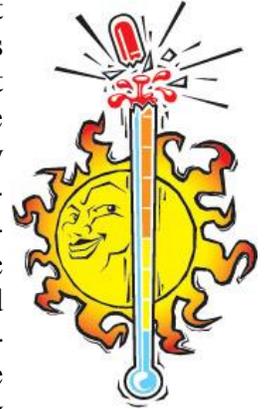




New sheriff in town, stop by and visit....

Director's Letter

July, sweet July, is once again upon us reminding all that the words "heat" and "Summer" are synonyms. I actually find comfort in the fact that the desert never disappoints me. I can always count on hot days and sultry nights. I have lived in the desert most of my adult life and I have come to accept the various weather conditions associated with its intrinsic beauty. I wrap my arms around such wonderment (cactus excluded). I know there are some among you that do not share my enthusiasm and to those I say come down to the Museum and enjoy the new exhibits in the splendor of an air conditioned environment.



And, for those who do enjoy the Arizona summer outdoors, the sheriff and his sidekick on the left are a part of the new jailhouse addition. Come on down, and hang around!!

The Museum continues to grow and prosper and this growth can be directly attributed to your continued support of this facility as well as the Bonelli House and the Route 66 Museum. The Museum membership is second only to the Arizona Historical Society in numbers; I would encourage those of you that are able to spare some time, to become a volunteer and get to know all the wonderful guests that come from all over the world to see Kingman's historical sites. If you could spare only four hours a month, I guarantee you would enjoy yourself.

Shannon Rossiter, Director

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The Mohave Museum of History and Arts
Arizona Wine County Tour
(Verde Valley)

Date: Oct. 10, 2014 @ 8:00 am
Return: Oct. 12, 2014 @ 4:00 pm

Departure and Return Location:
Mohave Museum of History and Arts
400 West Beale St.
Kingman, Az. 86401

Tour Highlights: Wine tasting at (4) area wineries, Dinner at Plaza Bonita, Brazin'M Ranch Dinner and Show. First class on the Verde Canyon Railroad and two nights at Cottonwood Best Western. Price includes, Coach, driver's tip and all the fun one could have with friends and meeting new ones.

Admission: \$550.00 per person (Double Occupancy)
\$670.00 per person (Single Occupancy)

Point of Contact/Payment/Reservations:
Mohave Museum of History and Arts
Vicky Markee—(928) 753-3195

Must be 21 years of age.

Calendar of Events

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Mohave Museum of History & Arts

The Mohave Museum of History & Arts invites you to participate in preserving our past and building for the future.

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Museum Business Membership

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



50 YEARS AGO FROM THE MOHAVE COUNTY MINER

July 1964

Stella Baxter, long-time dance teacher of Kingman, has just returned from a week of concentrated study in all phases of dance education, held in Santa Monica, California.



Lake Havasu bass are biting on water dogs and averaging three to four pounds, according to Captain Paul Kirk, harbormaster at Lake Havasu City. Drifting the many points that border the lake on both sides of Lake Havasu City is a sure way to catch the bronzebacks.

A cattle guard has been installed on highway 68 at approximately the same spot as the old JHJ Ranch road used to be. This will allow residents living in that area of the valley easier access to their properties.

The Arizona State Highway Department is to make a survey soon of traffic on the east side of Kingman on Route 66, State Senator Robert E. Morrow reported this week. He said he had requested the survey to see if the 35 mile speed limit should be extended to the city limits or beyond. He said he thought the 50 mile per hour limit now in effect in the zone is too high because of the number of cars turning to go to businesses in that area.

A general call for talented persons in Mohave County has been issued this week by Mrs. Bonnie Britt and Mrs. Getty Grounds, co-chairmen of the amateur talent competition which will be held here in August. The winners of the county contest will compete for more than \$1000 in prizes at the Arizona State Fair in November.

Chloride: New books at the library this week are "The Spy Who Came In From the Cold" by LeCarre; "The Collector" by Fowles; and "Keepers of the House" by Grau.

In cooperation with the American National Cattlegrowers Association the Mohave County Cowbells are promoting the consumption of American Produced beef by placing posters in the retail meat markets handling such products.

Since Davis Dam opened its self-guided tour in 1957, some 95,137 visitors have taken the tour of the dam, C. L. Edmondson, chief operator, reported.



Mrs. Betty Grounds and daughter Tommy spent last weekend in Phoenix visiting her sister, Mrs. Truman McDaniels, and family.

Crystal Collins has just signed a contract with Desilu Productions of Hollywood for a weekly television series suggested by her experiences in subdividing and selling her Paradise Acres Estates subdivision in the Sacramento Valley. Much of the filming will be done in this area, Miss Collins said.

A Kingman man was fined \$150 on drunken driving charges Monday after he ran into an eastbound train Sunday night at Seventh and Topeka, Kingman police reported.

More than 110 placements of youths under 22 years of age have been reported by the Kingman office of the Arizona State Employment Service since the annual "Jobs for Youth" campaign got under way on May 25th. The "Drive for Youths" drive in Kingman is sponsored by the Mohave County Lions Club and the employment service.

Construction was started last week on a new Greyhound Terminal Building designed to keep pace with Kingman's future. The structure will soon rise at the corner of Second and Beale streets. Completion is expected before the end of the year.

80 YEARS AGO FROM THE MOHAVE COUNTY MINER

July 1934

Officials of the TWA took delivery of the seventh of the new Douglas fourteen-passenger transports here at the local airport on Tuesday of this week. The trip was made from the coast city in one hour and a half, flying at cruising speed.

Following the fire yesterday at Pearl's Brown Mug, a sign was hung over the door that is a very attractive affair. The place was closed for repairs but today is doing business as usual.

John Osterman of the Osterman garage this week set a record for his garage and we think for the county when he completed the sale of four Plymouth cars in one day, all of them to residents of Oatman.

Sheriff Ernest Graham and Judge Eddie Wishon went to Round Valley last Wednesday to investigate a report that there was a dead man in a pump house. They found the story to be untrue, however.

The local fire department was called out last Saturday morning to the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Bale. Upon arriving at their destination it was found that Mrs. Jack Bale had had the presence of mind to throw the light gasoline stove, which had exploded, out into the back yard and to shovel loose dirt onto it, thus extinguishing the fire.

Members of the Swashkegame Post of the American Legion now number 112. Several new members were taken in last meeting at the fire hall. The Legion is proud to say that in Kingman there are four Red Cross nurses who are veterans of the World War and all members of the post.

H. L. "Pop" Horner, former resident of Kingman, spent a few days this week visiting old friends and attending to business matters. While here "Pop" enjoyed a game of golf at the Kingman Country Club.

Members of the local fire department have complained recently of children running after the truck and getting in the way at the scenes of fires. They request that parents instruct their children to keep at a reasonable distance while the truck is out and when the firemen are working.

100 YEARS AGO FROM THE MOHAVE COUNTY MINER

July 1914

An unusual sight was presented to the people of Kingman when the Sandy stage drove up the main street of the town Wednesday, for in the rear part of the auto truck was a cow, while the front seats were occupied by five passengers. The cow was brought in from the Carrow ranch, sixty miles from Kingman and appeared to be enjoying her first joy ride.

The storm Thursday night laid the dust and made life worth living. Preceding the rain came one of the greatest dust storms ever known in the county. Great swirls of dust were carried far up into the sky, only to be dropped over everything. To the south of town a great fall of rain occurred.

Jeff Bland and J. B. Taylor are to establish a steam laundry on a lot on the Smith addition. The plant will be up-to-date and will be found of great convenience to the people of the town and surrounding country. At the present time all the laundry of the town is shipped to points in Arizona, New Mexico and California.

Peter White has been out at the cattle ranch of O.D.M. Gaddis where he opened up great bodies of water in the old May's Well and at other places. The ranch now has sufficient water for all the cattle the range will stand.

County Engineer R. P. Wheelock went over the Big Sandy road as far as the ranch of John Ward yesterday. He reports that as soon as surveys can be made, work on that part of the county highway system will be let to local bidders. The Big Sandy needs a good road and the sooner it is built the better it will be for the many people living along the stream, as well as the people of Kingman and other places where their trading is done.

Mining experts looked over the Stockton Hill Country and the north end of the Hualapai Mountains. The mines of both sections are most inviting and it is a stickler who cannot be satisfied with any one of the many properties in these two sections.

W. H. Smith has just returned from a trip to the Quartzite country where a new strike was recently reported. He reports the weather rather torrid there.

Memories Thru Photo's

Ghosts at the goal posts

The football stadium at White Cliff Middle School in Kingman, AZ gives an entirely different meaning to the term “team spirit”. This football field was built on what was once the Pioneer Cemetery. The Pioneer Cemetery was used as the original cemetery in Kingman from 1900 to 1917.

In about 1903, Jennie Bauers—Jerome’s most famous and loved madam—left Jerome, AZ and headed for a new boom town called Acne (now known as Gold-field). Jennie’s gambling suitor, Clement C. Leigh, followed her there. After a time, Jennie began to feel he was somewhat of a threat. In September 1905, Leigh needed money to settle a bad debt. With anger and a gun in his hand, he headed to Jennie’s place and demanded she hand over her cash. An argument ensued and Jennie tried to flee from the building. He chased after her, firing several shots which wounded her as she ran into the street. He approached the paralyzed woman and fired a fatal shot to her head. He then pointed the gun to his chest and fired again. He lay down beside her to die. But, instead, Leigh survived the suicide attempt and was carted off to jail. Jennie was mourned by all and laid to rest in the Pioneer Cemetery in Kingman. In 1907, justice was served and Leigh was hung. He too, was buried in the Kingman Pioneer Cemetery.



In 1917, the county began the task of moving the graves of the dearly departed to the new Mountain View Cemetery. Mohave County did not pay for your loved ones to be moved to the new location. That was the family’s responsibility. So, some of the not so dearly departed, whose relatives would not come forward, were not moved. They were left behind at the deserted cemetery.

Mohave County donated the old Pioneer Cemetery property to the school board to build a new high school. A stadium and parking lot replaced the hallowed grounds. They say that in the 1940’s, a group of youngsters playing on the football field began to unearth bones of the bodies that were never moved to Mountain View Cemetery. Many organizations were alarmed and took action to have the existing remains exhumed and placed in a solitary grave on the property. There is a plaque dedicated to the unknown buried pioneers on the school grounds.

And as fate would have it, Jennie Bauers and her murderer, Clement Leigh, are now buried in the same grave and entombed forever in the end zone of a football field. So if you are ever attending a big football game at the old stadium and the excitement begins to magnify—beware the rising spirits might be more than just the cheering crowd.

Membership Renewal

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Bayard H Brattstrom Horned Lizard Ranch, Wikieup, AZ
Mrs. Laveda A. Brisbane, Rancho Palos Verdes, CA
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John Osterman
Mrs. Donna Semm
Sheldon and Dawn Weisberg, Hackberry, AZ
Mr. & Mrs. J Ronald White
Nancy Shaner
Clarence & Dianne Roberts
Albert & Carol Noli
Ray Short
Paul & Sujatha Kalanithi
Denny Shaeffer
Ray W Aldridge Mountain View Cemetery
Carlos W Noli, Phoenix, AZ
Al and Elise Otero, Apache Junction, AZ
Dorian Trahan
Ronald H. Hall, Chloride, AZ
Tim and Robin Mosby
Helen L Black-Tapp, Phoenix, AZ

New Memberships

Robert W Budd
Gail Salmon
Cristi McReynolds
Frances A. Kamienski

Memorials

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

In Memory Of

Dale Clark Blair
Michael Alan Shaner
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August E. and Norine A. "Tiny" Reichardt
Ila Marie Corbin
Linda Chevalier
Helen Reid (Carrara) Graves
Joseph Edward Gatineau
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Mohave County Movers and Shakers

WILLIAM “BILL” CASSON, Fire Chief, Citizens Utilities Manager, was born May 2, 1921 in Kingman, and lived here all his life. As a youth he was a Life Scout; in high school he played basketball and was called “outstanding.”



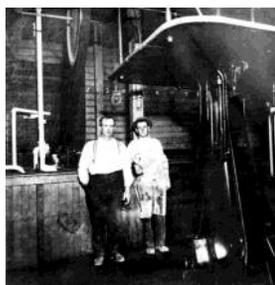
Casson attended the University of Arizona in 1939 and later transferred to NAU. He joined the U. S. Army during World War II, serving from 1943 to 1945. In 1948 Bill married Patricia Brady. They had six children.

Bill Casson joined the Kingman Fire Department in 1946 and became Chief in 1959. He left the Fire Department in 1964 to join Citizens Utilities Company as manager of the electric division, a post he held until his death. He also served as director of the Kingman Chamber of Commerce, and was with the Kingman Elks for 31 years.

Casson was a volunteer fireman when he was killed instantly in the July 4, 1973 Doxel explosion in Kingman, which also took the lives of 11 others.

Services for Bill Casson and fireman Jimmy Cox were held at the Elks Lodge on July 10, 1973. Attending among many others were fire officials from Colorado, Utah, Nevada, California and New Mexico.

Walter Casteel, Businessman, was born on July 30, 1870 in Vermillion County, Illinois. His wife’s name was Sarah. In Kingman Casteel owned an icehouse and a bottling plant. He was a carpenter and an engineer and at one time managed the Crystal Confectionary Store in Kingman.



Interior of ice plant.
L to R: Walter Casteel; Bob Manship

Casteel died on November 4, 1936.

Horace “Greely” Clack Rancher and Miner, nephew of John Henry Johnson, was born in Illinois in 1872. **Nellie Lindsay Clack** was born in Kansas in 1885 and taught school there before coming to Arizona. Nellie and Greely were married in 1917 in Yucca, Arizona. They had two daughters, Betty (Grounds) and Olive (Bond).



Following their honeymoon camping by a stream in the Hualapais they set up house-keeping in Kingman. Over the years mining interests dominated the ups and downs of their fortunes. They acquired the Valley Ranch but lost it in the depression of the 1930s, acquired it back and sold it in 1951 to Elmer Butler for housing developments. From 1925 to 1941 the Clacks owned and operated a Dairy in Kingman.

From the time of her marriage Nellie was active in civic affairs. She was a member of the Mohave County Cowbells, Flower Club, Soroptimist Club and the first president of the Kingman Woman’s Club. She was among the first volunteers who organized the Mohave County Fair in 1946.

Nellie served two two-year terms as Mohave County School Superintendent. She was nominated for the Arizona Women’s Hall of Fame in 1984 and the Arizona Hall of Fame in 1988.

After Greely’s death in 1950, Nellie had a chance to stake a claim at the C.O.D. mine, and in doing so maintained the Clack family interest in the Eagle mine group and the C.O.D. mine. Nellie died in August 1978 at the age of 93.

Albert Comstock, sheriff, Miner, was born in 1834. He came to Mineral Park from Montana in 1872 and worked as a miner. He was elected Sheriff of Mohave County in 1874, serving until 1880.

After leaving office he opened a grocery store in Mineral Park. He became ill during a trip to California in 1882 and died in San Francisco on January 20, 1883.

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