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# **MOHAVE MEMORIES**

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## **Beal Street Band**

**April 12, 2015 at 2 pm at Metcalfe Park**

**First FREE Concert in the Park for the  
2015 Season — and YOU ARE INVITED!**

The Kingman music scene is graced by a new group that's been playing together for less than a year but is made up of experienced, talented musicians. "Beal Street Band is a new project for us, but each individual has been playing for a long time," said Kent Kundert, the band's drummer. Perhaps you've had a chance to hear them at Beale Street Brews. The group plays classic rock, Southern rock, blues, and country selections, according to Alan Bensch, their spokesperson. Left to right, Alan Bensch, lead guitar and vocals; Trish Cobb, rhythm guitar and vocals; Kent Kundert on drums and vocals, and Dinah Kundert, bass and vocals.

Kent shared this information: "We're basically a fun band; we're not just locked into any particular music style." The group members have a wide interest in and affinity for many music styles—they are big on variety! Bob Vogt, Sounds of Kingman's Entertainment Coordinator, told the group, "Don't change anything!" Of course, what they play also depends on the audience preference. Notice that the name is spelled without the final e on Beale. "It's eye-catching!" said Kent.

Join us in Metcalfe Park to enjoy the FREE concert kicking off our fifth season and to welcome to our stage the versatile Beal Street Band!

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## Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta Tour

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### WE MISSED YOU!

CHECK OUT THE HAPPY PEOPLE  
ENJOYING THE MUSEUM'S FEBRUARY CRUISE

Mohave Museum of History and Arts  
**Panama Canal Cruise (NCL-Norwegian Star)**  
February 2—16, 2015



Back row: Trudy Burrus (1965 MCUHS) ; Phyllis Eaton (1965 MCUHS) ; Jim Burrus. Middle row: Don Snell, Mary Jane Tylor (1962 MCUHS); Zibby Campa (1965 MCUHS); Dave Cox (1962 MCUHS); Jan Cox (1964 MCUHS); Bob Burford (1964 MCUHS). Front row: Cathy Nabors, Sue Snell (1963 MCUHS); Tommie Upton (1966 MCUHS); Jean Graham; Joanna Hespels; Ruthie Burford (1961 MCUHS)

## DIRECTOR'S LETTER

Spring is finally here and a welcome sight after a lengthy winter. April is the month that begs you to spend all the daylight hours outside but circumstances usually demand your focus on the indoors. There is a solution to this dichotomy and that is to create an environment that rivals nature's splendor and the Museum seems to be competing quite well.

The exhibits committee has moved the Andy Devine memorabilia to the area adjacent to the theatre that is showing one of Andy's films, the area is bigger and allows for more artifacts to be displayed. The vacant space once occupied by the famous actor will now become a children's corner. There is a new Route 66 exhibit located by the Presidential Portrait room and to make this journey all the more palatable, the Museum's kitchen is being remodeled.

The most unique aspect of this make over is the fact that the auditorium space was not violated in any way. The seating capacity of our main room remains at one hundred and sixty people. On March 1st the Museum hosted the annual "Women Making History" awards and I counted 152 people attending. The building stayed at a perfect temperature and the speakers could be heard without the use of a microphone.

The Museum continues to give back to the community that has sponsored it through the years and I am proud to be a part of this process. The relationship between Kingman and the Museum continues to grow and will always be a win-win relationship.

Come down and see for yourself the progress of all the new exhibits. The Museum is always dynamic and with your continued support will continue to grow and prosper.

Thank you! Shannon Rossiter

## Museum Business Membership

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

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# 50 YEARS AGO FROM THE MOHAVE COUNTY MINER

## April 1965

Mrs. Bonnie Owen, County school superintendent, visited the school in Chloride last Friday.

Bullhead City: Work is progressing on schedule at the River Bend Marina. General contractor Mohave Construction of Kingman estimates that the bulk of the work will be completed by mid-April.

An early morning fire caused some smoke damage in the kitchen of the Jade restaurant. Charlie Lum, owner of the Jade, said the restaurant had been closed for less than an hour after the fire. He said damage was not serious.

The 49 cars competing in the 1965 Mobil Economy Run passed through Kingman via US 66 East Monday afternoon on the run from Los Angeles to New York's Times Square.



Bonnie Luck, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Luck of Kingman, was selected winner of a contest among high school juniors and sophomores to participate in the 16th annual United Nations Pilgrimage for Youth. The United Nations Pilgrimage is sponsored by the Odd Fellow and Rebekah Lodges of America.

Bill Ridenour, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Ridenour of 605 Copper Street, and a graduate of Mohave County Union High School, was elected last week to head Associated Students of the University of Arizona.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Capalby of Kingman report that their son, Freddie, who is stationed with the Air Force at Albuquerque, New Mexico, will soon be released from the service. Freddie has had several interviews at Albuquerque to do commercials on a local television station. He expects to be in Kingman in about a week.

Among those from Kingman attending the banquet last Wednesday evening in Phoenix honoring Barry Goldwater were Mr. and Mrs. Bill Grounds, Blaine Crozier, Lois Lashbrook, Mrs. Nell Clack, Mrs. Ollie Bond, Mrs. Helen Eley, Mrs. Wilma Brummet and Mrs. Virginia Slater.

Another business has opened up in the Big Sandy area. George Musser now has his equipment set up to sharpen saws.



George Musser, age 21

L. T. Grounds, who was the first white child born in Mohave County, recently returned here for a visit with his brother W. F. Grounds and family.

The new post office at Peach Springs will be dedicated Monday at 11:30 am, Postmaster Annie C. Jones announced. The contract for the post office was let in June to the Hualapai Tribal Council.

Mrs. Harry Quartier left Kingman Monday to join her husband in Fort Bliss, Texas. The Quartiers have been residents of Kingman for many years and are former owners and operators of the Casa Linda Café. They have disposed of their property here and will make their home in Fort Bliss.



The proper execution of required forms will speed up applications for veteran's benefits, Wayne A. Sanders, manager of the VA's Arizona Regional Office, said today.

Preparations for the annual spring luncheon and show at the Kingman Country Club are in full swing. The date has been set for Wednesday, April 28. Co-chairmen will be Vonceil Trahan and Nellie Blake.

Eleven students representing the arts and crafts department of Mohave County Union High School attended the ninth annual Art Workshop held at the University of Arizona at Tucson last Saturday. Students making the trip were Robert Bell, Mike Tarr, Scott Bell, Sondra Scarborough, Jessie Seapy, Lee Ingle, Tom Short, Joe Taraba, June Smith and Patsy Touchette.

Program Chairman Ennis Vaughan presented a look at Red China to the members of the Kingman Rotary Club at their luncheon in the Jade Café last Wednesday. Mr. Vaughan showed a United States Army film on the Communist nation in Asia.

## 80 YEARS AGO FROM THE MOHAVE COUNTY MINER

### April 1935

Paddy Dillon, well known old-time miner of Oatman, was found dead in his bed shortly after nine o'clock Wednesday evening. He had apparently gone to bed quite early in a dug-out in the back yard of his home. The roof of his sleeping quarters caved in on him, evidently killing him instantly. Mr. Dillon had been working at the Ruth mine for the last 25 years.

Mt. Trumbull: The Esplins are sporting a new V-8 Ford. People say they are positive now that Max has a new car oftener than he has a new girl.

Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe A. Daniels of Flagstaff are here and will operate the Sprouse-Reitz store for a month or six weeks while Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Stratton are on a vacation.

Mrs. Ora Grunninger burned her hands quite badly yesterday afternoon. She was putting some old firms in the stove when the ones she held in her hands ignited.

A four-page folder describing the highway between Kingman and the Boulder Dam, written by Charles Metcalf, has

been published by the Mohave County Chamber of Commerce and turned over to Mr. Metcalf for distribution. They are of a size convenient to mail with letters and Mr. Metcalf says he will be glad to furnish copies to anyone wishing to send them to prospective visitors to Mohave County and the dam.

Dr. and Mrs. Paul Long spent Sunday visiting relatives in Oatman.

The public library will be open from two to five on Tuesday and Saturday afternoons and from seven to nine Tuesday evening.

Miss Loretta Scherer and Maude Smith of Redondo, California, are spending several days at the Kit Carson Guest House. They are guests of C. F. Weeks of the Tyro mine and are enjoying trips to the mines and magnificent scenery around Kingman.



## 100 YEARS AGO FROM THE MOHAVE COUNTY MINER

### April 1915

Roy Willis, an old-time miner, is in Kingman from the Big Sandy country. He reports that he has opened some good looking molybdenite ore in one of his claims in the country near Deluge Wash.

For Sale: One span of dark brown match mules, seven years old, well broke and gentle. Formerly worked on ice wagon. Apply ice plant.

Henry Lovin came up from the Sandy country a few days ago, having been on the roundup the past two weeks.

City Brewery  
and Henry Lovin  
Wholesale  
Liquor Dealer



View of  
Bonelli  
House  
under  
construc-  
tion in  
1915



Potato  
Patch,  
Hualapai  
Mountains  
- South of  
Flag Peak



# Mohave County Movers and Shakers

CECIL DAVIS, Businessman, was born in Kansas on October 21, 1903. As a young man in the 1920s he taught school in Kansas. In 1932 he lost an eye to an infection and wore a glass eye for the rest of his life.



In the spring of 1925 he came to Peach Springs where he built the Old Rock Trading Post with his cousin Ancel Taylor. The building is now an Indian Agency office.

Davis married Lillie Hauptli in 1926. They lived in Peach Springs until 1929, then moved to Kingman and built a home on Grandview Avenue. The couple had two daughters. The couple returned to Kansas in 1934, but came back to Kingman in 1935.

Cecil opened Cecil's Shell Station on Andy Devine Avenue. During World War II the station and adjoining garage burned down, but they were able to continue the operation using a trailer as an office. Cecil also worked for Arthur's Sales and Service for 20 years prior to his death.

Cecil Davis was a long-time member of the Kingman Elks and past master of the Masonic Lodge. He died in Kingman on July 8, 1970.

In 1997 the city dedicated Cecil Davis Park to his memory.

NOLAN LeREX DAVIS, Businessman, was born in Kingman in July 1938. He graduated from Mohave Union High School in 1956, attended the University of Arizona and graduated from Arizona State College in Flagstaff. Shortly before graduation he took over management of Davis Heating and Cooling after the death of his father, continuing there for 15 years.

In 1962, Davis married Sharon Max Pattillo. They raised one son, Sean.

In 1975 Nolan and Sharon opened the Davis Agency Insurance Company. The company was later sold to The Mahoney Group, but Davis continued working there until his retirement in 2007.

Nolan Davis was active in the community, serving as a volunteer firefighter, and was a long-time member of the Kingman Elks Lodge and the Kingman Rotary Club. He served on many city and county commissions.

Nolan Davis died in Kingman on October 21, 2007.

CHARLES DUTTON "CHARLEY" – Businessman, was born in 1891 in Flagstaff, Arizona. He came to Kingman about 1917 and married Josephine Ayers that year. They had two children, Allen and Margaret. Josephine died in 1938, and Charley later married Charlotte, who survived him.



In 1919, Dutton purchased the Soft Water Laundry from local businessman J. H. Knight. He was connected with that business until his death.

Dutton was active in the Kingman community, serving as secretary of the Mohave County Union High School board. He was a member of Elks Lodge No. 468 and served as Exalted Ruler. He also belonged to the Masonic Lodge.

Charlie Dutton died in 1942 and is buried in Mountain View Cemetery.

OREGON D. M. GADDIS, Merchant and Cattleman, was born in 1859 in Georgia. He became a teacher in 1880, and then held various federal jobs through 1886, when he traveled to California, New Mexico, and finally settled in Kingman in 1891 where he worked as bookkeeper in Beecher & Co.'s store.



In 1893, together with Mr. Perry, he established the mercantile business of Gaddis and Perry, which had a store in Kingman and branches in other Mohave County communities. Also in 1893 he married Eleanor. They had one son.

Gaddis was appointed Clerk of the Territorial District Court, and in 1894 was elected to the Territorial Legislature. He served as president of the Board of Education and president of the Mohave County Highway Commission. He was a charter member of the Kingman Elks, and was U. S. Postmaster for Kingman.

Eleanor Gaddis died in 1933; Oregon D. M. Gaddis died in Kingman on January 29, 1940.

# Membership Renewal

Mr & Mrs Larry Anderson, Flagstaff, AZ  
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Elaine Grissom  
Doris B Huff  
Linda Shuffler  
Bill & Colleen Kirby

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Paul J & Diane L Webster  
Noval and Diana Wright  
Virginia Black Doyle, Makaha, HI  
Butch Meriwether, Golden Valley, AZ  
Dennis J Sigurnjak, Lake Havasu City, AZ  
Mission Bank  
Dave & Jan Cox  
Carlos and Delia Lucero  
John and Donna Touchette  
Hugh and Carol Brown, Essex, CA  
Florence Conaway  
H. Lucy Hackley  
Tom and Geneva Bridges  
Trudy (Peart) Burrus, Mission Viejo, CA

## New Memberships

Sandra D Nagel, Lake Havasu City, AZ

## Memorials

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### **In Memory Of**

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# Movies filmed Locally



***Foxfire*** is a 1955 Hollywood motion picture, that starred Jane Russell and Jeff Chandler, and Dan Duryea. The movie was filmed on location at the Apple Valley Inn in Apple Valley, California and in Oatman, Arizona.



***Edge of Eternity*** is a 1959 CinemaScope film directed by Don Siegel shot on location in the Grand Canyon starring Cornel Wilde, Victoria Shaw, Mickey Shaughnessy, Edger Buchanan and Jack Elam.



***The Badlanders*** (1958) is a western caper film directed by Delmer Daves and starring Alan Ladd and Ernest Borgnine. It was written by Richard Collins, based upon the novel *The Asphalt Jungle* by W. R. Burnett.



***Universal Soldier*** is a 1992 American science fiction action film directed by Roland Emmerich. The film stars Jean-Claude Van Damme and Dolph Lundgren as soldiers who kill each other in Vietnam but are reanimated in a secret Army project along with a large group of other previously dead soldiers.



***Roadhouse 66*** is a 1984 movie starring Willem Dafoe and Judge Reinhold. The film is set entirely in Kingman, Arizona, and Oatman, Arizona, two towns on historic U.S. Route 66.

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