

# Bouse, Arizona Community Newsletter

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for assisting with funding our Community Newsletter.*

## Welcome to our 18th Anniversary Year!

Tucked away in the archives, I came across the 1st Edition, January 2007, of our Bouse Community Newsletter, started by Pat Schlecht of David Plunkett Realty, with technical and editorial assistance of his wife, Cathy. The first issue was one page, front and back with an attached one full-page calendar. It focused strictly on the local organizations and ongoing scheduled events...and grew from there.

It's interesting and not surprising to see these familiar names and events: Boosters. Chamber, Friends of the Library, Quilters & Crafters, VFW, American Legion, Bouse Hills Black Powder, Bingo, Genies, and Monday Morning Breakfasts. The only organizations no longer on our list: Alcoholics Anonymous and Desert Brushes Art Club which have moved on.

In the 14 years since Pat Schlecht left as editor and publisher, our team has produced and distributed right at 56,000 copies of monthly news for Bouse and area readers (not counting emails). And we thank you all for your dedicated reading through the years to keep us and Bouse alive!

We're thankful for our volunteers throughout these 17 years who've kept our Bouse Community Newsletter in the box every October/May for you...our readers. But those days are numbered unless we are able to interest and encourage new folks to step up and volunteer to work with us and learn to carry on so that the things we take for granted won't disappear as our current small number of volunteers fades away. Without your help, there could be no more Bouse as we know and love it today.

## From The Chamber of Commerce



Let's start out the new year with a huge THANKS to all those who made 2023 another record setting year!

THANKS to Rose Acres for furnishing eggs to our fund raising

activities such as Monday morning breakfast at the Boosters, Camp Bouse Breakfast Tours, Bouse Food Bank, and many other single events. We appreciate your support to whatever we throw your way!

THANKS to Duce and the other La Paz County folks for your diligence to get Ace's place cleaned up and the Parks folks for their help at the Bouse Community Park upgrade!

THANKS to the volunteers and Chris & Krista at the Museum for their help to decorate the Museum.

THANKS to John Nault for organizing and leading our Lighted Christmas Parade. Each year just gets better and better!

THANKS to those who continue to fill our Camp Bouse Tours, many of whom are repeaters. There's only one more left this season on Feb 11. Registration is open at 928-851-2509.

Don't forget to join us for our Bouse Chamber Desert Bash on Mar 2. It's not just your regular Poker Run. It's a fun filled day in the desert, topped off with games, prizes, food, and good times.

THANKS to John Bennett and John Newman for painting the flagpole and Brandon for weed whacking at the Camp Bouse Memorial.

THANKS to all our friends and neighbors and winter visitors who support our Chamber and our events throughout the year!

Please try a little harder to cover your trash or slow down to eliminate litter along the ways to the transfer station.

A Happy, Safe, and Healthy 2024 to you all from our Chamber members and volunteers!

Harley Kruidhof, President

## Bouse Boosters Club, Inc

The Bouse Booster Club and the Assembly of God Church sponsored Thanksgiving and Christmas Dinners to everyone who wanted a dinner. It was donation only and we fed 170 for Thanksgiving. As of this writing, I don't have the numbers for Christmas but it will be a donation again.

The Booster Club is in need of volunteers to help. Volunteers do not have to do all the jobs if we can get enough to do some of the jobs. If you can donate one or two days a month, let us know. We need help for Bingo and Breakfast and a couple of dinners. For more info, call 928-851-1080.

General meeting is Jan 9, 6pm, and is open to members and non-members. Bring your new ideas. We are looking for a new President, Secretary, and Board Members. Our Bouse Fire Chief will be here to speak to us at that meeting. Please come to meet Jason and see what's happening in his world.

Bingo every Thursday Evening. Sign up from 5-5:45pm, Bingo starts at 6. Also, come enjoy an early supper before Bingo on Thursdays from 4-5:30pm. The menu will vary!

Join us Monday mornings 8-10am, for breakfast at the Booster Club. Pancakes, scrambled eggs, biscuits and sausage gravy, and a crustless quiche are your choices!!! Have your favorite or try it all!!! Members \$10, non-members \$12.

The Bouse Quilters' annual quilt donation to be raffled off this year is a beautiful design in King Size. See it at Bingo, Breakfast, and other meals to purchase tickets @ 1 for \$1, 6 for \$5, and 23 tickets for \$10. The money goes to the Bouse Booster Club to cover expenses.

Join us on Jan 6, from 4-6pm for a wonderful soup meal provided by the Bouse Community Assembly of God Church and the Booster Club with a selection of delicious soups to choose from! This is a donation only meal....so, if you can

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## Bouse Museum



Happy New Year and thanks to our community folks, who donated decorations for—and those who helped decorate—the Museum and grounds this year! Special thanks to Krista and her little elves from Bouse Elementary who made ornaments and colored paper chains to trim our festive old-fashioned Christmas Tree for a beautifully merry and bright Christmas holiday season!

Back to things at hand, our staff has been refreshing displays and restocking our shelves for the New Year with info books on gems, birds, flora and fauna, and *Bouse Then and Now* by well-known locals, Renee Townsend and Carol Brown. Also making sure we have all sizes available in a variety of T-shirts. plus caps in styles for both Camp Bouse and “Peace of the Trail.” Always a good souvenir or gift from your winter headquarters. Stop by today and have a look.

Guests in town, bring them down. We’re open Wed/Sun, 10am-2pm. Appointments are available for small groups. 928-851-2509. And, that’s the number to call to register for the upcoming Camp Bouse Tours on Dec 29 or Feb 11.

## Bouse Booster Club (continued)

donate, great...but if you can't, you're welcome to come and be full! The Assembly of God Church and the Booster Club will also have an Ice Cream Social on Jan 20, from 2-4pm. An old fashioned, homemade ice cream social!!!! BYO Banana!!! Another donation only event!!!

The Rummage Sale is still the 1st and 3rd Friday from 9-2 pm. Drop off donations in the back. When we are not open, please Text our Donation Supervisor, (928) 287-3514, if dropping off, or if you want to buy something in the back for instructions.

Thanks for your support, hope to see you at our meeting and fund raising events this month!  
Julie Riffe.

## La Paz County Recorded Offers Free Recording Notification Service

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



## La Paz County Passports are Available

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

## Booster Bingo

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

Doors open at 4pm with Bingo sales until 5:50. First game begins promptly at 6pm. Come ready to win!

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

## Letter From District 2 Supervisor, Duce Minor.

Happy New Year! I hope everyone enjoyed the holidays. Bouse moves into the new year looking a little nicer... many thanks to our Community Development Department and our Public Works Department for working through and finishing up on the clean-up of another blighted property (this one on Joshua Ave). Our Community Development Department continues to work with property owners to bring their property into compliance. We all appreciate the property owners who have cleaned up and made improvements to their properties. Folks are noticing the improvements in Bouse!

Thank you again to the Bouse Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors for allowing me to be on their December agenda to introduce Ms. Mel Sanderson, Board Member and Spokesperson for American Rare Earths (AKA Western Rare Earths) Mine. Mel gave a comprehensive presentation on the company's La Paz (Bouse) Project and other American Rare Earth projects. She explained that for a variety of reasons, including a struggling national economy limiting investment, and the quality of the rare earth elements found in other areas, the company will be working on other projects for some time and putting the La Paz Project on hold. It sounded like it could be another five to ten years before they might be working on the La Paz Project.

Offroad racing is back! After not seeing any offroad races here last year, we are excited to see them return. January 10-14, 2024, La Paz County will be the site for the celebrated titan of offroad racing, the **Parker 400!** The race will be part of the **2024 Unlimited Off-Road Racing Series**. The series includes: The Parker 400; The Mint 400 – Las Vegas, NV – March 6-10; and

The California 300 – Barstow, CA – October 2-6. With a new promoter, there will be some changes in how things work this year. For more information on how to watch the race or how to volunteer you can visit [unlimitedoffroadracing.com](http://unlimitedoffroadracing.com).

There will also be more offroad racing in February, when Legacy Racing Association brings the **Parker Dam 500** to La Paz County February 21-25, 2024. For more information on the Parker Dam 500 you can visit [www.legacyracing.net/race-schedule/parker-dam/](http://www.legacyracing.net/race-schedule/parker-dam/) These major events bring big boosts to our local economy.

Working together, I am optimistic and excited about a prosperous New Year ahead!

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

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



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## Where Have All the Volunteers Gone?

Maybe there should be a song named that recorded by Peter, Paul, and Mary or the Kingston Trio. There's still got to be folks in town who remember that song, and those groups that I'm talking about. When we moved here in 2005 the town was full of volunteers that pitched in to help set up events, run the events, clean up the events to provide activities, entertainment, and food venues for the community at large. Some were free, some were fund raising, some simple, some complex. Booster Hall had a 'set up crew', rotating cooks, coffer servers, another crew to clean up and reset for the next event. Different volunteers who had signed up for that job once a week or once a month. Or in the case of the Chamber those who volunteered to work at one or all of the 3 or 4 one-time events they hosted each season. The Friends of the Library raised funding by providing comedy shows and had scores of volunteers to perform in them and run their used book store.

Over the course of the almost 20 years the events have continued and in some cases events have been added, and, in the case of the Chamber, tripled with the twice a month Swap Meet, and the 3 times a season Camp Bouse Breakfast Tour, and the Christmas Parade and Block Party hosted by all three of the organizations.

We've had a good run with volunteers through the years to keep our little town lively with events and activities open to residents, newcomers, and visitors. But volunteers are harder to find these days. And our core of volunteers can't last forever. We need new blood...new residents and season visitors alike to step up and take a turn, working with us now, so that Bouse will continue to be the place we all love to be. Think about it! It's happening.

Please sign up to volunteer with at least one of our key organizations that produce Bouse activities, food and entertainment events, and other fund raisers. An hour or more here and there...it's your choice. Cashiering at a book sale, setting up chairs for an event, preparing or serving a meal, selling raffle tickets. It can be behind the scenes or live at the event, or planning the event. Serving on the board or committee. Whatever you may choose as your part to keep Bouse alive for the future.

Join one or more today! Booster Club-928-851-1080 (Julie), Friends of the Library (Yvonne) 928-292-0265, Chamber office 928-851-2509 or 208-949-9022 (Pat).

## Need Loaner Medical Equipment?

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

## La Paz Resource Guide

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

[http://www.healthylapaz.org/uploads/1/2/1/9/121961296/working\\_la\\_paz\\_resource\\_guide.pdf](http://www.healthylapaz.org/uploads/1/2/1/9/121961296/working_la_paz_resource_guide.pdf)

La Paz Resource Guide



## Meet Your Neighbors

It's absolutely amazing the folks we meet here in Bouse, from all walks of life, and how they end up here.

Nationally known artist, Nance Franklin was born in Ohio with a talent that she recognized as a child, sharing it with others. Her career as a selling artist began while going to school, her first sales to her teachers. Perky and petite, she went to Kent State, served the medical industry as a surgical nurse for a while, but soon knew her life's calling was her art. It has taken her all over the US. From New England to Arizona, to Florida and Washington and Idaho, finally settling in Jackson Hole, Wyoming where she met and married Mark.

Her murals decorate whole houses in Jackson Hole; vibrant colors of her commissioned paintings on country estates in Florida, New Mexico, and Arizona and in between. Her works are on display at Signature Gallery in Santa Fe.

She and Mark came to Bouse in 2005 where they established their home and her little studio where she layers the vivid colors to create her stunning desert art on most days. Currently working on a canvas of cactus in bloom that's nearly as big as she is, Nance smiled when I asked her how much longer it will take her to finish it. "Whenever I get the last layers of color I want it to be...maybe three weeks."

She's a master of color and now I know why.

See Nance's work at  
[www.NanceFranklinFineArt.com](http://www.NanceFranklinFineArt.com).

## Wonderful World of the Swap Meet

There's a lot to see and buy at our 1st & 3rd Friday Swap Meet right here at home in Bouse. We never know for sure who's going to show up, but there's always someone new. Both old and new treasures can be found, like Mark, the Master of Anything Metal, with Christmas angels made from rebar to scorpions from railroad spikes. Décor from horseshoes. And he's bound to have something new for every show!

There's Dolly who can take most anything old and transform it into a piece of art. Like her rusty shovels with tile designs or paintings on them or other mosaic yard art pieces.

From old and new tools, gloves, and household items to gem stone jewelry, beautiful wind spinners, and tasers and blingy handbags for the concealed carry. It's all there and more.

The cookie lady is there with a variety of goodies as well as crafted décor, Sandy with her freshly baked cinnamon rolls and other sweet treats, and Kettle Corn at another stop.

Plus the veggie man with local produce and other foods. You'll find local info, T-shirts, this season's raffle tickets, and pick up the current Newsletter at our Chamber tables.

What's new for this month? Hopefully last year's Locksmith will be back to make keys or needed appointments.

Come on down and see what you can find! Stop by and say hello and let us know you saw it in the Newsletter.

## 'Swap Meet' - 1st & 3rd Fridays Each Month (Jan 5 & 19)

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



## A Glimpse of Bouse's Past Today's Bouse Museum...Yesterday's Assay Office

*Editor's Note: This is one of the first articles I had published in the newsletter before editor Pat Schlecht moved away. In 2020 the addition was added through funds provided by local donations and a grant from IDA, and a good deal of sweat equity of local volunteers, to double the size to house our Camp Bouse and other displays, including "Sands of Time, a short movie of the WWII training activities in the surrounding areas.*

Built in 1902, Bouse's old Assay Office provided the services of Assayer, P. P. Thompson, for the mines at Swansea and others up and down the Bill Williams River. Thompson, a U.S. Mineral Surveyor, lived in and operated the Assay Office until 1923 when the area mining played out. Besides his work for the mines, Thompson surveyed the Original Bouse Townsite in 1910, followed by the Worley Addition to the Townsite in 1916. Mr. Thompson's original Assay Cabinet—specially built by him to house his assay instruments—stakes its claim in the Museum today, thanks to long time residents of Bouse, Wayne and Judy Beulke.

The Beulkes purchased the old cabinet from Clifford and Eda Martin in 1972, not learning its history until after the deal was done. Wayne was especially pleased with his prize since he'd had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Thompson in 1970 after travelling to Prescott with the Martins to visit him in the Pioneer Nursing Home. "Mr. Thompson was very proud of his work and enjoyed the time he spent in Bouse," said Beulke. "He expressed hope to someday return to Bouse."

We don't know much about the assay office building between the mid 20s and early 60s, but have learned that hospitality did reign in Bouse during those days. In the late 60s, a down-on-her luck lady landed in town and used the dirt-floored building as her home until around 1972. Neighbors and local business people were kind to assist her with necessities while the old office served as her temporary home. A photo from those days displaying her laundry hanging between the posts on the front porch can be seen in the book, *Arizona's Best Ghost Towns*, in the rack at the Museum.

One of only two original buildings that remain intact and in use today, the Assay Office was identified and purchased by the Bouse Chamber of Commerce with donated funds. In 1991, a Heritage Preservation Grant was applied for and approved by the State Parks Board for the restoration of the historic building. Completed by resident volunteers in 1993, it now serves double-duty as C of C Offices and the Bouse Museum and Visitor Center. Progress photos and notes of the project are displayed in the Museum.

Today's Museum also features artifacts from nearby mining activities, pioneer homes, early school days, and WWII military operations at Camp Bouse and other training camps in the area. The adjacent Miner's Cabin was moved from the Swansea Mine and complemented with meager furnishings and cooking utensils from the mining days. When you stop by, don't miss the hand-cranked slicer attached to the table in the cabin. Many of us grew up with a hand-cranked grinder...but how many remember the slicer? Ingenious! One childhood memory of our old grinder...Mom always screwed the heavy grinder to the breadboard, pulled out from the kitchen cupboard. As we kids pushed and pulled the crank, auguring chunks of leftover roast beef through the channel, the breadboard made its slow journey in toward the counter and sooner or later—whack—went our knuckles! That was one job we soon learned not to fight for. Sound familiar?

If you haven't taken a trip down memory lane or had your dose of history lately, stop by the Bouse Museum. Take a look around. Talk to Jack and Betty or Terry and Judy. They'll do their best to show you around, answer your questions, and provide you with a memorable experience.

*By Pat Walch, The Writers Cramp, December 2009*

### COMMUNITY SOUP DINNER

**Bouse Booster Club**

**Thursday, Jan 6, 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 four soups will be offered:

Cheesy Potato, Chili, Split Pea w/Ham, Turkey & Wild Rice

Join us for an  
**ICE CREAM  
SOCIAL!**



**Jan 20, 2-4pm @ Bouse Booster Club**

Homemade Chocolate, Strawberry, Banana, & Vanilla

*There is no charge. Donations are always accepted.*

**Community  
Challenge!**

**PAY IT FORWARD**

Can you find a way to 'Pay it Forward' this year



Looking for a “have truck will travel” Carpet Cleaner? Mike Dolan, new member of the Bouse Boosters and Chamber has been in the carpet cleaning business for 45 years, 9+ in Parker. His sense of humor is the secret to his success, so expect a surprising message or a joke when you call him for an appointment or information. Such as, “What did the turkey say to the computer? Google, Google!”

His company is **M.D. Carpet Cleaning**. His motto: “Let’s Talk Dirty.” Call Mike at 520-255-9081.

We continue to attract new vendors at the Swap Meet. Newest is **Lalo’s Mobile Mechanic** and Tire Service. They come to you! I neglected to call them to get some follow up information to include in this note, so watch for details to appear next month. In the meantime, if you need something or just want to get advance info from them, call 928-662-9418 or cell 562-376-1108. A husband and wife team working to fill a niche, they are available to provide both after hours auto or tire services or scheduled appointments to your home or business for oil changes, etc.

New at the VFW...is their Veteran’s Closet to help our vets with clothing needs. So please go through your closets to find things that still have a lot of life left that you haven’t worn in years, probably. Bring them on down to the VFW to add to their closet and make more room in yours for something new.

Their hours are Noon to 7, every day. Thank you for your support of our veterans and our Post!

Kudos to all those who decorated around town for the **Christmas Holidays!** There were lights everywhere! And that parade gets more amazing every year! If you don’t get out and get involved with the holiday events, you’re missing some great fun!

Kids were singing Christmas carols over Nault’s Karoke machine to the sellout crowd at the Block Party after the parade! That’s right. We planned for a 50% increase from last year’s numbers served and ran out of hot dogs just before our last folks in line had to settle for just chili in their bowl! But no worries, we’ve already raised the bar for next year!

**Book Sales** – While Friends of the Library are awaiting delivery of their new Book Store building which was slated for “sometime” in December, they are doing their best to cover your needs. Their used books are on sale each Fri and Sat from 9-1 in the La Paz Community Building right next to the Library (inside the fence.) It’s the same books, just different building. Shoppers may peruse the books “shelved” spine up in shallow crates on tables rather than spine out on upright shelves, but very accessible and labeled by genre. And, open two days a week instead of one day every other week.

But business has been sloooow. Please stop by and pick up some books or DVDs for your reading needs. Paperbacks are still 25 cents, hardbacks 50 cents. And the smiles are still there to greet you!

## La Paz Hospital

Greetings from La Paz Regional Hospital and Clinics! As we enter the holiday season, we extend warm wishes for joy and safety to all. With the onset of colder weather, it’s important to recognize that flu season is upon us. La Paz Regional Hospital strongly advocates for the importance of getting flu shots as a key measure to protect your personal health and contribute to the well-being of our community. As the temperatures drop, the risk of contracting the flu increases. Getting vaccinated is a simple yet powerful step to safeguard yourself and those around you. It’s crucial to dispel any misconceptions about flu shots – they do not give you the flu. Instead, they help your immune system build defenses against the influenza virus.

Beyond the personal benefits, getting a flu shot plays a vital role in lessening the strain on healthcare systems and protecting vulnerable populations, such as the elderly and those with weakened immune systems. By taking this proactive and impactful step, you not only prioritize your health but actively contribute to creating a healthier and more resilient community during the challenges of flu season.



## Ghost Riders ORV Club

Ghost Riders General Meeting will be Thurs, Jan 18, 2024 at the Bouse Booster Club at 9am. Club Rides will be Jan 2 and Jan 16. The Girls Rides will be Jan 9 and Jan 23. The Jeep/ORV ride will be Jan 11 and Jan 25.

The Club and Girls Rides meet at the Bouse Community Park at 9am. leave at 9:30. Jeep/ORV Rides meet there at 8:30am to leave at 9am. Extra rides are being planned so watch for updates in your email or on the Bouse Ghost Riders Facebook page.

The Ghost Riders OHV Club needs the support of the Bouse Community! Clubs are key to building and sustaining a positive future for OHV recreation. We have worked hard to keep access to our public lands and our trails open. The membership numbers are very important to obtain maximum recognition by the local, state and federal agencies. If you are an OHV enthusiast your support is needed. Your participation in the meetings, picnics, and rides would be great but your membership is very important for area representation.

You can join by coming to a meeting at the Booster Hall at 9am on the third Thursday or our picnic in the Community Park on the last Monday of each month at 3pm.



<b>PARKER</b>	- More info 928 669-2174 (PCOC)
Jan 5-7	Rio Mesa Ranch Sorting
Jan 10-13	Arizona 450 Off-Road Races
Jan 11	Downtown Experience
<b>SALOME</b>	
Jan 13	AZ Desert Riders Fun Run
	Annual Yard Sale, GFWC-AZ, ViSa Wen
Jan 19-20	Spring Fiddlers Jam, Lions Club
Jan 24	Third Annual Bake Sale, GFWC-AZ, ViSa Wen
<b>QUARTZSITE</b>	
Jan 3	AZ Sunriders Meet & Greet
	Off Road, QIA
Jan 13	Hi-Jolly Daze Parade
Jan 20-28	The Big Tent, Vacation & RV Show
Jan 27	Fleetwood Mac Tribute Concert, QIA

### FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY BOOK SALE

Every Fri & Saturday, 9am to 1pm

**La Paz Community Building**  
Next to the Library (inside the fence)

### LADIES OF BOUSE LUNCHEON

Jan 4, 12:30 at the Coachman's Cafe

**\$11.00** Choice of  
Hot Roast Beef Sandwich  
OR  
Chicken Breast Sandwich

### Bouse Chamber of Commerce Monthly General Meeting Wed Jan 3 at 6pm ...Booster Hall

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

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

### Writers' Cramp Needs You!!

If you think you have a story inside, you may want to join the Writers' Cramp weekly meeting.  
Wednesday 10-12 Beginning Nov 9th...  
for more information call Pat 208-949-9022  
LOCALS HAVING FUN WITH WORDS ...

### Bouse Public Library

#### Weekly Hours:

**Mon thru Thurs 8 to 4PM**

**Wifi Password: Bouselib\*77**

44031 Plomosa Rd

Ph: 928-851-1023 Fax 928-851-2758

by Yvonne Baron



Thanks to everyone who came to the Library Open House to meet our new Library Manager Janell and see changes that are in the works. Janell welcomes everyone with a smile and willingness to help you with your phones, printing, or computer issues.

If there is a special book or DVD that you would like to see added to our selection, we have a request form for you to complete.

New Western and Large Print books are arriving as well as DVDs and we hope you will find new books by your favorite author.

Come see us soon, and welcome.

Yvonne Baron, Friends of the Library Volunteer

### Friends of the Bouse Public Library

Our used Book Sales are open at the La Paz Community Building next to the Bouse Library each Friday and Saturday from 9am-1pm. Our Bouse residents who have visited us have found books written by favorite authors and DVDs they have not yet seen. Come on down and browse this weekend!

Our annual English Tea party is coming soon! Get out those fancy duds and hat for Feb 6, 1pm, at the Booster Club. Tickets are \$15, available at the Booster Club during their Breakfast as well as the Library Mon/Thurs, 8am-4pm. You may want to check out the hat contest, too. Other locations may be determined as we progress.

We invite you ladies to our upcoming Friends Monthly Meeting on Jan 8 to learn more about the Friends and our interaction with, and support for, the Library. And, perhaps to consider joining us for a fun and exciting season. We'll meet on Mon, Jan 8, 1pm in the Community Building next to the Library.

Happy New Year! Hope to see you at our upcoming weekly Book Sales, Friends Meeting, and Tea Party.

### 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 the Bouse Genies at the library on Friday's from 8:30am to 2pm. Bring your PC and a few snacks and lunch.

Come prepared with your parents' names and birth dates, as well as any others that you might have, and we'll help you begin. The Ancestry Library Edition is available free at the library, and we'll help you learn to use several other free websites to search for your family members. In addition, we will help you start using our favorite software "Legacy" for recording your findings. Legacy is also free, with an opportunity to upgrade to the Deluxe Edition later if you wish.

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 by joining our Genealogy Group.

### MONTHLY FOOD BANK

**1st Wednesday of month**

**Jan 3 ... 9-11:00am**

**Behind Bouse Booster Club**



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

Welcome home to our snowbirds returning this month!

Sunday - Worship Service - 11:00 AM

Children's Church following worship

JOY Youth (6th-12th grades) - 5:30 - 7:00 PM

Tuesday - Prayer Service - 9 AM

Wednesday - Adult Bible Study - 7:00 PM

Thursday JOY Kids (PreK-5th grades) - 6:30-8:00 PM

**Please follow us on social media:**[www.facebook.com/BouseCommunityAssemblyofGod-Church](http://www.facebook.com/BouseCommunityAssemblyofGod-Church)**BOUSE SOUTHERN BAPTIST CHURCH**Sunday Sunday School: 8:45 amWorship Time: 10:00 amDiscipleship Training: 4:30 pm except  
for the 1st Sunday of the monthWednesday Midweek Prayer Time: 4:30 pm**Nikki's Nook - 11 am-3 pm****Every Sat throughout the Season****Emergency need? Call Liz 623 498-7246****VICKSBURG FELLOWSHIP BIBLE CHURCH**

Pastor James Kyte 928 859-3089

Sunday Sunday School (all ages): 9-10amDivine Worship Time: 10:30 amTuesday Midweek Praying & Counselling: 4-5pm

928-662-7373

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

One of my New Year's Resolutions

is

"be there for one another  
... and live in the moment"Cover your trash on the way to  
the Transfer Station. Ooops . . . lose a little?  
Please stop and pick it up. THANKS!**KEEP OUR  
ROADS CLEAN****BINGO at the BOUSE BOOSTER CLUB**

Road Kill Cafe open 4pm, Bingo starts 6pm

See ya every Thursday!

**Rain***by Dave Pulliam*Now Male Rain is really  
Something to watch with its  
Flashing lights and thunderous rolls  
And its torrential downfalls.  
But when it's all over  
The water has just run off  
Down the washes and gullies.  
The earth is not really any  
Better off than it was.But, then, there's the Female Rain  
Where the clouds gently roll in  
And the rain comes down  
Gently caressing the earth.  
The water soaks into the ground  
Where the roots of the grass  
And trees greedily take it in.  
When the clouds move on and the  
Sun comes out you go outside  
And the air smells clean,  
The grass a little greener.  
The trees look just a little perkier.  
And you look to the sky and say  
Thank you, Ma'am.**For Laughs***We hope laughing more in 2024 is one of your  
New Year's Resolutions*Just took a leaflet out of my mailbox,  
informing me that I can have sex at 73.  
I'm so happy, because I live at number 71.  
So it's not too far to walk home afterwards.  
And it's the same side of the street.  
I don't even have to cross the road!*My wife and I had words,  
but I didn't get to use mine.*I was always taught to respect my elders,  
but it keeps getting harder to find one.**Western Dance Classes/Lessons****Wed 3pm at****Somewhere Bar****Winter Hours at the Transfer Station.**

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

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

**Meeting** - Post 46, Jan 6th (1st Sat), 10am  
ALA, Jan 2nd (1st Tues), 10am

**Weekly Events:**

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

**Special Events:**

Jan 8 Food Handlers Class, 11am  
Jan 13 Maureen's Kitchen Dedication  
Jan 14 Euchre, 2pm  
Jan 20 Fun Run, 10am  
Jan 21 Murder Mystery party (limited space - sign up)  
Jan 27 Aux Spaghetti Dinner, 3-6  
Jan 28 Euchre, 2pm

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

Thanks to all who've helped make a great ending to another successful year. Best wishes for a Healthy and Happy New Year to all!

As always, there is No Smoking during our food service

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

**VFW Post 2357**

Hwy 72 East, Phone 928-851-2857

Daily Hours: 12-7pm

**Monthly Meetings:**

Auxiliary: 1st Sat, 10am

Post: 2nd Sat, 10am

House Committee: Tuesday Jan 20 Only, 10 am

*All Post comrades & Aux members are invited to attend***Weekly Events:****Sun:** Coffee & Donuts, 10am-noon

Meet &amp; Greet, open to the public

Bar Stool Bingo, 1pm

Karaoke with Cody, 4pm-??

**Mon:** Darts, 3pm**Tues:** Game Day, 12pm-??**Wed:** Wii Bowling, 2pm-??**Thur:** Bar Stool Bingo, 1pm**Fri:** Red Shirt Friday, (Any RED shirt)

Happy Hour Prices All Day

**Sat:** Music with LD, 5pm-??**Special Events:****Dec 20** - January Birthday Party

- Happy New Year !
- The Post is now NO SMOKING inside the Post.
- The outdoor smoking area is complete and our members that smoke can now have a drink outdoors while they smoke.
- Meet the new officers and have a cold adult beverage or a hot cup of coffee.
- Sunday's 10am-noon is a great time for newcomers to get acquainted with our Post services and activities.
- Post 2357 shirts and caps are available for purchase at the Post.
- Questions? ... Please check at the Post.

**Veterans Reminders For the New Season**

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

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

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

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

A lot of you know me, but for those who don't my name is Jerry Black, VSO - VFW Post #2357. I've been a Veterans Service Officer here in Bouse representing the VFW for several years now. I'm here to assist any veteran and/or widow with accessing VA paperwork and helping to understand it. Contact me for more details (928) 851-1871.

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



**Veterans Closet**  
Where Veterans shop free

**Free for those who need it:**

Coats, socks, jeans, shirts, sweatshirts, sleeping bags, joggers & sweatshirts, toiletries, etc.

**As always:**

Medical equipment available for loan.

*Men's clothing donations now accepted at the VFW Just past Joshua St. on Hwy 72.*



# 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 Auxilary</b>	928-851-1050
<b>American Premium Garage Door</b>	TBD
<b>APS</b>	928 669-2248
BLH & T Construction	928-851-1175
<b>Betty Hunter Real Estate</b>	928-851-2244
M/F 9-5	cell 951-236-2229
<b>Bill's Repairs</b>	702 239-0435
<b>Black Rock Cafe</b>	
Bouse Airport <i>(George or Gloria)</i>	253-583-6805
Bouse Community Park	928-851-0043
<b>Bouse RV Park</b>	928-851-2508
Castro Auto Body & Paint, Parker	928-669-2899
<b>C &amp; S Tire</b>	928 859-4578
<b>Coachman's Café</b>	928-916-8416
7:30-2, Tue/Sun, except Fri 7:30-7	
<b>Conex Hub</b>	951 694-2569
<b>David Plunkett Real Estate</b>	928-851-2424
Desert Rose Acres Subdivision	928-851-2590
<b>Desert Pueblo RV Park</b>	928-851-2206
Drastik Car Detailing - Joe Jagroop	661-713-2255
Ecology Recycling Services	602 403-8007
<b>Elite Customs, Parker</b>	928-669-8040
Family Dollar M/SA 8-9, SU 9-9	928 851-0000
Floors by Ron	928 733-9248
<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	928-916-3075
9am-2pm, Mon - Fri	
Krista Aman-Widgren Pet Sitting	208-920-1593
KR Well Drilling	928-851-2975
KM Lock (Jan/Apr)	720 556-1333
La Mesa Verde RV Park	928-851-2456
<b>Look 'N See, Parker</b>	928-575-1171
<b>Low Desert Jackpot Show</b>	928-916-3420
Nails By Susan (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
Reiki with Krista	208-920-1593
<b>Roadrunner Market II</b> (7-7 daily)	928-851-1800
Rose Acres Farms	
<b>SAT Powersports</b>	509-993-7545

Simple Goods	928-851-5526
Somewhere Bar & Grill (10am-close)	928-851-1051
<b>VFW Post 2357</b> , (12-7pm)	928-851-2857
Villa La Paz RV Park	928-851-2176
<b>Wash &amp; Wags</b>	208 390-6540
Weaver Acres	435-213-0444
<b>We.com, Inc</b>	928 753-3829
Wheels & Deals	928 612-8853

## Medical & Emergency

Bouse Clinic, 8-Noon, Tue & Thur	928-851-2177
Bouse Fire District Office (Non-Emergency)	928-851-2648
La Paz Regional Hospital	928-669-9201
<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
<b>Water – Bouse Domestic Water Improvement District (BDWID)</b>	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 / Museum</b>	928-851-2509
Apr thru Oct (off-season)	909 239-1162
<b>Friends of Bouse Library</b>	928-851-1023
Ghost Riders ORV Club	404-642-4126
Quilters & Crafters	775-389-7589
<b>Writer's Cramp</b>	208-949-9022

## Public Services

<b>Bouse Assembly of God Church</b>	
<b>Bouse Southern Baptist Church</b>	928-581-7294
Bouse Elementary School	928-851-2213
Bouse Museum Wed - Sun, 10-2	928-851-2509
Bouse Public Library	928-851-1023
La Paz County District Supervisor	928-669-6115
LaPaz County Transit	800-319-5976
	928-669-6155
Post Office	928-851-0001
St Vincent De Paul Food Bank	928-669-2523
Food Bank - Quartzsite	928-291-9037