



Newsletter

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From The Chamber of Commerce



February is time for our last two major events of the season, Camp Bouse Days, Feb 11-12 and the Chamber's Off-road Desert Bash, Feb 25. Drop by the Bouse Museum or call 928-851-2509 to register for the Camp Bouse Breakfast Tour or more information on both. The American Legion will present the Camp Bouse Commemoration activities at the Memorial Site on Hwy 72 on Saturday, Feb 11.

Our Off-Road Desert Bash will begin at the Ocotillo Lodge for registration at 9-10am on Feb 25. All off road vehicles are welcome. Entrants will travel a 20-40 mile trail route, stopping at five locations to win your entries by testing your skill or luck on our Wheel of Fortune and other desert games. After a fun day in the desert, we'll return to the Ocotillo for the prizes and finale, drawing the winner of our raffle for the Henry Golden Boy Rifle. Tickets still available at the Swap Meets and the Museum. Get yours today!

There's been a lot of work going on to repair all of the summer weather damage to our properties along with regular clean up and maintenance. Our thanks go out to our team of Johns, Jef and Jeff, Jay, Chris, Randy and others who've joined us over the weeks to make it happen. If you'd like to be added to our volunteer list to receive a call (no obligation) when we schedule a crew, we'd love to get others involved at your choice. Many hands make happy hearts all around.

One more event that we always close the season with, our Community Highway Clean Up. It all happens Sat, 8am, Mar 4. Please tell your neighbors to come out for coffee and donuts and sign up for a piece of our dedicated highway. It's a fun and certainly needed job, and one we do as a whole community and can be proud to say we've helped keep our statewide record for years and miles cleaned!

Thank you all for your support of our Chamber and other organizations that help us keep Bouse alive.
Harley Kruidhof, President

Bouse Boosters Club

Times are truly marching on this year...!

The Booster Club is in full swing for our winter months.

Monday morning Breakfasts and Thursdays Roadkill Cantina continue to serve up scrumptious meals for our Bouse Community.

Along with the Bouse Community Church Assembly of God, the Booster Club hosted a Soup Dinner for the community, which was a great success and warmed many a belly with these recent cool temperatures. Special thanks to Pastor Sharon and her congregation for all their hard work and hospitality.

Changes came to our Bingo Games in January, which included lower prices for the Extra Games, and the introduction of a 6 up card for the great price of \$8. The always-favored Blue Ball is back, the pot started at \$25 and increases by \$25 each week to a maximum payout of \$250. Great prizes, great people and great FUN...!

This year's BBC quilt is a delight to See and Win! The local quilting group created a vibrant colorful quilt with vintage trailers; it's guaranteed to be a treasured part of your home or RV. Raffle tickets on sale during BBC activities.

The Booster Club is "Boot Scoot Bogeying" with music and dance weekly.

Western Dance Lessons each Monday at 3pm
Singles and Couples welcome

Open Mic Jam on the 2nd and 4th Fridays at 1pm
Rhythm Express with be having music and dance on the 2nd and 4th Fridays Doors open 6pm with a \$5 cover charge at the door.

Sweet Heart Dance Wednesday February 1st 5pm
Music by Rhythm Express Hors D'oeuvres \$10 per person.

Come and get involved with the Bouse Booster Club and join us at our next General Meeting on Tuesday February 14th at 5pm

Lisa Carroll, President

**Guided Camp Bouse Tour and Breakfast
Sunday Feb 12, 2023, \$10/person**

Meet @ Bouse Community Park
Breakfast: 8am, tour leaves at 9
Reserve spot: 928-851-2509
Bring water and lunch or snacks

**Bouse Chamber Off-road Desert Bash
Sunday Feb 125, 2023,**

Meet @ Ocotillo Lodge to register 9-10am
Back @ 3pm



Bouse Museum

If you haven't visited the Bouse Museum, please take the time to stop by. Doubled in size within the last two years,

we have room to display a lot of relics and military records that had been locked away for years. Be sure to watch the Video, Sands of War, a documentary about the US Army Desert Training Center's 13 WWII training camps under General Patton in the desert of NV, CA, & AZ. Camp Bouse was the only secret one built to train troops on a new tank weapon that was believed able to change the tide of the war. A full size model of the "secret weapon" turret can be seen in our new museum addition completed in 2021.

There's no admission charge, stay as long as you like and tour the grounds and the Miner's Shack that was moved from the Swansea mining area after it closed.

The original museum building built in 1909 was used to assay gold when mining was in its glory days. The Assay Officer lived in the building and his desk remains an integral part today.

The original assay office building was purchased by the Bouse Chamber of Commerce in 1990 in a state of disarray and restored as you see it today. It's certified by the Historical Society of AZ.

If you're heading for the desert, ice cold bottled water can be purchased there as well as souvenir T-shirts, caps, and other items to take back home.

Open Wednesday thru Sunday, 10am to 2pm weekly, November/March. Group visits can be arranged by calling 928-851-2509.

Bouse Children's Christmas Party

We held our Bouse Children's Christmas Party on Dec 10, with 70 Bouse Children this year. Santa arrived in a Mercedes convertible to begin the party! This was his 20th year being our Santa, and we celebrated him with a special quilt, handmade by the VFW Auxiliary members. Our VFW members joined with the American Legion Post to decorate a float to feature him in the light parade that evening. It was really special!

At the party, the children enjoyed refreshments, and a couple of craft projects while they waited for their turn to see Santa. There were wonderful goodie boxes donated by a very special lady who prepares them every year, and the egg farm donated eggs for each family. Each child also received a bundle of 3 wrapped gifts from Santa and a stocking of school supplies and other fun things.

We want to thank all individuals, clubs and businesses who donated their time, talents, gifts and monetary donations to make this happen. This event is totally supported by this community and we couldn't do it without all of you! Thank you!

A special 'thank you' to all the volunteers who showed up to wrap presents, stuff the stockings, and those who helped at the party. Plus all of those who donated to the gift boxes at the VFW, American Legion, and Family Dollar! Thank You for helping us help the young families in our community at Christmas!

Sincerely, VFW Auxiliary Children's Christmas Committee

Bouse Boosters Club (BBC) Activities

Bingo at the Boosters...! Every Thursday
 UPDATES: New 6 up game \$8 Extra Games \$1
 Blue Ball is Back \$25 starting pot - 25\$ added each week - Max \$250

Road Kill Cantina @ Bingo

Cantina open to everyone 4-5pm Dine in - Take out
 Open ONLY for Bingo Players 5-6pm

Bouse Booster Club General Meeting

Tuesday Feb 14, 5pm

Discussion on upcoming events, Membership
 Get involved a little or a lot, Connect with the Bouse Community.

Volunteering for the Bouse Booster Club is a great way....!

Monday Morning Breakfast at the Boosters 8-10am

Savory Egg / Sweet Egg Casserole / Pancakes
 Scrambled Eggs - Biscuits & Gravy
 This is too good to miss.....!

Booster Club Rummage Sale

1st and 3rd Friday of each month
 We will have Kitchen items, Books, lighting, Home Décor, Tools, Furniture and a whole lot more
 All proceeds benefit the Booster Club
 Questions call Diane 927-287-3514

Donations for Rummage Sale

We accept household items, books, décor, furniture, tools, kitchen items and more, Place items at Back Patio, Text when you leave items 927-287-3514

Chair Exercise with Lisa - Stretch & Strengthen

Every Tues, Wed, & Fri, 8-8:50am Taught from a seated position, Everyone is Welcome

Quilters, Crafters & Makers

Every Wed, 9am - 2pm
 Bring your projects and supplies and spread out on our large tables. Participate in creating the annual Community Quilt, to be raffled in March, and enjoy meeting and collaborating with creative women.
 A seasonal donation of \$20 is requested. Call Susan at 775-389-7589.

Music, Open Mic, and Dancing at the BBC

Western Dance Class with Janel

Every Monday 3 - 4pm

Kick up your heels.....Yes it is Free

Open Mic Jam Sessions

2nd & 4th Fridays, 1pm

Music and Dancing

Dancing 2nd & 4th Fridays to Rhythm Express

Doors open 6pm, \$5 cover at the door

Early March Activities:

Spring Fever Days Craft Show

March 3m 9am - 2pm

Reserve your table to sell your crafts. Please call Julie @ 760-533-0723. Come out and marvel at all the talent in our local area. Raffles and Lunch.

Town wide Yard Sale

March 3 & 4 - Maps will be available at the BBC.

Please contact Julie, 760-533-0723 to get your address added.

Community Highway Clean-up, Mar 4, 8am

Grab your neighbors and come on down! Sign up at the BBC.

CHECK OUT RIGHT PATH SCREENING

Insert at the back

It could save your life!

IN LOVING MEMORY

Roger L Rollene, born on April 17, 1944 in Hampton, IA, passed away January 2, 2023 while living in Clarion, IA.

Roger had been spending winters in Bouse for about 20 years. He served in the US Army and was a Viet Nam vet.

Everyone that knew him would laugh with him, he will be immensely missed.

He is survived by 2 sons, 1 daughter, and his partner Shirley Berens.

Virginia "Sparky" Van Meter passed away recently in Lake Havasu City, after breaking her hip at age 96. Previously a Bouse resident and active member of the Booster Club, she was living with her daughter when she passed. Sparky will be remembered for the beautiful, colorful rugs she made for the craft shows, and her "sparkling" personality.

Besides her daughter, she is survived by her son, Lee who still lives in Bouse.

Virgil Carpenter passed away Jan 26 at home after an extended illness. We will have more on Virgil's life next month.

Patsy O'Hanlon - We also learned that Patsy also passed away recently.

Bouse Booster Club
Hosts

Spring Fever Daze Craft Show

3 MARCH | 9 am

LUNCH, RAFFLES
CRAFTS & FUN

27747 Frame Ave,
Bouse

**BHML
Rendezvous
Feb 16-19, 2023
Muzzle Loader
Shooters Welcome**



At the La Paz County Shooting Range
45555 Hwy 72, Bouse, AZ 85325
Booswa. Or President
Bill Beasley (928) 273-5353 Allen Hardin 918-533-4778

Traders Welcome with
1840's Merchandise

Spectators Welcome



Look for flyer posted around town for details

AARP Tax Changes for 2022

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.

To Bouse Domestic Water Improvement District Customers

The construction of Bouse's new water well is continuing. K. P. Drilling is scheduled to begin drilling our new well in February. They have advised us that the drilling will be on a 24/7 basis to insure no issues arise. You may hear the drilling activity as well as some rumbling of the land. We will update you as we receive additional information.

1. It is necessary that your house numbers be large enough and easy to read from the street as new water lines/meters are installed.
2. Those with water access behind their fences need to contact Ginger@ 928-851-1120 (call or text), or email at bousewater@yahoo.com to enable access for the proper connection
3. Make sure we have your current mailing address and phone number as well as a secondary contact person to keep everyone up to date on progress or if there is an issue that we need to contact you about as we get this project to completion

Thank you for your cooperation to make this a smooth flowing transition.

Winter hours at the Transfer Station
Thurs, Fri & Sat ... 7:30am to 2:30



Newsletter Email List

If you asked to be put on the Newsletter Mailing List and haven't received it, please resend your email address to bousenews16@aol.com. Sorry, we've been having a few problems with our AOL group mailing lists.

My apology to Ron Bales, the floor installer, for getting his number wrong last month. It's really **928-733-9248**. If you tried to reach him and couldn't, I apologize to you too. He does a great job!

Super Bowl LVII will kick off at 4:30pm AZ time at State Farm Stadium on Feb 12 in Glendale, AZ. What a buzz it's bringing to town. It's expected to add in the neighborhood of \$600 million dollars to the local economy. If you're interested in going to the game, the average price of tickets right now is \$5,911, with the cheapest "get in" at \$4,489. If you're travelling you can expect your trip to cost around \$8,700. Country western singer, Chris Stapleton will sing the National Anthem and Rihanna will be the half time entertainer.

Locals will be able to cheer with other fans at our local watering holes in town sharing snacks and predictions. They'll be parties everywhere.

Those Quilters and Crafters are getting more inventive every year for the handmade quilt to be raffled off for their annual donation use to the Booster Club. This year's quilt blocks (each made by different people) are colorful and playful tear-drop travel trailers. What a great idea. It's absolutely beautiful. If you haven't got an armful of tickets yet, better get it done. \$1 a ticket, 6 for \$5, or an armful for \$10. The raffle is coming up on March 3 at the close of Spring Fever Daze. You don't have to be present to win, just give your donation and hope they pull your ticket! If not, there's always next year.

AARP Tax Preparation eligibility has changed, so if you're planning to use their free service, please check out the details in this issue!

Feb 2 Ladies Luncheon will be held at the Coachman's Café in Bouse at 12:30. Thanks to Julie Riffe who organizes this special lunch, it gives new comers and old a chance to meet, greet, and eat! Price is \$10 for lunch, your choice from 2 entrees.

Location rotates, date is the first Thursday of each month unless there is an important conflict, so stay tuned to our local news media to keep track. Ladies may also bring an inexpensive or homemade gift for the optional wrapped gift exchange following lunch. Guest speakers are sometimes on the agenda. Whatever happens, it's always an enjoyable time and it stays in Bouse!

Looking for a place to do laundry? Desert Pueblo RV Park has a fantastic state of the art laundry room that's open to the public. No pet articles allowed, but they have a washer/dryer large enough for your king size comforter.

It's the month for hearts and loved ones and you can pick up gifts and cards without even leaving town. Check out our local businesses:

Roadrunner - Fresh flowers, wines, cakes, pastries, take out foods, frozen desserts, souvenirs

Family Dollar - cards, candies, wines, frozen desserts, gifts

Booster Hall, Museum, Ocotilo Lodge, American Legion, VFW, Simple Goods, Bouse RV Park and Desert Pueblo Park - all have logo T-shirts, baseball caps, sweatshirts, and other useful items as souvenirs, all memories of your stay in Bouse. Happy Valentine's Day!

And, speaking of tickets, our Chamber will pull the winning ticket for the **Henry .22 Golden Boy** on Feb 25. Available at the Swap Meet and Museum, \$5 each or 5 for \$20. Get yours today!

Bouse Fire District

What a roller coaster ride the last couple of months has been. We would like to send out a big Thank You to all the community members that supported us through the last 45 days. Dec. saw the majority of our staff ill with one or more of the many viruses floating around. We are all well and back to the task now.

Please welcome our new volunteers John, Josh and Mimi. They just finished the EMR program and are answering calls with us.

The expansion is at a standstill at this time. The community in the 42 E area needs to decide if they want services or don't want services. There will be a letter going out this month advising the community in the 42 area that Bouse Fire will not be responding to calls in that area after May 15th which is the deadline for signatures. Someone is available at all times to either bring a petition to you, meet you, or you may stop by the station to sign in support of the expansion. If you decide not to, then you do nothing. The district does not have enough revenue to support continued response to a non-taxing area. You can contact us at either phone # or email listed below.

With the weather starting to warm up we are going to be seeing several critters starting to move around and of course love is in the air. So let us be kind and very careful when we are out and about.

Spend time with your favorite Valentine this month!

Vonnie Harmon Asst. Chief -
 vonnie.harmon@bouseazfd.com,
 (928)231-0064 cell,
 (928)851-2648 office,
 (928)851-1140 fax,
 PO Box 155, 27716 Frame Ave, Bouse, Az. 85325



The Laundromat of Life (words by Mike Workman)
 (To the tune of 'The Gambler' by Don Shultz
 as performed by Kenny Rogers)

Just last Friday evening
 At a laundromat in Tucson
 I met up with a grumbler
 We were both too tired to read

So we took turns a staring
 At the dryer in the corner
 Till boredom over took him
 And he began to speak

He said,
 "Son, I've spent a lifetime
 A washing socks and teeshirts
 Knowin' when to fluff em up
 And when to hang em out to dry

And if you don't mind my saying
 I can see you're out of Ivory
 For a drink of your Izzy
 I'll give you some advice"

So I handed him my bottle
 And he drank a little swallow
 He said
 If your gonna do the laundry, boy
 Ya gotta learn to do it right

(Chorus)
 You gotta know when to BOLD em
 Know when to fold em
 Know when to spin em dry
 Know when to cry

You never air your dirty laundry
 At the table by the window
 There's soil enough for everyone
 In the laundromat of life

So, if you ever see him
 At his laundromat in Tucson
 I'm sure that he will offer you
 A bit of clean advice

(Chorus)
 You gotta know when to BOLD em
 Know when to fold em
 Know when to spin em dry
 Know when to cry

You never air your dirty laundry
 On a table by the window
 There's soil enough for everyone
 In the laundromat of life

'Swap Meet' - Feb 3rd and 17th

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

Rambling

By Barb Hewitt

May awakens at first light, though she was almost too excited to sleep last night. Today will be the start of an adventure she has dreamed of for years. First she microwaves a quick breakfast of leftover fried rice, the last container of food in her apartment refrigerator. Between bites, May boxes up the last few items from her desk: her road atlas, the table lamp her grandfather made for her and his pictures of his travels.

"What a beautiful day to set out," she murmurs, stepping outside. Colors of fall have just touched the trees and the overcast sky says, "Autumn is nearly here." As May carries out with the last box and places it on the passenger's seat, a small V-formation of Canada geese fly overhead. Southbound, they honk to each other. She smiles, "others are beginning their journeys too."

Buckling her seatbelt, May reaches out and runs her fingertips along the body of the unique lamp her grandfather made many years ago. An ordinary lampshade tops a coarse, yet smooth, fibrous woody material, riddled with holes. It feels somewhat like a huge, twisted rope. May already loved grandpa's gift, but when she learned the base was a cholla cactus skeleton, it fired her imagination.

In his letters to her, grandfather included tales of his desert wanderings and May read each one by the light of that little lamp. Its warm glow surrounded her, shutting out the world she inhabited and transporting her to dusty trails, his environs. Her grandfather's pictures completed the illusion: street scenes from Mexico, mesas and fiery sunsets. Her favorite photo features grandpa and his faithful dog, Max, beside his rustic rig pulled by three donkeys. His practical companions, also pictured, included two goats, four chickens and an old rooster who escaped from the crate daily to ride atop the loaded two-wheeled cart.

Grandfather's pilgrimage began when his wife of 40 years passed and he and Max hitched a ride out west. When May felt sad about grandpa wandering the desert alone, her mother would reply, "It's just his way of grieving." In time he found a place where he felt content and grandpa stopped his roaming.

In his last letter, grandfather wrote, "My new home is turquoise, orange and golden, beautiful, vast and full of promise. Come, stay with me awhile, May, I have settled in a little town in Arizona.

May pulls down the sun visor, where she has clipped that special picture of grandpa and his caravan. Lovingly touching his grizzled face in the photograph, May whispers, "I'm on my way, grandpa."

Editors' note: We welcome Barb and her husband, Bob, new members to our Writer's Cramp group. Here for the winter from upstate New York, they've jumped right in with our group; as has teenager, Alexia, who is part of our new family at the museum. Barb's story was written from one of our weekly assignments.

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

HAPPY
 Valentine's
 6 DAY

Feb 14th (for the guys out there)

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

Can you believe it's February already? Where does the time go? We hope it goes to reading some of the books you will find at our Library or DVDs to watch and enjoy.

As always, we are adding to our wide selection of Romance, Mystery and Westerns, as well as Large Print books.

And we can't keep a good author down! C.J. Box, J.D. Robb, Marc Cameron, and of course James Patterson have been busy with writing new tales for our readers.

DVDs are coming in as well for viewing pleasure. New series such as Equalizer, non-fictions (such as NASA) and many others.

Come on over, spend some time browsing shelves, bring your laptop, or use one of our computers to research or keep in touch with family or friends.

See you soon.

**Friends of the Bouse Public Library**

By Yvonne Baron

Thank all who came to our first Friends of the Library's Book Sale of the season. Your support of our sales will benefit our Library, as the monies we receive allow us to help the Library purchase books, DVDs, and donate to the Summer Read Program. During the month of February, we will be holding our Book Sales every Friday from 9am to 1pm in the Community Building located next to the Library. Scheduled dates are February 3, 10, 17 and 24.

We also have a confirmed date for our much awaited Tea Party. Feb 28, starting at 1pm. So ladies, get you finest Tea Party attire out and please remember your hat. This year we are holding our first ever Hat Contest. Categories will be Most Creative, Vintage, and Silliest/ Most Fun with a prize for each winner. There will be some items for sale including Blind Date with a Book for you or as a present for a friend, Library Book Bags to hold all the purchases you may make at our sales, Old Fashioned Jewelry to match your outfit, and Book Page Ornaments.

Tickets are \$15 and available at the Bouse Library, at the Booster's Monday morning breakfast or you can call Pamela, Friend of the Library member at 480-229-3741.

**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!

**BRENDA**

Feb 9 Desert Gold Craft Show & Food Court

Feb 11 Sew Busy Quilt Show

PARKER - More info 928 669-2174 (PCOC)

Feb 11 Take a Kid Fishing

Feb 17 CRRCS Boots & Buckles

Feb 17/18 Rio Mesa Ranch Sorting

SALOME

Feb 18 2nd Annual Spring Fling

Feb 18 Great AZ Outback Classic Car Show

QUARTZSITE

Feb 2 Quilt Show

Feb 3/4 Art Show, Q Art Guild & Bouse Desert Brushes

Feb 3/12 Tyson Wells Arts & Craft Show

Feb 14 Michael Culipher as Elvis, QIA

Feb 24/25 Southwest Round Up Art Show

Ghost Riders ORV Club

Ghost Riders meet on the third Thursday, Feb 16, at 9am for a social hour, the General Meeting will begin at 10am. Membership is open to all ORV riders. Organized Club Rides are Feb 7 & 21, Girls' Rides are Feb 14 & 28, Jeep 4x4 Rides are Feb 9 & 23, Club Haul Rides are Feb 3, 10, 17, & 24.

Information on meeting places and times can be found in email and on Facebook. New members are welcome.

**Friends of the Library Book Sales**

Every Saturday in February

9am - 1pm

La Paz Community Bldg

Next to the Library

Stock up for summer!

Sweetheart Dance**Wednesday, Feb 1, 5pm**

Music by Rhythm Express

\$10 per person

Hors D'oeuvres, Beverages

Bouse Booster Club

La Paz Regional Health Fair Comes to Bouse**Feb. 3, 7-10am****Bouse Booster Hall****Food! Drinks! Prizes!****Flu Shots, Bone Density, Blood Pressure Cholesterol/Glucose, Oximetry, and lots more**

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

Editor's Note: We're sorry didn't catch the reprinting of December's message in January's Newsletter, so we've inserted your new year message as well as what's coming up in Feb.

Happy New Year! It's hard to believe that another new year is upon us, but here we are into 2023! 2022 is now behind us, so let's move into this new year with wisdom from yesterday, hope for tomorrow, and faith in the One who owns our future, Amen!

Last month (Dec.) we were pleased to have baptized 10 more people into the family of God. What a privilege it is to witness such a life changing decision and outward act of faith. God is so good.

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
 Events for February:

JOY Youth Car Wash - Feb 18th 12-3pm
 JOY Youth vs Adults "Walker Wiffleball" games - Feb 25, 3pm, at Bouse Community Park. Silent Auction on Themed baskets, Food Concessions. This will be a fun filled afternoon. All proceeds go toward JOY Youth Summer Camp in June.

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 Did you ever notice:

 When you put the 2 words 'The' and 'IRS' together it spells

 'Theirs...'

MONTHLY FOOD BANK
1st Wednesday of month
Feb 1st ... 9-11:00am (winter hours)
Behind Bouse Booster Club

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 The easiest way to find something lost around the house

 is to buy a replacement.

THE BOUSE COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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Bouse Elementary School

Congratulations to Dakoetah H, 5th grade, for taking first place and Lizbeth T, 4th grade as runner up for the Bouse Elementary School Spelling Bee. Both girls will be able to compete in the La Paz County Spelling Bee on February 16th in Parker.



Some students will be doing Azella testing Feb 13/23. The Arizona English Language Learner Assessment (AZELLA) is a standards-based assessment that meets both state and federal requirements to measure students' English language proficiency. AZELLA is used for both placement and reassessment purposes. Students who have been identified as second language learners on the Home Language Survey take the AZELLA placement test, and the students' proficiency scores determine appropriate placement for instruction. Students who have been placed into an English language learner program will also take the AZELLA reassessment once per year until they achieve proficiency. Students who have scored proficient on the AZELLA are then monitored for two years to help ensure success after their move into a mainstream classroom.

Galileo testing starts Feb 27/Mar 9. The Galileo test is used by the school to prepare our students to perform their best on the State test, now called AASA (Arizona Academic Standards Assessment). The AASA is given to all public school students (3-8) and helps the State determine if the students are performing well academically.

This month the students will be learning about fishing, learning the different local species of fish and learning how to tie knots on Feb 8 with La Paz County Parks employees and volunteers from our community. On Mon, Febr 13 the students will be going to the La Paz County Park in Parker AZ for the 43rd Annual Take A Kid Fishing Day.

Our 100th day of school is Tues, Feb 28.

Bouse Genies

By Shirley Baker



Well here it is February - the month for Love. Wouldn't you just LOVE to know who your Ancestors were? Our group loves to help each other in tracing their family lineage. If you've always wanted to know about your family but didn't know where to begin, please join us on Fridays 9:00 am to 2:00 pm at the Bouse Community Building next to the Library. We will be more than happy to help you begin your family journey.

May I also mention that everything is free - access to Ancestry Library Edition, Family Search and Find A Grave just to mention a few. We can also help you access free Genealogy software that we use for recording your Family Tree as well.

Please remember to set aside a Friday from 9 to 2 for a fun loving new hobby. A promise that it will keep you entertained for years to come.

Don't forget to pack your personal computer, lunch and lots of snacks.

If you can't make it at 9, come when you can, or if you just want to check us out first, that's fine too.

Hope to see you there,

BINGO at the BOUSE BOOSTER CLUB

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

American Legion Post 46

43531 Hwy 72, Bouse, AZ

Phone: 928-851-1050

Hours: 12-7 daily

Meetings:

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

ALA, Tues, Feb 4 10am

Weekly Events:

Tues – Tacos 3-6pm

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

Thurs – Darts 4pm (sign up 3:15)

Chefs Choice - 3-6pm

Fri – Fish & Chips, 3-6pm

Special Events:

Feb 11 – Camp Bouse Days Commemoration
Downtown Memorial

Feb 11 – Euchre, 2pm

Feb 12 – Super Bowl Party (*Members and Guests only*)

Feb 14 – Valentine's Day – Prime Rib

Couple \$38, Single \$20

(Members and Guests only)

Feb 18 – Fun Run

Feb 25 – Euchre, 2pm

(no smoking during food service)

The 27th Annual Bouse Days Commemoration Program is sponsored and presented by Post 46 this year at the Memorial in downtown Bouse on Feb 11 followed by a lunch for veterans and guests (*Donations are Welcome*). All Veterans are invited to participate in the ceremony. Please call 928 851-1050.

**Post or Auxiliary T-shirts are \$15 or \$16 w/pocket
... In Service for God and Country
We thank you ...**

**Information for Veterans**

*** Starting Jan 17, Veterans in suicidal crisis can go to any VA or non-VA health care facility for free emergency health care. Including inpatient or crisis residential care for up to 30 days and outpatient care for up to 90 days. Veterans do not need to be enrolled in the VA healthcare system.

*** Under the new automobile act, Veterans who have not received an automobile grant in the last 30 years will be eligible for another grant. In the past, there has been one lifetime grant available, but that has changed.

***If you served at Marine Corp base Camp Lejeune or Marine Corps air station New River in North Carolina, for at least 30 cumulative days from Aug 1953 - Dec 1987 and you received an honorable discharge, and you have been diagnosed with one or more of eight different cancers/diseases. Health care and monetary benefits may be available. Call Jerry Black for list (928) 851-1871. This includes family members that lived on base.

***For information or paperwork concerning veterans issues contact: Jerry Black (928) 851-1871

VETERANS REMINDERS FOR THE NEW YEAR

*** 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

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

Special Events

Feb 11 - Camp Bouse Commemoration

Feb 12 – Super Bowl Party, 2pm

Feb 14 – Valentine's Day Party, 5pm
Steak, Baked Potato and Salad

Feb 18 – Birthday Party, 5pm

Please check at the Post for missing details.

Gunny Robertson,

Commander VFW Post 2357.



Quote by Brigadier General Robbie Reisner

"To be born free is an accident.

To live free is a privilege.

To die free is a responsibility."

I picked this quote because it represents what it means to live free and the sacrifice our veterans have given, to keep us free.

Bouse Chamber reminder ...

DON'T FORGET TO purchase your Raffle tickets

(Swap Meet OR

Bouse Museum)

Drawing on Feb 25th

For the

Henry Golden Boy .22 Collectors Rifle

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
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 Nov thru Mar - Thurs/Sun 10-2	928-851-2509
Apr thru Oct	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 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