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Bowie Alumni Newsletter **Vol. 13, No. II, Fall/Winter 2013**



From the Editor of the Bowie Alumni Newsletter



Susan (Spikes) Bickel

Join us for the **Bowie School Alumni Luncheon** at Denny's Restaurant 5000 Oracle Rd, Tucson, AZ 85704, Phone (520) 888-5195,

(on the northeast corner of Oracle Rd and River Rd) Saturday, March 1, 2014, at 11:30 a.m.

RSVP to the Luncheon by February 15, 2014

NOTICE: Due to the increasing cost of postage, invitations to the twice-a-year luncheons will be mailed only to alumni who do not have an email address. The invitations to the luncheons will be emailed at least twice to the email address on file. Please let Evelyn Lathram know of any email address changes.

The Bowie School Reunion was a tremendous success! From my vantage point, I think everyone who attended really enjoyed all of the activities, but I believe the real hit was the dinner and dance on Saturday evening. I received a note from Charles Powell and I think he said it best, "Thanks again for all the hard work your committee did to allow me to be with old friends. At the reunion Saturday, Lois and I talked about how some of us used to go to the Tee Pee and swing dance after school was out. During the Bowie part of the reunion Saturday I met a young lady and had the opportunity to dance with her at the dance. She was a good swing dancer. Finding someone in the older generation that can swing dance is rare but finding someone in the younger generation that can swing dance is almost impossible."

There are too many pictures of the reunion for one newsletter, so this edition features folks who came to the Saturday afternoon event. Look for more fun pictures in future editions!

How many of you remember the train wreck in August, 1963? I do, but Evelyn doesn't. We think she was at our house in Douglas, though, when it happened, so I am not sure why our memories are different. For those of you who are hazy on the details, Lorenzo Abalos has shared his memory of the wreck.

This edition has some great pictures and written memories. As always, this part of the newsletter is the best part. If you want to share your pictures and stories, I will be delighted to print them in the newsletter. As an additional incentive, your stories are archived with the Chiricahua Regional Research Center so that our future generations can learn what it was like to live in Bowie, Arizona.

Minutes of the Bowie School Alumni Group Fall Luncheon held at U-Like Oriental Buffet in Tucson, October 19, 2013



There were 15 alumni and guests at the luncheon:

Back Row: Evelyn (Spikes) Lathram, Lorenzo Abalos, Gabino (Bobby) Montana, Alta Ruth (Hodges) Dangel, Florina (Tapia) Christiernsson, Larren Yelton, Nancy-Jean Welker, Delbert "Skip" Fousel.

Front Row: Delores Montana, Henry S. Castillo, Belinda J. Acosta-Castillo, Danny Castillo, Bobbie (Scott Welker) Blandin, Susan Bickel. Not pictured: Brian Bickel

Status Reports:

The Bowie Power Station is still on hold, but there are glimmers of hope that as the economy improves it will move forward. The SunZia project is on track. The San Simon Valley Literacy Organization has been formed and has received a grant from the Arizona Community Foundation. The Bowie Chamber of Commerce is "doing great". The Bowie High School has gone to totally online. The State is watching the school and it must improve in 3 years. The school board has started a search for superintendent. The business manager, Roger Studley, is filling in for now.

2013 Reunion:



One of the classes to attend the 2013 Reunion

Many people reported they enjoyed the 5 year

reunion last June. About 114 people attended either the day program and/or the evening event at the Willcox Elks Club with dinner and dancing. The Elks Club did not charge us for the use of the ballroom which helped with the bottom line. The expenses for the reunion (including printing and mailing invitations, Elks Club bill for the steak dinner, pens, insurance, DJ for the dance, and a portable restroom because the boys bathroom in the high school was closed, and excluding the memory books) were \$3,757.69, and we collected \$3,730.00 for a loss of \$27.69. Twenty-six memory books were sold. Those expenses were \$458.92 and \$575.00 was collected for a gain of \$116.08.

Reminders and Announcement:

See updated websites for Bowie Schools, and the alumni page

<http://www.bowieschools.org/>, click on Schools, then Alumni. The Bowie School Alumni Membership Fee is due at the beginning of the calendar year. Please send Bowie School news and "old stories" to the newsletter editor, Susan Bickel. And remember to make a donation to Bowie Schools for an Arizona State Tax Credit.

New business:

We welcomed new attendees, Henry Castillo and his wife Belinda, and Danny Castillo who was celebrating his birthday soon. Larren Yelton was also celebrating his birthday and we sang "Happy Birthday" to both alumni. There is a new restaurant in town called "End Of The Trail Watering Hole".

Alumni News:

In Memory of: Martha Fierro died March 2013, James E Scott died March 2013, Jonathan Lee Gemetta died February 2013 (Known as Lee Osborn while teaching in Bowie), Jeane Elene Fousel died April 2013, Chuck Lathram died April 2013, Norman Jones died May 2013, Thomas Lee Kelly died June 2013, Douglas E. Maddox died July 2013, Orlan Lavaughn "Von" Hilburn died

August 2013, Barbara Ilonna (Bowman) Guest died August 2013, Adan Chapa, Jr. died September 2013.

Treasurer's report:

The membership fund contains \$760.46, reunion fund \$2654.75, walls of merit fund \$67.89, flower fund \$425.45, general fund \$295.74 for a balance of \$4,204.29.

Input from members:

David Knoll is in the hospital, and Vic Boll sends his regrets that he could not attend the luncheon.

Those We Will Miss:

Our condolences to those who have lost family and friends

James E Scott

March 25, 2013

in Tucson. Age 79. He graduated from Bowie Hi in 1952. His parents were Bill and Jessie Scott. He is survived by his wife Elaine, daughter Susan Jones, son Mike, and stepson Shon Edmons. Daughter Susan lives in Willcox and he also has a younger brother, Marty. *From Ernestine Crews*

Jeane Elene Fousel

April 6, 2013

Age 86, passed away quietly in her sleep on Saturday, April 6, 2013. She had been hospitalized with congestive heart failure. She is survived by her husband, Delbert (Skip) Fousel, Bowie High School, class of 1939, and a large, loving family. Memorial Services were held Saturday, April 27, 2013 at 2:00 p.m. at EAST LAWN PALMS MORTUARY, 5801 E. Grant Rd., Tucson.

Norman Jones

May 7, 2013

Bowie High School Math Teacher for many, many years, passed away May 7, 2013, in his home with wife Cathi, his sisters and his best friend at his side. Norm had been struggling with

cancer. He will be missed! Norm and Cathi (elementary teacher) have taught in the Bowie schools for decades. Cathi was honored as a 20 year teacher at a previous reunion. *From Nancy-Jean Welker*

Thomas Lee Kelly

March 15, 1933 - June 11, 2013

Memorial Services were held on Sunday, June 16th, 2013 at 3:00 p. m. in the Clark Funeral Chapel in Tishomingo, Oklahoma for Mr. Thomas L. Kelly, 80, of Tishomingo. A private burial will be held at a later date. Mr. Kelly passed away on June 11th, 2013, in Ardmore, Oklahoma.

Thomas Lee Kelly, born Thomas Allison Polk on March 15th, 1933, to Lily Mae (Riggs) Polk and Carl Polk in Bowie, Arizona. Raised during the formative years of his life on the cattle ranch owned by his beloved grandparents, Joe Stafford and Anna Mae Riggs Stafford. He was adopted by his step-father, Leroy Kelly at the age of five and moved to El Paso, Texas.

Tom retired from the U.S. Army in 1984 as a full Colonel. He was a graduate of Texas A & M University, and received his Master's Degree from Auburn University.

He and his wife were the owners of "Tres Lomas Ranch" for 14 years in Deming, New Mexico.

Tom is survived by his wife Dorothy; his daughter, Kathy Kelly Christos and son-in-law, Chris Christos of New York City; his son, Thomas Riggs Kelly and daughter-in-law Laura Kelly of Dacula, Georgia; his son David Scott Kelly and daughter-in-law Randi Kelly of Dallas, Texas; and five grandchildren, Christopher Kelly of Atlanta, Georgia, Kristin Kelly and Colton Kelly, both living in Dacula, SFC Clay Kelly of Edmond, Oklahoma and Sarah Kelly of Dallas.

In lieu of flowers, if desired, donations may be made to the Wounded Warrior Project, which was one of Tom's favorite charities.

<http://www.clarkfuneralservice.net/sitemaker/sites/ClarkF3/obit.cgi?user=1011987Kelly>

Douglas E. Maddox 1936-2013

Arizona Range News; Posted: Tuesday, July 23, 2013

Douglas E. Maddox of Bowie died July 22,

2013 at the age of 76. He was born in San Antonio, Texas on Oct. 19, 1936 to Eddie L. Maddox and Lillie Wright Maddox. Doug was a veteran of the U.S. Army, and was a known musician in the Bowie/San Simon area. He is preceded in death by his wife, Claudia. Graveside services were held at Mission Park South Cemetery in San Antonio, Texas. You may express condolences at www.westlawnchapelmortuary.com.

Barbara Guest (Barbara Ilonna Bowman Guest)

Aug. 18, 2013

Passed away Sunday, August 18, after suffering from a ruptured aneurysm. Her funeral was held Wednesday, August 21, 2013, at First Baptist Church in Tucumcari, NM, and she was laid to rest next to dad (Lebert Garland Guest) in the Tucumcari Memorial Cemetery.

She will be greatly missed by us and all her friends. I just wanted to let you know. She always thought of Bowie as her home, and had such fond memories of the town and its people. She felt she still had many friends there, and always looked forward to your posts about Bowie. We thank you for your efforts in continuing to send the emails!! *From Barbara's loving daughter, Linda Guest Griggs*

ORLAN LAVAUGHN "Von" HILBURN

August 8, 2013

Von was born to CE and Pearl Hilburn on July 11, 1929 in Shannon, Texas. His family moved to Lovington, New Mexico in 1938. At age 17 Von attended Bible College in Milford, Texas, where he met fellow student Jimmie Lee Messer. Their marriage in 1947 lasted for 65 years.

In 1953 Von moved his family to Bowie, Arizona where he farmed and ranched and was active in the Lions Club, Bowie Methodist Church and the Bowie public school. He served for 8 years as School Board President. In 1967, Von and his family moved to Hatch, New Mexico to manage the Las Uvas Valley ranch and farms. In 1980 Von, along with daughter Frances and son-in-law Dean Horton, began operation of the Las Uvas Valley Dairy. Von

was preceded was preceded in death by his beloved wife Jimmie, parents, brother Verlon, and sister Darlene. Von is survived by his brothers Bill Hilburn and Jerry Hilburn, daughters Frances (Dean) Horton of Hatch, New Mexico, Patricia Hilburn of San Diego, California, Virginia (Steve) Compton of Mesa, Arizona, Katherine (Larry) Sulkowski of Tucson, Arizona, and grandchildren Sharla Hilburn, Loren Horton, Mitchell Horton, Leslie Horton, Mehigan, Vaughn Compton, Ben Compton and Barrett Sulkowski. Von also had six great-grandchildren, along with many nieces, nephews, and dear friends. Funeral services were held on Saturday, August 24, 2013 at the First Baptist Church in Hatch. "Published in Las Cruces Sun-News on Aug. 21, 2013"

Adan Chapa, Jr.

Sept. 2, 2013

My family and I regret to inform you of the passing of our beloved Adan Chapa, Jr. on Monday, September 2nd. There will be a memorial service at the St. Augustine's Cathedral at 12:00 pm on September 7, 2013. The address is 192 S. Stone Ave., Tucson, Arizona. *From Helen Chapa Berry*

Robert Sabin

Oct. 2, 2013

Judith Ann (Lockwood) Sabin wants to let you know that her husband Bob Sabin passed away at their home Wednesday, October 2. The service is a private one for family. Judith's address is 2163 N. Wild Hyacinth; Tucson, AZ 85715. Her phone number is 520-733-1225. In lieu of flowers these are the two places the family picked out for memorials. TMC Foundation, ATTN: Children's Miracle Network, 5301 East Grant Rd, Tucson, AZ 85113; and 100 Club (this is the one that benefits Police and Firefighters) Robert M Sabin Badge #321 DPS, 5033 North 19th Ave, Phoenix, AZ 85015

Wilma Allen

1927 - 2013 | Obituary

Published in the Arizona Daily Star on Nov. 7, 2013



Wilma passed on October 31, 2013. She was born in Bisbee, Arizona on March 2, 1927. In 1935 her family moved to Denver. In 1944 she moved to Tillamook, Oregon where she graduated from High School in 1945. While working as a waitress at a restaurant in Tillamook, a young lumberjack intervened when a customer was being belligerent. Turns out he was raised in Bowie, Arizona and joined the Coast Guard when he was 16 after Pearl Harbor. They were married in a matter of days and her life with Clyde William "Bill" Allen turned into a 65-year journey where they were lovingly known by their family as "The Bills". Bill went back into the Coast Guard serving 20 years. They returned to Tucson when he retired in 1965. Despite several moves around the country, they always returned to Arizona and spent 17 years in Bisbee, before coming back to Tucson in 1995, when they became residents at Fellowship Square. Bill passed away in July 2011. They had three children. Their first child, Perry, passed away in 1970. Wilma is survived by two children: their daughter, Wanda Allen-Yearout (Tom) of Tucson and their children, Karen Wilcox (Paul), Sean Yearout (Yvanna) and Seth Yearout (Maggie); and their son, Thad Allen (Pam) of Vienna, Virginia and their children, Amanda Burke (Brandon), Meghan Allen and Lucas Allen. She leaves four great-grandchildren with a fifth on the way. Wilma refused to have a funeral, instead the family will have her "Going Home Pizza Party", after scattering her ashes.

Mary Eva Mulkins Black Nov. 24, 2013

Mary M. Black, 86, a resident of St. David, died November 24, 2013 after a short battle with Alzheimer's. Mary was born on October 10, 1927 in Dos Cabezas, Arizona. One of three daughters born to Forest B. Mulkins and Stella Boyd Mulkins, she was preceded in death by her parents, husband Carl W. Black, older sister

who died at birth and her younger sister Betty Elkins.

Mary was raised on her family ranch south of Bowie in Immigrant Canyon and was a lifelong rancher and horsewoman. She was an avid hunter and loved rodeo competition.

She Married Carl William Black and together they raised three children, Mary Ann Black (George Jones) Sierra Vista, and Twins Catherine Francis Black, St. David, and Carl Forest Black (Vicki Burr), Rozet, Wyoming.

They were instrumental in producing the Mesa Junior Rodeo and establishing the Arizona Junior Rodeo Association where they made a positive impact on hundreds of young competitors for many years.

Memorial services were held at 2:00 pm Saturday December 14th at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in St. David. Graveside services will be held at a later date for those who cannot attend. In lieu of flowers the family is requesting donations to the Church or youth group of your choice.

Arizona Range News; Posted: Tuesday, December 10, 2013

Geneva K. (Porter) Bureson 1926-2013

Posted: Arizona Range News: Tuesday, December 10, 2013

Geneva K. (Porter) Bureson passed away on Dec. 8, 2013, at the age of 87.

Born near Meridian, Texas, on Aug. 4, 1926, her family moved to Arizona in the early 1940s. Geneva is survived by her five children and their spouses: Daniel B. Bureson Jr. and Karen (Yuma), Sandra J. (Bureson) Holmes and Ken (Bowie), Kenneth R. Bureson and Aleah (Bowie), Michael L. Bureson and Linda (Tucson), and Jodell Bureson (Bowie); 15 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild. Her husband of 57 years, Daniel B. Bureson Sr., passed away in 2001.

A celebration of her life was held at the Bowie Baptist Church on Saturday, Jan. 11, 2014, at noon. You may express online condolences at www.westlawnchapelmortuary.com

David Vance Knoll

December 30, 1940 - December 21, 2013



A memorial services were scheduled for 11:30 am, Monday, December 30, 2013 at First Presbyterian Church of Dexter for David Vance Knoll, 72, who passed away on Saturday, December 21, 2013 in Dexter, NM. A luncheon followed the services at First Presbyterian Church, 201 W. 5th St., Dexter, NM.

David was born December 30, 1940 in Roswell, NM to Glenn Knoll and Gladys Juacile Knoll. His parents preceded him in death. David was also preceded in death by his brother Buck Knoll. David grew up in Dexter, NM and Bowie, AZ. He had 3 siblings Buck, Sylvia and Harvey. David delighted in telling colorful, entertaining stories regarding his upbringing on the farm and the ways he and his siblings engaged in mischief. Anyone who spent time with David would eventually hear of his high school days in Bowie (class of 1958), his great childhood friends, and his college days in Tucson, AZ.

David married Carolyn Lewis on February 10, 1973 at the JY Ranch, north of Roswell, NM. They have two children Shawna Knoll and Dana Gray.

David graduated from the University of Arizona with a Bachelor's degree in Animal Science in 1965. He loved to hunt and fish and spending time outdoors with his children. David's warm generous spirit touched the lives of many and he will be dearly missed by his family, friends and the community. Those left to cherish his memory are his wife Carolyn Knoll of Dexter, NM; children Shawna Knoll of Albuquerque, NM and Dana Gray of Glendale, AZ; grandchildren Donovan Ball of Glendale, AZ, Kaden Gray of Glendale, AZ, and Jacquelyn Gray of Glendale, AZ and his siblings Sylvia

Luce and Harvey Knoll. In lieu of flowers please make donations to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, 332 N. Lauderdale, Memphis, TN 38105 or the First Presbyterian Church, 201 W. 5th Street, Dexter, NM 88230.

<http://www.ballardfuneralhome.com/services2.asp?locid=10&page=odetail&id=31808>

Bowie Area News: Bowie Fire revamping

Arizona Range News / Ainslee S. Wittig: Arizona Range News | Posted: Wednesday, May 1, 2013

Bowie resident and business-owner Bruce Austin was elected, along with Audie Decker, as Bowie Fire Department board members in November 2012. Austin was appointed as chairman in December.

Since late March, the chairman has been using the "tried and true fire fighters that have been here a long time to keep us functional for fire-fighting in the village, DPS highway calls and medical rescue," he said. Austin added that although the district has an ambulance, they cannot transport patients, as Healthcare Innovations or medical evacuation helicopters are the only ones that may transport patients in the area.

Wildland fires all the way to the Arizona/New Mexico border are currently the responsibility of Willcox Rural Fire, with the Willcox Volunteer Fire Department responding if they have manpower, as Bowie is not able to fight wildland fires without staff having DPS clearance, Austin said.

Austin, who is 65, has appointed Bert Earvin, 70, as interim fire chief, as he has more than 25 years in fire fighting experience and was previously a board member and chief at Bowie Fire Department.

"We are just in the process of reorganizing and trying to make everything functional. It should improve when we get the clearances back from the State and then we can train more volunteers

properly," said Austin.

Earvin said they should have plenty of volunteers available once they can start the clearance process.

"We've got a lot of good equipment, we just need the permission to clear the volunteers to run it."

Submitted by Nancy-Jean Welker, President, Bowie Chamber of Commerce

See the Chamber of Commerce website:
www.bowiechamber.com

There is a new non-profit group in our town. It is called the San Simon Valley Literacy Organization. The Bowie Chamber of Commerce has donated funds to help them and the Northern Cochise Fund and the Cochise Community Foundation have given them grants. The Cochise County Library is supporting them by letting them use their Jimmie Libhart Library in Bowie. SSVLO's main goals are to increase the use of our library and to promote reading and education in our valley. They have programs for ages 2 - 100+.

The Bowie Unified School District has made some new changes this year. Our high school is now an on-line school. It is a blended program requiring the students to be present in the classroom. This has opened up a large array of new possibilities for our high school students. We are grateful to have Roger Studley as our interim superintendent. Roger has been our business manager for many years. He has experience as a superintendent and is doing a fine job for us.

We have a new restaurant in town called "End Of The Trail Watering Hole". It is located next to the Bowie Market and is open for lunch and dinner.

We are still optimistic about the building of the Bowie Power Plant and the SunZia Transmission Line Projects. These projects will bring needed jobs and revenue into our economically distressed area.

'reward is drinking the wine we grow'

Young vintners aim to make world-class

Arizona wines

AUGUST 04, 2013 CATHALENA E. BURCH ARIZONA DAILY STAR

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WILLCOX - Sarah and Rob Hammelman looked out across fields of lush vineyards set against the backdrop of rolling mountain ranges. Smack in the middle of Willcox's emerging wine country, they had found their paradise. By buying a 12-acre vineyard in the middle of nowhere, the couple joined a growing demographic of winemakers: people between the ages of 30 and 45 who are abandoning urban life to work the land. "We're kind of part of that younger generation going back to farming in contrast to the exodus from rural areas," said Sarah, 30. "We have such a young industry, probably 30 years behind most of the West Coast," added Rob, 36. "That's an exciting motivator for us to be a part of establishing a new industry and showing the world that we can make world-class wine in Arizona."



Any romantic ideals the Hammelmans had about life on the vineyard were laid to rest with their first harvest in 2010. "It's a lot of lifting of buckets or crates," Sarah said last week as the couple prepared for the start of their fourth harvest this month. "It's intensive. You have to bend over to try and find all the grapes on the vines. It's not easy. "There's a very romantic notion to a vineyard," she added. "But in its core it's farming, and farming is hard."

Rob and Sarah Hammelman met over wine. He was the head winemaker at Two Rivers Winery and Chateau in Grand Junction, Colo., and she

worked in marketing and sales. Neither had set out to become vintners. She had earned a degree in psychology and had planned to become a nutritionist. He earned his degree in science and had taught at a charter high school in Phoenix.

Both had developed more than a passing interest in wine and the art of making it while in college. Sarah, who grew up in the suburbs of Denver, was introduced to wine on outings with friends and became enamored. She worked a harvest at Two Rivers, then joined the marketing and sales department before spending a harvest in the cellar at Etude Wines in California's Napa Valley to study pinot noir.

Rob's fascination led him in the summer of 2000 to Callaghan Vineyards in Sonoita, where he worked the harvest. "That got me hooked," the St. Louis, Mo., native recalled. "I really got to appreciate the aromas and flavors that came from Arizona soil."

It didn't take him long to leave his teaching job and set out on a wine journey. He earned the equivalent of a master's degree in winemaking from Australia's University of Adelaide. He worked in one of Australia's most storied vineyards, the Old Garden Mourvedre, and after he and Sarah married, they spent a season in 2008 working at the historic Chateau de St. Cosme winery. But he dreamed of returning to Arizona.

A few years ago, the couple decided to revisit Rob's Arizona dream. They scouted a few properties before they found the 12-acre vineyard on the Willcox Bench, a high desert area bookended by the Chiricahua and Dragoon mountains. It sits at 4,300 feet in elevation on a sandy loam atop a bed of limestone. The weather is hot during the day and cool at night - ideal for growing grapes. "The grapes love it," Rob said one recent Tuesday morning, standing among barrels of wine in their storefront winery in downtown Willcox while Sarah held their 4-month-old son Levi. "The elevation is ideal. We have similar climate to the wine regions of Argentina and Spain."

They named the vineyard Sand-Reckoner in a nod to Archimedes' system for counting how many grains of sand would fill the universe. It

was a turnkey operation; three acres of vines had been in the ground since 1997, which meant the couple could immediately begin producing wine. "The goal was to hit the ground running and have some mature vines," Rob said.

The first year was a culture shock. The couple wasn't used to being so isolated. "You can see the closest neighbors," Sarah said, but if you wanted to drop in on them you had to walk about a half mile.

"It's just very different than anything I had known up to that point," she said. "When we lived in France ... we lived in a town of like 300 people off a dirt road in a little cottage. It was very rural there, too, so I kind of knew what to expect. You don't see a lot of people day to day."

The couple missed the conveniences of urban life, like restaurants, malls, movie theaters and the arts. But for everything they gave up, they gained, Sarah said. "The community we have here is stronger than anything that we've had living in suburban or urban areas before," she said.

In about two weeks, the Hammelmans will harvest 9 tons of grapes. It's their fourth harvest and Sarah has high hopes for the Zinfandel crop. "The first two years it rotted a lot so we weren't able to take a crop except enough for one barrel of port," she said. "But the last year and this year we've used some new methods and it seems to be responding really well."

They will combine their estate grapes with 20 tons from neighboring vineyards. Over the past three harvests they have produced almost a dozen vintages, including a Syrah called "7" that earned them an impressive 89 rating from Wine Spectator magazine.

"What's exciting is that this is still a fledgling business," Rob said. "We're all still experimenting. The reward is drinking the wine that we grow," Sarah said. "And being part of that pioneering spirit."

Sand-Reckoner Winery vintages

- 2012 Rosé - Made from mostly Nebbiolo grapes with a quarter Sangiovese and 4 percent Zinfandel; \$22 a bottle.
- 2012 Malvasia Bianca - Made from 100

percent Malvasia Bianca grapes; \$28.

- 2011 "2" - Blend of 72 percent Sangiovese, 28 percent Syrah; \$30.

- 2010 "5" - Mix of 82 percent Sangiovese Grosso and 18 percent Syrah; \$40.

Coming this fall:

- 2011 "7" - Syrah grapes aged 18 months in French oak barrels. \$45.

- 2011 "11" - 100 percent Zinfandel, aged 22 months in neutral French oak. Price not set.

- 2012 "3" - Dry red Zinfandel aged a year.

- To buy: Proper restaurant, 300 E. Congress St., Tucson; Whole Foods Market, 5555 E. River Road, Tucson. Order by phone at 1-303-931-8472.

The Sand-Reckoner Winery, 130 S. Haskell Ave. was slated to open in November, 2013.

Supervisors agree to aid community water projects

Arizona Range News: Shar Porier Sierra Vista Herald | Posted: Wednesday, April 24, 2013

BISBEE — The Elfrida Water Improvement District and the **Bowie** Water Department will see at least a few system problems resolved thanks to a unanimous vote of the Cochise County Board of Supervisors, and \$170,000 in federal money from a Community Development Block Grant. Out of 16 requests, the supervisors (Ann English, Pat Call and Richard Searle) awarded the grant money to the aging Elfrida and **Bowie water systems** and emergency home repairs for low income and disabled residents.

English noted that the supervisors had agreed to put the money where it would do the most good for as many people as possible. While she fully supports the county's emergency home repair program, the money would only be used to help five residents.

Often, it's not just a matter of repairing a roof or replacing a hot water heater, which are relatively low cost items, pointed out Searle. The county ends up having to bring the homes up to code as well, an expensive requirement of the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Helping the water systems would benefit more than 1,000 residents who subscribe to the water systems, added English.

Since the Cochise County Housing Authority would not get any funds this year, Call asked County Administrator Michael Ortega to look for other ways to help fund the county's emergency home repair program. Though Elfrida requested \$120,000 and **Bowie** \$117,000, the supervisors had to determine which of the components of the two projects would be funded, said Marra.

According to Modestina Frascella, the **Bowie Water Department** has an older system of 75 years, and requires electrical repairs, at a cost of \$18,000; a new main line, \$33,000; PVC pipe, \$3,000; pump replacement, \$28,000; new hydrants and water meters, \$20,000; and a new utility truck, \$15,000.

Searle noted that the replacement of the water meters would help the small water system regain the money now being lost due to broken meters.

For **Bowie**, the supervisors agreed to fund the electrical work, the hydrants and meters and the pump replacement at a total cost of \$68,000.

Though the county is allowed up to 18 percent for administration costs to oversee the grant, the supervisors agreed to reduce that amount so more could go toward these projects. The \$7,000 left over would help cover the administration costs.

Ortega explained that the administration costs help fund the grants administrator position. Additional costs would have to be covered by the general fund, which the supervisors accepted. Marra also said that due to the federal sequester, the CDBG funding could see cuts, so the supervisors needed to be aware that something out of one or both projects may have to be cut.

MCDONALD'S® AND READ ON ARIZONA TO HOST FAMILY READING DAY NOV. 2

Willcox, Ariz. – Oct. 22, 2013 – Arizona McDonald's restaurants are teaming up with Read On Arizona and First Things First to host Family Reading Day on Saturday, Nov. 2, to encourage families to pick up a book and read together.

Beginning at 1 p.m., the first 100 families that visit their local McDonald's will receive a free Scholastic book (toddler to sixth grade), ice cream cone and *Read On Arizona Early Literacy Guide for Families* to help support their child's reading.

First Things First Cochise Regional Council Member Nancy-Jean Welker will kick off Family Reading Day by reading a book to children at McDonald's restaurant in Willcox.

HYRA sponsors

Arizona Range News: Letters To Editor

Posted: Wednesday, November 6, 2013

The Hidalgo Youth Rodeo Association (HYRA) of Lordsburg, N.M. would like to extend its appreciation to all of our wonderful sponsors. We had a great 2013 season and were able to award customized prizes to 101 participants. One-hundred percent of sponsor donations go directly to the kids.

Among the many sponsors are: **Marble A Ranch (Bowie)**, and **North Bowie Farming (Bowie)**, **Cook Pistachio (Bowie)**.

Thanks again! We look forward our next rodeo season starting in June of 2014.

HYRA Directors: Kay and Ace Peterson; Amy and Howdy Sanborn; Nancy and Clinton Welch; Kandra and Milo Young; Lesti and Todd Webster; Wendy and Jeff Hooper; and Tammy and Spade Hopkins

Birds and birders to flock to Willcox

Diane Drobka For the Range News | Posted: Tuesday, December 31, 2013

It's that time of year again ... the Wings Over Willcox Birding and Nature Festival (WOW) is only a month away. The 21st annual event – Arizona's only winter birding festival – begins on Wednesday, Jan. 15, and continues through Sunday, Jan. 19. Tickets are going fast and some tours are sold out, so reserve your seat now!

This year's keynote speaker, Bill Thompson III, is the editor and co-publisher of "Bird Watcher's Digest," America's longest-running magazine for birders. His Saturday night banquet presentation will feature "The Perils and Pitfalls of Birding,"

a humorous narrative about the many mistakes, accidents, and embarrassing situations he has experienced in his 30+ years as a birder. Those who would like to have personal time with Thompson and get one of his autographed books can sign up for the Friday night dinner at Coronado Vineyards.

Overnight tours depart Wednesday, providing extra time for birders to compile a long species list for the weekend. A trip to the Muleshoe Ranch, cooperatively managed by the Bureau of Land Management, Coronado National Forest, and The Nature Conservancy, includes a three-mile hike. The overnight Chiricahua Montane Specialties tour traverses this world-renowned birding locale covering sites up to the estimated 7,000-foot snowline.

Daylong tours include photography tours on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. Other daylong tours include A Naturalist's Saunter in Chiricahua National Monument; Wetlands, Woodlands, and History; Cochise Stronghold and Sunsites Specialties; and Habitat Sampler.

Sparrow Seeks and Hawk Stalks are available as full-day, half-day and mid-day tours. Other half-day tours include Owls by Day, **Ft. Bowie History and Geology**, Kansas Settlement Agriculture, Working Cattle Ranch, Willcox Walking History, Flora of Texas Canyon, Beginning Birding, and Easy Birding Sampler, which is a fully accessible tour. There is even a Spanish language tour: Observación de las aves para principiantes (tour en español).

Are you a "morning person" that's up before the dawn? Then join the Sunrise Sandhill Crane tour that departs for Whitewater Draw Wildlife Area at 6 a.m. If you prefer an afternoon outing, the Wine-Tasting tour might be for you.

In addition to guided tours, there are dozens of free seminars, starting with talks before and after Thursday night's Welcome Reception. These cover a wide range of natural history topics: snakes, lizards, damselflies, dragonflies, frogs and other amphibians, sandhill cranes,

vinegaroons, butterflies, wildlife photography, bats, and snails. Another will explore the history of the Willcox Playa. WOW is also a very family-oriented event with opportunities for kids to learn more about nature. Live animal exhibits include hawks, owls and falcons as well as many species of snakes. Nestbox-building classes will be offered on Friday and Saturday. So gather your friends and family and join us at Wings Over Willcox on Jan. 15-19, 2014.

Willcox wind farm breaks ground

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Glenn Holliday, land manager with Torch Energy Advisors of Houston, and Ron Wyllie, with Rummel Construction, of Scottsdale, were at the site of Red Horse 2 Wind Farm northwest of Willcox last Friday, Dec. 20 for an official groundbreaking for the 26-turbine project.

Located in a rural area known as "Allen Flats" on state trust land, the wind project is the first of this magnitude in Cochise County.

At that time, a road alongside the planned turbine row was under construction.

"We've graded about a mile of the three-mile road. It will have to be compacted and then aggregate added, so that the large equipment, including cranes, can be used safely," said Wyllie.

A quarter-million gallon pond was also under construction, which will hold water for use in compacting the road, as well as dust mitigation, he said.

Stakes were being placed where the 26 turbines will be located by employees from Souder, Miller & Associates of Safford, the company that has been doing the surveying for the project, Holliday said.

It was "the start of significant construction," he told the Range News.

"We will be working feverishly, trying to get as

much done as possible before the end of the year."

Torch Renewable Energy, LLC, was required to break ground by Dec. 31 to cash in on federal tax credits for renewable energy sources, the company's president Jonathan Killberg, said in April.

The shipment of turbines is expected in February 2015, Holliday added, with a rough opening date of early summer 2015.

Prior to that, a job fair will be held in September or October 2014, for construction contracts, he said.

Holliday said that they are keeping applicants on file who have contacted them through their website, www.torchwind.com

There will be about 100 to 150 employees at the height of construction, and about four to six full-time employees when the farm is up and running, Holliday said.

He explained that Mortensen Construction "will be in charge of the hiring, under our direction."

Asked about its contribution in the meantime to the local economy, Holliday replied that, "We have been sourcing rock from Willcox Rock and Sand, buying water locally, and our crew will be staying at Holiday Inn Express (in Willcox)."

While that "crew" consists of "eight or 10 guys for this phase, there will be a much larger crew in the next phase."

"We have been measuring the wind since last September with meteorological towers. There is less than six meters/second annual average wind speed. We were hoping for 6.1 m/s," Holliday said.

"But this is a good area for many reasons. The elevation is between 5,000 and 5,400 feet, where you get better wind," he said.

It's also accessible, as it's relatively flat, and it is fairly remote, he added. "That makes construction and maintenance easier."

On April 10, County Planning and Zoning commissioners approved the special use permit for the 28-turbine wind farm.

"The County P&Z has been incredible to work with. They've gone above and beyond – helping to get us to the point where we can start this project tomorrow," Holliday said prior to the official groundbreaking.

"Sue Russell and Ruben Ojeda, with State Land, and Commissioner (Vanessa) Hickman helped us clear some hurdles."

The project called for 28 turbines that could be as tall as 497 feet, with blades up to 192 feet in diameter that will produce up to 51-megawatts of power.

"We have compressed some sides to address concerns and to minimize our impact to the site," Holliday told the Range News.

County Planning Manager Michael Turisk said during his April 10 presentation that the site consists of 5,760 acres of state land and a small plot of private property near the Winchester Mountains. Only 220 acres or about two percent of the total acreage would be cleared for the wind farm that will produce enough energy for around 15,000 homes.

Tucson Electric Power has a transmission line near the site and has agreed to purchase power produced by the wind farm for the next 20 years, Turisk added.

He also explained that great strides have been made in turbine technology over the past few years to reduce noise, though some studies indicate there is a low-frequency vibration that may not be heard, but could possibly be felt and could lead to illnesses.

Being near the Willcox Playa and the thousands of wintering birds that feed in the area, there is concern for migrating birds and the bats that visit during monsoon season. However, Turisk said Arizona Game and Fish (AGF) and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFW) will provide ongoing studies of the impact the wind farm may have on wildlife. Turisk said a golden eagle pair that nests the area, the bald eagles that find winter foraging within 10 miles of the site and the long-nosed bats that frequent the area are all protected species and will be monitored by the wildlife agencies.

In a letter to the county from AGF dated March 25, Ginger Ritter, project evaluation program specialist, states: "It is our understanding that per the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act and subsequent guidance drafted by USFW, the locations of, and activities of, golden eagles and active nests both on Red Horse Wind and the vicinity may ultimately influence turbine locations, depending on turbine setback recommendations put forth by the Eagle Conservation Plan, which will be developed by the applicant, USFW and Arizona Game and Fish. ... After review of the special use permit application and available data on the project, the department recommends postponing approval of the application until more wildlife data is available to assess the applicant's affects on wildlife populations. If this is not possible, we recommend putting our recommendations as conditions to the permit."

That request was not included in the conditions set by the County staff for the special use permit.

Wings Over Willcox Birding and Nature Festival Chairman Homer Hansen has also expressed disapproval of the project due to its danger to area and migrating birds.

Turisk said that there is little that can be done to prevent the "flicker effect," which is the term used for the shadows cast by the moving turbine blades. That will not affect any residences, since

the nearest home is two miles away.

Though the Nature Conservancy operates the Muleshoe Ranch Preserve near the wind farm, Turisk said the organization had no comment either for or against the proposal. The same position was taken by Arizona Audubon.

Dust mitigation caused by construction and maintenance trucks was a condition of the commissioners' approval, as was a \$3 million up-front fund to cover the costs of county road maintenance. The project will take access from I-10 north to Taylor Road, to West Airport Road, to East Three Links Road, to North Muleshoe Road, and tying in on North Warbonnet Road, Turisk said. These roads are to be maintained during construction and delivery of the components of the turbines and the county wants to ensure that will be done.

Another condition of approval sets a three-year limit from the date of approval for substantial construction to begin, or the special use permit will be revoked.

Both the Cities of Benson and Willcox support the wind farm, as does the Willcox Regional Economic Development Alliance and the Southeast Arizona Economic Development Group.

Holliday said last week that he believes that "all stakeholders will be happy with the final result."

"We're thankful for the support we've gotten from the community," he told the Range News.

"We believe that we're going to be a good partner, and we look forward to moving into the future."

Torch has 23 projects currently at different stages of development, with two of those in the late stages of the project.

One of their projects, Macho Springs Wind Farm, near Deming, N.M., has 28 turbines and

provides about 51 megawatts of power, enough to provide renewable energy for 12,000 homes. Developed by Element Power and finished in late 2011, TEP has a 20-year purchase agreement with the farm, developed by Element Power, according to UniSource Energy Services Website.

Northern Cochise Fund gives area literacy and theater a boost –

Arizona Range News: News

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Two area non-profits received grants from the Northern Cochise Fund (NCF) during its Fourth Annual Grants Presentation, hosted recently at the Willcox Historic Theater.

The organizations are the San Simon Valley Literacy Organization (SSVLO) and Willcox Historic Theater Preservation, Inc. (WHTP).

Established in 2009, the Northern Cochise Fund "serves communities in both the Sulphur Springs and San Simon Valleys by soliciting and recommending non-profit organizations for grant funding each year," Chairman Jim Martin explained.

The Theater building, in which the Oct. 18 ceremony was held, will be getting new roofing, thanks to a grant from NCF, the Arizona Community Foundation (ACF), and the Cochise Community Foundation (CCF). The \$4,550 grant will be used to repair and rebuild the roof of the theater, which is located in the city's Railroad Avenue Historic District.



Photo courtesy Mike Nelson Northern Cochise Fund

The second grant, for \$2,500 from both NCF

and CCF, was given to SSVLO, represented by **Nancy-Jean Welker of Bowie**. Welker described the new literacy program, which involves providing “a variety of reading-related activities.” She explained that one of the goals of the program is to “increase literacy for all ages.”

“We have our year-round reading programs for ages two to 100-plus,” Welker explained.

“We are trying to get people to use the library more. “We are trying to increase membership at the library.”

The organization’s future goals include educational projects, such as offering GED and college courses in **Bowie** and San Simon.

“We hope to work with Cochise College on that,” she said.

The literacy organization is now in the process of getting its 501(c)3, with funds donated by the **Bowie Chamber of Commerce**, who also donated funds for the 2013 Summer Reading Program. “Our board of directors is made up of people from **Bowie** and San Simon,” said Welker, adding that SSVLO “programs are held at the Jimmie Libhart Cochise County Library, in **Bowie**.”

County adds \$20K to motel clean-up

Shar Porier Sierra Vista Herald | Posted: Tuesday, December 24, 2013

Willcox Cares will receive \$20,000 from Cochise County to help clean up the mess from the demolition of the burned-out Desert Inn motel in Willcox.

The total cost for the project is \$91,000, according to Baker. The city has contributed \$45,000 and the community has already raised more than \$4,000 through Willcox Cares, a non-profit associated with the local Chamber of Commerce. With the county’s contribution, that leaves \$22,000 still to be contributed toward the debris removal cost.

Searle said the motel burned down almost two years ago and has not been rebuilt.

He also noted that one of the reasons the cost is so high is that asbestos is involved which

requires special handling.

“It is a worthy project and the county does have funds for hazard abatement,” said Mike Ortega, county administrator. “Asbestos would certainly come under that. There are multiple partners in this, and the county is not the lead in it. We’ll just be helping.”

Going nuts for the trade

Ainslee S. Wittig; Arizona Range News | Posted: Tuesday, December 31, 2013

A growing group of area pistachio growers gathered for the Annual Harvest Festival meeting for the Arizona Pistachio Association at the Elks Lodge in Willcox Nov. 16.

Arizona Pistachio Association (APA) President Mark Cook led the meeting and Jim Zion, president of the Board of the American Pistachio Growers (APG), based in Fresno, Calif. was a speaker.

Zion talked to the audience of more than 30 about global pistachio production, which had a crop this year of about 475 million pounds.

Jim Cook, owner of Cook Pistachio Co., started growing pistachios on Cox Road in Willcox in 1973, and has 56 acres of trees, which produce between 2,500 and 5,000 pounds per acre per year.

In 1978, Norman and Judith Auerbach started the Triple A Ranch near Cochise, Ariz. Their son, photographer Gary Auerbach, was later Vice-President of Triple A Pistachios. Father Nick then purchased the farm, now called Festiki Farms.

“We need people to recognize that pistachios are made in America. We need to keep the Arizona industry vital. We need to be part of the nutrition plan at schools,” he noted, before explaining how many nutrients are found in these nuts.

Arizona and New Mexico contribute about 5 percent to the overall global pistachio harvest,

said Shirley Seplak, who, with husband Steve Seplak, have 20 acres of pistachios on their farm, SAS-Z Nuts in Willcox. They have harvested between 2,400 pounds and 3,400 pounds in their best year, of pistachios annually, she said.

Other local growers include Jim and Ruth Graham, who own Cochise Groves, LLC in Cochise. Ruth's parents started the pistachio groves in 1981 and then added more acreage in 1986. When Jim and Ruth purchased the farm in 2000, they added more.

"We have 150 acres of pistachio trees and 26 acres of wine grapes. Our goal for pistachio production is 3,000 pounds per acre (450,000 pounds per year total), but we're not quite there yet," Jim said. "We also have additional land, but we're concentrating more on the vineyard at this time, so we have not planted more."

The Grahams and most local growers sell their product to **Arizona Pistachio Corporation in Bowie**, which processes and prepares the nuts for market. Their product is purchased and marketed by Meridian Nut Growers (Jim Zion) and A&P Growers Cooperative (of California), which owns Arizona Pistachio Corporation of Tucson.

"All of us local growers pool our crops together and we are paid based on the market," Graham said.

"We are delighted with the strength of the market. It has nearly doubled what it was 15 years ago. Of course other prices of commodities are up as well, but they are doing a great job for us.

Shirley Seplak said Meridian sells the Arizona nuts overseas to China, where "they call them the 'smiley' nuts."

"We think the Arizona product processed in **Bowie** is "greener and sweeter." It's our standing joke with California friends," she said.

California growers Brian Blackwell (Blackwell Farming Co. in Bakersfield, Calif.) was the first California APG board president to start visiting Arizona and Zion has been coming for a long time, as well, Shirley Seplak said. "I think all of them are considered members of our association."

Jim Cook's son, Mark, the current APA president, said he was raised on his father's pistachio farm, as he was just a year old when his father planted their trees.

While he was very involved with the family farm growing up, his professional involvement started in 1994, as the general manager for Frutos del Sol in San Juan Argentina, where spent four years developing a nursery and pistachio orchards.

When he returned to the states in 1998, Mark and his wife, Jacque, started farming and returned to the pistachio business in 2009, as he and several partners started expanding pistachio plantings at **North Bowie Farming, LLC**.

"We are presently operating 125 acres of producing pistachios and 1,625 acres of pre-producing pistachios, ranging in age from two-to five-years old," Mark said. "Our 2013 production averaged 2,950 pounds per acre. We considered this good for the year and the circumstances, but would not consider this to be good as a long-term average for these trees."

He added that their "young pre-producing plantings have the benefit of newer genetics, as compared to the majority of the acreage in Arizona, and we are expecting significantly more from these plantings."

Mark said he hopes to carry on the progress that Steve Seplak has made over the past few years with the APA.

"Steve has done a great job bringing more enthusiasm and grower participation to the

association. Our association is only a small part of the big picture and we are fortunate to be a part of the American Pistachio Growers,” Mark said. “Nonetheless, our Arizona growers association serves a critical role as the mechanism for Arizona growers to share information and solve local production challenges as they arise.”

Bowie Restaurant News

Bowie has a new restaurant called **End Of The Trail Watering Hole**. It is located next to the Bowie Market and is open for lunch and dinner. Phone 520-847-0400.

FORT BOWIE NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE News Release

January 8, 2014 Media Contact: Julena Campbell, Public Affairs Officer, 520-824- 3560, ext. 307

National Park Service Seeks Information in Deer Poaching Case at Fort Bowie

Bowie, AZ - In cooperation with the Arizona Game and Fish Department, the National Park Service (NPS) is seeking information in the investigation of the illegal killing of a mule deer at Fort Bowie National Historic Site (NHS) in November.

On Veterans Day, November 11, 2013, at approximately 2:30 pm, an unidentified male was witnessed by two park visitors as he dragged a gutted mule deer buck down the trail at Fort Bowie NHS. The subject told the other visitors that he had shot the deer. At the trailhead parking lot on Apache Pass Road, the subject loaded the deer into the back of a red, full size pickup truck with a silver tool box in the back. He then left the parking lot and headed towards the town of Bowie.

The visitors reported the crime to park rangers who investigated the area and found evidence that the deer was shot within the boundaries of Fort Bowie NHS. As a unit of the NPS, it is illegal to hunt within the site. Although most of the boundary is well marked, park rangers remind hunters that it is their responsibility to ensure he or she does not hunt within a closed

area.

Anyone with information regarding this crime is asked to call the Arizona Game and Fish Department **Operation Game Thief Hotline at 1-800-352-0700**. This toll-free hotline is available 24 hours a day to report wildlife violations. The case number to reference for the poaching at Fort Bowie NHS is 14-00076. Callers can remain anonymous and their confidentiality is protected. Cash rewards of up to \$8000 are available to anyone providing information that leads to an arrest. Information on this crime or other hunting violations may also be reported online at www.azgfd.gov/ogt.

The NPS is entrusted with the preservation and protection of America’s national treasures. Your assistance today will help ensure the special features of Fort Bowie NHS continue to be preserved for future generations to enjoy.

Benson projected to see fastest population growth countywide

Dr. Robert Carreira Center for Economic Research Cochise College | Arizona Range News- Posted: Wednesday, September 11, 2013

According to projections released by Arizona Office of Employment and Population Statistics, Cochise County’s population will grow by an average of 1 percent per year, both in the short and long term, reaching 142,398 in 2020 and 192,301 in 2050, up from an estimated 130,752 in 2012.

Countywide population growth in both the short and long term is expected to lag behind statewide population growth, which is projected to average 1.8 percent annually between 2012 and 2020, and 1.5 percent annually between 2012 and 2050.

Of the county’s seven incorporated areas, the city of Benson is projected to see the fastest population growth, averaging 1.6 percent annually in both the short and long term.

Benson’s population, estimated at 5,071 in 2012, is projected to grow to 5,742 in 2020 and 9,173 in 2050. Compared to 2012 estimates, Benson will see total population growth of 13.2 percent by 2020 and 80.9 percent by 2050.

The combined unincorporated areas of Cochise

County are expected to see the next fastest population growth after Benson. These include **Bowie**, Dragoon, Elfrida, Hereford, McNeal, Mescal, Miracle Valley, Naco, Palominas, Pirtleville, St. David, San Simon, Sunizona, Whetstone, and other surrounding unincorporated places. Combined, Cochise County's unincorporated areas are projected to grow an average of 1.4 percent annually between 2012 and 2020, and 1.2 percent between 2012 and 2050. The population of the combined unincorporated areas, estimated at 50,908 in 2012, is projected to grow to 56,783 in 2020 and 81,512 in 2050. Compared to 2012 EPS estimates, Cochise County's unincorporated areas will see total population growth of 11.5 percent by 2020 and 60.1 percent by 2050, according to projections.

Following Benson and the combined unincorporated areas, Sierra Vista is expected to see the next fastest population growth rates, projected at 1 percent annually from 2012 to 2020, and 0.9 percent from 2012 to 2050.

Sierra Vista's population, estimated at 45,794 in 2012, is forecast to grow to 49,399 in 2020 and 65,261 in 2050. Compared to 2012 estimates, Sierra Vista will see total population growth of 7.9 percent by 2020 and 42.5 percent by 2050. The city of Douglas is expected to see average annual population growth of 0.8 percent in both the short and long term. Douglas' population, estimated at 16,673 in 2012, which includes the inmate population at the state correctional facility, is projected to grow to 17,726 in 2020 and 22,187 in 2050.

Compared to 2012 estimates, the Douglas population will see total growth of 6.3 percent by 2020 and 33.1 percent by 2050.

The city of Willcox is projected to see annual population growth averaging 0.6 percent in both the short and long term. The Willcox population, estimated at 3,674 in 2012, is predicted to grow to 3,853 in 2020 and 4,623 in 2050. Compared to 2012 estimates, the Willcox population will see total growth of 4.9 percent by 2020 and 25.8 percent by 2050, according to the EPS projections.

Bisbee is expected to see average annual population growth of 0.6 percent in the short

term (2012-2020) and 0.4 percent in the longer term (2012-2050). Bisbee's population, estimated at 5,466 in 2012, is projected to grow to 5,711 in 2020 and 6,258 in 2050. Compared to the 2012 EPS estimates, Bisbee will see total population growth of 4.5 percent by 2020 and 14.5 percent by 2050.

Huachuca City is projected to see average annual population growth of 0.1 percent in the short-term and 0.2 percent in the long term.

Huachuca City's population, estimated at 1,816 in 2012, is projected to reach 1,835 in 2020 and 1,936 in 2050. Compared to 2012 estimates, Huachuca City's total population growth will be 1 percent by 2020 and 6.6 percent by 2050.

Tombstone, the county's smallest city with an estimated population of 1,350 in 2012, is expected to remain the same size in both the short and long term. EPS projects 'The Town Too Tough to Die' will have a population of 1,350 in the year 2050—the same as 2012.

Dr. Robert Carreira is director of the Center for Economic Research at Cochise College. If you have questions, contact the CER at (520) 515-5486 or cer@cochise.edu. Visit www.cochise.edu/cer.

Bowie School News:

Bowie High makes switch to online only

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The Bowie Unified School District is taking steps necessary to keep its high school program alive through online schooling.

At its July 22 meeting, the Bowie Schools' Board voted unanimously for the high school to go online. Pre-school through eighth grade will have traditional schooling, not online. School Board President Nancy-Jean Welker explained, "The Board's unanimous decision was based on the ability to give our students a much wider choice of classes and methods of instruction, all taught by highly qualified teachers."

"We are very excited about implementing this program and hope to bring more students into our District by doing so," said Principal Ester Solley, PhD. Classes will be held at the computer lab located in the high school

building, and “on campus attendance is required just like face-to-face school,” she said.

“Bowie Unified Schools is committed to excellence in education and anticipates being on the cutting edge,” said Solley, adding, “As the online schooling process is diverse and growing for southern Arizona, this rural district is providing the latest in education and learning. All online students will be required to participate and successfully complete all assignments,” she explained. “Taking classes online does not mean learners procrastinate or take it easy.”

“Online courses require the same dedication, participation, and commitment to learning as face-to-face courses,” said Solley, adding that “learners will be expected to log into classes frequently to their scheduled courses. Just like a traditional class, learners will be expected to complete assignments and quizzes according to the course schedule,” she said.

Many online classes “require students to engage in discussion forums to connect with other students,” Solley said. “Discussion forums are often moderated by the instructor and are an integral part of the learners online course experience,” she said.

“By taking advantage of online forums, it will expose the learner to a multitude of perspectives, and certainly help in making friends, and students have fun doing it.” With the online program, students will be able to “accomplish credit recovery and maintain high school friendships through daily attendance on a high school campus,” Solley said.

They will also be able to participate in the “extra-curricular activities available, sports and CTE programs,” she said.

As to the future of Bowie’s Culinary Arts program, Welker said, “As with other programs, it will depend on student interest.”

The Board had unanimously accepted the resignation of Culinary Arts Instructor Mike Onorato, as well as two other teachers, at its June 11 meeting. Solley said that last year, they worked very hard to raise student AIMS’ test scores and “were quite successful in doing so,” and they hope to further that goal with online courses.

Welker said, “Bowie Unified School District’s new direction will offer a large array of educational opportunities for students at multi levels and with varying needs. The possibilities for individual student success make us very enthusiastic about our future here.”

“Our staff and community, for the most part, are excited and positive about the change,” said Board Member Jared Allred. “It is a way of dealing with a tight budget without lowering the quality of education,” he told the Range News. “I believe the online program we have will improve our high school.”

Asked about the number of teachers and students, Welker said that as of Monday, “we have 17 students enrolled in Bowie High School, and it appears we may have more by the beginning of school. We will have two Teacher/Facilitators,” she added.

As to how much money the high school going online would save the District, Welker replied, “I cannot address any savings issue at this time as we do not know for sure how many students we will have. The driving force here is how much more we are offering our students,” she told the Range News.

Registration is from 8 a.m., to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday for all grades, K-12, as well as the pre-school.

The first day of school is Monday, Aug. 5, beginning at 7:45 a.m., for the Bowie Schools, located at 315 W. 5th St., in Bowie. Call the school office at (520) 847-2545 for enrollment information.

Student scholarships available

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New scholarship opportunity for Bowie, San Simon, and Willcox High School Seniors.

The Albert R. and Nellie D. Spikes Scholarship is available for students from the town of Bowie (who attend any of the three high schools) or who live elsewhere and graduate from Bowie HS.

This memorial fund was set up to support graduating seniors who plan to pursue additional education at a university, community college, or vocational school. More information can be

found here:

<https://azfoundation.academicworks.com/opportunities/510>.

Students can also begin their application from that site by clicking sign-up for a new account. All students who fill out the general application will also be entered into consideration for the dozens of competitive scholarships that the Arizona Community Foundation administers. Sign-up now, the application process closes on Friday, May 31.

Students awarded \$45,000 in scholarships from SSVEC

Arizona Range News: Wayne Crane SSVEC | Posted: Wednesday, May 1, 2013

Willcox, April 19 —Sulphur Springs Valley Electric Cooperative (SSVEC) has announced the winners of 30 scholarships valued at \$1,500 each in the annual SSVEC Foundation Scholarship program. SSVEC President Kathy Thatcher presented students with award certificates during the cooperative's 75th annual meeting on Thursday evening, April 18, at Buena Performing Arts Center in Sierra Vista, Ariz.

The scholarships recognize extracurricular school activities, leadership potential and community involvement as well as academic achievement. The applicant must be in the upper twenty percent of his class or in the top ten students (whichever is greater).

This year's winners include **Jonathan Abbate** from **Bowie High School**; Shawn Brown, David Coleman, Emily Gudvangen, Rhiannon Reece, Ashley Simonsen, and Brandon Spangler from Benson High School; Jordan Carns a home school student from Sierra Vista; Allison Cunningham, Caleb Foster, and Crianna Padilla from Patagonia Union High School; Carmen De La Cruz, Alicia Dye, Jovanka Garcia and Shaelyn Jiron from Valley Union High School; Elvin Flores, Alejandro Moreno Guzman, Amanda Laganosky, Katja Miller, Cimmeron Madrid, and Kaitlyn O'Rahilly from Buena

High School; April Fry, Jessy Kartchner, and Cassidy McWhorter from St. David High School; Larae Harguess, Hannah Leitch and Zane Tremmel; and Bertha Lazalde-Ruiz, Torrie Rourke and Zane Webster from San Simon High School.

Megan Skiles among champs

Alicia Castaneda Student reporter | Posted: Tuesday, December 24, 2013 12:00 pm

WARNER, OK – The Connors State College sophomore livestock judging team members made their intentions clear for the rest of the year during the North American International Livestock Exposition (N.A.I.L.E.), held November 20 in Louisville, Ky. Connors won the swine contest with a score of 1434, earned fourth in the reasons division, ninth in cattle and 10th in sheep, while placing eighth overall and falling short of the champion team by a mere 69 points.



PHOTO COURTESY / Connors State College
Connors State College's livestock judging team won the hog contest during the North American International Livestock Exposition in Louisville, Ky. With their hardware, team members are: front, from left, Kaitlyn Merriman, **Megan Skiles**, Kaitlin Pritchett; back, Michael Buckley, Zakary Laubach, Tucker Malotte, Bryson Williams, Dirk Murphy and Kolton Moore

Coached by Blake Nelson, head judging coach, and Chase Reed, assistant livestock judging coach, sophomore team members include: Kaitlin Pritchett, Kingfisher, Okla, Dirk Murphy, Kiowa, Colo, and Michael Buckley, Collins, Miss, Whitney Andras, Checotah; Zakary Laubach, Woodward; Tucker Malotte, Pryor; Kaitlyn Merriman, Allen; Kolton Moore, Cave City, Ark.; **Megan Skiles, Bowie, Ariz.;** and Bryson Williams, Earth, Texas.

is to complete his degree and pursue a career in Engineering at a university after community college. Abbate was the only successful candidate to apply, therefore he received the maximum amount of \$5,100.00 for two semesters at a post-secondary education institution. For more information about the scholarship, visit:

<https://azfoundation.academicworks.com/opportunities/510>.

Bowie Schools Opened Pool on June 5th!

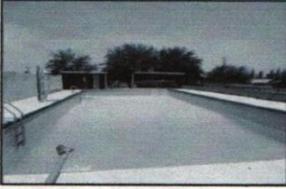
Bowie Schools' L.O. Scott swimming pool was fully operational on Wednesday, June 5, 2013. The staff of certified lifeguards is selected and trained. The maintenance staff has recently patched and repainted the interior surfaces. The restrooms are cleaned and ready. The only thing missing are swimmers!

The Bowie School family would like to extend an extra-large THANK YOU to those businesses and individuals that have contributed toward the operating expenses necessary for the pool to be open. Even though the School Governing Board had decided they could not fund the expense of the pool this summer, the following donors have made it possible! Donations were made by Valley Telecom Foundation, A & P Growers, North Bowie Farming, Meridian Nut Growers, Sulphur Springs Valley Electric Cooperative, Evelyn A Spikes-Lathram, Rural Accent, Inc., Patrick & Kezia O'Donnell and Dewain & Katherine Lockwood.

Bowie's pool has been in existence since 1938. Originally the pool was filled by a well connected to a hot spring; the water was held for irrigation purposes and community members were allowed to swim in the water for recreation. In the early 1980's the pool was refitted and upgraded for "more healthy" swimming. Traditionally, the pool is open until school starts back up in the early fall.

We will be having the pool open 6 days a week (closed Mondays), Tuesday through Sunday, through August 4, 2013. The hours are from Noon - 6pm with adult swim (as needed) from 10-11am and 6-7pm. The daily cost for Children through age 17 is \$1.00 and Ages 18 & up is \$2.00. Season passes are also available from the school district office. Prices are Children through age 17 are \$30, for Ages 18 and up \$45. A special Family pass good for all immediate members of a family is only \$60.

Daily entrance to pool is paid at the pool, season passes paid for in the District Office prior to use.



You are encouraged to please visit Bowie Schools and discuss our successes and programs. We are located at: 315 W 5th St. Bowie, Office Phone: 520-847-2545

Dessert Night for Sulphur Springs Valley Historical Society

Arizona Range News: Letters To Editor
Kathy Klump and Harry O'Neil Sulphur Springs Valley Historical Society Posted: Wednesday, April 17, 2013

Our third annual Dessert Night, held on Saturday, March 23, was a great success — our best fundraiser ever. Thanks to the many members, guests, and businesses who helped us by donating such wonderful desserts. We are thankful that Mr. Ornorato and his **Bowie High School** culinary class came, brought delicious desserts, and helped served our members and guests.

Our silent auction was a huge success thanks to all who contributed items for sale. These include **Bowie FCCLA**. To those who helped with the event, we especially thank Phyllis and Tony Cohorn.

Thanks to all of our members and friends for making the evening full, sweet, and very memorable. The funds raised will be used to continue the electrical upgrade and new lighting project for the museum and research center.

The Albert R. & Nellie D. Spikes Scholarship Award

The Albert R. & Nellie D. Spikes Scholarship for 2013 was awarded to **Jonathan Abbate**, a first generation college student, who graduated from Bowie High School in 2013. He will be a full time student at Cochise Community College with an intended major of Engineering. His goal

Personal Stories About Bowie and the People Who Lived Them:

Memories

From Lorenzo Abalos:
In August, 1963, at about 6:30 in the morning, part of a freight train derailed just west of the

railroad depot in Bowie. The boom of the crash was heard everywhere in Bowie. Heavy equipment was immediately brought into clear the railroad right-of-way so that the track could be repaired and service could continue. Large tractors were brought to push the wrecked railroad cars away from the tracks.

When they were about to push one boxcar, they noticed that the door was closed and sealed. Obviously the car contained some kind of cargo. So before the car could be moved, its contents had to be identified. When the door was opened they found it contained wooden crates with unusual looking objects in them. It was necessary to identify the objects in the crates before the boxcar could be moved. So, they asked for a volunteer to enter the boxcar and attempt to identify the objects in the crates. Leroy Brown, who was then working with the B & B gang, volunteered to enter the boxcar. But Leroy was unable to determine the contents of the crates.

Not wanting to risk unknown consequences in moving the boxcar, it was necessary to call for assistance. Army personnel were brought to Bowie by helicopter from Fort Huachuca. They determined that the contents of the boxcar posed no danger so it was moved away from the tracks. When all the wrecked cars were moved from the right-of-way, work to repair the damaged tracks was begun. It was quite an eventful day in a normally quiet town.

From Wanda Logan Howard, posted on Facebook; “Where the Heck is Bowie, Arizona?” group page.

I found another hand written account from my mom, Alice Logan, about Bowie's surrounding area...it is 8 pages so I will write it out in a couple of increments so my computer can handle its length...

A BIT OF BOWIE'S SURROUNDING HISTORY ~ written by Alice Logan April 1989...

My husband Abiff and I paid a visit to 'Cliff' Dickson's Barber Shop here in Bowie, Arizona. 'Cliff' told us about the house where he was born and had spent the early years of his life. Cliff's grandfather passed away during the influenza epidemic in 1918. Cliff's Grandmother Dickson continued to live in the house after Mr. Dickson's death until sometime in the 1920s. At that time she sold the house and three sections of the land to Mr. Knappe for the sum of \$3,000. The present owners of the house call the house, 'Bear Spring House'. (*I'm assuming she meant in 1989)

Cliff's grandfather, James A. Dickson, built the house in Bear Spring Canyon. The article by Ann Patterson that appeared in The Arizona Republic in the Sun Living section on September 6, 1987 was in error about a Thomas Dickson being the builder of the house.

The James A. Dickson family was squatters in Bear Spring Canyon. In the United States people could settle on government property of Territorial land, subject to the regulations with a view of obtaining a title to the property. Mr. James A. Dickson built the house over a period of time using materials provided by nature. In 1894, Fort Bowie was to be abandoned as an Army post so Mr. Dickson made arrangements with the Commanding Officer to salvage the building materials from the fort site. He incorporated these materials with what he had already done and finished the family home at Bear Spring. The building materials from Ft. Bowie, such as doors, window, and lumber were of great value, if not money wise then handy-wise. In the era of nearly a century ago, even if these materials had been readily available, there was the problem of freighting cargo by wagon over nearly impassible roads or trails. Since the abandoned fort was less than a mile away, it made the salvageable building materials rather handy as far as moving them went. Mr. Dickson was a master of many things, such as blacksmithing, carpentry, masonry and many other talents. In the era of his time all of the

pioneers made use of whatever was available to do with and learned by doing whatever was necessary to survive.

The Dickson house walls were made of adobe. The walls were twenty four inches thick. These walls served as insulation against the weather elements as well as being a protection from any Indian uprising in case they should break from a reservation. There are rifle ports built through the walls in case of an attack. Mr. Dickson made his own cement by pulverizing limestone that was handy on a nearby hill. He used this homemade cement in the construction of the house. I am sure that many present day people are like me, have no idea that limestone could be used in the manner.

Mr. and Mrs. James A. Dickson's children consisted of four boys and two girls. All of these children helped with the chores at home in whatever way they could. These chores prepared them to be reliable citizens as adults, no welfare for them! There was a big apple orchard below the house. This provided fresh fruit for all the surrounding countryside. The late Mrs. Sally Olander told me that, 'she would go up to Bear Spring Canyon Ranch when the Knapes owned it and can apples on the halves (?) for two or three weeks each year'.

Jack Clifford Dickson was born at his grandparent's home October 8, 1915. His father was Antice R. Dickson who was born in 1889. His mother was named Nora, born in 1891. Antice Dickson had a garage and wood yard located on the block where Cliff's home, Pete's Garage, the barber shop and burned Bowie Market are on Business Loop I-10. Antice Dickson hired Chano Jacques' dad and another man to cut and bring six foot lengths of juniper, oak and any other available wood to the bottom of the mountains to a location where Antice could get to it with his flatbed truck, then he would haul it to his wood yard and then cut and split it into stove wood lengths.

James A Dickson died of influenza in 1918 at

the age of 62 years. He was buried near his home on a limestone hill in Bear Spring Canyon. His wife stayed on at the ranch for several years after his death. Her family finally persuaded her to sell the place and move to town. She moved to a very comfortable house here in Bowie. A portion of the adobe walls are still standing today of her house, located just beyond Mel Jackson's place on the street that goes to the present site of the city dump.

Mr. Glass built two houses along there including Mrs. Dickson's. Mrs. Kaiser, mother of Velma Ann Lockwood, lived next door in the other house. Mrs. Kaiser and Mrs. Dickson were long-time friends. Mrs. Dickson attended Mrs. Kaiser during Velma Ann's birth. Velma Ann was born at the Marble Quarry Settlement in the Chiricahua Mountains and it isn't too far from Bear Spring canyon.

Mrs. Dickson passed away in 1928 and is buried at Desert Rest Cemetery at Bowie, Arizona. After her death the family had her husband's remains moved from Bear Spring Canyon to Bowie and buried him beside Mrs. Dickson. Their headstones read: **James A. Dickson 1856-1918 and Hester B. Dickson 1853-1928**. Cliff said when the exhumed Mr. Dickson's remains that his body was so well preserved that his hair, beard and fingernails were still intact. The person of knowledge about the preserved remains of the dead figured that the lime content of the soil at his first burial site was the preservative.

Cliff told us several interesting stories about the country near Ft. Bowie, Bear Spring and the country surrounding the general area of what is Cochise County which included things his grandparents did. He didn't know how the Dicksons obtained a deed to their property since they were squatters and had settled there before Arizona Territory became a state in 1912. I asked Josie Lawhon if she might know how settlers who were squatters obtained their deeds. She wasn't sure about it but figured that the Dicksons did like her parents and filed for

homestead rights as soon as Arizona joined the Union as the forty-eighth state.

One story told by Cliff was how the name of Walnut Canyon was changed to Siphon Canyon by a crew of government surveyors. James A. Dickson planted black walnuts along the creek in the canyon and most of them grew, so the old time settlers knew it as Walnut Canyon. All the walnut trees growing there today are ones planted by Mr. Dickson or the younger trees derived their start from seeds of the original trees. Someone of the Riggs family run a pipeline from near Apache Spring to siphon water down Walnut Canyon to have water available at a lower site. The surveyors listed it as Siphon Canyon; therefore it's mapped as such.

Josie Lawhon, who was near neighbors of the Dicksons, said that while she and her sisters Lucille and Maggie were growing up at the HYL Ranch, their home that they would go up Walnut Canyon and pick cherries and wild grapes that grew along the creek. They would take the fruit home and can it for use later. The cherry trees are not there any longer. The wild grapes are still there but the lack of moisture causes the grapes to dry up before they mature.

Cliff's grandmother, Hester B. Dickson had a broken toe and proved the mettle of most pioneer folks by walking from her home at Bear Spring to the settlement at Dos Cabezas where she had a job cooking for a gang of miners. Her broken toe didn't deter her from walking fifteen miles or more cross country to her job or the task of work when she arrived.

Josie Lawhon was born while Arizona was still a Territory and raised at the HYL Ranch. She is a walking encyclopedia of information on the settling of most of the country within a fifty mile radius of Ft. Bowie. She witnessed much of it first hand and heard over and over the early day stories told or discussed by her parents and others of happening in Josie's earliest years.

She (Josie) remembered that Mr. Dickson walked miles and miles all over Dos Cabezas and Chiricahua Mountains, he carried black walnuts in his pockets and planted them along creek banks of all the treks he made over her hills. Josie said, "Mr. Dickson homesteaded another tract of land north of the HYL and built a two story 4 room house." It was in the vicinity of what is now known as Maggie's Tank. This also was built of adobe. It eventually crumbled away from weather and time. This same homestead was finally an addition to the HYL property. One of Dickson's sons named Sable homesteaded property in a northwesterly direction from Maggie's Tank. He planted a grape vineyard and watered it by hand. Cliff told us that a few years ago he drove to the place that had belonged to his Uncle Sable Dickson and located a cistern that James A. Dickson had built on Sable's place. Cliff inspected the cistern and as far as he could tell, "There was not a break of any sort in the cement walls after 60 or so years."

The HYL Ranch is located approximately five to eight miles from the Dickson House at Bear Spring, so the Lawhon family was visitors there fairly often. Josie said she remembered so well the milk house that Mr. Dickson built near the kitchen. There was a porch that was along the entire length on the west side of the house. There was a spring under the porch. Dickson built the milk or spring house with a cement trough running from one wall to the opposite wall. He channeled the water from the spring under the porch, to run into the trough and the water run out at the far end of the trough. The continuous running water kept the milk house cool. All foods that needed to be kept cool were placed or hung in the milk house.

Josie said that, "The original house that was built at Bear Spring by Mr. James A. Dickson has been added to and taken away from within the past sixty years that no one would recognize it as the original house of a century ago." Knope, Neal, Toverea, MacCullum and Cooper have each owned the house for different periods of

time since 1928. Each owner has changed it to suit themselves rather than preserving its historical value. That of course has been each one's prerogative.

I, Alice Logan, have written this small bit of history from San Simon Valley for the enjoyment of anyone who may read it. I have no intention of discrediting anyone else's stories, so feel free to discuss or censor any or all of it with whomever you choose. I feel that everyone has some significant story of olden times to tell. I am sure that many others, as well as I, would enjoy hearing them whether they are a figment of imagination or authentic. **Alice C. Logan**

THE END!

I hope you have enjoyed reading it; I tried to write it exactly as she had hand written it. I know she would be thrilled to know her memories are alive and well....Thanks for your time...if I find anything else of hers I will let you know.... **Wanda Logan Howard**



6 June 2013

Elizabeth (Lola) Carleton Bowie School Reunion

Here are highlights of my Life since leaving Bowie School after my Sophomore year because Dad got a job in Bisbee & that school did not furnish text books.

21 Oct. 1935 married. 1938 1st child born...ended up with 5 children and a divorce. Married twice more: 1948 & 1969...name,

now, SIMMONS.

In 1960 I took the GED test @ San Jose, Calif. Also qualified there for: Real Estate Salesman...which I maintained until settling back in Cochise County....Willcos to be precise. (California does not reciprocate with Arizona in this.) 1969

The letterhead above indicates my primary interest beginning in 1944.

I used the income from R E sales to finance my travels in researching....until I was able to finance my travels by selling my skills as a researcher and helping others' desires to know about their ancestors!! Precise year is lost in my memories. To date – and I'm 95 years old – this interest is top of my list of interests!

Since 1960: My Church “callings” have, also, been related to Genealogy..(Prior to that they dealt with the Youth).....details & specifics not mentioned because to numerous & of NO interest to most readers.

My 5 years of attendance a Bowie lingers in my mind. My first teacher was Miss Eva HALL...6th Grade...who encouraged me in writing. I featured Mr. Spikes before. Another is Mr. Hawker. He taught me the value of a dictionary!!

CARELTON Children

Thumbnail sketch after leaving Bowie Schools
Lola Elizabeth: herewith
James Owen: printed: May 1913

Wilma Bea: quit school in Junior year to marry. 1936 2 children – girl & boy Married(2) 1948 2 children – girl & boy

Wilma contracted every know variety of arthritis...per Santa Barbara Clinic. Became so crippled, etc., she couldn't turn herself over in bed w/o medication. She persisted in a full life by keeping multiple doctors in order to maintain

a constant supply of medication.

She died 1993 @ Modesto, CA. Buried in Family Cemetery...on Father's homestead. (this is where we lived when not in school.)

John Grover: A Sgt in WWII. Served in Pacific theater. Was in Japan before discharge. While living in San Francisco, CA he met & married – 5 July 1955. Had 2 daughters. Both are Registered Nurses. After a lingering health problem: He died: 6 Oct 1999 in a Salt Lake City nursing home. His widow – Josephine(Josie) still lives there with Ilene – their youngest daughter..unmarried. Suzanne, married Wayne GRUSENDORF ...formerly of Bowie.

William Robert – ‘Bob’: Graduated from HS @ Atascadero, CA. Served 1 hitch in the Air Force. Here he learned somewhat about computers..which became his Life's work. He travelled the world, literally. Whenever the computer problem couldn't be solved over the phone: he was sent to the site: Russia – China, Europe, Canada, etc & etc.! He married Mildred...a girl from the Sacramento, CA area. They had 2 children..only the boy survived. (Girl's death a tragedy at age 5) After the son left home Mildred often travelled with him...NOT @ company expense!! His kidneys failed & he died: 25 mar 2009 @ Sacramento. Mildred still lives in the area.

Ruth Etta...RUTH. Graduated from Atascadero, CA. Married a career Army man. They travelled!! Japan – Europe – USA...Had 5 children. One born & died in Japan. Her husband died: 18 June 1987 @ Paso Robles, CA. She now lives near a VA Hospital. Her eldest daughter... also a widow... lives with her.

“REMEMBRANCE OF OUR FALLEN COMRADE, SGT TAPIA”

On January 11th, 2014 we remembered Sgt. Manny Tapia #1409. We started with a burrito breakfast on Rio Rico Drive, were shuttled onto

Interstate 19 for the Adopt-A-Highway cleanup and from there we met at his Memorial Site on North Grand Avenue for a small service. Afterwards, we went to the Tubac Peck Canyon Fire Station. Sgt. Manny Tapia's Memorial site is on the East side of North Grand Avenue (Business 19), next to the rail road tracks, between the Quality Inn (Americana Motel) and the Pizza Hut. You can get off at Exit 8 and go south into Nogales or you can take I-19 all the way south into Nogales and then make a left hand turn onto North Grand Ave. and go North. (Not South, it will take you into Mexico.)



Editor's Note: I would like to thank my husband, Brian Bickel, and my cousin, Evelyn Lathram, for their generous and helpful assistance. SB



In a renewal of vows, Phyllis and Tony Cohorn welcomed many guests to their 50th wedding anniversary celebration on August 10, 2013, at the Willcox Community Center.

Dear Susan and Evelyn,

I want to thank you for the very enjoyable time I had at the reunion. I was able to visit with people I have not seen for years and I especially enjoyed the dinner and dance part.



Ken Fousel & Charlie Powell



After a delicious barbeque lunch, the couple cut their cake and then danced their first dance.

I am a good friend of Lois (Luiza). I only went to school at Bowie High my Sophomore year. I was born in Pima but my family moved out of the valley when I was 13. When I was a Sophomore my family moved to Mexico and since there were only grade schools available my parents sent me to stay with my grandparents who were living in Bowie. The summer after I graduated from high school (1946) I worked for the El Paso Natural Gas Company on a construction project in Apache Pass and lived in a motel in Bowie. In the summer of 1947 my brother and I lived in Bowie working for the same company. I dropped out of college for a year (1949/1950) and worked for the same company again and lived in Bowie, Wilcox and Benson. Each time when I was in the area I ran around with a group of Bowie kids that included Lois, Pearl Bertigelio, Tommy and Doris Cook, and Ann, and Vera Takvaum (the last name spelling is probably not correct). About 20 years ago when my brother was in Bowie he found out about the Bowie reunions and passed it on to me. I went to the reunion 15 years ago hoping to see many of my friends that I had run around with but Lois and Tommy were the only ones that were there. Since then I have been able to stay in contact with Lois by e-mail and thanks to you, you have kept me up-to-date.



Many Bowie friends were on hand to help celebrate.



Charles Powell & Dutch Grusendorf

**Note from Coach Paul L. Jones,
January 2, 2014:**

Dear Evelyn, Enclosed is the \$10.00. I'm getting pretty old. I'll be 99 yrs old next month and still going pretty well – Thanks, P. L. Jones

Thanks again
Charles Powell
Class of 1946

**From: "Mary Lou"
<gclerc36@yahoo.com> Date: Mon, 26
Aug 2013**

I am Guy Junior Clerc's wife. Guy talks about growing up in Bowie and although we haven't been to many of the luncheons and reunions he still considers Bowie his hometown and thinks about his childhood and they people that were good influences on him. He has mentioned several of the old-timers that lived or live in Bowie.

Love, Guy and Mary Lou Clerc



Tommy Cooke & Edward McCurry



Lauren Yelton & Nancy Jean Welker

I will always remember the time I spent in Bowie High School and the friends I had like Ann and Vera Tackvaum (?) and Lois Bertileno (another ?). I really enjoyed the reunion.

Charlie Powell



Bobbie (Scott, Welker) Blandon & Gloria Yelton

**Thank you to everyone who made the 2013
Bowie School Reunion a success!**

This includes everyone who attended and had a good time. The Reunion Committee (Florina (Tapia) Christiernsson, Nancy-Jean Welker, and Evelyn (Spikes) Lathram especially wish to thank Susan and Brian Bickel who took the many pictures that appear in the Memory Book,

and the alumni who sent in their pictures.

On Saturday, 114 alumni and guests attended the day program at the high school, and went to the dinner and dance at the Elks Club in Willcox. We heard from Steve Welker, grandson of Skeet and Lois Thomas, and son of Lamar and Janice Welker, on his awe inspiring recovery from an accident which left him blind.

The next day about 20 alumni and guests joined Kathy Klump for a special tour of the Chiricahua Regional Museum and Research Center, to view the collection of Bowie pictures and other items. Kathy is always looking to expand her collection with pictures, stories, yearbooks, and artifacts.



Florina (Tapia) Christiernsson



Sarah Tellez, Bobby Montana,
Billie (Sheffield) Fousel, Joan Lagle



Donella (Morris) Jones & Joe Cooke



Katherine Lockwood & Betty Grusendorf



Nancy (Valdez) Guerrero, Tony Cohorn & Kathy Klump



Jim & Sue Boggs, Keith Klump & Keith McCurry



Elizabeth (Lola) Carleton & brother Jim



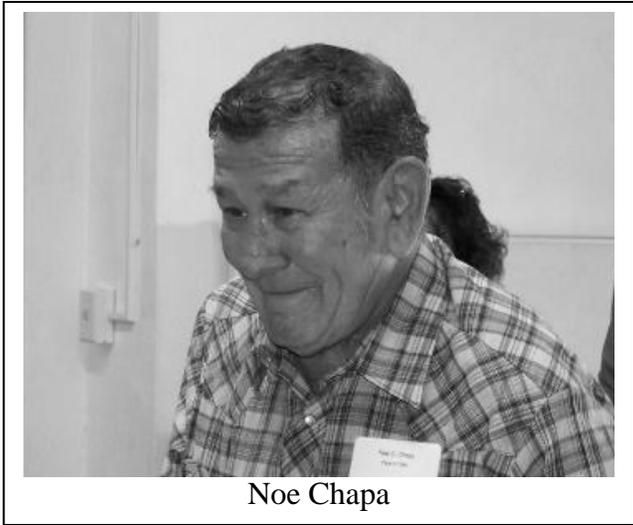
Florina (Tapia) Christiernsson, Keith Klump, Ray & Billie (Sheffield) Fousel



Evelyn (Spikes) Lathram registering Noe Chapa, Ernesto Delgado looking on



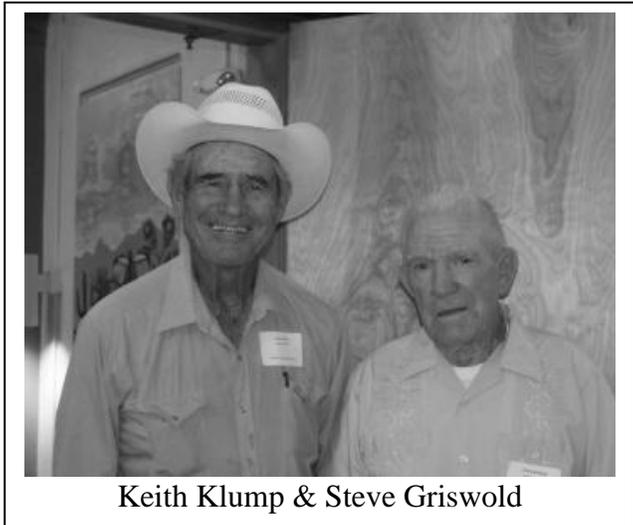
Ray Fousel, Vic Boll & Joe Cooke



Noe Chapa



Alvin Hernandez & Tommy Cooke



Keith Klump & Steve Griswold



Sergio & Debbie Fimbres



Sarah Tellez & Jaque (Head) Hernandez



Ernesto Delgado & his wife



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