



MOHAVE MUSEUM OF HISTORY & ARTS MOHAVE MEMORIES

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30TH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Please join us for our 30th Annual Christmas Program on Sunday, December 6th at 2:00 p.m. in the Museum Auditorium. To help celebrate, we have four local performers who were raised in Kingman and graduated from Kingman schools.

Dave Morphew and his sister, Sherri Morphew Cullison both graduated from Kingman High School. Dave has played guitar and harmonica most of his life, he is an Engineer Manager at Frontier. Sherri also graduated from Kingman High School and has been involved with music since the age of 15. She is currently Judicial Assistant to a Superior Court Judge. Dave and Sherri are combining their musical talents to perform for us.

Our final performer is well known local singer/songwriter/musician, Chris Commisso. His music videos on the popular internet site "youtube" have over one million views and "counting". Chris is currently collaborating with music producers in London, France and the U.S. as a result of his online popularity. Chris on the web includes: www.youtube.com/chriscommissomusic; www.myspace.com/chriscommissomusic; www.itunes.com/chriscommisso.

Paul Carson will be playing the Austin Pipe Organ and we will have a new Christmas exhibit.



Santa At the Elks 468 in 1946



Santa at Central Commercial in 1950

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AN UPDATE ON MUSEUM SPONSORED TRIPS

The date of "MYSTERIES OF INDIA" has been changed from January, 2010 to March 11, 2010. A new brochure is available at the front desk.

The date of "ISRAEL: JOURNEY TO THE HOLY LAND" has been changed from March, 2010 to February, 2010, and unfortunately, the trip is **SOLD OUT!!** We will try again in February, 2011.

"SOUTHERN ITALY & SICILY" on November 4, 2010 is still available, we have brochures at the front desk.

Events and Attractions

Andy Devine's New Surroundings

Recently it was decided to move the Andy Devine exhibit into another space and build a ranching exhibit in the current space allocated to Andy Devine. The reasons behind this change were twofold. The current Andy exhibit was badly in need of repair and updating, also space was needed for a ranching exhibit. Ranching was one of the major industries responsible for the development of Mohave County, and the Mohave Museum has long wanted to represent this part of our county history.

The new Andy Devine exhibit is located in the northwest corner of the museum that was once an office. Since this space was limited the exhibit had to be downsized. Emphasis was given on Andy's small town values and how they impacted his life rather than his movie and TV career – although these are also represented. The smaller space also necessitated some innovative techniques, so two 15 inch digital frames are being installed. Each will have a selection of photos about Andy, his family and his career. The photos will change every ten seconds – and thanks to Pat Foley (museum photo archivist) - will be captioned. This new innovation allows a much larger exhibit in our limited space and, if popular, may be employed in other exhibits.

The new Andy Devine exhibit will include Bill Brown's "The Good Guys Wore White Hats" painting, Millie Wheeler's wonderful painting of Andy, the large cutout of Andy, some of his awards, some humor and, thanks to the digital frames, hundreds of photos. Andy and his saddle will be reunited as it will be on display just outside of the exhibit entrance.

The Devine family has approved the new exhibit design and we are sure it will meet with your approval. Pay us a visit and let us know what you think.

PRO-ARTIST IN OUR GIFT SHOP IN DECEMBER

We are fortunate to have local artist, Sandy Rusinko, as our December professional artist in the Gift Shop. Sandy has worked as a freelance artist in the commercial art field gaining exposure in the national art arena. "Leanin Tree" greeting card company and other collectible companies publish and distribute items from her originals. Sandy's art work will be for sale in our Gift Shop.

DECEMBER ARTISTS OF THE MONTH

Barbara Odle and Sharon Odle have combined their talents and are presenting their artwork in our Art Gallery during December. Barbara was born and raised on a cattle ranch near Kingman and apprenticed under the supervision of a master painter. Sharon has lived most of her life in Arizona, her paintings portray western history and art. Barbara and Sharon will host a reception at the Museum on Saturday, December 5th from 1:00 – 3:00.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Mohave Memories On The Internet

www.mohavemuseum.org

Mohave Memories Newsletter is Online

Artist of the Month

Mohave Museum

Barbara Odle and Sharon Odle

Artist Reception

Mohave Museum

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Genealogy Society Monthly Meeting

Mohave Museum Library

Wednesday Dec 9th at 1:00 PM

All in the family fun.

Mohave Pioneers Historical Society

Board Meeting


Mohave Museum Library

Thursday Dec 17th at 5:00 PM

Monthly Meeting

Museum Business Memberships

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

50 years ago December 1959



Photo # 2823- Bud and Eva Lee Cornwall Duncan



Photo #8668- Dr. Walter Brazie

The population of Mohave County has increased 6.6% since the 1950 census according to an article that appears in the current issue of The Arizona Business Bulletin, published by Arizona State University Bureau of Business Services. The authors of the article estimate Mohave County's population is 9,073 compared to a census of 8,510 in 1950. Kingman's current population is estimated at 5,959 followed by Peach Springs with 500 and Bullhead City with 450

Mr. And Mrs. Bud Duncan of Lovelock, Nevada, Mr. And Mrs. Worth Duncan of Blythe and the Bud Cornwall's of Phoenix were out of town guests at the home of Mr. And Mrs. Gus Reichardt and family. The Duncan's and Cornwall's are all from pioneer Mohave County families.

Dr. Walter Brazie is attending a medical meeting in Phoenix this week. Tom Brazie, a student at Arizona State, Tempe, is home for the Holidays with his parents Dr. and Mrs. Walter Brazie.

A community wide wave of enthusiasm is engulfing the river cities of Bullhead and Davis Dam as the time nears for the start of the first annual Santa's Water Lane Parade. Some 500 boat owners have signified their intentions to enter the various events. All boats will be decorated in a Christmas theme. Trophies and cash prizes will be awarded in three categories- Business, Private and Club awards for all waterborne entries.

About 76 relatives of the Fancher Family gathered at the schoolhouse in Wickieup for an evening of dancing and visiting and family reunion. The Fancher Family settled on the Sandy in the 1890's.

A large crowd from Kingman and the Sandy were on hand to enjoy the dance held at the Wickieup School on Christmas night. Ed Morago's western band played and so the saying goes "a good time was had by all"

Virginia Haynes is working during the holidays at Petry's House of Fashion.

80 YEARS AGO FROM THE MOHAVE COUNTY MINER

80 years ago 1929

Mr. And Mrs. Frank X. Gordon leave Sunday to spend Christmas with friends and relatives on the Coast.



Photo #1430- Frank X. Gordon Sr.

Nelson Harshberger is expected home Sunday from Tucson where he is at the University of Arizona, to spend the Holiday's with his parents in Kingman.

Ray Stephens, well known Sandy cattleman, left this week on an extended business trip to San Francisco and the Bay region.



Paul Long of Oatman left this week for Los Angeles to attend the University of Southern California Dental College, after spending Christmas with his parents the W. H. Longs.

Dr. Paul Long, Kingman Dentist

100 YEARS AGO FROM THE MOHAVE COUNTY MINER

100 years ago in Mohave County December 1909



Photo #3575, First members of Library Board, Kingman, met at Lake Villa. Back row L to R: (1 Beecher, Bertha; 2 Ogden, Florence (later Cowan); 3 Starkey; 4 Starkey; 5 Potts, Frankie; Middle L to R: (1 Starkey; 2 Ogden, Edith (later Cowan); Front L to R: (1 Cohenour, Nina; 2 Potts, Lallah

The Kingman Circulating Library has received a new lot of books. Anyone desiring them can apply. The books of this library are free to readers.

O. D. M. Gaddis, local agent for the Studebaker Co., has ordered machines for John Boyle Jr., E. F. Thompson, John F. Withers and himself. The machines have already been shipped from the factory and are expected in Kingman any day.



Photo #1488, Freight wagon and team of eight matching white horses in front of the Beale Hotel, Kingman Mercantile store, I.M. George Men's Clothing and Lovin & Withers Mercantile store on Front Street, Kingman, Arizona ca 1909. Wagon is transporting mining machinery and supplies to one of the many mine sites and camps in Mohave County.

Christmas in Kingman

Happiest New Year 1940
 As another year comes to a close and I thank you for the many joys you have given me, I look back with pride and joy on the many happy moments we have shared in 1940 and I look forward to the many more we will share in 1941.
 Looking forward to 1941, we plan to make our contributions to give you the best and most service possible.
**WE SAY NOW, AS SO OFTEN BEFORE,
 HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL!**
 CONMEDICAL CENTRAL COMPANY

NEW YEAR GREETINGS
 1952
Ricca Bros. Richfield Service
 For old Jimmy

Happy New Year 1940
HOTEL BEALE

HAIL! 1940
 All out for the Best Year yet
Kingman Motor Supply
 Southside at Sixth
 Not too busy to be careful

a Jolly Christmas
To One And All
 Children looking out of the window at a desolate landscape try to catch a glimpse of a mythical reindeer. But there is naught that is mythical about the spirit of Christmas that transforms the commonplace. That Christmas of 1941 may be for you the happiest Christmas of all is our sincerest wish.

Happy Holiday 1952
 For being the friends you've been, our heartfelt thanks and
HAPPY NEW YEAR
STATE THEATER

NOEL
Christmas Time Is Here
 With Its Joys
 We Wish All Our Friends a Most
MERRY CHRISTMAS
 and joyous
NEW YEAR
 The excellent patronage of the past year can be attributed to no other source than the good will manifested in our theater by you dear folk. May we retain your friendship is our most sincere wish.

Merry Christmas
 The observance of Christmas occupies our time well to spare in some families and results upon the rest of the day.
And Faith, We Really Have
 The Best Selection of Wines, Whiskeys, Rums, and Brandy in Mohave County
Senz Liqueur Store
 302 Main St. KINGMAN

CHRISTMAS MORNING!
 -AND HERE'S A PACKAGE THAT SANTA CLAUS LEFT UP IN MARY EMMA'S ROOM FOR YOU !!!
 LOOK, DADDY THINKS SANTA CAME TO SEE HIM!
 YES, HE'S STILL A BABY!

FRIENDS
 A Friendly Word to Say
 In an effort to express our sincere gratitude for the patronage you have given us during the past year, we are wishing you through this message a
**MERRY CHRISTMAS
 HAPPY NEW YEAR**
 Our business needs your continued future in order to be maintained, will be heartily solicited throughout it.

Lanox's
A Merry Christmas to All 1936
 Among the season's activities all read with highest respect and good cheer.
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CHRISTMAS
 ONLY 31 WEEKS TO MEET CHRISTMAS!
CHRISTMAS

GREETINGS
 We extend our best
GREETINGS
 For a Merry Christmas and a
 Happy New Year
 We take this opportunity to thank you for your business of the past year, and earnestly wish your patronage for 1952.
Doll Contest Winners
 These fortunate little girls who were among the winners in our annual doll and popularity contest have their names posted at our store. Awards are being made on this Christmas day.
 During 1952 come to the Kingman Drug Company for your necessities.
KINGMAN DRUG
 The Rexall Store

Membership Renewal

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WHO WHAT AND WHEN IN MOHAVE COUNTY



Photo # 13473

Pictured above is the King's Dairy building completed in 1945 on the southwest corner of 2nd Street and Spring. Charles E. King was the proprietor of the new manufacturing plant which included ice cream producing machines, a large freezer compartment and a milk storage room. The King's Dairy building was dismantled during the last decade or so and all that remains is a vacant lot.



Photo # 7519 The Borianna Mine environs in 1937.

The Borianna Mine, located in the Cedar Valley Mining District, was one of the largest Tungsten ore producers in Arizona. The actual mine location was about 45 miles from Kingman at the south end of the Hualapai Mountains and about 15 miles east of Yucca. The Mine and community boasted 120 miners among a population of about 350 in the mid-30's. The Borianna was a producing mine from about 1908 thru the late 1950's and experienced a number of boom times as well as non production periods.

Kingman pioneer and entrepreneur Axel Ericson was born in Sweden and came to Kingman about 1900. He was a plumbing and sheet metal expert before coming to this area and ventured into the mining business in the Cerbat Mountains when he first arrived. Mr. Ericson built a business on Beale Street between 4th



and 5th Streets, that catered to customers who needed any kind of metal work performed. For years Axel was the premier plumbing and sheet metal provider for the Kingman area. Mr. Ericson was also very active in Kingman as a civic leader. He lived in a rock home that he built for himself in Kingman until his death in 1966.

Photo #8171 Axel Ericson about 1930.



Photo # 1679 Axel Ericson pictured in front of his metals and plumbing shop on Beale Street, Kingman about 1920.

NEW YEAR'S EVE

DANCE

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VOLUNTEER UPDATE

We are all looking forward to the holiday season. Our volunteer's Christmas potluck will be December 4 at 12 pm. Its fun to get together and share some good food.

Hope to see your there.

Please join the fun at the Mohave Museum.