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Bowie Alumni Newsletter

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From the Editor of the Bowie Alumni Newsletter



Susan (Spikes) Bickel

Happy New Year! Happy New Year!

I am saying it twice because this newsletter covers two New Years celebrations and a year and a half of Bowie news.

The absence of our newsletter was not due to indifference. Life takes over sometimes and the past two years have reflected that.

So, get ready to be brought up to date. The news from Bowie is better than ever!

You will want to read all about the new Rafter G Restaurant. Pictures and articles are inside.

School pictures once again fill our pages. Ft. Bowie is in the news. Sun Zia is finally materializing.

We have always known Bowie is the best hometown in Arizona. The articles in this newsletter will reinforce that.

The only thing that would make this newsletter better would be some memories from you. Won't you write about your favorite Bowie memory? We would all enjoy reading it.

Dues are due now! Please send your check to Evelyn at her address printed above.

Save the Date: June 9, 2018, for the next Bowie School Reunion. Please be sure your friends and family are notified. Do we have your correct mailing address? Information and reservation forms will be mailed early next year, so please let us know of any changes.

Bowie School Alumni Group Luncheon
March 4, 2017, at 11:30 a.m.
El Charro North, 7725 N Oracle Rd, 101, Tucson, AZ 85704

There were 25 alumni and guests at the Spring 2017 luncheon: Delbert “Skip” Fousel, Bobbie Welker Blandin, Nancy-Jean Welker, Dutch and Betty Grusendorf, Jeanine Grusendorf, Florina Christiersson, Eva Ramirez, Susan and Brian Bickel, Wendy, David, James Conger, Robert Chavez, Charles Harmon, Darlene Castillo, Benito Guerrero, Gloria Griffin, Lynda Plum, Juan and Hope Rodriguez, Oralia Rivas, Jeff and Kathy St. Clair, and Evelyn Lathram.

Jeff St. Clair reported that everything is out of the Eva Hall building, anything that is usable is saved, and cleaned. The old wooden floor is in good shape. The next steps are to make it usable for a county library, for example.

Wendy Conger presented “Thank You” flowers to Evelyn Lathram, Nancy-Jean Welker, Kathy and Jeff St. Clair. She reported on STEM project students going to Douglas, University of Arizona, Las Cruces, and Grand Canyon University. Donations to the school were received which allowed them to purchase 9 iPads for students. There have been trips to the Willcox Historical Theatre. Grants were received to teach CPR, buy vehicles for the

AG program. Positions have been filled with certified teachers. There are 65 students enrolled in school, which is the highest in several years. Bowie has been accepted in Project Elevate with only 8 other Arizona schools.

Nancy-Jean Welker reported the bill boards outside of town are being updated; areas are being cleaned up and things are improving slowly. First Things First provided funding for dental checkup of 5-year-olds. A new restaurant is being built with an open date of later this year.

Evelyn Lathram asked for a vote to raise the membership fee to \$15 to cover the cost of printing and mailing the newsletter, and notices to members without email. It was approved unanimously. The new fee will take effect in January of 2018.

In Memory of: Les Jones passed away December 27, 2016; Raymond Fousel passed away November 14, 2016

The Treasurer reported a bank balance of \$3,702.44.



**Bowie School Alumni Group Luncheon
October 21, 2017, at 11:30 a.m.
El Charro North, 7725 N Oracle Rd, 101,
Tucson, AZ 85704**



(left to right) Evelyn (Spikes) Lathram, Jeff St. Clair, Kathy St. Clair, Julia Abalos, Delbert "Skip" Fousel, Jeanine Grusendorf, Dutch Grusendorf, Betty Grusendorf, Susan (Spikes) Bickel, Nancy-Jean Welker, Bobbie Welker Blandin, Alta (Hodges) Dangel, Lauren Yelton, Scott Whitten, Lorenzo Abalos (not pictured: Juan and Hope Rodriguez, Brian Bickel)

We had 18 Bowie alumni and guests at our Fall luncheon. Bowie Schools was mentioned in the Willcox Range News for their ROAR character awards. The second annual Fall Festival will be held in October. The Bowie Power Station remains shovel ready with permits in force. Houses are selling and school enrollment is up. The new restaurant, Rafter G, will be opening soon. The old Home on the Range ruins have been cleared away. The Chamber of Commerce is working on an economic development plan and a project to renovate the park. The water wells are in good shape thanks to the nut tree growers. The Northern Cochise Fund had the largest number of grants requested and the San Simon Valley Literacy organization is starting up a summer reading program.

The Eva Hall building has been cleaned up and secured. An architect will be contacted to see how to make the building usable.

The group was reminded that the Bowie School Alumni Membership Fee has been raised to \$15 a year and to please send Bowie School news and "old stories" to the newsletter editor, Susan Bickel

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passed away in June, Vera Takvam Magnuson passed away in August, Socorro Abalos Padilla passed away in September, Tad Jones (Class of 1973) passed away in September. Florina Tapia Christiernsson is absent due to illness.

Treasurer's report – As of September 15, 2017, we had a balance of \$3,735.10.

Those We Will Miss:

**Socorro Abalos Padilla
September 28, 2015**



Beloved wife and mother passed on to be with our Lord, September 28, 2015.

Born in Bowie, AZ, October 14, 1928. Cora leaves behind her loving husband of 66 years, Trinidad; three children, Michael (Diane), Carolyn, Richard (Cyndi); her adoring seven grandchildren, Andrew,

Christina, Miguel (Alina), Marcos, Amanda (Anthony), Kevin, Thomas; and two great-grandchildren, Jacob, Carson; brother, Lorenzo (Julia); and sister, Isabel. Thank you to all her friends and family for your prayers and to celebrate her place in heaven.

Published in the Arizona Daily Star on Oct. 11, 2015

**Leslie Howard Jones
1925-2016**



Long time Bowie resident Les Jones passed away

Leslie Howard Jones of St. David died on Dec. 27, 2016 in his home, surrounded by family. He was born in Dos Palos, Calif. on Sept. 21, 1925 to Howard and Eva Jones.

Les served in the U.S. Navy from 1943-1951, was in both the World War II and the Korean War. He then worked at the Port of Entry for a few years before becoming a Deputy Sheriff in Bowie. He would finally retire in 1987 as a livestock inspector. He was a Charter member of the Willcox Elks Lodge #2131, a 50-year member of the Masonic Lodge, on the Bowie School Board and a Rainbow Dad.

In May of 1955 he married Donella, who survives him. Les is also survived by his son Tad Jones (Susan) of Lake Havasu, daughter Tami Foreman of Green Valley, grandson Keith Morris (Judy) of California, Nicholas Fuentes (Martina), Tristan Fuentes (Helena) both of Phoenix, Cole Jones of Lake Havasu and granddaughter Samantha Kimzey (Jared) of Tucson; along with six great-grandchildren: Alex, Gabriel, Santana, Haiden, Aurora and Keegan. His three siblings Dorothy and Joyce of California and Keith of Tucson also survive him. Preceding him in death are his sons Davy and Tracy along with six of his siblings.

Graveside services will be at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 7, 2017 at Desert Rest Cemetery in Bowie, Ariz. A luncheon will follow the graveside service at the Willcox Elks Lodge #2131. Contributions may be made to the TMC Hospice, 5301 E. Grant Road, Tucson, AZ 85712 or www.tmc.az.com/hospice or to your charity of choice.

Services entrusted to Westlawn Chapel, Mortuary and Crematory of Willcox, Ariz. You may express condolences at www.westlawnchapelmortuary.com.

http://www.willcoxrange.news.com/obituaries/article_cac4d150-d1e4-11e6-88a2-a3a4706d6349.html

Geneva Anderson 1918-2016



Geneva Rae Aldrich was born Oct. 28, 1918 in Bowie, Ariz. She was the fifth child of Edith Van Dorn Roberts Aldrich and Willie Melvin Aldrich.

Her siblings were Myron, Lotta Nathalie and Eugene Volney. Another child, Gladys, died many years earlier during infancy. Myron drowned in an accident at

a Boy Scout camp when he was 14. As a child, her mother told her to "Brighten the corner where you are," advice she took to heart and lived all her life. "Neva," as her family called her, was valedictorian of her Bowie High School class of six.

She married Charles NMN Auderer, who came to Bowie with the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) camps. They lived in Tucson and San Francisco and then Houston, where "Charlie" had family. They had three children: Susan Claire (May 20, 1940), Charles Linn (Feb. 6, 1942), and Nancy Edith (Oct 26, 1947). During WWII she worked at the Hughes Tool Company, a true "Rosie, the Riveter." After the war, she and Charlie had a restaurant for a year or two. The marriage failed and Neva moved back home to

Bowie to be with family and worked in the Lone Star Cafe.

She met Leonard Melvin Anderson at a card party given by Nat, her sister. "Andy" was in Bowie with the U.S. Geological Survey. He and Geneva were married on April 22, 1950. Andy adopted all three children and became their "Poppa." Survey crews stayed at most six months in any location because their instruments were weather-sensitive. The family moved frequently among the seven western states until 1958, when Andy was assigned to the Western Office of the USGS, then in Sacramento, Calif. When that office moved to Menlo Park, Calif., they bought a house in the next city, Redwood City. Geneva began working in the Curtains and Draperies Department of J.C. Penney while in Sacramento and continued in the new location. She was eventually made department manager of Custom Decorating, the first-ever woman manager in that J.C. Penney Region. Because she was so open-hearted to all her children's friends, she was called "The Mommy" by all. When Andy retired they moved to Green Valley, Ariz. to a newly built, customized home in "The Acres." Geneva continued working at J.C. Penney in Tucson, then retired and ran her own custom drapery business for several years.

Andy became active in various service organizations in Green Valley and Geneva always helped out. The Optimists thought she was so active that she should become a member in her own right. She said she would if they got one other woman to join. They did and she did, and she continued her participation long after Andy died. She also joined Eastern Star and was given their "Shining Star" award, a state-wide honor.

In 2002, she moved back to Redwood City to live with her daughter, Nancy and husband, Greg.

She died peacefully in her sleep on March 19, 2016, leaving behind a wide, brightened path of love. She was survived by her daughters, Susan Reid and Nancy Brown; son-in-law, Greg Brown; grandchildren, Eric and Wendi Brown; and great-grandchildren, Jose and Maria Rendon and Declan Brown.

Interment will be on Feb. 11, 2017, at Bowie Desert Rest Cemetery, in Bowie, Ariz. at 2 p.m.

http://www.willcoxrange.news.com/obituaries/article_0b990dfe-dc44-11e6-b28b-7f6683985df4.html

Vera Takvam Magnuson

August 16, 2017

From **Norman Takvam**

[<normtakvam@gmail.com>](mailto:normtakvam@gmail.com)

My sister, Vera, passed on Wed. Aug. 16. in Crawfordville, FL. She was born on Sept. 9, 1931 in Yuma, AZ. She completed Elementary, Junior High and High School in Bowie.

She married Helmer Magnuson in Lordsburg, New Mexico, July 19, 1953. She was preceded by husband Helmer and sister Anne Miille. She is survived by two daughters, two sons, one granddaughter, one grandson and one great-grandson. She is also survived by her brother Norman Takvam of San Diego, CA. and sister Betty Lou Flodman of Fernley, Nevada. - **Norman Takvam** [<normtakvam@gmail.com>](mailto:normtakvam@gmail.com)

Lisa Hale Morsheimer (class of 1975) passed away after a long battle with cancer. Lisa was the daughter of Roger and Linda Hale.

Lisa A. Hale

April 27, 1958 - December 07, 2017

Lisa Ann Hale (Morsheimer) died on December 7, 2017 from metastatic breast cancer. She is survived by her husband Mark Morsheimer, daughters Sarah and Erin, father Roger Hale and his wife Dusty Hale, brother Roddy Hale, niece Shannon Ebert and faithful golden retriever, Levi. Lisa is predeceased by her mother Linda Hale (Sept '07) and her long-time golden retriever companion, Dakota (Oct '17). Lisa was born in Tucson, Arizona to Roger and Linda Hale (nee Keeling).

Lisa and her family later moved to Bowie, Arizona where she attended Bowie High School and later returned to Tucson where she earned a BS in accounting from the University of Arizona. She was recruited to work for Peat, Marwick, Mitchell & Co. in Houston, Texas following graduation. Lisa worked in Houston until she relocated to Maryland with her husband in 1994. She served recently as head of the asset management group for 14 years with Annapolis-based Hannon Armstrong Capital. Lisa was an avid sports enthusiast who loved Elon University women's lacrosse, college basketball and the Baltimore Ravens. She volunteered and organized many fund raising events throughout her professional career for non-profits such as the Alley Theater in Houston, the Women's Professional Group, the Junior League of Annapolis, including Chef's By-The-Bay, and "Of Tide and Thyme" Cookbook. She also led the initial capital

campaign for St. Martin's in-the-Field Episcopal School building fund. Lisa worked tirelessly in supporting her daughters Sarah and Erin in pursuit of their dreams and education. She carried the love of animals, especially horses, dogs and cats with her wherever she lived.

A funeral mass and internment will be held at St. Martin's in-the-Field, 375 Benfield Rd. Severna Park, MD 21146 on December 16, 2017 at 10:00AM.

In lieu of flowers, please send memorial gifts in Lisa's name to the Hospice of the Chesapeake or the SPCA of Anne Arundel County.

<http://www.barrancofuneralhome.com/obituary/lisa-hale?lud=5932657D5BC046727B57CE7B70D35662>

Michael (Mickey) Peddie

December 12, 2017

86 years, class of 1950 Bowie High, passed away 12 December 2017 at his home in Lakeside, AZ. Funeral arrangements are pending. I will let you know when I know. - Ernestine and Edward Crews

Doris Klump (Osborn) Gemetta

June 29, 2017

From Doris' sister-in-law to Evelyn Lathram:

Evelyn,

Some people might like to know that Keith's sister, Doris Klump Gemetta, (used to be Osborn) passed away June 29th in Tucson. We didn't know about it until July 17th. Her son is in a nursing home, so we heard about it from the court appointed auditor. - Kathy Klump

Marcia Belle Peddie

March 8, 2017



Marcia Belle Peddie died March 8, 2017, at her home in Lakeside. She was born Oct. 29, 1933, in Bowie to Ernest Harmon and Euline (Allen) Harmon.

Marcia lived her younger years in Bowie, where she was a member of the Community Methodist Church and attended Bowie schools. She graduated from high school in 1951 and on May 30, 1951, she married her high school sweetheart, Michael (Mickey) Peddie. She was a loving wife for 66 years.

Marcia spent her early married life in Whiteriver. These were times that she treasured. This is where she raised her two sons and she also worked many years for Whiteriver Trading Company. Marcia and Mickey then retired to Lakeside in 1989. They spent many winters in Kino Bay, Mexico, where they had many friends and were founding members of Club Deportivo.

Marcia loved her flowers and was always busy planting in the spring time so everything would be bright and beautiful during the summer. She was a caring person who always had a smile and a positive outlook on life, regardless of life's circumstances. Marcia touched so many lives and she will be deeply missed.

Marcia was preceded in death by her son Gerald (Jerry) Peddie; and sister Thelma Wood.

She is survived by her husband, Michael (Mickey) Peddie; son Michael Peddie (Lori); grandchildren: Michael, Ashley and Colin Peddie, and Greg and Matthew Spruce; five great-grandchildren (who dearly loved her); brothers and sisters, Charles Harmon, of San Simon, Ernestine Crews (Edward), of Show Low, Dora Atherton, of Mesa, Joe Harmon (Pat), of Tucson, Gloria Griffin, of Tucson, and Robert Chavez, of Phoenix; and many nieces and nephews who loved their aunt Marcia.

No public services are planned at this time.

Owens Livingston Mortuary of Show Low handled arrangements.

For those who have special memories and would like to send private condolences or sign an online guest book, visit www.owenslivingstonmortuary.com.

http://www.wmicentral.com/obituaries/latest_obituaries/marcia-belle-peddie/article_69e99876-9190-5375-b684-8c458f8a75e0.html

Elizabeth Ann “Betty” Eyrich September 11, 1933 - November 21, 2017

Elizabeth Ann (Betty) Togie Eyrich 1933-2017

Betty was born in Cleveland and moved to Tucson as a child.

She was a loved mother and Mimi to her family and a very dedicated teacher and citizen of Bowie. She touched many lives as a teacher and instilled the lifelong value of learning in many.

Betty worked alongside Bud in serving on the Bowie Cemetery Board. She also served on the Bowie School Board after retiring, continuing her dedication to the children of Bowie.

Betty instilled artistic talent in her children, the adventure found in reading and, along with Bud, the love of travel and faith in Jesus Christ as our Savior.

She will be missed for her hugs, her abundant meals and lively debates.

Bud and Betty's wishes were that all family and friends be invited to a memorial in their honor on Saturday, Feb. 3, at Westlawn Mortuary Chapel, Willcox, at 9 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, they preferred donations to Habitat for Humanity at www.habitat.org/donate/habitat-form-mail-donation-form-pdf or on line at www.habitat.org/donate or to Operation Smile at operationsmile.org.

Cards can be sent to Westlawn Chapel & Mortuary c/o Chris Eyrich, 105 S. Arizona Ave., Willcox, Arizona 85643.

Bud Eyrich December 12, 2017

Bud was born in North Bloomfield, Ohio and moved to Tucson in his early 20s.

While living in Tucson he met the love of his life, Elizabeth Ann Togie Eyrich (09-11-1933 to 11-21-2017).

They married and raised five children, through the marriages of their children there are 13 grandchildren and 19 great grandchildren.

They were preceded in death by their grandson, Stephen Eyrich.

Bud was active in his church, his community and a valued employee to his employers. While living in Bowie, he owned a service station, worked at the Port of Entry and was instrumental in the maintenance and improvements of the Bowie Cemetery.

Bud was a dedicated husband, and exemplary father.

His smile, the twinkle in his eye and quick wit will be missed.

Tad Jones 1955-2017



Tad Jones, formerly of Willcox, died Sept. 14, 2017, in Lake Havasu City, surrounded by loved ones, at the age of 61.

He was born in Safford on Nov. 11, 1955, to Les and Donella Jones. Tad was a Bowie High School graduate Class of 1973 and Cochise College graduate Class of 1975.

Tad worked all over the world in the oil and gas industry for more than 35 years. He was a member of Willcox Elk Lodge #2131.

In December 1981, in Hesperus, Colo., he married the love of his life, Susan Scott, who survives him. Tad is also survived by: his son, Cole Jones, of Lake Havasu City; daughter, Samantha (Jared) Kimzey, of Tucson; granddaughter, Haiden Jones; grandson, Keegan Kimzey; his mom, Donella Jones, of St. David; his sister, Tami Foreman, of Green Valley; along with two nephews and many cousins.

Preceding him in death are: his dad, Les Jones; brother, Tracy Jones; and both sets of grandparents.

A celebration of life will be held Saturday, Sept. 23, at the Willcox Elks Lodge at 3 p.m. Contributions may be made in his name to the Oilfield Helping Hands (oilfieldhelpinghands.org). Also please feel free to wear brighter colors as this is a celebration of his life!

Arrangements entrusted to Westlawn Chapel, Mortuary and Crematory of Willcox.

http://www.willcoxrangeneews.com/obituaries/article_1b1dec64-9e30-11e7-93d8-6f0a6b6760d8.html

Bowie Area News:

April 21, 2017

Tourism to Southeast Arizona National Park Sites creates \$13,304,200 in Economic Benefits

Report shows visitor spending supports 168 jobs in local economy

Contact: Chiricahua NM 520-824-3560 x9302, Coronado NM 520-366-5515 x2300,

Fort Bowie NHS 520-847-2500x25

April 21, 2017

HEREFORD, ARIZONA – A new National Park Service (NPS) report shows that 195,366 visitors to Southeast Arizona Group in 2016 spent \$11,453,700 in communities near the park. That spending supported 168 jobs in the local area and had a cumulative benefit to the local economy of \$13,304,200.

“Chiricahua, Coronado and Fort Bowie each welcome visitors from across the country and around the world,” said Superintendent Allen Etheridge. “We are delighted to share the stories of these places and the experiences they provide. We also feature these parks as a way to introduce our visitors to this part of the country and all that it offers. National park tourism is a significant driver

in the national economy, returning more than \$10 for every \$1 invested in the National Park Service, and it’s a big factor in our local economy as well. We appreciate the partnership and support of our neighbors and are glad to be able to give back by helping to sustain local communities.”

The peer-reviewed visitor spending analysis was conducted by economists Catherine Cullinane Thomas of the U.S. Geological Survey and Lynne Koontz of the National Park Service. The report shows \$18.4 billion of direct spending by 331 million park visitors in communities within 60 miles of a national park. This spending supported 318,000 jobs nationally; 271,544,000 of those jobs are found in these gateway communities. The cumulative benefit to the U.S. economy was \$ 34.9 billion.

According to the 2016 report, most park visitor spending was for lodging (31.2 percent) followed by food and beverages (27.2 percent), gas and oil (11.7 percent), admissions and fees (10.2 percent), souvenirs and other expenses (9.7 percent), local transportation (7.4 percent), and camping fees (2.5%).

Report authors this year produced an interactive tool. Users can explore current year visitor spending, jobs, labor income, value added, and output effects by sector for national, state, and local economies. Users can also view year-by-year trend data. The interactive tool and report are available at the NPS Social Science Program webpage: go.nps.gov/vse. The report includes information for visitor spending at individual parks and by state.

To learn more about national parks in Arizona and how the National Park Service works with Arizona communities to help preserve local history, conserve the environment, and provide outdoor recreation, go to www.nps.gov/ARIZONA.

Construction is well underway for the Rafter G Family Restaurant in Bowie.



Photo courtesy Nancy-Jean Welker

Nancy-Jean Welker president, Bowie Chamber of Commerce

Aug 10, 2017 Willcox Range News

The small town of Bowie is seeing improvements in their community.

Crime is at a record low, houses are selling, population is growing and school enrollment is climbing as the citizens feel new hope and enthusiasm in 2017.

One of the exciting new additions is the “Rafter G Family Restaurant,” a new restaurant, a new building under construction in town on Business Loop 10.

The proud new owners are Jeff and Penni Goodman of the local Rafter G Ranch. The Goodman’s came here from the Gila Valley.

The new 3,000 square foot restaurant, with a 700-square foot covered porch, will have a Western theme. It will be open for three meals a day, seven days per week while employing many area residents.

Employment interviews will begin in September with the restaurant opening in October in time for the Bowie Fall Festival on Saturday, Oct. 28.

Please watch for the opening date of the new Rafter G Family Restaurant and come for a good time while you enjoy delicious food!

New Bowie restaurant part of “new hope and enthusiasm,” Chamber Director says

Carol Broeder Arizona Range News - Dec 26, 2017

A new restaurant has opened in Bowie – the first one in years, according to Bowie Chamber Director Nancy-Jean Welker.



From left, Dist. 3 County Supervisor Peggy Judd, restaurant owners Penni and Jeff Goodman, and Bowie Chamber Director Nancy-Jean Welker cut the ribbon Saturday, Dec. 9, in front of the new “Rafter G” Restaurant, in Bowie.

Carol Broeder

“Our town is so excited about the new restaurant,” she said about the “Rafter G Restaurant,” the brand-new site built restaurant located on the West Business Loop, in Bowie. “We haven’t had a restaurant in several years.”

“We haven’t had one built from the ground up since the mid or late 1950s, we think,” she told the Range News.

The restaurant owners are Jeff and Peni Goodman, who moved to Bowie three years ago from Greenlee County.

They are also local ranchers who own the “Happy Camp Rough Mountain Ranch,” south of Bowie, in the Dos Cabezas Mountains.

The restaurant’s name – “Rafter G” – is from the Goodman’s own cattle brand.

While they are not currently serving their own beef, plans are in the works to do so, Peni Goodman told the Range News.

In the meantime, the Goodman’s are proud of serving other locally grown products – such as Cochise County wine, especially from “Coronado Vineyards,” of Willcox, Peni Goodman points out.

The new restaurant has meeting rooms available for meetings and parties, and some have already been scheduled, she told the Range News.

The Goodmans plan to seal off the meeting rooms with sliding barn wood doors, which haven't been installed yet.

What has been installed, however, are custom made, solid concrete table tops and a “bar” top, which is used for counter seating in the restaurant.

The polished concrete table tops were handmade by owner Jeff Goodman's cousin, Troy Goodman, of Safford, he told the Range News.

Other table tops, which are solid “Bowie marble,” as Jeff calls them, came from “Klump Materials,” in Willcox.

Since construction began in August this year, the Goodmans used other area contractors, as well, such as CM Construction, of Benson; Tim's Electric and GNS Heating and Cooling, both of Willcox, he told the Range News.

Jeff Goodman also has words of praise for Cochise County and Dist. 3 County Supervisor Peggy Judd for their “overwhelming support” of the project.

The new, Western-themed restaurant, is 3,000 square feet, boasting a 700 square foot covered porch.

It is open for three meals a day, seven days a week, and hopes to attract not only locals, but traffic off the I-10, as well.

The construction and opening of the new restaurant is part of the overall improvements Welker is seeing in the Bowie community.

“Crime is at a record low, houses are selling, population is growing and school enrollment is climbing as the citizens feel new hope and enthusiasm in 2017,” she told the Range News in August this year.

SunZia Transmission Project moves to preconstruction phase

Terri Jo Neff For the Range News Sep 27, 2017

The company planning to build two high voltage transmission lines across southeast Arizona that will end near the Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station has begun securing right-of-way leases in Cochise, Graham, and Greenlee counties. When completed, the SunZia Southwest Transmission Project will stretch more than 515 miles, enabling New Mexico wind energy to become electricity in California.

An update about the project was given by David Getts during a Sept. 12 presentation hosted by the Southeast Arizona Economic Development Group. Getts, general manager SouthWestern Power Group, said designs are being finalized for the first of the two lines that will be constructed along with two substations. One of the those



Benson Schools superintendent Micah Mortensen speaks with State House Representative (District 14) Drew John and Bob Brietske, of Pulse Broadband, during the Sept. 12 SAEDG luncheon. Photo courtesy Terri Jo Neff

-the Willow Substation- will be built in Graham County 15 miles north of Bowie.

The U.S. Bureau of Land Management recently signed agreements allowing SunZia to be built across 50 miles of federal lands in Arizona and 134 miles in New Mexico. The

\$850 million line — which includes 200 miles across Arizona — will come within 10 miles of Benson as it passes through northern Cochise County.

Getts explained the company is now negotiating right-of-way leases with 40 private property owners in Arizona for 16 miles of the SunZia line. Access to 93 miles controlled by about 120 landowners across New Mexico is also ongoing. In addition, parent company SouthWestern Power must secure land-use deals with Arizona and New Mexico for 224 miles which cross public state lands.

During the presentation, Getts noted the line will be constructed in four segments due to the enormity of the project. The company is preparing for the pre-construction phase by contacting prospective general contractors and suppliers, after which SunZia officials will reach out to subcontractors and laborers.

“We’re almost there,” explained Getts, adding it will take about 30 months to construct the first line. When asked whether SunZia will “buy American,” Getts replied the company “certainly prefers domestic” vendors, but noted some specialty supplies are only available from foreign markets.

Once the line is built, its transmission capability could be used by other renewable energy sites for delivering electricity to the marketplace.

http://www.willcoxrangeneews.com/news/article_ef77a872-a3be-11e7-a035-c7b8c481e812.html

Bo Hall inducted into the ACCAC Hall of Fame

Dr. James “Bo” Hall, athletic director and dean of Student Services at Cochise College, was inducted into the Arizona Community College Athletic Conference (ACCAC) 2016 Hall of Fame Class last summer.



Dr. J.D. Rottweiler, president of Cochise College, presenting the 2016 Hall of Fame Award to **Dr. Bo Hall**, athletic director and dean of Student Services.

Additional members of the 2016 ACCAC Hall of Fame Class are: Ray Butcher and Charles Dine (Arizona Western College); Jerry Hekekia (Eastern Arizona College); Lin Laursen (Central Arizona College); Heinz Mueller (Phoenix College); Greg Silcox (Glendale); George Young (Central Arizona College); Dave Brown and Gary Ward, (Yavapai College).

“It’s always an honor to be recognized by your peers,” Hall said. Hall’s passion for sports initially brought him to Cochise College as a student. He signed a letter of intent to play football for the University of Arizona, but a knee injury got in the way and forced Bo to look into other options. Bo opted to play baseball for the Cochise College Apaches. Years later, after successfully completing his bachelor’s degree from Grand Canyon University, Bo was drafted by the San Francisco Giants. From there he started his coaching career, which eventually led him back to his alma mater, here at Cochise College. He took the Apaches to the state championship in 1988, and in the next year, took the Apaches to the World Series and finished third in the nation.

Hall coached for about ten years before walking away in 1992 to focus on running the Cochise College Athletic department and eventually become dean of Student Services.

“Seventeen years ago when they offered me the dean of Student Services job here at Cochise, I told them I would take it only if they let me keep being the athletic director,” he said. “...but I’ve never felt like working here at Cochise College was a job. I felt like this was something I enjoyed doing. I’ve always enjoyed what I’ve done here. Cochise College has always been really good to me.”

But what’s next for the longtime Athletic Director? Bo says he’s going to retire—maybe.

Bo is the legal guardian for his grandson, Derek Hall, who was recently drafted by the Philadelphia Phillies. In the past, Bo has stood close by to help support his grandson financially through his education.

“Since the day he was born we’ve raised him. I always wanted to make sure I had a job to help him get through a college education. Well, he’s now playing pro baseball for the Phillies, and part of his signing bonus is to pay for his last two years of college. Now that he’s taken care of, probably a year from now, I’ll start looking at the idea of possibly retiring. So, the next big thing is that when I get ready to leave here and retire, that the college’s Athletic department is left in great shape.”

To find out more information about the Cochise College Athletic department, go to the [athletics website](http://www.cochise.edu/2016/09/bo-hall-inducted-to-accac-hall-of-fame/).

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New Program Schedule at Fort Bowie National Historic Site

Bowie, AZ – Southeast Arizona Group Superintendent Allen S. Etheridge announced today that Fort Bowie National Historic Site (NHS) Visitor Center will begin operating 7 days a week starting November 1. The Visitor Center is open from 8am-4pm; the grounds and trails are open from sunrise to sunset.

Additionally, the park will be offering programs every day for the fall/winter/spring season. Programs will start November 16 and will continue through April 22. All programs are free of charge and give visitors an opportunity to learn more about the rich history preserved at Fort Bowie NHS.

Guided Hike: 10:00 am – 2 to 2.5 Hours, Every Tuesday and Saturday Meet at the Fort Bowie NHS trailhead on Apache Pass Road to begin this moderate 1.5 mile guided walk. The walk will cover a variety of topics from Apache culture to the establishment of Fort Bowie. Participants may hike 1.5 miles back to the parking lot at their leisure.

Ranger Talk (Topics will Vary): 1:00 pm – 1 Hour or less, Every Afternoon Fort Bowie NHS protects historic features and natural landscapes that helped to shape the history of this region. Every afternoon, meet at the Visitor Center to attend a Ranger Talk. Programs will focus on different aspects of military history, Native American culture, and natural resources.

Fort Bowie NHS is a hike-in park. Visitors should be prepared for a 3 mile round-trip hike. It is strongly recommended to bring water, sturdy hiking shoes, sun protection and snacks. Weather conditions are variable this time of year.

Schools and other groups seeking a ranger-led program should call the park in advance to make reservations. Mobility impaired individuals who are unable to complete a 3 mile hike may call 520-847-2500 ext.25 for alternate directions to the visitor center.

About the National Park Service: More than 20,000 National Park Service employees care for America's 417 national parks and work with communities across the nation to help preserve local history and create close-to home recreational opportunities. Learn more at www.nps.gov.

Bowie School News:

Bowie Students ROAR

Oct 20, 2017



Bowie Unified School District recognized the September "ROAR" character award winners and their teachers. Pictured are, front, from left, Kenya Romo, Alexia Newell, Yulissa Cota, Nadia Orona, Carla Orono and Nevaeh Bedford; back, Gracie Madrid (preschool teacher), Hannah Morrow, (K-2 teacher), Dominick Marquez, Cianna Ramirez, Patsy Nyberg (teacher) and Kathy Murphy (middle school teacher).

http://www.willcoxrangeneews.com/news/article_-b41c-11e7-9137-8336da662d8f.html



Bowie Class of 1973; from left to right; Juan Rodriguez, Joe Hall, Marina (Diaz) Tapia, Danny Newell, Danielle Forrest, Ricky Valdez, Victor Grizzle, Jeanine Grusendorf, Nancy-Jean Welker



Bowie-San Simon Cougars
Home of the Cougars
Boys Basketball 2017-18 Schedule

Date	Opponent/Location	JV Time	Varsity Time
W 11/15	Duncan/Thatcher @Duncan	N/G	4:00 PM
TU 11/28	@ ASDB*	N/G	7:00 PM
W 11/29	Greenfields (Bowie)	5:30 PM	N/G
F 12/1	Patagonia (Bowie) *	4:00 PM	7:00 PM
TU 12/5	Valley Union (San Simon)*	4:00 PM	7:00 PM
TH 12/7	Superior (Bowie)	4:00 PM	7:00 PM
TU 12/12	@ Academy of Tucson (TGS)	N/G	7:00 PM
TH 12/14	St. David (San Simon)	4:00 PM	7:00 PM
F 12/15	Animas (San Simon)	4:00 PM	7:00 PM
TH 12/21	ASDB (Bowie)	N/G	7:00 PM
TU 1/9	@ Baboquivari*	4:00 PM	7:00 PM
W 1/10	@ Duncan	4:00 PM	7:00 PM
TU 1/16	Academy of Tucson (San Simon)*	N/G	7:00 PM
TH 1/18	@ Hayden	4:00 PM	7:00 PM
F 1/19	Immaculate Heart (Bowie)*	4:00 PM	7:00 PM
TU 1/23	Lourdes Catholic (San Simon)*	N/G	7:00 PM
F 1/26	@ The Gregory School*	4:00 PM	7:00 PM
M 1/29	Duncan (Bowie)	4:00 PM	7:00 PM
TU 1/30	@ Patagonia	4:00 PM	7:00 PM
TH 2/1	@ Valley Union	4:00 PM	7:00 PM

* section game

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Girls' Basketball 2017-18 Schedule

Date	Opponent/Location	Varsity Time
W 11/15	Duncan (Scrimmage)	4:00 PM
M 11/20-22	@ Boyd Baker Tourney	TBA
TU 11/28	@ ASDB *	5:30 PM
F 12/1	Patagonia (Bowie)*	5:30 PM
TU 12/5	Valley Union (San Simon)*	5:30 PM
TH 12/7	Superior (Bowie)	5:30 PM
TU 12/12	@ Academy of Tucson (TGS)	5:30 PM
TH 12/14	St. David (San Simon)*	5:30 PM
F 12/15	Animas (San Simon)	5:30 PM
TH 12/21	ASDB (Bowie)	5:30 PM
12/28-30	@ New Year's Shootout (Chandler Prep)	TBA
TU 1/9	@ Baboquivari *	5:30 PM
W 1/10	@ Duncan	5:30 PM
TU 1/16	Academy of Tucson (San Simon) *	5:30 PM
TH 1/18	@ Hayden	5:30 PM
F 1/19	Immaculate Heart (Bowie) *	5:30 PM
TU 1/23	Lourdes Catholic (San Simon)*	5:30 PM
TH 1/25	@ Tohono O'Odham	5:30 PM
F 1/26	@ The Gregory School*	5:30 PM
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“Grand Opening”



404 West Business Loop, Bowie, AZ 520-847-1900

Saturday December 9th.

Ribbon Cutting Event / Door Prizes

Live Band 12:00 – 3:00

Desert Reign

10% off the menu, in house and to-go

“All day”





BOWIE PANTHERS!



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- There is no guarantee how many copies of the Newsletter will be published each calendar year. Our Newsletter Editor will attempt to publish at least one per year, and more if possible.
- Husband and wife alumni and family members living in the same household will need to pay only one annual membership fee. If the family wishes to pay more, it will be gladly accepted to help cover expenses.
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- Send it to: Evelyn Lathram, 1920 W. Mountain Laurel Dr., Oro Valley, AZ 85737

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