

Bouse Community newsletter

122nd Edition

Dec 2021

From The Chamber of Commerce



Bouse Chamber Of Commerce
& Bouse Museum

The holidays always put us in a festive mood, seeing lights spring up over our neighborhoods and town. If this is your first Christmas Season in Bouse, we hope you will join us for our annual Christmas Lighted Parade and Block Party on Sat, Dec 11. The Parade starts at the Museum at dusk and ends at the Community Park where we'll have food, hot chocolate, and sweets after the Parade is all in at the park. There'll be music, singing, and fire barrels to gather round for a good old fashioned small town Christmas, now in its 6th year! And don't forget to take a tour around town during the holidays as some

of our folks really put on a light show.

Please join us to help decorate the Museum grounds at 9am on Tuesday, Dec 7. Our crew will meet at Nick's Coachmen for no-host breakfast (pay for your own) at 8 before the stringing of the lights begins. Everyone's welcome!

Ladies, if you're wondering what to get your husband for Christmas, stop by our 1st and 3rd Friday Swap Meet where you'll find handmade goods, hats, t-shirts and sweatshirts, hunting knives, stun guns, good eats, household goods, and a chance to win him a brand new beautiful Henry .30-30 rifle for only \$5 a ticket. It's all good! December brings the time to pay dues for the Chamber and other organizations in town, as well. There's a chance to re-up your membership in our town organizations at the swap meet. Drop in and save a stamp!

Our crews will be working on updating things at the Rest Stop, Camp Bouse Monument, and Museum again this season, keep watch and stop to lend a hand or just say hi! Thanks to you all as we close another great year for your Chamber of Commerce.

Merry Christmas from all of us at the Chamber...and a Happy New Year to all of you!
Harley Kruidhof, President

Welcome Back

Hi Boosters,
December is a busy month for the Bouse Booster Club so we will NOT do any Sunday Dinners, but will still have the Ice Cream social on the 3rd Sunday, Dec 19. Our Christmas Bazaar is Dec 3/4, 9am-2pm. Vendors, Prizes, Raffles and more. Lunch will be served each day and don't forget to donate a pie or cake for our \$1-a-slice table. Store-bought only, please.

Only one Booster Fun Sale this month, on the 2nd Sat, Dec 11, since Christmas is on the 4th Sun.

Annual Membership dues are being collected now for 2022. Individuals only \$5, Business \$10; Lifetime \$25 for Individuals, Couples \$50, Lifetime businesses, \$50. We thank you for your support!

We wish everyone a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Christmas Block Party and Parade Celebrates Our 6th Year, Saturday, Dec 11

Every year we ask the same question. Can we outdo last year's parade? And so far, we have! Parade will line up at the Museum between 5-5:30, circle through the streets of town and end up at the Bouse Community Park. There'll be hot food, hot chocolate, and sweets served by our town organizations. A fire barrel or two to gather around to sing along with our Christmas Carols.

Bouse Childrens Christmas Party

December 11 @ 2 pm
Bouse Elementary School Gym

The gifts we purchase with your donations are sometimes the only gifts a child receives at Christmas. We thank you for your generosity to brighten their Christmas!



Cash donations, new toys or games may be dropped by the VFW Post or mailed to P O Box 261, Bouse, 85325. If you have a child to add or need info, call Kerrie, 928-851-1960.

Sponsored by VFW Auxiliary Post 2357

In Memory of Jimmy Norman Brown



Jim Brown, 84, passed away peacefully on Oct 20 in Albuquerque, his wife Peggy and children by his side, from breathing complications caused by mesothelioma.

Born in Priest River, ID, Jan 30, 1937. Jim's folks moved to Gateway, MT where he grew up and attended Eureka schools. A family man and reader, he enjoyed the great outdoors, camping, fishing and hunting throughout his life. He earned many commendations in the Navy and Naval Reserves as Chief of a Seabee unit. A tradesman and sheet metal worker, he followed construction, working in MT and WA State. In retirement, Jim and Peggy traveled the Western states, HI, and AK as snowbirds making, lifelong friends wherever they went. He was always a good neighbor, even if it was only in a campground. His toolbox, his wisdom and a helping hand was open to everyone.

Jim liked puttering in his garage building and fixing things. Over the years he built toy boxes for all his great-grandchildren. In Pine Bay and Bouse, AZ, the neighbors listened for the daily ringing of his brass bell, calling them to "Beer-Thirty"

Jim is survived by his wife of 60 years, Peggy, and two children Robin and Kent Brown. Kent and wife, Sonja live only minutes away from Peggy in New Mexico and Robin is there with her mom. Some of the brightest spots of Jim's life was his four grandchildren: Rebecca Tafoya, Christina Holt, Kyle Brown and Sarah Christian, all married and live nearby, adding eleven great grandchildren to the family.

Survived by his two sisters, Patty Stevens of Eureka, MT, and Susan Reed of Whitefish, MT and a good number of nieces and nephews, Jimmy is preceded in death by his parents, Louis and Velma Brown of Whitefish, MT, three brothers and a sister.

Memorial services will be in Eureka, MT, delayed till spring in hopes that friends from Canada and those from out of state will be able to attend the celebration of Jim's life.

It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like Christmas!

It all starts around Thanksgiving and grows from there. We hope everyone will plan a night to go enjoy the work and love that these homeowners and businesses put into decorating their yards and homes for all of us to share. Chamber members will be decorating at the Museum at 10 am on Dec. 4th so drop by if you'd like to help.

If you've decorated your home, business or RV, please list your address at 928-851-2509 by December 10 to get on the Christmas Lights map so folks can drive by after the parade on Dec 11. Maps will be available at the Museum throughout the holidays.

9/11 Memories Told by BES Student Essays

Below is the final of the three winning entries in the summer VFW Auxiliary Post 2357 Essay Contest for the children of Bouse. The children did a great job interviewing an adult for their whereabouts and feelings when they learned of the tragedy on September 11, 2001!

Each child received a gift for participating and the three winners received a \$25 Wal-Mart gift card! The essays were read as part of the 9-11 Memorial at VFW Post 2357.

"On September 11, 2001, I wasn't alive but I know some people that were. My mom, dad, and grandma.

My mom was at the University of Arizona, that's where she went to college. She was texting one of her friends when they told her to turn on the news. When she did,, she watched the towers fall live.

My dad was on his way to work when he heard people panicking on the radio. By the time he got to work, he got to watch the towers get hit and fall. He said that he saw people jumping out of windows, running as fast as they could to get away from the towers. People were covered in soot and ash.

My grandma was at home waiting for her guests to arrive. When she was watching the news, she started crying because it was sad and she was scared.

2977 people died on that tragic day. I couldn't even imagine what it would be like if I was in one of those towers that day. I am very grateful that none of my loved ones were hurt that day."

Abigail, Grade 8

Veterans Lunch with BES Students

Annual Veteran's Day lunch was enjoyed by 50 Veterans and their spouses, school staff and the entire student body. Ms. Douglas' grades 6, 7, and 8 started the program off by presenting the Military Flags including the Space Force Flag. There was a moment of silence during the POW flag presentation. Ms. Russell's Kindergarten and 1st graders performed a Veteran's Day Poem and Ms. Jo's 2nd and 3rd graders sang Thank You Soldier. Mrs. Parker's 4th and 5th graders performed poems and gave some Veteran's Day history then Ms. Douglas 6,7 and 8th Graders recited the steps on how to fold the American flag. Sam Saxton, from Quartzsite has a very beautiful voice and performed the National Anthem, America the Beautiful and ended the program with God Bless America. It was nice for the students to sit amongst the Veterans and ask them questions while everyone enjoyed lunch. Funding for the Luncheon was provided by Bouse American Legion Post 40 & VFW Post 2357.



Young American Creative Patriotic Art Contest

Now available for students grades 9-12 who are enrolled in a public, private or parochial high school or home study program in the US, its territories and possessions, or dependents of US military or civilian personnel in overseas schools, this Scholarship Contest recognizes up-and-coming artists and encourages patriotism in youth. One winner from each VFW Auxiliary advances to District, District winner to State, State winner to National.

Student must be a US citizen or US national. Entry must be completed during the school year by the March 31 deadline. More information, guidelines, and entry forms may be obtained at vfwauxiliary.org or contact Jan Robertson at our local VFW Post 2357, 928-851-2857.

This is a great opportunity for our artistic students!



Where Have All the Card Players Gone?

We used to have Game Night at the Booster Club for those who like to play cards or board games. It had dwindled down to just cards over the years, but went away the last two years with the Covid. There's a few folks out there who'd like to get it started again.

So here's the deal. If you'd like to get involved, show up at the Booster Hall at 6:30 on Tuesday evenings and hopefully we'll get things rolling again. If you're not a card player and Monopoly or Dominoes is your game, bring along the "tools" and hopefully you can start up another table. If you'll keep us posted at the Newsletter, we'll let folks know what's happening each month to bring in some more players for you.

Quilters, Sewers, & Crafters

Come spend the morning working on large tables to spread out your projects, iron & Iron boards, and the best part, getting to know other creative women. Bring your own project and supplies. Each Wednesday 9am - 2pm, at the Bouse Booster Club.

Call Susan for more information, 775-389-7589

The Christmas Tree Capital of The World *by Mike Workman*

Christmas was a major part of the economy in the town I grew up in and the season lasted from mid September to the 24th of December. No, I didn't live on the North Pole nor did we manufacture toys or twinkle lights. We called ourselves "The Christmas Tree Capital of the World" and my home was Eureka, Montana.

The Eureka MT area produced millions of wild Douglas Fir and Sub Alpine Fir Christmas trees and shipped them all over the Americas. Many were shipped to Mexico, and South America as well as various locations throughout the United States. None of the trees were planted. All were natural and thinned from the surrounding private and federal forest lands.

The area was superior to other regions because of the abundance of slow growing nicely shaped, Douglas Fir Trees and an early mountain frost that would set the tree's needles which was nature's way of preserving their freshness until Christmas and beyond. Once a hard frost sets the needles on a fir tree the needles will stay green and remain on the branches for months as long as the tree is properly protected.

My family and most of the neighbors were involved in the Christmas Tree industry. The trees were cut down and hauled to the wholesale tree yards where they were sorted by quality and size, tied in bundles, and loaded onto waiting semis trucks or RR box cars. As a child, I would imagine families in far away places gathered around our trees, opening brightly wrapped gifts and singing Christmas carols. I felt like we were shipping box car loads of happiness to the rest of the world.

It was a clean industry that we were all proud to be a part of it. For some, it was seasonal or part time income, others made most or all of their living thinning, fertilizing and pruning the trees in the spring and harvesting in the fall. A few had their own retail tree yards in larger cities or in the prairie towns.

I became part of the process at a very young age. My parents would cut the trees and it was the job of the children to drag them to the roads where we would load them on to trailers or pickup trucks. It was hard work, work that was often performed in freezing rain and snow but it was the only time it felt like our family had any "extra" money so there were few complaints. Years later my children too were expected to assist in the family business and they still talk fondly today about dragging trees from the forest to the pickup truck and bring paid a nickel for each tree they drug. "Top loading" was also a job that the children were expected to help with. As many as 150 trees per load were tossed onto pickup trucks. As the term "Top Loaders" implies, someone had to stand high up on the top of the load and organize the trees to gain the maximum number of trees per load.

The Christmas tree industry became a part of our town in the early 1900s and lasted until the 1980s. For years there was a large bill board sign along U.S. Highway 93 announcing to the traveler that they were entering "The Christmas Tree Capital of the World."

There were several reasons for the demise of the Christmas tree business in Eureka, MT. Contributing factors include the availability of "plantation" or "farmed" trees which were sheared with sharp knives and spray painted green. As these "cultured" trees became more available the demand for our Charlie Brown style trees declined. Other factors contributing to the industry decline included the popularity of "fake" trees that were used year after year, put in a box and stored in the attic. Probably the biggest factor, however, was a ban on certain imports into Mexico during the late 1970s. Unfortunately, the "certain imports" included our Christmas Trees and the wild tree market crashed. Today, there are very few trees shipped from Eureka. The once proud billboard became weather damaged and was removed, as a once robust industry became a part of history and the little town of Eureka can no longer claim the title "The Christmas Tree Capital of the World."

each month to bring in some more players for you.



Bouse Museum is now open on Sundays from 10-2 - What better to do on your way from Church or a ride in the desert than stop by the Museum and say hello to Jeff and Carolyn, our new overseers? And learn a bit of the history of our town and surroundings while you're there.

"New"antiques and displays continue to be added both inside and out. If you haven't been there lately, it's worth a stop.

Something New at the Eagles Nest - This year we'll be having country music for your listening and dancing pleasure instead of a jam session. We're awaiting the arrival of equipment and musicians so for updates on when we'll begin, watch the Bouse Bugle or check with us at the Eagles Nest. Everyone is welcome. Bring your own adult beverages and snacks to share. Wednesdays, 1-4pm. 43811 Perry Ln, Bouse.

Writer's Cramp - Ever feel like you've got a story in you, but you're afraid to bring it out? The members of the Writer's Cramp are looking for you! We're not a class, just people who get together once a week to do some writing to have fun. We're not just writers who love to write . . . we are PEOPLE who HAVE to write. If you want to find out what's it all about, just join us on a Wednesday, 10am to noon. Call 208-949-9022 for where, and we'll set an extra chair.

New Faces At the Ocotillo Lodge - I imagine you've all noticed the new western front that's been added to the Ocotillo, but there's a few new faces inside too. Besides George and John, you may be served by Sandy, Tommy, or Diana; in the kitchen by Kellie or Erin; and taking and delivery of orders, Serenity. Sandy is also the baker who makes the cupcakes and muffins. She takes outside orders for special birthday cakes or other events.

Owned by the Nault Family since 1974 and open 365 days a year, the Lodge features nightly food specials Mon/Fri along with their regular Lunch and Dinner Menu and beverage selections from 11-9 daily. Their patio is available for groups and special events. Call 928-851-2219.

Got Laundry? - Got a giant comforter that needs laundered? Desert Pueblo RV Park is the place for you! They have a 35# washer and dryer and regular 22# machines that will take care of all your laundry needs. Propane, too, and the public is always welcome.

Up, Up, and Away - The folks at Bouse International are offering Scenic Flights for literally a birds-eye view of our Sonoran Desert. For more information and to schedule a flight, call George or Gloria Simons, 2533-583-6805 or 208-961-6809

Bouse RV Welcomes Rosie - Yep, Rosie's back with her paints at Bouse RV Park on Dec 9 to paint a Christmas Gnome! Class is at 1pm, all supplies and Wine are furnished at \$30 per person, in the Clubhouse. Pre-registration is required. Also Monday Bingo has started and Saturday nights around the fire. The public is invited to join in these events, bring your own chair and beverage to the fire night. Call 928-851-2508 for info on these events.

Bingo needs help - someone to help share the season's weekly management duties. If you're a Bingo Player, maybe you could volunteer to assist one night a month? You're going to be there anyway and will be free to play when the games begin. A little help with set up, fix the popcorn, and help close up. Call Chris , 541-980-6790 to pick your week! Thanks. We don't want to lose Bingo!

Roadkill Cantina - sold out on their first Bingo night. Buddy, their first customer, was there with other folks when they opened the doors at 4pm. Serving burgers and hot dogs, chili burgers and dogs, super nachos, chili, and other snacks. Take out from 4-5pm only, inside service 5-6pm and break for Bingo players. Wynn & Darlene are doing this on their own, with profits going to improve the Bingo Games for the Community. Thursday nights only at the Booster Hall.

Wanna Be A Master Gardner? - Parker's UA Cooperative Extension Office will present a 6-week class on Wednesdays beginning Jan 12 through April 6, 2022, at Salome's Centennial Public Library. For information and pre-registration, call 928-575-6507. Course includes a complete new Arizona Master Gardener's Manual. Registration fee, \$150.

Bousekateers - Bouse is a town of volunteers. Since we have no town council or structure, everything that happens short of utilities is provided by volunteers and local merchants. Among the non-profit organizations is the Booster Club, Chamber of Commerce, Friends of the Bouse Library, Ghost Riders ORV Club, and Bouse Genies (Genealogical Society). We all remember Walt Disney's Mousekateers from our younger days and singing along with them: M-I-C-K-E-Y M-O-U-S-E. Nice ring to it! B-O-U-S-E-K -A T-E-E-R-S. Think about joining in today.

Have You noticed the New white Fence?

Have you noticed the new white fencing at the Camp Bouse Memorial? Pretty classy, huh? One of our many projects for the Chamber crew this season.

Rabies Clinic Update - Though Dr. Leveque had planned to have a Rabies Clinic this month, he doesn't have enough volunteers to make it work. Hopefully we can put one together for January. Stay tuned.

Got a Bobcat, Welding, or Fabrication Job? - Call Harley, HJK Enterprises, 909-239-1162. If he can't fix it, he'll know who can.

Town Bulletin Board is back - If you've missed our old bulletin board on the Post Office corner, you'll find it at the entrance to the Rest Stop off Main. Right by the old water wagon. Thanks, guys!

Summertime in Bouse

by Gloria Freemon

Now that some of our winter visitors are back in Bouse, they ask us how we survived the summer. Well, our summer season starts when we see the taillights of the last RV driving north on 72, headed out of town towing their off road vehicle. It takes a few days for us to acclimate to the quiet noise.

During the summer, we finally get a chance to do all those projects that we put off during the winter season as we are so busy with various activities in Bouse. Most of our projects are usually indoors but as summer residents we can tolerate the heat. Our yard work starts around 4 or 5am before it gets really hot. Then it's time to come indoors and tackle any chores that need to be done inside our air conditioned house. Or better yet, sit with a good book or good movie we got from the library and enjoy a relaxing day. We get the chance to check out the new movies and books before the winter visitors return.

Getting our mail is no longer a nail biter trying to maneuver the parking lot (that's until the new PO opens). No long lines waiting at the PO, we stop and visit or just to open our mail in the coolness of the lobby. Our visit to the local stores takes no time at all. No long lines and all shelves stocked up. The Ocotillo and the Somewhere Bar are a cool place for us to hang out.

Driving to Parker we find ourselves the only vehicle on the road along with the truckers. No more long lines at Wal-Mart or Safeway, except Fridays through Sundays when the people come to play on the river. We know enough to stay away during the weekends.

Although most of Quartzsite is closed down, a few of the restaurants are open all summer. Some places do remodeling during the summer and we get to see the upgrades before the winter visitors return. We might take a lonely drive to Lake Havasu, hardly any traffic in front of us, no RVs slowing us down.

When all our chores and projects are done, we look around and say to ourselves, it's time that the winter visitors come back, because we're bored and can't wait for our winter activities! We love our peace and quiet but more so, we love our winter visitors. They keep us active!

Packages to mail, cards to write? - As Jayson and Shauna prepare for the Christmas rush at the Post Office, they remind us to start early with mailing our Christmas packages as well as Christmas Cards to make sure they get to our loved ones on time.

The Roadrunner II - Colleen will be cooking Christmas Hams, and possibly Prime Rib and half-Turkeys (if their order isn't cut). So, if you're interested, stop by the Roadrunner II to get your name on their list. Don't forget those great RR fresh rolls, pies, and other in-store baked goods for the holidays. They stock a variety of sugar-free goods too. Their Laundromat is closed for remodeling, new machines are on order.

Bouse Chamber Welcomes New Members

Entrepreneurs Rick and Hannah Parker, owner/operator of Elite Customs and The Ark, respectively, are new members of our Bouse Chamber of Commerce. Hannah's quaint little shop, the Ark, at 820 S. California, Ste 105, in Parker features barely used bargains in clothing, dining and kitchenware, furniture, wall décor, shoes, purses and books, all nicely displayed to catch your eye. Open 9-3, Monday thru Friday. Hannah offers freshly brewed organic coffee until 11 each day (by donation only). Visit her soon and check out this wonderful shopping experience. The Ark is definitely a cut above the norm in the Parker Area!

Rick's interests go for bigger, faster things at his shop, Elite Customs, located at 500 S. Joshua Avenue in Parker. Rebranding as ELITE in 2018 and boasting two locations, Rick, who's been in Parker for 34 years, specializes in auto body and paint. ELITE handles collision work on personal vehicles, RV's, Watercrafts, Motorcycles, Golf Carts (just about anything made of metal or fiberglass). They also take on custom paint and restoration work and handle the process on insurance claims.

They moved here from city living in So Cal and love the small town atmosphere, year-round recreation that the area offers, and truly working the American Dream that allows them the privilege of doing what they love, while helping others and supporting their family. Elite 928-669-8040, The Ark 928-304-6116.

Bi-Monthly Swap Meet - Dec 3 & 17

John Bennett urges all vendors to get their reservations in as soon as possible
On the 1st and 3rd Fridays Each Month.
Setup 6-8am ... OPEN 8am to 2pm
Space Rates are: **Full \$15, Half \$10.**
Call 928-575-7727.

**Bouse Chamber of Commerce
Monthly General Meetings**

begin Dec 6 at 6pm ...Booster Hall
Come on down - everyone's welcome!
Catch up on what's going on in Bouse!

Bouse Public Library**Weekly Hours:****Mon thru Thurs 8 to 4.00PM**

44031 Plomosa Rd

Ph: 928-851-1023

Fax 928-851-2758

by Gloria Freeman

According to the latest news and emails from our Canadian friends, the border will be opened this month! We'll be happy to welcome all of our winter visitors who we've missed during the Covid! A few new residents came in to explore the Library and get a library card! For those who've never been in our library, we have 10 computers that are waiting for you and can accommodate our laptop users with large tables for your use. We have lots of fiction and nonfiction books in paperback and hardback, DVD movies, and a good selection of large print and audio books to check out. And magazines, the Bouse Newsletter, and Parker Pioneer for you to read here.

So, come on in and meet our librarians and volunteers! And check out our new books and DVDs

New books: Heather Graham; *Dreaming Death*; Lisa Gardner; *Find her*; Paul Doiron *Dead By Dawn*; J.A.Jance; *Unfinished Business*; Jude Deveraus; *Change Of A Lifetime* (an intriguing and unorthodox romance); Louise Penny; *The Madness Of Crowds*; (A Chief Inspector Gamach novel).

New DVDs: *The Boy Who Could Fly*; A boy who finds out that if you wish hard enough, anything is possible! *The Big Burn*; about an unimaginable wildfire in 1910. *Here Today*; Billy Crystal finds a generation gap that defines friendship, love and trust. *You Should Never Have Left*; A psychological thriller.

Friends of the Bouse Public Library

What a success our Annual Yard sale was in November! We got to see a lot of our Bouse winter visitors that we hadn't seen in a long time and meet with new people here in Bouse while they roamed the great items we had for sale.

We also had for sale our new Friends book bags for \$8 and a display of an original painting for raffle. Tickets are \$3 and the winner will be drawn at our annual Tea Party in Feb. You need not be present to win.

Our Book Store was open both days of the yard sale and many people who had never been in our Book Store walked out with books and DVDs. If you haven't been to our Book Store, please stop by the 1st and 3rd Saturdays from 9am-1pm.

Our monthly meeting is Dec 10, at 10am at the LaPaz Community Building next to the Bouse Library. We welcome new residents who would like to know what our organization is all about. For any information please call; 928-221-3866.

**BRENDA****Dec 11** Desert Gold Craft Show**PARKER****Dec 4**

Sorooptimist Parade of Lights

Dec 31-Jan 2

Rio Mesa Ranch Saddle & Bucket Series

QUARTZSITE**Dec 4**

Christmas Light Parade

Dec 10

Rainbow Acres Christmas Boutique

SALOME**Dec 11**

Indian Hills Craft Fair

Dec 19

Indian Hills Christmas Light Parade

FINAL CHAPTER BOOK STORE
Open Dec 4 & 18
Saturday, 8-11am

*Come on Down!**Donations may be dropped at the Library***Jackpot Goat Show**

If you're looking for something to do on Saturday, Dec 11, you may want to mosey on out to B S Ranch on Rainbow to watch the local youths show off their goats. It's quite a gathering, kids (both 2 legged and 4) will be decked out in their finery, combed, and brushed, and ready for showing for prizes.

One of last year's spectators commented, "It's not what I imagined it to be . . . it was like a fancy dog show you see on TV."

Bouse Chamber will be on hand to provide Sloppy Joes, chips, and soft drinks for both contestants and onlookers. Throw your chairs in the car and come on out. Judging begins about noon.

**BOUSE FOOD BANK**

NOW on 1st Wednesday,

This Month Dec 1st 9-10:30am
 Behind Bouse Booster Club

Bouse Transfer Station
Winter Hours

Thurs, Fri & Sat - 7:30am to 2:30pm**Construction Cleanup Charges****Small loads (no more than level pickup)****will be charged \$15****Above the pickup box - \$30****Anything larger must be taken to****the Land Fill off Highway 95**

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 Find your Bouse Monthly Newsletter
 October through May (and in color)
 @ www.bouseazchamber.com

Bouse Genealogical Society La Paz County Building Fridays 9 to 2 ... Open to All

by Gloria Freemon

What is genealogy and why are people so interested in exploring their families? The term 'genealogy' is the study of family ancestors with documentation of birth, marriage and death dates through parents, grandparents, great grandparents, as far back as possible. Genealogy has had a surge of popularity over the last 30 years. For many people who are just beginning in genealogy, they may only be familiar with their parents' names, date of birth and possibly a marriage date. If you are one of these people, join us every Friday and we can help you explore your family tree. Cousins are a huge part of genealogy. We all have cousins. Who are our cousins?

First cousins: Your first cousin is the child of your aunt or uncle. The most recent ancestor you and your first cousin share is your grandparent.

Second cousins: Your second cousins are the children of your parents' first cousins. Take a look at your family tree, and you'll see that you and your second cousins have the same great-grandparents. For third cousins, great-great-grandparents are the most recent common ancestor and you share.

If this is confusing, come join us and we can help you understand who your cousins are and how they help shape you as a person.

**Any questions please contact
Gloria Freemon at 928.221.3866
or email: genealogybouse@gmail.com
or find us on Facebook at [facebook.com/geniesaz](https://www.facebook.com/geniesaz)**



Ghost Riders ORV Club

The Ghost Riders wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

We will have our Club Ride on Dec 7 & 21. Everyone is welcome on a club ride. The Girls Ride will be Dec 14 & 28. Jeep 4x4 rides will be Dec 9 and 23. We are still looking for a leader for the Jeep Rides.

Our General Meeting is the 3rd Thursday, Dec 16 at 9 am at the Bouse Booster Club.

Have a Great Month, Julie Riffe



BOUSE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Community Assembly of God @ Stone & Worley
Pastor Sharon Hillhouse 928-503-2847

Sunday: Worship & Service 11:00 AM
Wednesday: Adult Bible Study 7:00 PM
Thursday: Pre-K through 12th Grade 7:00pm (Call/
Text JoAnna for Bus pick-up
(660-596-9880)

Keep up to date on all other activities on our
[Facebook.com/BouseCommunityAssemblyofGod](https://www.facebook.com/BouseCommunityAssemblyofGod)

BOUSE SOUTHERN BAPTIST CHURCH

Bouse Southern Baptist Church will begin its winter schedule beginning Sunday, October 3.

The following schedule will be followed unless circumstances prevent:

Sunday	<u>Sunday School</u> : 8:45 am <u>Worship Time</u> : 10:00 am <u>Fellowship Lunch and Business Meeting</u> : 1st Sunday of each month following Worship Time <u>Discipleship Training</u> : 4:30 pm except for the 1st Sunday of the month
Monday	<u>Men's Bible Study Fellowship</u> : 8:00 am
Tuesday	<u>Women's Bible Study</u> : 9:00am
Wednesday	<u>Midweek Bible Study and Prayer</u> : 4:30 pm
Saturday	Nikki's Nook - 11:00 am-3:00 pm

Contact information for the church:

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 281, Bouse, AZ 85325
Physical Address: 28332 AZ Hwy 72, Bouse, AZ 85325
Church Office: 928-851-2612
Pastor's Residence: 928-851-1184
Pastor's Cell Phone: 928-581-7294

Dear Santa,

This year please give me a big fat bank account and a slim body.

Please don't mix these two up like you did last year

Thanks!

Holiday Candy Contest at the Family Dollar:

Kit Kat Bars
All through month of December

Yum!At the check out!

THE BOUSE COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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Three Wise Men ???

Three wise women would have asked for directions AND baked a casserole.

Save This February Date! ... 2-11-22, 7-10am La Paz Regional Health Fair

Free Tests, Food, Drink, Prizes
More info in months to come!

American Legion Post 46

43531 Hwy 72, Bouse, AZ

Phone: 928-851-1050

Hours: 12-7 daily**Meetings:**

Men's Post - 1st Sat, 10am

ALA - Tues, 10am

Weekly Events:

Tues - Tacos & Darts, 3-6

Wed - Burgers, 3-6pm; Karaoke, 6pm

Fri - Fish Fry, 3-6pm

*(NO Fish Fry on Christmas Eve & New Year's Eve)***There will be No Smoking during any food service****Special Events:**

Dec 4 - Potato Bar

Dec 11 13 - Chicken BBQ

Dec 18 - Fun Run

Dec 19 - Christmas Party

Dec 31 - New Year's Party

**Saturday events watch for flyers on Facebook

ALA is now selling Post or Auxiliary T-shirts

\$15.00 and \$16.00 with pocket

**... In Service for God and Country
We Thank You ...**

VFW Post 2357

Hwy 72 East, Phone 928-851-2857

Summer Hours:**Noon - ??? daily**

Join us for our Red Shirt Friday - \$.25 off all beer and cocktails to honor our troops with your VFW red shirt.

**Meetings:**

1st Saturday - Auxiliary, 10am

2nd Saturday - VFW Comrades, 10am

3rd Saturday - VFW Riders, 10am

Weekly Events:

Mon - Darts, 3pm

Wed - WII Bowling, 3pm

Thur - Social, 10am

Burgers 4-6pm, Karaoke 5-9pm

Fri & Sat - Music @ 5pm

Sun - Social 10am, Karaoke 4pm

Special Events

Dec 9 - Secret Santa Drawing

Dec 10 - BMFA 225 Vikings Christmas Party - Yuma

Dec 23 - Christmas Party, 5-9pm

Welcome Back to everyone

Please check the Bulletin Board for other activities and entertainment

Gunny Robertson,

Commander VFW Post 2357.

Covid Booster Shots

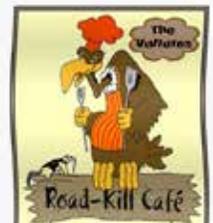
**2 pm, Tuesday, Dec 7
Bouse Booster Hall**

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR
Bouse Booster Club
27747 Frame Ave
Bouse, AZ 85325
Dec 3 & 4
9am-2pm
Lunch 11-1pm
Vendors, Food,
Raffles and More
Bring a pie to donate for \$1 a slice table
Vendors call
(928) 851-1080
for additional info

BINGO NIGHT
THURSDAYS
6 PM
Bouse Booster Club
28847 Frame Ave,
Bouse
FUN FOR ALL!

Bingo Welcomes Roadkill Cafe

Take Out Burgers, Nachos, and Snacks will be available on Thursdays at the Booster Club before Bingo only from 4-5pm, and open for Bingo Players from 5-6 and at Break. Don't come in and ask for takeout past five! Proceeds go to Bingo needs.

**Veteran's Important Information****... ATTENTION VETERANS ...**

If you have had or know of a veteran that has had any of these diseases and were exposed to Agent Orange, you may be entitled to VA benefits.

The following is a list of Agent Orange related diseases:

<i>AL Amyloidosis</i>	<i>Parkinson's Disease</i>
<i>Porphyria Cutanea Tarda</i>	<i>Prostate Cancer</i>
<i>Chronic B-Bell Leukemias</i>	<i>Respiratory Cancers</i>
<i>Chloracne</i>	<i>Soft Tissue Sarcomas</i>
<i>Diabetes Mellitus Type 2</i>	<i>Bladder Cancer</i>
<i>Hodgkin's Disease</i>	<i>Hypothyroidism</i>
<i>Ischemic Heart Disease</i>	<i>Parkinsonism</i>
<i>Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma</i>	<i>Multiple Myeloma</i>
<i>Peripheral Neuropathy (Early-Onset)</i>	

For more information please contact Jerry Black (928) 851-1871

There is a benefit called Non-service connected pension, this is for low income veterans.

* you served at least 90 days of active military service and at least 1 day was during a war time period.

* your income for VA purposes is below the maximum annual pension rate.

* you are age 65 or older, OR, you are permanently and totally disabled, not due to your own willful misconduct, OR, you are a patient in a nursing home, OR, you are receiving Social Security disability benefits.

For more information on eligibility, please call Jerry Black (928) 851-1871

Bouse Volunteer Fire Department

27716 Frame Ave

PO Box 155

Bouse, Az. 85325

Cell: (928)231-0064 Office: (928)851-2648

Fax: (928)851-1140

Stay Safe and Stay Well!

Vonnie Harmon ...vonnies.harmon@bouseazfd.com

A Glimpse at Bouse's Past

Editor's Note – The stories that appear in this section will be adapted from “Bouse Arizona Then & Now” a book compiled by local residents, Renee Townsend and Carolyn Brown, published 2012. Renee was raised in Bouse, a lifelong resident; Carolyn was a resident for many years during which she started and led the Bouse Genealogy Society, known as the Bouse Genies. “Bouse Arizona Then and Now” is available for purchase at the Bouse Library

Golden Nugget Motel/Café/Service Station

The Golden Nugget Café was built in 1950, then 4 motel units added in 1952. Ownership changed in 1955, and a Shell service station was added. The Golden Nugget was sold again in 1961. Harry Davis, the third owner sold the complex to Ray Townsend in 1964 and the name was changed to Ocotillo Lodge & Motel. Ray sold the restaurant to George Nault in 1974 and the motel in 1977.

On Sept 22, 1987, the Ocotillo Motel burned down. George, with the help of local volunteers, had rebuilt the complex into an 11 unit motel and added an apartment by 1990. In a 1995 advertisement, George's Ocotillo Lodge was serving cocktails, food and beer and boasted of having a motel, RV park, laundry, gas, and propane.

The bar and restaurant portion of the complex has been, and still remains, a popular gathering place for local residents since it was first built. The building has been modified over the years, and remains today as a local landmark, attracting tourists and passersby off the road for a stopover meal and drink and a little bit of small town USA.

A brief look at other Bouse restaurants and cafes from 1904 to now are included in the pages of Bouse Arizona Then & Now.

Please Keep Your Trash to Yourself!

We're all lucky to receive free trash service at the Transfer Station, so please cover or tie your loads so that all of your trash makes it there. Every Thursday we begin to see plastic bags, trimmed branches, and other debris along Main Street and La Posa (main drags to the “dump”) that have escaped from unsecured vehicles. Please take time to secure your load so it completes its journey. And, if something does happen slip out and go flying, please stop and pick it up to keep it off our streets and desert. Thank you!

Bouse Elementary School

The students have Dibels testing December 6-16. Dec 16 is the end of the 2nd quarter and our parent teacher conferences. No school for students from Dec 20-Dec 30. The school office will be closed Dec 23 and also Dec 30.

Our annual student Christmas program will be Wed, Dec 15 @1PM at the school.

The annual VFW Christmas party for Bouse students, home schooled students and any siblings 8th grade and younger will be Sat, Dec 11 @ 2PM in the school's gym.

**Bouse Volunteer District Auxiliary**

ReNae Hedges, President of the Fire Auxiliary has retired since her move to Yuma, and we are seeking new leadership for the group. The last few years the Fire Auxiliary has been active in fund raising to support the supplies and equipment for the fire fighters and their office. Their baked goods have been a hit at the Swap Meet with both the vendors and the customers and they are missed! We're looking for someone—or a couple—to step forward to volunteer to take over the duties of leadership at their meetings and activities, as well as members to provide support to this organization.

Please call Julie Riffe, Vice President, if you'd like to help, or give ReNae a call at 307-851-1529. She's happy to help in any way she can to get someone settled as President. Their meeting is the third week of each month throughout the season at 10am at the La Paz Community Bldg next to the Library. Membership is open to ladies and gentlemen who would like to support our firefighters at \$5 per person.

A Christmas Surprise

'Twas the night before Christmas and out on the ranch
The pond was froze over and so was the branch.
The snow was piled up belly deep to a mule
The kids were all home on vacation from school.
And happier young folks you never did see
Just all sprawled around a-watchin' TV.

Suddenly, sometime around 8 o'clock
There came a surprise that gave 'em a shock!
The power went off, the TV, it went dead!
When Granpa came in from out in the shed.
With an armload of wood, the house was all dark.
“Just what I expected,” they heard him remark.

“Them power line wires must be down from the snow
Seems sorta like times on the ranch long ago.”
“I'll hunt up some candles,” said Mom, “with their light
And the fireplace, I reckon we'll make out all right.”
The teenagers all seemed enveloped in gloom.
Then Grandpa came back from a trip to his room.

Uncased his old fiddle and started to play
That old Christmas song about bells on a sleigh.
Mom started to sing, and first thing they knew
Both Pop and the kids were all singin' it, too.
They sang Christmas carols, they sang “Holy Night,”
Their eyes all a-shine in the ruddy fire light.

They played some Charades, Mom recalled from her youth,
And Pop read a passage from God's Book of Truth.
They stayed up till midnight, and, would you believe,
The youngsters agreed 'twas a fine Christmas Eve.
Grandpa rose early, some time before dawn;
And when the kids wakened, the power was on.

“The power company sure got the line repaired quick,”
Said Grandpa, and no one suspected his trick.
Last night for the sake of some old-fashioned fun,
He'd pulled the main switch . . . that old Son-of-a-Gun!

Anonymous

Bouse Community Information

Chamber of Commerce

Business Members *(in bold print)*

All Around Maintenance	480-822-8086
American Legion Post #46 (12-7pm)	928-851-1050
American Legion Auxillary	928-851-1050
APS	928 669-2248
Armor Locksmith	928-851-5022
BLH & T Construction	928-851-1175
Betty Hunter Real Estate M/F 9-5	928-851-2244 cell 951-236-2229
Bouse Airport <i>(George or Gloria)</i>	253-583-6805
BouseAZ.com	928-575-5122
Bouse Beauty Shop	760-777-3761
Bouse Community Park	928-851-0043
Bouse RV Park	928-851-2508
Bouse Tire Shop cell 928-259-0636	928-851-2830
Care-Right Auto Shop	928-399-1630
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	928-669-8040
Family Dollar M/SA 8-9, SU 9-9	928 851-0000
Farmers Insurance, Parker	928-669-6225
Fly By Night Brokerage	602-349-5034
HJK Enterprises (Harley)	909-239-1162
Interurban Electric	928-277-5099
It's Just 4 Fun RV Park	928-216-9896
J & S Supply 9am-2pm, Mon - Fri	928-916-3075
KR Well Drilling	928-851-2975
La Mesa Verde RV Park	928-851-2456
Look 'N See, Parker	928-575-1171
Nails By Susan	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	425-232-2716
Simple Goods	928-851-5526

Somewhere Bar & Grill (10am-close)	928-851-1051
The Ark	928-304-6116
U-Sav Storage	928-851-9220
VFW Post 2357 , (12-9pm)	928-851-2857
Villa La Paz RV Park	928-851-2176
Wash & Wags	208 390-6540
Weaver Acres	435-213-0444

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

Clubs and Organizations

Bouse Booster Club	928-851-1080
Booster Bingo	
Bouse Community Newsletter	208-949-9022
Bouse Fire District Auxillary	307-851-1529
Bouse Genealogical Society	928-221-3866
Bouse Hills Muzzle Loaders	623-826-5619
Chamber of Commerce	928-851-2509
Desert Brushes Artists	TBD
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 Southern Baptist Church	928-581-7294
Bouse Elementary School	928-851-2213
Bouse Food Bank	928-287-3514
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