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“The Ballad of Arizona”

featuring **Jay Cravath, Ph.D.**

Using an interactive format of slides, video, live music and dance, this presentation explores the enduring importance of the ballad. It is in the style of the Iliad, sung around Achaean campfires before Homer. For cowboys and other pioneers, who did not read, the ballad both informed and entertained. Ballads cloak news and stories in music as a means of helping memorization. Dr. Cravath tours this most important song form - from ancients, through the troubadours and into our own backyard - including Mexican corridos, and political broadsides.



Jay Cravath, Ph.D. is a composer, writer, and scholar in the field of music and American Indian studies. Dr. Cravath crafts programs from these interests into interactive discussions that include stories, musical performance, and dance. Check his website, [www. Enlightenmentproductions.org](http://www.Enlightenmentproductions.org)

Saturday, January 24, 2015 at 1:00 p.m.

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Letter from the Director

I seem to wax nostalgic as the beginning of the New Year appears on the horizon, and even before the shadows of 2014 have evaporated, 2015 beams with optimism. With humility, I anticipate another year serving the Museum as it explodes with promises of new exhibits and more guests from all over the globe.

Mohave Museum has remained a stellar example of dedication to purpose, and that purpose being the exhibition and preservation of the unique history of Southwestern Life. This task is made possible because of a number of circumstances. First, there are the Museum Members that will not settle for anything short of excellence; secondly, there is the Museum Board of Trustees that establish sound financial planning that enables the Museum the “where with all” to accomplish said goals; thirdly, the Museum Staff comes into play and with due diligence puts the plans into action; and last but far from least is the true miracle of this institution, namely the Volunteers. Without this fourth part of the equation, there would not be a Museum, period. I am proud to be a part of this well-oiled machine and with all the parts of this proverbial puzzle in place, there literally is no limit to the heights we can attain.

Please bear with me as I take the time to address an oversight that has come so vividly to my attention: the City of Kingman’s staff. As you probably know, the City owns the Powerhouse and the Bonelli House. These two structures both struggle with problems related to the aging process, however, both seem to get better with age and there are not enough words to describe the Herculean effort it takes to keep the forever relevant. Kingman’s Park and Rec department has been pivotal in keeping the Bonelli Home a “shining star”. The Powerhouse is another gem in the City’s tourism arsenal but it comes with some unique maintenance issues, and I can vouch that each of these problems is addressed quickly and efficiently. My sincerest thanks to all of Kingman’s Staff that make all this possible! I worked in the construction industry for thirty years and have never worked alongside of people so dedicated to their job.

My wife, Lyn, read my newsletter and made the comment that I write in a Victorian Style and not really knowing what that meant I have decided to simply wish “ya’ll” (that should put a Southern spin on it) a Happy New Year.-

Mohave Museum Events

Quilts of Valor



The Kingman Quilter's Guild held its annual Quilts of Valor on November 15th at the Mohave Museum of History and Arts. Guild members create quilts to give to veterans, with love, in honor of their service and sacrifices.

Volunteers Christmas Brunch



The Mohave Museum, Bonelli House and Route 66 Museum Volunteers celebrated the Holiday Season with their annual brunch in the Mohave Museum Auditorium on December 6th. Music was provided by the **Wind Song String Ensemble**.

35th Annual Christmas Music Program

Presented by the "Sounds of Kingman"

Sherri Cullison and the Choirs of St. Mary *with* Kathy Zach entertained the standing room only audience on December 7th.



Sherri Leads Sing-Along



St. Mary's Choir



St. Mary's Choir



Grande Finale - Felice Navidad!

50 YEARS AGO FROM THE MOHAVE COUNTY MINER

January 1965

Eileen E. King, 1006 Valley View, Kingman, has won the Miner's final "Who's Who in Mohave County" contest. She won \$48 in Shoppers Bucks and a group of other prizes by correctly identifying Roy Hoover, owner of City Drug, as the "Who's Who" and correctly listing all 30 clues.

The Claiborne Quartette, recording radio and television group, will present a special gospel concert January 12 at 7:30 pm in the Mohave County Union High School auditorium. Many of the local churches will be participating in this concert.

Oatman: Earl Vandercook and son Edward, of Sacramento, California, descendants of Emma Oatman, who was a relative of the massacred Oatman family, visited Oatman during Christmas week. Mr. Vandercook is interested in pioneer history and expects to return soon to cover the history of the Oatman family.

A brick from the ruins of the old town of Hardyville, a few miles south of Bullhead City on the Colorado River, has been given to the Mohave County Historical Museum by Mrs. Florence (Glenn) Auld of Hardyville Manor, a trailer community on the river near the site of the old town. Mrs. Auld found the brick while exploring near her home.

New members elected to the Kingman Volunteer Fire Department are Alva K. McBrayer, Stub Shaeffer, Bill Burton, Jr., Jim Voss, Bill Brakeman and Johnny Eaton. The firemen are planning their annual dance to be held on February 27.

The \$370 million steam generator plant planned by Southern California Edison would be directly across the river from Bullhead City on the Nevada side of the Colorado River. Reports state that the project could get underway in 1965 if all details of land transfers can be completed.

Seedling trees from the Colorado State Forestry Nurseries, in cooperation with the Arizona Extension Service, are available for planting in windbreaks, shelter belts or for erosion control. Be sure your site fits the above purpose as these trees are not for home landscaping, the Mohave County agent said this week.

Bullhead City: The Valley National Bank sign was installed

January 12 on top of the new bank on Main Street.

World champion team roper Bill Hamilton, who grew up in Kingman and attended schools here, is to receive his awards and trophies at ceremonies at Denver, Colorado. He is scheduled to receive his awards along with other world champions from Governor Love of Colorado. They will receive trophy buckles and saddles.

Yucca: Chee Chee, a squirrel monkey, came to town with Sgt. D. Hargrove from El Paso, and is living at the Cactus Trailer Park.

Bullhead City: Mumps are in Bullhead City and surrounding area. Victims are the three Jackson children, Jackie and Glenna Medlin, Allan Wallstead's two sons, and Patty Dell.

Brice Covington, city superintendent of public works, this week asked cooperation of residents in combating tumble weeds. He asked that owners of lots infested with the weeds notify the city offices. His department will then burn the weeds, it was announced.

Mr. and Mrs. Burton Porter returned home from Los Angeles where they spent last week on a spring buying trip for the furniture department of Central Commercial.

A series of short movies is being filmed in the Kingman area for Walt Disney, the Miner learned this week. The series is about animals and is being shot by Charles Draper Productions of Cloverdale, California, from a base near Oatman.

The Mohave County Board of Supervisors Monday named Robert Peart as its chairman for the first 16 months of the four-year term. George C. Ricca will serve the second 16 and Lee Stephens the third. Mrs. Mabel Bailey was reappointed as clerk of the board.

Claypool's Market, first major supermarket in Lake Havasu City, will be opened in January. The market is constructed primarily of native Arizona stone reinforced with steel.

The newly formed Junior Woman's Club will meet at the home of Mrs. Shannon Shaw in Surrey Heights on January 14. The club is open to women 18-35 and anyone interested may attend.

Museum Business Membership

These are some of the Business Members who support the heritage and culture of Mohave County

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80 YEARS AGO FROM THE MOHAVE COUNTY MINER

January 1965

The new Board of Supervisors of Mohave County consisting of Frank L. Hunt, re-elected from district number one, Tom Lyons, new member from the second district, and W. D. Lawe, newly elected third district supervisor, met Wednesday to organize the board and make their appointments to various county offices.



Area cattle ranchers- Frank Hunt, Frank Stephens, Jack Wilson, Ed Kellis and John Neal

Plans have been completed for the dedication of the new American Legion home, which was recently purchased from the Central Commercial Company. This building, formerly known as the Lake Dancing Pavilion and Swimming Pool, has one of the finest dancing floors in the county, and had been completely remodeled before Mr. Lake moved to California.

Monday afternoon the local fire department beat the siren when a call was sent out from the Harry Knight home on south Front and Second streets. On arriving at the scene the firemen found that while Mrs. Knight was cleaning the stove in her kitchen the chimney fell down, and while there were few or no flames, the smoke was pouring out from the stove. The firemen who answered the call soon had the stove fixed and except for smoke stains little damage was done.

Members and directors of the Mohave County Chamber of Commerce unofficially approved an idea to try and get a county agricultural agent in Mohave County. The request was made by Ray Atherton. It was Mr. Atherton's belief that a county agent could assist the farmers of the county in organization of their marketing as well as social life. That through such an agent outside of home capital might be induced to enter the cooperative marketing industry in behalf of the Sandy and other Mohave County farm products producers.



100 YEARS AGO FROM THE MOHAVE COUNTY MINER

January 1915

Promptly at the hour of twelve o'clock Thursday night the saloons of Mohave County closed their doors in obedience to the recently enacted constitutional measure, putting Arizona in the dry column. There were scenes that rivaled the bacchante scenes of the old world when time was new, but yesterday morning every one of the revelers were alive, but oh so dry.



Clay Springs Cattle Company -
Valley Ranch, Walapai Valley ca. 1912.

W. F. Grounds was in Kingman today from his Clay Springs cattle ranch about forty miles northeast of town. Mr. Grounds has been making many improvements in that section and has also leased about one million acres of the Wallapai reservation for grazing purposes.

Jesse S. Hulet came down from Holbrook yesterday to join his wife who is spending the holidays with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Anson H. Smith.

Samples of ore were on exhibition in this city yesterday from a strike made in the Green Mountain mine owned by McBride and McNulty.

With the coming of Monday next Judge Carl G. Krook will step down from the Superior bench to take his place with the members of the local legal bar. During the past three years Judge Krook has dispensed law honestly and impartially, doing the right as he saw it, and while he may not have been politic, the people among whom he has lived for a number of years, and in fact, the whole county will have to admit that not one single act has brought discredit on the ermine.



Mrs. Lislerrude, the Justice of the Peace at Chloride, was a pleasant caller at the Miner sanctum a few days ago. Mrs. Lislerrude is the first woman to don the ermine in the State of Arizona. She is a well qualified officer and the people of Chloride will have no cause to regret their action in electing her to the office.

Mohave County Movers and Shakers

Madeline Plummer McVey was born on July 18, 1930, in a mid-wife's house on Park Street in Kingman. Her mother Alice West Plummer was a school teacher. Her father Jack Plummer was a cowboy on a ranch in the Big Sandy. Madeline's father passed away from tuberculosis when she was two, which left her and her mother moving to towns such as Wikieup and Gold Road (near Oatman) where Alice found work as a school teacher.



In 1938 Kingman held a contest to name the rodeo that was held there. 8 year old Madeline was the winner and the rodeo was named "Dig-'n-Dogie Days". That rodeo is now known as the Andy Devine Days Rodeo.



After graduating from Mohave County Union High School, Madeline attended Arizona State College (now ASU) where she earned her teaching degree. When Madeline was 16 she met her husband Frank. He enlisted in the navy, and after his discharge, they were married in 1952 and move to San Bernardino, where their three children, Jan, Timothy and Patrick were born.

In 1965 they returned to Kingman where Madeline began teaching at Palo Christi Elementary School, where she had been a former student. After teaching there for 12 years, she transferred to La Senita where she taught for the next 9 years. During the summers, the family would move up to Flagstaff so she could obtain her master's degree and Frank also took classes towards a college degree.

Madeline was named "Teacher of the Year", a recipient of "Women Making History" as well as a member of the Daughters of the Mohave County Pioneers. Madeline passed away on October 3rd, 2006.

JAY M. GATES Sr., Businessman, Civic Leader, was born in 1889 in Michigan. In 1909 he traveled to Williams, Arizona to visit an uncle. During this visit he was hired to work as a stock boy at the Chloride store of the Central Commercial Co., then owned by the Ware family. In 1912 Gates married Hazel Ridenour; they had two children.

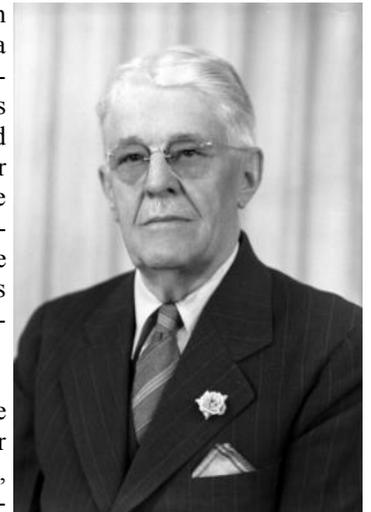
By 1924 Gates had become principal owner of Central Commercial, which at various times had stores in Kingman, Seligman, Oatman, Gold Road and Ashfork. Central Commercial was still in business in 1973, at that time the oldest continuously operated retail business in Mohave County. Jay M. Gates, Jr. was president, Jay M. Gates, III was the treasurer. The business closed in the 1980's.



Jay Gates served as president of the Mohave County Chamber of Commerce and the Kingman Rotary Club, and as director of the United States Wholesale Grocer's Association. He was a member of the Arizona Interstate Stream Commission. He was a Mason and a member of BPOE Lodge 468, and the Kingman County Club.

Jay M. Gates died in May 1952. His funeral was attended by the Governor and other Arizona notable personalities.

I. M. GEORGE - Businessman, was born in Pennsylvania in 1871. He came to Arizona in 1895, where he married Anna Johnson. They had three children. In 1898 the Georges moved to Kingman and George became bookkeeper and general manager of the company store for Cedar Valley Gold and Silver Co. He later worked for Sam Withers in the men's furnishings department.



On January 1, 1904 George bought the meat and slaughter business of John Crozier, which later became the Kingman Meat Company. A Miner newspaper advertisement for the company in October 1914 states "Eat Meat, Live Longer, Die Happier."

George was the owner of the State Theater Building, which opened in 1939, and he was a Thirty-Second Degree Mason and member of the Protective Order of Elks.

He died in August 1957.

Membership Renewal

Robert & Arlene Allison
William A & JoHanna B Bowles
Mr & Mrs Kenneth Boyd
Ms Betty B Brock
Darlene Carrow-Hall, Black Canyon City, AZ
Larry & Nancy Dunn, Lake Havasu City, AZ
Grace Van Horn
H Robert Grounds
Mr & Mrs John Grunewald
Laird & Shirley Hiestand
Warner & Barbara Howell
Carol Delgado
Robert F & Donna J Moody, Tempe, AZ
T R Orr, Inc Toby Orr
Mr & Mrs R K Prumers
Dan and Kitty Rohler
Mr & Mrs Frank Stephens
James and Susie Sumner, Sonoita, AZ
Gary & Janet Watson

Mr & Mrs Richard Anderson, Lake Havasu City,, AZ
Mr & Mrs Wayne Anderson, Sun City, AZ
Richard & Connie Taylor
Donna Frandsen
Paul Mackesey/Jacquelyn Kinard
Bonnie W Sanders
Joe & Rhonda Hart
Brown Drilling Jon & Amanda Kaufman
Don Martin/Page McDonald
Wayne & Debbie Davis
Charles & Jean Bodden
Bud & Marsha Gatlin
Colbaugh Processing Marty & Coylynn Colbaugh
Wayne and Cheryl Smith
Mary Jane Nutting, Concord, CA
James L Perrill, Sierra Vista, AZ
Laurel Penrod
Mary Ann Lynn Smith

New Memberships

Jon Cusick
Eve Hanna
Irene Cornwall Wood, Darby, MT
Charlotte Hillman
James Dailey
Lorna Gabby
Bob Andrews

Memorials

If a Memorial donation is not designated for a specific purpose, it will be used at the Museum's discretion

In Memory Of

Katharine Gardner
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Dr. David H. "Doc" George
Dr. Jack Standifer

Donor

Mr. & Mrs. Newton Stephens & Family
Roxie & Roger James & Family
Doug & Sherry Willmann & Family
Joan McCall
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Memories thru Photos



MOHAVE COUNTY MINER AND OUR MINERAL WEALTH

Kingman, Arizona, Saturday, October 5, 1918
Mohave County oversubscribes 4th Liberty Loan

First in the state to make a quota Mohave County subscribes over \$200,00 by voluntary subscription. Mohave County is already over the top on the Liberty Loan quota and still piling up subscriptions. Yesterday a telegram from State Chairman McClung informed local Chairman Rosenberg that Mohave County's honor flag is on the way and that this is the first in the state to make it quota.

The fine part of the record made this time is that the present total of over \$200,000 was subscribed through voluntary subscriptions, thus proving Mohave County people are fully awake to their responsibilities in carrying their share of the load. This is true patriotism to be sure.

In many cases where citizens have been out of town and for other reasons have not yet subscribed, subscriptions are yet to come, and to-day the ladies of the Women's Liberty Loan Committee started solicitation to gather these in.

Some of the districts have subscription which have not yet to be heard from this source.

The total to date is :- Quota total for area, 178,700 — Subscribed total for area 205,100

The amount listed above as subscribed are approximate as a complete county had not been made in all cases when this paper went to press.....

Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta Tour October 6 – 9, 2015

Escorted Coach from Kingman, 3 Nights Hotel Accommdations, 3 Dinners, 3 Breakfasts, 2 Visits to the Balloon Festival, Santa Fe and Albuquerque sightseeing, Sandia Peak Tram Ride

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