Hot-Dog Eating Contest & More Fall Festival Fun in K-Town

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include here a couple of stories I had been told about the early days when my husband’s Wood family lived along Aravaipa Creek, and which I failed to add to my book A CREEKSIDE STORY—FROM BUCKBOARD DAYS TO ECOTOURISM.

One story concerned the Laman family who lived on the Winkelman Flats by the Gila River, and who the Wood family were friends to. Mr. Laman, who was called “Toll” Laman, was the boss of the road crew that worked the road between Winkelman and El Capitan, and besides pick and shovel work, a scraper that was pulled by two mules was used. Most of the Aravaipa Creek residents in those early years did lots of farming, and had lots of produce to sell. There was one time when the older Wood son, Leslie, was with Joe Buzan, the son of the Woods’ upstream neighbors, as they were hauling fruit to Globe in Joe’s Model T pickup when some part of the truck’s steering broke when they were not far above the turnoff to Christmas Creek and the shipping corrals that were then there. The truck ran into a wash and overturned, and both Leslie and Joe were knocked out. Leslie was awakened from the pain in his leg that was caused by the hot water from the truck’s radiator, and when Leslie saw Joe lying there he thought Joe was dead. They weren’t hurt too badly, but had to walk all the way to Winkelman to get help.

I felt so privileged to be able to go through the record book that my husband’s mother, Frankie Belle Wood, had kept. It really showed that the family’s livelihood depended on what farm produce they could sell, also the cattle, and after buying Angora goats in 1923, they had the goats mohair to sell. It was really interesting to read who the people were who bought produce from them. Some were who came to their Aravaipa Creek home, but much went to businesses in various towns. That meant lots of traveling, and they bought a 1937 Chevy pickup in 1937, the year the Aravaipa Creek road above the creek was finished.

Kearny Police Report

According to state law, there are two methods by which police may arrest suspected offenders. The suspect may be physically taken into the department and booked into jail, or the arresting officer may write a citation and release the suspect to appear in court later. All suspects are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law. Only criminal citations are listed. All damages are estimates.

Activity listed from Nov. 12-18.

Nov. 14
A bobcat was spotted at the Kearny Lake while people were walking on the path.

Nov. 16
Animal cruelty was reported in the Kearny area. Jackie Troy Darby, 54, was arrested on a warrant. He was transported and booked into the Gila County Jail in Globe. Calls not listed include: ambulance request (11), agency assist (1), animal/cattle complaint (1), suspicious activity (4), traffic stop (14), open door (1), harassing phone call (1) and citizen/motorist assist (3).

Obituary

Gilberto Ruiz

Gilberto Ruiz, 75, passed away on Nov. 9, 2017 in Dudleyville, Arizona. Gilberto was born on June 1, 1942 in Sonora, Arizona to Juan and Anita Ruiz. He is preceded in death by his parents Juan and Anita Ruiz, and his brothers Joe and Mario Ruiz.

He is survived by his wife, Betty Bologna Ruiz; son, Nick Ruiz; daughter, Nina Ruiz; brothers, Lionel (Aida) Ruiz and John (Donna) Ruiz; grandchildren, Jasmine, Anita and Manuel; and six great-grandchildren, plus many “favorite” nieces and nephews.

Services were held on Thursday, Nov. 16, 2017 at the Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church in Mammoth, Arizona.

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CCYS Copperheads dominates at USSSA Veteran’s Salute NIT, now ranked second in the nation

By Ted L. Quinn
Special to Copper Area

Local 13u AA baseball team, the Copperheads, recently competed in the prestigious USSSA Veteran’s Salute National Invitational Tournament held over a 3-day weekend from Nov. 10th through the 12th. The 13u AA division of the tournament had an international flair with 3 of the 16 teams traveling all the way from Canada to participate against the best teams Arizona and her surrounding states had to offer. The coaches for the Copperheads, Charles Hayes, John Petty, Danny Long and Kevin Ashford knew that these young athletes would have to play their best to beat this stacked line up. Well, the boys didn’t disappoint!

Starting Pool Play on Friday and continuing through Saturday the Copperheads dominated their 3 games winning by a combined total of 40-15. The highlight of these games was a No-Hitter thrown by Nick Moore, whose one walk allowed, was the only thing that kept him from throwing a perfect game.

Sunday brought Championship Bracket Play, and what the tournament director described as a veritable “Murderer’s row in one of the toughest tournament’s of the year.” Not missing a step, the Copperheads won all 3 games on the way to their biggest championship ever! For the tournament, the team had a .495 batting average, scored 64 runs, and finished with an astounding on base percentage of .548.

The incredible performance by these young men earned them a #1 ranking in the state of Arizona, and even more, a #2 ranking in the nation!

The team would like to thank the following sponsors for their incredible support: Dream Manor Inn, Dent Crafters, La Casa Builders, Horne Motor Company, Hope Family Care, Mitsi Tax Service, Rodriguez Roofing, Dominion

Remembering American Lives Lost and Finding Light in the Darkness

P resident John F. Kennedy was assassinated on Nov. 22, 1963. Tomorrow is Thanksgiving Day. Fifty-four years have passed between them, 54 years much unknown to the younger people amongst us, but 54 very important and impressionable years to anyone who remembers the day of Kennedy’s death.

It was not a mere momentary grief for us then. The following weeks spelled out a full panoply of grief, marked by the stolid face of Jackie Kennedy and the simple ceremony of the horse-drawn casket being borne through the streets of Washington to the cadence of muffled drums.

The arrest of Lee Harvey Oswald shortly after he killed Officer J. D. Tippett of the Dallas Police Department, and Oswald’s own death at the hands of Jack Ruby, unsettled the nation. Yet the presidency had passed constitutionally and peacefully to Lyndon B. Johnson as Jack Kennedy’s wife, still wearing his blood on her dress, stood witness.

There were many dark moments in ensuring years. The deaths of The Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. and Robert Kennedy, the tragedy of the war in Viet Nam, the struggles, often descending into violence, of the civil rights movement and, of course, the attacks of Sept. 11 and the wars resulting after that have made us a nation seeking not only redress but relief. We tire of the deaths and injuries, and our

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2017 K-Town Car Show and Fall Festival

James Chenoweth with his 1940 International panel truck.  James Carnes | CBN

The aftermath of the pie-eating contest.  James Carnes | CBN

Kearny Vice Mayor Dan Radcliffe.  Sam Hosler | CBN

A contestant in the hot dog eating contest.  James Carnes | CBN

Delinda Rodriguez, Ginger Chester and Jean Hamilton.  James Carnes | CBN

Norm Warren and Rip Vache present Norm’s award to a Chevy pickup owned by Jake Jacobson.

Volunteers from the Hand Me Up Shop in Kearny awards their plaque to Roxanne Cottrell for a 1936 Dodge.
Kearyn Elks receives and awards grants

Thanks to the Arizona Elks Major Projects, Kearyn Elks #2478 received a $1,000 commitment grant to be used in the community. Angela Buso, Treasurer, wrote the grant and Friends of the Library received $500 for Children’s programs and Kearyn Little League received $500 to put toward new speakers for the Little League field.

Sheila Stephenson, a member of the Kearyn Elks and the AEMP Board of Directors, presented the grants last week. Wanda Lundy and Carol Bonser received the check on behalf of the Friends of the Kearyn Library; and Kari Ramsey represented the Kearyn Little League.

Lane restrictions scheduled on State Route 77 near Mammoth

The Arizona Department of Transportation advises drivers to allow extra travel time and plan for the following restrictions on SR 77 near Mammoth as a four-month pavement-improvement project continues:
- North- and southbound
- SR 77 will be reduced to one lane from milepost 113 to milepost 119 for bridge deck repair from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily through Tuesday, Nov. 21, and from 7 a.m. to noon on Wednesday, Nov. 22. Lane closures and the width restriction will be lifted at noon Wednesday to accommodate holiday travel.
- North- and southbound SR 77 will be reduced to one lane around the clock from milepost 113 to milepost 119 for bridge deck repair Monday, Nov. 27, through Friday, Dec. 1. Drivers should allow plenty of extra travel time while this restriction is in place.

The $4.3 million, 120-day project is located in Pinal County, north of Mammoth, between mileposts 113 and 120. The work includes milling the existing asphalt and replacing it with new asphalt and a double chip seal coat application. Drivers should proceed through the work zone with caution, slow down and watch for construction personnel and equipment. Schedules are subject to change based on weather and other unforeseen factors. For more information, please call the ADOT Project Information Line at 855-712-8530 or email Projects@azdot.gov. For real-time highway conditions statewide, visit ADOT’s Traveler Information Site at www.az511.gov, follow ADOT on Twitter (@ArizonaDOT) or call 511, except while driving.
Local area volleyball players earn AIA All-Region Honors

The recent conclusion of the volleyball season means a myriad of media outlets will be honoring players for their performances this year. The increasing success of the volleyball teams in and around the Copper Corridor area has resulted in more recognition for local players.

The Arizona Interscholastic Association (AIA) is the first to release postseason honors, naming All-Region teams in each of the six divisions. The following is a list of players, by team, who received recognition for their performance:

**Superior**
- AIA 1A East Region 1st Team – Lindsay Ketron.
- AIA 1A East Region Honorable Mention – Kiki Arriola and Yuvithzia Romero.

**Ray**
- AIA 1A East Region 2nd Team – Shelby Yocum and Savannah Rodriguez.

**Hayden**
- AIA 1A East Region 2nd Team – Aliyana Perez.

**San Manuel**
- AIA 2A South 2nd Team – Samantha Roan.

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digital age has made us only too aware of the threats around us. Almost 400 years ago a group of people seeking a new life settled in what now know as Massachusetts. It took a long time for them to form a stable community, because sickness and famine took the life of many of them. They formed an uneasy relationship with the historic American people, and the relationship was often marked with death and violence and theft of the native territories. It was not a pretty picture at all. But light stands in contrast to darkness.

Those early settlers survived with the help of the natives with whom they first had violent contact. The colony made its way into new days, and other arrivals made Massachusetts a thriving place. They took time to give thanks to God for their lives and to ask for reconciliation and forgiveness. Tomorrow we do the same.

In a totally different direction, this past weekend’s Car Show and Fall Festival sponsored by the NAPA Store and the Copper Basin Chamber of Commerce exceeded expectations. There were 100 cars exhibited and there was a full round of vendors of food and merchandise. Putting it all together took some doing, for the Director of the Chamber, Kellie Towne, had submitted her personal resignation in the midst of the planning. The Chamber rolled off its planning success from October’s Halloween events and work with various area people to keep up the high standard for local events.

Speak with the President of the Board, Ginger Chester, to learn more about the Chamber’s work.

The Town of Kearny is working with a contractor to provide an insurance program on water pipes from town meters into homes and businesses. The town is responsible for repairs on pipes leading up to, and including, the water meters. Property owners are responsible for the rest, and some of the plumbing is fifty or more years old. Call Kearny Town Hall (520-363-5547) and ask for information about the program.
Food Bank Notice

Effective immediately: There will be no further food bank distributions on the first Friday of the month at the school in Kearny. Pastor Storm is unable to get enough food. There has been a steady drop in donations for many months. Pastor Storm and his staff offer apologies to all.

Donations Sought

The Kearny Library needs your help. They are trying to raise money to put an A/C unit in the old teen center. The Library would like to open the teen center on Fridays to the town children for Legos, games and movies. We also plan classes on canning, crochet and other things of interest to the public. This is separate from the Friends of the Library. All donations are greatly appreciated.

Dudleyville Burn Ban

Effective Oct. 1, the burn ban will no longer be in effect for the Dudleyville Volunteer Fire District, which includes the areas of Dudleyville, Indian Hills and Aravaipa. Burn permits will be available through the Pinal County Administration office in Mammoth or Florence. Permit is not valid until signed by a representative of the fire department.

Friends of the Kearny Library Seeking Members

The Friends of the Kearny Library need new members. We lost several this year and will not be able to continue without volunteers. We meet once a month on the second Monday of each month at 1:00 at the Library. We help out the Library any way we can, judge the poster contest, help out with the open house, judge the residential housing lighting contest and anything else the Library needs. If you are interested, please join us at our next meeting Monday, Oct 9, at 1 p.m.

Kearny Clean Up Volunteers

The Town of Kearny has volunteers who are able to help people in town clean their yards at no charge. Please call the Town Hall at 520-363-5547 to schedule an appointment.
The Copper Basin Chamber of Commerce is looking for a director. This person must be energetic with outstanding communication skills and outgoing personality.

The Director is responsible for the day-to-day management of all Chamber functions and for carrying out policies and duties established by the Board through an annual program of action.

**Job Description and Scope of Job:**
The executive director is employed by the Board of Directors and its member of the Copper Basin Chamber of Commerce and is responsible for effectively leading the organization such that is successfully achieves its mission of service to members and to promote the business of our communities. Must be proficient in Microsoft Word, Excel and be able to update out website.

The Chamber office is also a visitor center. Therefore there will be a need to be informative to visitors regarding businesses and areas of recreation.

Hours of service are Monday through Friday 9 am to 3 pm and are subject to change seasonally. The hourly rate of pay is $10.00/hr.

Applications can be acquired at the Chamber office located in the Pinal County Administration Building in Kearny.

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Kearny kids place well at state soccer shoot

Three Kearny youth brought home trophies from the Elks State Soccer Shoot. Brooklyn Lechuga placed second in the Under 12 Age Group; Tristan Bentley placed first in the Under 8 Age Group; and Alexis Gallegos placed first in the Under 14 Age Group. Congratulations to all these stellar soccer kickers!

Asarco employees team up for softball and St. Vincent de Paul

The second annual St. Vincent de Paul Softball Tournament and Food Drive was deemed a huge success.

Last week, the four-team, one-night tournament collected more than 250 cans and non-perishable food items. In softball action, Electric/S&D beat SX 17-8 to win the tournament.

Special thanks to Ray Mine, Union and Town of Kearny for coming together to support this cause. Please keep an eye for Toys for Tots Tournament in December.

Arsenic testing update for Hayden/Winkelman area

The Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry was in Hayden and Winkelman on Oct. 25 – 28. ATSDR visited all the households who participated in arsenic testing in 2015 to offer arsenic retesting. ATSDR made many attempts, even calling on the head of households and were unable to contact the participants from the 2015 study. They also provided updates to Mayor Bracamonte of Winkelman, Mayor Bobby Smith of Hayden and HWUSD School Superintendent Gregorich.

ATSDR did collect urine samples from residents of 13 households for the urine arsenic retest. A laboratory at the Centers for Disease Control will be testing the samples and they will mail results letters directly to individuals. Officials at ATSDR have explained that they plan to develop and release a report of the community data. The Hayden-Winkelman School District provided a location for the urine testing to take place.

During their interaction with families, ATSDR also shared information from the Central Arizona Governments (CAG) about a lead paint abatement project and provided contact information for interested residents. More information on ATSDR’s 2015 investigation is available on our website at: https://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/sites/hwaz/index.html