

MOHAVE MUSEUM OF HISTORY & ARTS

MOHAVE MEMORIES

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Cathy Kreis stands in front of the new air conditioner units at the Bonelli House.

A big "Thanks" to Judy Bonelli and her family for their generous support.

The Sounds of Kingman is happy to partner with the Mohave Museum of History and Arts to bring a Christmas Concert to Kingman at 2:00 PM on Sunday, Dec. 7th

Kathy Zach will lead the Choirs of St. Mary in a selection of traditional Christmas songs in English and Spanish.

Sherri Cullison will bring her Christmas songs in "Sing-along with Sherri" where we can jingle our bells in a winter wonderland and let it snow, let it snow.

Sounds of Kingman would like to thank the Lietz-Fraze Funeral Home and Crematory for their generous support.

We hope you will join us for the musical kickoff to the Christmas Season.

Director's Letter

Procrastination seems to be the watchword as I attempt to script this December newsletter. 2014 will be remembered as a great year for this Museum and although I am reluctant to say good-bye, on the other hand, I anticipate an even better 2015.

The Route 66 Museum and Mohave Museum continue to draw people from near and far, but what I find so amazing is the local people that participate in the Museum's events and presentations: the example that comes to mind is the 12th annual "Wine and Cheese" that took place on Saturday, November first. In years past this annual fundraiser was good but this year it was excellent. I would like to express my appreciation to everyone involved in the exhaustive preparations that continue to insure this event's success. Special thanks to Pat Otto who takes any task given to him and runs with it. I wanted to praise everyone involved but that would require two more pages in this newsletter. I cannot say it enough: We live in the best community in America.

The other part of the equation is the "out of towners". 2014 has been the best year for tourists ever. Why? I believe we have started to revisit our strengths. The means of putting this process in play was no simple task. In order for a vision to become a reality, there must be many sacrifices. First, there has to be something that travelers want to see and this part was simple: we have the Museums, Powerhouse and an active Downtown with eateries and gift shops all within walking distances. The most essential component in this equation is the staffing and here is where I have immense pride. Whether, volunteer or paid staff, there exists an upbeat group of people manning this town every day. Thank you for being who you are.

It would be thoughtless to forget the third Musketeer, namely the Bonelli House. Remember that this stately home turns the century mark in 2015. We should feel really blest. I want to thank all of you for all the hard work and sacrifices you make to keep Kingman a shining star.

I wish you a Merry Christmas and the best New Year ever.
Shannon

HERE COMES SANTA

Don't look now, but Jolly Ole Saint Nick is coming just around the corner!! It won't be long before he will be coming down that chimney to bring his Christmas Cheer. Don't let him be caught with an empty bag. **COME TO THE MUSEUM TO SHOP FOR THOSE SPECIAL PEOPLE!** You will be able to find unique and personal gifts for those on your list who are hard to buy for or who have everything.

The Annual Christmas Sale in the Museum Gift Shop starts Monday, November 24, 2014, and continues through Wednesday, December 31, 2014.

If you can't choose from among the many wonderful items, you can get a gift certificate for that special person or persons and let them choose their own gift! Remember--all items are discounted at 10% except for consignment items and members will also receive their 10% discount for a total of 20% for members. Come and bring your friends to the Museum Gift Shop for that special Christmas shopping spree!!!



Calendar of Events

Mohave Memories On The Internet
www.mohavemuseum.org
Mohave Memories Newsletter is Online

Climb Aboard, invite your neighbors Mohave Museum of History & Arts

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

General Member \$30.00
Includes member and immediate family free admission to Mohave Museum, Powerhouse Route 66 Museum & Bonelli House.

Supporting Member \$100.00
Includes all General member benefits: plus no-charge research assistance from the Museum staff.

Business Member \$200.00
Director's Circle \$500.00

Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta Tour October 6 – 9, 2015

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

\$1099.00 Per Person — \$50.00 Deposit Holds your space
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Limited space this sells out fast!

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

December 1964

A racing homing pigeon which took the long way home gave the Mohave County Sheriff's office a change of pace this week from catching criminals. Sheriff Floyd Cisney is now seeking a way to return the bird to its Lucades, California owner. B. Melugin of Chloride reported Saturday that the bird had landed in his yard on Thanksgiving Day. A check with a pigeon association official revealed that the bird had been released November 20 at Casa Grande and that its owner was Steve Meuris of Lucades. The Sheriff said he would either ship the bird back or entrust it to a California officer who is to come here to pick up another fugitive.



Sheriff Floyd Cisney

The Big Sandy Realty office opened last week at Wickieup. Mr. Milo S. Morgan is the broker. He is also a notary public. His office is located at the Trading Post Motel.

The new Lum Laundry, next to Petry's Shell Station on Hilltop, will be officially opened Saturday with a round of festivities, owner Charlie Lum has announced.

The annual canned goods show for charity will be held at the State Theater Wednesday evening, December 16. Price of admission is one can of food from each person attending the show. All canned foods collected are given to the churches and local charities for distribution to needy families.

Another fire struck on the Sandy Sunday evening at the home of Gene Mitchell. The house was completely destroyed.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Capalby of Kingman have received word that their son Freddie, who is stationed with the United States Army at Sandia Air Force Base at Albuquerque, New Mexico, has been awarded a trophy for being the most valuable player of the year on the Sandia football team.

Southern California Edison seeks to build a \$370,000,000 steam generating plant in the Bullhead City area, it was revealed last week.

A Christmas program entitled "Signs and Sounds of Christmas" was presented December 22 by eleven pupils of Yucca School under the direction of Mrs. Carey, teacher.



The annual Christmas dinner party for the Valley National Bank employees and their guests was held last Saturday evening at the Jade Restaurant.

Members of the Mohave Shriners Club welcomed an entourage of eight bus loads of Shriners and their wives who stopped in Kingman for lunch at the El Trovatore Restaurant enroute to the Shriner's convention in Las Vegas, where a number of novices will be initiated into the Ancient and Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. Among the novices to be initiated were three from Kingman, Art Agla, Jay Gates and Paul D. Morton.

Mrs. Grace Neal was the hostess at the Cowbelle Christmas party December 18 held at the Neal Ranch. After a delicious potluck dinner a business meeting was held with the new president Mrs. Sandra Cofer presiding.

Four persons were injured when a car collided with a horse on Highway 66 about 7.6 miles east of the Highway 93 junction Monday night, Arizona Highway Patrol reported. The accident happened about 8:20 p.m. and the horse was killed, officers said.

Bullhead City's 4100-foot airfield and taxi strip is the only airstrip for Mohave County where planes can land next to the entrance of town. Occupants can walk to the river for a day of fishing, boating or water sports while planes are being serviced by Don Zurcher, airfield operator.

Mohave County men and equipment have been in the Colorado River area all this past week clearing section 12 of debris and the few squatter shacks which have been empty and making an eyesore on this section of the river. Section 12 is some of the best river frontage still available on the Colorado river. Plans are to lease this out for a park with boat docks, camping and many other improvements getting underway.

Formal opening of Greyhound's new, larger and completely modern bus depot at the corner of Second and Beale streets will take place Saturday with a public open house celebration and civic ceremony it is announced jointly by Greyhound and Las Vegas-Tonopah-Reno Stage Lines.

Chief of Police Harold H. Hanna this week announced his resignation.



80 YEARS AGO FROM THE MOHAVE COUNTY MINER

December 1934

The four intake towers of the Boulder Canyon project will be completed to the working platforms shortly after the end of the year, A H. Ayers, chief engineer for Six Companies, Inc., announced last week.

The ladies of the American Legion Auxiliary are requested to bring money instead of gifts to the next meeting. The money will be used for the boys at Fort Whipple.

Completion of the new bottling plant in the City Ice and Fuel Co.'s building was announced this week. The bottling plant has been built up to modern proportions with new automatic and semi-automatic machinery and fully equipped room for syrup mixing and laboratory work.



Line of people to the ice plant.

The high school glee clubs will go Christmas caroling

Thursday, December 20. Anyone who has sick persons in their homes who wish to hear them are asked to see Miss Dorothy de Mary.

A carload of new 1935 Buicks was unloaded this morning by the Old Trails Garage and is now on display at their show room on W. Front street. A complete showing of new Chevrolets is also being made, according to Mr. Melles, who is the local agent for General Motors cars.

Advertising U.S. Highway 66 will be done the coming year through automobile tags which are made of metal and are very attractive, it was learned at the directors' meeting of the Mohave County Chamber of Commerce last night. These metal disks contain the words "U.S. Highway 66" and include "Los Angeles to Chicago" and the names of the states through which the highway passes. The tags cost only \$1.00 and includes a membership in the U.S. Highway 66 Association.

Little Patricia Sawyer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Sawyer, had her right arm caught in the rollers of a washing machine one day this week. The injury was very painful but is improving as well as could be expected.

100 YEARS AGO FROM THE MOHAVE COUNTY MINER

December 1914

The Mohave County Cattle Growers Association met in the offices of Charles W. Herndon last Monday evening and after transacting a large amount of important business selected a ranger to be named by Sheriff Elect J. C. Lane as a deputy. The cattlemen are to pay one-half the salary of the ranger, and under an agreement they were to agree on the man to do the work of protecting the ranges of the county. John Roberts an old timer of the county, was selected.

Tap Duncan and wife visited in Kingman several days this week looking after business affairs. Mr. Duncan has been building storage dams on his property near Grass Springs, as well as collecting reserve water in the canyons of this section. Cattlemen of Mohave County now realize that their cattle interests may be best conserved by the building of dams and holding of water through the dry periods.



The Lastley children, who have been seriously ill the past several weeks with typhoid fever, are said to be recovering. The mother is also recovering from the same dread disease.

Last Tuesday at noon the greater part of the adult population and all the school children assembled at the courthouse to take part in the laying of the corner stone of the building that is to be the new courthouse for this county. A handsome granite rock had been provided by the board of supervisors and this stone has been handsomely dressed up and will be properly inscribed. After filling the treasure box with various documents the stone was lifted to its place and set by the masons in charge.

Charles K. Rideneur has been appointed postmaster at Hackberry. Mr. Rideneur has been postmaster at Hackberry a number of years and is also a merchant at that thriving village.

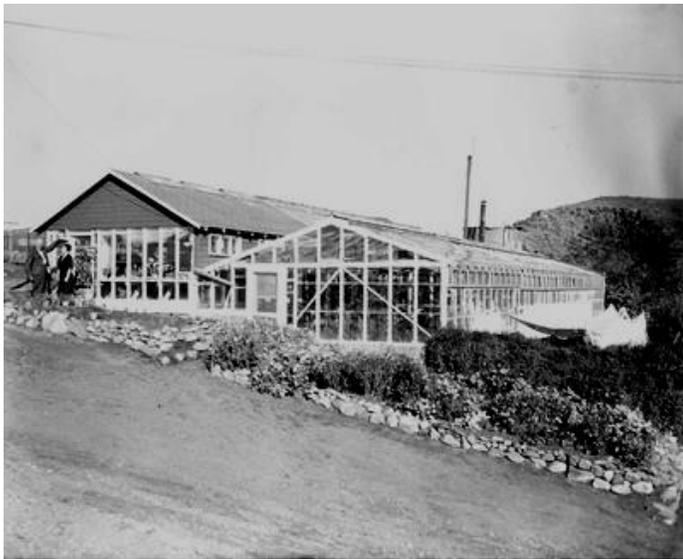
The Southern Pacific is reminding wine and liquor shippers in general that, owing to the new prohibition law in Arizona, which becomes effective January 1st, it will be necessary for the railroads serving the state to decline to accept for transportation to Arizona any shipments of intoxicants after January 1st.

Memories Thru Photo's

A visit with Santa at Central Commercial, 17 December 1948.



Santa and Georgie Ann Witt with son. Taken at Central Commercial on 16 December 1950.



Kingman Rose Garden, proprietor Bill & Peggy Cook. One of Kingman's first hometown floral shops. Location Parkview and Silver. Taken December 1946.



The "Tavern" at 539 E. Andy Devine - 14 December 1958



December 30, 1935, Construction photo of front façade of the new U.S. Post Office building at Oak and 4th Street. Stucco and glass and glass door and windows are in place. Sidewalk and curbing are in progress.



County Christmas Party taken in the interior of the court house on 24 December 1947.

Membership Renewal

Leonard P & Diane E Druian
Joel & Amber Freed
Mrs Ella Johnson, Las Vegas, NV
Dean & Barbara Leuthauser, Bullhead City, AZ
Mr Jim Mayberry
Jim & Ann McCarthy
Brice & Judy Meigs
Roger and Louise Miller

Jack G & Nancy J Munson Foundation, Waco,
Bill Otwell Otwell Assoc Architects, Prescott,
AZ
William C Porter
Ms Kerry Raymond
Nancy A Rembolt
Sandy M Rusinko
Mr & Mrs Donald Snell
Judith Theel
Vonceil C Trahan
Warren & LeAnn Bard
Jared Carithers

Virginia Sutherland, Bullhead City, AZ
Ronald & Margaret Foote
Jim Powell and Sandra Williams
Joseph M and Sally M Hogue
Charles & Margaret Lowes, Golden Valley,
AZ
Gordon & Duey Buchanan, Chesterfield, MO
Richard & Rita Basinger
Joyce Elaine Holgate The Spinster
T J McMichael, Eagar, AZ
Scott Burris Family, Escondido, CA
Sherman Acord
Deborah Liverence
Wayne and Lori Gunther
Mr & Mrs Raymond Bonham, Flagstaff, AZ
John and Pamela Roberts
JoAnn and Ed Reisbeck
Clarence and Nannette Russell
Amy Meyers
Mr. & Mrs. Robert J. Thrombley

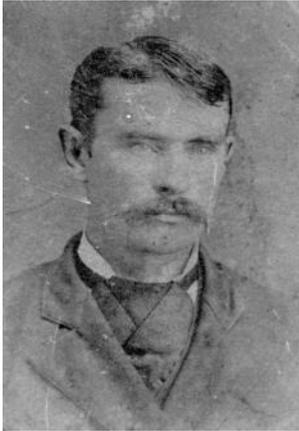
New Memberships

Bob Casson
Camille Patulla
Jerry and Louise Moran
David and Judy Rhodes, Tucson, AZ
Jackie Snyder and Roy Robison
Elyse Siokos
Donald Orblom
Lois Pickens, Golden Valley, AZ
Bill Lacy
Steve and Linda Kocher
Sid Kindig

Flora Hunter, Peach Springs, AZ
Joanna Haspels
Jennifer French and James O. Ellery
Jack Ehrhardt
John Conneally
Augustine Butler, Jr.
Blake Burkett
Chuck and Lorraine Brownfield, Hackberry, AZ
Ralph and Lyneya Eaton, Henderson, NV
Travis and Missy Eaton, Mesquite, NV

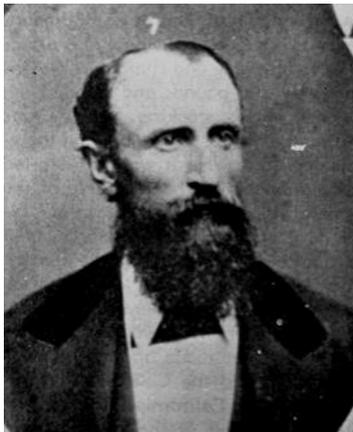
Mohave County Movers and Shakers

JACOB N. COHENOUR, Mohave County Sheriff, 1917-1918 was born in Illinois in 1858. He came to Mohave County in 1884, to Peach Springs, where he and his wife owned a store and lodging house, and later a cattle business near Pine Springs. Mr. and Mrs. Cohenour had five children. After the family moved to Kingman, Cohenour served as Kingman postmaster and as deputy sheriff for four years. He was elected justice of the peace and then Mohave County Sheriff. During his term as sheriff he was injured in an auto accident, from which he never completely recovered.



Jacob Cohenour died in February 1920.

ALONZO E. DAVIS, Pioneer, Lawmaker was born in New York in 1839. He moved to California in 1857 and enlisted in the 4th Regiment of California Infantry Volunteers at the outbreak of the Civil War. His company was ordered to Arizona in 1863 and stationed at Camp Mohave. While there he studied law and was admitted to practice in the Supreme Court of Arizona in 1866.



After his service he settled in Mohave County and practiced law, and also engaged in mercantile and mining pursuits. In 1868 he married Emily Matthew; they had four children.

Alonzo Davis served two terms as Mohave County attorney, and was elected in 1875 to the Eighth Territorial Legislature, where he championed a bill which set up a public school system.

Alonzo Davis died in California in 1915.

AXEL ERICSON – Plumber Born in Sweden September 25, 1875, Ericson came to the United States as a child with his parents, and remained in this country when his parents returned to Sweden. In Boston he became a naturalized citizen, trained as a plumber, and also attended MIT.



He moved west in the late 1800s, lived in California, Washington and Montana, finally settling in Mohave County in 1898. He worked for a time at mines in the Cerbat Mountains before opening a plumbing and sheet metal business in Kingman.

Ericson owned property on West Beale Road, which he secured through a homestead grant signed by President Theodore Roosevelt. While building by hand a rock home on Beale Street he met his future wife, Valborg, who had come from Norway and was living in Oatman. They were married for more than 40 years before her death in 1956.

Ericson was active in the local Independent Order of Odd Fellows from 1908 until his death. He was elected Grand Master of the Grand Lodge in 1938.

Axel Ericson died in 1966. It is said that he died intestate and his estate of some \$87,000 went to the State of Arizona.

NORVAL ROY DUNTON, Businessman was born in South Dakota in 1899. As a young man he lived in Washington, Oregon and Los Angeles, where he met and married Thelma McCabe in 1926.

The Duntons moved to White Hills in 1927 where Roy worked as a miner. In that year he bought the Gold Road Garage and Service Station. During World War II Dunton bought the town of Gold Road from the U.S. Company Mine.

In 1945 Dunton turned management of the garage over to his nephew F. Roy Dunton. The business was sold in 1946. Roy moved to Kingman in 1945 and started Dunton Motors, which was sold to F. Roy Dunton and Herb Biddulph in 1949.

Dunton was a member of Kingman Elks Lodge and a board member of the Mohave County Union High School District.

Mr. Dunton died in October 1984.

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Please join us for our
34th Annual
Christmas Program
on Sunday,
December 7th at
2:00 PM in the
Museum auditorium.