabout after completing the drainage project.

Bouse Genies

By Shirley Baker

Well April is already here and sadly many of you will be leaving to go back to the cold. We've had an interesting winter that's for sure. Some of you have stopped by our Genies meeting to see what we are all about. We are hoping to see a few more of you before you leave. We can give you some helpful hints so that you can do some leg work to attain some helpful information while you are at your summer home base, that may not be digitized yet concerning your family history. If you're here year-round please join us. It won't be boring.

Please remember that we are ready to help you get started tracking your family. We meet every Friday at 8:30 a.m. until 2 p.m. in the Community Building, next to the Library. Be sure to pack a lunch and snacks. Also, which I guess is a little more important than food would be your PC (although it isn't really necessary, as you can use a library computer).

Remember that if you were born in or before 1950 your name more than likely appears in the 1950 Census. It is exciting to see your name in print.

Hope to see you there!



American Legion Post 46

43531 Hwy 72, Bouse, AZ

Phone: 928-851-1050

Hours: 12-7 daily

Meetings:

Men's, 1st Sat, Mar 4, 10am

ALA, Sat, Mar 4, 10am

Weekly Events:

Tues – Tacos & Music, 3-6pm

Wed – Burgers & Fries (or Onion Rings), 3-6pm

Karaoke 5-9pm, Tiny Tunes

Thurs – Poker, 1pm

Darts 4pm (sign up 3:15)

Fri – Fish & Chips, 3-6pm

Special Events:

Apr 1 – Cornhole Tuorney, 1pm

Chix BBQ, 4pm

Apr 2 – Euchre Tournament, 2pm

Apr 9 – Easter Dinner, 3pm

Apr 15 – Fun Run, Sign up 9am

10am in the desert

Apr 16 – Euchre Tournament, 2pm

Apr 29 – End of Season Party, 3pm (our last day)

This is the last month for food service and activities for the season. It's been a busy one, and we thank our volunteers, members and guests for your participation in Post 46 functions and fundraisers. This is what makes it possible for us to continue to upgrade our facilities and present entertainment, and food & beverage services for you to enjoy.

Our service team sends wishes to all for a great summer. We look forward to seeing you in the fall! Safe travels!

... In Service for God and Country
We thank you ...

VFW Post 2357

Hwy 72 East, Phone 928-851-2857

Daily Hours: 12-7pm

Meetings:

Men's Post – 2nd Sat, 10am

Auxiliary – 1st Sat, 10am

Weekly Events:

Mon - Darts, 3pm

Tues - Live Music by Jerry on 7th & 24th ONLY

Wed – Live Music by LD, 3pm

Thur – Social, Coffee & Donuts 10-Noon,
Music by Don 5pm

Fri - Poker 3-5pm, Live Music by Don 5pm

Sat - Live Music by LD, 5pm

Sun - Social, Coffee & Donuts, 10-Noon
Karaoke, 5pm

Special Events

Apr 6 - Ladies Luncheon, 12:30pm

Apr 8 – Easter Basket drawing, 5pm

Apr 15 – Birthday party, 5 5pm

Apr 16 – No Social, District Meeting
(members only until 3pm)

Congratulations go out to Bouse Elementary Teacher, Amy DeLeon who received the Teacher of the Year Award from Commander of VFW Post 2357, Gunny Robertson on Wed, Mar 22. This new annual program sponsored by the VFW will be ongoing in future years and will include EMT and Law Officer of the Year Awards to honor our outstanding community service workers in Bouse.

Gunny Robertson,
Commander VFW Post 2357.

**Hey Veterans...It's Happening**

To those veterans who served during the Viet Nam war in Cambodia, Thailand and Laos, who have any of the issues from 24 conditions, the VA now recognizes as agent orange related. You need to file a claim with the VA. It really is happening. A veteran got a 70% (approx. \$1800.00/month) rating approved, after the PACT Act passed in August 2022.

The Auto Grant for \$24,000.00 for eligible veterans is also a reality. It took about two months for the grant approval.

And for the widows of those veterans who filed a claim or should have filed a claim, there could be monetary benefits & healthcare benefits available.

Applications for any VA benefits are not that hard. We walk you through them & help to get them sent in the right direction. You really deserve your benefits, you earned it!

For those of you leaving or getting ready to leave, don't put off filing until you get back home. Every month you wait is a potential loss of benefits.

I'm Jerry Black, I've been a Veterans Service Officer here in Bouse representing the VFW and American Legion for several years now. I'm here to assist any veteran and/or widow with accessing VA paperwork and helping to understand it.

Contact me for more details. (929) 851-1871

VETERANS INFORMATION

*** OPEN ENROLLMENT *** for VA Healthcare, until August 2023

If you have applied in the past and were turned down, now is the time to sign up.

* If you were around Agent Orange and you have high blood pressure, you need to sign up for benefits from the VA.

* If you use the VA healthcare system and go to the emergency room, you must report on the 72 hour notification hotline. 1- (844) 724-7842.

* Tri-West for all billing questions involving VA healthcare. 1- (877) 226-8749.

* Nurse advice line. 1- (877) 252-4866

* The urgent care clinic in Parker is available for veterans who are enrolled in the VA healthcare system. It's to be used for minor issues.

A lot of you know me, but for those who don't, my name is Jerry Black. I've been a Veterans Service Officer here in Bouse representing the VFW and American Legion for several years now. I'm here to assist any veteran and/or widow with accessing VA paperwork and helping to understand it.

Contact me for more details. (928) 851-1871

Medical Equipment Available

**Need short or longer term
medical equipment?**

**Before you buy or rent, check with the VFW or
American Legion.**

They have limited things to loan to those in need -
walkers, bath stools, toilet riser, crutches.
Large or small, check first.

They're here to help. And, a good place to donate
any you no longer need.



Bouse Community Information

Chamber of Commerce

Business Members *(in bold print)*

American Legion Post #46 (12-7pm)	928-851-1050
American Legion Auxiliary	928-851-1050
APS	928 669-2248
BLH & T Construction	928-851-1175
Betty Hunter Real Estate M/F 9-5	928-851-2244 cell 951-236-2229
Bill's Repairs	702 239-0435
Bouse Airport <i>(George or Gloria)</i>	253-583-6805
BouseAZ.com	928-575-5122
Bouse Community Park	928-851-0043
Bouse RV Park	928-851-2508
Care Right Auto Shop - Erik Doorn	928-216-7244
Castro Auto Body & Paint, Parker	928-669-2899
Coachman's Café 7:30-2, Tue/Sun, except Fri 7:30-7	928-916-8416
David Plunkett Real Estate	928-851-2424
Desert Rose Acres Subdivision	928-851-2590
Desert Pueblo RV Park	928-851-2206
Drastik Car Detailing - Joe Jagroop	661-713-2255
Ecology Recycling Services	602 403-8007
Elite Customs, Parker	928-669-8040
Family Dollar M/SA 8-9, SU 9-9	928 851-0000
Farmers Insurance, Parker	928-669-6225
Floors by Ron	928 733-9248
Fly By Night Brokerage	602-349-5034
Freedom Roofing & Restoration	928-684-9012
HJK Enterprises (Harley)	909-239-1162
Just 4 Fun RV Park	928-216-9896
J & S Supply 9am-2pm, Mon - Fri	928-916-3075
KR Well Drilling	928-851-2975
KM Lock (Jan/Apr)	720 556-1333
La Mesa Verde RV Park	928-851-2456
Look 'N See, Parker	928-575-1171
Low Desert Jackpot Show	928-9163420
Nails By Susan (Text)	928-851-5235
Ocotillo Restaurant & Lodge	928-851-2219
Purcell Jojoba Farming	928-851-2414
Q-Mountain Well Drilling	928-851-2537
Roadrunner Market II (7-7 daily)	928-851-1800
Rose Acres Farms	
SAT Off-Road	509-993-7545 or 425-232-2716
Simple Goods	928-851-5526
Somewhere Bar & Grill (10am-close)	928-851-1051

U-Sav Storage	928-851-9220
VFW Post 2357, (12-7pm)	928-851-2857
Villa La Paz RV Park	928-851-2176
Wash & Wags	208 390-6540
Weaver Acres	435-213-0444
Wheels & Deals	928 612-8853

Medical & Emergency

Bouse Clinic, 8-Noon, Tue & Thur	928-851-2177
Bouse Fire District Office (Non-Emergency)	928-851-2648
La Paz Regional Hospital	928-669-9201
Emergency (fire or medical) 911	928-669-2281
Non-emergency (fire or sheriff) 311	888-818-4911

Public Utilities and Offices

Power – APS	928-669-2248
Phone – Frontier	877-462-8188
Water – Bouse Domestic Water Improvement District (BDWID)	928-851-1120
<i>(Mail Payments to P O Box 334, Bouse)</i>	

Clubs and Organizations

Bouse Booster Club	928-851-1080
Booster Bingo	
Bouse Community Newsletter	208-949-9022
Bouse Genealogical Society	480 229-3741
Bouse Hills Muzzle Loaders	623-826-5619
Chamber of Commerce / Museum Nov thru Mar - Thurs/Sun 10-2 Apr thru Oct (off-season)	928-851-2509 909 239-1162
Friends of Bouse Library	928-851-1023
Ghost Riders ORV Club	404-642-4126
Quilters & Crafters	775-389-7589
Writer's Cramp	208-949-9022

Public Services

Bouse Assembly of God Church	
Bouse Southern Baptist Church	928-581-7294
Bouse Elementary School	928-851-2213
Bouse Museum Thurs/ Sun, 10-2	928-851-2509
Bouse Public Library	928-851-1023
La Paz County District Supervisor	928-669-6115
LaPaz County Transit	800-319-5976 928-669-6155
Post Office	928-851-2313
St Vincent De Paul Food Bank	928-669-2523
Food Bank - Quartzsite	928-291-9037