



# Newsletter

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## From The Chamber of Commerce



Welcome to 2023!  
A huge Community Christmas Hug to all those who participated in and supported another fine Christmas Parade and Block Party for our 7th year! The floats were spectacular this year, bigger and better, even though not so many entries, it was a fine showing of community enthusiasm!

We're happy to welcome additional staff members, Jef and Kacie and their family, to share museum duties with Jeff and Carolyn for this season. We may be adding some additional open hours or days in the next months as needed to handle special requests.

Our last Swap Meet had a full house of vendors and we look forward to adding even more variety of goods as more winter visitors arrive for the months ahead. We see new faces on both sides of the tables each Meet. So come on down!

We just completed our 2nd Camp Bouse Breakfast Tours and reservations are already coming in for the Sun, Feb 12 tour. If you're thinking about that trip, call 928-851-2509 to reserve your spot!

Work continues on our Chamber projects and plans for new ones are always in the making. We encourage you to join us and bring your ideas to our meetings the first Monday of each month. We're always open to something new! Here to play, or here to stay, join today! Individuals only \$10/yr, \$100 Lifetime; Business \$25/yr, on calendar year.

Harley Kruidhof, President

## Bouse Boosters Club

Happy New Year From the Booster Club!  
I hope everyone had a great Christmas Season and shared it with loved ones.

Thank you to APS, Bouse Community Assembly of God Church and our volunteers to make our Christmas Dinner happen! Thanks to all who participated in the Christmas Parade, and Chili, Cocoa, and Cookies afterward. I especially enjoyed catching candy at the parade. I have to keep the little in me happy.

Jan 20 brings a free evening of sharing soup, compliments of the Assembly of God Church and the Booster Club. We hope to see lots of folks there.

Feb 1 the Boosters will sponsor a Dinner and Dance. Fancy, fancy at \$20 a ticket. Bring your sweetheart or pal. Tickets are available at Breakfast or Bingo.

Rummage sale continues on the 1st and 3rd Fridays thanks to Diane, Lil, and Ursula for your dedication to this project and all the folks in our community who contribute their goods and those find and buy their treasures.

BINGO, BINGO...EVERY THURSDAY NIGHT preceded by the Roadkill Cantina serving up Nachos, Street Tacos, and Burritos!

Buy a block on the Booster walls and be a piece of Bouse and Booster history! \$25 for the block plus you pay your artist.

Make your resolutions! If it includes exercise, join our casual class Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday at 8am at the Booster Club. Everyone welcome . . . even you gents.

Lisa Carroll, President

## Bouse Boosters Club (BBC) Activities

### Booster Club General Meeting

Tuesday January 10, 5pm  
Get involved in upcoming community events  
Join the Booster Club today!

### Monday Breakfast at the Boosters, 8-10am

Start your week with our new Yummy Menu

### Rummage Sale, First and Third Friday

Kitchen items, Books, Lighting, Home Décor, Tools, Furniture, and a whole lot more.  
All proceeds benefit the Booster Club.  
Questions: call Diane 406-471-9851

### Donations for Rummage Sale

Place your reusable household items, books, décor, furniture, tools, kitchen items, and ? at Booster back patio. No clothing plz. Send text when you leave items: 928-287-3514.

### Chair Exercise with Lisa

Every Tues, Wed, & Fri, 8-8:45am  
Taught from a seated position. Everyone is welcome

### Quilters, Crafters & Makers

Every Wednesday 9am – 2pm  
Large tables for projects, bring and share ideas with other creative women. Participate in creating the annual Community Quilt raffled at season end. A seasonal donation of \$20 is requested, call Susan at 775-389-7589,

### Western Couples Dance Class (not line dancing)

Every Monday 3pm, BBC  
Kick up your heels . . . Yes, it's Free



### Bouse Museum

New faces at the Museum are Jef and Kacie Rozjam and their family, Alexia, Graham, and Finn. No, we're not losing Jeff and Carolyn. They

purchased property here in Bouse and moved there at the end of last season. With our RV spot at the museum vacant and Jeff and Carolyn having much to do on their new property, we've split the duties and plan to add more hours to the Museum's open times. It's a win-win for all.

If you haven't been to the Museum this year, stop by and say hello and check out what's new there. We've got new inventory on Camp Bouse and Chamber "Peace of the Trail" T-shirts both in long and short sleeve from M to 3XL, ball caps, and other logo items: ORV flags, books, souvenir license plates, stickers, and koozies.

We're taking reservations for our final Breakfast and Tour of Camp Bouse on Sun, Feb 12. Stop by and sign up as number of vehicles is limited.

Watch for changes, but for now, museum hours are still Thurs through Sun 10am - 2pm.

### Happy New Year to our Readers!

This issue represents our 130th issue of the Newsletter.

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:

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

Read it online or print your own copy at home.

We print an average of over 500 issues per month (low 300, high 800). Merchants or clubs - If you take extras to share with your customers, if they are not gone by the 15th and return any unused ones back to the newsstand at the Post Office to make them available for all to avoid waste.

Join our sponsors as a Member:

	Business/ Organization	Individual
Bouse Chamber	\$25.00	\$10.00
Booster Club	\$10.00	\$5.00

The Bouse Boosters and Chamber split the cost of all supplies to produce the Newsletter, production is all volunteers. 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 Chamber of Commerce  
Monthly General Meeting  
Jan 2nd at 6pm ...Booster Hall  
Catch up on what's going on in Bouse!**

### BINGO at the BOUSE BOOSTER CLUB

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

### Look around, if it's not in Bouse, we may not need it!

I mean it. Who knew you can get your plumbing repaired by a professionally trained plumber without leaving the "city limits?" Or a new floor with the wood plank look in the kitchen, new carpet in the bedroom? Or the whole house? Granted it may take a day or two to get the parts or wait your turn, but who in Bouse doesn't have time to relax and wait a couple of days for the job to get done by dependable, local neighbors? We'll be highlighting folks right here in our Bouse area with special talents who are available to provide services or products you're looking for. Call 208-949-9022 or email bousenews16@aol.com if you or someone you know would like to be highlighted. We'll call you back to get the details. If your product is food items, proper health certification is required.

- Get that new floor installed - Call Ron Bales, 928-733-9348
- Household building repair, plumbing - Bill's Repairs, 702-239-0435
- Bobcat jobs, custom fabricating - Harley, 909-239-1162
- Gourmet Breads, rolls - Jessica
- Custom order cakes, pastries, cookies - Sandy, at the Ocotillo
- Barbecued ribs, hot wings, Mexican dinners - Ocotillo
- Friday Fish Fry - Coachman's Café, Ocotillo Lodge, American Legion
- Taco Tuesday - American Legion, Ocotillo
- Homemade soups, burgers, sandwiches and now breakfast - Somewhere Bar

### AARP Tax Changes for 2022

AARP has made some changes. Volunteers will only be able to do taxes for Arizona residents, and any state that does not have a state tax like Washington, Nevada, Wyoming, South Dakota, Texas, etc.

The February Bouse Newsletter and Bouse Bugle Facebook page will have updates and phone numbers for getting your taxes compiled for those who qualify.

Snowbirds from other states will need to make other arrangements to have taxes prepared and filed by April 15, 2023.

### COMMUNITY SOUP DINNER

#### Bouse Booster Club

Thursday, Jan 20, 4-6pm

The Bouse Booster Club and Community Assembly of God Church are pleased to share and provide a free soup dinner for all our Bouse friends.... Everyone is welcome.

There is no charge. Donations are always accepted.

Choices of six soups will be offered:

Chili, Beef Vegetable, Split Pea w/Ham, Turkey Vegetable, Cheesy Potato, Chicken Vegetable

**Please help us with a head count: TEXT your name and # of meals to 605-929-2457 so we don't run out. See ya there!**

Happy New Year  
2023

## IN LOVING MEMORY

### James "Jim" Wapato

James Wilbert Wapato, born on June 30, 1939 in Phoenix, passed away peacefully while under "Comfort Care" at Lake Havasu City Regional Hospital on December 16.

Jim was a member of the Colville Tribe, in Winthrop, WA, where he lived most of his youth. He taught himself calculus and was proud to work as a machinist at Boeing on the Hubble Telescope among other projects.

Settling in Bouse later in life when he retired, Jim and his wife, Connie Blackburn, have lived here in Bouse more than 20 years.

### Bowl Games Schedule

(Arizona Time)

- Dec 31     **Sugar Bowl** – 10am, ESPN  
Alabama vs Kansas State  
**Fiesta Bowl** – 2pm, ESPN  
Mich vs TCU
- Jan 2     **Cotton Bowl** – 11am, ESPN  
USC vs Tulane  
**Rose Bowl** – 3pm, ESPN  
Utah vs Penn State

### RightPath Screenings can be Lifesaving

–Learn about health risks with RightPath Screenings! Includes Abdominal Ultrasound screenings: Liver, Kidney, Gallbladder, Pancreas, Spleen and Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm; Cardiovascular screenings: Heart Ultrasound, Atrial Fibrillation, Stroke Screening (Carotid Artery Ultrasound), Thyroid Ultrasound, and Peripheral Arterial Disease. All 11 screenings for only \$200! Appointments are necessary for screenings. Call 800-770-0240. More info at [www.rightpathscreenings.org](http://www.rightpathscreenings.org). Think about it...you're worth it.

#### Ladies of Bouse Luncheon, \$10

Thursday Jan 5, 12:30 at the Booster club  
Optional Bring a small gift to exchange

If you'd like to be added to our emailing list for the Bouse Newsletter, please email your address to [bousenews16@aol.com](mailto:bousenews16@aol.com).  
You'll get it in color! And it's printable!

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

#### Walk in the Footprints of History Guided Camp Bouse Tour and Breakfast Sunday Feb, 2023, \$10 person

Bouse Booster Hall  
Breakfast: 8am, tour leaves at 9  
Reserve spot: 928-851-2509  
Bring water and lunch or snacks

### A Glimpse at Local History - Black Flats

Traveling Highway 60 between Hope and Brenda, marveling at the peaks of black rock poking up from the desert floor, the last thing a traveler expects to see out in the middle of the desert is a Round-about, right in the middle of Black Flats. Surprisingly, the round-about isn't the intriguing thing about Black Flats, it's how it got its name... One would think it was named after those black peaks, the black rocks scattered across this otherwise maze of brown punctuated only by the stately saguaros zipping by your window since you left Salome. The truth is Bouse Wash Valley flatlands got its nickname when over five hundred black folks flocked to this area and settled almost 100 years ago.

It was the early 1920s. A couple of fellows named Nick and Rolls visited a church in Los Angeles and told the congregation of rich lands in Arizona that would soon be ripe for farming...as soon as the irrigation canal was built to carry water from Hoover Dam to Phoenix. Wells would be dug to provide water until the canal came; land was available for homesteading 320 acre parcels for one dollar per acre. It was too good to be true. The aging folks had dreamed of retiring in Arizona's wide open land of sun and rust colored mountains, the younger ones of getting away from the crowded city and its ghettos to own and work their own land. Praise the Lord, their prayers had been answered.

Rolls and Nick must have visited a lot of churches in LA, papers were signed, good jobs were left behind, cars were packed up and the rush was on to find their plot of the Promised Land. An estimated one hundred fifty white families and two hundred fifty black families poured into the Bouse Wash Valley eager to begin tilling the soil.

Nick's drawings showed two roads through this area—a gravel highway between Hope and Parker and the old Wickenburg to Yuma stage line going south. Plans were to locate the white families to the northern higher part of the map, settling the blacks in the valley. A proposed highway connecting Phoenix and Los Angeles was expected to follow the current road to Parker, leaving the valley to the farmers.

Rosie and John Riley were one of the first thirteen families to arrive. They staked their claim and began to build their dream. They opened a store the day they arrived. Rosie soon planted flowers and a garden. Once John realized no section lines were being run, no wells were being dug; he went to Yuma County Attorney, H. Kelly. Kelly advised them to make no more payments on their land and to file as squatters until the status could be investigated. Yes, they had been bilked. There were no surveys, no titles to the land. The government eventually did the surveying and assigned titles to the settlers. But—with no water or money to drill for it—the land was virtually worthless to them. Most left to seek jobs and homes elsewhere by 1927, their only compensation was that Nick and Rolls were arrested and convicted of fraud.

Surprisingly, Highway 60 had been redirected from its proposed path, following the old stage road right through the middle of the Riley homestead. "God sent that highway right through our land," said Rosie.



## AROUND TOWN WITH *Pat Walch*

### 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.

**Have Bobcat, Will Travel** – Got dirt to move or need rock or dirt brought in? Or any other “big guy” stuff? Call Harley 909-239-1162. If he can't do it, he'll know who can.

**Is your throttle giving you trouble?** Your OHV wants to stay in the house on these cold mornings? Help is on the way! SAT Off Road is now reopen on a limited schedule for ORV repairs and supplies by appointment. Call Tommy. 509-993-7545 or 425-232-2716.

**Erik Doorn**, Former owner/operator of Car-Right Auto Shop here in town, is now on call for minor car repairs and oil changes right at your home, as well as general handyman and landscape work and who knows what else. Have Tools, Will Travel. Give Erik a call at 928-216-7244 and see if he's available for those things that you need done.

**Open Mike and Music** – It all happens at the Bouse Booster Club on Friday, Jan 27 at 1pm. They'll be rockin' and rollin' and maybe a little room for dancin' with Montana Red and whoever shows up. If you haven't been for one of these gatherings and you love music and fun, stop in. They'll play and sing until the “cows come home.”

**New Ladies in Town?** - Bouse Ladies Luncheon meets for lunch and social time the first Thursday at 12:30, at rotating spots. A small gift exchange is optional, but your own choice to participate. Lunch is \$10 per person. Guest speakers are on the agenda when available. Please join us for this gathering, it's always fun and a great way to meet new friends! This month's will be at the Bouse Booster Club. See you there!

**Save the Date**, Feb 28, 2023 – Ladies English Tea sponsored by the Friends of the Library is scheduled for Feb 28. Details and ticket info will be available in next month's Newsletter.

**Health Check Opportunities** – La Paz Regional Hospital will be at the Bouse Booster Club at 7am on Feb 3 for a Health Fair. Take advantage of the free services that are available for you as well as health information and food, drinks, and prizes. Don't miss it.

**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.

**Missing Our Book Store?** The Friends of the Library will be having two 2-day Book Sales this month at the Community Bldg next to the Library to make up for the lack of the Book Store Saturday openings. Jan 6 & 7 and Jan 20 & 21 from 9am to 1. Please take note and use this time to stock up as no one knows how long these “temp” sales will last this season. You see, until other arrangements can be found, the books have to be carried from one building to another and back for each of those sales. Folks I can tell you from past experience as that's the way we used to do it before the Final Chapter was opened . . . it isn't fun. Those things are heavy, and none of us are getting any younger! We're all hoping permanent quarters can be arranged by next season

**It's Not a Class, Check Us Out** Have a yen to write short stories or in a journal? Writer's Cramp has been gathering weekly for 8 years through the winter seasons to share our love of writing. We're not a big group, just folks who love to write and try to bring a new story each week based on a chosen “prompt.” There's no pressure to read your work if you'd rather not. Or, if you didn't get a story written, come to the meeting anyway and listen to the others and join in the discussions and writing talk. Call 208-949-9022 to find out more. It's Wednesdays, 10-noon.

**Painting with Friends** Like to dabble with paint on rocks, canvas or just about anything that has a surface to paint on? Or, like to how to how? Join us on Thursday, Jan 12 and bring your own acrylic paints and a rock or a satellite dish, or plastic glass or whatever. There is no charge, it's just friends or newcomers getting together to create something fun and/or useful. It'll be at noon, bring a finger food and beverage for you and a friend. But you do have to register as the number of painters will be limited. Call Robyn at 928-851-2508 and get the details. Note: Family Dollar has a small supply of paints and brushes if you don't already have yours. Just pick a few colors of paint, find a rock, and you're ready to give it a try!

## **Parker 425 and 250 Cancelled for this Season**

There's been a lot of buzz going on about the loss of the Parker 425 and 250 off-road races this year, so I thought it good to do a bit of history. The official history of off-road racing in the area dates back to 1971; however these were not the first races here. In 1911, one of Parker's leading pioneers, Joe Bush, staged a race from Parker to Wenden to promote his ferry service across the Colorado River. Bush won the race, primarily because he was the only one with a car.

In 1916, a cross-country ace from Los Angeles to the AZ State Fair included a stopover in Parker.

The drivers stayed at Joe and Nellie Bush's Grandview Hotel. Joe Bush accompanied the group as far as Wenden and was ahead of the field after approximately 80 miles.

In 1971, the official history began with the start of the Dam 500, created by the Parker Dam Chamber of Commerce and the National Off-Road Racing Assn. The race had 100 entries and covered 500 miles in AZ & CA.

37 vehicles entered the 1972 race, but only 16 finished in the 24 hr time. 1973 race had 83 entrants and improved facilities including bleachers and box seats at the Bluewater Marina starting line.

1974 saw a new name, Parker 400 and new promoter: Short-Course Off-Road Enthusiasts Int'l (SCORE), founded by the late Mickey Thompson, the first American to top 400 mph on the Bonneville Salt Flats among other racing "firsts." The 1974 layout of the race consisted of 120- mile loop in AZ and 129-mile loop in CA; 227 drivers made 2 loops in AZ and one in CA running through area used by Gen. Patton's WW11 training and war games.

By 1977, 404 entrants drew crowds of 70-75,000.

In 1985 SCORE and Las Vegas High Desert Racing Assn (HDRA) joined forces bringing national recognition to the sport. At that race, drivers who were prepared to handle dust, wind and rugged terrain got a surprise: a one in a lifetime event in the Parker area—it snowed! White powdery snow took its toll and only 153 out of 368 entrants finished the race.

In 1987 the powder was brown as a dust storm impaired drivers; vision and choked everything it enveloped.

In 1989 BLM was forced to end the California lap of the race after the desert tortoise was placed on the endangered species list by US Fish & Wildlife. To

compensate BLM allowed an additional 30 miles to the AZ course in the Planet Peak area. A third AZ lap was added.

There were more than 300 entries in the 1990 race, the first to be held completely in Arizona. The starting line was moved from Shea Road back to the Bluewater Marina, starting line for the Original Parker Dam 500.

Tough times declined the field in 91 and 92; as the economy was recovering and entrants grew and HDRA became a part of SCORE Int. in 1993. In 1994 SCORE took over the management of the race and added a new attraction (factory-backed Trophy Trucks) to the usual motorcycles, trucks, ATVs, desert race cars, 4x4s and just about any other type of motorized vehicles.

But, by 1995, motorcycles and ATVs were dropped and in 1997, and after running the Parker for 24 years, SCORE announced it was dropping the Parker 400 from its schedule.

Parker residents and business community were stunned and through efforts of the Parker Tourism Committee, Parker Chamber and local racers, Whiplash Motorsports agreed to take on the Parker 400 for the 25th running emerging with recommended changes (including "The Gauntlet") to make it "better than ever."

In 2003, Casey Folks and Best in the Desert Racing Assn. (BITD) took over the reins of the Parker race and, with major sponsorship from BlueWater Resort & Casino, the new BITD Parker 425 brought back the big names in off-road racing. They kept many innovations introduced by Whiplash, improved on some of them, and added a few of their own.

Race fans were delighted in 2003 when BLM reopened the SheaRoad/Osborne Wash spectator area and in 2004 with addition of the "Parker Python." Since then, driver and spectator numbers have been up and down depending upon weather conditions which changes both entries and finishers in the racing game, but still tweaks the thrill of the race.

Best in the Desert Parker 425 continues over the last 20 years to attract the big name racers and crowds of spectators that Parker's racing community has enjoyed since the inception of off-road racing.

### **'Swap Meet' - January 6 & 20th**

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.

### **MONTHLY FOOD BANK**

**1st Wednesday of month**  
**Jan 4th ... 9-11:00am (winter hours)**  
**Behind Bouse Booster Club**

### **MONTANA PICNIC DAYS**

**Fri Jan 13 2023**

**Hours: 11am to 3pm Bouse Booster Club**

Food served at "High Noon" ...

Contact Russell Smyth 406-250-9316

Bring your own place settings and a favorite side dish to share.

A \$5 donation is appreciated.

### **FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY BOOK SALES**

**Fri & Sat, Jan 6 & 7 and Jan 20 & 21**

**Hours: 9am to 1pm**

**La Paz Community Bldg**

Hard backs, paperbacks, DVDs, Large Print,  
CDs, non-fiction, biographies, children's books.

(Everything we can carry in

**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

As we say goodbye to Father Time 2022 and welcome in Baby New Year 2023, we hope your Holidays were happy ones.

We have new Books and DVDs coming in for your reading and watching pleasure. James Patterson's "Diana, William and Harry" will have Royal fans devour this well-paced biography that gives new insight into the House of Windsor. Let's not forget Nora Roberts, Nicholas Sparks and Karen Slaughter. For those who enjoy the Western genre, Ralph Compton and William Johnstone have new paperbacks as well. Speaking of Westerns, how about putting on your best Western wear and check out *Reba McIntire's* DVD collection and sing along with Reba. Or perhaps *Jurassic World*, the *Island at War* series, or *Native Americans* is more your style.

Come in, browse our selections, use your computer or ours for online. We welcome you to our Library

**BLYTHE****Jan 13/15**

AZOP Races, Shorty's Sports Park

**Jan 20/22**

CORR Off-Road Races, Shorty's Sports Park

**BRENDA****Jan 12**

Craft Show &amp; Food Court, Desert Gold

**PARKER**

- More info 928 669-2174 (PCOC)

**Jan 20/21**

Rio Mesa Ranch Sorting

**SALOME****Jan 7**

AZ Desert Riders Fun Run

**Jan 12**

Annual Yard Sale

**Jan 20/21**

Spring Fiddler's Jam, Lions

**QUARTZSITE****Jan 3**

Elvis Tribute

**Jan 4**

Sunriders Meet &amp; Greet

**Jan 7**

Craft Fair &amp; Swap Meet

**Jan 14**

Hi-Jolly Daze Parade

**Jan 21/29**

BIG TENT Rv Show

**Check the La Paz Passport for more events and info**

**La Paz Regional Free Community Health Fairs****Quartzsite**Mar 10, 2023 7-10am  
QIA, 235 Ironwood Street**Salome**Thursday, Jan 12, 2023, 8-11am  
Centennial Center, 69725 Centennial Park Rd**Bouse**Friday, Feb 3, 2023, 7-10am  
Booster Hall, 27747 Frame**Parker**Healthy La Paz Expo – Sat, Apr 1, 2023, 9-12am  
Western Park**Friends of the Bouse Public Library**

By Yvonne Baron

Last month our Friends of The Library President, Joyce Sanders, posted her message about the condemning of our Book Store due to safety issues. As we continue to seek a new permanent location, we will be holding our sales in the Bouse Community Building located next to the Library.

Tentatively, our first sales are scheduled Friday & Saturday, Jan 6/7, then Fri & Sat, Jan 20/21, 9am to 1pm. If we see there is a demand for additional sales to be held, we will add them and place the information in the Bouse Bugle as well as in the Library. We look forward to holding sales once again and seeing new faces as well as our repeat patrons who come in to see us to purchase books and DVDs for their home library and friends.

As always, we invite you to come and join us at our Friends of the Library meeting and see what we are all about. Having new Friends with new ideas is always a welcome pleasure. New ideas help us to have fundraisers to support our Bouse Library.

Our next meeting will be Fri, Jan 13, 10am-noon, at the Community Building. Hope to see you there.

**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!

**Ghost Riders ORV Club**

Ghost Riders' meet on the third Thursday, Jan 19 at 9am at the Booster Club. Membership is open to all ORVs, with biweekly organized rides to discover the desert secrets. Two Club rides are open to all members, one Jeep ride, and two Girls rides per month, leaving from the Bouse Community Park at 9am for all but the Jeep ride leaves at 8:30.

We didn't get their schedule this month, but assume it's the same set monthly days and weeks. Check their Facebook page for details. Newcomers are always welcome.

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**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:

Dec 24 Christmas Eve Candlelight Services  
 4:30pm

Dec 25 Christmas Day Service & Dinner -  
 Dinner for those who have no family or  
 friends with whom to celebrate. Secret  
 gift exchange

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**

Community AG has been a happening place and we are  
 excited to see what the upcoming months will bring. We  
 welcome back our winter family and friends and pray for  
 those still traveling.

The youth group is now called JOY Youth Ministries  
 (Jesus Over You) and they continue to grow. JOY Kids -  
 Pre-k through 5th Grades are now Thursdays 6:30-8pm,  
 and JOY Youth - 6th through 12th Grade meets on Sun-  
 day evenings 5:30-7pm.

We continue to have Kids' Church on Sunday morning  
 following worship so parents & grandparents can soak up  
 the message without distraction.

- Bible Study Continues Wednesday, 7pm
- Women's Group is Friday, 10am
- Men's Group is Friday, 10am
- Baptism Sunday (Water Baptism) Dec 4
- Teen Challenge will visit Sun, Dec 11
- Ladies Lunch Wed, Dec 14, 11:30 am
- Christmas Caroling around Bouse - Dec 23, 5:30pm
- Christmas Eve Service - 6pm
- Christmas Day Worship - 10am

We hope that your family will take time to read the true  
 Christmas Story in Luke 2:1-21. May God bless you all  
 this Christmas Season.

Connect with us on Facebook!

Facebook.com/bousecommunityassemblyofGod

**Bouse Elementary School**

We hope everyone had a fun, safe and  
 happy Holiday Season. Welcome 2023!

The Bouse Elementary Spelling Bee  
 will be on Thur, Jan 5, 2PM in the school  
 gym. Grades 4 through 8 will participate.  
 First and second place students will have  
 the opportunity to participate in the La  
 Paz County spelling bee in March.

Students will have Galileo testing Jan 9-Jan 19. The  
 Galileo testing is used to prepare our students to perform  
 their best on the State test they will take in April 2023. There  
 is no school and the school office will be closed on Mon, Jan  
 16 for Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

**A Glimpse of Arizona's Past (cont)**

"Though one guy said he was gonna kill anyone who  
 came down here to put a stake in the ground for that  
 highway 'cause it was supposed to come by where he  
 was." Other than that, she said the white and black  
 folks mostly got along just fine.

Rosie and John remained in the valley, lucky  
 enough to have chosen the land where an old stage  
 stop had been located, including a well for watering  
 the stock. They shared their water with others, who  
 carried it back to their own land in barrels and  
 garbage cans. The promised canal was completed,  
 but access was never allowed. The only irrigation  
 water they got was when the rains came and the  
 wash flooded the low valley lands. The rains worked  
 well for Rosie and John, though, as travelers often  
 got stuck on the then dirt Highway 60, and they used  
 their truck to pull them out.

Rosie always had a story to tell. She'd sit in her  
 rocking chair on the porch of the store, waiting for  
 the next traveler to stop. "We were told once that our  
 house was built right where the stage depot was,"  
 she said. "That during the gold rush days, the driver  
 of the El Paso to San Francisco stage had stolen and  
 buried two gold bars behind the station, where they  
 corralled the horses. Well, through the years, we've  
 had lots of fellows stop by, interested in camping out  
 back—you know what they were after. Many men who  
 lived here in the valley have searched for them bars  
 too, but to my knowledge they were never found."

"I knew Del Webb from the beginning," Rosie said.  
 "He got his start building that highway out there. He  
 had his men take those tractors and pull my house  
 over to the north side of the highway for me." She  
 laughed. "Now just look at the difference in us. Of  
 course, he's dead...but, I meant in money matters."

Rosie's husband died in 1948, she left Black Flats  
 for good some time later and moved to Phoenix where  
 she finished her years raising nine foster children—  
 six black and three white.

**Bouse Genies**

By Shirley Baker

The Fireworks on January 1 were  
 spectacular; however, they won't even  
 compare to the Happy Dance you'll be  
 doing when you find that long lost relative.  
 Come join us at the Bouse Genies on Fridays from 9  
 a.m. to 2 p.m. Be sure to pack a lunch.

We'll help you learn to use several free websites to  
 search for your family members. Ancestry Library  
 Edition is available for free at the Bouse Library. Come  
 prepared with your parents' names and birthdates  
 and we'll help you begin. In addition, we will help  
 you start using our favorite software "Legacy" for  
 recording your findings. Remember that if you were  
 born before 1950 you will find yourself in the newly  
 released 1950 Census Records. Please start the New  
 Year off right with joining our Genies Group.



**Everybody is Welcome!**  
**Open Mike Jam Session**

1-3pm, Bouse Booster Club  
 Fri, Jan 27th

**American Legion Post 46**

43531 Hwy 72, Bouse, AZ

Phone: 928-851-1050

**Hours: 12-7 daily**

Meetings:

Men's, 1st Sat, 10am

ALA, Tues, 10am

Weekly Events:

Tues – Tacos 3-6pm

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

Thurs – Darts 4pm (sign up 3:15)

Chefs Choice - 3-6pm

Fri – Fish &amp; Chips, or onion Rings 3-6pm

Special Events:

Jan 1 – Football &amp; Hair of the Dog, Noon

Jan 8 – Euchre – 2pm

Jan 14 – Chicken BBQ, 3pm-gone

Jan 21 – Fun Run. Sign up 9am, leave 10am

Jan 22 – Euchre – 2pm

Jan 28 – Blues &amp; BBQ, Gary Zack &amp; the Outbacks

*(no smoking during food service)*

Due to rising costs of food and supplies, we are forced to raise our weekly prices to: Fish \$12, Burger \$9, Taco \$2.50, Taco Salad \$7. Looking forward to seeing you for fun and exciting times at the American Legion as we continue our expansion project. Thank you for your support and Happy New Year!

**Post or Auxiliary T-shirts are \$15 or \$16 w/pocket****... In Service for God and Country****We thank you ...****VFW Post 2357**

Hwy 72 East, Phone 928-851-2857

Daily Hours: 12-7pm

Happy New Year!

Note: There will be no 10-noon Social on Jan 1 but Pizza Delivery and Bowl Games 12-?, Karaoke, TBA

**Meetings:**

Men's Post – 2nd Sat, 10am

Auxiliary – 1st Sat, 10am

**Weekly Events:**

Mon - Darts, 3pm

Tues - Live Music or Karaoke, 5-7pm

Wed – Live Music by LD, 3pm

Thur – Social, Coffee &amp; Donuts 10-Noon,

Music by Don 5pm

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

Sat - Pizza Drawing, Live Music by LD, 5pm

**Special Events**

Jan 2 – House Meeting, 10am

Jan 5 – Ladies Luncheon, 12:30, Booster Club

Jan 13/15 – Winter Conference

Jan 16 – House Meeting, 10am

Jan 21 – Birthday Party, 5pm

Jan 22 – District Meeting, Quartzsite, 11am

Jan 27 – VMFA-225 Change of Command, 10am

Please check at the Post for missing details.

Gunny Robertson,

Commander VFW Post 2357.

**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

**When Am I Contagious? And Symptoms**

**Cold:** From 1-7 days after symptoms: Fever (uncommon), Post-nasal drip, sneezing, watery eyes.

**Flu:** From 1 day before to 7 days after symptoms; most contagious 3-4 days after symptoms: Nausea, Vomiting or Diarrhea (more common in children than adults).

**Covid-19** – From 3 days before to 2 weeks after symptoms; most contagious 48 hours before symptoms according to emerging research. Symptoms: Breathing difficulties/shortness of breath; Nausea, vomiting or diarrhea, Loss of smell and taste.

Winter is cold and flu season, and Covid isn't finished with us yet. Be safe, disinfect surfaces, wash your hands frequently, avoid touching your face and keep away from those who are sick.



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)*

<b>American Legion Post #46</b> (12-7pm)	928-851-1050
<b>American Legion Auxiliary</b>	928-851-1050
<b>APS</b>	928 669-2248
Armor Locksmith	928-851-5022
BLH & T Construction	928-851-1175
<b>Betty Hunter Real Estate</b> M/F 9-5	928-851-2244 cell 951-236-2229
Bouse Airport <i>(George or Gloria)</i>	253-583-6805
<b>BouseAZ.com</b>	928-575-5122
Bouse Community Park	928-851-0043
<b>Bouse RV Park</b>	928-851-2508
Care Right Auto Shop - Erik Doorn	928-216-7244
Castro Auto Body & Paint, Parker	928-669-2899
<b>Coachman's Café</b> 7:30-2, Tue/Sun, except Fri 7:30-7	928-916-8416
David Plunkett Real Estate	928-851-2424
<b>Desert Rose Acres Subdivision</b>	928-851-2590
<b>Desert Pueblo RV Park</b>	928-851-2206
Drastik Car Detailing - Joe Jagroop	661-713-2255
<b>Ecology Recycling Services</b>	602 403-8007
<b>Elite Customs, Parker</b>	928-669-8040
Family Dollar M/SA 8-9, SU 9-9	928 851-0000
Farmers Insurance, Parker	928-669-6225
<b>Fly By Night Brokerage</b>	602-349-5034
<b>Freedom Roofing &amp; Restoration</b>	928-684-9012
<b>HJK Enterprises (Harley)</b>	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
<b>La Mesa Verde RV Park</b>	928-851-2456
<b>Look 'N See, Parker</b>	928-575-1171
<b>Low Desert Jackpot Show</b>	928-9163420
<b>Nails By Susan</b> (Text)	928-851-5235
<b>Ocotillo Restaurant &amp; Lodge</b>	928-851-2219
Purcell Jojoba Farming	928-851-2414
Q-Mountain Well Drilling	928-851-2537
<b>Roadrunner Market II</b> (7-7 daily)	928-851-1800
<b>Rose Acres Farms</b>	
<b>SAT Off-Road</b>	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
<b>VFW Post 2357</b> , (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
<b>Emergency (fire or medical) 911</b>	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

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

## Public Services

<b>Bouse Southern Baptist Church</b>	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