

Bouse, Arizona Community Newsletter

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From The Chamber of Commerce

Welcome back to another action and fun-filled season of events!

With 3 Swap Meets already under our belt, we expect a full house on Dec 1. Come on down and let the shopping begin! Open 8am-2.

The Christmas Parade and Party is Saturday, Dec. 9. Time to get with your neighbors and friends to decorate a float or OHV to light up the streets of Bouse! It's amazing how the parade just keeps growing each year. Pick a good spot to enjoy it! Then follow out to the Park for a good old fashioned Community Christmas with food, hot chocolate, music, campfires, and fun!

We had our first tour to Camp Bouse on Dec 18. There are two more this season, Dec 29 and Feb 11. Reservations are required, call 928-851-2509 to sign up. \$10/person includes breakfast.

It's been a busy spring and summer with ongoing upgrades to our public areas and other projects. We appreciate your support to join our Clean Up the Town campaign, as we all work hand in hand with La Paz County on projects that upgrade our town image.

Special thanks to all those who donated and volunteered time, talents, tools, machinery, and other resources to make last month's AZ Kidz Jamboree such a success! We asked and you answered! We can all be proud of the record-setting \$108,000 raised here in Bouse for the Phoenix Children's Hospital compared to each previous year's proceeds in larger populated areas. Congratulations to our little Community!

Please join us for this month's Chamber meeting on Mon, Dec 4, 6pm at the Booster Club to get involved in what's happening in Bouse for the Christmas holidays.

Harley Kruidhof, President

Holiday Greetings and Thanks to the Gould Family on Pendleton

Be sure to include Brandy Hills East Subdivision on your Christmas light tour! What an amazing Christmas Winter Wonderland they create every year for everyone's enjoyment. You can't miss it...but plan to visit awhile 'cause you can't see it all just driving through the circular drive. Lights are on at dusk to 9:30, Dec 3/31. There're stockings and gifts for all children and lots of ooohs and aaahs for adults.

A giant BOUSE THANK YOU for sharing your beautiful Christmas spirit with the whole community.

(Editor's Note: Check out the neighbors for other great displays, too. Enjoy!)



Bouse Chamber Of Commerce
& Bouse Museum

Bouse Boosters Club, Inc

It has been a busy season already for the Bouse Booster Club! October was installing and testing the new BINGO system. It all works well and the players seem to like it! Still working some bugs out of the monitors but it should all be up and operating as well as a Timex watch.

November started with the big event for the Arizona Children's Hospital here in Bouse. The Booster Club prepared breakfast and lunch for the participants and sponsored and manned a stop on one of the Poker Runs. Thanksgiving also was present in November! Members rallied with volunteer help to prepare, serve and distribute dinner for all. Thanks to the Assembly of God Church for donating all the turkey and ham, and the youth group for their service. Thanks to Rose Acre Farms for the eggs they supply.

Our Booster Club Board meeting will be open to the public at 10am, Monday, Dec 4 following the breakfast. Please join us discuss plans for the rest of our season. Our regular General Meeting is the 2nd Tuesday, Dec 12 at 6pm. Once again Lisa is having the exercise class on Tuesday & Friday, the Quilt Guild meets on Wednesday and BINGO on Thursday. Don't forget the kitchen is open every Monday from 8-10 for breakfast, and the ROADKILL CAFE every Thursday from 4-5:30 pm. Get your BOOSTER MEMBERSHIP now, a \$2 discount will be given to all members for meals and Booster Club shirts and hats.

Christmas dinner will be served Dec 25, from 12-2 pm, please RSVP with Julie Rife 928-851-1080. Town Christmas Lighted Parade and Party Dec 9, at dusk. Parade in town and refreshments at the City Park.

Kenneth Martsof

Community Christmas Dinner

at the Bouse Booster Club
Monday Dec 25th ... Noon - 2pm

The Bouse Booster club, along with the Assembly of God Church are excited to provide a traditional Thanksgiving Dinner for the Community of Bouse. The meal will have all your traditional Christmas favorites.

The Booster Club will be fully open for dine-in or take out will be available

Please bring your own dishware & silverware
Help us with a head count. TEXT your Name and # of meals to 760 533-0723 or call 928 851-1080,
Shut-ins may call to request a meal delivery



Bouse Museum



Drop by to meet our new hosts and learn what's new at the Museum. Of course it's all new to Chris and Krista, so maybe you can share a few Bouse stories with them along the way. They're eager to get acquainted.

Check out the trail maps and historical documents now available digitally. Since we've gone "high tech" there's always something new.

With the cooler temps coming, we're stocked up on Camp Bouse and 'Peace of the Trail' T-shirts, (long and short sleeves, sizes M/3XL), caps, and other souvenir items. Great Christmas gifts.

Also available here, seasonal fund raising raffle tickets to win His & Her 15-22 M & P rifles by Smith & Wesson. Open hours are 10-2, Wed/ thru Sun. Hope to see you here soon.

Children's Christmas Party, Dec 2

Each year the VFW Auxiliary Post 2357 sponsors a Christmas Party for the children of Bouse (8th grade & under) using the generous donations from businesses, groups, and individuals in our community. With the help of teachers and parents the children write a letter to Santa, which we try to fulfill. For some, these are the only gifts they will receive.

This year's party is at Bouse Elementary Gym at 2pm on Dec 9. Santa and his elves will deliver a bundle of wrapped gifts and a stocking of school supplies and other goodies to each child who wrote a letter to Santa or contacted us with their information.

Thank you to all in the community who help with your donations. We couldn't do this without you! If you know of a child living in Bouse, (8th grade or under) who does not attend Bouse Elementary, is home schooled, or too young for school, please let us know at one of the numbers below.

Gift or cash donations may be dropped at the Bouse VFW Post or the collection box at the Family Dollar, mailed to P O Box 261, Bouse; or call Kerry McBain 928-278-3324 or Joann Black 928-851-1871.

Thanks again, and Merry Christmas to all,
Children's Christmas Party Committee

Christmas Bazaar Craft Show

Dec 1, 2023 9am - 2pm
Lunch 11 - 1pm
Crafts, Raffles, Fun
Bouse Booster Club
27747 Frame Ave Bouse

La Paz County Passports are Available

Our 2023/2024 season Passport to Adventure is hot off the press and should be available in local businesses and service locations. Pick yours up today! It's chuck full of info, activities, events, and fun!

Booster Bingo

Bingo has officially begun! Players love the new system as does the caller and floor runners. We are still working out the kinks in the system, getting new cheat sheets made and encouraging new volunteers to come and help out.

Doors open at 5pm with Bingo sales until 5:50. First game begins promptly at game at 6pm. Come ready to win!

Road Kill Cafe is open so come support the BBCI by having Pre-Bingo eats. Cafe is open from 4 - 5:30pm..

Letter From District 2 Supervisor, Duce Minor.

Happy Holidays! It is a favorite time of year for many people (myself included). Tables were just overflowing for Thanksgiving, now decorations are popping up to celebrate Christmas. I hope your families are filled with joy during this season, but we know not everyone will be as lucky as many of us. You can make a difference... look for ways to reach out and help neighbors or even strangers who might be struggling right now. Remember "the reason for the season," began in a manger in Bethlehem.

Congratulations! to AZKids Experience and the Bouse Community for raising over \$108,000 to support the Phoenix Children's Hospital. A huge THANK YOU! to John Nault for bringing the AZ Kidz Offroad Jamboree to Bouse. I had the opportunity to be at the event each day, Thursday – Saturday, and I was thoroughly impressed with how well the event was run. This was likely the biggest event ever held in Bouse, and it was GREAT! Thanks to the efforts of the Bouse Chamber of Commerce, the La Paz County Parks Staff, La Paz County Public Works Staff, and many others, the Bouse Community Park looked beautiful and served as a perfect venue for the event. There was a tremendous turnout of people from near and far, and a lot of fun for everyone. Count me in as one who hopes this amazing and important event returns to Bouse next year!

Anyone interested in what is (or is not) happening regarding the proposed **Rare Earths Mine** is invited to attend the Bouse Chamber of Commerce Meeting, Monday, Dec 4 at PM at the Bouse Booster Club. Western Rare Earths Board Member and Spokesperson, Mel Sanderson, has accepted my invitation to attend the meeting to provide an update on the project and answer questions. My thanks to the Chamber Board of Directors for agreeing to make this presentation part of their meeting. I hope I see you there.

I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy & Healthy New Year!

Please know, you can always reach out to me with questions and/or concerns.

Duce Minor, Supervisor, District 2 * 928-669-6115

'Swap Meet' - 1st & 3rd Fridays Each Month (Dec 1 and 15)

John Bennett urges all vendors to get their reservations in as soon as possible
Setup 6-8am ... OPEN 8am to 2pm
Space Rates are: **Full \$15, Half \$10.**
Call 928-575-7727.



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APS Community Impact Grant (2023)



Santa Visits Bouse

By Dani Bull (reprinted from the Dec 2011 edition of the Bouse Newsletter)

Christmas time brings joy, flickering lights, brightly wrapped presents, snowbirds in their RV's and family visitors to Bouse. What you may not know is that one year Christmas also brought Santa and his sleigh to our little town.

It was a cold winter Christmas Eve morning with the mercury only scheduled to get up to 80 degrees. When Santa landed at the Booster Club, he in his coat and boots with the reindeer fit right in. It seems that a runner on Santa's sleigh had broken. So Santa walked into the Booster Hall to see if he could get some help. It was a Monday morning and the fine folks of this friendly town sat the big guy down, ordered his breakfast and gave him his number.

Although Santa was in a hurry, it was apparent that things happen in "Bouse Time" here and that he'd just have to wait until breakfast was over to get help with his sleigh. Jack and Betty invited him to sit at their table. Santa was glad to find out that Jack was a handy man of sorts and would be happy to look at the sleigh as soon as they had their pancakes.

Just as Roberta called their numbers in walked Deputy Frank. He knew just who he was looking for and walked right up to Santa. Seems the sleigh was missing a license plate and proof of insurance, and a driver's license was need. Now Barb had been cooking since about 4 am and didn't appreciate the interruption of Santa's meal. She filled a plate for Deputy Frank insisting he sit and eat.

Santa being a fairly hardy man was enjoying the wonderful food when in walked Pat (the local realtor) and picking right up on a new face in town, she let him know that she had a cute little house just

down the road that would be perfect for him and Mrs. Claus. Santa admitted he had been feeling the cold at the North Pole more than usual this year he promised to talk to the Mrs. about it when he got home. Who knows, someday we just might see him every winter.

After breakfast, Santa joined in with the Booster elf (Jan) and quickly had the chairs up on the tables ready for the floor clean up. All of a sudden a siren screamed into the parking lot, EMT Vonnie came racing into the Hall looking for some crazy man huffing and puffing in a heavy red suit at the Booster Hall. Santa assured her he was not having an attack, just had a broken runner on his sleigh.

After a quick looksee at the sleigh Jack told Santa "you must have hit someone's chimney a pretty good whack, one of the runners is bent. Let's get this thing out to Marty and Donny's place pronto and get you back on the ummm road." It was a good thing that Dave had just gotten back to town, and he was happy to fix it on the spot.

So as soon as his sleigh was fixed Santa gathered the reindeer up and with a wave and a jolly HO HO HO, he was off. Since he was so impressed with the wonderful folks of the area he made sure everyone has a special present each year, which is how we came to have such great weather on Christmas Day here in Bouse.

Merry Christmas to one and all.

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 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

From Sheriff Ponce's Office

On Monday November 13th the La Paz County Sheriff's Office began its first Regional Detention Officer Academy. This intensive training will last 7 weeks and cadets will receive blocks of instruction on the fundamentals of detention operations from senior staff of the Sheriff's Office. In the past the Sheriff's Office would send cadets to either the Correctional Officer Training Academy through the Arizona Department of Corrections in Tucson or the Mohave County Detention Officer Academy in Kingman. This was costly and required our employees to be away from home and their families for 7 weeks.

Sheriff Ponce has worked with leadership at Arizona Western College to bring this academy to La Paz County. Detention Commander M. Searles will serve as the Academy Director and has spent months preparing for this new endeavor. We are very thankful for the staff at Arizona Western College for their partnership and support in establishing such a program. We look forward to future classes being hosted under this program and hope to attract other agencies from around the state.

I would also like to share with you that the La Paz County Sheriff's Office has received a Governor's Office Highway Safety vehicle to enforce aggressive driving and speed enforcement along the highways within La Paz County. In late October, our office received a letter from the GOHS Director Jesse Torrez transferring ownership of a 2019 Ford Mustang for highway safety use through the state's highway safety program. We are excited to announce this to our public and be able to further provide safer highways within our county through proactive enforcement for our citizens.

La Paz Hospital

Greetings from La Paz Regional Hospital and Clinics! As we enter the holiday season, we extend warm wishes for joy and safety to all. With the onset of colder weather, it's important to recognize that flu season is upon us. La Paz Regional Hospital strongly advocates for the importance of getting flu shots as a key measure to protect your personal health and contribute to the well-being of our community. As the temperatures drop, the risk of contracting the flu increases. Getting vaccinated is a simple yet powerful step to safeguard yourself and those around you. It's crucial to dispel any misconceptions about flu shots – they do not give you the flu. Instead, they help your immune system build defenses against the influenza virus. Beyond the personal benefits, getting a flu shot plays a vital role in lessening the strain on healthcare systems and protecting vulnerable populations, such as the elderly and those with weakened immune systems. By taking this proactive and impactful step, you not only prioritize your health but actively contribute to creating a healthier and more resilient community during the challenges of flu season.



LA PAZ
REGIONAL
HOSPITAL

Need Loaner Medical Equipment?

Before you buy or rent, check with the VFW or American Legion. They have limited things to loan to those in need – wheel chair, walker, bath stool, toilet riser, crutches, etc. Large or small needs, check them first. They're here to help all. And a great place to donate any equipment you no longer need.

La Paz Resource Guide

Looking for resources in La Paz County? This Guide has the most up to date information for services in all of La Paz County. Check it out today.

http://www.healthylapaz.org/uploads/1/2/1/9/121961296/working_la_paz_resource_guide.pdf

La Paz Resource Guide



La Paz County Recorded Offers Free Recording Notification Service

A service to alert registered names or business names filed with the Recorder's Office to potential property fraud is now available by subscribing at www.thecountyrecorder.com. This notification service would only apply to documents recorded after signing up. For more info, call 928-669-6136, or visit La Paz County Recorder, 1112 Joshua Av, Ste 201, Parker. Though no such fraud has been encountered in La Paz County, this service will provide peace of mind to those subscribing for your previously recorded docs.



**Bouse Chamber of Commerce
Monthly General Meeting
Dec 4 at 6pm ...Booster Hall**

*Annual Membership is only \$10 Individuals, \$25 Business,
and \$100 for Lifetime Individual
Catch up on what's going on in Bouse!*

Holiday happenings

- Dec 1** Christmas Bazaar, BBC, 9-2 (Lunch 11-1)
- Dec 1** Swap Meet, Rest Stop, 8-2
- Dec 4** Friends of the Library Meeting, 10-noon
- Dec 4** Chamber Meeting, 6pm, BBC
- Dec 9** VFW Auxiliary Kid's Christmas Party, 2pm
- Dec 9** Lighted Parade & Block Party Parade (*Line up at the Museum*) 5-5:30 Block Party, Bouse Community Park
- Dec ??** Booster Meeting
- Dec 13** Library Open House, 10-1
- Dec 15** Swap Meet, Rest Stop, 8-2
- Dec 17** Am Legion Christmas Party (*Members and Guests*)
- Dec 25** Booster Christmas Dinner, 12-2
- Dec 29** Camp Bouse Breakfast Tour, 8-2ish (*sign-up required 928-851-2509*)
- Dec 29** Am Legion New Year's Eve Party (*Members and Guests*)

Notice To Bouse Water Customers

The contractor recently completed the installation of the underground distribution piping and will soon begin installing the required equipment for testing and operation of the system. Pressure testing is already underway for the above and below grade piping at the treatment facility. All components must pass pressure, disinfection and performance tests before the state will authorize the district to produce and distribute water.

Get your gifts & greetings there on time!

USPS Recommended Mailing Deadlines for delivery by Dec 25 to Domestic Air/Army PO, Fleet PO, and Diplomatic PO within lower 48:



- Dec 9** APO, FPO, DPO (all ZIP Codes), Priority Mail and First Class services
- Dec 15** APO, FPO, DPO (except ZC 093), Priority Mail Express Military service

Non Military mail:

- Dec 16** USPS Ground Advantage service, First Class mail, including greeting cards
- Dec 18** Priority Mail
- Dec 20** Priority Mail Express

Alaska & Hawaii mail-by deadlines include:

- Dec 16** USPS Ground Advantage service
- Dec 16** First Class Mail & Priority Mail
- Dec 20** Priority Mail Express

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL !



Welcome back **Juan, the Veggie Man**, for another season of Saldago Produce. And thanks to Road Runner, Family Dollar, and J & S Supply who keep us supplied with daily household and maintenance needs throughout the year. For such a little town, we're lucky to have an abundant flow of products available to keep us going with fewer trips elsewhere.

Clean up the Town Campaign – Make every day a Clean-up Day. Check out your “curb appeal.” What do others see when passing by...or pulling in? Not just businesses, but our own homes, yards. When we were in the food business, our rule was “Don’t unlock your doors until you’ve cleaned the front door” to greet your customers (or guests) to come in. Parking areas and front doors are your guests’ first impression. Make it a good one.

Check out the **new Little Library** next to the Newsletter stand at the Post Office. It’s a serve-yourself book exchange. If you have books to trade, or just need one to read, that’s why it’s there. Convenient and easy to grab up a new book as you pick up your mail. And hopefully a place to “pay it forward” when you have a book to share. Remember the key word is little. Just bring or take one or 2 at a time.

Enjoy the music of the “**New Eagle’s Nest Gang**” playing for your listening pleasure at the Bouse RV Park’s new Music Bldg (at the end of Santa Fe). Catch them every Wednesday from 1-3pm until further notice.

Stop by the **Ocotillo** for their First of the Week Specials: Monday – Spaghetti, Tuesday – Tacos, Rice & Beans, Wednesday – Fry Bread Tacos, Rice & Beans. As the days get cooler, who knows what you may find to get out of the cold...grilled cheese and homemade soup or maybe even a different daily lunch special. There’s always something good cooking on the stove at the Ocotillo!

Check out the VFW’s Bar Bingo! It’s a real kick. Cards on sale at 12:30, games begin 1pm. Cards are different sizes, shapes, and are built like the pull tab lottery tickets. Games vary in price, \$2, \$3, \$5, beginning at \$2. Buy your tickets, pull off the tabs and wait for numbers. Come on down, it’s fun and worth a try! **Public is welcome. Sun and Thurs**, numbers begin at 1pm.

Christmas Shopping Blues? No Worries!

Look what you have to choose from right here in Bouse! Here’s some great choices to find just the right gift.

- **Booster Club Christmas Bazaar** – Dec 1, open 9-2 – Mostly handmade by local and area artisans, the variety of merchandise is always a surprise. So make it a point to stop by for this one-day event. You just may be able to fill that niche you’ve been looking for. And make it your lunch stop as well, served 11-2.
- **Family Dollar** – Open M/Sa 8-9, Su 9-9 – plan some time to check out all the aisles. Clothing, candies, household goods make great gifts too!
- **J & S Supply** – Open M/F, 9-2 – Super ideas from tools and hardware for him, to crafts and sewing needs for her.
- **Museum** – Open Wed thru Sun, 10-2 – Three different T-shirt offerings, Camp Bouse and Peace of the Trail caps, books, OHV flags and other souvenir items available.
- **Ocotillo Lodge** – Lots of tanks and T-shirts and packaged goods on the shelves make it easy to shop for gifts while you stop in for lunch. Or just to shop or have a beer?
- **Road Runner II** – Open 7am-7pm, 7 days a week with so many choices of wines, souvenirs, and lottery scratch-offs (that qualify as gift items also) to pick up while shopping for your groceries.
- **Somewhere Bar** – Open 10 to? Rusty has a fine selection of handmade jewelry featuring new items weekly as she crafts them right there most days. Guaranteed to make that someone special happy.
- And our **Swap Meet 1st & 3rd Friday “Mall,”** open 8-2 – Who knows what treasures you may find there, and it changes every week with new vendors. There’s handmade arts, foods, locally screened t-shirts, ladies handbags and tasers...you’ll just have to come down and see for yourself ‘cause we never know who’s showing up today. Only 2 more Mall shopping days until Christmas! (Dec 1, 15)

If you’re in the re-gifting mode, stop by these local spots:

- **Booster Club Rummage Sale** – 3rd Friday.
- **Bouse Library** – Mon/Thurs, 8-4 – A limited selection of used books and DVDs are available on select sale shelves.
- **Nikki’s Nook** – Open Saturdays, 11-3 (located behind the Baptist Church on Hwy 72 east).
- **Simple Goods** – Open Tues/Sun 7-? Cool selection of new signs and great buys on second hand goods.

Editor’s Note:

*Merry Christmas and Happy Shopping
(without all the crowds!)*





BRENDA	- More info 929 927-7800
Dec 7	Craft Show & Food Court
PARKER	- More info 928 669-2174 (PCOC)
Dec 1	Christmas in the Park Christmas Tree Lighting
Dec 9	Soroptimist Parade of Lights
SALOME	
Dec 1	Indian Hills Holiday Craft Fair
Dec 17	Indian Hills Light Parade
QUARTZSITE	
Dec 2	Craft & Yard Sale – QIA
Dec 9	Soup & Chowder Fest - QIA
Dec 17	VFW Family Freedom Festival

Ghost Riders ORV Club

The Ghost Riders General Meeting will be the 3rd Thur, Dec 21 at the Bouse Booster Club at 9am.

Club Rides will be on Dec 5 and 19, Girls Rides will be Dec 12 and 26, and Jeep/ORV ride will be Dec 7. The Club and Girls Rides will meet at 9am at the Bouse Community Park, while the Jeep/ORV Rides will meet there at 8:30am.

Look for changes and updates in your email or on the Ghost Riders Facebook page.



Bouse Quilters & Crafters!

December is upon us! The 2023/24 quilt has been completed and raffle tickets are now for sale at any BBCI meeting. All proceeds from this quilt go directly to support the Bouse Booster Club.

Quilters are currently working on the raffle quilt for the 24/25 season so come join us, have fun, support the community, and stimulate your creativity. We are all thinking about Christmas and the gifts that are going to be made and there is nothing better than sharing ideas and crafts.

Wednesday Dec. 6th is our potluck so bring a simple favorite and we will all leave smiling.

**JOIN US FOR...CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE
DEC 13, 11AM-2PM, BOUSE LIBRARY
THE LIBRARY IS OUR HAPPY PLACE**

**EMMA KYTE, LICENSED CAREGIVER
LIVES IN BOUSE, 928-662- 7373**

Writers' Cramp Needs You!!

If you think you have a story inside, you may want to join the Writers' Cramp weekly meeting.

Wednesday 10-12 Beginning Nov 9th...
for more information call Pat 208-949-9022
LOCALS HAVING FUN WITH WORDS ...

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



Many of our Patrons are returning to Bouse, visiting the Library to see the new books and DVDs we have acquired through the summer months. Welcome!

For those of you who are new or reside in Bouse and would like to learn more about our little hamlet, why not look over *Bouse Then and Now*, written by longtime residents Renee Townsend and Carol Brown. A lot of history will be found in these pages; some will surprise you. A nice gift for a friend or for yourself.

Former resident and originator of the Genies organization here in Bouse, Carol Brown has won many awards for her superb knowledge of Genealogy and continues today to share her talents to teach others in Yuma how to learn more about their family history. Renee, raised and still living here in Bouse is happy to share her knowledge of its history.

Visit us Dec 13, 10am-1pm during our Open House, sponsored by the Friends of the Library, to get better acquainted with our local Library staff, services, and volunteers.

Computers are up and running, faxing, printing, and volunteers ready to help you if needed.

Hope to see more of our Patrons soon.

Yvonne Baron, Friends of the Library Volunteer

Friends of the Bouse Public Library

We held our first Book Sale of the season on Nov 17/18, along with some yard sale items.

Thank thank who helped with the set-up, working the sales and putting things away. Thank you, Pamela and Randy, Jolene, Deedee, Pat, Valarie, and Joyce. It's nice that we are able to leave the tables set up which has cut down the closing time for us.

Join us for our Christmas Open House on Wed, Dec 13, from 10-1. Everyone is welcome to come in and get acquainted with our Library services and volunteers.

Our next Friends Meeting will be Mon, Dec 11, 10-noon. There are items which need to be discussed and voted on, and participation will be greatly appreciated. And, as stated in last meeting's Minutes, we plan to decorate the Library for Christmas after this meeting and hope to count on your help. Please let me know if you will be available to attend or not.

Merry Christmas to one and all, Yvonne Baron

Bouse Ladies Luncheon

Thursday, Dec 7, 12:30pm
Booster Club



Lunch w/beverage, \$10
Bring a small wrapped gift to be included in our gift exchange.
See ya there!

**MONTHLY FOOD BANK
1st Wednesday of month
Dec 6 ... 9-11:00am
Behind Bouse Booster Club**

BOUSE COMMUNITY CHURCH**27796 Stone Ave. Bouse, AZ. 85325**

Welcome home to our snowbirds returning this month!

Sunday - Worship Service - 11:00 AM
 Children's Church following worship
 JOY Youth (6th-12th grades) - 5:30 - 7:00 PM
 Tuesday - Prayer Service - 9 AM
 Wednesday - Adult Bible Study - 7:00 PM
 Thursday JOY Kids (PreK-5th grades) - 6:30-8:00 PM

Dec 9 JOY Youth Car Wash, 11-4pm**Dec 20** Women's Luncheon 11:30am**Dec 21** Children's Christmas Program & gifts, 6:30pm**Let's remember the reason for the season!****Please follow us on social media:**www.facebook.com/BouseCommunityAssemblyofGod-Church**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

Nikki's Nook - 11 am-3 pm**Every Sat throughout the Season****Emergency need? Call Liz 623 498-7246****VICKSBURG FELLOWSHIP BIBLE CHURCH**

Pastor James Kyte 928 859-3089

Sunday Sunday School (all ages): 9-10am
Divine Worship Time: 10:30 am

Tuesday Midweek Praying & Counselling: 4-5pm
 928-662-7373

Pastor James and Emma Kyte welcome all to the full gospel non-denominational services on Vicksburg Road just past the round-about on Hwy 60. The Kytes reside in the 42E area of Bouse. .

FROGGY FLEA MARKET

Saturday Dec 9
 Salome High School

Booths for Vendors and Individuals
 (see details Salome High School article)

**BINGO at the BOUSE BOOSTER CLUB**

Doors open 5pm, Bingo starts 6pm
 See ya every Thursday!

Bouse Genies

by Shirley Baker



Are you like Santa Claus and know where you came from? Or, like Donner and Blitzen, are you not sure of your origins? Let Rudolph, with his nose so bright guide you to the next Bouse Genies meeting and find your ancestors and origins. Our group will be more than happy to help you get started. Ancestry Library Edition is available for free through the Bouse Library. Come prepared with your parents' names and birthdates and we'll help you begin your personal journey. A personal computer or iPad would be necessary, as well as a pencil and notepad.

We meet on Fridays from 8:30-2 in the Community Building, next to the library. Be sure to pack lunch and come graze with us as we search the past. Remember that if you were born before 1950 you will find yourself in the newly released 1950s Census Records.

Salome High School

Salome High School is excited to kick off what we hope will become an annual tradition with the inaugural Froggy Flea Market on Saturday, Dec 9. Both individuals and businesses have the opportunity to secure a parking space-sized lot for selling a variety of items. On Dec 9, booths set up at 8:15am, gates will open to the public at 9am to 1pm. Come explore the diverse offerings and get yourself some fun treats and treasures! To secure your spot, check out our forms on Facebook, Instagram, or our app. Stay tuned to all our social media channels for additional event details as the date approaches.



Another successful event, SHS's Trunk or Treat took place in the cafeteria and the parking lot on Oct 31. Hosted by this year's seniors, the haunted house was a big hit. There were lots of fun games with enticing rewards and the sophomores organized a highly successful cakewalk. Everyone came decked out in their Halloween best for a great time! A big thank you to the entire community for participating, especially those who showed up to hand out candy, to make it a memorable event!

As the football and volleyball seasons wrapped up, the boys' football team finished their regular season with an impressive record, suffering only one loss. Although they fought valiantly in the playoffs, a narrow defeat against El Capitan concluded their season, securing a commendable 5th place in the state. Notable players, such as Edgar Gamez and Jibrán Castillo Marquez, earned outstanding recognition at the state level for their remarkable stats this year.

Meanwhile, the volleyball girls celebrated various accomplishments, including executing a fast offensive lineup and developing a robust rotation. The team boasted the top setter in their division, along with the top 5 defensive players and middle blocker. The season also showcased exceptional serving skills. Coach Soto, in his second year as volleyball coach, expressed satisfaction with the program's growth and development, setting their sights on winning the divisional tournament next year. The Freshman team remained undefeated with a 4-0 record, JV finished 15-1, and Varsity closed the season with a record of 8-8.

Basketball season is now in full swing with a scrimmage against ALA and an away game at MALC. Our team anticipates exciting home games on Nov 21 against Anthem Prep, Dec 7 against St. David, and Dec 14 against San Pasqual. With a big turnout of players for both teams, the school is set up for a fantastic basketball season ahead.

Bouse Elementary School

Our school's current enrollment is 50 students. We have been awarded an APS Tree Grant with between 20-25 trees to be planted on school grounds.

Thank you to all the participants and attendees for our annual Halloween Carnival. We are very proud of our school student council for making this event such a huge annual success.

Our annual Veterans Day Luncheon sponsored by our local VFW was attended by more than 100 veterans, family, staff and students! Thank you Ms. Heather for a wonderful lunch!

Our teachers and staff participated in the recent AZ Kidz event organized by John Nault with proceeds benefiting the Phoenix Children's Hospital. We had a great time, and happy to participate.

Upcoming events include the annual VFW Children's Christmas Party on Saturday, December 9th.

In addition, a shout out to community members Harley, Dean, and Carl for their assistance and guidance with ongoing school projects including installing additional swings and a nearly completed outdoor sand based volleyball area for our kids. Thank you to Robert and his wife Robin for donating art supplies, and turkeys for several student families and a staff member. We appreciate everyone that has come back to our school to be a part of what we are building for our students, staff and community.

Lastly, a special shout out to Mr. George Nault and his incredibly generous donation, which will fund a January field trip for our entire school to attend the Arizona Science Museum, and complete the purchase of new books for our school library. You are all a part of our school and we appreciate all the assistance and donations that have come our way. GO BULLDOGS!!



Veterans Reminders For the New Season

ALL WWII veterans are now COVERED For Healthcare including Nursing Home Care, at no cost to the Veteran, in the V.A. Healthcare system.

- Non-service connected burial benefits have been raised to \$948.00 up from \$300.00
- Non-service connected pension threshold is \$1300.00 for a single and more if you're married. If you make under this amount you may qualify for monetary benefits.

There have been new diseases added to the agent orange list. 8 cancers and 11 other diseases related to agent orange. If you need more information please contact me @ (928) 851-1871.

For all the Gulf War vets that were around the burn pits. 11 cancers and 12 other diseases related to burn pits. Again call for information.

A lot of you know me, but for those who don't my name is Jerry Black, VSO - VFW Post #2357. I've been a Veterans Service Officer here in Bouse representing the VFW 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.

New at VFW Post 2357! Thursdays and Sundays @ 1pm, we will be playing Bar Bingo! Come out and join the fun!



Lighted Christmas Parade December 9!

Light up your vehicle and join the fun! Light up, dress up anything with wheels or legs!

Call 928-851-5234 for more info.

Line up at the Museum 5-5:30,

Parade begins at dark

Can we outdo last year's parade this season? We'll end at the Community Park. See the whole parade right from the comfort and safety of your car by parking alongside the road or driving by down at the Park. We invite folks to join us for a safe and sane Christmas Celebration.

Dec 6 Deadline for Christmas Lights Map

Call 928-851-2509 to get your address on the town Christmas Lights map.

Available at the Museum and Roadrunner Dec 7.

Let's light up the town for all to see!

Walk in the Footprints of History Guided Camp Bouse Tour and Breakfast

Friday, Dec 29, 2023, \$10 person

Bouse Booster Hall

Breakfast: 8am, tour leaves at 9

Reserve spot: 928-851-2509

Bring water and lunch or snacks

Western Dance Classes/Lessons

Wed 3pm at

Somewhere Bar

Winter Hours at the Transfer Station.

Thurs, Fri & Sat ... 7:30am to 2:30

Thanks and Merry Christmas to Sandy and her helpers for taking care of us all year long!

THE BOUSE COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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Cover your trash on the way to the Transfer Station. Ooops . . . lose a little? Please stop and pick it up. THANKS!

KEEP OUR ROADS CLEAN



American Legion Post 46**43531 Hwy 72, Bouse, AZ****Phone: 928-851-1050****Hours: 12-7 daily**

Meeting - Post 46, Dec 2nd (1st Sat), 10am
ALA, Dec 5th (2nd Tues), 10am

Weekly Events:

Tues Tacos, 3-6pm
Wed Burgers, 3-6pm
Karaoke with RK, 5-9pm
Queen of Hearts, draws at 4pm
Thur Darts, sign-in at 3pm, Play at 4pm
Fri Fish Fry, 3-6pm

Special Events:

Dec 2 Euchre, 2pm
Dec 3 Chicken BBQ, 3-6
Dec 10 Aux Dinner, 3-6, Scalloped Potatoes
Dec 16 Fun Run, 10am
Dec 17 Christmas Party, (*Members & Guests*)
Dec 30 Euchre, 2pm
Dec 31 New Year's Party, (*Members & Guests*)

All 3-6pm food service events are open to the community

Thanks to everybody who made our Opening a successful and fun event (on Oct 14th)
As always, there is No Smoking during our food service

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

**VFW Post 2357**

Hwy 72 East, Phone 928-851-2857

Daily Hours: 12-7pm

**Monthly Meetings:**

Auxiliary: 1st Sat, 10am

Post: 2nd Sat, 10am

House Committee: 1st & 3rd Monday, 10 am

*All Post comrades & Aux members are invited to attend***Weekly Events:**

Sun: Coffee & Donuts, 10am-noon
Meet & Greet, open to the public
Karaoke with Cody, 4pm-??

Mon: Darts, 3pm**Tues:** Game Day, 12pm-??**Wed:** Wii Bowling, 2pm-??**Thur:** Bar Bingo, 1pm**Fri:** Red Shirt Friday, (Any RED shirt)
Happy Hour Prices All Day**Sat:** Music with LD, 5pm-??

- Welcome back to our Comrades and Auxiliary members. Come on down and see the improvements being made at your post.
- The Post is now a NO SMOKING inside the Post.
- The outdoor smoking area is complete and our members that smoke can now have a drink outdoors while they smoke.
- Meet the new officers and have a cold adult beverage or a hot cup of coffee.
- Sunday's 10am-noon is a great time for newcomers to get acquainted with our Post services and activities.
- Post 2357 shirts and caps are available for purchase at the Post.
- Questions? ... Please check at the Post.

**Has She Bit Off More Than She Can Chew?
NO WAY!****By Pat Walch**

I've heard of folks collecting baseball cards, stamps, autographed footballs, menus . . . but chewing gum or bubble gum? When a member of our Writer's Cramp suggested we include Joanne's Gum Gallery on a recent field trip to Quartzsite's museums, we were skeptical. "You'll be amazed," said Florene. "You just can't imagine."

Well, I've read a lot of mystery books featuring "gumshoes," collected quite a few unwanted wads of gum on the bottoms of my tennis shoes—or even on the seat of my pants a time or two—but I couldn't imagine someone would think of actually collecting gum? What would you do with it to interest folks in a museum?

We met a smiling Joanne Brunet, of Gum Gallery fame, outside a cute little bungalow behind their home on N. Washington Avenue. And then she opened the door to what I shall now call The World of Gum. Inside these four walls we marveled at more than one hundred large glassed-in cases filled with creatively displayed gum wrappers, packages, and personal dispensers of chewing gum and bubble gum. Scattered throughout the rows of cases, gumball machines—ranging from the old standard red pedestal glass bowl filled with gum balls of every color—to an old fashioned gas pump with its glass top filled not with gas, but gumballs; a golf bag full of golf clubs, their shafts . . . yes, filled with gumballs. You can't imagine how

many shapes bubble gum has been marketed in: cigars, baseball cards, french fries, CDs, floppy discs, and tacos. On and on. My favorite was Buckaroo Chew—shredded bubble gum in a chewing tobacco-like pouch sporting a cowboy and horse on its label.

How did it all start? Chewing gum was first patented in 1869; Wrigley, a pharmacist, got into the gum business in 1893. However, the natural sap or resin from trees was chewed as far back as 200 A.D. "My sister and I began collecting gum as kids, during WW11," said Joanne. "We'd save one stick from each pack for our collection."

One of her most prized specimens is a 1914 Wrigley's Doublemint wrapper complete with a collectible coupon (to save up and redeem for gum) acquired from one of many contributors through the years. That 100 year old wrapper is still in "mint" condition!

There's over 4000 different packages displayed throughout the museum, including gum from almost 40 foreign countries. Joanne and her Gum Gallery have been featured in several national magazines including Arizona Highways. She's received many contributed items to add to her collection, some of the accompanying letters are also on display. You just gotta go there and see it to believe it. A super holiday treat! You'll be transported right back into childhood memories and looking around for Santa Claus. And guess what . . . he's there, too. To schedule a tour, call 928-277-6702.

Joanne's grand daughter Eva now is the host!

Bouse Community Information

Chamber of Commerce

Business Members *(in bold print)*

American Legion Post #46 (12-7pm)	928-851-1050
American Legion Auxilary	928-851-1050
American Premium Garage Door	TBD
APS	928 669-2248
BLH & T Construction	928-851-1175
Betty Hunter Real Estate	928-851-2244
M/F 9-5	cell 951-236-2229
Bill's Repairs	702 239-0435
Black Rock Cafe	
Bouse Airport <i>(George or Gloria)</i>	253-583-6805
Bouse Community Park	928-851-0043
Bouse RV Park	928-851-2508
Castro Auto Body & Paint, Parker	928-669-2899
C & S Tire	928 859-4578
Coachman's Café	928-916-8416
7:30-2, Tue/Sun, except Fri 7:30-7	
Conex Hub	951 694-2569
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
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	928-916-3075
9am-2pm, Mon - Fri	
Krista Aman-Widgren Pet Sitting	208-920-1593
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	928-916-3420
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
Reiki with Krista	208-920-1593
Roadrunner Market II (7-7 daily)	928-851-1800
Rose Acres Farms	
SAT Powersports	509-993-7545

Simple Goods	928-851-5526
Somewhere Bar & Grill (10am-close)	928-851-1051
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
We.com, Inc	928 753-3829
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	928-851-2509
Apr thru Oct (off-season)	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 Wed - 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	928-851-0001
St Vincent De Paul Food Bank	928-669-2523
Food Bank - Quartzsite	928-291-9037