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## **Bowie Alumni Newsletter**

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### **From the Editor of the Bowie Alumni Newsletter**

Susan (Spikes) Bickel



**We hope that all of you will mark your calendar now for the June 8, 2013 Bowie School Reunion!** Bowie School reunions have been held every 5 years since 1978. The initial planning for the next reunion has begun. The Bowie School Alumni Group has started thinking about the program to be held in the auditorium, and about what kind of evening event to have. And the ongoing problem of current addresses for the alumni is always present. So, please contact your family and friends and have them update their addresses by sending them to Evelyn Lathram (address above), or to [elathram@juno.com](mailto:elathram@juno.com). We don't want to overlook anyone when the invitations are mailed early next year!

If you or your family is uncertain what to do with your old Bowie School yearbooks, consider donating them to either the Jimmie Libhart County Library in Bowie, or to the Sulphur Springs Valley Historical Society. Richard Bergquist, in Bowie, says the yearbooks are always popular with the younger generation who look for their family members, and Kathy Klump, at the SSVHS, says the yearbooks are great sources for researching the history of Bowie.

Jimmie Libhart Library  
c/o Richard Bergquist  
PO Box 417  
Bowie, AZ 85605

Sulphur Springs Valley Historical Society  
c/o Kathy Klump  
127 E. Maley  
Willcox, AZ 85643

Once again, I am pleased to share memories and anecdotes from Bobby Montana. He found this one in the Tempe Daily News, June 30, 1988. Today in Arizona History: "On this day in 1910, Camp Bowie, a 21,938-acre abandoned military reservation, was put up for auction by the U. S. government." On another date in Arizona History, Sept. 8, 1886: "Geronimo and his band are assembled and march from Fort Bowie to Bowie Station where they are loaded on trains bound for Florida. The 4th Cavalry Regimental Band plays "Auld Lang Syne" as the Apaches board the trains."

Best Wishes for a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year!

## **Minutes of the Bowie School Alumni Group Fall Luncheon held at Golden Corral in Tucson, October 20, 2012**

There were 22 alumni and guests at the luncheon: Susan and Brian Bickel, Larren Yelton, Dutch and Betty Grusendorf, Nancy-Jean Welker and Bobbie Blandin, Kristine and Zoe Smedley, Wilma Allen and Wanda Allen-Yearout, Ollie B. Chapman, Delbert and Jeanne Fousel, Bobby and David Montana, Charles Harmon, Florina Christiernsson, Robert, Cindy, and Aidan Santoyo, and Evelyn Lathram.

### **Status Reports:**

The Bowie Power Station is still on hold. The Bowie Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring A Friends of the Jimmie Libhart Library Committee to get the community involved with the library. The Southeastern AZ Rural Chamber Alliance meets 4 times a year and the last meeting was in Bowie. Thanks to Nancy-Jean, Florina, and Richard Bergquist, Librarian at Jimmie Libhart Library, the Cochise County Traveling Exhibit was installed for 2 weeks at the library. The school children visited and were given the brochure. At the end of two weeks the exhibit moved on to Douglas and will be in Palominas/Sierra Vista, and Benson for the remainder of the year. Nancy-Jean reported the State has come in to help the school teachers get back on track.

Planning for 2013 Reunion has begun. It is to be held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday in June – June 8, 2013. Registration and visiting will begin about 10 am at the Bowie School, followed by an afternoon program. There will be a dinner, karaoke, and dance at the Elks Club in Willcox in the evening. At a later date we will be emailing and mailing invitations to all the addresses we have on file. The invitations will have the cost per person for the evening events (day time events are free), and other information, like a listing of local motels. PLEASE, what we need at this time is for you to pass this on to all your alumni friends, and ask them to notify Evelyn or Nancy-Jean of any address changes or additions. We want to sure everyone is invited.

Bowie School Buildings on the National Register of Historic Places: A special guest, Kristine Smedley, attended the luncheon. She is a graduate student working on a Museum Studies degree and is currently taking an online historic preservation class. One of her projects is to conduct enough research on a property in her area (Cochise County) to write a 15 page history of the property that could be included in a nomination to the National Registry of Historic Places. She has selected the Bowie School Buildings. Evelyn shared all of her research with her and Kristine will complete the research and write the nomination.

### **Reminders:**

See updated websites for Bowie Schools, and the alumni page <http://www.bowieschools.org/>, click on Schools, then Alumni. The Bowie School Alumni Membership Fee is due at the beginning of the calendar year. Please send Bowie School news and “old stories” to the newsletter editor, Susan Bickel. And remember to make a donation to Bowie Schools for an Arizona State Tax Credit.

### **New business:**

An ad will be placed in the 2012-2013 Bowie School Year Book. The half page price is \$150 and the Board approved the expenditure. Evelyn will send the ad to the school advisor. A friend of the Jaque family (J.H Jaque was the owner and editor of the “Bowie Enterprise” newspaper in the late 1910s) sent Kathy Klump several photos taken in Bowie and they were shared at the luncheon. Ollie B. recognized 3 of her aunts.

### **Alumni News**

In Memory of ... Shirley Rae "Pinky" Butvidas, died April 2012, Samuel Claude McKee, died May 2012, George (Pete) Saner, died May 2012, Jimmie Lee Messer Hilburn, died August 2012, Joyce Augusta Cooke, died August 2012.

### **Treasurer's report:**

The membership fund contains \$1275.05, reunion fund \$2300.26, walls of merit fund \$67.89, flower fund \$425.45, general fund \$280.74 for a balance of \$4349.39.

The remainder of the meeting was devoted to interviews by Kristine Smedley for her research of early life in Bowie.

### **Those We Will Miss:**

*Our condolences to those who have lost family and friends.*

#### **Lucy Ansley**

Lucy, widow of Ken Ansley, passed away in Phoenix after suffering the ravages of Alzheimer's.

Ken began the Bowie Schools Alumni Group and the Bowie Alumni newsletter after the Bowie Reunion in 1998. Lucy was an active supporter of Ken's work for the town of Bowie. The newsletter editor at the time of Ken's passing, Larry Lagle, wrote this in the March 2009 newsletter:

"This issue of the newsletter is dedicated to the memory of Ken Ansley. Ken was the first editor and the driving force behind establishing the newsletter. He also helped organized the twice a year luncheons in Arizona. He was a long time participant and supporter of the reunions in Bowie. As an advocate and vocal supporter of the Bowie School system, he will be sorely missed.

"It is with great sadness that I write this article to the Bowie Reunion Group. I have started to do this numerous times and just couldn't make it sound right and convey my feelings and proper respect due Ken. This is a time when I wish I were as good a writer as some of you are. Ken was, first of all, a friend and secondly, a great supporter of Bowie and the Reunion Group. I will miss his counsel and support in my attempt to continue his example in putting out the newsletter. I think these letters, emails, and remembrances from the Web express all our feelings better than I can."

You can find the newsletter at:

[http://www.bowieschools.org/viewpdf.cfm?filename=BowieAlumNews\\_0309.pdf](http://www.bowieschools.org/viewpdf.cfm?filename=BowieAlumNews_0309.pdf)

Lucy had many friends in the alumni group, and she will be missed.

Her memorial service was held Saturday, December 15th at 9:30am, at Resthaven Park Cemetery, 6450

West Northern Ave, Glendale, Arizona, with a reception following.

#### **Geraldine Brown**

Arizona Range News - Posted: Wednesday, November 14, 2012 9:13 am

Geraldine Brown, loving mother, grandmother, sister and friend, passed away on Friday, Nov. 9, 2012 in Mesa, Ariz.

Geraldine had an exciting life filled with love and family and she enjoyed traveling across America. She was born in Mountainair, N.M., and moved to Phoenix, Ariz. when she was a child. She met John Brown in high school and they were married after he graduated. They moved to Bowie, Ariz. in 1958, where they raised their three children. After John retired they traveled across the country enjoying their time together as well as the beautiful scenery.

Geraldine was preceded in death by her husband John, daughter Katrina and son Mark. She is survived by her son Allan, grandchildren Michael, Katrina, Nicolas, Christopher and one great-grandson.

A memorial service will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 14 at 1 p.m. at the Westlawn Chapel, Willcox. Graveside services will be at the Desert Rest Cemetery in Bowie immediately following the chapel service. Online condolences may be extended to family at [www.westlawnchapelmortuary.com](http://www.westlawnchapelmortuary.com).

#### **Joyce Augusta Cooke**

August 5, 2012



Joyce Augusta Cooke was called home to her Heavenly Father at the age of 71 on Aug. 5, 2012, while at home in Prescott, Ariz. She passed from the rapidly progressive complications of rheumatoid arthritis. She was born on June 23, 1941, in Tucson, Ariz.

Joyce graduated from the University of California - Irvine. Joyce dedicated 25 years of her life loving and caring for adults with developmental disabilities. She retired as Program Coordinator for the Hozhoni Foundation/Prescott in 2010.

Joyce was an active member of AA for 46 years and was dedicated to assisting alcoholics in their sobriety. Joyce shared her rigorous honesty with many in recovery. Her personal journey touched the lives of many alcoholics. She had a unique way of saying "if she could stay sober, then anyone could, one day at a time." Joyce was the perfect example of accepting the things you cannot change.

Joyce's legacy would be to share a good story with others in laughter and love. She had a long time dream to visit Alaska. Her dream came true with a two-week cruise/visit to Alaska in 2009. She enjoyed the trip in 'Cooke' style, riding a raft 13 miles down the Kenai River.

Family was so important to Joyce. While in a nursing home, she even tried, in vain, to attend her brother's 80th birthday party. She always felt she was a disappointment to the women in the family because she did not have a calling to stay in the house to cook and clean. She much preferred to be in the fields on a tractor with her brother.

Joyce was preceded in death by her father, Thomas W. Cooke; her mother, Opal J. (Wheeler) Cooke; and her sister, Phyllis Jones. She is survived by her best friend and partner in crime, Maggie Gullede; sister Doris Engler of Payson, Ariz.; and brothers Tommy Cooke (Mickey) and Joe Cooke (Bonnie), all of Bowie, Ariz. She is also survived by numerous nieces, nephews and friends too numerous to count who loved her and will miss her, as well as all of her furr kids.

Joyce's life will be celebrated 11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 18, 2012, at the Heights Church, 2121 Larry Caldwell Drive in Prescott.

In lieu of flowers, the family request donations be made to Hozhoni Foundation, Inc., 2133 N. Walgreen St., Flagstaff, AZ 86004.

Please visit [www.hamptonfuneralhome.com](http://www.hamptonfuneralhome.com) to visit and sign the guestbook.

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## **Jimmie Hilburn**

Aug. 16, 2012



Jimmie Lee Messer Hilburn passed away peacefully at her home in Hatch on Aug. 16, 2012. Jimmie was a much loved wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and friend. Those whose lives

were touched by her will greatly miss her and will cherish fond memories of a gracious, cheerful and caring woman. Jimmie was born June 4, 1928 in Oakdale, Louisiana and grew up in Groves, Texas. She married O.L. "Von" Hilburn in 1947 and they started their 65 years of married life in Lovington, N.M. Jimmie would fondly recall stories about those early years, raising her first two daughters in a tiny little farmhouse with no running water or electricity, bathing in a tin tub, washing her hair at the pump outside and driving 30 miles once a week to do laundry. In 1953, with two little girls and a third on the way, Jimmie and Von packed everything in a '51 Mercury, a farm truck and a cotton trailer and moved to Bowie, Arizona. The early years of farming in Bowie were challenging, but Jimmie and Von made many life-long friends, had their fourth daughter and made a very good life for their family. Jimmie was active in the Methodist church, The Lions Club women's Auxiliary and driving her daughters the 30 miles to Willcox for clubs, piano lessons, dance lessons and many other activities to enrich their lives. In 1966, Jimmie and Von moved their family to Hatch, N.M. to start farming and ranching in the Las Uvas Valley. Jimmie made many good friends and became active in the Church of God, Hatch Farm Bureau, Hatch Book Club and Hatch Community Choir. In 1971, the first of Jimmie's seven grandchildren was born, and they became a centerpiece of her life the same way she was a central part of their lives. In 2006, great-grandchildren started arriving. There would be six at the time of her passing. Jimmie loved making a warm and welcoming home for family and friends. She took joy from her rose garden and loved collecting dolls. Holidays were always special to Jimmie. Her Fourth of July celebrations were legendary, with great food and exciting fireworks. At Halloween, she loved decorating and especially enjoyed handing out treats to the town children. Christmas was her special time with family and she would decorate and bake up a storm. Jimmie enjoyed traveling around the country

and the world with her friends, but especially her grandchildren. Jimmie is survived by her husband, Von Hilburn, her daughters Frances Horton of Hatch, Patricia Hilburn of San Diego, California, Virginia Compton of Mesa, Arizona and Kathy Sulkowski of Tucson, Arizona. Her grandchildren are Sharla Hilburn, Loren Horton, Mitch Horton, Leslie Mehigan, Vaughn Compton, Ben Compton and Barrett Sulkowski. Her great-grandchildren are Hailey, Presley, Cade, Emma, Kate, and Ethan. Her sister Sarah Hammett is now living in South Dakota and her many nieces and nephews live in south Texas. Jimmie is preceded in death by her parents Rhoda and John, her sisters Clotilde and Lucille and her brother Shannon. Visitation will be Sunday from 2 – 5 p.m. at La Paz-Graham Funeral Home, Las Cruces, NM. The funeral services will be held Monday at 5 p.m. at the Hatch Baptist Church.

Published in Las Cruces Sun-News on August 18, 2012

## Melba Lagle

Posted: Wednesday, December 26, 2012 12:00 pm – Arizona Range News - <http://www.willcoxrange.com>



Melba Lagle passed away on Sunday, Dec. 16, 2012, at the age of 89. Melba was born in Arkansas, was a longtime resident of Bowie, Ariz. and a resident of Madera, Calif. for the past three years. She was a homemaker.

Melba was preceded in death by her husband

Woodroe Lagle in 1995, her daughter Ruth, her brothers Merle and Earl and her grandson Bo Rodmen.

She is survived by her two sons, Larry Lagle and his wife Joan of Pioneer, Calif., Carl Lagle and his wife Cindy of Yuba City, Calif., eight grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren, and four great-great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be on Friday, Dec. 28, at 11 a.m. at Jay Chapel, Madera, Calif. Interment: Chapel of the Chimes, Hayward, Calif. Remembrances may be made to: Asera Hospice Care, 650 West Alluvial Ave., Fresno, CA 93711.

## George J. (Pete) Saner

Born August 28, 1925, passed away peacefully on May 23, 2012 in Fair Oaks, California. Born in Bowie, Arizona to: Oliver and Beuna Saner. Preceded in death by wife Verna P. Saner. Survived by siblings Art Saner of Indiana and Ollie B. Chapman of Arizona; children, Eugene Doyle and Carol Woo; grandchildren: Aaron Doyle, Colleen Cecchettini, Kevin Woo, and Wayne Woo; great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews. George served the [U.S. Navy](#) for 20 plus years. Upon leaving the Navy, George worked for the transportation industry. A visitation will be held on Thurs, May 31 from 4-8:00pm. Funeral Service on Friday, June 1 at 11:00 am. Both services held at **Mt. Vernon Memorial Park** 8201 Greenback Lane, Fair Oaks, CA with Burial and full Navy Military Honors to follow. For complete obituary visit

[www.mountvernonmemorial.com](http://www.mountvernonmemorial.com)

Donations in George's honor can be made to the Placer County Sheriff 10-35 Foundation

Published in The Sacramento Bee on May 30, 2012

## Bowie Book:

Editors Note: The following email posts come from Evelyn and Kathy Klump. It seems that the Bowie book continues to capture information and pictures. Evelyn and I thought that you all would enjoy reading what Anne Witten Fried, a descendent of the Jaque brothers, has to say. If any of you has additional information, please don't hesitate to write to Kathy or Evelyn. SB

----- Original Message -----

From: "Sulphur Springs Valley Historical Society"

<ssvhs@ssvecnet.com>

To: <Friedhouse@netzero.net>

Subject: Jaque photos

Date: Mon, 24 Sep 2012 13:26:35 -0700

To Anne Witten Fried,

Hello, and thank you so much for your letter. Yes, I would love for you to email the two photos from Bowie to me. We do not have any other photos of the Jaque family. We would have included them in the book, if we had any. We do not have any original copies of the Bowie Enterprise, but I printed off several years' worth from the microfilms. You are welcome to come read them and go through all the

files of Bowie clippings, family histories, etc. that we have amassed since beginning the book. You can also order the microfilm by interlibrary loan from the State Archives. That is how we were able to use them. Though Bowie doesn't look like much now, it had a fascinating history.

Are there any other pictures of the Jacque brothers and their families, Bowie or Willcox or San Simon in Grayce's collection? The only pictures we could find of early Bowie were from the woman who was postmistress during that time, a Tevis relative, and Vic Boll.

Thank you for the info on the two brothers, we didn't realize both lived there. In Alma Milner's manuscript, she said the name is pronounced "Jakeway", is that correct?

I look forward to hearing from you again and any photos you can send.

Thank you,  
Kathy Klump

**From:** [friedhouse@netzero.com](mailto:friedhouse@netzero.com)

**Sent:** Tuesday, September 25, 2012 12:25 PM

**To:** [ssvhs@ssvecnet.com](mailto:ssvhs@ssvecnet.com)

**Subject:** Re: Jaque photos

Hi, Kathy,

Thank you so much for your email! I've attached the two Bowie photos I've borrowed from Grayce's family. The photo of the 1918 Basketball team is labeled, including the names of the people in the photo. The second photo I know nothing about, other than it looks like you can see a "Bank of Bowie" sign in the background and it seems to be a patriotic celebration (July 4th, Arizona Day?). I would appreciate any insight you may have. I think one of the young ladies sitting in the buggy may be Grayce (possibly the young lady on the right?), but I am not sure. I think the young lady on the left looks very much like one of the young musicians on the cover of your book (lefthand side, standing, holding a horn), but the young lady in Grayce's photo would have to be the mother or another older relative of the young lady in the cover photo, don't you think? I'm also attaching a photo of a man I believe to be John Jaque, although it may have been taken after his Bowie years (John was born in 1867 in Petersburg, Boone, KY). The photo of John is "colorized", and I was

surprised to see him with blue eyes, as I had always assumed he had brown eyes. His siblings had brown eyes, as did my grandmother Ethel Beans, who was John's niece (her mother was Garnet Giauque, John's younger sister).

As to your question about the pronunciation of the "Jaque" name..... John and his brother Joe simplified their last name, "Giauque" to "Jaque". The name is Swiss French, and John's father Daniel Giauque immigrated to the US from Switzerland in 1841. Daniel married Mary Ann Neuenschwander, the daughter of Swiss German Mennonite immigrants, in Ohio in 1844. I have found there are many different pronunciations of the surname. I am told the Swiss French pronunciation is something like "Zheeoque". My family says "Jake", and my Canadian cousin, who is a descendant of John's older brother Lewis, says "Jakeway", as indicated in your book. I've also heard it pronounced "Juke". So, great question!

At the risk of giving you more information than you'd really like, John and his siblings seem to have been orphaned sometime between 1874 and 1880. I've been unable to find any trace of his parents after 1874, and the family's younger siblings are living with their older brother Lewis at the time of the 1880 census. John, at the time of the 1880 census, was living as a servant with another Swiss immigrant family in Indiana. Before his Bowie years, John was a private detective. After his Bowie years, he lived in El Paso with his wife Estelle, until she divorced him to marry a man who had been their boarder (!). By 1922, Grayce was living with her aunt and uncle in Kansas City, MO and attending high school there. Another thing I'm trying to pin down is exactly when Grayce's mother, Marie Garnet Bruner, died. Grayce was born in 1905 in Saint Louis, MO, and by 1910 she was living in Arkansas with her aunt and uncle, so I believe her mother died prior to 1910. Estelle Jaque was Grayce's stepmother.

Thank you for your suggestion with regard to gaining access to the Bowie Enterprise. I had thought I might visit Phoenix one day to view the microfilm but interlibrary loan may be a better idea. Or, who knows, I may get to visit you all one day!

Kathy, I hope I haven't bored you with all this information. Again, should you come across any photos that you think may include either of the Jaque

brothers, Estelle, or Grayce, I would be most interested in seeing them.

Best regards,

Anne Witten Fried

Hi Evelyn,

Great things continue to happen from the Bowie Book. I received a letter from this woman wanting to know if I wanted pictures. Of course, I got right back with her. This is all new info. She says John Jaque was the editor of Bowie Enterprise, not Joseph. So I need to do some more research. I don't remember any mention in the papers of two Jaque brothers in Bowie. Anyway, is the basketball team one of the photos in the Spikes album than was not identified? Because now we have names. And yours might be a clearer photograph.

Thanks,

Kathy

## **Bowie Area News:**

### **Winning wine country**

Carol Broeder; Arizona Range News | Posted: Wednesday, November 28, 2012 12:00 pm

Grapes grown in the Willcox area swept a wine competition for the Grower's Cup, taking gold over many California fruit wines in the Wine Maker's medal competition.

The third annual Arizona Republic wine competition was judged Oct. 30 at Cowboy Ciao in Scottsdale, and winners were announced Nov. 17 at the Arizona Wine Growers Festival at the Farm at the Farm in South Mountain, where winning wines are paired with a multi-course dinner.

Arizona Stronghold, Page Springs Cellars, and Carlson Creek Vineyard each won "Growers Cup" medals, said Richard Ruelas with the Arizona Republic newspaper in Phoenix, describing them as "honor wines made in Arizona using grapes grown in Arizona."

Page Springs Cellars and Carlson Creek Vineyard also won Winemakers medals, or "honor wines made in Arizona using grapes grown anywhere," he said in the Nov. 19 edition of the Republic.

Carlson Creek Vineyard won two gold and one bronze medal in the competition, Robert Carlson said Monday.

"The 'Sweet Adeline Riesling' won gold for dessert wine in the Growers Cup. It was made from the first harvest to come off of our vineyard here in Willcox," said Carlson, adding that it is "rapidly selling out in our tasting room in downtown Willcox."

"The Chenin Blanc, which won gold for white wine in the Winemakers Cup, is made from grapes grown by **Fort Bowie Vineyards**, and the Syrah, which won bronze for red wine in the Winemakers Cup, was made from grapes from California," he told the Range News.

"Sand Reckoner Vineyards took a bronze in red wines in the Growers Cup for their '7,' a Sangiovese dominant blend, and a Silver in dessert wines for their '11,' a Zinfandel port-style wine," in the Growers Cup, said Carlson, adding that Coronado Vineyards took a bronze medal in the Growers Cup for dessert wine for their 'Conquistador Red,' and their 2010 Syrah won as a "Wine of Distinction."

"The rest of the medals were won by Arizona Stronghold, Caduceus Cellars, and Page Springs Cellars, who grow or purchase grapes grown in Willcox, and truck them to Northern Arizona to be made into wine," he explained.

Pillsbury Wine Company's "Diva" blend and their "Viognier" were also recognized as "Wines of Distinction," Carlson added.

This announcement follows closely on the heels of "Arizona Wine Week," Nov. 11-17, recently proclaimed by Gov. Jan Brewer.

"Arizona is home to 63 licensed and bonded wineries operating throughout the state, and vineyards represent the best of small, family-owned, low-water use agriculture," the proclamation states.

"Arizona vineyards provide the state not only with excellent, well-regarded wines, but also with fascinating and scenic opportunities for tourism and rural economic development that create quality jobs and generate revenues in some of Arizona's most beautiful areas," Brewer said in her proclamation.

“The Arizona wine industry continues to grow and expand at a rapid rate despite the sluggish economy,” said Peggy Fiandaca, President of the Arizona Wine Growers Association (AWGA).

“Every year, more Arizona wines are being recognized for their outstanding quality and uniqueness,” she said.

“There is a growing buzz that Arizona is becoming the next great wine region in the U.S.,” Fiandaca said.

The AWGA serves Arizona’s grape growers and winemakers, allying its members for representation, promotion and education, said Executive Director Patti King.

“The association strives to advance with integrity the sustainable growth and production of authentic Arizona-grown wines,” she said in a statement issued earlier this month.

Arizona has more than 60 licensed and bonded wineries, King said.

“Several Arizona wines have been served in the White House, and more than 20 wines from eight Arizona wineries have scored at least an 88 rating from ‘Wine Spectator,’” she said.

“In a recent blind taste test featuring several high-profile judges, Arizona wines beat out noted wines from around the world, grabbing three of the top five spots in both the red and white competitions,” said King, adding that Arizona wines also took first place for both red and white.

For more information, visit the AWGA website, [www.arizonawine.org](http://www.arizonawine.org)

## **Lack of candidates frustrates Supervisors—**

Arizona Range News: News

Shar Porier - Wick Communications | Posted: Wednesday, September 5, 2012 12:00 pm

Editors Note: This article was significantly altered. If you wish to read the full article, please go to the Arizona Range News archives. I will retain a copy of the complete article for at least 6 months. SB

BISBEE — The Cochise County Board of Supervisors canceled many elections for directors of special districts, and appointed some candidates to board seats and administrator positions in districts where no one stepped forward to run for the open seats.

During a meeting Tuesday, Cochise County Election Director Juanita Murray said the Sunnyside Fire District has had a three-member board with Tom Schelling, former elections director, as the administrator. However, board members did not file as candidates by the deadline and the seats are technically vacant. Schelling, as the administrator, has the authority to appoint the board members.

As for the Babocomari Fire District, Schelling has also acted as administrator, said Murray. In fact, there have been no board members serving that district in quite some time, she said. No candidates have come forward to serve, so Schelling has been performing the board’s functions.

Supervisor Ann English asked about eliminating the districts when no one wants to serve on the board. Why pay a special tax if no one wants to run the district, she asked

Deputy County Civil Attorney Britt Hanson said the supervisors could take over the board’s duties in cases of suspected financial mismanagement, but did not know the answer to her question.

She asked him to look into the law and report back specifically, "Is there a point in time, if people do not care, that we can dissolve the district." She noted that Schelling has been the administrator of the district since she has been a supervisor.

Hanson said he would look into it.

Murray also requested the cancellation of two other elections for fire districts: Naco and San Simon. Due to a change in state statutes, both of the fire districts must now have a three- or five-member elected board, and cannot be run by a fire chief and a secretary/treasurer as in the past. Since there was not enough time between the legislation’s passage and the filing deadline, the board seats needed to be declared vacant.

In San Simon where the same situation exists, Murray asked that the supervisors appoint firefighter Heather Lentz to serve as administrator at the recommendation of the district fire chief. She will also appoint board members.

#### School Districts

- **Bowie**: appointed candidates Jared Allred and Kirsten Skiles to fill the two, two-year terms, and Kimberly Klump, Barth Morin and Nancy Jean Welker to the three, four-year terms.

#### Fire Districts

- San Simon: declared the three, four-year terms as vacant and appointed firefighter Heather Lentz as administrator.

#### Water Districts

- San Simon: declared one, four-year seats as vacant.

#### Other districts

- Northern Cochise County Hospital District: declared vacant two, two-year term board seats.

## Fort Bowie commemorates its sesquicentennial –

Arizona Range News: News Posted: Wednesday, September 5, 2012 12:00 pm

Originally established in 1862, this year marks the 150th anniversary of the establishment of Fort Bowie, a military outpost that was built during the decades-long conflict between the U.S. military and the Chiricahua Apaches. Fort Bowie National Historic Site (NHS) will commemorate the establishment of the fort by hosting several events throughout the months of September and October.

The kickoff event was Saturday, Sept. 1, 2012. B Troop, 4th U.S. Cavalry Regiment (Memorial) from Fort Huachuca led a memorial service at the Fort Bowie cemetery. B Troop rode in along the Butterfield Trail. The troop commander spoke and read of the names of those individuals who were buried at Fort Bowie cemetery.

Other special events scheduled for the month of September include ranger-led hikes into the site on Sunday, Sept. 9 and Sunday, Sept. 23. A park ranger will meet participants at the Fort Bowie trailhead on Apache Pass Road at 10 a.m. The hikes will focus primarily on the chronology of events that led to the establishment of the fort, including the Bascom Affair and the Battle of Apache Pass. All events are free and open to both individuals and groups.

Commemoration of the 150th anniversary of the fort's establishment will continue into October, with special events offered on select weekends. More details will be released as available.

Fort Bowie NHS is open daily and does not charge an entry fee. The site is unique in that visitors must hike to reach the visitor center, as well as to see the cemetery and fort ruins. The distance from the trailhead parking lot to the cemetery is approximately three-fourths of a mile (one-way), and the distance from the trailhead parking lot to the fort ruins and the visitor center is approximately one-and-a-half miles (one-way). Hiking times vary. The trail is well-marked and includes easy to moderate terrain.

Visitors are encouraged to bring picnic lunches and spend the day exploring and enjoying the area. The visitor center and bookstore are open daily. Western National Parks Association, the non-profit organization that operates the bookstore, will offer a 15% discount on all items in the store on Sept. 1.

Weather conditions this time of year are variable, but visitors should bring plenty of water, sun protection, and comfortable walking shoes. People with limited mobility can contact the visitor center for more information about accessibility options.

Fort Bowie NHS is located off Apache Pass Road in southeastern Arizona. From Willcox, travel 22 miles south on State Route 186 to Apache Pass Road. Turn left on Apache Pass Road and travel eight miles along the dirt road to the trailhead parking lot. From Bowie, travel 14 miles south on Apache Pass Road to the trailhead parking lot. Apache Pass Road turns into a gravel road approximately 12 miles from **Bowie**.

For more information about events commemorating the fort's sesquicentennial, contact the visitor center at 520-847-2500 ext. 1 or visit [www.nps.gov/fobo](http://www.nps.gov/fobo).

**Fort Bowie National Historic Site News Release**  
**Fort Bowie NHS Continues Commemoration of Sesquicentennial throughout October** Originally established in 1862, this year marks the 150th anniversary of the establishment of Fort Bowie, a military outpost that was built during the decades-long conflict between the U.S. military and the Chiricahua Apaches. Fort Bowie National Historic Site (NHS) will

commemorate the establishment of the fort by hosting several special events throughout October.

Park rangers will conduct guided hikes into the site every Sunday during October. Visitors can meet a ranger at the Fort Bowie trailhead on Apache Pass Road at 10:00 am on October 7, 14, 21, and 28 for a one and a half mile hike into the fort ruins. The hikes will focus primarily on the chronology of events that led to the establishment of the fort, including the Bascom Affair and the Battle of Apache Pass. Participants should bring water and snacks and wear sturdy shoes. Guided hikes end at the visitor center, and visitors can make their way back to the trailhead at their leisure.

On Saturday, October 20, Fort Bowie NHS will host two historians and noted authors at the visitor center. Both will speak about the fort and the history of the Apache Pass area, with Douglas C. McChristian speaking at 11:00 am and Edwin R. Sweeney speaking at 1:00 pm. Mr. Sweeney is the author of several bibliographies and books about Apache leaders including Cochise, Geronimo and Mangas Coloradas. Mr. McChristian has written extensively about the U.S. Army during the late 1800s, including a book specifically about Fort Bowie. Altogether, six books between the two authors are sold at the visitor center. Western National Parks Association, the non-profit organization that operates the bookstore, will offer a 15% discount on all items that day. Both authors will be available for book signings before and after their presentations.

On Saturday, October 27, the Old Arizona Brass Band, also known as the 4<sup>th</sup> U.S. Cavalry Regimental Band, will be performing music from the western frontier. The band will be performing two sets at the visitor center between 11:30 am and 2:00 pm. Complimentary cake and sarsaparilla soda will be served between sets. Once again, Western National Parks Association will offer a 15% discount on all items in the bookstore that day as well. On both Saturday, October 20, and Saturday, October 27, ranger-led programs, including tours of the fort ruins and heliograph demonstrations, will be available throughout the day. Contact the visitor center for specific times. **EXPERIENCE YOUR AMERICA™** The National Park Service cares for special places saved by the American people so that all may experience our heritage.

Throughout October, visitors to Fort Bowie NHS will also be able to enjoy a collection of artifacts on loan from the Western Archeological and Conservation Center in Tucson. All of the artifacts were found at Fort Bowie, and speak to the role or presence of women and

children at the fort. The artifacts are on display at the visitor center, open 8:00 am to 4:30 pm daily.

All events are free and open to both individuals and groups. Visitors should be prepared to hike to the fort ruins and visitor center, a round-trip distance of 3 miles. The trail is well-marked and includes easy to moderate terrain. Visitors are encouraged to bring picnic lunches (no food is available onsite) and spend the day exploring and enjoying the area. The site includes a visitor center and bookstore, which are open daily. Weather conditions this time of year are variable, but visitors should bring plenty of water, sun protection, and comfortable walking shoes. People with limited mobility can contact the visitor center for more information about accessibility options.

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### **Fort Bowie: Yesterday and today**

Arizona Range News  
Karen Weston Gonzales National Park Service | Posted: Wednesday, October 3, 2012 12:00 pm

Where once a busy Army fort stood, bustling with activity and noise, only a few adobe walls remain. Except for the wind blowing through Apache Pass and the flapping of the American flag flying over the fort ruins, Fort Bowie today stands mostly silent.

Once the nerve center of the United States military campaign against the Chiricahua Apache people, Fort Bowie played a pivotal role in our nation's history during a time when European Americans were exploring and moving west, traveling across homelands of American Indians, and in many places, displacing the native people as they went.

Conflicting views and attitudes created hostilities between people looking for new homes and those trying to hang on to land they had always known. The battles of the American Indian wars were many and

they began for different reasons, but none were more basic than the type of battle that led to the establishment of Fort Bowie one hundred and fifty years ago.

Too many of us take our water supply for granted these days, but in 1862 if you were marching across the desert southwest your very life depended on knowing where the water holes were, and having access to them.

It was that very scenario that set into motion the reason Fort Bowie came into existence, when Union troops, traveling east to address a Confederate threat, in the early days of our country's Civil War, marched right into a Chiricahua Apache ambush at Apache Pass in what is now known as southeast Arizona.

Apache Spring, which still flows, was, and is, just a small trickle of water, but this precious water source was what the soldiers and officers of General James H. Carleton's "California Column" were in desperate need of for themselves and their livestock on July 15, 1862.

They had just marched 40 miles across the searing Sulphur Springs valley in temperatures soaring over 100 degrees and were within a half-mile from the spring when attacked by Apache warriors under the leadership of Chiricahua Apache Chief Cochise.

After the two-day battle of Apache Pass, Captain Thomas L. Roberts of the First California Infantry reported to General Carleton "I deem it highly important that a force sufficient to hold the water and pass should be stationed there, otherwise every command will have to fight for the water, and, not knowing the ground, are almost certain to lose some lives."

On July 28, 1862, the first Fort Bowie was officially established on a small hillside overlooking Apache Spring. A second, more extensive fort was built five years later just east of the first fort.

Cochise made peace with the new Americans in 1872 and for four years there was a Chiricahua Apache reservation covering most of what we know now as Cochise County. Much to the dismay of the Chiricahuas, the government closed that reservation in 1876, two years after Cochise's death, and moved

most of his people to the San Carlos Apache reservation.

Not all of the Chiricahuas adapted well to reservation life and some of them rebelled, including the well-known Apache medicine man and leader, Geronimo, who, with those Apaches that followed him, kept the military busy off and on for another decade, while he and his people were on the run between Mexico and the United States.

Fort Bowie was most active the years of 1885-1886, during what the military called the "Geronimo Campaign," a time when officers, soldiers, Apache warriors and Indian scouts alike, made their marks in history here.

After Geronimo surrendered for the last time in 1886, soldiers and officers at Fort Bowie found they had little to do. By 1894 it became apparent to the government that Fort Bowie had outlived its usefulness and was abandoned.

A few local settlers, early ranchers and miners moved into some of the finer buildings for a while. The buildings began to disappear as people helped themselves to the lumber, metal, whatever they could find that could be utilized. Once the adobe walls were exposed to the elements, the physical aspect of Fort Bowie began to vanish, much of it blowing away with the winds that relentlessly blow through Apache Pass.

Though most of the buildings that once stood at Fort Bowie are long gone, the history that unfolded there still lives, interpreted by the National Park Service. The ruins of Fort Bowie are protected today to commemorate a part of the tumultuous history of a nation in transition, experiencing growing pains that would benefit one culture at the expense of another. This is where the Indian wars ended in the Southwest.

For the Chiricahua Apache people, this meant a loss of their traditional homelands, an end to their nomadic lifestyle, and for most of them an end of their freedom. The entire band was exiled from Arizona and became prisoners of war for 27 years. For the new Americans this meant a beginning to new freedoms and lifestyles they had yet to explore.

Fort Bowie today is a place to reflect and ponder those that came before us. It is also a place to remember that each one of our lives has been shaped by what happened in the past and that what we accomplish today with our present lives will shape the future for those yet to come.

### **Cowgirls win AIA petition, Cowboys lose**

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Steve Reno | Posted: Wednesday, November 21, 2012 12:00 pm

Willcox joined a massive movement of Arizona schools seeking to change where the AIA placed their sports teams during last year's cost-cutting realignment.

Athletic Director Tammy Hall petitioned the AIA (Arizona Athletic Association) to allow Willcox boys' and girls' basketball, plus baseball and softball to move down from Division III to Division IV.

The current Division III alignment has Willcox High School, with an enrollment of 366, competing in basketball with schools like Buckeye and Empire that boast enrollments over 1,200, with five other schools over 1,000 also in Division III.

"You'd like to think when you start your season you're competing for a title, but no matter how special the team, competing for a title is improbable against these numbers," said boys' head basketball coach Ted Dunlap.

So Hall petitioned the AIA, as did 73 other schools, for 411 different sports programs throughout Arizona, including 10 large schools in Tucson. Douglas, Buena, Tombstone and Bisbee also petitioned for nearly 30 of their sports programs in Southern Arizona.

Dunlap called it a massive protest movement by Arizona schools to undo a wrong the AIA promulgated by separating the non-football and volleyball sports into just four divisions (football gets six divisions and volleyball five).

The AIA claimed they were answering the need to pare back state tournaments and their excessive post-season expenses.

Having just one more division for basketball, baseball and softball would have allowed the former

2A schools to join the 1A schools and avoid playing the large 3A schools and some 4A schools for a shot at postseason glory.

"If they compromised and combined football divisions V and VI, I think we would all be happy," said Dunlap.

Falling short of that compromise, petitioning down is the next best solution.

"A bunch of us ADs got together and talked about the disparity between the schools with large enrollment numbers and those of us with low numbers," said Hall.

"We felt it was ridiculous."

She said her basketball petition emphasis was on declining enrollment for Willcox, where a once robust high school number at 443 three years ago is now at 355.

The petition allowed her to emphasize the large number of free and reduced lunches served at the high school, indicating a large low income population that many times translates to poor sports participation. The entire boys' basketball program has just 14 athletes while the girls are at 22 participants. Willcox eliminated the freshman programs late last season because of the low numbers.

Her petition also pointed out that both basketball programs were in the bottom third of the power rankings last year.

Dunlap noted that Willcox is also in the bottom eight schools for enrollment in Division III.

"This is not a case of Willcox whining. Not at all. It's more a case of protest to the AIA just on the unfair divisions they created," he said.

The AIA's answer was "yes" to the girls' basketball petition, but "no" to the boys' petition.

"I don't understand how the girls could win the petition and not us," said Dunlap.

Perhaps the AIA saw the fact that the boys won nine games last year despite their low power ranking

while the girls won just three in each of the past two seasons.

But the girls are just three years removed from a state title appearance. The AIA did not give reasoning for their decision and Hall has appealed the boys' denied petition.

If both are approved, smaller schools like Valley Union, Pima and **Bowie** may not be too thrilled about some larger schools dropping down to their division to usurp possible play-off berths.

"We are looking for some difficulties with the bigger schools petitioning down," said Valley Union Athletic Director Steve Yoder, "especially when recent state champions are moving down. It is kind of disturbing. The AIA is trying to fix the system, but it makes it more of an imbalance."

The AIA also approved Bisbee's petitions (enrollment 360, previously 388) to allow their softball and volleyball programs to drop down, but denied their girls' and boys' basketball and the baseball program from dropping down to Division IV.

"I can understand it from their standpoint of wanting to drop down from those schools with 800-1,200 enrollment," said Yoder, "but can they understand Valley Union (enrollment 126) or **Bowie-San Simon** (enrollment 56) may have a problem with them coming down? There's no place for us to go, no Division V, we are where we are at. That's been one of the arguments for the small schools. Where do we go, our only place to petition is up."

For next year's basketball season, this could be much ado about nothing for the local rural schools, because Hall has indicated that Willcox cannot have their girls' and boys' basketball teams playing in different divisions with different computer schedules.

"It will mess up our scheduling because both teams have to travel together in the same bus to keep our expenses down," she said.

If she loses the boys' appeal to the AIA, it is likely the girls will continue to play in Division III instead. It is also interesting to note that area schools with improving enrollment, Thatcher (400 to 426), Benson (380 to 425) and Morenci (343 to 401), will remain in

Division III for basketball after deciding not to petition down for any program.

### **Bowie library Books and Cookies**

The Jimmie Libhart Library in Bowie will hold a "Books and Cookies Holiday Exchange" on Thursday, Dec. 13 at 10 a.m.

Participants are asked to make their favorite holiday treats and bring them in with the recipe and a book to trade.

We will share treats and recipes and books. The Library has a good collection of cookbooks if you need ideas!

Call the Bowie Library if you need more information at 520-847-2522.

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### **Valley Union superintendent receives award**

Carol Broeder; Trisha Maldonado; Arizona Range News | Posted: Wednesday, December 26, 2012 12:00 pm - Arizona Range News - <http://www.willcoxrangenews.com>

An area school superintendent last Tuesday received the highest recognition award that the Arizona School Administrators Association (ASA) bestows.

Valley Union High School District (VUHS) Superintendent Ronald V. Aguallo was presented with the ASA's All Arizona Superintendent Award for 2012.

The award was presented during a luncheon at the Arizona School Boards Association/ASA Annual Conference, held Dec. 13 at the Biltmore Conference Center in Phoenix.

ASA Executive Director Deb Duvall said, "Inspirational and innovative district leadership is the key that makes the difference in school success."

"Aguallo's model of leadership has set a course for his district and has put in place outstanding teams that support the work he does statewide," she said.

"Courageous, forward thinking and collaborative are the words that define his strengths," said Duvall, adding, "He works tirelessly to prepare students to be

global citizens and competitors in the workplace of tomorrow.”

“We are better as a state for having his talents shared as a visionary leader and we are proud of his accomplishments on behalf of students, staff, families and the communities they serve,” she said.

Aguallo was chosen as the ASA All Arizona Superintendent Award winner for small districts. The high school, located in Elfrida, currently has 126 students enrolled. It has placed in the top 22 percent for academics in the nation.

“Aguallo is known and widely respected for his calm, focused and decisive leadership style, his positive relations with the school board and community, and especially for his focus on curriculum and instruction,” VUHS School Board member Mary Appel said in her nomination letter.

As to his outreach to the community, Appel said, “The district is located in a rural area and provides a focal point by sharing facilities and welcoming the community with events, a fitness center, and wellness wall.”

“Aguallo is credited with educating students to be globally competitive through the implementation of common core standards and integrated use of technology,” with “all of this being achieved through the direction and guidance of a master strategic plan,” she said.

“The district, under Aguallo’s tutelage, has set and maintained high standards for all staff members and used data to determine short and long term student achievement gains,” Appel said in her nomination letter.

“This enthusiastic leader sets the bar in promoting excellence and Valley Union High School District is lucky to have Ronald Aguallo as its superintendent,” she said.

“I am very honored that the school board nominated me and very honored that I was chosen by ASA,” said Aguallo, adding, “It’s an honor for the school district, as well as for the teachers and students.”

Asked about the secret to his district’s success, Aguallo referred to its teacher to student ratio of 12 to 1, which “sets us apart.”

He cited the adage, “Students don’t care how much you know until they know that you care,” saying that the teacher-student ratio “allows for bonding -- in a proper way, of course.”

“While smallness has its drawbacks, it does have its advantages, too,” said Aguallo, adding that students travel from Douglas and Bisbee to attend the Elfrida School.

A New Mexico native, Aguallo nonetheless is no stranger to rural Arizona schools. Prior to taking his post at Elfrida in 1998, he worked seven years in Clifton from 1991-98, and before that for three years in **Bowie** from 1988-1991.

**Bowie** was where Aguallo held his first teaching job after attending Eastern Arizona College in Thatcher; Western New Mexico University, where he graduated in 1987; then working on his Master’s degree from Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff.

“I really loved it in **Bowie**,” he told the Range News. “When I was there my first year, I had six seniors.”

Aguallo proudly points out that at the same time he received the small district award, Ronda Frueauff received this year’s award for superintendent of a medium-sized school district.

Frueauff is currently superintendent of the Fort Huachuca Accommodation School District, with an enrollment of 1,051 students. The district educates kindergartners to eighth-graders.

“There were four awards given out, and Cochise County took two of them,” said Aguallo, adding, “I think that speaks well of all my rural colleagues, and what we are trying to do in Cochise County.”

The ASA is a non-profit organization whose members are K-12 public school administrators, which include district superintendents, business officers, curriculum directors, human resource administrators, facilities managers, food services managers, transportation directors and school site principals.

ASA's membership spans the entire state and its 226 school districts. The mission of Arizona School Administrators is to promote and support educational excellence in school leadership.

(Editor's note: Trisha Maldonado is from the Douglas Dispatch. Senior Reporter Bill Hess with the Herald/Review contributed to this article.)

## 100 Years 100 Ranchers

Arizona Range News: Carol Broeder Arizona Range News |  
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The Rex Allen Museum held a fundraiser Saturday during Rex Allen Days, garnering a little more than \$2,100 after expenses.

It was a presentation by photographer Scott Baxter on his book "100 Years, 100 Ranchers," which featured ranchers, whose families have been ranching for 100 years or more, including some in the Willcox area.

Baxter had traveled across the state for more than 10 years to complete the project, which includes black-and-white photos of ranch families from 14 of Arizona's 15 counties.

Event organizer and Museum Board member Gail Martin reported that 40 raffle tickets were sold.

There were 45 admissions at the door, about a dozen of whom had received free tickets courtesy of SSVEC, including members of the Wien, Pyeatt, Riggs, Wear, and Tunks families.

"During the planning stages, I had the opportunity to visit with many of the ranchers who were unable to attend," she said.

"They were excited that we were hosting this event in Willcox, and love the idea that someone was going to win a 'one of a kind collector's copy'" of Baxter's book, Martin told the Range News.

"The ranchers who were able to personalize the book were thrilled to do so, and each of them wrote a meaningful quote alongside their name," she said.

"All of the ranchers shared with me that they were very happy that there was an effort to honor and celebrate our Arizona ranching cultural heritage."

One of the local ranching families featured was the Riggs Family, which operates the Crossed J Ranch at the base of the Chiricahua Mountains, southeast of Willcox,

In Nov. 2011, Jim, Ashley, and Thomas Riggs were among several ranchers at Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport, where Baxter unveiled his decade-long project.

"Celebrating the Arizona State Centennial, these portraits document the ranching families that have defined Arizona for decades. During the last 10 years, Scott Baxter's tenacity created this work as a true labor of love," said Phoenix Airport Museum Curator Lennée Eller.

Also featured was Wayne Klump of the Klump Ranch near **Bowie**, established in 2004, who was excited about being in the book. His photo is one of three featured by the Tucson Museum of Art's website, where a show ran from June through September.

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Baxter said at the time, "My goal is to recognize these families that have struggled to survive, and persevere in these difficult times. As ranches are lost to developers and poor economic conditions I hope to be able to preserve photographically an integral part of Arizona tradition."

Afterwards, he said, "For me this was a great deal, this was a life-changing experience, and for me I just felt really fortunate and blessed to have been able to photograph these ranchers."

Guests attending Baxter's presentation in Willcox "were excited to see so many Cochise County and neighboring county ranchers featured in the book," Martin said.

They enjoyed listening to Baxter's heartfelt stories "as he shared his 10-year journey which took on a life of its own, and became what is now the 'Arizona Centennial Legacy Project,'" she said.

“For me, I love photographs that tell a story, have emotion and draw you in, and that is what I believe Scott’s images did,” Martin said.

“The longevity of Arizona ranching families that have continued to maintain their ranch in the same family for over 100 years is truly remarkable.”

“It was a privilege to have the opportunity to host this event,” she told the Range News.

Martin added, “There was also excitement that we were offering Rex Allen’s biography ‘My Life Sunrise to Sunset’ as an additional prize.”

Anne Bryan of Willcox won the ‘100 Years 100 Ranchers’ book, and Nancy Noland of Tucson, who has family ties to Willcox and San Simon, won the limited edition “My Life Sunrise to Sunset,” autographed by Rex Allen.

Signed or unsigned copies of Baxter’s book may be purchased via the website [www.100years100Ranchers.com](http://www.100years100Ranchers.com), while Allen’s book may be purchased at the Rex Allen Museum.

Martin invites everyone to stop by the Museum, located at 150 N. Railroad Avenue.

“Take a tour, shop, say howdy, or listen to some live music on Mondays,” she said.

The Museum is hosting “Monday Morning Music at the Museum” every Monday from 10 a.m. to Noon, which features Country/Western music with Ray Harris, Will Johnston, and Gary Melton.

“A common statement from new visitors to the museum is that we have a secret gem, and I would have to agree,” said Martin, adding, “And or course, we would welcome new membership and volunteers.”

For further information, call (520) 384-4583, or visit the Museum’s recently updated website at [www.rexallenmuseum.org](http://www.rexallenmuseum.org).

### **Bowie School News:**

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*Student achievement is our focus and we strive to enrich the classroom instruction with relevant activities.*

*You are encouraged to please visit Bowie Schools and discuss our successes and programs. We are located at: 315 W 5th St. Bowie, Office Phone: 520-847-2545*

## **Bowie Students Win Ribbons at County Fair**

Student of all grade levels from **Bowie Schools** had entries in the Cochise County Fair. Each elementary classroom turned in artwork. Also, handicrafts were entered by members of the Panther 4H/Cloverbuds.

Ryan Klump and J. Houston Klump each submitted hand-made turned wood pens for which they each received 1st place ribbons. These entries were part of the **Bowie** 4H program. Each elementary classroom also entered artwork as a group.

The ribbons awarded are as follows:

Kindergarten/1st grade – “Wise Little Owls – 2nd Place, 2nd grade/3rd grade – “Beautiful Rainbow Fish” – 1<sup>st</sup> Place, 4th grade/5th grade – “Aboriginal Inspired Drawings” – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place, and 6th grade/7th grade – “Map Pictures” – 1st Place. Congratulations to each student on their participation.

Each of you represented the schools quite well and many of the **Bowie** entries were highly-rated by the judges.

Similar to athletics, students gain so much more from competitions besides “winning.” Working to maximize points based upon specific criteria and publically presenting their work provides improved self-esteem and selfworth.

While some of our students did not receive a red, white, or blue ribbon, each of them has grown in the experience. **Bowie Schools** wishes to say “Thank you!” to the Cochise County Fair staff and volunteers for consistently providing a quality experience.

## **Riley Klump Earns SSVEC**

### **Washington, DC trip**

**Bowie HS** Junior Riley Klump has earned a week-long trip to Washington, DC this summer from Sulpher Springs Valley Electric Cooperative. All juniors took a pre-test in their history class.

SSVEC selected Riley and the other candidates, in their service area, from that test. Riley created an

essay related to energy usage. Another 200 question written test and a personal interview were the final steps in the process. Riley scored well enough in the process to be selected as one of the 12 winners.

SSVEC organizes this Washington, DC trip as a means to provide leadership skill opportunities and for the students to see our government in action. All juniors in the SSVEC service area are eligible initially and take a test covering information about electric cooperatives and United States History.

Following the test given at their school, candidates must write an essay to a selected topic. Candidates are given a second test covering US history and government as well as electric cooperatives. Points are accumulated throughout the process and winners are selected to participate in the summer trip.

### **Willcox-San Simon NRCD FFA Field Day**

Arizona Range News: News- Bonnie Thompson willcox-san simon nrcd | Posted: Wednesday, October 24, 2012 12:00 pm

Agricultural Education students from Willcox High School; Willcox Middle School; San Simon; **Bowie**; St. David; Ft. Thomas; Tombstone; and Valley Union High Schools, joined at the 41st Annual Willcox-San Simon NRCD Range Field Day on September 20th. Students competed in the areas of soils, rangeland utilization and plant identification, and wildlife. The event was cosponsored by the Willcox-San Simon Natural Resource Center for Environmental Education and was hosted by NRCD advisor, Richard Riggs, who has been hosting the event for the past 25 years on his 7VT Ranch.

“This is really a great event that the NRCD has enjoyed sponsoring. Watching these FFA students get excited about conservation and take an interest in agriculture is rewarding. After all, they are the future.” said Richard Riggs.

Willcox-San Simon NRCD members welcomed students and guests to the Field Day. An extended welcome was presented to Penny Daye-Driscoll, NRCS District Conservationist, in the Willcox field office.

Bill Svetlik and Jesse Wood, Tucson NRCS Soils Scientists, arrived early to dig a soils pit for the students to evaluate. They were joined by Cary Ely,

Willcox NRCS Soil Conservationist, in handling the soils portion of the competition. The soils competition requires students to get “down and dirty” determining soil types, textures and structure, as well as answering general soils questions.

Results of the SOILS TEAM competition were:

1st place team – (Valley Union) Shae Jiron; Ben Sanford and Josh Holcomb; 2nd place team – (Valley Union) Carmen De La Cruz; Garrett Watkins; Sara Sonke; 3rd place team – (Ft. Thomas) Melody Rope; Tiaerra Jordan; Addison Fowler

Results of the SOILS INDIVIDUAL competition were:

1st place individual – (Valley Union) Josh Holcomb; 2nd place individual – (Valley Union) Ben Sanford; 3rd place individual – Tie - (Valley Union) Shae Jiron and (San Simon) Caylin Tibbetts

John Bacorn, Wildlife Manager, Arizona Game & Fish Department, provided the wildlife portion of the event. They were required to identify animal skins, scat, tracks, and answer written questions on wildlife identification and habitat.

Results of the WILDLIFE TEAM were:

1st place team – (Ft. Thomas) Tori Hinson; Samson Pino; and Kendra McCabe; 2nd place team – (Willcox High School) Eli Webster; Jordan Aulkner; and Luke Todd; 3rd place team – (Ft. Thomas) Melody Rope; Tiaerra Jordan; and Addison Fowler

The results of the WILDLIFE INDIVIDUAL were:

1st place – (Ft. Thomas) Kendra McCabe; 2nd place – (Ft. Thomas) Tori Hinton; 3rd place - (Willcox High School) Luke Todd

Willcox NRCS Range Management Specialists, Chase Skaarer and Soil Conservation Technician, Tobiah Salvail, conducted the range event. Students were asked to identify types of forage as well as estimate the utilization percentage.

The results of the RANGE TEAM were:

1st place team tied – (Willcox High School) Eli Webster; Jordan Faulkner; and Luke Todd (**Bowie**) Riley Klump; Albert Hernandez; and Wesley Myers; 2nd place team – (Willcox High School) Tyler Owen; Seth Estes; and Nathan Ramirez; 3rd place team tied

– (Valley Union) Shae Jiron; Ben Sanford and Josh Holcomb (Ft. Thomas) Tori Hinton; Samson Pino; and Kendra McCabe; (Willcox Middle School) Sherrick Sanborn; Tayler Hale; and Justin Kibler

The results of the RANGE INDIVIDUAL were:  
1st place – (Willcox High School) Luke Todd; 2nd place – (**Bowie**) Riley Klump; 3rd place tie - (Both from Willcox High School) Eli Webster and Seth Estes

The results of the SWEEPSTAKES TEAM were:  
1st place - (Ft. Thomas) Tori Hinton; Samson Pino; and Kendra McCabe; 2nd place – (Willcox High School) Eli Webster; Jordan Faulkner and Luke Todd; 3rd Place – (Valley Union) Shae Jiron; Ben Sanford and Josh Holcomb

The results of the SWEEPSTAKES INDIVIDUAL were:  
1st place – (Willcox) Luke Todd; 2nd Place – (Valley Union) Ben Sanford; 3rd Place – (Ft. Thomas) Kendra McCabe

The Willcox-San Simon NRC D would like to thank the many volunteers for their time and effort in keeping the competition running smoothly. Without them the event wouldn't be possible. Thank you to Tommie and Heidi Todd, Doug Thompson, Kim Webb, Thomas and Buffi Riggs; and Jim Riggs.

### **Nancy-Jean Welker Recognized for School Board Training**

Long-time Bowie School Board member Nancy-Jean Welker has earned her third cluster for Arizona School Board Association (ASBA) continuing education.



Ms. Welker has participated in ASBA trainings in every possible venue. She has received trainings in every aspect of Governing Board service. Ms. Welker's dedication to self improvement is admirable and appreciated. Nancy-Jean Welker has attained

the level of Master of Boardmanship with Three clusters.

The ASBA organizes training for Governing Board members to help them serve with the best knowledge and preparation. The training program is divided into levels like college degrees; progress from level to level is by acquiring hours of training.

The trainings are organized in 10 Core Curriculum areas deemed important to successful Governing Board service. These continuing education hours are self-reported at trainings and compiled by the ASBA, which administers the recognition program. Thank you and congratulations to Nancy-Jean Welker for her desire and work to be the best possible Governing Board member for the students of Bowie USD #14.

*You are encouraged to please visit Bowie Schools and discuss our successes and programs. We are located at: 315 W 5th St. Bowie, Office Phone: 520-847-2545*

### **Bowie FFA #1 at County Fair**

Congratulations to all Bowie students participating in the Cochise County Fair!

Bowie FFA Freshmen have success with their display at 2012 Cochise County Fair.

Each year Cochise County FFA chapters creates a display around a predetermined theme. This year the theme was "Integrated Pest Management". The Bowie FFA Freshmen have the responsibility each year to create and build a display that would be used at the fair. Bowie's display took 1st Place. The success team was Alejandro Lopez, Mariah Fierro, Aldo Salinas and Justin Rios.

Congratulations to the Bowie High School Freshmen. Sinda Sutton, FFA advisor and all the members of the Chapter congratulate the freshmen for their success.

Bowie Schools wishes to say "Thank you!" to the Cochise County Fair staff and volunteers for consistently providing a quality experience.

### **Bowie High School Hosts FFA Creed Contest**

Bowie HS FFA Chapter hosted the FFA Gila Southern District Creed Speaking Contest last Wednesday, November 7, 2012. There were 18 FFA Creed speakers for the district contest, which was one of eight held around the state. Each district holds its own creed competition. In order to advance to the state level, students must place either 1st or 2nd at

their district level. The FFA Information Contest was held in conjunction with the Creed Contest.

The FFA creed is a five paragraph passage written by E.M Tiffany conveying a belief in agriculture. Each paragraph begins with the words "I believe..." Each FFA student must memorize the Creed and recite it to a panel of judges. Students are scored for missing or added words, as well as their presentation, and answers to three questions pertaining to the Creed and agriculture, asked by the panel of judges.

Congratulations to the top three finishers both the Creed Speaking and Information Contests as they prepare for the State-wide competition in mid-December at the FFA Midwinter Conference in Phoenix, Arizona.

#### Creed Contest Information Contest

1st Lofton Thomas, Benson Katie Sweatt, Benson  
2nd Ryan Adame, San Simon Luke Todd, Willcox  
3rd Michael Ordonez, San Simon Sierra Quiroz, Benson  
*Student achievement is our focus and we strive to enrich the classroom instruction with relevant activities.*

### **From fodder to farther, Cowboys peek ahead - Arizona Range News: Sports**

Steve Reno / Arizona Range News | Posted: Wednesday, December 12, 2012 12:00 pm

Willcox has provided generous fodder for their early season opponents, but appear to have plans for a reversal in the near future.

"We have long term goals, but we have a short term goal of getting better every day," said head coach Ted Dunlap after his varsity basketball squad picked up its first win in five tries **by barely beating Bowie/San Simon 65-64 Saturday.**

That difficult win required a heroic effort by the coach's son Damon Dunlap, who poured in 26 points, including the game winner with .6 seconds left on the clock.

"We drew it up for a double screen and Damon could attack on it," as the junior point guard used nearly the full seven seconds left on the clock to drive the lane, make the lay-up and draw a foul.

Dunlap also had a chance to win at Valley Union and at Walden Grove earlier in the season, but "this was a 1-point game instead of 3 points down and we had

more than the 1.6 seconds or 3.1 on the clock in those games," said the coach.

**Bowie/San Simon put up a valiant challenge** thanks to their coach's son, Spencer Donaldson, who scored 18 points, including four 3-pointers. Willcox led most of the way, including 29-17 late in the first half, and 56-48 late in the fourth. The Cowboys barely held off the charge as center Scott Phillips pitched in 13 points and forward Adrian Escalante added 12.

"It's frustrating to not be able to find five kids that can focus for 32 minutes. If so, we could compete a lot harder than we are. We're in a lot of games, but opponents outlast us on focus in competition," said Dunlap.

Valley Union came out with excellent focus early in Thursday's meeting in Elfrida and led 10-0 before the Cowboys could find their footing. Damon Dunlap got himself involved after he couldn't find a teammate with a hot hand and ended up pouring in 35 points during this contest.

Willcox drew to within 12-6 and hung in there at half-time, trailing 22-14. They were still down by 8, at 40-32 early in the fourth quarter before making a run to charge into the lead, 46-45, at the 3:42 mark. But the host Blue Devils recovered to take a 50-46 lead and hung on for the 55-52 win as Dunlap missed a contested three-pointer at the buzzer.

Layson Smyer came off the bench to tie Daniel Diaz for second best on the scorecard with six points each, while Escalante was held to two.

"Our basketball IQ is slowly coming, but only through repetition will it get better," said the coach.

A repetition of their performance against Benson should be avoided at all costs as the Cowboys dropped an embarrassing 71-47 decision. Escalante scored 22 and Dunlap 10, with Diaz and Travis Regalado chipping in 6 each, but Benson steadily pulled away after leading 22-14 after one period. It was 37-24 at the half and 57-36 by the end of three.

"Benson is strong where we were weak, a high basketball IQ and physically stronger than us. I expect a much better showing in the rematch near the end of the season," said the coach.

Meanwhile, a rematch with season-opening opponent Walden Grove is already set for Thursday night as the Cowboys seek to avenge a 50-47 loss where they failed in the fourth quarter of a close game on Nov. 29.

"We want to see some improvement against Walden Grove," said Dunlap. "Any experience we get is good, so I like the rematch opportunities."

The schedule turns tougher, though, with a trip to Safford Friday before hosting Morenci on Tuesday.

Willcox appears to be on a two-year plan of molding their youthful squad into a contender by next season, and the second-year of the plan was greatly enhanced with some recent news.

The Cowboys basketball program won an appeal to the AIA to allow its school with declining enrollment to drop from Division III this year to Division IV next year.

They'll leave behind Thatcher, Benson, Safford and Morenci to let them compete with former 3A and 4A schools. The Willcox boys will join the girls program, their traveling partners, who won an appeal earlier, in competing with the smaller former 2A schools and a variety of former 1A schools in 2013-14.

St. David, Valley Union, Patagonia, Duncan, Pima and Tombstone are likely conference opponents next year while there will be less room on the schedule for larger schools like Walden Grove, Douglas and Safford.

They also won an appeal for this year's program that allows them to ignore the six-quarter rule that would have hindered their 13-player program from keeping enough players available for both the junior varsity and varsity contests on the same night.

"We're in a lot of games, but opponents outlast us," said Dunlap. "You're in the part of the season where you're playing a lot and practicing a little," and the waiver of the six-quarter rule may also have some helpful effect for a program accustomed to better athlete turnouts and competing better on the floor.

## **Bowie History:**

### **Stone Ave. recalls man killed in Apache attack**

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Stone Avenue is one of Tucson's oldest streets and is the dividing line between east and west.

The street is named for John Finkle Stone, who was born in New York in 1836 and left home at age 15. He spent the next 14 years in the Southwest and served in the Civil War.

Stone moved to Tucson in the mid-1860s, and in 1868 he helped organize the Apache Pass Mining

Co., near Fort Bowie, and was elected president and superintendent.

On Oct. 5, 1869, while traveling in a mail stagecoach from the Apache Pass Mine to Tucson, he was attacked by Apaches. The deceased - four soldiers, the driver and Stone - were found by a wagon train headed to Tucson and buried at the site of the attack. His body was reportedly moved later to the Fort Bowie Cemetery.

The Weekly Arizonian, Arizona's first newspaper, reported on Oct. 16, 1869: "The Eastern mail arrived on Wednesday carried by the coach on which Col. John F. Stone and party were murdered. The sides of the coach are splintered and perforated from the action of lances and bullets, and in many places bespattered with blood."



In the early 1900s, The Tucson Post newspaper, published from 1901 to 1917, printed the following: "Stone Avenue was named for John F. Stone. Just how or why he came to the country no one now living seems to know. He was a man of considerable means and of magnificent physique. Of powerful

build and wearing a heavy black beard he stood distinguished among his fellow men. ... Sometime in the early sixties, he built the first house on Stone Avenue. It was situated on the southwest corner of Stone Avenue and McCormick Street, and is still standing."

Editor's note

Each week the Star will tell the stories behind Tucson street names. If you have streets to suggest or stories to share, contact writer David Leighton at [streetsmarts@azstarnet.com](mailto:streetsmarts@azstarnet.com). Stone Avenue was suggested by Star reader Konnor W. Drennen.

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## Reporter asked about outlaws and, unwittingly, got a story

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[GEORGE H. SMALLEY TUCSON DAILY CITIZEN](#)

This story was originally published on Sept. 14, 1955.

I was at **Bowie** waiting for a Southern Pacific mainline train going to Tucson. I asked **Captain Tevis**, who ran the tavern, if he had seen anything of the Black Jack band of outlaws. He said he had not of late, but there were some men camped under the cottonwood trees across the track who might tell me something about the outlaws I was seeking.

I sauntered over and found the men playing poker on a blanket which they had stretched on the ground. I greeted them very cordially, but they only glanced my way and continued playing. When I told them I was a newspaper correspondent, one of the men glared at me and said:

"Get out and don't bother us." Still I persisted and said I would wait until they had finished their game. But the peremptory demand was made with a motion toward his gun, so I returned to the tavern.

Captain Tevis was smiling as I approached him. "What did they have to say?" he inquired.

"Not very sociable," I replied.

Then he burst out laughing, "That is the Black Jack gang, and you are lucky to get back whole. Scott White and his posse are coming in a special train to get them. ..."

The special train could be seen far up the track when Black Jack and his band rode up to the station. They dismounted and went into the bar for a drink and I followed them.

Grapevine telegraphy had warned him that Scott White, a sheriff of Cochise County, was on that train. After a few drinks, the outlaws left the bar and mounted their horses.

I snapped several pictures of Black Jack and his men, then placed the camera on my saddle, proud that I would have some good pictures of the notorious outlaw.

The riders milled about in front of the station, and Black Jack spurred his horse in my direction and turned it about several times over my saddle, crushing the camera.

The outlaws waited until the train stopped at a cattle chute to unload their horses, then they rode off toward the Mexico border.

Later I got a picture of Black Jack as he stood on the scaffold with a rope about his neck. He appeared anxious as he stood on the gallows.

"What time is it, boys?" he asked. He was told it lacked one minute of twelve.

"Well, hurry up. I've got a date with the devil for dinner, and I want to be on time."

*This story was part of a column, "Pioneer Anecdotes," by George H. Smalley, editor of the Citizen from 1898 to 1901.*

## Update:

Ken Ansley began the Walls of Merit in 1999; the Wall of Honor and the Wall of Outstanding Service. The following are sketches of the recipients. The full biographies will be published over the next several newsletters. If you want to nominate someone for the Walls of Merit, please refer to the rules, published in this newsletter.

## **Walls of Merit Have Permanent Home**

The path of the Walls of Merit to its current location was a long and eventful one. The idea started with the Bowie School Reunion Group many years ago as

a way to honor Bowie School alumni or residents for their heroic or outstanding service to their communities. The alumnus or resident could be nominated for inclusion to either the Wall of Honor or the Wall of Outstanding Service. The rules were formally written up in 2000 and are displayed with the honorees.

The original location for the Wall of Honor and Wall of Outstanding Service was in the hallway of the Eva Hall Building and several honorees were displayed with their pictures and biographies for a few years. Unfortunately, the building was condemned as unsafe and the pictures and bios were removed and packed safely away while a new location was found.

A solution was presented and approved by the Bowie School Reunion Group in the spring of 2008. A multiplex panel display was ordered and the pictures and bios are displayed there. This floor standing display has the added advantage of being portable and will be on display in the hallway of the high school most of the time. During events it can be moved to the gymnasium or other areas. In addition, it is expandable to accommodate future honorees.

The multiplex panel display will also be used to honor Bowie School attendees, alumni or staff who have served their country in the armed forces, during both war and peace.

Many people were instrumental in the creation and maintenance of the Walls of Merit, most notably are Bobbie Welker Blandin, Doug Welker, Bill Allen, Ken Ansley, Florina and Dale Christiernsson, Ernie Blandin, and Nancy-Jean Welker. Others have donated generously to the fund used to frame the pictures, to print the bios, and to purchase the multiplex panel display.

The new home of the Walls of Merit was on display during the 2008 reunion and will be on display during the 2013 reunion. Please take a minute to stop by and read about the outstanding people who attended Bowie Schools or lived and worked in Bowie over the years.

The following was originally printed in the *Bowie Alumni Newsletter, Vol. 1 No. III, Sept. 1999.*

## Requirements for Walls of Merit

Anyone wishing to nominate an alumni or past or present resident of Bowie for either the Wall of Outstanding Service or the Wall of Honor, please contact a member of the Alumni Committee. The information must be in writing. Reasonable and verifiable written documentation may be requested. The information will be reviewed by the Alumni Committee to determine if the person is qualified to receive recognition. At least two thirds of the committee members must vote to approve or disapprove the nominees for the Walls of the Merit. The current Alumni Committee members are Bobbie Welker, Florina Christiernsson, Dutch Grusendorf, Bill Allen, and Ken Ansley.

**Current Requirements: Wall of Honor:**

1. Any Bowie alumni or Bowie resident who performed an act of heroism that put their own life in eminent danger to save the life of another human being, or in some cases the life of an animal; or
2. Any alumni or resident of Bowie who was killed or later died as a direct result of their heroic act, or that occurred while on duty as a peace officer, fireman, corrections officer, medic, or similar occupation, or as a direct result of being on active duty as a member of the U.S. armed forces, or a national guard unit of any U.S. state or U.S. possession; or
3. Any alumni or resident of Bowie who performed heroic actions while a member of the U.S. armed forces, and as a result was awarded a medal of valor such as a Bronze or Silver Star, or the Medal of Honor.

**Wall of Outstanding Service:**

1. Any Bowie alumni or Bowie resident whose professional, business, political, humanitarian, or voluntary accomplishments as a good and honest citizen are outstanding and who has contributed to the development, growth or improvement of Bowie or its residents or school students, or of any other city or state or possession of the U.S., or in any foreign country while employed by the U.S. government or while engaged in a legitimate occupation approved by the U.S. government; or
2. Any Bowie alumni or Bowie resident who has achieved outstanding recognition for their accomplishments as a recipient or nominee for a meritorious award, such as the Pulitzer Prize or the Nobel Prize.

## Wall of Honor

**Deputy Leroy Brown** (see his full bio below)  
Bowie - Class of 1950  
Cochise County Sheriff's Office  
Killed in the line of duty in Bowie in 1970.

**Sgt. Manuel H. Tapia** (see his full bio below)  
Bowie -Class of 1968  
Arizona Department of Public Safety  
Killed in the line of duty in Nogales, AZ in 1991.

**Deputy John Bradberry**  
Cochise County Sheriff's Office  
Special Officer for the SPRR  
Killed in the line of duty in Bowie in 1935.

**Peter "Pete" Guzman**  
Bowie - Class of 1943  
U.S. Army, Bronze Star for Valor in Germany – WWII  
As of 2004, Pete resides in Calexico, CA.

**Col. Vernon Reeves**  
USAF Retired  
Bowie Teacher and Coach - 1940  
Army Air Corps  
B-17 Pilot During WWII in Pacific,  
Earning multiple Awards for Valor:  
Four Silver Stars,  
One Distinguished Flying Cross,  
Three Air Medals,  
Two Purple Hearts for Combat Injuries,  
Soldier's Medal for Heroism.  
(Recommended for the Medal of Honor but not approved by General MacArthur).  
Col. Reeves died in Oklahoma in 2004.

**Senior M/Sgt. Gregory Chavez**  
USAF Retired  
Bowie – Class of 1950  
Flew 187 aerial combat missions as crewmember on a B-52 during the Vietnam conflict. SM/Sgt. Chavez received numerous awards; including two Distinguished Flying Crosses for his distinguished and extraordinary conduct during two of the combat missions leading to successful bomb runs over enemy targets while under attack by surface to air missiles.  
As of 2004, Senior M/Sgt. Chavez resides in Smithfield, N.C.

## Wall of Outstanding Service

**Captain James H. Tevis**  
*founder of Teviston.*  
Renamed Bowie in 1910;  
Civil War Confederate Army officer,  
Commander of Arizona Scouts,  
Mississippi River Boat Captain.  
Dug the first well that later provided water for Bowie and SPRR.  
Donated land for first Bowie School,  
Member of Fifteenth Legislature.  
Buried in Bowie Desert Rest Cemetery.

**Senator Albert R. Spikes**  
(Dem. Cochise County)  
Early Bowie School Teacher and Principal,  
U.S. Army 1917-1919,  
Bowie Schools' Superintendent 1923 - 1941,  
Arizona House of Representatives 1942 -1948,  
Arizona State Senator 1952 to 1968.  
Buried in Bowie Desert Rest Cemetery.

**Miss Eva E. Hall**  
Beloved Pioneer Bowie School Teacher and Grammar School Principal  
Old Bowie Grammar School building that she taught in from 1921 to 1947 was renamed the Eva E. Hall Building in her honor.  
Buried in Bowie's Desert Rest Cemetery.

**Marian (Boll) Barbaree**  
Bowie –Class of 1926  
32 year school teacher with 20 years in Bowie.  
Classroom in the Eva E. Hall Building was renamed in her honor, where she taught 1<sup>st</sup> grade for the last 14 years of her career.  
She passed away July 2005 and is buried in Bowie's Desert Rest Cemetery.

**Louis A. Bettcher**  
Cowboy, Inventor, Industrialist, Philanthropist, Humanitarian, Founder of Bettcher Industries.  
Nephew of Eva E. Hall, cousin of Douglas and Lamar Welker.  
In 1931 took postgraduate science courses from L. A. Enloe at Bowie High School.  
In 1955 Louis incorporated Bettcher Industries in Ohio. He developed and held over 400 patents on meat processing equipment that increased and enhanced the safety of the handling procedures of

meat processors, with some of his inventions being used all over the world.

Louis Bettcher is no longer living.

### **Jack D. Spikes**

Bowie – Class of 1941

Founder of the modern day Bowie Water Company.

Civic leader, rancher, pilot.

Jack passed away in May 2006, and his ashes are buried in Bowie's Desert Rest Cemetery

### **Nathalie (Aldrich) Grusendorf and**

### **Kate (Richards) Darnell**

First graduates of Bowie High School

Class of 1923.

Nathalie is buried in Bowie's Desert Rest Cemetery

Kate passed away in 2004 in St. Johns, AZ.

### **Douglas V. Welker**

Bowie – Class of 1938

Founder of the modern day Bowie telephone system.

Civic leader, former service station owner, long time supporter of the Bowie Schools and the Reunion Group.

Doug's widow is Barbara (Scott) Welker, now Blandin, and Doug is the father of Nancy-Jean Welker.

Doug is buried in Bowie's Desert Rest Cemetery.

### **Thomas Guillen**

Bowie – Class of 1970

Newspaper reporter, author,

Pulitzer Prize nominee, educator.

Thomas co-authored a book on the Green River serial killings in Washington State.

In 2000 he was an associate professor at a Washington university.

### **Paul H. Jones**

Bowie – Class of 1927

Highly honored Tucson insurance broker and community service leader.

He passed away in 2006.

### **Phil Olander**

Bowie – Class of 1946

Former Sheriff of Cochise County.

The real "Sheriff of Cochise" during the time that the program by that same name ran on TV.

He passed away in 2010.

### **Doris Jeanette (Cooke) Engler**

Bowie – Class of 1946

Bowie School secretary 1964 to 1995. Some say she was truly the administrator. Doris encouraged kids to stay in school and go on to higher education, including Thomas Guillen, Bowie Class of 1970 and a Wall of Merit recipient.

As of 2004, Doris resides in Payson, AZ.

### **Velma Ann (Kaiser) Lockwood**

Bowie – Class of 1935

Honored for her untiring efforts to identify and mark the graves, and for her work to further develop and maintain Bowie's Desert Rest Cemetery.

She is now buried there.

### **Jay Dagley**

Bowie Fire Chief

Chief Dagley was respected and loved by the citizens of Bowie. He went beyond the "call of duty" in going to sick people's homes to check on them, to perform blood pressure and diabetes tests and other health checks. He was a "Med-Tech" who made house calls, often on his own time. He also sat off the fire works each year on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, made sure there was a Santa Clause at the fire Department handing out candy to children, and took presents and food to the people of lesser means each Christmas.

He is buried in Bowie's Desert Rest Cemetery.

### **Thomas W. "TW" Cooke, Sr.**

First Justice of the Peace in Bowie. A self-made man.

He was first appointed in 1945 and received no salary for a year. His home served as his office until he built the original JP Building in Bowie in 1953 without benefit of County funds. He contributed to the community of Bowie for many years.

He is buried in Bowie's Desert Rest Cemetery.

### **Barbara Jean "Bobbie" (Scott) Welker**

Bowie – Class of 1941.

First Woman Justice of the Peace in Precinct 6

An extraordinary lady.

Barbara Scott was raised in Bowie and married her childhood sweetheart Douglas Welker. She was very active in community affairs and served as Clerk of the Justice of Peace Court, Precinct #6, in Bowie from 1978 to 1982. She was appointed Justice of the Peace to fill out the unexpired term of a former J.P.

from 1982 through 1985. Judge Barbara Welker was then elected to that post for the 1986 to 1990 term. She was the first woman J.P. in Precinct #6. She remained active in Bowie and School Reunion activities and was the President of the Reunion Group. After the death of her husband Doug, Barbara married Ernie Blandin of Bowie. Ernie passed away in 2011, and Bobbie continues to be involved in Bowie community affairs.

**George A. Spikes, M.D.,**

Bowie – Class of 1938

Navy Pilot, Doctor of Medicine, Humanitarian.

His life as been an outstanding credit to the initial education that he received in the Bowie Schools.

Dr. Spikes passed away November 2011, at the age of 90.

**Cochise County Deputy Sheriff Leroy D. Brown**

**Bowie High School – Class of 1950**

**Born September 10, 1931 – Killed on Duty December 6, 1969**

Cochise County Deputy Sheriff Leroy D. Brown was shot and killed while on duty at Bowie. A few months prior to his death, Deputy Brown and two other deputies arrested a man for disturbing the peace. The man threatened the deputies and would later make good his threat on Deputy Brown. After serving time in jail, the man went to another town, but returned to Bowie on December 6, 1969, and entered the Dairy Burger Café, where Deputy Brown was seated talking to another man. The assailant ordered “hot, hot coffee” from the waitress. Upon getting the coffee, he walked over and threw it in the face of Deputy Brown. As Brown got up, the assailant pulled a .25 caliber semi-automatic pistol from a paper bag and shot the deputy in the face, killing him. According to the investigation, the assailant fired a second, and possibly a third time. He then ran from the café and fled to the schoolyard a few blocks away, where he took his own life.

Leroy Dale Brown was born September 10, 1931, to James Elmer Brown and Pearl Brown in Greeley, Colorado. The family moved to Bowie when Leroy was six years old. He attended school in Bowie, graduating from Bowie High in 1950. He married Clarene “Jackie” Brown in 1957. They had a total of

five children, but only two survived beyond infancy. Dale, Stephen, and Brenda passed away from ill health early in life. Sons Jeffrey Lee (5/4/61) and Todd Curtis, “T.C.”, (1/15/65) survived. Leroy lived in Bowie for 32 years. Before becoming a deputy sheriff, he worked for the S.P.R.R., and at Doug Welker’s Chevron Service Station.

Deputy Brown lived for his family. He loved his children very much. Just prior to going on duty the day he was killed, he had his sons Jeffrey and Todd with him. It is very fortunate that the boys weren’t present at the time of his death.

Deputy Brown’s full police funeral with honors was held in Bowie on December 12, 1969, with many peace officers from around the state in attendance. In May of 1970, Deputy Brown received the Medal of Valor from the Fraternal Order of Police, San Pedro Lodge #27, posthumously. The award was presented to the deputy’s widow, “Jackie” Brown, and their son Todd Curtis “T.C”, by Cochise County Sheriff Jim Wilson. Deputy Brown’s name appears on the Peace Officers’ Memorial in Washington, D.C., and at the State Capital in Phoenix.

In February 1999, when this Wall of Honor was dedicated, Deputy Leroy Brown’s widow, their two sons, Jeffrey and T.C., their three grandchildren (one is named Leroy Dale II), Leroy’s sister Joanne and his half-brother Dennis Vanderpool survive him. Deputy Brown is buried in Bowie’s Desert Rest Cemetery.

*(Leroy D. Brown was in the first group of honorees for the new Walls of Merit. This biography and his picture were placed on the Wall of Honor, which was then housed in the hallway of the Eva Hall building, on February 22, 1999. He was nominated by Ken Ansley and the information was from an Arizona book that has info on all Arizona Law Enforcement Officers killed in the line of duty, and from newspaper articles plus accounts from friends in Bowie.)*

**Arizona D.P.S. Sgt. Manuel H. Tapia**

**Bowie High School – Class of 1968**

**Born April 15, 1949 – Killed on Duty January 8, 1991**



Sgt. “Manny” Tapia, a graduate of Bowie High School and a 17 year veteran of the Arizona Dept. of Public Safety, while on duty in Nogales, AZ, was shot and killed while questioning a narcotics suspect. Sgt. Tapia’s

backup officer returned the assailant’s fire, killing him.

“Manny”, as know by family and friends, was born in Aqua Prieta, Sonora, Mexico, and raised in Bowie. He attended the 1<sup>st</sup> through the 12<sup>th</sup> grades at Bowie schools, graduating from Bowie High in 1968. He was involved in the student council and he was class president in his junior and senior years. He played football, baseball, and basketball. Manny joined the Marines in June 1968, served in Vietnam and was honorably discharged in 1971 as a S/Sgt. He became a U.S. citizen in 9173 and immediately joined the Arizona Dept. of Public Safety. He was promoted to Sgt. In 1984. In 1989, Sgt. Tapia was transferred to the Criminal Investigations Bureau in Tucson, where he became the supervisor of the Santa Cruz County Metro Task Force. It was this assignment that led to his death.

Sgt. Tapia was a model citizen and a respected law enforcement officer. His personnel file is filled with letters of gratitude from citizens. He was an active member of the St. Anns Church in Tubac. He was involved with the AYSO Soccer Organization, and the development of drug abuse programs in the Nogales area. His life and memory lives on through his contributions to these programs. He is loved and missed by his family and friends.

Sgt. Tapia’s sons Rene and Gabriel, daughter Malissa, parents Felipe and Dominga Tapia, brothers Phil, Rene, Robert, and George, and sisters Alicia, Florina, and Mary survived him

Sgt. Tapia’s name appears on the Peace Officers’ Memorials in Washington, D.C., and at the State Capital in Phoenix. He received a full police funeral with honors and is buried in Tucson.

*(Manuel H. Tapia was in the first group of honorees for the new Walls of Merit. This biography and his picture were placed on the Wall of Honor, which was then housed in the hallway of the Eva Hall building, on February 22, 1999. He was nominated by Florina Tapia Christiernsson and the information was from her in addition to an Arizona book that has info on all Arizona Law Enforcement Officers killed in the line of duty)*

## **“REMEMBRANCE OF OUR FALLEN COMRADE, SGT TAPIA”**

Come and join us on January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2013 to remember Sgt. Manny Tapia #1409. We will first start with a burrito breakfast on Rio Rico Drive, be shuttled onto Interstate 19 for the Adopt-A-Highway cleanup and from there we will meet at his Memorial Site on North Grand Avenue for a small service. Afterwards, we will meet at Officer Ibarra’s residence for food and refreshments.

(You can attend all or any one of the three events; you do not have to participate in all three events.)

### Schedule and Location directions:

0830 TO 0900 Hrs – Breakfast burritos to help start the Adopt-A-Highway clean-up.

0900 (Is start time) to 1100 Hrs – Sgt. Manny Tapia’s Adopt-A-Highway clean-up, is on Interstate 19 between kilometer 17 and kilometer 15 (a mile and a half stretch). We will be meeting at a dirt parking lot on the right side of Rio Rico Drive in Rio Rico. Get off on Exit 17 on Interstate 19 and go East 1/8<sup>th</sup> of a mile on Rio Rico Drive. (Water provided)

1130 to 1230 Hrs –Sgt. Manny Tapia’s Memorial service, site is on the East side of North Grand Avenue (Business 19), next to the rail road tracks, between the Quality Inn (Americana Motel) and the Pizza Hut. You can get off at Exit 8 and go south into Nogales or you can take I-19 all the way south into Nogales and then make a left hand turn onto North Grand Ave. and go north. (South will take you into Mexico.)

1300 Hrs – Lunch for everyone, at 1425 Cena Court, Rio Rico. From the memorial site, you go North on I-19 to Exit 17, make a right on Rio Rico Drive, make a left on North Pendleton drive, make a right on Camino Mirador, and then make a left onto Cena Court. (Look for the sign on N. Pendleton Dr.)

“Sgt. Tapia was shot on Jan. 7<sup>th</sup>, 1991, in Nogales by a drug suspect. He died on Jan. 8<sup>th</sup>, 1991, at Tucson Medical Center. Sgt. Tapia was assisting a Nogales police officer with a traffic stop. Upon asking the suspect to open the vehicle's trunk, the suspect fled on foot with Sgt. Tapia in pursuit. The suspect then turned and shot Sgt. Tapia. The suspect was fatally shot by the Nogales police officer.”

If you plan to attend, please call, text or email by January 5th, so that we know how much food & beverages we need to provide. Contact information: Officer Cosme R. Ibarra #5555, #520-313-7116, cibarra@azdps.gov. Hope to see you there, “Courteous Vigilance & Semper Fi.”

## **Bowie Names in the News:**

### **Local Angler takes 7th place in bass fishing U.S. Open - Arizona Range News: Sports**

Ainslee S. Wittig / Arizona Range News | Posted: Wednesday, October 17, 2012 12:00 pm

Shawn Cooke of Willcox took 7th place at the 30th anniversary WON Bass U.S. Open fishing tournament at Lake Mead on Sept. 10-12. Cooke, an AAA angler, has competed at about five professional-amateur tournaments, but this is his first U.S. Open, he said.

Lake Mead, on the Arizona/Nevada border is the farthest he has traveled for a tournament. His day one results were 11.99 total weight with Pro Fisherman Dick Watson; his second day results were 8.60 total weight with Pro Fisherman Todd Wood; and day three results were 8.44 total weight with Pro Fisherman Tim Klinger.

Cooke's overall total three-day weight was 29 pounds, 3 ounces, putting him in 7th place overall. In the AAA tournament, the amateur is paired with a different pro each day, and they can keep five fish in the boat to be weighed. On the first day, Cooke caught three and Watson two, but his biggest was almost 4 pounds, Cooke said.

While he wasn't a top-five winner, his biggest fish was 2.77 pounds, a “smallmouth bass, so that was pretty big, especially for Lake Mead.”

He said the WON Bass tournaments were the first big tournaments – in 1981, the professional winner took home \$50,000, he said. This year it was \$84,000, adding that before the recession, the winner took home \$151,000 in 2007.

“I won \$1,400, so after expenses I ended up with a couple of hundred bucks, which is better than being in the hole!” Cooke said Friday.

Cooke said he runs equipment for a family-owned business in **Bowie**, but he has “always followed fishing.”

Cooke said he started fishing at about age eight, but didn't really start bass fishing until he was about 12 years old.

“I mostly fished by myself when I first started out; my Aunt's ex-husband was the one who got me turned on to bass fishing. He was also the one who I mainly went fishing with over the years and he taught me a lot that I know and use today.”

When asked how he learned the things that put him above 121 others at the WON Bass pro-am, he said, “I really don't think I am any better than the next angler out there. This last tournament was the first time I made the top ten, so I am still struggling to become a better angler. One professional I do follow and try to mimic is John Murray. He is from Arizona and has won over a million dollars over the years. I have watched him a lot growing up and been to a couple of his seminars too.”

The love of fishing will likely continue, as he and his wife, Tamara, took their son to one of the pro-ams when he was just 14 months old.

“He really likes the boat and the water. He spent the whole time pushing all the buttons in the boat – he managed to do figure out things I couldn't on the fishfinders (GPS equipment that helps you find fish) – and he threw my \$200 rod over the side! Luckily, I was able to catch it before it got away!” Cooke said. Cooke, 32, said he will continue fishing when the new season begins. “I'm ready to look at the new schedule!”

For more information and results from the Lake Mead-Callville tournament, visit:  
<http://www.wonbass.com/pro/schedule/index.html>.



**Vernon H. Reeves'** daughter, Linda Leedom, and his grandson, upon his military graduation at Luke AFB, September 2012. Vernon was in class 41-H at Luke Field 71 years ago.

**COLONEL VERNON H. REEVES, USAF RETIRED,**

Former Bowie High School Teacher, Highly Decorated WWII Army Air Corps Pilot, An American Hero, was installed on the Bowie Wall of Honor in 2003. Read his complete bio at <http://www.bowieschools.org/viewpdf.cfm?filename=AlumniNews0103.pdf>



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