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## **Bowie Alumni Newsletter**

**Vol. 19, Winter 2019**



### **From the Editor of the Bowie Alumni Newsletter**

Susan (Spikes) Bickel



Happy New Year!

Welcome 2019, wishing a happy new year to everybody.

The Bowie School Alumni membership dues for 2019 are now due. If you wish to continue to receive the Bowie Schools Alumni Newsletter, please send a check or money order for \$15.00, made payable to:

**Bowie Schools Alumni Group**

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(Yes, I've moved since last I wrote you.)

My phone number is still 520-425-6406, if you would like to call.

Please join us! The Bowie spring Luncheon will be March 30, 2019, 11:30 am at:

**U-Like Oriental Buffet**

**5101 N Oracle Rd**

**Tucson, AZ 85704**

**(north of River Rd, on the west side of Oracle Rd)**

DO NOT pay at the front desk. Say you are with the Bowie Alumni Group, and you will be directed to a meeting room in the back.

We will pay our server with cash or credit/debit card:

Buffet without drink = \$10.00

Buffet with drink = \$12.47

The prices include the Senior rate, sales tax and gratuity.

Please send your RSVP to Evelyn Lathram at [elathram@gmail.com](mailto:elathram@gmail.com) or 520-425-6406

The Memory Book is ready (I'm sorry it took so long, but it's ready NOW!)

Please print, fill out, and mail the attached order form. (At the back of this newsletter)

Evelyn (Spikes) Lathram

## Bowie School Alumni Group Luncheons

**Rafter-G restaurant, 404 W Business Loop,  
Bowie, AZ 85605 Saturday, March 17th, 2018,  
at 11:30 a.m.**



(left to right) Evelyn (Spikes) Lathram, Phyllis Cohorn, Delbert "Skip" Fousel, Tony Cohorn, ---, Bobbie (Scott Welker) Blandin, Ed Crews, Ernestine Crews, Belinda (Acosta) Castillo, Henry Castillo, Donella Jones, Flornia (Tapia) Christiernsson, Vicki Cooke Schindler, Wendy Conger, Hope Rodriguez, ---, Juan Rodriguez, Tommy Cooke, Nancy-Jean Welker, Charles Harmon.

We had 23 Bowie Alumni and guests at the Spring Luncheon held in Bowie. Wendy Conger, the new Bowie Schools Superintendent, gave us an update on the schools. There are 66 students enrolled in K thru 12 and all the teachers are certified with a mix of online and in person teaching. The owner of the new Rafter-G restaurant is now on the school board. There are community meetings twice a month. A grant was obtained to fix the plumbing. There are 3 seniors this year. There will be a Festival Day in October.

Updates were given on the Northern Cochise fund, the Bowie Power Station, the Power Line and the Chamber of Commerce. Nancy-Jean Welker handed out updated brochures.

Save the Date: June 9, 2018, for the next Bowie School Reunion. The membership was asked to be sure we had the correct mailing addresses for them and their family and friends as Information and reservation forms will be mailed early next year.

In Memory of: Elizabeth Ann Togie Eyrich passed away November 2017, Walter (Bud) Earl Eyrich passed away December 2017, Lisa A. Hale passed away December 2017, Michael (Mickey) Peddie passed away December 2017.

**November 17, 2018, at 11:30 a.m. U-Like  
Oriental Buffet, 5101 N Oracle Rd, Tucson, AZ  
85704**



(left to right) Back: Susan (Spikes) Bickel, Evelyn (Spikes) Lathram, Bobbie Welker Blandin, Wendy Conger, Nancy-Jean Welker, Jeanine Grusendorf, Dutch Grusendorf, Betty Grusendorf, Alta (Hodges) Dangel, David Montana, Brian Bickel. Front: Richard Minker, Delores Montana, Bobby Montana, Henry Castillo, Belinda Castillo, Phyllis Cohorn, Tony Cohorn.

We had 18 Bowie alumni and guests at our Fall luncheon. Superintendent Conger gave us an update for Bowie Schools. The annual Fall Festival was held in October and was a huge success. Bowie participated in the FFA Nationals in Kentucky, and the Rex Allen Parade. The ADE sent a letter praising the school on their improvement. Updates were given on the Northern Cochise fund, the Bowie Power Station, the Power Line and the Chamber of Commerce. The Bowie School 5-year reunion was in June and had a good attendance. There was a program at the school, and then dinner and dance at the Elks Club. We Remember: Dendy Boggs died September 28, 2018, David Minker (class of 1964) died March 31, 2018, Joseph Cooke (Class of 1953) died June 9, 2018, James Boggs, (Class of 1962) died February 18, 2018. The membership was reminded to pay their dues of \$15 for the year if they want to receive the newsletter.

## ***2018 Bowie School Alumni FIVE-YEAR reunion***

**Saturday, June 9, 2018**

There were over 100 people who came to the day program in the school auditorium and/or attended the dinner-dance at the Elks Club in Willcox. We had alumni from the Class of 1947 to the Class of 1986. MCs Darren Yelton and Nancy-Jean Welker opened the meeting and welcomed everyone. The Bowie Boy Scouts held a flag ceremony and we heard from school alumni Don Engler and his wife Sherry McMahan Engler. Don talked about being in law enforcement and Sherry talked about being an author. They both stressed



how living and attending school in Bowie helped them be successful in life. Superintendent Wendy Conger also welcomed the alumni, teachers, staff, and past administrators and gave a summary of the current school activities. Sherry Engler and Kathy Klump had copies of their books available for purchase.

The alumni always enjoy the memorabilia room organized by Florina Tapia Christiernsson. It's a lot of work to store and display the pictures, year books, and other items from past years, and we appreciate it.

Portraits were taken of the alumni. Those pictures along with pictures from the dinner-dance are available in a Memory Book. Contact Evelyn Lathram for pricing and how to purchase one (elathram@gmail.com).

The school buildings were open for touring, and many people visited the local businesses.

The dinner-dance was held at the Elks Club with a DJ for karaoke and dancing in the ballroom.

## **Sunday, June 10, 2018**

Several alumni joined Kathy Klump for a tour of the Chiricahua Regional Research Center in Willcox. Kathy keeps many items related to Bowie and the Bowie Schools.

## **Those we will miss:**

### **James Boggs**

**Feb 23, 2018**

James Robert Boggs of Linden, died Sunday, Feb. 18, 2018 with his family at his side, just five days after his 74th birthday. He was born Monday, Feb. 12, 1944 in Safford, to the late Fred Smith and Neva Rachel (Dendy) Boggs.

When Jim was 10, he moved with his family to

Bowie to farm cotton. He faithfully served a two-year mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in England. Upon his return he attended four years of college at the University of Arizona. He then enlisted in the U.S. Army and proudly served as an O.R. Tech from 1969-1972. Jim worked at the Show Low Post Office for 20 years. He loved the out-of-doors, spending time cutting wood and hunting.

Jim was a loving husband, father, grandfather and protector who will be greatly missed. He is survived by his wife, Suzanne M. Boggs; children: Fred Boggs, Robyn (Juan) Arroyo, and Josh (Kaylene) Boggs; grandchildren: Aiden, Anna Marie, Trey, Damian, Kenda Sue, Masen, Abbey, Cutter, Makelle.

He was preceded in death by his grandson, James "J.J." Howe.

Funeral services will be held Friday, Feb. 23, beginning at 10 a.m. at the Linden Chapel of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, with a viewing from 9-9:45 a.m. Concluding services and military honors will be held at the Show Low Cemetery.

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 website

[www.owenslivingstonmortuary.com](http://www.owenslivingstonmortuary.com).

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### **David Minker**

**March 31, 2018**

(class of 1964) passed away yesterday (3/31/2018) after a battle with bone cancer.

Richard Minker (class of 1966) is the only one left as his father, mother and siblings have all passed. Richard lives in Bowie and attended our Alumni Luncheon in March.

### **Philip E. McCarthy**

**May 19, 2018**

Passed away May 19, 2018 at the age of 85. He was living in Weymouth, Massachusetts. Phil was brother to Chet McCarthy.



## **Dendy Boggs**

**September 28, 2018**

Died September 28, 2018. His Celebration of Life was held at his and Martha's home in Mesa on October 3rd.

## **Joseph Cooke**

**June 9, 2018**

(Class of 1953) died June 9, 2018 and is survived by his wife Bonnie (Dycus) Cooke, class of 1958, and their 3 children, Joe Jr, Jerry, and Michelle. He lived in Bowie and was the son of Thomas W. "TW" Cooke, Sr., first Justice of the Peace in Bowie. There are no services planned.

## **Francis Clinton Head**

**January 23, 2019**

Funeral is January 31 at 10am  
Greenwood Memory Lawn and cremation.  
2300 W Van Buren St  
Phoenix Arizona 85009

He will be laid to rest at the Abraham Garden section

Visitation 10 am to 12 pm

Service 12pm to 1pm

Gravesite service 2 pm to 2:30 pm

Thank you so much for sharing the GoFundMe page.

Visitation

On Thu, Jan 24, 2019, 2:21 PM Evelyn Lathram [elathram@gmail.com](mailto:elathram@gmail.com) wrote: Nancy-Jean Welker sent this email:

Clinton Head, Class of 1973, passed away yesterday (1/23/19) afternoon.

Further information to be provided later.  
With great sadness,

Please see this link for a GOFUNDME page to help pay for the funeral costs.

[https://www.gofundme.com/francis-clinton-head-end-of-life-funds?utm\\_source=facebook&utm\\_medium=social&utm\\_campaign=fb\\_dn\\_cpgnstaticxlarge\\_r&fbclid=IwAR0Xyb30xaUJW9NO-0F3VoldNo7YGHPO1ZUj16blWu2eoR0ve9V1tITo\\_Fc](https://www.gofundme.com/francis-clinton-head-end-of-life-funds?utm_source=facebook&utm_medium=social&utm_campaign=fb_dn_cpgnstaticxlarge_r&fbclid=IwAR0Xyb30xaUJW9NO-0F3VoldNo7YGHPO1ZUj16blWu2eoR0ve9V1tITo_Fc)

## **Bowie Area News:**

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## **New Bowie restaurant part of "new hope and enthusiasm," Chamber Director says**

Carol Broeder Arizona Range News

Dec 26, 2017



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

Carol Broeder Arizona Range News

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

"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 Penni 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, Penni 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, Penni 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 Goodman's 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 Goodman's 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.

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## **A thank you from the Bowie Chamber of Commerce**

Nancy Jean Welker Photo/Bowie Chamber of Commerce  
April 26, 2018

The Bowie Water Tower has a new face, thanks to

donations given to a fund drive spearheaded by Jeff and Penni Goodman, owners of the new Rafter G Restaurant, and new Bowie School Superintendent Wendy Conger. Ronald Klump, of Klump's Tree Expert Company in Willcox, donated the use of his tree trimming truck so Kole Harris, of Circle H Painting Company in Willcox, could complete the project.



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## **Aquaponics Workshop in Bowie**

Contributed Article by Nancy-Jean Welker  
June 1, 2018

Contributed Photo/Nancy-Jean Welker

Bob Goodpastor, left, and Michael Skiles, both Bowie residents, were two of the aquaponics workshop participants.

Dr. David Holmes recently conducted a two-day aquaponics workshop hosted by Cochise County's Jimmie Libhart Library in Bowie.

The participants built several systems and were very pleased with the results.



Holmes, a Bowie resident, received grant support

through the Northern Cochise Fund to be able to share the information. He said he plans to host more workshops.

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## Rail quiet zone coming to Bowie

By Carol Broeder Arizona Range News

June 13, 2018

Like other area communities, such as Willcox and Dragoon, Bowie will be getting its own railroad quiet zone, thanks to Cochise County.

About 40 trains per day, and about 480 passenger vehicles and trucks, use the Union Pacific Railroad crossing at Central Avenue, county Public Information Officer Amanda Bailie said in a June 5 statement.

“A quiet zone means approaching trains will not give a warning sound unless deemed absolutely necessary by the engineer,” she said.

After hearing complaints from those living near the crossing, the county had asked the Arizona Corporation Commission to address the issue.

“Quiet zones are designated by the Federal Railroad Administration, as it is their regulation,” Corporation Commission Public Information Officer Holly Ward previously told Arizona Range News.

The commission’s role includes approval of physical upgrades to the crossing, such as lights and gates. For Central Avenue, the commission approved 100 feet of raised medians at both approaches.

The crossing will be designated a Federal Railroad Administration quiet zone after the county’s Highways & Floodplain Department completes its work. The road improvements, which began this month, will cost an estimated \$35,000.

Bowie Chamber of Commerce Director Nancy-Jean Welker said a “group of Bowie citizens,” who had gotten together on the issue of railroad noise, asked the Bowie Chamber for its support.

“The chamber was more than happy to back them up as we see this as a positive for the quality of life here,” she told the Range News. “It has been wonderful to see the locals, the county, Arizona Corporation Commission and Union Pacific Railroad come together to accomplish this improvement.”

The Federal Railroad Administration’s Train Horn and Quiet Zones rules state that train

engineers are required to sound the horns “at least 15 seconds but no more than 20 seconds” in advance of all public highway crossings.

If a train is traveling faster than 60 miles per hour, engineers do not sound the horn until it is within a quarter-mile of the crossing, even if the advance warning is less than 15 seconds.

The “good faith” exception is for locations where engineers can’t precisely estimate their arrival at a crossing and begin sounding the horn no more than 25 seconds before arriving.



The Central Avenue crossing in Bowie will have signs like this — or something similar — once Cochise County completes roadwork, meeting requirements to establish a quiet zone at the request of area residents.

Carol Broeder Photo/Arizona Range News

In a quiet zone, railroads are directed to “cease the routine sounding of their horns” when approaching the public highway crossings.

Train horns may still be used in emergency situations or to comply with other federal regulations or railroad operating rules.

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## The Middle Ages arrive in Bowie

By David Bell Arizona Range News

Oct 25, 2018

BOWIE — Mead making, hard-steel fencing and lucet making . . . all that and more took place in Bowie last weekend.



David Clemente, left, tosses the stick in a game of kubb, also known as Viking chess, in competition with Johan De Lours.

David Bell Photo/Arizona Range News

Badlands Bedlam took place Thursday to Sunday, Oct 18-21, on the vacant land on Business Loop, giving visitors a chance to learn more about times long past.

“We asked (the Bowie) Chamber if we could come out, and they offered us this spot. They seem happy to have us, and we’re glad to be here,” said Jeanette Fiori-Clemente, the seneschal for the Barony March of Mons Tonitrus.

Visitors to Badlands Bedlam and members of the Barony March of Mons Tonitrus share a laugh during Saturday’s event in Bowie.

David Bell Photo/Arizona Range News



The barony, based out of Sierra Vista, is part of the Society of Creative Anachronism, the international

nonprofit volunteer educational organization dedicated to researching and re-creating the arts and skills of the pre-17th-century civilization.

According to the SCA, the “known world” consists of 20 kingdoms, with more than 30,000 members residing in countries around the world.



Hand-crafted tapestries were on display during the Badlands Bedlam event in Bowie.

David Bell Photo/Arizona Range News

During Badlands Bedlam, visitors to the campsite could see demonstrations and competitions in thrown weapons, archery, and rapier tournaments.

“We had a number of visitors; about 30 to 40 came through today,” Fiori-Clemente said. “We have plenty of activities for the kids.”

One of the most popular destinations was the A&S tent, where several colorful tapestries and other hand-made items were on display.

“We demonstrated lucet making, which is also known as needle fitting, split-ply darning and we did wire work in three different variations — simple veil pin, chain mail/link and fibula, which is a piece that holds clothing together or attaches a cloak,” Fiori-Clemente said. “We also taught how to twist a turban.”

Fiori-Clemente said it’s hoped Badlands Bedlam is the first in a series of SCA events staged by the barony in the Bowie area

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## Theft of toys won't stop Bowie Christmas

By David Bell Arizona Range News  
Updated Dec 19, 2018

Dec 19, 2018

BOWIE — The theft of a few toys will not keep Bowie Volunteer Fire Department from holding its annual community Christmas party this Friday.

The department collects toys for the annual children’s Christmas party and a few of those toys were stored in a

house behind the station.

According to department officials, someone broke into the house, stole those toys, and vandalized the building. However, most toys for the party were being stored in the fire station, safe from the vandals.

On its Facebook page Wednesday, the department posted that “either it was a guilty conscience or a parent that did the right thing, but about a quarter of what was taken was returned.”

The party begins Friday at 5:30 p.m., when Santa Claus tours the community on a Bowie fire truck. At 6 p.m., Santa will arrive at the fire station, where he will meet with children, who then can choose two gifts from the toys that remain.

## Bowie Happenings, Fall 2018

**Badlands Bedlam** is a SCA event to be held in Bowie on Thursday October 18 – Sunday October 21, 2018 at 404 W. Business Loop. This event will give attendees a chance to experience the Middle Ages. There will be real live combat tournaments, archery and hard steel fencing, medieval vendors, period arts and crafts and more. Facebook: Badlands Bedlam, [sca.org](http://sca.org)

**The 3rd Annual Bowie Fall Festival** will be held on Saturday October 27, 2018 from 9 a.m.- 2 p.m. at Bowie Schools. There will be vendors, food, music and activities for all ages. Vendor and information booths are welcome, no space fee! The Halloween Carnival (with Cake Walk and more) will be held in the gym during this time. Product donations for the Cake Walk will be gladly accepted at the gym starting at 9 a.m. Costumes (adult and child) will be popular wear for the day. Please come relax and enjoy this Autumn fun time! For more information call Richard at (520)847-2522 or Nancy-Jean at (520)253-0930.

**The Bowie Fire District** will be sponsoring, with the help of the Bowie School children, a float in the Rex Allen Day Parade. The float will be on display at the Fall Festival.

The district has a “Go Fund Me” account to raise money for turnout gear to protect their volunteers. Type in “GoFundMe”, then click on “search” and type in “Bowie, AZ”.

The district is also planning an amazing Christmas party. Donations are needed for bikes and other gifts for our children. Checks and money orders should be made out to “Bowie Fire District” and

must be noted as “donation for Kids’ Christmas”. Mail donations to Bowie Fire District, P.O. Box 241, Bowie, AZ 85605. If you need more information, contact Jami in the district office on Mondays – Thursdays from 7 a.m. – 1 p.m., (520)-847-2553.

## Wendy A. Conger is new Bowie superintendent

By Carol Broeder Arizona Range News



Wendy A. Conger takes the helm as the new superintendent of the Bowie Unified School District. Prior to last month’s appointment, Conger had served as principal, program director and homeless liaison at Bowie Schools.

Wendy A. Conger is the new superintendent of the Bowie Unified School District.

Her appointment by the school board was announced in a Feb. 26 statement issued by Amanda Bailie, public information officer for the Cochise County Board of Supervisors.

“Mrs. Conger brings high energy to the district,” Cochise County Superintendent for Education Jacqui Clay said. “Several of her goals include increasing academic growth and improving community support, ownership and



trust. She also plans to recruit and retain certified teachers, and to promote a positive and safe learning environment.”

Now in her third year at Bowie Schools, Conger has been a third, fourth and fifth grade teacher for two years, as well as a program director/principal.

Conger had already assumed the superintendent duties beginning Jan. 10 this year. The school board had made a verbal severance agreement with former Superintendent Jeff St. Clair on Jan. 9, according to the Jan. 18 meeting minutes.

At its Feb. 14 meeting, the school board made Conger’s appointment official.

Conger told the Range News, “Providing opportunities and building relationships is the path that leads to teaching students how to grow their own ‘garden of plenty.’ This is how I relate to everyone who works at Bowie Schools.”

Conger has 30 years of experience as an administrator, program director and a teacher, Bailie said. She holds master's degrees in both special education and educational leadership, as well as a bachelor’s in elementary education.

The school board has also welcomed a new member, recently appointed by Clay. Jeff Goodman will be sworn in at the next board meeting Tuesday, March 13, at 6 p.m., at the District Administration Building at 315 W. 5th Street, in Bowie.

“As a community member of Bowie, Mr. Goodman has great vision and passion and will do the right thing for teachers, students and the community,” Clay said in the Feb. 26 statement. “He has contributed to the beautification of areas, such as the logo of the school painted on the town’s water tank to instill school spirit and pride. He will do a wonderful job serving on the board.”

Serving about 60 students, the Bowie School District offers classes for pre-kindergarten through grade 12, with an elementary school, a middle school and a high school. It also operates a half-day pre-kindergarten class, as well as a full-day kindergarten since 1987.

The first school in Bowie was built prior to 1897.

For more information visit the website [www.BowieSchools.org](http://www.BowieSchools.org).

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## **Fort Bowie National Historic Site News Release**

### **Winter Program Schedule at Fort Bowie National Historic Site**

For Immediate Release: November 6, 2018

Contact: Fort Bowie NHS Visitor Center, 520-847-2500 ext. 25

Bowie, AZ – Southeast Arizona Group Superintendent Allen S. Etheridge announced today that Fort Bowie National Historic Site (NHS) is offering free guided programs every Tuesday and Saturday from November 13 through April 2. Join a ranger as you “Hike Through History” and discover the stories that unfold as you navigate the 1.5-mile trail to the ruins of old Fort Bowie and the park visitor center.

Meet at the Fort Bowie NHS trailhead on Apache Pass Road at 10:00 am for this 2.5-hour program. The walk will cover a variety of topics from Apache culture to the establishment of Fort Bowie. Participants may hike the 1.5 miles back to the parking lot at their leisure. All programs are free of charge and offer a great way to learn more about the rich history preserved at Fort Bowie NHS.

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.

The park is open every day from sunrise to sunset. The visitor center is open daily from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm. Directions to the trailhead on Apache Pass Road and alternate directions to the visitor center are on the park website, [www.nps.gov/fobo](http://www.nps.gov/fobo). For additional questions and information, contact the visitor center staff at 520-847-2500 ext. 25.

#### **Anita Badertscher**

Acting Chief of Interpretation

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Volunteer Coordinator  
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like [Tumacácori](#) on Facebook

## **Bowie Memories:**

### **From Bobby Montana**

“News of Joyce Harman. She came to Bowie, Sept. 1947-48 and taught Spanish. I don’t recall what else she taught, maybe civics. She helped wherever help was needed. She rented a room from Mr. and Mrs. Cawood in the house next to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Almodova. I don’t know if she stayed on for the 1948-49 school year. I joined the Army in Aug of 1948 so I kind of lost track of Bowie doings for 2 or 3 years.”

Bobby wrote that the story’s wording was taken from a jumbled article found on the internet. Most of the words are correct, but an unknown number of words are missing, and other words and phrases may not be exactly as they appeared in the original Tucson Daily News article, but they were cleaned up as much as possible to see the story.

The story was compiled from articles from the Tucson Daily Citizen, Tucson, AZ, the Santa Cruz Sentinel-News and the Madera Daily News-Tribune, California, all from Monday, August 22, 1949 editions.

### **Nogales Bride Plane Victim, Woman Escapes in Crash But Dies in Fall, Young Bride Killed in Crash**

Colusa, Calif. Aug. 22. Mrs. Joyce Harman Westfall, 23, daughter of Roy G. Harman, formerly of Nogales Arizona, was married to John F. Westfall, about 30.

The bride of four months was killed when the light plane her husband was piloting crashed into a tree on his father’s ranch eight miles north of here yesterday. He suffered minor injuries.

Westfall told Coroner Tim Sullivan he was banking to drop some supplies to a ranch hand when the accident occurred.

The accident occurred only about 50 yards from the Westfall home. Witnesses told Sullivan that the plane seemed to dive into the tree. The woman fell to the ground and an examination showed she died from a fractured skull suffered when she hit the ground, the coroner said.

Mrs. Westfall was formerly a school teacher in Bowie, Arizona.

### **From Dutch Grusendorf, Class of 1947**

One of my memories of Bowie was the Bowie Theater, the seating was wooden benches with backrests, from the days when it used to be an opera house. There cannot be many remaining people that will remember the traveling vendors that would stop in Bowie and set up shop in the theater on Movie nights.

There was not much to do in Bowie during the early evening except to see the movies. I worked at the theatre for four years. We usually had a full house on all four nights of movies during the week. It was always full, including standing room, with people from Bowie and San Simon. The regular movie goers usually would try to get their usual seats. There was an aisle down the center with the benches on both sides, the kids would always sit in the front rows, closest to the screen.

The vendor that I remember best would show up an hour before the movie was set to start. He would set up a metal backstop about 6 feet beyond the end of the benches and near the movie screen. Then he would take his Pump 22 Rifle to the back of the seating area and shoot down the center of the aisle, drawing a picture in the paper, with the bullets into the metal backstop.

Some years he would create a mountainous landscape, other years he would etch an Indian Chief complete with his headdress. The kids in the front rows would sit so still, they knew better than to move around.

When the picture was revealed, the lights would stay, and the vendor and his helper would go up and down the aisles with their small buckets asking for donations. After that they would pack up and leave, the lights would dim, and the movie would start.

Think about the kids today in that type of environment, scary.





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