

# Bouse, Arizona Community Newsletter

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## From The Chamber of Commerce



Bouse Chamber Of Commerce

Welcome back! It's been a busy last 2 months completing projects that were planned for later this season. Plans and supply orders were in the works to update the Bouse Community Park Ramada

cooking and picnic area sometime this season; but . . . when AZkidzexperience.com folks expressed their desire to host this year's annual Jamboree event in Bouse on Nov 3/5 this year, we fast-tracked our upgrade project into max-speed to get it done in preparation for that event to come to Bouse! And that's what will be working on all through the month of October with our Community volunteer work crews to get our construction completed and the grounds ready for the AZ KIDZ OFF ROAD JAMBOREE.

We can use your help! Join us - Clean Up Session, Oct 10 at the Community Park at 8am. Everyone is welcome. Please bring any tools to work on general clean-up and trimming of the grounds and landscaping: tree trimmers, clippers, gloves, shovels, rakes, saws-all, trailers to move the trimmed and cleaned-up stuff away. If you can't make it at 8, show up when you can. We need hands, lots of them. Watch the Bouse Bugle for other scheduled work days or call Harley at 909-239-1162.

Please join us for our first Chamber Meeting Mon, Oct 2, 6pm at Booster Hall. Get in on the scoop for this season right from the get go, and share your ideas for our 2023/24 events and activities.

Our Swap Meet opens Friday, Oct 20 and will run each 1st and 3rd Fridays through March. Vendors may contact John Bennett to reserve their spot, 928-575-7727. New vendors are welcome; spots are \$15, \$10 (half). Set up begins at 6am, show open 8-2.

This season's rifle raffle winner will receive a "his and hers" set, 2 for 1. Come see our display for yourself at our Swap Meet beginning Oct 20. Tickets still \$5 each, 5 for \$20, are available all season at our Swap Meet or Museum. All proceeds go to our Bouse Chamber Community Projects.

Again we'll be doing 3 Camp Bouse Breakfast Tours: Nov 18, Dec 29, Feb 11. These limited spots sell out fast. Reserve your spot now for any of the 3 spots. 928-851-2509. (Tour & Breakfast \$10 pp)

We're proud to welcome you to our events. Pick up your Chamber Season Event Schedule at the Swap Meet, Museum, or businesses around town.

## Bouse Boosters Club, Inc

WELCOME to the Bouse Booster Club 2023/24!

We have a lot to share with everyone as we have not been idle over the summer months. Upgrades to the Bouse Booster Club, Inc. (BBCI) building and Bingo gaming center have been made and we are ready to show you the results of community efforts! The BBCI was awarded a grant by the Industrial Development Authority (IDA) of La Paz County. The funding was used to install five (5) new windows and a small roof repair, install commercial solar lighting in the front parking lot, and install (two) 2 mini-split heating/cooling units to make the building energy efficient and comfortable.

Community businessmen stepped forward and provided the professional services that were necessary. I am very proud to have worked with each of the three (3) on this project. Billy Earnest installed new tinted windows, removed the old swamp cooler, and filled in the wall for the big screen for our Bingo games. John Newman installed the outdoor solar lighting, moved old fixtures to the back and rewired the building for the mini-split units. John Nault and sidekick Chris Blair installed the new mini-split units.

Mike Martsoft, President

## AZ Kidz Bouse Off- Road Jamboree Nov 3/5

This AZ Kidz Off Road Jamboree is not a ride or race for kid drivers. It's all about adult drivers and families having fun while making their mark to help Arizona kids in need. Right here in our own back yard. And it's not just for OHVers! There's poker runs, prizes, live entertainment, food trucks, fun games and activities, celebrities, vendors, auctions, drawings, and raffles . . . including one to WIN a CanAm UTV with all the sought-after extras to make it worth over \$50,000! And the proceeds from it all go to the kids at Phoenix Children's Hospital! Everybody helping children with Cancer in Arizona and surrounding areas.

There's no entrance fee to the park activities, no strings attached to come out and join the fun unless you purchase something from the vendors. If you want to register for one of the Poker Runs, entry fee is \$50 per vehicle, \$10 per hand. That money goes directly to the Hospital.

Community Volunteers are facilitating the activities and the cash participants pay goes 100% to the Phoenix Children's Hospital.

It's a BIG DEAL, folks.

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### Bouse Museum

We're looking forward to another record breaking season of guests with new displays and outside interest appearing regularly. New caretakers will join

Carolyn and Jeff to introduce to our community and share duties at the Museum. We again thank the Mark Davidson family for donating photos that were taken by his father who worked as an engineer during the building of Camp Bouse. We encourage you to stop in to see these historic and family treasures.

The Museum is scheduled to open Wednesday, Nov 1, 10am-2pm and continue throughout the season Wed thru Sun same hours through Mar 31. We do schedule private group tours if arranged in advance, by calling 928-851-2509 to arrange an off-normal hours tour.

### AZ Kidz Bouse Off- Road Jamboree Nov 3/5! (continued)

This organization has raised a lot of money over a short time. It's a family deal. You don't have to have an OHV. Come on out to the Bouse Community Park and bring the kids. There's 6 food trucks, five bands, beer and wine garden, and other vendors with goods and displays going on at the park all day while the poker runs are out in the desert and after. There's Corn Hole tournaments and other games, Show and Shine OHV and Car Show – if you have something to show off, bring it along to show. We won't know who or what else may show up until they get there. Don't miss it!

Open Hours: 8am to 9pm Fri & Sat, Nov 3 & 4  
9am to 12pm Sun, Nov 5

### Honor Ride Honoring KIDZ and VETERANS, 9am Registration

During this one hour ride, show your support of our kids & families at Phoenix Children's Hospital and our Veterans and Gold Star Families by displaying "honor flags" on your vehicles. Bring your own flag or grab an Honor Flag during the event. Prior to the kick-off, join us for an Honor Ceremony featuring Guest Speakers, National Anthem, Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence.

More info on the daily events: 602-361-7157,  
info@azkidzexperience.com

Vendor & Sponsor Opportunities: 602-367-2299,  
contactpbell@hotmail.com

### Want to help Desert Cleanup for AZKIDZ event?

Thursday, Nov 2, 8am  
at the Bouse Community Park  
Don't forget your gloves!

### Update for Bouse Water Customers

Felix Construction, the Contractor for the BDWID Water System improvements, is approaching substantial completion of the project and are finalizing the mechanical installation at the treatment and storage tank site. Their subcontractor has completed the main portion of the distribution system and is now installing the 4" branch lines. The well, storage tank and distribution pipes will be pressurized and disinfected in sections following the completed installation. The contractor is on schedule to have substantial completion in November at which point the District will be applying for final approval from ADEQ which will allow the Contractor to complete user tie-ins and set meters. Final completion is anticipated to be in December.

### Red Ribbon Week Expands Activities

Kickoff for Red Ribbon Week is our Bouse parade Oct 21 and ends Spirit Week Oct 27 with Parker's Family Fun Day. Please plan to support our kids by gathering with friends to build an entry to join the parade fun decorating your SxS, ATVs, Car, Boat, Jeep, Wagon, Bike, or ? It can be simple; it can be whatever you like. This year's theme:

***Your Story Matters! Live Drug Free!***

If you can't do an entry, at least pick a good spot to watch the parade and cheer the kids and others on! Invite your neighbors over for coffee if you're on the parade route. It's a way to meet new folks as well as a great cause to show your support to keep our kids off drugs.

This year's week long activities include online contests the kids can enter each day wearing the designated costume of the day and an assignment to follow: Monday – Inspirational Quote Day; Tuesday – Team Up Against Drugs; Wear Red Wednesday; Thursday - What's Your Why?; Friday – Favorite Storybook Character. For more info go to PAACE Facebook Page: @PAACEParker.

We look forward to a great parade this year with lots of spectators' support. Please encourage your friends to join in and pick a spot to watch the parade (route below) to support this important event for our Bouse Kids! It only takes a few minutes out of your day for you to make an impact on these children's lives.

**Parade route** will include: all streets parallel with Hwy 72 between the Highway to Norris. Line up starts at 9am at the Booster Club, Parade starts at 9:30 west on Frame to McMahan, right to Stone, right to Murphy, right on Frame, left on Main to left on Norris, to left on Murphy, then left on Frame back to Booster Club.

**Forms** to register your entry and any questions should be directed to Pat, 208-949-9022. Thank you for supporting our Red Ribbon Parade and the Kids!



**WELCOME BACK!**



All our winter Visitors

2023  
SEASON  
2024



<b>PARKER</b>	- More info 928 669-2174 (PCOC)
<b>Oct 5-7</b>	CRIT Fair & Expo
<b>Oct 7-8</b>	ADBA Drag Boat Races, Blue Water Casino
<b>Oct 14</b>	Parker Fire 76th Annual BBQ
<b>Oct 20-22</b>	VW Car Show – "Jam by Parker Dam"
<b>SALOME</b>	
<b>Oct 14</b>	Dick Wick Hall Day, Lions Club Women's Club Pie Sale
<b>QUARTZSITE</b>	
<b>Oct 21</b>	Sr Center Craft Sale

### Community Spirit is Alive in Bouse

Where else can you walk or drive down the road and be instantly taken back to the century old custom of barn raising?

The scene was La Posa Road, Saturday, Sept 16 on my weekly way to the Transfer Station. Off to my right I see uprights and rafters forming the steel skeleton of a neighbor's new "barn" being raised by a crew of 8 friends and neighbors. They had been working since early in the morning to take advantage of the lower 70s temp, some on ladders, some holding ladders, and some passing needed hardware to those on the ladders, while a few stood by ready to fill in wherever needed while their "horses and buggies" waited patiently in the crowded lot.

When it was all done, homeowner Dean Pate barbecued a hearty lunch with plenty of beverages onsite for the crew. That's what community spirit is all about!

We can all be happy and proud that it still reigns in Bouse!

### Bouse Ladies Luncheon

Thursday, Oct 5, 12:30pm  
Ocotillo Lodge  
Lunch w/beverage, \$10

Bring a small wrapped gift to be included in our gift exchange.  
See ya there!

### 'Swap Meet' returns October 20

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.



### Let's Improve Our Community and Town Image

Let's work together to Clean-up our Streets, Homes,  
Neighborhoods & Businesses

**WORKING TOGETHER ... WE CAN MAKE IT HAPPEN !!!**

In Loving  
Memory  
of those forever in our hearts



Every October we include a section where we can remember the lives of those who have passed. A person is mortal but love for them has no end. Though a loved one may not be present, he or she is always in your heart and mind.

*"You are longer here with us.  
No more laughter, joy, or play.  
Not a moment in our life goes by  
that we don't think of you that day"*

- Dennis Carder
- Larry Van Sickle
- Commander Doyle "Gunny" Robertson  
*District 1 Commander - Post 2357 Commander  
Celebration of Life will be held Nov 9, 2023 at  
Parker Post 7073, so that all who loved him can  
be here for his services.*

### October Is Breast Cancer Awareness Month

La Paz Regional in Parker uses digital mammography which improves detection by allowing the radiologist to capture and manipulate the images so abnormalities can be seen more easily. Plus it uses 22% less radiation than conventional equipment. Schedule yours today.

### Have you had your mammogram this year?

\$99 Screening Mammograms at  
La Paz Regional Hospital & Clinics  
For the month of October.

If you are uninsured, you may qualify for a FREE mammogram.

Must be 40 years of age or older.

No doctors order needed. Call for more details.  
982-669-7325

### Yay. . . The Burn Pile is Open

Please don't abuse it by putting things in that aren't allowed or we'll lose it again.

Oleanders are toxic and can't be burned; they go to the Transfer Station. Same with Palm tree trunks, large stumps, or construction materials. (*They burn too slow.*)

Branches must be 6' or under to send to the land fill.

***Please remember to cover or tie your loads so you don't scatter it along your way.***

### 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





**Road Runner Market** - You never know what you will find new on the shelves at the Road Runner Market. Besides food stuffs, there's new souvenir items and my favorite, an assortment of patriotic baseball caps which I expect will disappear fast once our seasonal folks start coming back.

**Bouse Family Dollar** is truly like having a Walmart, Drug Store, Department Store, Hardware Store, Hallmark Store, Gift Store and C-store all in one! Take a few minutes to walk around and look at the shelves. You'll be amazed at what surprises you find that you can buy locally without a trip to Parker!  
My prize find for this month is frozen Buttermilk Waffles, pkg of 6 for \$1. Pop into your toaster to add to your breakfast plate, or top it with your favorite jam and you've got Grab and Go breakfast! Yum! There's Pancakes, too.  
You'll find lots of packaged sweets for Halloween treats. This month's featured contest candy bars include Kit Kat Churro flavor, Twix Ghoulish Green, and others at the checkout. Treat yourself today!

**Attention Veterans** - If you haven't been to the VFW lately, you're in for a surprise. There's been a lot of work going on over the summer months. They've adopted a Smoking Ban in the building and cleaning crews have been busy cleaning top to bottom. A screened-in smoking patio has been added to the back of the building, complete with misters to make a pretty darn comfortable atmosphere for smokers even in the high temps. Also in the works, a Kitchen addition is underway right off the back room, then an outdoor BBQ patio is right off the Kitchen. Updates will be done to the back Poker Room to utilize additional shelving and cupboard space along the walls. But why not come on out and experience it first hand and maybe lend a hand with some of the remodeling!  
In addition of food, activities will be expanded to include Bingo and Game Sessions, to join the old favorites: Live Music, Karaoke, Wii Bowling, Darts and Special Events.

Mike and Robyn at Bouse RV Park look forward to welcoming new guests and visitors to their expanded seasonal open to all activities! Besides Bingo opening the first of Nov, new Craft Projects (*think Wine & Paint, Decoupage, and Beading*) will pop up throughout the season. Their addition of a new Music Bldg will bring Tuesday Open Mic. Sing, play, jam, or doing your thing. Jim Estel's Band (from the Eagle's Nest) will play on Wednesday, starting in November.  
But that's not all. They renovated and added more restroom facilities conveniently located next to the Music Bldg to better accommodate guests.  
A schedule of park events is always posted on the Water Hut, where our R/O water is processed and made available right from our well for 20 cents/gal. And, get your RV filled by appointment, call 928-851-2508. Stop in and check out their new "stuff."

I came across several tree branches on the road between the Booster Hall and the Transfer Station, and yes, they were still there on my way back. Please take the time to tie or cover your trash, or at least pick it up on your way home so someone else doesn't have to do it for you.

We're happy to see the **Chompies Bakery** products (at the Roadrunner) grow to include more variety breads like Pumpnickel, Multigrain, Everything, Sourdoughs, Rye, even Keto! And, always their wonderful Bagels and English Muffins! Add RR's fresh house-baked breads, buns, cookies and pastries and you've got a wide selection. And a stock of sugar free, too.

Ladies . . . need a She Shed for your crafts or just a little "she time?" Gentlemen . . . Does your workshop run-ith over?

**Barry Drewes at ABCO American Barn** can fill your needs in just about any size and shape building you are looking for. And a variety of colors! Sturdy Construction. 29 gauge Metal Roofing. And, yay...built in the USA!  
Open on Hwy 72 going east, just before Desert Pueblo RV Park. You can't miss it.  
Drive out and pick yours out today! Buy or Rent to Own! Free Delivery and Setup within a 50 mile radius.  
Call Barry, 928-851-5243 for appointment.

**Big store jewelry, small town pricing** right here in Bouse! Stop in at Somewhere Bar to check out all the new jewelry Rusty's been busy making through the Summer. Once you get there, you can't miss the red, white, and blue Bling Baseball Caps, just in for you "blingy" ladies. Gotta have one! There's gorgeous necklaces, earrings and bracelets in all colors and much more to see!  
Somewhere is always open 10-? Play Darts every Thur, Janell's Western Dancing on Wed, 4-5pm, and lots of fun every day. Breakfast, featuring homemade biscuits and sausage gravy, starting November, 7-11am. LD will be back with music. Keep your eye on their readerboard!

#### **Start Planning Now for Nov Yard Sales**

Jump ahead and save Nov 17 & 18 on your calendar for the Town Wide Yard Sales. But now's the time to start to cleaning out those unused items and get ready to sell. Dishes, utensils, and glasses from your cupboards. Books jamming the shelves. Those things on the shelf that you hate to dust? Clothes jumping out of the closets. Muck out the garage, the man cave, the she shed and make room for more and better things! Or, heck... just make room!

**Bouse Public Library****Weekly Hours:****Mon thru Thurs 8 to 4PM****Wifi Password: Bouselib\*77**

44031 Plomosa Rd

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

by Yvonne Baron



Can you believe we are heading into our 2023 Winter Season already? Seems Summer has come and will soon give way to Fall and Winter. We are looking forward to seeing our friends and neighbors back at the Library.

Over the Summer months we have added many new books and DVDs. For those who like "Light Reading" we have a new series sure to please. *Mysteries of Lancaster County, Antique Shop Mysteries and Tea Room Mysteries.*

New DVD Series include, *Miss Scarlet and The Duke, Sweet Tooth, and The Village.*

And as always, James Patterson, J. D. Robb, Kat Martin and others have written books to grace our shelves.

Computers are up and running to help keep in contact with friends and family as well as keep us updated on news.

Hope to see you.

**Friends of the Bouse Public Library**

Hope everyone had a wonderful Summer and are ready to enjoy the Winter months in Bouse.

Still working towards getting our new Book Store, but as we all know it sometimes takes longer than anticipated, and hope to receive some updates soon. The old building has to be demolished and repairs made to the land around the location. Mother Nature and her monsoons had a hey-day last summer.

In the meantime, we do intend to have book sales this year in the Community Building next to the Library. Dates will be decided once the Friends of The Library have returned for our meeting.

We would like to invite you to come and join us at the meeting. Information will be posted on the Bouse Bugle as well as at the Library. We look forward to new input and fresh ideas and hope you may want to join our Friends of the Library. We enjoy organizing our fund raising activities to support our Community Library each season.

Hope to see you there..

Yvonne Baron

**Ghost Riders ORV Club**

Ghost Riders will start planning trips for this season after more of our riders return. For those who are here, there's still time to consider joining up with fellow riders to decorate your rigs with red ribbons and ride to support the 'Your Story Matters, Live Drug Free' theme for our Red Ribbon Parade, Saturday, Oct 21. See Page 2 for entry forms and more Parade info. Red Ribbon Week is a national program to increase awareness for our kids to remain drug free.

Ghost Rider rides are listed in the Newsletter each month. Visitors are welcome

**Bouse Fire District**

Welcome back everyone! You missed a long hot time around here this summer!

We have some exciting news. We have a new Fire Chief on duty, his name is Jason Weatherford. Chief Weatherford has been in the fire service for several years with the last



15 years in LaPaz County. He and his wife Amanda have raised their family in Parker. He is currently a Fire Captain for Buckskin Fire, Asst. Fire Chief in Parker, and now our Fire Chief in Bouse. Chief Weatherford is also a Dive Master and Boat coordinator, IFSACC Certified Fire Instructor, Wildland Resource Officer, Coordinator, Trainer, and Wildland Engine Captain. This sounds like many hats to wear, but I can tell you he wears them well and has already accomplished many positive changes in Bouse.

Bouse Fire, Quartzsite Fire, Parker Fire and Ehrenberg Fire worked together and received a grant to purchase new air packs for each department. This ensures that our packs are compatible with each other on fires, up to date, and certified for our Fire fighters. This is one of multiple grants we have worked together and independently to secure.

A huge Thank You to Unique Doors for their donation of the Conex for much needed storage, and then supplied the manpower to install it in 115 degree weather. These guys are amazing!

Our staff (3) attended an Active Shooter Training in Parker and (2) attended Arizona Fire School in Phoenix and (2) finished EMR Training locally over the summer.

Becky Lowe resigned as Secretary so she had more time to play with grandbabies and horses. Our best wishes go out to Becky!! Mimi our newest EMR has stepped into her spot.

There is some news that is sad, but necessary. Any and all calls in the 42 E area will be billable as of July 1, 2023. The expansion did not succeed and we will not be addressing it this year or in the near future as far as we can tell. It is sad for the community that was wanting and requesting our services. We will still answer calls but they will be billable from this date forward, as the other departments do. We cannot continue to use Bouse townsite area tax monies to service this area without their contribution. Thank you to all that supported the effort and we regret that the owners of large parcels were able to dictate the outcome of our efforts. This will not affect your emergencies in any way except for the cost of each call. Any questions, feel free to stop in to the office for more information.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone at the 1st Swap Meet in October!

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**Welcome Back Quilters & Crafters!**

The fun is just beginning for the 2023/24 season and everyone who enjoys sewing or crafting is welcome to join us.

Meetings are held weekly on Wednesdays beginning October 4, 2023 from 9am-2pm. Location is 27747 Frame St at the Bouse Booster Club.

Bring your machines, projects, and a big smile.

## Bouse Elementary School

We Welcome Our 1st Report from...  
Mr. Martin, Administrator, BES  
Sept 6th, 2023 - Superintendent's  
Board Report.



Our current student enrollment is 49. Attendance has hovered around 94% for the first month of school, with many students experiencing the normal beginning of the school year sicknesses. Only 23 students have 100% attendance for the stated time period thus far. All students have now completed the Galileo #1 assessment. This is important, as it provides the educational staff with a baseline for future intervention implementation action. Our first fire drill was completed for the month of August. As we move forward we will continue to conduct one fire drill a month, two lock down drills, and two bus evacuation drills as well for the 23/24 academic year.

28 students and families attended our Back to School night, with another dozen vendor participants and representatives in attendance as well. A huge success, with the addition of vendors, prizes and food presented in our gym this year.

Our process of gaining approval for 2 new roof A/C units is progressing with one more phase of approval needed prior to purchase and installation anticipated during the month of September. We will then start the process of gaining approval and reimbursement from our state entity for new carpet installation for the boardroom, administrative offices, and the library area which are all 20 years old. We continue to replace all the lawn area valves and timer box this month as well, and have begun in-house preparation for painting the student bathroom hallway & the library walls over the fall break. I will continue to give periodic updates as well. Fire and health inspections of the facility both passed.

Our Halloween Carnival will be held at our Bouse Elementary Gym on Oct 26, at 6 pm. Everyone is welcome to join us for a night of fun.

Veterans...plan to join BES students for "Lunch with our Veterans" on Nov 8. Details in the Nov Newsletter or call 928-851-2213.

## Salome High School

Many of the classes and clubs at SHS have exciting fundraisers on the horizon. Student Council is introducing a new spirit shirt, perfect for game days or just to wear around town. Meanwhile, the volleyball team is set to kick off the sale of Croc charms, adding a playful touch to your footwear. Also, the seniors will soon have delicious cookie dough for sale and as Halloween approaches, they are gearing up for a thrilling haunted house. Not to be left out, the Juniors are preparing Halloween goodie baskets. When basketball season arrives, the Student Council will be bringing back their fan-favorite half-court shot competitions during the varsity Girls' and Boys' games. Get ready to showcase your hoop skills!

For those who want to support a specific group at SHS while receiving a tax benefit, a convenient option is available. Simply visit the front office to make a tax credit donation to the group of your choice. Single adults can contribute up to \$200, while those filing jointly can contribute up to \$400. This donation directly offsets your Arizona state taxes, allowing you to allocate these funds to the group of your choice. It's pretty sad that this benefit is coming to an end but I'm really excited to see what I can get out of it, rather than to the state at large.

Our Student Council recently attended the annual Spirit Conference at Ironwood High School. Embracing the theme of "Leadership Renaissance," everyone donned fairy wings and showcased their school spirit. The event was a delightful mix of dancing to popular tunes and absorbing insights from motivational speakers. These speakers emphasized the essence of leadership and the importance of confidence. Looking ahead, the Student Council anticipates numerous opportunities to demonstrate their leadership skills, including events like the President's Luncheon, the State Convention, and a summer camp.

The Frog football team is off to an impressive start this year, boasting a solid 5-0 winning streak. With 2 more home games before the regular season concludes, the team is poised for an exciting season finale.

On Oct 6, they face off Mohave, followed by a thrilling match against Anthem Prep on Oct 13. In their latest game against Superior, the Frogs dominated with a score of 52-6, leading by an impressive 32 points at halftime. Coach McCarty acknowledges the challenges ahead, emphasizing the importance of overcoming Bagdad on their home turf.

Senior player, Edgar Gamez, reflects on his final year in football, expressing mixed emotions: "It's pretty sad that it's coming to an end but I'm really excited to see what I can get out of it."

The Lady Frogs have already participated in seven games this season, securing victories in four matches and experiencing three losses. Their upcoming matches include an away game against the Lady Coyotes at Desert Heights on Sept 20, followed by North Valley Christian. Reflecting on how things have gone so far, Kaneice Thomas remarked, "It's just the beginning of the season and we're doing pretty good." The team aspires to achieve a 7-3 record after their upcoming games, demonstrating their dedication and determination on the court."

**Back to Winter Hours** at the Transfer Station.  
Thurs, Fri & Sat ... 7:30am to 2:30  
Begins Oct 1st

**MONTHLY FOOD BANK**  
1st Wednesday of month  
Oct 4 ... 9-11:00am  
Behind Bouse Booster Club

**Bouse Chamber of Commerce**  
**Monthly General Meeting**  
Oct 2nd at 6pm ...Booster Hall  
*Catch up on what's going on in Bouse!*

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

Welcome home to our snowbirds returning this month!

**Upcoming Events**

- Oct 8 11am – Teen Challenge of Arizona with Potluck lunch to follow.
- Oct 15 5:30pm - YoYo Garcia from Youth Alive will deliver a powerful message to our local teens.
- Oct 18 11:30am – Women’s Luncheon bring a dish and enjoy the fellowship.
- Oct 21 11am–3pm – JOY Youth Car Wash – After Red Ribbon Parade - Raising funds for 2024 Youth Camp and other kids/youth activities. Thank you for your support!
- Oct 31 5-7pm – Trunk-or-Treat – Bring your kiddos to enjoy sweet treats and fun.

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 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 (Oct 12)****And then every Sat throughout the Season****Emergency need? Call Liz 623 498-7246****“Watch for the Open House coming in Nov”****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!

**THE BOUSE COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER**

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**Bouse Genies***by Shirley Baker*

Welcome back winter visitors. Here we are at the beginning of October, but please don’t let that Spook you. Again, we want to invite you to join us for Genealogy on Fridays.



We offer assistance to those of you that are new to Genealogy and/or need to enter your family history on Legacy software. We also offer access to Ancestry Library at no cost. We will also be able to help you with your family search using a variety of other genealogical research programs.

We meet every Friday, at the Community Building next door to the Library, which offers ample table room for spreading out. We will gather at 8:30am, however, you are welcome to come later if that works for you. We do adjourn at 2pm. You will need to bring your PC and any family history that you have gathered. Please feel free to bring snacks and a lunch.

**Trick or Treating Wasn’t Made in America**

The history of Trick or Treating traces back to Scotland and Ireland with the tradition of “guising.” Going house to house at Halloween and putting on a little performance to be rewarded with food or treats goes back at least as far as the 16th century, as does the tradition of people wearing costumes at Halloween. Some young women believed that on Halloween they could divine the name or appearance of their future husband by doing tricks with yarn, apple parings or mirrors.

In the late 1800s, there was a move in America to mold Halloween into a holiday more about community and neighborly get-togethers than about ghosts, pranks and witchcraft. Parents were encouraged by newspapers and community leaders to take anything “frightening” or “grotesque” out of Halloween celebrations. Because of these efforts, Halloween lost most of its superstitious and religious overtones by the beginning of the twentieth century.

Americans began to dress up in costumes and go house to house asking for food or money in the 1930s, a practice that is said to eventually become today’s “trick-or-treat” tradition in the US.

At the turn of the twenty first century, Halloween parties or gatherings for both children and adults became the most common way to celebrate the day. Parties focused on games, foods of the season and festive costumes. In most of today’s subdivisions that still encourage trick or treating, most parents walk with their kids to promote safety and good will. Trick or Trunk is celebrated in many communities where folks gather in a park or other community destination, such as school or church to fill the goblins’ bags with treats from their open trunks.

**Get your Free 2023/24 Passport to Adventure**

9th Season La Paz County Passports to Adventure are hot off the press and available at local businesses and service locations.

Besides info and dates of activities and events at each town in La Paz County, this pocket or purse size Passport has lots of history, outdoor, and visitor safety info. Pick yours up in Bouse at our RV Parks, Library, Museum, Booster Club, VFW and American Legion and most businesses.

If we missed Passports for your location, please call 208-949-9022 to have your supply delivered.

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

Opening day for this season is scheduled for Saturday, October 14. There will be ice cold beer and other beverages thanks to our new walk in installed at the end of last season . . . and free foods with entertainment yet to be determined

**Meeting** - Post & ALA, 1st Sat 10am**Weekly Events:** (pending, starting date TBA)

Tues – Tacos, 3-6pm

Wed - Burgers, 3-6pm

Thurs – Darts, sign-in at 3,  
Play at 4

Fri – Fish Fry, 3-pm

**Special Events:**

Oct 14 – Season Opening

Food &amp; Entertainment

Oct 21 – Fun Run, 10am

Oct 28 – Halloween Party, Time TBA Costume Contest,  
Probably a DJ, Time TBA

Looking forward to welcoming all of our friends back for another fun and successful season! Once we get our feet on the ground, we'll be announcing our full schedule of activities and food service.

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: 1st &amp; 3rd Monday, 10 am

*All Post comrades & Aux members are invited to attend***Weekly Events:**

Sun: \*Coffee &amp; Donuts, 10am-noon

Meet &amp; Greet, open to the public

Karaoke with Cody, 4pm-??

Mon: Darts, 3pm

Tues: Game Day, Noon-??

*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-??

Fri: RED SHIRT FRIDAY, (Any RED shirt)

Sat: Music with LD, 5pm-??

**Special Events**

Oct 31 – Halloween Party, Time TBD

*\*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.*

Welcome back to our Comrades and Auxiliary members for another great season. Come on down and see the improvements being made at your Post. There is now NO SMOKING inside the Post. An outdoor smoking area is complete and our members that smoke may 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 huge thank you to the volunteers who have been cleaning the insides of the Post. The smoke smell has been greatly reduced.

**Veterans Reminders For the New Season**

Welcome back, this is a list of phone numbers and reminders to Veterans and Widows of Veterans

\* If you use the VA healthcare system and go to the emergency room you must report on the 72 hours hotline: 1(844) 724-7842

\* TriWest for all billing questions involving VA healthcare: 1(877) 226-8749.

\* Nurse advice line: 1(877) 252-4866.

\* Urgent Care clinic in Parker is available to Veterans who are enrolled in the VA healthcare system. It's to be used for minor issues. (928) 669-7443.

Over one million claims have been submitted since the PACT Act was signed. If your claim has taken a while, that's why. Awards are still being made, so be patient.

Also a new VA clinic is being built in Lake Havasu City, scheduled to open in April 2024.

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

**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.

**A Glimpse of Bouse's Past**

1. Did you know bartenders hung towels on the front of the bar for their patrons to wipe the foam from their moustaches and beards in the Old West saloons? Unfortunately while the old cowboys shared their "community towels" with their pardners, they very likely shared such afflictions as colds, the flu or tuberculosis.
2. How fast did the Butterfield Stage travel through Arizona during the mid 1800s? Of course it depended upon the terrain and the conditions of the roads leading to their destination, but to travel 2800 miles from Missouri to San Francisco took 25 days; averaging about 110 miles a day at four and a half miles per hour.
3. Did you know that Pearl Hart, famed outlaw and female stagecoach robber in the late 1890 to early 1900s was jailed in Florence, Tucson, and other towns across the West, and then ended up sentenced to Yuma Territorial Prison before she was 30? She and her boyfriend Joe Boot robbed the Florence-Globe stage in 1899; both were sentenced to five years. Joe escaped and was never seen again. Pearl was released at the end of 1902—the governor's premise (*and, reportedly that of public opinion*) was there were no suitable accommodations for women at the prison.





# 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>American Premium Garage Door</b>	TBD
<b>APS</b>	928 669-2248
BLH & T Construction	928-851-1175
<b>Betty Hunter Real Estate</b> M/F 9-5	928-851-2244 cell 951-236-2229
<b>Bill's Repairs</b>	702 239-0435
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>Coachman's Café</b> 7:30-2, Tue/Sun, except Fri 7:30-7	928-916-8416
<b>Conex Hub</b>	951 694-2569
David Plunkett Real Estate	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
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
<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

VFW Post 2357, (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
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
<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 / Museum</b> Nov thru Mar - Thurs/Sun 10-2 Apr thru Oct (off-season)	928-851-2509 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 Assembly of God Church</b>	
<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