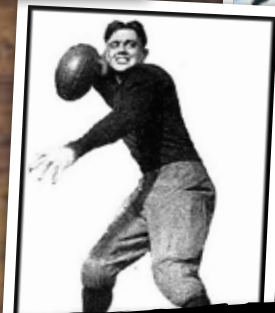
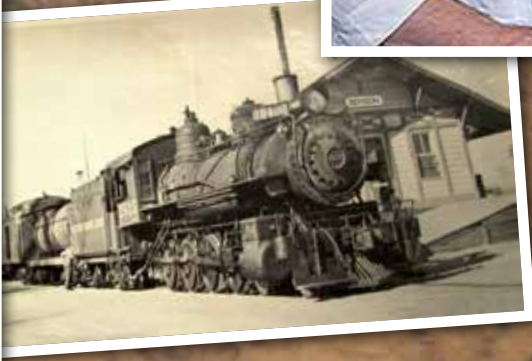


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# Our past continues to shape our success

Those who take a moment to reflect on the history of your local electric cooperative will recognize that our collective journey through the generations mirrors the spirit of our community.

Sulphur Springs Valley Electric Cooperative was formed by civic leaders who successfully brought together their neighbors to accomplish a daunting task, building on trust, mutual self-interest and a shared vision of a brighter future.

After unsuccessful efforts to attract investment by two large power companies — Arizona Edison and Tucson Gas and Electric — local leaders organized a meeting on May 6, 1937. They called together 68 farmers and business owners to discuss forming a cooperative.

With historical roots dating back to 19th Century Europe, the principles of

the cooperative movement served as a fundamental bond that fostered the success of this ambitious effort. It took just over three years and a \$488,000 loan from the Rural Electrification Administration to accomplish the construction of 269 miles of line and a power plant to serve 266 members.

It was a humble beginning for a cooperative that has become one of the largest in Arizona, now serving more than 38,000 members, with more than 59,000 meters, 4,100 miles of energized line, and a service area that is larger than three states: Rhode Island, Delaware and Connecticut.

It's a remarkable story.

Our members and our democratically-elected Board of Directors have been keys to this success. Those who joined the Cooperative when it was incorporated on January 11, 1939 paid \$5 for their membership, the equivalent of about \$86 today. With that financial commitment in mind, it has been the pragmatic governance of the board that has assured our members an impressive return on their investment.

Today, 80 years since SSVEC was founded, membership continues to cost just \$5 and the price of one kilowatt-hour for a residential member has increased less than 2-cents, from

9.75-cents in 1940 to 11.4 cents in 2018.

The same innovative spirit that inspired those who started our cooperative has contributed to several significant "firsts" for SSVEC. In addition to being the first member-owned utility in Arizona, our cooperative was among the first in the nation to secure a bond rating and indenture, allowing SSVEC to obtain competitive financing from private-sector lending institutions and saving millions of dollars in interest expense.

Capitalizing on a federal re-investment program, SSVEC completed major upgrades to its service, installing "Smart Grid" technologies that have greatly improved our efficiency and reliability. Today, SSVEC operates a Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition system to assure greater reliability and maximum efficiency. Our members count on 99.999 percent reliability and the "Smart Grid" investment has saved millions by utilizing "off-peak" hours to balance member consumption and reduce costs.

SSVEC was also the first in the state to achieve a mandate established by the Arizona Corporation Commission requiring that at least 7.5 percent of our electricity be supplied from renewable sources by 2025. In the past two years our energy mix — the generating



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source of the electricity we distribute — has changed dramatically. Solar now constitutes 7 percent of that energy mix — up from zero in 2016 — and together with natural gas and hydro almost 60 percent of our electricity is generated from non-fossil fuel sources.

This edition of Currents celebrates a few of the interesting and surprising facts about our larger Cooperative community. Understanding our history and recognizing the characteristics that define our past has helped to shape our collective success since that very first meeting in 1937.

We continue to build on that Cooperative heritage to assure a bright future!

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# Line upgrade boosts power near Dragoon



Matt Williams shows the difference between the single phase line, left, and the larger capacity three-phase line that will be strung in the Dragoon area.

Sulphur Springs Valley Electric Cooperative linemen brought more power to members and businesses in a rural area near Dragoon in northeast Cochise County recently.

A crew led by foreman Matt Williams has replaced an existing single-phase power line with a larger three-phase line, providing more system capacity in the area and balancing the electricity load on the entire line.

“In the current configuration one of the three phases (wires) is much more heavily loaded than the other two,” said SSVEC Director of Engineering Daniel Wilson. “By extending the three-phase section of line out farther, we can move some of that load to the other two phases (wires).”

Wilson said the project has been planned since 2013, but lack of demand and slow economic growth in the area kept the upgrade from being a top priority.

“Before we could start we had to secure some rights of way and permits which took some time,” he said.

Wilson said connecting the 20 megawatt solar field, located in Cochise, took priority over the line upgrade in Cochise.

“We needed upgrades to the Mesquite Substation and associated line upgrades to bring that power source online,” he said.

Ricardo Garcia, Chief of Operations at SSVEC, said construction on the Dragoon line upgrade started this summer and is scheduled for completion in October, but may be finished sooner, depending on weather conditions.



From the left, Matt Williams, Dave Schmidt, Jose Salinas, Blake Rhodes and Grant McCune safety tailgate before the work starts.



Dave Schmidt hanging stringing dollies.



From left, Grant McCune and Jose Salinas operating the four-drum rope puller.

## Energy efficiency for the modern family and its many devices

BY ANNE PRINCE  
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If you are struck by the number of screens, remotes, gaming controls, charging stations and cords that have become fixtures in your home, you are not alone. The typical American family is well connected and owns a variety of electronic devices. According to the PEW Research Institute, 95 percent of U.S. families have a cell phone and 77 percent of Americans own a smart phone. Nearly 80 percent of adults own a laptop or desktop computer, while approximately half own tablets.

Consumer electronics coupled with the growing array of smart home appliances and technology have slowly but steadily changed our homes and lifestyles. The increased reliance on our many devices has new implications for home energy use and efficiency.

### Using smart technology to manage energy savings

So how can we save energy when we are using more electronic devices than ever before? The answer may lie with some of those same electronic devices that have become indispensable to modern living. In many cases, energy savings is a touch-screen away as more apps enable you to monitor energy use.

From the convenience of your mobile



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**One of the easiest ways to make an impact on energy efficiency is with a smart thermostat, like Nest. You can easily view and adjust your thermostat schedule and monitor how much energy is being used.**

device, smart technologies can maximize your ability to manage electricity use across several platforms — controlling your thermostat, appliances, water heater, home electronics and other devices. One of the easiest ways to make an impact on energy efficiency is with a smart thermostat, like Nest models. Using your mobile device, you can view and edit your thermostat schedule and monitor how much energy is used and make adjustments accordingly. For example, program your thermostat for weekday and weekend schedules so you are not wasting energy when no one is home. Check and adjust

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## A Full House of Energy Savings

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In many homes, attic insulation is one of the easiest, least expensive and most effective ways to reduce your energy use. Contact us to find out how much insulation is right for your home. In colder regions, a properly insulated attic also reduces the chance of ice dams.

**DEN/OFFICE**  
Plug all electronic gadgets such as phone and laptop chargers, printers, gaming consoles and BluRay players into a power strip with an on/off switch. When not in use, turn the power strip off to eliminate all those energy vampires.

**BEDROOM**  
Ceiling fans can help save energy all year long! In the summer, fans should rotate counter clockwise to push air down creating a cooling flow. In the winter, fans should rotate clockwise to help draw cool air up toward the ceiling and push the warm air that naturally rises down to you and your family.

**BATHROOM**  
Take a short shower instead of a bath. Short showers use much less water, and you'll also save energy by not heating all that extra water!

**LIVING ROOM**  
Smart thermostats learn how you and your family live, and automatically adjust the temperature settings based on your lifestyle to keep you comfortable while saving you money.

**KITCHEN**  
Make sure your burner isn't bigger than the pan, and use flat-bottomed pans to maximize surface contact with the burner. Don't preheat the oven until you're ready to use it. Minimize the number of times you open and close the refrigerator or oven door.

*Want to learn about additional ways to save energy? Contact us for more energy efficiency tips!*

# Prop 127 could be costly for SSVEC members <sup>5</sup>

Clean energy initiative could boost residential monthly bills 47 percent or more

*The Clean Energy for a Healthy Arizona Amendment requires affected electric utilities to provide at least 50 percent of their annual retail sales of electricity from renewable energy sources by 2030. The Arizona Constitutional Amendment defines renewable energy sources to include solar, wind, small-scale hydropower, and other sources that are replaced rapidly by a natural, ongoing process (excluding nuclear or fossil fuel). Distributed renewable energy sources, like residential and business solar, must comprise at least 10 percent of utilities' annual retail sales of electricity by 2030. The Amendment allows electric utilities to earn and trade credits to meet these requirements.*

There are people who support the idea of clean, reliable, renewable energy. The thought of powering all our devices, vehicles, equipment, appliances and lights with an endless source of clean, renewable energy is appealing. The promise of solar power, geothermal, and wind energy combined with developing battery technology could offer a bright vision for our future. It's only after we consider the cost of that vision that we realize complete dependence on renewable energy is not realistic or affordable at the current level of technology.



The SSVEC solar field went online in 2016 and is located just off Highway 191 near Cochise. The field generates about 20 megawatts of electricity and contributes to the Cooperative energy mix.

For the average homeowner, shifting 50 percent of the current energy mix to renewable sources by 2030 would increase monthly bills by approximately \$60 per month. Why? In working with Arizona G&T Cooperatives, their figures show that they would need to invest between \$1.2 billion and \$1.5 billion in new capital costs to meet the proposed requirement. At SSVEC, we're already pushing the technology envelope and embracing a future that assures our members reliable electric service from renewable sources. The 20 megawatt SSVEC solar field, which began generating power in 2016, is evidence of that commitment.

As battery and other renewable technolo-

gies improve, SSVEC will continue to pursue an energy mix that assures our members reliable service at affordable rates.

Proposition 127, which will appear on the Nov. 6 General Election ballot, proposes an amendment to the Arizona Constitution mandating 50 percent of the electricity generated and distributed in Arizona by 2030 come from renewable sources. California recently adopted similar requirements and the average electric bill in that state is 47 percent higher when compared to Arizona. They have also seen a drop in reliability.

Voters will have to decide whether they can afford both the cost of this mandate and the sacrifice of reliable service in the pursuit of

rushing to shift 50 percent of the energy mix to renewable sources.

Embedding this requirement in the Arizona Constitution limits our ability to alter the mandate if it is adopted by voters on Nov. 6. Arizona has prospered with energy policies that reflect the long-term best economic interest of the ratepayer, their jobs, and the communities they call home. At SSVEC we are proud of our record of only having four rate increases since 1993. In fact, over the past 30 years our rates have increased, on average, less than one percent per year. The national average is over 3 percent per year. We also have among the lowest residential and business rates in the state.

Proposition 127 would change that record significantly by mandating a dramatic shift in the SSVEC energy mix by 2030 and forcing our primary provider — Arizona G&T Cooperative — to finance major equipment changes, while still paying off existing investments in current infrastructure.

SSVEC is committed to a future of affordable and reliable energy independence for its members. Since 2016, the Cooperative has shifted its energy mix from about 80 percent coal generation to less than 40 percent. Today, about 7 percent of the electricity distributed by SSVEC is generated from solar energy, 6 percent comes from hydropower generated by the Hoover Dam, and the majority of the balance originates from clean-burning natural gas.

## SSVEC HAPPENINGS

### Chapman retires



Creden Huber, left, Chief Executive Officer at Sulphur Springs Valley Electric Cooperative, presents a distinguished service plaque to Kirby Chapman at a small ceremony on July 23. Chapman was celebrated for 21 years of service as the Cooperative's Chief Financial Officer.



LEFT: Chapman provided lots of humor and plenty of fond memories to a large group of fellow employees at the July 23 ceremony hosted in his honor.

### Health center grand opening

RIGHT: Cory East, left, Agribusiness and Energy Specialist at Sulphur Springs Valley Electric Cooperative, accepted a plaque of appreciation during the August 11, 2018 ribbon cutting from Chiricahua Community Health Center Chief Executive Officer Dr. Jonathan Melk. The Cooperative was recognized for its contributions to the project.

BELOW: The new 20,000-square-foot Chiricahua Community Health Center officially opened on August 11, 2018 in Benson. This state-of-the-art facility offers complete adult health care, pediatrics, a full service medical lab, a pharmacy, integrated behavioral health and dietetics, insurance enrollment assistance and a WIC office.



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the program periodically to keep pace with changes in household routines

You can also ensure efficiency by purchasing ENERGY STAR-certified appliances. Many new appliances include smart-technology features such as refrigerators that can tell you when maintenance is required or when a door has been left open. New washers, dryers and dishwashers allow you to program when

you want the load to start. This means you can program your task for off-peak energy hours—a smart choice if your electric rate is based on time of use.

### “Old school” energy savings for new devices

Of course there are the time-tested “old school” methods of energy efficiency that can be applied to the myriad of household electronic devices and screens. Computers,

printers, phones and gaming consoles are notorious “vampire power” users, meaning they drain energy (and money) when not in use. If items can be turned off without disrupting your lifestyle, consider plugging them into a power strip that can be turned on and off or placed on a timer.

While modern life involves greater dependence on technology, your best resource for saving energy and money remains your local electric co-op.

Regardless of your level of technical exper-

tise with electronic devices, Sulphur Springs Valley Electric Cooperative can provide guidance on energy savings based on your account information, energy use, local weather patterns and additional factors unique to your community.

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# WILLCOX HISTORY VIGNETTES

Prepared by Kathy Klump

**Willcox High School's very first football team** in September 1924 consisted of Quinn, Orduno, Chambers, Avery, Hailey, Lundquist, Boyd, Estes, Debaud, and Nichols, who had never played an actual football game before. Their first game was against Nogales at Tombstone. Willcox threatened the Nogales goal line three times, but lost the ball on the one-yard line by a fumble. Willcox lost, but proclaimed "we are going to have one of the greatest teams in the southern part of the state." The second game was at Bisbee. During the third quarter the Willcox boys "had the Bisbee team bewildered by a series of trick plays which advanced the ball for 80 yards only to be lost by a fumble within 10 yards of the goal." The first home game was against Tombstone. During the first half, Willcox received 17 penalties and Tombstone only one. Willcox finally won the next time they played Tombstone with a score of 13 to 12.



**Willcox City Council Primary election of 1920** was held at Morgan's Hall (corner of Stewart Street and Haskell Avenue). No Republicans had filed to run for City Council, so there were no nominations, and therefore no names on the ballot. Several blank lines were provided where each voter could write down the name of whomsoever came to their mind. The names of the five Republicans and the five Democrats receiving the most votes were placed on the ballot in the general election. The top five from that election became the City Council. A. A. Nicholson received the most votes and was named Mayor. Others elected were S. B. Brown, J. P. Cummings, J. B. Cook, and Howard Graham.

2018 is the 100th Anniversary of the Power Brothers shootout at Klondyke. The most famous manhunt in Arizona history took place when lawmen showed up February 10, 1918 to arrest Tom and John Powers at their mine for failing to register for the draft during WWI. Three officers and the boys' father were killed by the time the shooting was over. The brothers took off with Tom Sisson trying to make it to Mexico with lawmen and many other local citizens on their trail. The brothers were sent to the prison at Florence, Arizona for the rest of their lives, only being released 42 years later as old men. Sheriff Frank McBride, Deputy Kane Wootan, and Deputy Martin Kempton, the officers killed, have descendants still living in Cochise and Graham Counties. Governor Jack Williams pardoned the brothers in 1969 and their cabin was included in the National Register of Historic Places in 1975.



**Geronimo's cane.** It had been reported in Arizona newspapers that Geronimo was leading a Sunday School class in Alabama and playing the organ to the delight of the Indians. However, in May 1891, the Tombstone Prospector reported that the story had been exploded by a letter received by Winfield Scott, Chaplain of Fort Huachuca, from Chaplain Pearson, of Mount Vernon barracks, Alabama, in which he says, "Geronimo is here yet and is likely to remain. He is as docile as you please. He is not now, and never has been a Sunday school teacher. He attends school once in a while, but not at all regularly. He spends most of his time at the depot, selling canes he makes to travelers passing up and down the railroad. The Chiricahua Regional Museum has one of these canes on display that an Alabama family said Geronimo gave to their family.



**Before Willcox, the tent city of Maley** was established in 1877 to serve the railroad workers, (mostly Chinese men), building the railroad across the southern route. It was named after brothers James and Robert Maley who owned the property and who quickly put up a house and saloon. One large tent was the commissary owned by Gung Yow. There were no hotels or lodging houses. It was very isolated at the time. The closest place to get supplies or mail was Fort Grant or Tres Alamos. Thomas Steele had a stage station about six miles away at Point of Mountain. There were only four newspapers in Arizona at the time. The Miner and the Enterprise were published at Prescott, the Citizen at Tucson, and the Sentinel in Yuma. The town of St. David existed in 1877, but Tombstone was not yet founded. Maley post office was established August 26, 1880 with John Roll as postmaster.

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Kathy Klump, historian and researcher at the Chiricahua Regional Museum, shows one of the original artifacts on display at The Toggery, located in downtown Willcox.

## Klump catalogs history

When Kathy Klump sat in history class as a young student, she would hide a novel inside her textbook to escape the boredom of lessons about the past.

"I really didn't like history in school," Klump recalled during a recent interview. "When we were learning it in class, we didn't stick with just one part of history to get really interested in it. It was hard to build an interest in it."

That changed long after Klump settled down in Willcox, where she raised six children with her husband, Keith, whom she has known since the age of 4. The former Kathy Bliss traces her family lineage in Arizona back to her grandfather, Charles Chick, who settled in Cornville and became the local postmaster in 1909. Kathy's mother Barbara Chick married Lloyd Bliss, and among the places the family lived was Bowie, where the oldest of the daughters met and married Dan Klump, Keith's brother. Three sisters graduated from Bowie High School.

"We lived all over Arizona and I attended nine different schools," Kathy said. "But we would often return to Bowie to visit."

After marrying Keith and settling down in Willcox in 1968, Kathy pursued her interest in the community and books, and co-founding the Friends of the Library. The Friends bookstore moved five times in just two years, eventually finding a home when Klump purchased a former bank building on Railroad Avenue. The building is currently the home of the Keeling Schaefer Vineyards wine tasting store.

Kathy also joined the historical society.

"My ultimate goal was to build a research library," Klump said. "I was working as a clerk for the Justice of the Peace court in 1999, when the historical society had an opportunity to acquire the building where the Chiricahua Regional Museum is located, and I agreed to quit my job if they opened a museum."

Klump did just that in 2000 and began working with local historian Mark Simmons to add to and expand a collection of books and artifacts detailing the history of the region.

"I had already started collecting some of the

materials and we would travel to places once a week to copy court documents and deeds," Klump said. "We would gather anything we could find on the people of Willcox and northern Cochise County."

Her love for history came as something of a surprise when she was invited by Michael Hickey, of Hawaii, to help him research the death of Warren Baxter Earp, the youngest of the famous Earp brothers.

Hickey asked Klump to find out what she could about Henry Brown, the owner of the saloon where Earp was killed. She started reading through old papers on microfilm and discovered something amazing.

"Life back then was completely different than I thought it was," Kathy said. "I was shocked to learn of the wealth in this area. Our merchants were doing very well. They even had oysters shipped on ice for weddings and social events," she said.

The local people came to life through these stories in the newspaper. She has now read all the papers from 1880 to 1922.

The development of the railroad line through Willcox was the key to a prosperous community in the late 1800s and early 1900s, Klump said.

"It was so different from the perception of poor cowboys and miners. When the railroad came through, all the goods came here, and were distributed in every direction via the freighters and stagelines," she said.

Kathy has been president of Sulphur Springs Valley Historical Society and research librarian for several years and invites everyone to come see the museum and library. The society is completely operated by volunteers, and the community has been very supportive.

The Chiricahua Regional Museum is located at 127 E. Maley and open Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The research center is located at 128 E. Maley and open Wednesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and by appointment.

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# Heritage center catalogs region's past <sup>7</sup>

Some people enjoy golf. Others travel, while some take pride in collecting cars, stamps or other memorabilia.

For Alwine Frega and Gerry Thomson, it's history.

The two volunteers have assembled an impressive history that documents Southeast Arizona's past with photographs, oral histories, artifacts and other keepsakes. The collection is currently housed at the Western Heritage Cultural Center, at 168 E. 4th Street in downtown Benson, within the offices of the Southeast Arizona Economic Development Group.

"We're a small town, but the more you dig into our past, the more interesting historic facts we uncover," Thomson said in a recent interview.

Frega, who arrived in Benson 22 years ago from California, has published an impressive volume on "The Hub City, Benson, Arizona" which traces the history of the community and surrounding region from its earliest days.

"I'm a Canadian, originally, and I wanted to travel all over the world," Frega said of her upbringing.

After a career in mental health, Frega came to Benson and worked as a traveling nurse. She retired just a few years ago.

"We have worked with Kevin Pyles, at the Cochise County Treasurer's office, obtaining tax and other files and have created a 'blocks and lots' spreadsheet that contains more than 5,500 lines of property ownership of homes and businesses in the city from 1880 through 1945," Thomson said. "It's an ongoing project that Kevin says has never been attempted before in Benson."



From the left, Alwine Frega and Gerry Thomson are historians at the Western Heritage Cultural Center in Benson. The center is located in the offices of the Southeast Arizona Economic Development Group on Fourth Street in Benson.

Thomson, a retired certified electronic technician, put his professional skills to work developing a video kiosk for the Cultural Center, located in the lobby at the SAEDG office. The interactive display offers visitors an opportunity to choose topics of interest, and explore the city's rich past with historic photographs and recorded oral history segments.

"We work with the Western Heritage Cultural Center to present PowerPoint presentations about Benson's history to any group that asks," Thomson said. "We also give speeches that promote the WHCC and we both serve as officers on the board of the Benson Historic Preservation Commission."

Frega, whose first book is on sale at the SAEDG office and other locations in Benson, has completed 342 of the planned 600 pages on the local history. Rich with photographs and numerous histories about the community and surrounding region, Frega said her project has been a true passion.

"The book has been very popular among long-time residents as well as outsiders," she said.

Thomson has been collecting oral histories, meeting with long-time residents to capture the past.

"I've been involved in oral histories for many years and we just completed one with a lifelong resident of Benson," he said. "I have pages of snippets covering every

aspect of local human history from railroad stories to murder."

Thomson has also created a 27-page dissertation on smelting businesses in the area.

"Our work with historic pictures has garnered 1,455 photos that we have organized on a spreadsheet, identifying each photo or group of photos by accession number," he said.

More information on the Western Heritage Cultural Center is available on Facebook, using the search bar to type the name of the organization. Or, by contacting the SAEDG office at (520) 265-6058. More contact information is available at the SAEDG website at saedg.org.

## Oral History with Jack Comaduran.

Today is July 23, 2018, and I'm Gerry Thomson and I am joined by Alwine Frega and we are at the beautiful home of Jack and Diane Comaduran for an oral history. I am representing the Western Heritage Cultural Center in Benson.

I used to clean yards for 25-cents and every time I made my 25-cents I would put it in a jar until I got \$7. And then I would jump on my bike and run down to the airport. And old World War One army flight instructor used to run the airport by the name of Skeet Taylor.

I used to fly the Taylorcraft. When I got seven-bucks I went down there flying for an hour. I just loved flying so that's all I worked for was to get that seven-bucks so I could go flying.

After just a few hours he said "You know what? I got a deal for ya. If you come down here on Saturdays, clean up my garage, pick up all my tools, clean them and wipe them down and put them up where they belong I'll give you an hour flying."

Well, that was a lot easier than cleaning all those yards for a quarter apiece. So we started doing that. Then when I reached my 10th birthday I was down there on a Saturday morning, just finished cleaning the garage, he comes out and says we can't go flying today. I guess he saw the disappointment in my face and he looked at me and says "Ya know what? I don't need to go, you fly just fine."

So we went out to the Taylorcraft and it was a hand prop plane, he says "Get in the cab" so I got up in the cab and said to taxi down and fly around the airport and come back. So I did that. At that time I was so small, it was a tail dragger, I couldn't see over the front. So I used to taxi down the runway by doing S-curves down the runway so I could see the sides.

Once you got down to the other end and centered it down the runway and all you had to do was put the brakes on, full power, and let loose the brakes and then almost immediately the tail would come up and I could see. So I took off and went around and he said "You did just fine."

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## BENSON HISTORY VIGNETTES Prepared by Alwine Frega

### The Los Tiraditos Legend

In April of 2008, the legend became a fact. Three Hispanic men were captured in Benson for thievery and before a proper trial were hung at the lumber yard on 4th Street (Horse Shoe Cafe site today). In 1883 mesquite trees were not tall or strong enough for a lynching, but the lumber yard beams were. The men could not be buried in hallowed ground and were placed south of the 7th Street Cemetery. Long forgotten, except for the Hispanics who insisted they could hear moans at night and placed candles at the site and prayed for the souls. After 125 years of curiosity, the site was excavated, 'Los Tiraditos' found, and reburied in the back of the 7th Street Cemetery, where their marked graves remain today.

### The Chinese Underground

The Southern Pacific Railroad imported Chinese to help build their railroads, however by 1882, they were no longer needed and Congress passed the Chinese Exclusion Act which stopped the importation of Chinese and started their deportation. One way to avoided deportation was to marry a Hispanic. Hi Wo married into the Moreno family, came to Benson, and started his grocery store. He then became involved in the 'Chinese Underground.' Hi Wo, the Maier Brothers Mercantile (now the old Hamilton Drug Store), and other sites in Benson hid Chinese until they could safely be moved into community jobs. After twenty years the Chinese Exclusion Act was repealed, but in Benson the Chinese already had their businesses (restaurants, laundries, vegetable farms, and mercantiles.)



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### Six Drowned

Nellie Zeek and Annie Ashburn were neighbors and friends. On October 1, 1896, Annie left her two children to be babysat by Nellie and her two children. That afternoon black clouds began forming; it got so dark the chickens started to roost, so Annie quickly went to Nellie's to get her children. Before she could leave, the 'micro burst' with huge hail stones struck. A gigantic deluge of water came rushing down Patagonia Street, hit the Zeek home, picked it up and carried it to 4th Street where it hit the train sitting on the tracks. The water, the debris, and the house were diverted east to the San Pedro River where all six were drowned. Found days later, they are all buried in the 7th Street Cemetery.

## PATAGONIA HISTORY VIGNETTES

Prepared by  
German Quiroga

### How Patagonia got its name

There are many stories about how Patagonia got its name. Originally it was to be named "Rollin" after the town founder, R.R. (Rollin Rice) Richardson. He arrived in the area in 1883 and invested the wealth he had earned as one of the original organizers of Standard Oil in ranching land, mining claims and real estate. In 1896, Richardson hired a surveyor from Tucson to plot a settlement on the current town site. In 1899, the town applied to open a post office and the petition Richardson circulated was mailed to Washington with the name listed as "Rollin". The form was approved & returned with the name "Patagonia". No one knows for certain when and why the name was changed but it's assumed that the name was chosen by the local citizenry who decided that honoring a nearby mountain range rather than Richardson, a controversial personality, was more appropriate.

### Population breakdown

The 1900 census showed the County of Santa Cruz consisted of 553 Mexican Americans and 363 Anglo Americans. The census recorded 133 individuals living in Patagonia, 67% of that number were Hispanic.

Life in the Santa Cruz area in the early 1900's was not without miscreants and felons, particularly when you consider that there were seven saloons in business in Patagonia. In those days, law officers chained prisoners, especially drunks left to sleep it off, to one of two large mesquite trees on the main street of town. The "jail tree" is currently on display in the Patagonia Museum.

One day to be remembered was December 27, 1912 when the first newspaper "The Santa Cruz Patagonian" was published by Jack Price. R.R. Richardson was so pleased that "his" town had grown so much that he bought the very first copy for \$100. Others purchased copies for much less.

The Patagonia Museum is housed in the "Old Main" grammar school built in 1914. At the time the school closed in 2014, it was the longest in contiguous use elementary school in Arizona.

# Family history ties Quiroga to Patagonia

Deep family roots keep German Quiroga active in preserving and discovering the history of Patagonia.

"I was raised here, but when the mine shut down my family moved to Tucson," Quiroga said. "Before that, in 1898, my great-grandparents moved here and my great-grandfather was employed by the railroad."

Quiroga is the director of the Patagonia Museum, which is housed in the former Patagonia Grammar School. The facility is also home to the Santa Cruz County Cowbelle's Ranching Heritage Museum.

"We've had a relationship with the Patagonia School District since 2010, which now provides this space for our exhibits," Quiroga said. "We signed an agreement in October of 2015 to maintain this historic schoolhouse in Patagonia. We have been maintaining the Lochiel Schoolhouse since 2010.

The Patagonia Museum features historic photos and artifacts that tell the story of a community built by miners and ranchers, not unlike that of neighboring communities. Quiroga said many of the photos were acquired from an exhibit assembled when Patagonia celebrated its centennial in 1998.

"A committee of citizens put out a call and asked people if they would contribute any historical photos for the centennial. We're now housing that collection here at the museum," he said. "We also have the display that was assembled as part of the Smithsonian exhibit which was put together in 2014."

Patagonia was one of six communities in Arizona that hosted a Smithsonian exhibit.

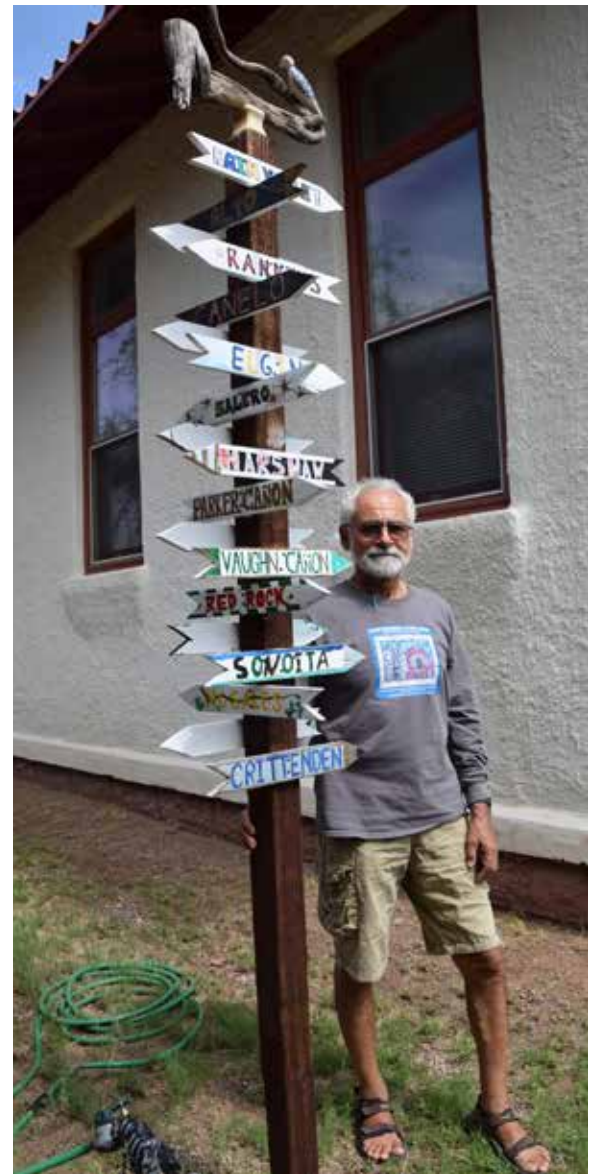
Other contributions to the Patagonia Museum include artifacts and photographs collected by the Cowbelle's organizations in Santa Cruz County, including Nogales, Tubac and other nearby communities. Tools and a mineral exhibit are on display and on loan from the Arizona Geological Society.

Quiroga, who retired after 28 years of service to the U.S. Postal Service in Tucson, said his mother attended the adobe one-room schoolhouse in Lochiel and his father attended the Patagonia Grammar School, which currently houses the museum.

"My dad was one of the first members of the Patagonia Council in the 1950s," he said. "The interest in my family's past has been very motivational for me."

Quiroga said Patagonia enjoyed its most prosperous time in the early 1900s, about 20 years after the railroad established a line to the community.

"That's when the mines were doing well and with the railroad, there were farmers and ranchers who moved to the area."



German Quiroga

The Patagonia Museum has about 100 members, more than 200 volunteers and about 20 docents. The organization has also created a Historic Walking Tour that highlights points of interest throughout the community.

"Last year we registered about 660 visitors, but it was actually more than that, because not everyone signed the registry," Quiroga said. "Our mission is to promote the history of Patagonia and the area."

## WILLCOX HISTORY VIGNETTES

Prepared by Kathy Klump

**The first newspaper in Willcox,** the Sulphur Valley News was issued in May 1884 by Phil S. Montague and George McFarland. The name changed to the Southwestern Stockman in July 1884. J. M. Bracewell the new proprietor sold it to D. N. Hunsaker in 1887. He died and C. W. Pugh purchased it. Pugh sold his home to the Schwertner family in 1897. He ended up in prison for embezzling funds while he was secretary for the Livestock Sanitary Board in Phoenix. The name of the newspaper changed back to the Sulphur Valley News from 1894-1896. In January 1897, owner Horace E. Dunlap changed the name to the Arizona Range News, which name has carried on to today.

**Willcox boasts the only female barber in Arizona Territory.** Emma Chase came from Los Angeles in the fall of 1892. She made from \$5 to \$10 per day compared to a cowboys wages of \$1 per day. She said that a cowboy was one of the noblest works of God. The only objection she had to them is that they insist too often in paying only 50 cents for a shave.



**The Woman's Club of Willcox** was founded in October 1911 with 17 charter members. The first president was Mrs. C. O. (Lula) Anderson. Two months later they started a circulation library for the members in Mrs. Anderson's home. (the Soto house). In February 1912, they started a fund to build a club house. It took them over twenty years to save enough to buy the property. Their building was built in 1936 by the WPA and then later deeded to the City of Willcox as the Community Center. Their library would grow into a community library located first in the high school, then the Woman's Club building and then a building of its own, which became the Elsie S. Hogan Community Library. The object of the club was to "form an organized center for the intellectual culture of its members, and to assist in the betterment of physical, intellectual and moral conditions in the community."

**The Arizona Range News reported in October 1894 that the very first sign post in Willcox** was put up at Maley Street and Railroad Avenue to announce the railroad crossing. It had only been 14 years since the first train came through.

**That same month Grant Wheeler shot Si Bryant.** It was only a flesh wound, but Wheeler didn't wait around to find that out and "has not been seen since." A few weeks later, he gave himself up in Tombstone and was held on \$500 bond. This was a year before he and Joe George robbed the train over the dry lake and blew Mexican silver dollars all over creation.



**Royal reception for eight Democrat candidates October 30, 1892.** The candidates for county offices arrived Saturday morning on the train. During the day, they formed acquaintances and rested at the Willcox Hotel. When night came, the Cleveland and Stevenson Club headed by a band, each man in a uniform and carrying a torch, called at the hotel and formed a line. The guests were seated in carriages and escorted through the streets and gathered at Norton's Hall. Every available space was taken up. Each candidate was called upon to speak. The band played and cheers rent the air until the midnight train pulled out for Benson. After the election, Willcox became a democratic precinct for the first time in history.

**Cal Rodgers Lands in Willcox** Halloween afternoon 1911 on the first ever transcontinental flight. He spent the night in the Willcox Hotel. They had a special bed made for him to accommodate his over six-foot height. He was followed by a train carrying Vin Fiz, a new grape drink from Armour Co. who was paying for the flight. His mother and wife, who did not get along, were also on the train along with eight mechanics and parts for repairs. The mechanics guarded the plane at night as no one had ever seen an airplane before and wanted to take pieces as souvenirs. The Hooker family took him out on a haunted carriage ride. The next morning the plane was repaired and up and away. It took him 49 days to cross America and he crashed 19 times. The whole story is told in the historical society's monograph, The Vin Fiz Lands in Willcox.



# Santor studies Sierra Vista

Few people know the history of a community as well as a former police chief. Especially someone who has called Sierra Vista home since his pre-teen days.

Dave Santor joined the city's police department in 1968 and didn't step away from the profession for more than 37 years, retiring as Chief in 2006. Now serving as a volunteer at the city's Henry F. Hauser Museum, Santor has played a vital role in developing the "Historic Treasure Hunt," a 23-stop walking tour that highlights some of the community's past.

His long tenure in Sierra Vista is a sharp contrast to his adolescence, which was spent moving first from New Jersey, then to several homes in Sierra Vista, Bisbee, Douglas, Tucson and other locations.

"My dad really liked to move around," Santor said in a recent interview.

The family moved from New Jersey shortly after Fort Huachuca reopened in 1954.

"I was 9-years-old, and by the end of the trip I thought my brother was going to kill me because I played the banjo all the way across the country," Santor quipped.

Upon checking in at the front gate at the fort, the Santors were informed that they would have to find their own accommodations for the night, because there wasn't room for a family at the moment.

"We spent that first night in Bisbee,"



David Santor

he said.

Santor was among the first to graduate from General Meyer Elementary School on Fort Huachuca and despite frequent moves around the area, he eventually received his diploma from Buena High School.

"It was tough," he recalled. "Always starting with a new school, we were usually a couple weeks behind the other kids. I think that's probably the reason that I decided when I graduated that I wanted to settle down and put down roots."

His interest in law enforcement was sparked in 1967, a year before he joined the police force, when a brutal murder occurred in Sierra Vista. The killing was the first of two by a teenager, who was later arrested after an exhaustive investigation by local authorities and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

"At the time, there wasn't a definition for a serial killer, but in later years the characteristics of those killings and the person responsible for them were

completely consistent with that profile," Santor said.

Santor was hired by longtime and highly-respected Police Chief C. Reed Vance, who turned the local agency into a well-trained and modern department. Santor joined the force when there were just 12 employees, including nine officers, two dispatchers and a records clerk.

Starting as a patrol officer, Santor "went through all the ranks," in the department and was named the chief in 2002. By the time of his retirement, the agency numbered close to 100 employees, including some 66 officers. While on the Police Department Santor developed the Citizen Police Academy and was a firearms and constitutional law instructor for many years. Santor is also a graduate of the 118th session of the FBI National Academy which held over a three month period in Quantico, Virginia.

Retirement hasn't slowed Santor's interest in his community or its history, however. He has served as president of the Sierra Vista Historical Society, continues to be involved in the Police Department's Citizens Police Academy, and has remained active with the museum and the city's history plaque program. He spends a good deal of his time doing historical research.

"I just love the community. We've had our problems over the years, but this is a great place to live and there are lots of talented, good people here," he said.

## SIERRA VISTA HISTORY VIGNETTES

Prepared by David Santos and Karol Childs

### Fort Huachuca and Libby Army Airfield was the filming location for the 1963 motion picture Captain Newman, M.D.

The comedy drama starred Gregory Peck, Tony Curtis, Angie Dickinson, Robert Duvall, Eddie Albert and Bobby Darin. The film is based on the 1961 novel by Leo Rosten. It was loosely-based on the World War II

experiences of Rosten's close friend Ralph Greenson, M.D., while Greenson was a Captain in the Army Medical Corps supporting the U.S. Army Air Forces and stationed at Yuma Army Airfield in Yuma, Arizona. Greenson is well known for his work on "empathy" and was one of the first in his field to seriously associate Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (years before that terminology was developed) with wartime experiences. He was a director of the Los Angeles Psychoanalytic Institute and was a practicing Freudian. Greenson is perhaps best known for his patients, who included Marilyn Monroe, Frank Sinatra, Tony Curtis and Vivien Leigh.



# History, community are passions for Karol Childs

History and community have always been more than a passing interest for Karol Childs.

As an active founder of the Sierra Vista Genealogy Club and a board member of the Sierra Vista Historical Society, Childs concentrates her efforts toward researching, interviewing, and conducting interactions that further her areas of interest.

"I enjoy assisting local folks in the discovery of their origins and their family histories," Childs said recently.

Further evidence of her passion for where she lives is her participation in the Sierra Vista Community Chorus, which she joined shortly after arriving in the city.

"The chorus is a unique group of people, who under the direction of Sharon Keene have progressed as singers and performers," she said.

Before her arrival in Sierra Vista in 2002, Childs worked as the Director of Science at the Midland Center for the Arts and Sciences in Midland, Michigan. She also served as a volunteer and president of the Chippewa Nature Center, a non-profit educational organization with a protected wildlife area in the Lower Peninsula of Michigan that encompasses more than 1,348 acres of forest, rivers and wetlands. After retirement the balance of family, work, and volunteering continues to be important in her life.

Her husband, Bill, is responsible for bringing Karol to Sierra Vista. Working as a chemical engineer and promoting a product that offered a new way to extract copper, Bill Childs came to southeast Arizona shortly after he and Karol were married.

"When he returned home, he told me that he had found exactly the place he wanted to be someday," Karol said. "I told him I wasn't really made for lots of



Karol Childs, Sierra Vista, is an active historian and member of the community chorus.

sunny and hot weather, but here I am."

The couple spent several vacations in the region, before the time came when Bill popped the big question.

"Shortly after he retired, he told me he was moving out here, and he asked me if I wanted to come," Karol quipped.

Despite her initial concerns, she embraced the move and started to get involved in local organizations that matched her passions for history and community. Her current involvement in the Sierra Vista Historical Society has put her in touch with both the past and the present of the community.

"Right now we're working on gathering a history of local churches," Childs said. "We've sent out a letter asking for histories from each of the local churches. We will add their stories to the archives of the Hauser Museum."

The Historical Society is a 501(c) 3 organization whose mission is to "Preserve the Past for the Future." It supports the city's Henry F. Hauser Museum in a va-

riety of ways.

Childs said she is looking forward to the arrival of a new Smithsonian exhibit in Sierra Vista in January, bringing to the community another in-depth presentation of local history and its history of water.

She encourages friends and others interested in history to become members of the Historical Society, helping the organization at fundraising events, preserving the Fry Cemetery and supporting a program that identifies local landmarks with special plaques.

"It's a great organization to help preserve the history of our unique community, and a good "landing place" for newcomers and visitors to our city" she said. "We'll look for you at the museum, located in the Ethel Berger Center."

**Buffalo Soldier Trail**, which is currently a divided highway that stretches from Highway 90 to Highway 92 on Sierra Vista's southwest side, was once a gravel road that was called the Military Supply Route, or MSR.

**In 1958, the newly incorporated Town of Sierra Vista was searching for a site on which to build its first high school.** Erwin Fry offered the town 40 acres of his land free and clear for that purpose. This land would have been bordered approximately by Bartow Drive on the north and South Seventh Street on the east. Specific comparisons to street locations are difficult since no other streets extended south of Fry Blvd., at that time. This parcel was part of the land that Erwin's father Oliver Fry had acquired when his friend Everett Easton received the patent on his homestead in May of 1916, then sold out to Mr. Fry in July of that same year. Erwin thought that the other proposal for the location of the new high school (SR-90 and SR-92) was way out in the desert and no one would want to take their children that far from town to attend school. Erwin's land offer was rejected by the city.

**There was an area of town that became known as "The Hook."** In its heyday, which was during World War II, it was home to as many as 350 prostitutes. The women worked in this large fenced enclosure that was just outside the Fort Huachuca fence line on what is now South Garden Avenue.

Adjacent to the Hook were barrooms and more brothels like the "Blue Moon," which was owned by Oliver Fry.

For at least a year The Hook was strictly, but curiously controlled by the Army. When the Army was ordered to relinquish that control, the name "Hook" actually expanded to encompass most of the town, including the "Greentop Amusement Center," the "Greentop Apartments" and surrounding area. And, just like the name "White City," spread from a building to a street and finally to the whole town, the "Hook" was used over the years to include various sections of town of Fry.

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# 10 A TOUGH TOPIC TO TALK ABOUT

## Community Coalition Area Agency on Aging offers free workshop for advance care planning

There's no easy way to jump into a conversation about end of life choices. Deciding whether you want every effort to be made to save your life, or you prefer not to have extreme measures taken, isn't a choice to be made without forethought and planning says Veronica Squyres, chairperson for the Community Coalition for End of Life Care.

Funded by the Legacy Foundation of Southeast Arizona, the Area Agency on Aging's End of Life Care Matters Program seeks to raise awareness, educate and provide resources for "advanced care planning," Squyres said in a recent interview.

"People tend to avoid the conversation, so some of the really vital questions don't get answered," she said. "We provide a workshop that offers insights on what you need to think about, what you want and what you don't want."

The Area Agency on Aging offers a free two hour workshop that provides a comfortable setting for people to consider their end of life choices, plan for their inevitable future and begin the process of understanding what needs to be prepared when the time comes.

"Our goal is really to start the conversation," Squyres said. "It prompts people to talk to their family, their health care provider and define what their wishes are."

The group has staged 12 workshops around Cochise County and plans several more in the coming months. Registration for the two-hour sessions can be accomplished online by navigating to the Area Agency on



From the left, Veronica Squyres, M.A., Community Coalition for end of Life Care Chairperson, reviews a public presentation to Susie Mathews and Wendy Kennedy at the Huachuca City Library. Mathews and West work for Valor HospiceCare. All three women are facilitators for the Advance Care Planning workshops.

Aging website at <http://www.seago.org/aaa/eol.html>.

Squyres, who worked in hospice social services for 12 years, said the workshops inject a sense of humor into the difficult topic and foster conversation with a card game that encourages people to respond to questions about their advanced care choices.

"This is all free," she said. "You don't need to have an attorney but you do need to make your wishes known using a legal document and by selecting the right person who can make decisions if you can't."

The conversation isn't limited to the elderly, Squyres said, noting that anyone age 18 and older has a responsibility to make decisions about their advanced care.

"I'm a real believer in patient rights and carrying out what a person wants," she said. "You have to give it some thought and choose the right person who will represent your choices."

Workshops have been well-received around the county, Squyres said, offering insights to groups of 10 to 20 people.

"We can come out and make a presentation

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Veronica Squyres, M.A., Community Coalition for end of Life Care Chairperson, explains the advance care planning program.

to churches or other organizations," she said.

Squyres said members of the Coalition agreed that each would complete their own advance care planning for National Healthcare Decision Day. She said through that process she was surprised to learn that she hadn't completed a health care Power of Attorney, selecting a person to speak for her if she is incapacitated.

"We're all empowered to make decisions, so it's important that people plan for what they want," she said. It always seems to early until it is too late.

## Parents group supports local youth

Parents and community members looking for an opportunity to make a difference in the lives of local youth will find what their looking for in the Sierra Vista Parents' Coalition.

Formed in February, the group is committed toward "improving the educational and social outcomes of youth," said organizer Quanetta Holt. Meeting monthly, SVPC has been active in setting up events to provide a variety of resources for kids and families.

"We're organizing everything from scavenger hunts to financial workshops," Holt said in a recent interview. "Our focus is bettering the outcomes for youth by providing a support network for parents, serving as advocates and community collaborators."

Each month during the school year the Parents' Coalition awards \$50 to a recipient from the community who best demonstrates the mission of the organization through volunteer work and the values exemplified by Mary Elizabeth Goodrum.

"It's a program to memorialize and honor Mary who demonstrated the same spirit of community, encouragement and empowerment of others that the coalition strives to accomplish," Holt said.

Membership in the coalition isn't limited to parents but does require sincere commitments to advocating for local youth and improving the educational and social outcomes, Holt said.

"You might not be able to volunteer in classrooms or attend PTO meetings because of your work schedule, but there are lots of ways to get plugged into what can help a child," she said.

The SVPC relies on Facebook for some of its connection to the community, posting upcoming events and news about the organiza-

tion. Holt said Facebook users should search for Sierra Vista Parents' Coalition and look for the black circle logo to get connected.

"One example is our box-top program. If we can get people in the community to participate in the box-top program we could raise as much as \$10,000 for local schools."

The nationwide program has existed since 1996 and has raised more than \$868 million for local schools by collecting box tops from well-known products including General Mills cereals, Pillsbury brands, and non-food items including familiar products like Ziploc, Hefty, Kleenex and others. Clips, certificates and box top offers are collected from products and submitted to school coordinators, who then turn them in for cash from the manufacturers.

The Parents' Coalition partners with other organizations in the community, including Peaches Pantry, to further its mission. Holt said SVPC recent helped in establishing the Palominas School District Food Pantry, collecting non-perishables for the "bank" to help families and children in need.

Upcoming events for the coalition include "Lunch and Learn" at the Sierra Vista Olive Garden restaurant on Oct. 12, starting at noon. The event features First Things First coordinator Melissa Avant who will present on parent-child communication. On Oct. 19, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at the Sierra Vista library, the SVPC will host a financial aid workshop, helping parents understand how to complete the FAFSA form to qualify for scholarships and other educational funding opportunities.

For more information on the parents' coalition, check out the Facebook page at @svparentscoalition, or visit the group's website at <http://svparentscoalition.org>.

### BENSON HISTORY VIGNETTES

#### Territorial Reform School

Benson's Stephen Roemer, a representative of the Arizona Territorial Legislature, got the first 'Territorial Reform School' in Arizona built in Benson. On November 30, 1903, the school opened with twenty-two wayward boys ranging in age from ten to seventeen. Girls were also housed at the school with education focused on vocational arts training (agriculture, construction, finance, and home economics). Now called 'Territorial Industrial School' it was considered one of the best schools in the territory and was soon busting at the seams with students. In 1913 the school was moved to Fort Grant, which had been abandoned by the Federal Government and given to the State. At Benson, the 'Territorial Industrial School' building was given to the School District and became Benson's first High School.



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He asked if I had a watch and I said no. So he took his watch and gave it to me. Go fly for an hour, come back and tie down. So he took off for his business appointment and I went flying for an hour. So I got to solo when I was 10-years-old

I went home very, very excited and told my mom and dad. Oh! My goodness, we're gonna kill Mr. Taylor. She was upset. So she was basically telling me "You're not going to go down there anymore."

So I went down there during the week and talked to Mr. Taylor and he said, "Well, bring them down here Saturday

when you come down."

So I went home and talked them into coming down there with me on Saturday. He was explaining to them that he would never let me go if he thought I was in danger or couldn't do it. So my mom was still not convinced.

He said, "Well, let me show you something." He threw me in the airplane and said "Go down, fly around the airport and come back just like you did last week." So I did just what he said, came back and my mom, what could she say, but "Well, OK."

That was sort of a scary time. I thought I was gonna be restricted and couldn't fly anymore but it turned out great.



A scene from a recent stage performance by Theater on the Move

# Theater offers a creative outlet

Local company stages several shows each year

Those passionate about theater will find a home with Theater on the Move.

The local company is co-owned by veterans to the entertainment industry, Tommy Kelly and Rene Lipinski, who have been involved with stage productions on Fort Huachuca and in Sierra Vista since 1981.

Most recently, Theater on the Move has performed shows in Bisbee and Tombstone.

The company also has a cadre of volunteers who have been with the company since the beginning, providing the magic to all of their productions.

"We kindly refer to them as the Tech Team," Kelly said in a recent interview.

Members include Beverly and Dale O'Shaughnessy, Barry and Tess Nelson and Ray Gonzalez.

Kelley was actively involved in theater while assigned to Fort Huachuca in the early 1980s, working with Morale, Welfare and Recreation. He has performed in "Destry Rides Again," "An Evening with Rodgers and Hammerstein," "M.A.S.H.," "The Curious Savage," "Bad Habits," "Ravenswood," "An Evening of Poetry," and "Support Your Local Sheriff."

While a member of another theater company Kelly was the assistant director and stage manager for "Mousetrap" and "Let's Murder Marsha." He has di-

rected several of Theater on the Move's productions as well as appeared on stage in many of its shows.

Rene Lipinski was born into a theatrical family. She loves the theater and she has been performing since the age of 13. She moved to Sierra Vista in 1978 and enjoyed acting and directing shows at the old MWR building on Fort Huachuca.

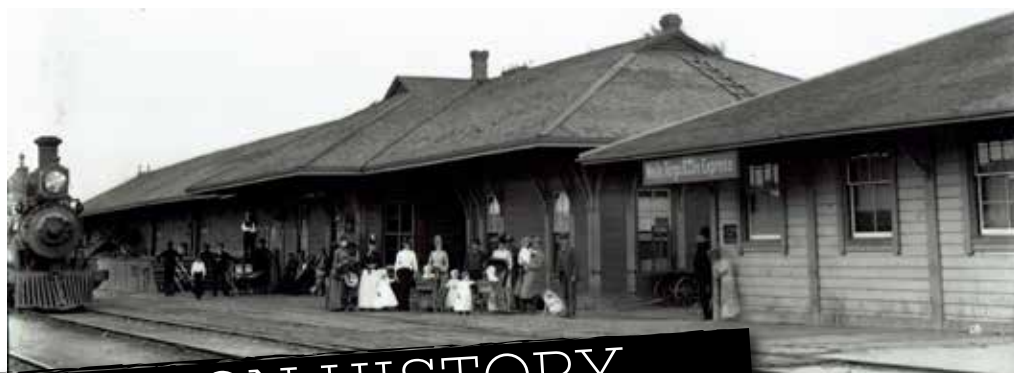
Many of her favorite roles were in "M.A.S.H.," "Destry Rides Again," and "The Curious Savage." She has directed "Hotel Paradiso," "Steel Magnolias," "Bell, Book and Candle," "The Mousetrap" and the two dinner shows at the Windemere: "Deadly Habits" and "Dead Men Don't Get Desserts," as well as Theater on the Move's "The Christmas Humbug!" and "Harvey."

Theater on the Move is excited to provide shows of all types in Sierra Vista and surrounding communities to include murder mysteries, traditional plays, dinner theater and original shows based on scripts written by Tommy Kelley.

The company performs several productions each year. Anyone interested in being a part of a production is encouraged to come out to an audition.

"We can certainly use your time and talents," Kelly said.

Contact Theater on the Move for more information by phone: (520) 222-8711; email: totmarizona@gmail.com, or Facebook: www.facebook.com/theateronthemove.



## BENSON HISTORY VIGNETTES

Prepared by Historian Gerry Thomson.

**Oral History interview with the four daughters of Louis and Winifred Hellwig. He was an original superintendent at Apache Powder Co. The Hi Wo store (the building is still there) was operated by the Hi Wo family from 1896 until 1989.**

"At the Hi Wo store, he carried shoes and clothing and stuff. Up the stairs he had the shoes and I had to always wear shoes that my dad got at the powder plant and they were like boys' shoes. They took me into town and I was going to get a pair of Mary Jane's Patent Leather Slippers. I was so thrilled! Anyway, they got me a pair and I walked down the stairs and as I walked out on the sidewalk I stepped on my own toe and the whole toe peeled off. I sat on the curb and cried. Mom said I could use some black shoe polish because it was like cloth under there. I was just sick."

**Oral History from Max Jones, Benson fire chief for 25 years.**

"An arsonist was setting all kinds of fires around here. He burned the Seventh-Day Adventist Church and they rebuilt it back in the same spot but that's where they popped him out. The police chief had already figured out about this guy being popped out of the crowd. They took him by the scruff of the neck but they didn't have any proof that it was him but there was another old bar down here that burned at the same time. We had two fires going at the same time. The firemen from the north side of the tracks were headed for that fire, and they saw the fire trucks going to the school fire. We were putting out a bar fire, I can't think of the name of it, but there was a little trailer park across from it and this guy came out, he was half a nut, and chewed me out for burning his town. Something gave me suspicion right there. About three days later that Seventh-day Adventist fire happened and I told the police chief about this guy so they had him pretty well triggered. They didn't have very much proof but they scared him to death so he moved out of town. Guess what? Thatcher started having fires."

**Oral History with Ruth Murphree Osborne who lived in the Texas Canyon area.**

"When we were kids, mother told the story about coming across a rattlesnake on that walk. We used to debate that a rattlesnake could really jump as far as she described. We were sure that it couldn't do that and she was absolutely certain that a rattlesnake could. Part of the year they are blind and they react by what they hear so we stupid kids didn't know any difference and we started tantalizing the snake. But he did! Jumped his whole length up high like that. I've never seen anything like that. Don't tease the snakes. The bull snakes just slither away. The rattlesnake would stand his ground, coil and shoot right up out of that coil."

**Oral History with Eleanor Robson, daughter of Pauline Devereux, long-time teacher in Benson arriving here in 1925.**

"All the lights in Benson were run on Delco. I don't know what it was, but it wasn't electricity. If you turned on your lights and some other people downtown turned on theirs, the lights would dim all over town. Mother was trying to teach shorthand and bookkeeping but they couldn't see. So she would take her classes upstairs whether it was cold or not they would have their lesson. Then they built the new high school and it was a beautiful school. I think it was in use the first year in 1931 until they tore it down." [Note article on the Territorial Reform School.]

**Oral History with Rose Fenn.**

"My association in Benson is that we were an Irish/Catholic family in St. David and we drove into Benson every Sunday to attend mass at Our Lady of Lourdes and that was part of my life too, because after mass we got to go to the drug store and get candy. When my folks would come in they used the old U.S. Highway 80 and we would go by the jail house, the jail house is still standing, and my folks would check on the people standing outside talking up high in the window to the people inside and they would speculate on who was in there. But that was after a Saturday night so...."

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## Boys & Girls Club

One local organization that SSVEC supports is the Boys and Girls Club in Sierra Vista.

From the left, top to bottom, Boys and Girls Club staff members include Detric Miles, Anthony Villas, Erin Escapule, Brandy Ke-A and Elizabeth Cruz. Behind Miles at the top of the stairs is Jay Hamwright, Chief Professional Officer at the Sierra Vista Club. Staff members have extensive experience and several are alumna of the Club, joining before they became members of the staff. Hamwright has been with the Boys and Girls Club for 10 years, and is a club alumna, Brandy Ke-A, for one year, and is an alumna, Detric Miles has been on staff for eight years, and is an alumna; Anthony Villas has been on staff for eight years, and is an alumna; Erin Escapule has been on staff for eight years, and is an alumna; Elizabeth Cruz has been on staff for eight years, and is an alumna. Schenando Nason has been on staff for one year. The club, located at 1746 Paseo San Luis in Sierra Vista, provides after-school programs, guidance, inspiration, and fun for kids. To reach the Boys and Girls Clubhouse, call (520) 515-1511, or Administration at (520) 515-0055, or email [info@bgcsvaz.org](mailto:info@bgcsvaz.org).

## Help Good Neighbor Alliance Support the Community!



The Good Neighbor Alliance 2019 Land of Cochise calendar features some of the natural beauty we find in our own backyard. Check out the Monthly Events section for events held throughout the county.

Give the calendar as a gift to family and friends to show them "this is why we live here." Available for \$12 donation at Good Neighbor Alliance 420 N. 7th Street, Sierra Vista, AZ, (520) 439-0776. Monday through Friday 8 am to 4 pm.

GNA is helping homeless men, women, families with children and veterans rebuild their lives and transition into housing.

Calendars are also for sale at: St. Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church, Sierra Vista; Ashwina's Hallmark, Safeway Plaza, Sierra Vista; Caffé O Le, Haymore Plaza, Fry Blvd, Sierra Vista; ACE Hardware of Sierra Vista and Bisbee; and more locations will be announced!

The calendar is an important fundraising event for Good Neighbor Alliance, generating the funds needed to provide needed services in the community.

## SIERRA VISTA HISTORY VIGNETTES

Prepared by  
David Santos and  
Karol Childs

### Hello my name is

Over the years, Sierra Vista has been known by several other names.

1. White City - 1905 Originally the title of John Reilly's bar and brothel business then the whole of North Garden Ave., and finally the whole town — Though never officially recognized as such.

2. Buena - 1915 This was the result of several homesteaders in the general area of SR-90 and SR-92. They wanted a school and a Post Office and their own town name.

3. Overton - 1917 The Carmichaels leased what we now know as the Daisy Mae's building to three men who ran a company named Overton Mercantile and Investment Company. The purpose of this company was to encourage development of the town. This lasted only a little over two years. The company went bankrupt and the Carmichaels regained control over the Daisy Mae's property. The company did however, manage to change the name of the town's Post Office to Overton.

4. Garden Canyon - 1919 When William Carmichael became Postmaster, the community was called Garden Canyon.

5. Fry - 1937 Lillian Skeels Fry came to the community, then known as Garden Canyon, in 1921 and became the teacher at the Buena Elementary School. She married Erwin Fry on December 25, 1923. Erwin and Lillian leased the Garden Canyon General Store from the Carmichaels starting in 1929. Lillian became the Postmistress in 1934 and operated the store until 1936. In 1936 the Fry's did not renew their lease, but opened their own store near the present La Casita Restaurant. When they moved the store goods they also brought the Post Office with them from the Garden Canyon Store to the Fry Store. When Fry Post Office was officially recognized by the Postal Service, April 1, 1937, the name of this community changed to Fry, and so it remained until the community was incorporated in May 1956 and became Sierra Vista.

6. Sierra Vista - 1956 Following the reopening of Fort Huachuca in 1954 a group of citizens wanted to incorporate the town and change its name to Sierra Vista. Their efforts were successful in mid-1956 when the town and the Post Office names were changed to Sierra Vista. Property owned by Erwin Fry was not included in the incorporation and to this day much of it remains an island within Sierra Vista.

It is very likely that most contemporary citizens of Sierra Vista and Fort Huachuca are aware of the fact that the military base and the City have a joint-use airport facility on Fort Huachuca called Libby Army Airfield. Most however, probably assume that the airfield has been there almost as long as the fort itself. Not so. In the first half of the 20th Century aircraft flying in and out of Fort Huachuca did so from a series of dirt runways located just inside and to the left (south) of the Main Gate — now the Buffalo Soldier Gate.

It was during one of the periods when Fort Huachuca was closed (1945 -1951) that a unit of U.S. Army Aviation Engineers built what was initially known as the Fort Huachuca Army Airfield, located just inside the Fort's boundary fence line between Sierra Vista and Huachuca City.

On December 3, 1952 the air field was officially dedicated as Libby Army Airfield. This in honor of George D. Libby, a sergeant in a combat engineer battalion whose gallantry and bravery under fierce combat conditions in Republic of Korea undoubtedly saved many American lives and earned him his country's highest military award, The Medal of Honor. Many improvements have been made to Libby Field over the years including a new 12,000 foot runway — one of the longest in the nation.

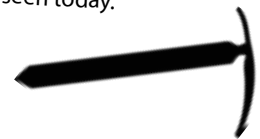
### Did you know...?

The Sierra Vista Historical Society is collecting area church histories to add to the Henry F. Hauser Museum Church Histories archive. Call 803-7906 to register your church's participation.

## Mining in the Huachuca Mountains

The bonanza of huge ore bodies of silver in Tombstone and copper in Bisbee at the turn of the century (1800 to 1900) seemed to indicate that comparable riches lay in the Huachuca Mountains. Nearby strikes spurred intensive prospecting in the Huachucas, then called the Hartford Mining District. The more meager riches of the Hartford were numerous small deposits of ores of lead, zinc, and copper, with an occasional glance of silver or fleck of gold.

The Reef Mine atop Carr Canyon was one of the Hartford's most elaborate enterprises. It produced some gold and tungsten but was never profitable. Remnants of its nineteen-teens workings can be seen today.



## The historical site plaque project

Did you know that the Sierra Vista Historical Society introduced the Historical Plaque Project in 2007 with the goal of giving Sierra Vista residents and visitors the opportunity to explore our city's unique and rich heritage? This project began the process of preserving the history of the city's early structures and their importance to the community. To be considered for Plaque Site Status, the site must have a background of at least 50 years of historical relevance and importance.



## Henry F. Hauser Museum

Did you know that the City of Sierra Vista operates the Henry F. Hauser Museum, located in the Ethel Berger Center? Yes, the city has an award winning museum with carefully documented and curated collections which reflect the history and heritage of the community.

Did you know that the Sierra Vista Historical Society was formed as a 501C3 organization to support the Henry F. Hauser Museum? "We're Preserving the Past for the Future." The society operates a small museum gift shop at the museum site.

## The Oliver Fry House

Oliver Fry was one of the founding fathers of what is now called Sierra Vista. In June 1912, Oliver arrived in this area from Texas and filed a Homestead Patent for a 280-acre parcel. He returned to Texas to gather farming tools and equipment and returned with his two eldest sons, Tom and Erwin. Using local lumber from Garden Canyon sawmill, the three built their original home. In January 1913, Oliver's wife, Elizabeth and seven more children relocated from Texas and moved into the structure. Seeing the need for a small store, Oliver partitioned off part of the boys' living quarters, and the first "convenience" store in this area was created. In 1917 a son-in-law built a new home for the family. With skilled Mexican laborers, this home, built of adobe bricks and lumber from the original home, was completed in just four months. The cost of the home was reported to be \$152. Fire destroyed this historic home on October 24, 1991. The plaque for the Oliver Fry House was sponsored by the City of Sierra Vista. It is located at 21 East Fry Boulevard.

### Did you know...?

These and other stories submitted by the Sierra Vista Historical Society are available to all as part of the oral history archive at the Henry F. Hauser Museum.

## Fry Cemetery

Located between 6th and 7th streets, one-half block north of Fry Boulevard, the Fry Cemetery was established in 1919. The Fry family arrived shortly after Arizona became a state. In 1936, Oliver Fry's son, Erwin, who had become the family entrepreneur, renamed the community Fry Township and that name remained until 1956 when the town was incorporated and the name Sierra Vista was chosen. The Fry family home and store were both destroyed by fire and the only remaining site of one of Sierra Vista's founding fathers is the Fry Pioneer Cemetery. This cemetery, the only known cemetery in the vicinity from 1919 until 1961, had its first burial in 1919 when Oliver Fry's wife Elizabeth, was laid to rest. Through the years many family members were buried in the family plot.

# Mr. O, the Rock Man

At 8-years-old, Thomas Olson already had an extensive collection of fossils so impressive that scientists at Northern Arizona University were dazzled.

Olson, now 48, is well known throughout Cochise County by kids of all ages as "Mr. O the Rock Man." He frequently presents his Geology for Kids programs at local schools and libraries with lots of fossilized bones, teeth and rare rocks left behind some 240 million years ago.

"Some of these fossils are older than the Jurassic era," Olson said while setting up his display at the St. David Pioneer Days fair July 21.

Growing up in the White Mountains area around the Sitgraves National Forest in Arizona, Olson started digging up dinosaur remains at an early age. His interest in paleontology drew the attention of Dr. David Elliott at NAU, who had Olson work on research projects while he was still in high school.

His efforts have helped Arizona establish the largest collection of fossilized shark teeth in the southwest and Olson has also distinguished himself with a fossil bearing his name *chaunactis olsonii*.

"It's a fossil sponge and it looks like a sand dollar," he said. "I knew it was different and presented it to my professor, Dr. Elliott. He then sent it to different scientists and it took about five years to figure out what it was. During my last year in college it came as a surprise when they named the fossil after me."

Shark teeth are not the type of fossil you would expect to find in the desert southwest and especially not in Cochise County. Olson states confidently, however, that during the Triassic period, some 240 million years ago, most of the county was underwater and large sharks were quite common, invading the swamps that were in



Thomas Olson holds a fossil he discovered in Arizona, that has been named after him.

northern Arizona and the "four corners" region.

"In the local area, we're standing on the floor of what was once an ocean," Olson said. "In fact, even the mountains were under water. The area near Portal (in eastern Cochise County) is where the continental divide is and all the land to the southwest was then added over time to what we have today."

Olson said he shows kids of all ages why and what they can expect to find.

"That's why I have the rock-breaking activity at my booth.

Kids can learn how to break rocks open properly and discover what's inside with my help. Then they can keep their finds," Olson said.

He credits the Excelsior Mining Company of Dragoon and area resident Rolf Leukte for uses in his presentation.

Even before moving to the area to care for his mother almost a decade ago, Olson helped children learn about and enjoy fossils. Continuing his Geology for Kids program started in Flagstaff about 15 years ago, Olson has worked for the Benson Unified School



Students get hands-on experience with fossils and rocks during one of Olson's work sessions.



Geologist and educator Thomas Olson begins the process of setting up his display at a recent fair in St. David.

District for two years as an enrichment teacher, presenting the M.A.S and P.A.W.s after-school programs

"That's how all the kids know me," he said.

Now he sets up his booth anywhere he can to continue the program. His goal is to rent a building in downtown Benson and open up store.

"Any sponsors would be appreciated," he said.

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## SEPTEMBER

SEPT. 21-23

### Santa Cruz County Fair

*Sonoita*

Welcome to the 103rd Annual Santa Cruz County Fair!! We have three exciting days and nights of activities, complete with carnival, 4-H and FFA competitions, animal acts, magicians, live music, pet show, dances, special concerts, a gymkhana competition, a horse show, exhibits, vendors, a wonderful farmers market, and much, much more! Sun Valley Carnival returns with new rides and fun for the whole family. Buy your pre-sale tickets for unlimited rides at the fairgrounds, or call (520) 455-5553 for more locations. Adults: \$5 Children ages 6-12: \$3 Children under 6: Free

Info: [sonoitafairgrounds.com](http://sonoitafairgrounds.com) or (520) 455-5553.

SEPT. 27 - OCT. 3

### Theater on the Move Auditions

Sept. 27 and 28 6 p.m. Sept. 29, 2 p.m.; Oct. 1, 2, 3, 6 p.m.

*Schieffelin Hall, 402 E. Fremont Street, Tombstone*

Theater on the Move will hold auditions for the comedic spoof of "Casablanca" and "The Maltese Falcon" with their upcoming production of, "Casablanca: In Search of the Falcon, or Will Sam Play It Again?" Dates for the show are Nov. 30, Dec. 1 and 2, and Dec. 7 and 8 at Schieffelin Hall, in Tombstone. We need actors of all ages (14 and up) and we're looking for a female singer, male singer and pianist, ballroom dancers and a Tango dance team! We also need folks to help backstage with sets, sound, lights, tickets, programs or anything else other than acting. For more information please contact: Theater on the Move (Tommy Kelley): (520) 222-8711; and [facebook.com/theateronthemove](http://facebook.com/theateronthemove); [totmarizona@gmail.com](mailto:totmarizona@gmail.com);

SEPT. 21-23

### Sierra Vista Fun Fest

*Veterans Memorial Park, Sierra Vista*

Come enjoy the 2018 Sierra Vista Fun Festival! The event is a family favorite fall event featuring carnival rides and games, live entertainment, and much more! The festival is open to the public and there is no admission charge. Also there is a free concert Saturday night at 9 p.m. by Starship featuring Mickey Thomas, one of the most iconic 80s rock bands! The event hours are: Friday, Sept. 21 from 4 p.m. to 11 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 22 from 12 p.m. to 11 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 23, from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. Advance carnival ride tickets can be purchased, starting September 1, at Yardley Community Center, Fort Huachuca, Sierra Vista Safeway and Sierra Vista Ace Hardware. The Fun Festival will also offer great free live entertainment all three days. The full live entertainment schedule will be announced soon. Plus other free activities for kids, including hair painting, arts and crafts projects, and lots more!

Info: [Huachuca.armymwr.com](http://Huachuca.armymwr.com) or 520-533-3354

SEPT. 22

### Benson Pony Express Western Days & 2018 Car Show

*9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Lion's Park, Benson*

Join us for our first-ever to be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Lion's Park. There will be food, vendors, and our All Year's Car Show with cash prizes for first through third, plaques and gift cards for Best Engine, Interior and Exterior. There will be the annual Pony Express Mail run from Benson to Dragoon commencing at 1 p.m. and ending at 4 p.m. at the Dragoon Woman's Club. Gooseflats Gunslingers will be performing Jail House Arrests. There will be DJ and live music by Dave Owen's Band. There will be live performances by Native Flutists and the Buffalo Soldiers. Applications are available online.

Info: Cindy Allen at [benzonazmurals@gmail.com](mailto:benzonazmurals@gmail.com) or Facebook for Benson Beautification or



### SINGING FOR A GOOD CAUSE

The Sierra Vista Community Chorus will present its 15th annual Gospel Concert at Faith Presbyterian Church, 2053 Choctaw Drive, on Friday, Oct. 19 at 7 p.m. and Saturday, Oct. 20, at 2 p.m.

Admission is free with no ticket required. A free-will offering will be collected, and the entire offering will be presented to the local Disabled American Veterans (DAV), Chapter 14. This non-profit organization is dedicated to the service of our nation's injured heroes, providing free, professional assistance to veterans of all generations in obtaining VA and other government benefits earned through service. They also provide transportation to veterans

who need help getting to medical appointments.

The Gospel Concert, under the direction of Sharon Keene, will feature the chorus, soloists, ensembles, our women's barbershop chorus, and an ensemble from the Buena High School Concert Choir. These students will present soul-stirring, inspirational music to honor our local disabled veterans.

The program has ended every year with "House Of Gold," by Hank Williams.

Past audiences have enjoyed joining in on this old, heartfelt gospel song. The chorus hopes you will attend and also raise your voice in song with them.

[benzonazmurals.org](http://benzonazmurals.org)

SEPT. 27-30

### Cochise County Fair

*Douglas*

The Cochise County Fair Association formed in 1924 and will host its 94th fair Sept. 27 through Sept. 30, 2018. The theme is "The Little Fair That Could." A privately-owned non-profit organization led by a volunteer board of directors, the fair is funded by the State of Arizona's Livestock and Agricultural Promotion Fund and proceeds from events and facility rental. Come out to the fairgrounds at 3677 N Leslie Canyon Road, Douglas.

Info: 520-364-3819.

SEPT. 29

### Sky Island Tour Bike Ride

*7 a.m., Windemere Hotel, Sierra Vista*

The 3rd annual Sky Island Tour 2018 bike ride is set for 7 a.m., Saturday, Sept. 29, at the Windemere Hotel in Sierra Vista, offering a 5-mile, 20-mile, 40-mile and 62-mile (metric century) recreational rides. Go to [skyislandtour.com](http://skyislandtour.com) for more information. Fees vary from \$10 for the 5-mile ride to \$60 for the metric-century ride. All registered riders will receive a free t-shirt. The metric-century ride loops through colorful Bisbee. The event benefits the National Alliance on Mental Illness of Southeastern Arizona. Info: [skyislandtour.com](http://skyislandtour.com)

SEPT. 29-30

### The Copper Cowboy 24 Hour Trail Run

*Willcox*

Join us for the Inaugural Copper Cowboy 24 Hour Trail Run in Willcox, Arizona. Runners depart Rhino Ridge at high Noon (12:00pm) and run for 24 hours on a fully supported 6.2 mile loop. You can either take the 24 hours for yourself, or share the fun with some friends in a relay run. Teams will have one timing chip and each runner must run at least once. The goal is to get the most amount of miles in the 24 hours and a loop must be completed by noon on Sunday for it to count. Running for 24 hours not enough of a challenge? We have a "heavy" category. We challenge you to add a 20-pound Rucksack to your back for the duration of the run! Solo runners completing more than 18 loops (111.6 miles) and Solo runners in the HEAVY category completing more than 10 loops (62 miles) will receive the coveted "Copper Cowboy" award. We will have a lot of action at the start/finish. There will be music,

food, vendors and some games from our annual adventure race. As the sun goes down get ready to eat Smores and listen to Cowboy Stories around the campfire! Camping under the stars is also permitted at the start/finish on Friday and Saturday for \$15/night. Bring the whole family. The kids will have a great time! Info: [rocamotion.com](http://rocamotion.com) or 520-444-8284

SEPT. 29

### Walk to End Alzheimer's

*8 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., Mall at Sierra Vista*

The Alzheimer's Association Walk to End Alzheimer's® is the world's largest event to raise awareness and funds for Alzheimer's care, support and research. Held annually in more than 600 communities nationwide and 11 locations in our region, this inspiring event calls on participants of all ages and abilities to reclaim the future for millions.

Info: [act.alz.org/sierravistawalk](http://act.alz.org/sierravistawalk)

## OCTOBER

OCT. 2

### National Night Out 2018

*5-8 p.m., Veterans Memorial Park, Sierra Vista*

Enjoy an evening of family-friendly fun while learning about area law enforcement agencies and programs at the local National Night Out event hosted by the Sierra Vista Police Department.

A wide variety of area public safety agencies, community groups, and organizations will share information, offer demonstrations, and host activities at the event. Sales of hot dogs, chips, and drinks will benefit Christmas with a Cop. You don't want to miss a chance to soak Sierra Vista Police Chief Adam Thrasher, Cochise County Sheriff Mark Dannels, and other local officials in the dunk tank! Plus you'll want to stick around to see the tug of war matches and canine demonstrations.

OCT. 4-7

### 67th Annual Rex Allen Days

*Willcox*

This marks the 2nd year that Rex Allen can be celebrated by all Arizonans across the state, as Gov. Ducey has signed a proclamation declaring October 6-7, 2018, as Rex Allen "The Arizona Cowboy" Days.

We kick off the fun with softball tournaments held Sept. 29 and 30 at Quail Park. Followed by a Gun Show starting Friday Oct. 5 thru Oct. 7 at the Community

Center, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and a Cowboy Up Competition at Quail Park on Friday Oct. 5 with bull riding, wild horse races and mounted shooting.

The Carnival Returns to Keiller Park starting Friday Oct. 5 at 4 p.m. thru Sun Oct. 7. The annual parade will be at 10 a.m. on Saturday. Pre-Rodeo on Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 6 and 7, with registration at 11 a.m. Grand Canyon Pro Rodeo starts at 2 p.m. daily at Quail Park. Check our website [rexalldays.org](http://rexalldays.org) for a detailed schedule of events or contact (520) 409-7123 with questions.

OCT. 6-7

### Art in the Park

*Saturday, Oct. 6, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Sunday, Oct. 7, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Veterans' Memorial Park, Sierra Vista*

As one of the Southwest's largest and most popular outdoor arts and crafts fair, Art in the Park has something for everyone. Come browse through varied selections of fine art, sculptures, jewelry, specialty food items, clothing and more. Don't miss this favorite event which attracts some 175 vendors each year. City ordinance prohibits dogs in the park during the event unless they are service dogs. More information is available at: [huachuca-art.com/aitp/](http://huachuca-art.com/aitp/)

OCT. 11

### Brown Bag Series

*Noon, Studio 128, Willcox*

The popular monthly "Brown Bag Series" launched on Sept. 13 with Diane Drobka speaking on "Hal Empie's Comical View of the West." Drobka highlighted southeast Arizona native son "Hal Empie, pharmacist turned artist, known internationally as a western landscape artist. His Kartoan Kards portray life "Way out West." The Oct. 11 speaker will be Hal Herbert, of the Graham County Historical Society, on "The True Story of the Arizona-New Mexico Boundary Survey." The talks are held at noon at Studio 128 on Railroad Avenue in Willcox presented by a partnership of the Sulphur Springs Valley Historical Society and the Willcox Historic Theater. The talks are free, so come and enjoy.

OCT. 13

### Cars in the Park

*8 a.m.-3 p.m., Veterans Memorial Park*

The Sierra Vista Car Club presents the 31st Annual CARS IN THE PARK, Saturday, October 13, 2018, Veteran's Memorial Park, Sierra Vista, AZ. Log on to [sierravistacarclub.org](http://sierravistacarclub.org) to download an entry form. Please enter early! Spaces limited to 350. Open car show; open to all years cars and trucks.



OCT. 13-14

### Huachuca Gem, Mineral and Jewelry Show

*Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Cochise College, Sierra Vista*

The 44th Annual Huachuca Gem, Mineral and Jewelry Show features free admission, free parking and a handicap-accessible venue at Cochise College, 901 N. Colombo Avenue, in Sierra Vista.

Vendors will set up inside and outside on the campus with educational displays on jewelry and jewelry-making supplies. Kids games and a raffle will be offered, along with

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fluorescent displays, geode sales, and cutting and free gem stone identification by a certified gemologist. For more information contact Maudie Bailey at (520) 378-6291, (520) 249-1541, or at [gmbailey@msn.com](mailto:gmbailey@msn.com).

**OCT. 13-14**

### Butterfield Overland Stage Days & Rodeo

9 a.m., Benson, Arizona  
Benson Clean and Beautiful hosts the Butterfield Overland Stage Days with a weekend full of fun including live music and dancing. Start the day Saturday and Sunday with a car show, tractor pull, antique engine display, Pony Express, Buffalo Soldiers, vendors, arts and food, as well as the rodeos on Saturday and Sunday that also include kid events. <https://bensonvisitorcenter.com/events.html>

**OCT. 13-14**

### 30th Annual Patagonia Fall Festival

9 a.m., Patagonia, Arizona  
Recognized as one of the finest, best-attended art festivals in Arizona, the Patagonia Fall Festival features artists, sculptors, weavers, potters, jewelry makers, crafters, and food and beverage vendors from around the region. The Southern Arizona Arts & Cultural Alliance (SAACA) and the Sky Islands Tourism Association (SITA) partner this year to present the 30th Annual Patagonia Fall Festival the weekend of October 13 – 14, 2018.

The festival celebrates its 30th anniversary in 2018 and attracts more than 15,000 visitors to Patagonia's lovely tree-shaded park in the center of town over a festive weekend. Find out more information about the Festival and the Town of Patagonia here: <http://patagoniafallfestival.com/>.

**OCT. 19-20**

### Haunted Hay Rides

6 p.m., Fort Huachuca Wren Arena  
Family and MWR will celebrate Halloween Friday and Saturday, Oct. 19 and 20. From 6 to 9 p.m. both days, various free children's activities will be offered. For older kids and adults, the "haunted house" will be open from 6 to 10 p.m.; and then from 6:30 to 10 p.m., they can enjoy spooky "haunted hay rides." All activities will be held at Wren Arena--watch for signs. Cost is just \$5 per carload for parking! For more information, call 266-0254 or 678-4446.

**OCT. 19-21**

### Helldorado Days

Tombstone  
Helldorado Days is a festival that began in Tombstone in 1929 and is held every year to memorialize the gunfight at the OK Corral that happened at 3 p.m. on Oct. 26, 1881. Check out the most rip-roaring celebration in Tombstone. There will be a parade on Sunday, Oct. 21, starting at 11 a.m., enjoy gunfight re-enactment shows, street entertainment, fashion shows and a family-oriented carnival. The now renowned Cowboy Walk-down, will step off from 6th and Allen following the parade. It will be a great opportunity for everyone to show their stuff. There will be a beard and mustache contest on Saturday afternoon, Oct. 20.

**OCT. 20-21**

### Willcox Wine Country Fall Festival 2018

11 a.m.-5 p.m., Willcox Railroad Park  
What started with four wineries and just over 250 attendees ten years ago, has grown to 18 wineries, over 70 arts and craft vendors, 5 bands, multiple food venues and over 5,000 attendees.

SATURDAY OCTOBER 20, 2018, 6PM-9PM WINE DINNER--A Benefit Wine Dinner and Reception for Northern Cochise Community Hospital with Willcox Wineries and Chef Ken Foy at the Willcox Community Center! PLAN YOUR TRIP AT [willcoxwinecountry.org](http://willcoxwinecountry.org)

**OCT. 26**

### Halloween Spooktacular

5-9 p.m., Cochise College, Sierra Vista  
Halloween Spooktacular returns to Cochise College on Friday, October 26th from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Events will include Costume Contests, Carnival Games, Crafts and more!

**OCT. 27**

### Fall Concert "Teacher & Apprentice"

6-9:30 p.m., Sierra Vista Symphony  
The Klein Center for the Performing Arts  
5225 E. Buena School Blvd.  
Sierra Vista, AZ 85635  
"Teacher and Apprentice"  
Brahms: Academic Festival Overture  
Dukas: The Sorcerer's Apprentice  
Saint-Saens: Violin Concerto No.3. Kai Skaggs, Violin  
Mussorgsky: Night on Bald Mountain  
Wittry: Leaves  
Bizet: Carmen Suite No.2

## 23RD ANNUAL FORGACH HOUSE BENEFIT VARIETY SHOW

Oct. 19, 7 p.m., Buena Performing Arts Center

The 23rd performance of the Forgach House Benefit Variety Show will be October 19th. Show time is 7pm. This year's theme is "A Tribute to Frank Sinatra." This show, as the previous 22, provides funds for the operation of the Forgach House in Sierra Vista, for Abused Women and Children. The facility does receive some state and federal funds, those funds keep dwindling so it is necessary to obtain other sources. Even though the facility comes under the umbrella of the Diocese of Tucson, its function is non-sectarian.

The members of the show cast include the Buena Show Band, M.C. Steve Conroy, Alma Dolores Dancers, Jennifer Westbrook – Miss Sierra Vista 2018-19, Vocalist Carrie Duerk, Dance Duo of Jenna and Bob, Pianist Bill Purciello and Vocalist David Germain. The cast members are all either professionals or semi-professional.

Tickets are \$18 in advance; \$20 at the door. Children 6-12 \$5, under 6 free. Tickets will be available September 15 through October 18 at ACE Hardware; Dillards Department Store; Safeway; Oscar Yrun Community Center; and Windemere Hotel and Conference Center. The Forgach House is non-profit, 501-C3. All proceeds go to the Forgach House.

Come out and see a great evening's entertainment!

Pre-Concert Lecture begins at 6 p.m.

Concert begins at 7 p.m.

**OCT. 31**

### 11th Annual Halloween Fall Festival

5-8 p.m., Veterans Memorial Park, Sierra Vista  
Located just a short stroll from the Haunted Asylum at The Cove, the 11th Annual Halloween Fall Festival will fill Veterans Memorial Park with family-friendly fun and games in a safe environment.

Come show off your costumes while the little ones enjoy a variety of activities hosted by the dozens of local businesses and organizations that support this community event. After completing each game or activity, kids will be rewarded with some well-deserved candy or a prize!

## NOVEMBER

**NOV. 10-11**

### 2018 Fall Festival of the Arts

10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Holy Trinity Monastery, St. David  
The annual gathering of Arizona artisans offering home décor and unusual gifts will be surrounded by refreshment venues, from hamburgers, salads, wraps and a pulled beef dinner. Tamales, monastery-made bread, and pecans can be snacked on during the live entertainment. \$2 parking fee with free sweepstakes ticket.

**NOV. 13**

### 14th Annual Turkey Dinner

5 to 7 p.m., Association Hall behind Mustang Mall, Sunizona, Arizona  
The 14th Annual Sunizona-Ash Creek Community Association Turkey Dinner will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 13, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Association Hall behind Mustang Mall. Adult dinners are \$8, children 10 and under are \$4. There will be lots of door prizes and a raffle for a Rossi .410 Gauge Buttstock shotgun. You do not have to be present to win the raffle. Come join us for some good food and friendly conversation. For tickets or more information contact Sonja McGee (602) 206-5385 or Maryclare Tiuan (520) 429-5580.

## DECEMBER

**DEC. 1**

### Christmas in Elgin

10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Historic Elgin Clubhouse, 475 Elgin Road, Elgin

The 8th annual "Christmas in Elgin," a fine arts and crafts festival, will be held on Saturday, Dec. 1 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the historic Elgin Clubhouse located at 475 Elgin Road. This event features local artisans, festive decorations, bake sale, and light lunch. Enjoy the beauty of Elgin, seasonal music and a roaring fire in the huge stone fireplace. Make new friends and shop for the holidays. Contact Rebecca with questions: (520) 455-4731.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT STUDIO 128

128 Railroad Avenue  
Willcox

**Oct. 6 – 7 p.m.**

Jared Rogerson – Singer/Songwriter  
Ambassador for Today's Rural West. Jared is a cowboy, former rodeo bronc rider and singer whose songs weave themes of love, heartbreak, determination and defiance from the perspective of one living in an ever changing West with an approach that stretches across Country, Americana, Western, and Folk styles.



Jared Rogerson

**Oct. 27 – 6:30 p.m.**

A spooky Halloween Dinner Theater at Willcox Historic Theater's Studio 128 offers a creepy evening with a spooky dinner, a spine-tingling classic horror film and who knows what other scary things.

**Nov. 8 – 7 p.m.**

Music from around the world and from ancient worlds meld together in the incomparable arrangements of Quarteto Nuevo, a unique world jazz quartet with acoustic guitar, cello, percussion and soprano saxophone. Quarteto Nuevo merges western classical, eastern European folk, Latin and Jazz with an organic feel that packs a wallop!

Quarteto Nuevo



TA Burrows

**Dec. 8 – 7 p.m.**

T. A. Burrows will perform Legends of Song, the concert of a lifetime in a tribute to nine great American singers at Willcox Historic Theater. Burrows performs a delightful trip down memory lane that recreates the unique styles and distinctive sounds of nine incomparable artists from Johnny Mathis to Neil Diamond to Sammy Davis, Jr. His remarkable vocal talents recreate the unique styles and distinctive sounds of these nine incomparable artists.

For more information and tickets, look online at [willcoxtheater.com](http://willcoxtheater.com) or (520) 766-3335. Studio 128 is located next door to the Historic Willcox Theater, at 128 N. Railroad Avenue, across from Railroad Park, in Willcox, Arizona.

## SSVEC HAPPENINGS

### Elfrida expansion



Construction of a 1,050-square-foot addition at the Sulphur Springs Valley Electric Cooperative office in Elfrida will offer an improvement for area members and provide more space for operations, Purchasing Manager Carlos Cabral has said. A new concrete sidewalk entrance was poured at the site last month. The project will expand SSVEC's footprint at the corner of Thistle Lane and U.S. Highway 191 in Elfrida, adding space for office operations, linemen projects and a larger surrounding construction yard.

# TASTY TAILGATING

## The Art of the Parking Lot Picnic

BY CHEF CHRIS

Tailgating used to mean there was a numbskull riding our bumper, foolishly thinking it would help make us go faster or get out of their way. These days, it more commonly refers to a tailgate party before a sporting event that happens in the parking lot, and pavement partying has become pretty popular.

What is it about tailgating? This particular form of picnicking has become nearly as important as the events they are associated with. Perhaps the anticipation of "our team" playing in the big game really works up an appetite, or is it that we'll all take any excuse to eat festively outdoors? My money is on the latter, but then I'm not a sports enthusiast.

Whether you tailgate or not, these are a collection of easy entertaining ideas that are fresh and fun - the stuff of good tailgating!

### The All important Dip

Yes, there's usually a main course, but we all crave the unique satisfaction that comes from dipping a chip into some something that might not be good for you. I prefer to have three dips just to make sure there's one for everyone. Guacamole never gets old somehow, and salsa is easy, but then I like to have one I make myself.

Many are still perfectly happy with the good ol' French Onion dip from the mix, which is similar to homemade, but if you want to mix it up a little bit - and dare I say add a hint of panache? - try my Parmesan Herb Dip. It's infinitely better than ranch, not that there's anything wrong with ranch.

If you are over the same old salsa scenario, you can try making Cowboy Caviar, which is similar enough, but infinitely more exciting. I like to make it when I want something heartier, and prettier than salsa. The name also makes it quite tempting for some reason, and is ideal if your tailgating is really just a big snack fest without any real BBQ action.



### Thank Goodness for the Veggies

Like a lot of gatherings, tailgating is generally characterized by overeating. So, I always like to offer up some veggie goodness. You can know that we all think it's a good idea because the grocery store always has pre-made veggie platters. Once open, however, those can look a little

haggard.

It's not hard to make a simple one for yourself that you know will be fresh. Radishes are irresistible and lightly blanched asparagus is always gobbled up.

You can use the parmesan dip recipe here on your platter, or make a simple, but jazzy one with pesto, sour cream and mayo that is always a hit.

### Slightly Obligatory Slaw

I suppose there are some who just don't like coleslaw, but I believe them to be few and far between. The rest of us simply cannot envision an al fresco dining situation without some.

For me, the more colorful the veggies the better. I use a peeler to make fat ribbons of carrots, a good sharp knife to make thin strips of purple cabbage, although a decent box grater will also make delicate pieces, and I'm cavalier with Napa cabbage chopping.

A personal favorite to include in slaw is watercress. A bit unconventional I know, but I love having the peppery crunch in the mix and the dark green color. Watercress is so good for me that it helps ease any dip guilt I may have.

I've decided that one of the main reasons for disliking coleslaw is the mayonnaise in the dressing, and I have yet to meet anyone who doesn't like my miso dressed slaw, so don't be timid.



### MISO DRESSING

I like this best on slaw, but it also makes a great glaze for anything going on the grill. This isn't as exotic as it may sound and you can find miso in most grocery stores these days. It is fermented soybean paste and has an incredible depth of flavor, yet remains light somehow.

Makes about ¾ cup dressing

6 Tbsp. miso, white or shiro  
1-2 Tbsp. honey  
2 Tbsp. rice vinegar  
1-2 Tbsp. oil (optional)

Whisk everything together, adding a little water if too thick, then taste and adjust seasoning. Add a bit more honey to balance the flavor as needed. Toss your cabbage and other ingredients with half the dressing, then decide if you need more.

### PARMESAN HERB DIP

The only herb is scallions, so if it sounds too fancy, just call it Green Onion Dip

½ cup mayonnaise  
3 Tbsp. parmesan cheese  
1 Tbsp. dijon  
2 scallions, chopped  
Juice of ½ a lemon

Combine ingredients well. Taste and adjust seasoning.

### COWBOY CAVIAR

I use fresh corn when I can, and have been known to add diced avocado at times.

1, 14 oz can black-eyed peas  
1, 14 oz can black beans  
2 cloves garlic, finely chopped  
3 ripe tomatoes, seeded and diced  
1 cup sweet corn, frozen or canned  
1 red onion, finely chopped  
1 green bell pepper,

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4 Tbsp. olive oil  
2 Tsp. sugar, optional  
3-4 Tbsp. rice vinegar  
1 tsp. chile powder  
½ bunch cilantro, chopped

Drain and rinse beans. Combine ingredients together in a bowl, season with salt, then gently toss. Taste and adjust seasoning. Serve with tortilla chips