



Bouse Community newsletter

123rd Edition

Jan 2022

From The Chamber of Commerce



Bouse Chamber Of Commerce
& Bouse Museum

Thanks to Library Friends, Boosters, and volunteers who served and supported the Christmas Parade and Block Party! We did it again, Bouse! 36 lighted entries in the parade. It's growing each year and is a real community event! We served 114 chili dogs, Friends about 150 hot chocolate and Boosters about 350 "Booster homemade" cookies! What a turn out! There's so many people to thank we can't begin to list them all, but please consider yourself on the receiving end of a huge Christmas hug!

The Bouse Museum just had their 30th birthday and we're going to celebrate it with an Open House on Jan 30, 11am-2pm (weather permitting). Please join us for coffee and cookies and lots of fun things going on like panning for gold, wheel of fortune, and other fun activities.

We're happy to announce that food offerings are now available at our Swap Meets on the 1st and 3rd Fridays. Folks have missed the Fire Auxiliary's baked goods and coffee and a few local folks have stepped up to fill that niche. Stop by and try 'em! I hear the breakfast burritos are great! Three choices: egg and cheese, or with ham or sausage added. Also our cookie lady is still there. You never know what will turn up next!

Plans to improve the Rest Stop with info plaques and upgrade some of the displays will be underway throughout the month of January. Work crews are needed, if you'd like to sign up, please call Harley 909-239-1162, or if you see us working, stop by to lend a hand.

Next month brings our last breakfast tour of Camp Bouse for the season on Sunday, Feb 13. We've moved the starting time to 9am for Breakfast, 10 to leave for the Tour to give you a chance to sleep in a bit. Numbers are limited, please call 928-851-2509 or stop by the Museum to register.

Happy 2022! Please make this your year to join Bouse's Chamber if you haven't yet! You're missing out on the fun! Only \$10 individual, \$25 Business.

Harley Kruidhof, President

Bouse Boosters Club

The Bouse Booster Club wishes you a Happy New Year. We hope your Holidays were wonderful. Thanks to our steadfast volunteers who've helped us make it through our difficult season so far, especially those who baked 400 cookies for the Christmas Parade and Block Party and those from the American Legion who helped prep and provide our Christmas Dinner! We served 220 dinners, including 60 take outs!

We have some new activities this year.

Starting on Jan 10, we will be serving a limited breakfast from 8-10am each Monday Morning, pancakes, eggs, and coffee.

Game Night will be on Tuesdays and Fridays starting at 6:30pm. We'd like to get more people involved in Game Nights. They will play board games or cards or anything that people are interested in playing.

Ice Cream Social will continue on the 3rd Sunday and we will have music during the Ice Cream Social. We have sugar-free ice cream for those who want it. BYOB (bring your own banana).

Free Open-Mike Music will be every 2nd and 4th Monday from 1-4pm beginning Jan 10 for your enjoyment. We're considering a movie night for the club, still working to set that up.

In February we will host the Friends of the Library Tea Party and we want to have a Super Bowl Party. Join us at our Monthly Meeting on Jan 4 at 5pm to get more information.



Monday Booster Breakfast is Back!
Mondays, 8-10am
Starts Jan 10

Happy Birthday Bouse Museum
Open House Jan 30, 2022
11am- 2pm (weather Permitting)

Thank You Rose Acres For Providing Fresh Eggs for Bouse Food Bank, Boosters, and Chamber Breakfast Activities

What is the Summer Read Program?

Summer reading programs began in the 1890s as a way to encourage school children, particularly those in urban areas who were not needed for farm work, to read during their summer vacation, use the library and develop the habit of reading. Summer reading is critical for students to retain knowledge and skills learned in the previous school year. Students who don't read are at risk of falling behind their classmates.

When children participate in Summer Reading programs at their local library, they can make new friends, and more! During summer reading, children have access to experiences that further their sense of discovery. Summer reading programs are a mainstay of public library services. Public library summer programming plays an important community role. Public library services reach students and families within a community through programs ranging from academic enrichment opportunities to providing meals.

Our Librarian, Sharon Hillhouse, goes the extra mile for our Summer Reading Program! Every summer she comes up with a theme for all the kids to learn and serves them breakfast and lunch. Our Summer Read program is not funded by LaPaz County. All the funds are through your generous donations and participation in the fund-raising events provided by the Friends of the Library. So, please be generous and donate to our great Summer Read Program.

Summer Reading is all about fun!



HENRY
Made In America, Or Not Made At All
Bouse Chamber of Commerce (2021/2022)
FUNDRAISER
Side Gate Lever Action Rifle
.30-30
TICKETS \$5 each
(or 5 for \$20)
Tickets available at:
Bouse Swap Meet and Octotillo Lodge
or call 208-949-9022
Drawing February 26, 2022
Following 'Bouse Chamber Fund Run'

Editor's Note: Sometimes at our Writer's Cramp meetings, we roll special "story dice" to reveal our next week's assignment. Each side has a picture instead of dots carved into the surface. We began with a New Year's theme and rolled 3 of the dice producing these images to build a story: a castle, a submarine, and a vintage looking money bag. Mike's imagination strikes again!

Happy New Year to our readers!

The Pickpocket

by Mike Workman

I was shuffling down 42nd St on the last day of December, Two Thousand Twenty One. I was minding my own business and keeping my head low but my eyes were searching for a likely candidate from whom I could subtract a wallet or a purse. Because when the ball drops in Times Square so does caution and that's when the pickpocket smorgasbord begins. I smiled as I thought of how the mask mandate gave me an extra layer of insurance against detection. This would be the best New Year's ever. But then I became distracted when I spied a heavy-duty tan colored bag laying in the gutter.

The bag looked like one that might have fallen from the back of an armored car back in the 1940s. It had a series of numbers and several dollar signs printed on its belly. I picked it up and shook it. There was definitely something inside but I didn't take the time to find out what it was. I grabbed the bundle and scurried back into the shadows of the alley and hid behind a trash dumpster. Panting from exertion and expectation I slowly untied the cord that held the money bag closed. I reached inside just as 42nd Street exploded with fireworks, the year 2021 became a part of the past, and 2022 promised me a much brighter future. As the rockets boomed and lit up the sky I shouted "I'm rich!" and dumped the contents out of the heavy canvas bag.

You can imagine my disappointment when the dim light in the alley revealed a couple of what appeared to be children's toys . . . but no money. No money! And here I was hiding behind a dumpster and missing the most lucrative hour of the year out on the Square. Exasperated, I pushed the toys deep into the bag and, without re-tying the cord, slipped the bag and its contents under the dumpster and headed for the street to see if I could make up for lost time.

The hand felt as large as a catcher's mitt and was vise grip strong. I never did see its owner. Its fingers curled around my neck and I was brought to my knees quicker than a professional ball player on Sunday afternoon. And then I lost consciousness. When I awoke I was laying face down in the alley with a size extra large shoe putting an extra large amount of pressure into the small of my back. Without thinking I cursed the occupant of the shoe in as many ways as I could think of and was rewarded by the other shoe leaving a painful dent in the right side of my head. Once again I found myself in darkness.

Expect Delays on US 60 Near Vicksburg

Beginning Dec 28, ADOT crews will be working Mon through Fri from 7am-4pm. Alternating lane closures in both direction on US 60 between MM 30 and 42 (Ave 46). Expect flaggers and pilot cars. A sixteen feet vehicle width restriction will be in place.

Bouse Fire District Impact Information Hearing

Community Bldg #4, (44031 Plomosa Rd)

Jan 11, 10am-noon

928-851-2648 (office), 928-231-0064 (cell/text)

The Pickpocket *(Continued)*

This time when I awoke I remained quiet and listened. The celebration in Time Square seemed faint and far away but the breathing of the monster whose foot kept me pinned to the alley floor was sinister and raspy. "Where's the bag?" he demanded. Being a very slow learner I responded, "What bag?" That question brought a quick kick in the ribs from the size fourteen piece of cow leather and I tasted the darkness once again.

The next time I gained consciousness the big oaf was gone and the alley was filled with revelers taking a short cut to 43rd street. The party was over and I had missed the whole thing.

Assuming that the monster would be back as soon as the witnesses were gone I struggled to my feet and limped to the trash dumpster. The bag was still in its hiding place. I tucked it under my coat and mingled with the crowd as they drifted through the alley and out into the New Year.

Safely back at my flat I forced myself to ignore the pain in my ribs and dumped the contents of the vintage bag onto the dining table. I figured there must be something really important in the bag to get my assailant so riled up.

The first thing to tumble onto the table was a small plastic castle. It looked like something you might find in a board game. The second was a grey rubber bath tub toy shaped like a submarine. Both were cheap, made in China, toys of little value. They were definitely not worth getting beat up in a dark alley for. I picked up the submarine and gently shook it. It rattled like Yahtzee dice in a felt lined cup. Whatever the thug was looking for was hidden inside the toys.

My head ached and my ribs felt like I had been stabbed with a knife but I had to see what secrets were hidden in the belly of the ship so I grabbed a kitchen knife and sliced the submarine open.

Now, I'm not a penny ante thief. I'm a pickpocket of the highest level and I make a good living lifting high value items from upper class victims who have more than they need. It's my way of redistributing the wealth. Consequently I know a quality diamond when I see one and the stones that spilled out of the bath tub toy were some of the best I have ever seen. With shaking hands and a nut cracker I broke open the castle and was rewarded with another cascade of shiny stones. I forgot about my broken ribs and busted skull and whispered "now I really am rich."

Two Thousand Twenty Two was starting out to be my very best year ever. Hope it does for you too!

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

Bouse Hills Muzzleloaders & Black Powder Gun Club

Started in 1999 by 5 couples, the Muzzleloaders have two club shoots each month, the 1st and 3rd Saturdays, Oct thru April. They shoot pre-1840 type weapons, rifles and pistols. Patch and Round Ball only, also throw hawk and knife.

They had their first "Mountain Man Rendezvous" in February 2000 and \$40 in the bank and 40 shooters at the event. Over the years they've had as many as 85 competitors and vendors selling pre-1840 merchandise.

2012 the competition included "a rifle trail of 20 targets, knife trail of 11 targets, a Fort Shoot (a timed event-a team of 4 shooters has 10 minutes to hit as many targets as they can), and a Stake Shoot where the first team to shoot their stake in half wins." Besides the weapons, they dress for the event in 1840s clothing.

Bi-Monthly Swap Meet - Jan 7 & 21

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.

Summer Read Raffle

The Bouse Library will be having a raffle to help with our Summer Read program. If you wish to donate new or barely used items please bring them to the Library Mon thru Thurs. All raffle items will be on display in the Library starting the 2nd week of Jan. Tickets may be purchased in the Library and a donation box will be set up to accept donations. Sharon will have a wish list posted of items that will be needed for the summer read program.

Last summer 20-25 children attended the Summer Read program. Stop in at the Library to see the dioramas of the Grand Canyon that the Bouse children made at 2021 Summer Read. They really look forward to the Summer Read, so please help us make this another successful one with your generous donations.

Quilters, Sewers, and Crafters

Wednesdays, 9am-2pm

Come on down and enjoy working on large tables and getting inspiration from other creative women. Our pot luck is the first Wednesday of every month, bring a dish to share.

New for January - Jump in and create a square for the 2022 Camper Quilt to be raffled March 2023.

Upcoming Quilt Shows:

- Wickenburg, Jan 28/29, Wickenburg Comm. Ctr.
- Yuma, Jan 7/8 at Yuma Civic Center

Questions? Call Susan, 775-289-7589

Bouse Chamber of Commerce**Monthly General Meetings**

begin Jan 3 at 6pm ...Booster Hall

Come on down - everyone's welcome!

Catch up on what's going on in Bouse!



Bouse Museum - will have an Open House to celebrate its 30th birthday on Jan 30. Stop by for a cup of coffee and donut or cookie. We'll have some games going for fun and prizes from 11-2. It's all based on weather permitting and we're hoping for clear skies and sunshine! Hope you'll join in. The Museum is open Thurs thru Sunday, 10-2 weekly.

Ladies, get out those fancy duds and hats to get ready for the Bouse Friends' English Tea! We missed last year due to Covid, so it's about time we all get back together for an afternoon of high fal-lutin' fun and frolic. It's time to put on the dog...just don't bring it along! That's right, no pets allowed. It's all brought to you by the Friends of the Bouse Library, on Feb 15. Doors open at the Bouse Booster Hall at 1pm. Watch the Bouse Bugle for dates and places for tickets to be on sale at the Library, Friends Book Store, Bouse Swap Meet, and Booster Breakfast. They go fast!

Rabies Clinic Update - Bad news in the Pet Rabies Clinic department. Dr. Leveque has not been able to put together a date for a Bouse clinic due to the advice to avoid groups caused by the new variant of Covid. However, you may make an appointment with him to bring your pet to his home in Parker to get their shots. Give a call to 928-669-2780 to arrange a date.

Family Dollar - Reese's Candies continue to offer contests for our local Family Dollar crew to compete against other stores in their region. This month brings lots of opportunities for you to try their specialties focused on an early Easter campaign. That's right. There's egg shaped Mallow Topped, Milk Chocolate, White and Cadbury Crème filled eggs, in addition to Kit Kat and basic Reese's Peanut Butter candies that qualify. Lots to choose from before the Easter Bunny arrives. Give 'em a try and help the crew come out on top of our region. At the front counter!

Ice Cream Social - Musical events are popping up around the area as witnessed by those who attended the Ice Cream Social last month and enjoyed it so much that many of them stayed the whole 2 hours. I haven't had the opportunity to get over to Eagle's Nest yet, but plan to take an "adult beverage" and snacks over to their listening and dancing music on Wednesdays from 1-4. Look for news of jams in Brenda and Salome on another page. Check out the Booster article for more music.

AARP Income Tax Volunteer Crew is gearing up to start free tax service next month in Quartzsite. Details will be in the February Newsletter.

Bouse VFW Post 2357 - offers two Social Hours at 10am to noon, Thursdays and Sundays and invites anyone to attend if you're looking for a place to meet new folks, relax with a donut and cup of coffee, and see what's happening in our town and VFW. For instance, the "Vee" has scholarship opportunities and contests for artistically talented students. All you have to do is drop by for applications and details. Deadline to enter is Mar 31. The social is a perfect time for that.

The Coffee Bar is the only one open for Social Hours. You don't have to be a member to enjoy the benefits provided by the Post, you may join their other activities such as Karaoke and Hamburger night as a guest of a VFW or American Legion member. Drop by sometime.

More News About the Ocotillo Lodge - They'll be starting breakfast service on January 3rd. New cook, new "regular" breakfast menu items, new opening time, 7am. Same daily specials. See ya there. And still the coldest beer in town!

Bouse Clinic - has been closed recently, but, good news....they've reopened and will continue Tuesday and Thursdays, 8-11.30am. Phone for appointment at 928-851-2177 or walk in if urgent. La Paz Regional's Health Fair is coming Feb 11, 7-10am for free tests, food, prizes, and fun.

Bouse Tire - Got a tire problem? Marty and Ken at Bouse Tire are on 24 hour call to fix emergencies for you! Or, if you need replacement(s) they are happy to take care of the job. Rotations? Oil changes? Other repairs? Give a call to Marty 928-259-0636 or Ken 928-216-7735. Look for fence made of tires.

Parker 425 & Downtown Experience - Parker 425 is scheduled Jan 21 (Downtown Experience) through 23rd. The Downtown Experience is worth the trip if you'd like to get up close and personal with the 4 wheelers and their crew. They bring them in after time trials to show them off, and are more than happy to answer your questions. And, there's a few displays around town that offer drawings, live music, and libations.

Rhonda's Simple Goods - Coffee's on every morning except Mon and Tues at Rhonda's Simple Goods located just west of Just For Fun RV Park! If you're looking for where a place to bond with the "guys" in the morning, that's your place. While you're there, check out her other foods and other offerings from local made T-shirts, cute and quaint metal signs all around the walls, to used books, clothing, and?

RightPath - Also coming up on Feb 21, RightPath will offer body scans again this year at the Booster Hall. 11 Abdominal Ultrasounds and Cardiovascular scans for only \$200. It's a helluva of a deal to get a heads up to prevent problem areas going undiscovered until they really become a problem. Watch for their insert in Feb Newsletter or make your appointment right now at 800-770-0240. It could save your life.

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!

Friends of the Bouse Public Library

What a thrill it was to have a Friends table at the annual Christmas Bazaar last month. It was the first time that the Friends had a display table. We sold all of our new "Blind Date with a Book" some Christmas ornaments, a few of our new books bags and a few raffle tickets of the original painting that was donated to the Friends. But best of all. . . we got 4 new Friends volunteers!



You probably ask yourself "Why should I join the Friends of the Library?" The Friends go way back. The first group that named itself "Friends of the Library" in the United States was founded in 1922 in Glen Ellyn Illinois. The organization was established to help purchase books for the library. There are Friends of the Library throughout the United States.

The Friends are made up of volunteers and help our library with various needs throughout the year in several capacities. Some of us volunteer at the library, others help at Friends Book Store*, and others with our Friends' fundraisers. Joining the Friends is a great way to meet your neighbors, keep the library alive and most of all, you can help make a difference. So, please volunteer and be active in our small community! Our membership dues are \$5 for a whole year but your involvement goes on for a long time!

Join us on Jan 9 for our monthly meeting 10am in the LaPaz Community Building next to the Bouse Library. We welcome new residents and anyone who would like to know more about the Friends. For any information please call; 928-221-3866. Hope to see you at our meeting!

*We've changed the Final Chapter to: "Friends Book Store." January's dates are 1, 15, 20. Open 9am to 1pm. See you there!

Friends English Tea Party, Feb 15

Tickets \$15, available soon
Bouse Booster Hall

Watch the Bouse Bugle and Bulletin Boards
For availability

Christmas Party Review

The VFW Auxiliary Post 2357 held our annual Bouse Children's Christmas Party on Dec 11, at Bouse School. We had a wonderful time! Santa came in on an awesome ride (thank you George Nault). Once our Santa got there, we had punch & goodies. There were crafts to make gifts for others, special handmade goodie boxes made for each child—every year by a wonderful lady in our community—family pictures, and a visit with Santa. After a visit with Santa, each child received a bundle of gifts and a stocking filled with school supplies and other fun goodies, plus eggs to go! (Donated by Rose Acres for each family).

This year we had 84 Bouse children (8th grade & under)...a record number for sure! It was good to see quite a few under the age of 5 this year! Through the generous donations of time, talent, money, and gifts from the businesses, organizations and members of this community, it all came together.

Thank You to everyone in this community who help us help the young families in Bouse. Thank you all!

Sincerely, Bouse Children's Christmas Committee,
VFW Auxiliary 2357

WOW it's 2022 ...

by Dave Pulliam

Wow, it's 2022 and I say "What the hell happened." It was only yesterday that I

stood by my dad as he bought a new 50 Dodge pickup.

Yes, they kind of slipped away, those years. We were so busy working, raising our families, trying so hard to get ahead. And saving or that day we could retire. And all of a sudden, we were there. But it's not what we expected. The Jetsons had told us we would be in flying cars that folded into a briefcase. And the wife would just have to push a button and a nice hot meal would appear on the table.

What I can say is it has been a wonderful trip that I have shared with family and friends. My car does not fly, I still have to cook, but I am still able to drive and lay an egg, so all is good. I have had the bad times like most of us but by golly I don't think of them often. There were just too many good times and good people in my life to dwell on the negatives. I can still get up in the morning with a smile, mainly because I was able to get up.

I was so lucky that years ago I bound Bouse. So many good people here. I have been blessed to get to know a lot of them and it was nice to go to the Post Office or Family Dollar or Road Runner and see people that have a smile and a warm greeting.

Yes, it's the people that can make your day good or bad. So I stay away from the negative, give my time to the positive.

FRIENDS' BOOK STORE

Open 9am-1pm ... New Year's Day
... Also Jan 15 & 29

Donations may be dropped at the Library

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 Gloria Freemon

We are closing the book on 2021! Don't want to read that book anytime soon! It has been a tough year but now that 2022 is here and most of our loyal patrons have returned we hope it will be a new chapter for all of us. We encourage our patrons to explore our aisles to see what library materials are on the shelves. One aisle takes you to True Stories and Biographies. Another to a self-help section, cooking, and on the opposite side, gardening tips, arts and crafts. There is a lot to explore in our small town library! Come in and browse!

New books: Sharon Sala *Welcome to the Blessings*, Georgia Series 1 thru 12; Catherine; *Bybee Changing The Rules* (The closer they get to the truth the deadlier the task becomes); Nicholas Sparks-*The Wish* (An enduring legacy of first love and the decisions that haunt us forever); James Patterson-*Walk In My Combat Boots* (The extraordinary untold personal stories of Americans in uniform).

New DVDs: *The Undoing*- Nichole Kidman, Hugh Grant (A violent death, a missing husband and a series of unthinkable revelations); *Senior Moment* William Shatner, Jean Smart (Forced to take public transportation he meets his polar opposite); *Those That Wished Me Dead*, Angelina Jolie (A Smoke Jumper sets out to cross miles of thick forest with a traumatized 12yrs old boy); *Chasing Waterfalls* (A photographer travels to a remote lodge to find mythical waterfalls); *Blacklist*, the complete 8th Season.

New Large Print: *The Christmas Promise*, Richard Paul Evans (Identical twins sisters who couldn't be more different).

Audio books: *The Disappeared*, C.J. Box, (Wyoming Game Warden Joe Pickett in an electrifying novel); *Shoot First*, a Stone Barrington novel by Stuart Woods; *Best Kept Secrets*, by Sandra Brown

**BRENDA****Jan 8** Desert Gold Craft Show**PARKER****Jan 6/8** BITD 250 Race**Jan 21** 425 Downtown Experience**Dec 31-Jan 2** Rio Mesa Ranch Saddle & Bucket Series**QUARTZSITE****Jan 4** Elvis Tribute Show, QIA**Jan 8** Joan Rivers Tribute Show, QIA
Hi-Jolly Parade**Jan 22-30** Big Tent**SALOME****Jan 8** AZ Desert Riders Fun Run**Jan 14/15** Spring Fiddlers Jam - Lions
Rummage Sale - GCC**Jan 22** Women's Club Yard & Bake Sale

(Arizona Time)

Jan 1 Outback Bowl - 10am, ESPN

Fiesta Bowl - 11am, ESPN

Citrus Bowl - 11am, ABC

Rose Bowl - 3pm, ESPN

Sugar Bowl - 6:45pm, ESPN

Feb 13 Super Bowl - 4pm, CBS**Happy New Year To Our Readers!**

Thank you for your kind remarks and support to our newsletter. We're often asked what folks can do to help bring the news. Here's how you can support your Bouse Community Newsletter in 2022:

Recycle or share your copy rather than throw it away - take it to the Post Office News Stand for recycle.

Read it online or print your own copy at home.

We print an average of 500 issues per month (low 300, high 700). Merchants - If you take extras to share with your customers, please return any unused ones back to the newsstand around the 15th to make them available for all.

Join our sponsors as a Member:

	Business / Organizations	Individual
Bouse Chamber	\$25	\$10
Booster Club	\$10	\$5

The Bouse Boosters and Chamber split the cost of all supplies to produce the Newsletter, production is all volunteer. Join our news team by becoming members of our sponsor groups! You may pick up an application at the Booster Hall or the Museum.



BOUSE FOOD BANK
NOW on 1st Wednesday,

This Month Jan 5th 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

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

by Gloria Freemon

For genealogists, 2022 is a big year for us! The 1950 Census will be released on Apr 1, 2022. The US Census is legally mandated by the US Constitution, every 10 years. The first census was taken on Aug 2, 1890. If you were born in 1950 or before you will be able to see your name, where you lived, your parents name and your siblings on the 1950 Census.

The first known use of census was in 1634. The National Archives is completing efforts to digitize those records and using technology to make them more accessible than ever. The 1950 Census encompassed the continental United States, the territories of Alaska and Hawaii, American Samoa, the Canal Zone, Guam, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands of the United States, and some of the smaller island territories

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



Ghost Riders ORV Club

Happy New Year Everyone.

In January we will have Club Rides on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays, Jan 4 & 18.

Girls Rides will be the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays, Jan 11 & 25. Jeep Rides are the 2nd and 4th Thursdays, Jan 13 & 27. Our Hotdog Roast will be the last Monday of the month, Jan 31. Our Meeting in the 3rd Thursday, Jan 20.

Please join us in the fun!

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)

How about Those BOU-SKA-TEERS?

I recently reviewed the 1st Edition of the Bouse Newsletter—edited and printed by locals, Pat and Cathy Schlecht back in January, 2007—and found a lot of familiar group names that were meeting at that time. I compared it with our current list. Out of 18 groups, all but one remains today. That says a lot for our little town of volunteers! As that little paper grew, you'll see a lot of individuals' names on its pages are still often mentioned in today's issues. Volunteers come in all sizes and shapes, colors and personalities, but they all have one thing in common. A BIG heart.

Proof of the size of that heart was witnessed just last month as concern around town spread that there would be no Christmas Party at the Booster Hall this season. The call was heard, folks purchased hams and turkeys to donate, others bought pies, while others volunteered their services to prepare and serve the dinner. The American Legion joined as partners with the Booster Club to make it happen, sharing the needed funding and volunteers from each group to add to volunteers from off the street. Ladies and Gentlemen, how 'bout those Bouskateers?

Please share your appreciation when you meet them on the street, see 'em at the Post Office, put a donation in the bucket, or join them to make it all happen.

Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting

Thursday, Jan 13, 5.30pm
 Southern Baptist Church
 Highway 72 East

THE BOUSE COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

Funding is provided jointly by the Bouse Booster Club and the Chamber of Commerce to keep your news coming. Content is provided by the Writers' Cramp and representatives of your local clubs and organizations. Guest writers are welcome, call 208-949-9022. All rights reserved. Editorial changes made as needed for publication.

Available online at www.bouseazchamber.com.

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</u> <u>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

Area Music Jams Coming Up!!

Info: Esther 307-761-9099,

Hope, AZ – Ramblin' Roads RV Park, Mondays
 Hamburger BBQ, 5pm, \$6; Jam: 6p-8pm

Brenda AZ – Wagons West RV Park
 Sundays, 1:30-3:30pm;

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

Free Tests, Food, Drink, Prizes

Full details of services in Feb Newsletter

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:**

Jan 10 - Ucher, 1pm

Jan 15 - Fun Run, Sign up 9am, leave 10

Jan 16 - Steak Dinner, 3pm Sign up by Jan 10

We have some other plans in the works, including Karaoke, so keep watching online and on our Post bulletin to get the latest details. We thank you all who've supported us through 2021 by volunteering and participating in our events. We look forward to 2022 with continuing success to build our Post and provide services to our Veterans and our community! Happy New Year

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

Jan 15 - Birthday Party

Welcome Back to everyone

***Please check the Bulletin Board for other activities
and entertainment***

Gunny Robertson,
Commander VFW Post 2357.

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

If you were exposed to the burn pits, these (3) diseases have been determined to be directly related. Asthma, Rhinitis and Sinusitis. They are also currently looking at rare respiratory cancers as well as lung cancers. I will put more in the newsletter as it becomes available. Get your application in.

... 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



Empower Your New Year Resolutions

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!

We hope everyone had wonderful and happy Holidays with friends and family. There were some really nice decorations around town and the Christmas Parade hosted by the Chamber was beyond superb!

Our staff ran a total of 310 calls for the year 2021.

Our expansion process is in the works again and we will need the assistance of the community in the 42E area to sign petitions again for the expansion in that area.

The Impact Information Meeting—a public forum for asking and receiving answers to your questions—will be Jan 11, 10am at the Community Building next to the library. Property owners in that area will receive notification of the meeting by mail. If you are unable to attend, please contact our office to set a time to come in for a private look at our maps and ask your questions.

We lacked only 20 needed signatures when Covid hit and we were unable to complete our drive to move forward. Since then, the expansion area has been restructured to exclude the Rose Acre Egg Farm at their request.

The District is also still working with Parker to attempt to merge operations with them to ease staffing and expenses for both districts.

We were able to get an extension on our SAFER grant due to the amount of unspent Monies still available. This pays for our staff shifts and their tuition for classes until May 30, 2022. We are working on a plan for scheduling and budget to be in place at that time to move forward and stay financially solid.

Appreciations going out to all the community members still actively obtaining, abiding by, and renewing their burn permits.

The District is very short handed, please if there is something you can volunteer to assist with, please contact the office Mon-Thurs 9am-3pm.

Our building is being repainted and there will be a Fire decal on the end of the building facing Frame making it easier to find the office.

Thank you for all of your support through the years!

Vonnie Harmon ...vonnie.harmon@bouseazfd.com

Bouse Hills Muzzleloaders Rendezvous

Be sure to check out the Bouse Hills Muzzleloaders Rendezvous insert on the back. If you've never experienced a black powder show, you're in for a treat.

These guys and gals are serious about their authentic historic duds and their skills at shooting these antique guns! You may even get to see a real coonskin cap or two; and a playing card split in two when hit on the edge... not the face! You'll be amazed at the accuracy of the muzzleloaders guns and the shooters' aim.

Come have some fun watching and even get yourself involved in their games. With a muzzleloader! There should be some grub to be had from a food truck or two on the premises at the Bouse Shooting Range. No pets without a leash during the Rendezvous and please pick up after your pet with a do-it-yourself clean-up bag!

Bouse Volunteer Fire 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.

Bouse Elementary School

Students arrive back at school on Mon, Jan 3. The Bouse Elementary Spelling Bee will take place on Jan 6. Galileo testing will run from Jan 10-20.

There will be no school on Mon, Jan 17 to celebrate Martin Luther King Jr.

The students finish up the month with the State Writing Assessment on Jan 23.

**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!

Oh ... By The Way

Nick is back with daily breakfast and lunch specials on his menu.

I hadn't noticed the sourdough burger before and have to say I think I know what I'm going to order on my next stop. Grilled onions, cheese and 1/3 pound hamburger. Yum.

He sends his Welcome Back to our winter residents and visitors from the Coachman's Café.

If you'd like to be added to our emailing list for the Bouse Newsletter, please email your address to
bousenews16@aol.com.

You'll get it in color! And it's printable!

Internet Users - Don't Miss Out!
Find your Bouse Monthly Newsletter
October through May (and in color)
@ www.bouseazchamber.com

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