



**23rd Annual Historic Route 66 Fun Run**

**Seligman April 30, Kingman May 1, Topock May 2**

Festivities will start in Seligman on Friday with registration, music, entertainment, and checking out the sights of Seligman. Saturday morning the vehicles will start to line up in preparation for the start of the FUN RUN to Kingman. Since this is not a timed event please feel free to stop along the way to enjoy refreshments, western dance, sample the Hualapai Tribe BBQ and check out the other vehicles as they cruise by.

Upon arrival in Kingman sometime in the afternoon we will be lining up the vehicles (not only cars but busses, vans, cycles and RVs) on Route 66 and at the Powerhouse for viewing and fun judging. Entertainment, activities and vendors all day. Evening activities, downtown Kingman activities and entertainment sponsored by the Downtown Merchants Association.

Sunday morning the vehicles will line up for the run to Topock/Golden Shores for the final get-together and awards. Again, not a timed run so there is plenty of time to stop along the way with Oatman being a fun place. We promise to have each and every burro in the neighborhood on the hoof to meet and greet our fun runners.

As we get closer to the event more and more activities will be added to make this year's run even more special!



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**Director's Letter**

May is probably the best month for desert dwellers. The desert is full of life from the sandy washes to the rocky bluffs. The cactus blossoms and wild flowers give living color that overshadows any color chart made by man. The unusually wet winter has spawned an abundance of wild-life. I have seen deer, red-tailed hawks and coyotes in record number and of course we have pack rats and their counterpart, the rattlesnake. If you throw the "Winds of May" into the mix, you have color and movement everywhere you look.

May is also the month that school lets out and almost all the schools try to get in a field trip to the Museum. I would like to quote some of the thank you letters that the students write (I purposely did not change the spelling): 1) Dear Mohave County Museum, Thank you for letting my class visit the museum. We had a terrific time seeing all of the interesting things. My favorite thing was the snake, because it looks cool. I look forward touisting the museum again. 2) Dear Mohave County Museum Staff, Thank you for letting my class visit the museum. We had a terrific time seeing all of the interesting things. My favorite thing was that one thing that had people and a baby on the stairs and they were at a bar because it looked really cool (I didn't get the bar part, I guess this child got a peak into the Staff's lunch room). I look forward to visiting the museum again. 3) Dear Powerhouse, I loved coming to you guys museum I have never been there before, and if it wasn't for you guys I wouldn't have gone there for a field trip. I liked going there because the way you guys set it up it looks so realistic, so cool, and so fun. I can't wait til I go there again, thank you again.

After reading these letters, I realized that all of the children could spell "cool" correctly. How cool is that!

Hooray, my vision for a "hands on" children's Museum section is in the works. Please contact me if you have any ideas, funds, or time to help make this dream come true. Many people that have access to minerals have agreed to help set up a gold panning exhibit with gold, black sand, water and all. Thank you-

Shannon Rossiter

## Events and Attractions

### ARTIST OF THE MONTH

#### JOHN R. BYRAM

John was born in and grew up in Kingman, Arizona. He received a Bachelor's degree in architecture from Arizona State University and Masters degrees in architecture and city planning from UC Berkley. He has studied with several notable aquarellist, including Robert S. Oliver and Robert J. Uecker. He currently paints in transparent watercolor with the Mount Washington Plein Air Painters (a.k.a. the stand-back-and-squint-group).

John has most recently exhibited his watercolors at the Acorn Gallery in Los Angeles, California and Civic Center gallery in Alhambra, California. His work is represented in several private and public collections. John is a licensed architect with his own design practice in Pasadena, California, where he lives with his wife, Simran, who is an urban designer.

A reception is scheduled from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm on May 1, 2010. Please be sure to come to the Museum to see John Byram's works.



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Mohave Memories On The Internet [www.mohavemuseum.org](http://www.mohavemuseum.org)

Mohave Memories Newsletter is Online

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#### GENEALOGY SOCIETY MONTHLY MEETING

Mohave Museum Library

Wed. May 13th, 1:00 PM

All in the family fun.

#### MOHAVE PIONEERS HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Board Meeting

Mohave Museum Library

Thursday May 20th at 5:00 PM

Monthly Meeting

### 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

May 1960



Photo #11169, **1st Museum Fund Raiser**, twenty one people in costume that provided entertainment at the first Mohave Museum Fund Raiser Barbecue. Event organized by the Daughters of the Mohave County Pioneers.

40,000 bricks for the Pioneer's Museum have been brought to Kingman to be used as a veneer. Pioneer's Museum to be established by the Daughters of the Mohave County Pioneers.

**1960 KINGMAN CENSUS:**

Chester Clark, supervisor of this district for the U.S. Census Bureau, announced that the census of the city of Kingman, is 4,512, he pointed out that this figure is subject to review and the actual official total maybe slightly higher.



**NEW SELF SERVICE LAUNDRY OPENED**

The Spic and Span Cleaners have opened a new self-service laundry which they will operate in conjunction with their cleaning shop at 211 E. Beale. St. The business is owned and operated by Mr. And Mrs. Owen Finch



TV Recording star "TOMMY SCOTT" in person at the National Guard Armory, Sunday Night, 7:30 P.M. Sunday May 29th. Adults \$1.00, Children (under 12) 75 cents.

**Black Wins Root Beer Co Award.** Leo. F. Black of Kingman is the recipient of the A & W Root Beer Co. Service Award for five years of outstanding service. Mr. Back owns the A & W Drive In on west 93,

**Jerry Meins is with the US Navy** and is attending basic training at San Diego Calif. Ray Meins is with the US Army stationed at Panama.

**HIGH SCHOOL TO GRADUATE 55 SENIORS**

Fifty five students will graduate from Mohave County Union High School Thursday May 28th. The ceremony will take place at the high school athletic field at 8:00 pm. The Class of 1960 will be headed by Lila Pemberton as Valedictorian and Linda Long as Salutatorian, The Rev. DeWayne Zimmerman will deliver the main address.

**Mr. And Mrs. Edward Odle** spent several days last week in Phoenix visiting the parents of Mrs. Odle. Mrs. Odle enjoyed a week long vacation from her duties as a saleslady at Central Style Corner.



Come and see Dick Clark in his first starring roll and Tuesday Weld this Thursday, Friday and Saturday at the State Theatre.

# 80 YEARS AGO FROM THE MOHAVE COUNTY MINER

## May 1930

We have a wire from Census Supervisor Thomas of Prescott that the estimated census of Kingman is 2,146.



Photo #4180, Front Street (Andy Devine) and 4th Street, Kingman, Arizona

**White House Cafe**  
 "Best Place in Kingman to eat"

**Sheriff Ernest Graham** drove to the Romon ranch in the Bill Williams river district yesterday to deal with some bad men who have been charged with cattle rustling. He will return to town today.

**Wash L. Smiths** have moved their residence from the Ideal Hotel building to the Hamilton duplex, formerly occupied by the Burrs this week. Only recently they sold their interest in the hotel to another party.

**Walter Spaw** hurdles to new record, breaking his own state record in the 220-yard low hurdles to establish ever a better mark of 26.7 seconds.

**Mr. and Mrs. J.H. Caldwell** yesterday purchased a 1930 model Chevrolet couple from the local dealer.

**HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES 29 PUPILS THURSDAY**, Commencement address was delivered by Clement S. Fox, former principal of Kingman High School. Presentation of the class was made by Miss Selma Braem, principal, while formal presentation of the diplomas was done by Charles Dutton, chairman of the board of education.

# 100 YEARS AGO FROM THE MOHAVE COUNTY MINER

## May 1910



Freight Team Going to Mines Over Union Pass - 1910

**Mrs. E.V. Peary**, trained nurse, is ready to respond to calls at all times. Residence is the Pink House (Thompson's) Beale Street.



**George Bonelli**, (on right) who has been riding the range around Quail Springs, returned home a few days ago.

**William Warren**, who was severely injured by a bucking horse on the Big Sandy, a few weeks ago, has returned to his home at the old Cornwall ranch, much improved and it is thought that he will entirely recover.

This morning one of the largest transactions in cattle ever made in this county took place. **Henry Bacon selling his cattle and ranch**, the Fort Rock to Sam Sloam for a sum approximating \$60,000.

**George Atmore** has purchased the interest of George Sowers in the moving picture business at Elks Opera House and now Henry Lang and Mr. Atmore will be found entertaining their patrons every evening.

**M.G. Wagner** has been feeling the public pulse this week in the matter of sprinkling the streets, especially those in the business part of the town and it is understood that he is meeting with success. Kingman streets should either be oiled or sprinkled and anything that will modify the dust storms and the swirl of dust up and down the main thoroughfares will be greatly appreciated. It is understood that the expense of sprinkling will be about \$200 per month.

**Mr. and Mrs. J.L. Wren** have sold their place on South Front Street and it is rumored that a blacksmith shop is to be built on the front part of the lots.

# Medical History in Mohave County

## FROM THE LIBRARY

Kay Ellermann- Librarian

### Medical History in Mohave County

The official recorded medical history in Mohave County began in 1881 and up to 1963, there were 66 physicians that had recorded their license in the county.

Let us try to picture Mohave County in the year 1881. There was no Kingman and the Santa Fe Railroad, then known as the Atlantic and Pacific Railroad, had only reached Winslow. It was not until early 1883 that it reached Kingman and beyond. Hackberry was the largest settlement in this area, it being supported by the Hackberry Mine nearby and the American Flag Mine in the Hualapai Mountains near the present County Park. The McCracken Mine had an important settlement down near Signal, and Fort Mohave had just been turned into an Indian Boarding School. There were mining camps at Chloride, Mineral Park, Cerbat and Stockton in the Cerbat Mountains between here and Chloride, but there was no Kingman, Goldroad or Oatman. This county was essentially a land of Indians, mines and cattle with a little farming settlement on the Big Sandy.

In 1918 during the worldwide influenza outbreak, 25 Oatman residents died in 21 days. The High School in Kingman was closed in late October, 1918 as flu swept the county, desks were removed from the building and beds moved in. It served as Kingman's hospital until the flu abated.

The Mohave General Hospital was built in 1922. (Now torn down) Forerunners of the hospital were private affairs supported by the local doctors. The first was operated in 1916 by Minnie Gully and located at Mohave and Madison Streets. Later the Locust Rooming House at Third and Beale Streets. A small house in the rear was used as a surgery, patients bedded down in the rooming house like any other transient and were cared for by friends and relatives. Later the Greystone Inn was on a little more elaborate scale and patients were cared for by registered nurses. (Located in a building where St. Mary's Catholic Church stands today.)

A hospital bond issue for \$80,000 was voted in June 1920 and carried by a vote of 4 to 1. Between November, 1920 and January, 1921 plans for the Mohave General Hospital were drawn by Santa Fe Railroad Architects and the contract let for the building

As the old Mohave General Hospital on Beale St. became taxed for space, it was voted to move to a new facility on the "Hilltop Area". The new hospital on Stockton Hill Rd. opened June 30, 1970 and has continued to expand to meet the needs of Kingman and much of Mohave County. On October 15, 2009 we were graced with a brand new hospital known as the Hualapai Mountain Medical Center located on Santa Rosa Drive.



**Cow "Rose" on hospital porch**

First hospital in Kingman run by Minnie Gully at 906 Madison. Currently owned by Bud and Patsy Lacy.



**Mohave General Hospital built 1922**



**Mohave General Hospital built 1970**

## Membership Renewal

Joni E. Alama, Hualapai, AZ  
Kathleen Baker/Louise Benner  
Jean Bishop, Chloride, AZ  
Dwight S. & D. Maxine Burgess  
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Kristine Allaman

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Anthony F. & Tamara J. Pawlow  
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William R. and Anne Duke, Needles, CA  
Sharps Ranch, Ms. Dana Sharp, Prescott, AZ

## Memorials

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

### In Memory of

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# WHO WHAT AND WHEN IN MOHAVE COUNTY



**Alfred Banegas Padilla**, a native of Mohave County, won the second highest military award the United States can bestow for his service in the United States Army during the World War II.

Padilla was born at Wickieup in 1911, attended Kingman schools and worked at the Borianna Mine near Yucca as a young man.

Alfred went into the Army early in the War and was assigned to the famed 90<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division, an outfit known as the "Tough Ombres". The Division participated in the campaign across Europe after D-Day and took part in the advance into the Saar Region as well as the Battle of the Bulge in the winter of 1944-45.

Sargeant Padilla was seriously wounded in action on January 12, 1945 in Luxembourg and in addition to the Purple Heart medal, was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross for gallantry in action, the second highest military award given by the Army. He was also the recipient of the Bronze Star Medal and the Combat Infantry Badge. Alfred Padilla returned to Kingman after the War and spent the rest of his life in this area.

He was a life long member of the Disabled American Veterans and passed away in 1971 at the age of sixty.



**Overall view of the site of the Frisco Mine**

**The Frisco Mine**, located in the Black Mountains a few miles below Union Pass, started operations in about 1894 and at one time boasted a population of several hundred. The mine site can still be seen on the left side of Highway 68 coming up the hill from Bullhead City to Kingman appearing as a huge gap of falling white rock below a peak. Pictured below are Porter Williams and Virginia Bentley outside the Bentley home in Frisco. Porter Williams is the father of Richard Lee Williams, Kingman educator for whom the newest Kingman high school is named.



**Porter Williams and Virginia Bentley at Frisco Mine**

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**Happy Mothers Day  
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***VOLUNTEER UPDATE***

Louise Benner- Volunteer Coordinator

We all had such a nice time at our Annual Awards Banquet. It is just a small way to show our great dedicated Volunteers how much we appreciate their tireless work for our Museum. Everyone enjoyed the catered lunch and the great entertainment.

The nicest part is being able to see and talk to everyone in such a relaxed afternoon. Thank you one and all. We really appreciate all your time and effort.

*“When you open your heart to giving, Angels fly to your door.”*