

Bouse, Arizona Community Newsletter

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From The Chamber of Commerce



Bouse Chamber Of Commerce & Bouse Museum

Our Season is officially open! Jump starting with the visiting Annual AZ Kidz Off Road Jamboree right here at our Bouse Community Park featuring vendors, music, fun, food, events and activities for the whole family on Fri/Sun, Nov 3/5. See the details attached to newsletter.

We hope you will join in to show your support to this fund-raising event to benefit Phoenix Children's Hospital! Our thanks go out to all those individuals and organizations, and to the La Paz County Parks guys, who donated their time, tools, and talents to give AZ Kidz a big Bouse welcome!

Back on the home front, hope you're ready for another busy season in our little town with BIG ideas and fun! Bouse Museum will open on Nov 1, Swap Meets Nov 3 and 17. Pick up an Events Calendar and La Paz Passport to Adventure at either of those places.

Ticket Sales for our His and Her Rifles Raffle got off to a good start at our Oct 20 Swap Meet. Tickets are also available at the Museum. \$5 each or 5 for \$20.

Town-wide Yard Sales- Nov 17/18 – a chance for everyone to “discover” or “recycle” your treasures. Register your sale address by Nov 10 for our town map at 928-851-2509, maps available at Museum after 10am on Nov 15.

3 Camp Bouse Breakfast Tours – Nov 18, Dec 30, Feb 12. Make your reservation at 928-851-2509. \$10 per person. They fill up fast! Pick your date now to walk in the footsteps of history.

Hope you're already making your plans for our Christmas Lighted Parade and Community Block Party on Dec 10. Time to decorate a float, side by side, ATV, whatever you have to dress up and celebrate the holidays...anything that moves. It just keeps getting better each year. And it all ends at the Community Park for food, hot chocolate, singing and fun!

We look forward to seeing you at our events...including our meetings the first Monday of each month Oct/April. Catch up with what's happening in Bouse, bring your ideas to improve or add to our activities, and meet new folks.

Whether you're here to stay, or here to play...join us today!
Harley Kruidhof, President

AZ Kidz Bouse Off-Road Jamboree

It's an honor to have the AZ Kidz Experience bring this fund-raising event to our community! We hope you will come out and join in the activities on Nov 3/5. Open hours are 8am-9pm Friday and Saturday, 9am-noon on Sunday. Bring the kids. There's something for everyone!

All types of Off-road/UTV vehicles are welcome to participate. Everything starts and ends at the Bouse Community Park.

Special Honor Ride honoring Kidz & Veterans will be Sunday, 9am registration. One hour ride to show your support to kids and families at Phoenix Children's Hospital. Bring your own flag or grab an Honor Flag during the event. Honor Ceremony featuring Guest Speakers, National Anthem, Pledge of Allegiance, and a Moment of Silence prior to the kick-off of the ride.

See you there!

Bouse Boosters Club, Inc

WELCOME BACK! Several changes have occurred over the summer this year that we are all excited to share with our seasonal and residential friends.

The BBCI building has received several upgrades and maintenance. New windows have been installed, new mini-split heaters/coolers have been added, and new commercial grade solar lighting added to the front parking lot. Our propane system has been upgraded with new lines and a new tank. Safety is our biggest concern for members and community events.

Members of the Bouse Booster Club, Inc. will receive a \$2 discount off of all meals and outer wear beginning 11/01/2023. Get your membership application at the Booster Hall at 27747 Frame Ave.

During the AZ Kidz Jamboree we will serve:

- Breakfast on Fri, Sat &, Sun - Nov 3, 4, & 5 from 7-9am, Cost, \$12
- Lunch on Nov 3 & 4, 11am-1pm - Sub Sandwich & Chips, \$12
- Weekly Monday Breakfast will begin on Nov 6, 8-10am, \$12
- Beans & Cornbread Lunch, Nov 15 from 11am-1pm, \$7
- Rummage Sale will be on the 1st and 3rd Fridays from 9am-2pm

Special Meeting: Richard Garcia from the La Paz County Assessor's office will be at the Booster Club Board of Directors Meeting on Nov 6. This will be a "public breakfast" meeting, Meeting starts at 10am, guest will speak on "RECORDING NOTIFICATION SERVICES" after a short business meeting. Breakfast is 8-10am. Cost is \$12, members receive \$2 discount on all meals.

It's time for paying dues for our 2023/24 season. Annual Individuals -\$10, Lifetime, \$50; Couples - \$20, \$100; Business Annual \$20, Lifetime \$200. Application forms are available at the Club. Thanks for your support!

****Please check the Bouse calendar of events for other activities at the Bouse Booster Club****

Bouse Museum



Stop by and say hello to Chris and Krista, our new caretakers in residence at the Bouse Museum site to work in tandem with Jeff and Carolyn now in their 3rd year at the Museum and

second as Bouse homeowners!

Carolyn and Kristin will be taking reservations for the Camp Bouse Tours and confirming with those who have left messages on the machine. The tours seem to fill up fast; in fact, we had several advance ones from last Season. If you want to go, please get on the list early.

Museum hours are 10am-2pm, Wed/Sun beginning Nov 1. As always, admission is free and we ask you to leave your pets at home or in the car. And please remember to sign our guest book.

Souvenir T-shirts and polos, caps, koozies, stickers, license plates, and ATV flags are on sale as well as books about the history and resources of the area.

Our new digital maps and other historic documents introduced by Jeff and Carolyn have been a hit throughout last season, especially with the OHV folks. Copies of maps are also available.

If you haven't visited the Museum lately, you should go see what's been added. New things are arriving every week it seems.

Though the rifles will not be on display, tickets will be available for purchase on our 2023/24 Season raffle for His and Hers Rifles. Only \$5 per ticket, 5 for \$20.

Museum hours are 10-2, Wed/Thurs. See you there!

Booster Bingo

Welcome back to all you daubers! We are especially excited to share our new equipment with the community this year. We have installed a new Bingo system, new monitor, and have even held two practice runs to get ready for all of you. Be ready to have fun and learn the new system. I think you will love it as much as we do.

Bingo will officially begin on Nov 2! Doors open at 5pm with game starting at 6 pm. This will be a paid game and will have the normal payouts. Come ready to win! Road Kill Cafe will begin on 11/09/23 opening from 4 - 5:30 pm.

La Paz County Passports are Available

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

'Swap Meet' - 1st & 3rd Fridays Each Month (Nov 3 and 17)

John Bennett urges all vendors to get their reservations in as soon as possible

1st and 3rd Fridays

Setup 6-8am ... OPEN 8am to 2pm

Space Rates are: **Full \$15, Half \$10.**

Call 928-575-7727.

Letter From District 2 Supervisor, Duce Minor.

FINALLY!... our temperatures are breaking. It's the best time of the year. We see it in our churches, we see it in our clubs, and we see it in the stores... our winter residents are returning. We also see it in our calendars... summer is over, and THINGS ARE HAPPENING!

Of course, our county government is hard at work all year long. Here are some of the things happening in the Bouse area.

After dealing with some delays and supply-line issues, Arizona & California Railroad expects the remaining supplies to be on site in the next two weeks and plans to have the Main Street rail crossing rebuilt by the end of November or early December. Our Public Works Department will be working with the railroad to make sure traffic can continue to move during the project.

Last year the County had to condemn the old Book Nook next to the County Library due to safety concerns. We have secured grant funding to build a brand-new structure. The old structure has been removed and we are looking forward to the contractor breaking ground soon, with completion by the end of the year (*fingers crossed*).

Our Public Works Department is working on an Ordinance for the Board of Supervisors to adopt to allow us to place signs on both ends of Bouse on Highway 72 indicating **NO ENGINE BREAKS**.

We are winding down the grant funded planning process for Bouse Community Park. Once the plan is complete, we will be applying to Arizona State Parks and Trails for funding to complete the project. In the meantime, THANK YOU to the Bouse Chamber of Commerce, our Parks Department, and other volunteers for "shining-up" the park in time for the AZ KIDS BOUSE OFFROAD JAMBOREE!

I want to thank the property owners who have been making progress on cleaning up their property. When our Community Development staff receive a complaint regarding code violations, they open a file on the property. The property owner is contacted (*when possible*) and then they go through the process of bringing the property into compliance. It often takes longer than most of us like, but it is critical that we do not ignore individuals' rights. In the worst cases, the County can step in to abate the problem. This has been done a couple of times in the past couple of years and we are preparing to abate another property very soon. It is always a better situation when property owners respond to the problem themselves.

I know there has been a lot of concern regarding Heliogen, a proposed hydrogen production facility near Brenda. The company does have a lease with BLM, and BLM allowed the company to drill three test wells to help determine the viability of the proposed project. However, based on recent comments about the status of the Ranegras Plain aquifer by staff from Arizona Department of Water Resources, it does not look favorable, and Heliogen recently withdrawn their application for a major amendment to the County's Comprehensive Plan.

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

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

Direct Access Testing

Direct Access Testing (DAT) allows you to request medical tests without needing to see a doctor, even if you don't have insurance. It makes getting tests easier and gives you more control. Remember to talk to a doctor to understand what the results mean and what to do next. DAT is becoming more popular and is changing how we take care of our health. DAT testing can include items like Cholesterol, Magnesium, Potassium, and many more. One of the most significant benefits of Direct Access Testing is the convenience it offers. Patients can now bypass the traditional route of scheduling appointments, waiting for referrals, and dealing with administrative hassles. This streamlined process can be particularly beneficial for individuals with busy schedules or those seeking to monitor specific health markers regularly. To get Direct Access Testing come to the hospital and ask for the Direct Access Testing form.



LA PAZ
REGIONAL
HOSPITAL

Camp Bouse Breakfast Tour Nov 18

Our first Chamber tour is coming up! Reservations are open and must be made in advance as vehicle numbers are limited by BLM. Call 928-851-2509 to make yours. Best time to call is Museum open hours: Wed/Sun, 10am-2pm or leave a message for a call back

Breakfast starts at 8am at the Bouse Community Park, tour leaves around nine after short safety briefing. All off road or high clearance vehicles are recommended; it is a gravel road.

Porta-pots travel to the Camp with us. Tour returns around 2-30. We recommend you bring beverages and lunch or snacks. You may want to make a stop at the Museum on the way back to check out the displays there as well. There's a whole room devoted to Camp Bouse memorabilia.

La Paz Resource Guide

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

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

La Paz Resource Guide



**Bouse Chamber of Commerce
Monthly General Meeting
Nov 6 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!*

Concerned Residents Meet With La Paz Lawmen

It was standing room only at the meeting with Sheriff Ponce and his deputies and other law enforcement officers and officials on October 10 to discuss the increased number of "break-ins" and "move ins" in our area. Burglaries have caused losses and damages to private properties, and vandalism to county and business properties. Unknown people have just moved in on properties owned by snowbirds or out of staters, causing gross damage to the premises before the activity is discovered and/or reported to authorities. What the hell is going on? What can we do? Everybody there wanted to know.

The most important thing that resulted...agreed by everyone... is the need to increase awareness in our own neighborhoods and community at large. Get acquainted with your neighbors, make mental note of their vehicles and pay attention when an unfamiliar one is in your area. Train your antenna to perk up when a car goes by that you don't recognize. Be sure to wave if it's a neighbor; but be sure to make a note to be able to describe it...best yet-take a photo... if it looks suspicious. Include the date you saw it. Talk to your neighbors. Maybe they can identify the vehicle before we cry wolf to the cops. If you hear of a burglary or home invasion in the area, spread the word so we can all be on special lookout to better result in apprehension of the perpetrators. As residents and homeowners, it is our responsibility to protect not just our interests, but those of others, to get these people that are committing the crimes in jail.

The meeting ended with promises made:

- Our community will increase focus on our Neighborhood Watch vigil to report suspicious looking vehicles, people, or circumstances to the authorities so they have something to work on before it results in a crime. Remember, it takes evidence to convict perps of a crime. Description, vehicle license, photos, whatever you get to pass on to others in the area and to our law enforcement.
- Communications and photos from the Sheriff's office will be shared to enable our residents to issue their own "BOLOs" on known felons spotted or suspected to be in the area.
- Newspapers will be asked to resume printing arrest records regularly in the local papers.
- Improve frequency and/or routing of patrols around Bouse and outer areas.
- If you see strange vehicles or activity at a property that you know is not the owner, it should be reported to the owners and/or the police. Know how to contact your neighbors is a good rule of thumb.

Let's make it happen by working with each other to improve safety and reduce illegal activities in Bouse and La Paz County.

MONTHLY FOOD BANK

1st Wednesday of month

Nov 1 ... 9-11:00am

Behind Bouse Booster Club



Let's Improve Our Community and Town Image
Working together to Clean-up our Streets, Homes,
Neighborhoods & Businesses

AS A COMMUNITY... WE CAN MAKE IT HAPPEN !!!



Lots of new things sprouting up around town, as well as coming down...as displayed by the recent demo on the corner by the Post Office. Lots of folks remember and had many a good meal at the old Critter House Restaurant, later named the Country Kitchen Café when owned and operated by Joe and Dawna Santos. Sadly, it was destroyed by fire some years ago. Another one bites the dust, but plans are for a new clinic to be built there in the future.

Save a stop! Bouse RV now has ice by the 10lb bag for \$3 available by calling the number on the R/O Water kiosk. Get your water and ice at the same time! Or call ahead 623-236-3200 and Barb will meet you when you arrive. The first Bingo number will be called at 6:30 on Nov 6 and weekly thereafter in the park Rec Room. Jim Etsel's band starts their first weekly stint on Wed, Nov 8 at the new Music House. Keep driving north on Santa Fe to the fenced green building near the end of the road.

Stop in **J & S Supply** for your hardware and other man cave needs. And, ladies you'll find quilting and other sewing and craft supplies in the corner by the checkout desk. Just stop by and say hello to Duane. It's all there on your way out Hwy 72 just before the blue airplane at Wash and Wags. And it's a good 'guys place' to shop while your wife takes the dogs to their beauty shop next door!

November Swap Meet – should be “up to speed” this month with lots of vendors to display everything from tools and foods to holiday gifts or that special something that you've been looking for that catches your eye. Come on down and enjoy shopping in the open air, even if it's just to stop and talk to our vendors and thank them for supporting the Swap Meet. There's always lots to see and people to meet. Been there, done that, you say? There's new folks that show up to show off their wares and services at each meet.

Despite Mother Nature's handiwork in the last two summers to destroy it, we're happy to see the historic **A & C Mercantile** has been saved, perhaps for more restoration in the future? Stay tuned as we learn more....

Clean Up Our Town Campaign Continues as Town wide yard sale weekend provides a good start for you to join in! Clean up your lot and out buildings. Your indoor closets, cupboards, and hidey-holes for those things you can't wear, don't use, and just plain don't want anymore and have your own yard sale. Don't think you have enough to warrant a sale? Team up with a friend or neighbors to bring more potential buyers, more curb appeal. Whatever doesn't sell or give away, donate to one of the many thrift stores. Don't forget to add your address to our Sale Map (928 851-2509).

Our Chamber of Commerce will be serving **Pancake and Eggs Breakfast** at the AZ Kidz event this weekend 8-10am. Harley and his team look forward to breaking in the new stainless steel kitchen the Chamber recently completed at the Community Park. Thanks go out to Rose Acres for supporting our town events by supplying fresh eggs for our fund raising activities.

And, a big thanks to the Booster Club for stepping up to provide breakfast and lunch opportunities all three days of the AZ Kidz Jamboree. Check for details in the Booster article on the front page.

For our Race Fans, a new off-road track named the Twisted Lizard, had its inaugural race a few weeks ago! Located off Vicksburg Rd at the RV Park on Highway 72, Eden Park Rd. We will have more info soon...

Ladies take note. Our November Luncheon is moved to the 2nd Thursday, **Nov 9 at 12:30**, at the **Ocotillo**. Choice of 2 menu selections including drink, \$10. As always, it's your option to bring a small gift for the gift exchange. Bring one, get one. A great time to chat and get acquainted with new friends and just relax. Sometimes there's a guest speaker. If you have an idea for someone to fill that spot call Julie at 760-533-0723.

It's **Christmas Candy Contest Time** at the Family Dollar already! Get yours when you check out to help our store crew become the District Champion! A fine selection of holiday gifts, bags and boxes of Christmas candies, cards, decorations, and wrappings are springing up on the shelves as well.

Free CPR class available for sign up, hosted by our **Bouse Volunteer Fire District** on Nov 13 at noon. Only room for the first 20 people to sign up. Must be registered to attend. Call 928-231-0064.

Community Thanksgiving Dinner

at the Bouse Booster Club
Thurs Nov 23th ... Noon - 2pm

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

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

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



BRENDA	- More info 929 927-7800
Nov 9	Craft Show & Food Court
PARKER	- More info 928 669-2174 (PCOC)
Nov 2-5	ADBA Drag Boat World Finals
Nov 4	Taste of Parker
Nov 9-12	Parker 4 Wheelers Desert Splash
Nov 10/11	ADR Another Dam Race
Nov 11	Veterans' Day Parade
Nov 25	Lighted Boat Parade
SALOME	
Nov 3/4	Fiddler's Jamboree – Lion's Club
Nov 4	Night Under the Stars - Alamo Lake
Nov 11	Veterans' Day Dinner – VFW
Nov 25	Fun Run For Sight – Lions Club
QUARTZSITE	
Nov 10/11	Murphy's Barn Art Show
Nov 11	VFW Veterans' Day Celebration
Nov 20	Creedence Clearwater Tribute – Town Park
Nov 25/26	Santa's Workshop

Friends of the Bouse Public Library

Fall has arrived, and we are happy to see our Snowbird Patrons returning.

Happy news! The County has demolished our old Book Store. Some work needs to be done to prepare the grounds before delivery and set up of the new building. We hope to know soon.

We're sorry Book Sales cannot be scheduled until we have enough members in town to plan and operate them. Check the Bugle and the Library for more info as it becomes available. We do have some books and DVDs for sale in the Library.

Welcome back to town!

Yvonne Baron



Nov 17 & 18, 2023

Map addresses in by Nov 10
to Bouse Museum
Maps available Nov 15
Call 928-851-2509 to add your
address



Christmas Bazaar Craft Show

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

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

Welcome back Patrons

Fall is here and believe it or not, the temperatures will drop below the upper 90s. Check out the new books and DVDs adding regularly to current collections.

We are getting a new internet provider that should add speed and dependability to our connections. This will not interrupt the service we currently have.

The old Book Store that has been recently demoed and Book Sales are operated by the Friends of the Library. The Library is not involved with the addition of the new Book Store.

Please come in to not only select books and DVDs, but use the computers. We also offer faxing, copying, and Wi-Fi printing from your phones. If you don't find a book that you would like to read, ask the circulation desk to see if it's available at other Libraries.

We look forward to seeing you soon.



The Power is Yours

By Dave Pullman

Editor's Note: Don't know where this came from other than from Dave's heart. This was not a Writer's Cramp assignment. Read on...It's Powerful!

Yes...you and I have a great power. We can do good with it, or bad. This power in the right—or maybe the wrong hands—can start a war or end one. But, mostly it is used by us common folk to communicate. We have the power to make someone happy or sad; we can destroy a life's work. The thing is most people do not realize they have this power. They use it every day and do not even think about the consequences. Then, there are those who know they have it and use it every day to try to hurt someone. Just because they are unhappy, they think everyone else should be.

Yes, the war of the word is something we should all be aware of. Oh, we know it, but sometimes we engage our mouth before engaging our brain and the wrong words come out. Ones we regret...but too late. So when you are sending a text or an email, read it before you hit the SEND button. You may see that you have used the wrong word to convey what you wanted to say.

A kind word or a compliment can change a day for someone; and a negative comment can ruin a day. Be the person that brings people up; not the one that knocks them down. Remember, it might be you in their shoes one day.

The people that I encounter may think I do not have bad days But I do. Just because my day is bad does not give me the right to ruin yours.

The great philosopher Plato had this saying to guide us through life: Stop...think...realize...react. If you use this guideline—in business or in conversations or whatever you're doing—it will make yours, and the lives of people around you, a better place to be. I'd like to add to Plato's guide.

Stop...Think...Realize...React...ENJOY.



MAUREEN HARTER
Nov 13, 2 - 4pm
Bouse Booster Hall

“A dedicated Volunteer and Friend”

&

“A very active lady in Bouse and both
the American Legion & the VFW”



VOTE

Tuesday, Nov 7, 7am to 7pm
La Paz Community Building
Next to the Bouse Public Library

Bouse Quilters & Crafters!

WELCOME back to another busy and exciting season in Bouse, AZ.! We are looking forward to a very busy and productive season beginning with a Potluck meal for our first official meeting on Nov 1, 2023. Bring your projects, your smiles, and a pot full of delicious food to share. We are ready to laugh, be productive, and learn new tips and tricks from our fellow quilters. Welcome to 2023-2024!

Ghost Riders ORV Club

Ghost Riders' meet on the third Thursday, Nov 16 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.

**Bouse Elementary School**

Our school's current enrollment is 52 students, with an overall 1st quarter attendance rate of 95%.

Ms. Stephanie's 4/5 grade class won the quarterly awarded Pizza Party. 17 students were awarded perfect attendance at our awards ceremony, with all being awarded a popcorn and movie party.

We continue to clean-up the exterior grounds of the school and make necessary repairs, with plans to paint and install new carpet on the interior when finances allow.

Our float for the Red Ribbon Parade was a wonderful collaboration between staff and students.

Veterans...please join us Nov 8 for our annual Veterans Day Luncheon sponsored by our local VFW. See the ad on page 8 to register.

I would like to express my sincerest gratitude to all of those community members who have donated backpacks and school supplies. In addition, a shout out to community members John Newman, Harley, and Barry for their assistance and guidance with ongoing school projects!

Mr. Martin.

**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

BOUSE SOUTHERN BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday Sunday School: 8:45 am
Worship Time: 10:00 am
Discipleship Training: 4:30 pm except for the 1st Sunday of the month
Wednesday Midweek Prayer Time: 4:30 pm

Nikki's Nook - 11 am-3 pm

Every Sat throughout the Season

Emergency need? Call Liz 623 498-7246

"Watch for the Open House coming in Nov"



November 23, 2023

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!

BINGO at the BOUSE BOOSTER CLUB

Starts Thursday, Nov 2

Doors open 5pm, Bingo starts 6pm

See ya every Thursday!

Back to Winter Hours at the Transfer Station.

Thurs, Fri & Sat ... 7:30am to 2:30
Begins Oct 1st

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 ...

THE BOUSE COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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The House Next Door

by Pat Walch

I don't know why we didn't notice the house before we bought ours. It was two doors down, the driveway shrouded with shrubbery, the kind that bite you if you get too close. But no one gets too close. No one sets foot on that driveway. Especially Mr. McCready who shovels snow for every neighbor on the block, Except the mystery house. Tucked away at the end of the curved driveway. The houses are pretty much the same as all the middle-of-the-run subdivisions built in the 90s in southeast Portland's suburbs. Middle income families, school kids walking past on their way to catch the bus down at the corner each day, dads and moms already on their way to work.

We know most of the neighborhood families, at least those on our block. We gather for summer barbecues, walk around the with our 'trick or treaters' on Halloween, sharing the sidewalks with the other parents, catching up on local gossip. And, there's always at least one house party during the Christmas holidays that we manage to make it to. It does sound a bit boring though, doesn't it?

Being a writer, I'm the oddball in the "hood." I'm at home most days when my neighbors are at work. From my writing nook off our second story master bedroom I have a bird's eye view of most of the street. It's not that I'm nosy, I'm our block "Neighborhood Watch" captain, and it's actually my job to know what's going on. The fact that I'm a mystery writer just makes it that much easier. I see a story in every service van that drives by. Is he casing our neighborhood? Searching for an easy mark? What's making Buddy, the neighbor's dog bark today? H never barks. It must be time to take our spaniel, Tiny, out for his walk to check it out.

Now you know why the mystery house...the mystery man... bothers me so. Nobody knows a thing about this guy who lives there. His garage door opens, he backs out, it closes. His windows are so shaded you can't see in. When he comes back, the garage door opens and closes behind. He doesn't follow a schedule. Sometimes he doesn't come out for days, or gone for days, or half an hour. And, never out in his yard. He must get his mail from one of those UPS mail places because he doesn't even have a mailbox in front of his house. A gardener comes once a week to take care of his yard.

You know, I'm not really sure it's a man...the car windows are so dark. Could it be a woman who's that secretive? That private? There's a "No Trespassing" sign at the corner of the driveway, for God's sake. In a nice neighborhood, like ours.

Ben and Lucy McCready live across the street. They were the first owners of their house, we've only been here 5 years. Story is, the mystery house was vacant for a few years after the subdivision was built.

"It was the last one to sell, about at the turn of the century," Ben said one day when I was visiting.

"In fact," Lucy said, "the Sold sign went up on New Year's Day. Remember, Honey? We talked about it being a Y2K phenomenon. The way everybody expected crazy things to happen...and all. Well, anyway we chalked it up to Y2K after you went over to meet the new neighbors and no one even answered the door."

"Yes." Ben chuckled. "Lucy called him our alien neighbor."

"It doesn't sound like much has changed," I said. "Suppose we'll ever know what's up with him?"

"Not in our lifetime." Ben had the last word, shaking his head.

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Well, after my 5 years of wondering, I decide to find out just exactly who has been living in our midst. My kids had been warned not to "trespass" in his yard. What the heck kind a neighbor has kids scared to barely walk by on the sidewalk for fear they'll get into trouble?

I post myself at the window, trying to concentrate on my current book, but can not get past a few words before my mind strays. What will I say? No sense to worry about that, he probably won't even come to the door. Maybe I can fake an emergency to get his attention.

There's his car. Garage door open. Close. This is your chance. Down the stairs. Across the yard. Up the sidewalk. I ring the bell. No answer. Again. No answer.

Well here goes. Do or die.

I open the storm door and pound on the door. "Help me. Please Help me."

A dead bolt slides, the door opens wide. "Come in. What can I do."

Oh my God. No shit. George Clooney was standing in front of me with a wild look in his eyes.

"I...I'm...I'm so sorry Mr. Clooney. I live next door . . ."

He looks left then right. Takes my arm. "Come in and calm down. Tell me what the problem is."

Well, I tell him. I confess sitting there beside George Clooney! The handsomest man in the world, that there is no emergency; I'm just a nosy neighbor.

He makes coffee, we chat. He confesses. This is his very own writing nook. He's written a couple of novels under a pen name, published by a friend and—get this...He has read some of my books. He swears me to secrecy and wants to get together to talk writing, wants me to mentor him! Me! Mentor George freaking Clooney.

Well, after I read one of his books, I can see why. So now our mystery man is still a mystery to all the rest of the neighbors. He's moved out of our neighborhood. But every Tuesday after the workers have gone to work, George and I meet at his new writing nook a couple of miles away for a few hours of writing together.

Bouse Genies

by Shirley Baker

If you thought October was Spooky – it's spooky knowing that it's November!



Welcome back to our winter visitors. Just a reminder that we have Genealogy every Friday at the Bouse Community Building next to the library. If you would like to join us, please bring your laptop and we'll be more than happy to get you started locating your ancestors. We offer free access to Ancestry: Library Edition and will help you access a variety of other genealogical research programs.

The Community Building offers internet connection and ample table room for spreading out. We gather at 8:30am, however, you are welcome to come later if that works for you. We do adjourn at 2pm. Don't forget your PC, any family history that you have gathered, and feel free to bring snacks and a lunch.

See you on Friday!

American Legion Post 46

43531 Hwy 72, Bouse, AZ

Phone: 928-851-1050

Hours: 12-7 daily



Meeting - Post & ALA, 1st Sat 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:

Nov 5	Chicken BBQ, 3-6pm
Nov 11	Veterans Day Dinner, 3-6pm (Meatloaf and Fixings)
Nov 18	Fun Run, 10am
Nov 23	Thanksgiving Day Dinner, 3-6pm

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

Thanks to everybody who made our Opening a successful and fun event (on Oct 14th)

As always, there is No Smoking during our food service

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

Veterans Reminders For the New Season

Welcome back.

- 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!

Medical Equipment Available

Need short or longer term medical equipment?

Before you buy or rent, check with the VFW or American Legion.

They have limited things to loan to those in need - walkers, bath stools, toilet riser, crutches.

Large or small, check first.

They're here to help. And, a good place to donate any you no longer need.

Special Events

Nov 1 – Veterans Day Spaghetti Dinner,
\$10 prepaid, \$12 at door
(Served with green salad, bread & dessert),
Sign up sheet at the Post.

Proceeds will go towards the Post Building Fund (Mini-Split fund)

Welcome back to our Comrades and Auxiliary members. Come on down and see the improvements being made at your post.

The Post is now a NO SMOKING inside the Post.

The outdoor smoking area is complete and our members that smoke can now have a drink outdoors while they smoke. Meet the new officers and have a cold adult beverage or a hot cup of coffee. A big thank you to the volunteers who have been cleaning the insides of the Post and working on the construction project. Post 2357 shirts and caps are available for purchase at the Post.

Questions? ... Please check at the Post.

Vet's Lunch with Students

Hosts: Bouse Elementary Students and Staff

Nov 8, 2023, 11am

Seating is limited –

Register at VFW, AM Legion (928 851-2357)

or BES (928 851-2213) by Nov 8

"The Children Put on an Awesome Tribute"

Thank You for your Service

**VFW Post 2357**

Hwy 72 East, Phone 928-851-2857

Daily Hours: 12-7pm

Monthly Meetings:

Auxiliary: 1st Sat, 10am

Post: 2nd Sat, 10am

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

All Post comrades & Aux members are invited to attend

Weekly Events:

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

Sunday Coffee and Donuts - If you're a Veteran of a Foreign War or possible VFW Auxiliary member this is a good time to visit the Post. We'll have information of the VFW & Auxiliary for you. No hard sell, just good info and a chance to make new friends.

Mon: Darts, 3pm

Tues: Game Day, 12pm-??

BINGO & beginning date TBD, (probably late Oct or early Nov.) Check the Bouse Bugle for updates or the Post Bulletin Board

Wed: Wii Bowling, 2pm-??

Thur: Bar Bingo, 1pm

Just Shellie, 4pm- ??

Wine, Women & a Workout (Men Welcome)

Fri: Red Shirt Friday, (Any RED shirt)

Happy Hour Prices All Day

Sat: Music with LD, 5pm-??

Bouse Community Information

Chamber of Commerce

Business Members *(in bold print)*

American Legion Post #46 (12-7pm)	928-851-1050
American Legion Auxiliary	928-851-1050
American Premium Garage Door	TBD
APS	928 669-2248
BLH & T Construction	928-851-1175
Betty Hunter Real Estate M/F 9-5	928-851-2244 cell 951-236-2229
Bill's Repairs	702 239-0435
Bouse Airport <i>(George or Gloria)</i>	253-583-6805
Bouse Community Park	928-851-0043
Bouse RV Park	928-851-2508
Castro Auto Body & Paint, Parker	928-669-2899
Coachman's Café 7:30-2, Tue/Sun, except Fri 7:30-7	928-916-8416
Conex Hub	951 694-2569
David Plunkett Real Estate	928-851-2424
Desert Rose Acres Subdivision	928-851-2590
Desert Pueblo RV Park	928-851-2206
Drastik Car Detailing - Joe Jagroop	661-713-2255
Ecology Recycling Services	602 403-8007
Elite Customs, Parker	928-669-8040
Family Dollar M/SA 8-9, SU 9-9	928 851-0000
Floors by Ron	928 733-9248
Fly By Night Brokerage	602-349-5034
Freedom Roofing & Restoration	928-684-9012
HJK Enterprises (Harley)	909-239-1162
Jake's Appliance	928 216-1537
Just 4 Fun RV Park	928-216-9896
J & S Supply 9am-2pm, Mon - Fri	928-916-3075
KR Well Drilling	928-851-2975
KM Lock (Jan/Apr)	720 556-1333
La Mesa Verde RV Park	928-851-2456
Look 'N See, Parker	928-575-1171
Low Desert Jackpot Show	928-9163420
Nails By Susan (Text)	928-851-5235
Ocotillo Restaurant & Lodge	928-851-2219
Purcell Jojoba Farming	928-851-2414
Q-Mountain Well Drilling	928-851-2537
Roadrunner Market II (7-7 daily)	928-851-1800
Rose Acres Farms	
SAT Powersports	509-993-7545 or 425-232-2716
Simple Goods	928-851-5526
Somewhere Bar & Grill (10am-close)	928-851-1051

VFW Post 2357, (12-7pm)	928-851-2857
Villa La Paz RV Park	928-851-2176
Wash & Wags	208 390-6540
Weaver Acres	435-213-0444
We.comInc	928 753-3829
Wheels & Deals	928 612-8853

Medical & Emergency

Bouse Clinic, 8-Noon, Tue & Thur	928-851-2177
Bouse Fire District Office (Non-Emergency)	928-851-2648
La Paz Regional Hospital	928-669-9201
Emergency (fire or medical) 911	928-669-2281
Non-emergency (fire or sheriff) 311	888-818-4911

Public Utilities and Offices

Power – APS	928-669-2248
Phone – Frontier	877-462-8188
Water – Bouse Domestic Water Improvement District (BDWID)	928-851-1120
<i>(Mail Payments to P O Box 334, Bouse)</i>	

Clubs and Organizations

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

Public Services

Bouse Assembly of God Church	
Bouse Southern Baptist Church	928-581-7294
Bouse Elementary School	928-851-2213
Bouse Museum 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