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Bowie Alumni Newsletter

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From the Editor of the Bowie Alumni Newsletter

Susan (Spikes) Bickel



I thoroughly enjoyed the Bowie Alumni Group Spring Luncheon on March 19 in Tucson. So many stories and tales were told and shared, I wish I had thought to bring a tape recorder!

With memories of friends and events on my mind, I have decided to devote a good deal of space in this newsletter to sharing more Bowie stories with you. I owe a debt of gratitude to those who have shared their memories and to my cousin, Evelyn (Spikes) Lathram for gathering many of them.

I received this story in an email several weeks ago. Ed was responding to one of the questions from Kathy Klump regarding the train going through Bowie. Thank you Ed for sharing your story!

I know that the train was still running in 1953. I graduated from HS in 1953 and went to U of A that year. I rode the train from Tucson to Bowie one time in either Fall of 53 or Spring of 54. I cannot remember the date but do remember falling asleep and somehow waking as we pulled into Bowie. I was so foggy I got off the train leaving all my books and slide rule behind. The operator tried calling ahead to try to locate them but with no success. A very expensive nap. Thanks for your good work. Ed McCurry

Mine is a silly little story, but I have shared it with my family and will undoubtedly share it with my grandchildren when they are old enough to listen.

As most everyone is aware, we Spikes children were always encouraged to spend time on the ranch during the summer months. I think it was designed to enhance character development. Surely it wasn't because we were particularly adept at rounding up cattle! One warm day I was riding a horse called Paint, no doubt named for his multi-colored hide. I was hot, tired and probably passing this attitude on to my sisters and cousins. Felipe (Tapia) rode up and tried to engage me in conversation, maybe to distract me from my misery. Sensing that this wasn't going to work, he got off his horse and picked a few prickly pear fruits. He began smashing them on all of the white spots on my horse, creating purple polka dots. Of course, we all started laughing at this and while Paint probably didn't appreciate it, we all enjoyed the diversion.

Now I hope that each of you will write a story of your own and share it with all of us. A memory such as Ed's, or just a short story about something that impacted your life will be enjoyed by all of us, I am sure.



**Minutes of the Bowie School Alumni Group
Spring Luncheon held at Hometown Buffett in Tucson,
March 19, 2011**

There were 23 alumni and guests at the luncheon.

Seated: Jeane Fousel, Julia Abalos, Lucia and George Spikes, Ernie and Bobbie (Scott Welker) Blandin, Susan (Spikes) Bickel Standing: Gabino "Bobby" Montana, Delbert (Skip) Fousel, Lorenzo Abalos, Florina (Tapia) Christiernsson, Ed Crews, Alta (Hodges) Dangel, Dora (Harmon) Atherton, Ernestine (Harmon) Crews, Betty and Dutch Grusendorf, Nancy-Jean Welker, Larren Yelton, Evelyn (Spikes) Lathram Not in the picture: Delores Montana, Brian Bickel, Mark Elias

Under old business:

The A.R. Spikes plaque was installed at the high school and it was dedicated on Veterans Day, November 11, 2010. There was a picture and article in the Willcox Range News. Florina Christiernsson read the following letter from the Bowie Unified Schools District Governing Board:

Dear Bowie Alumni, Thank you for your financial contribution to construct the monument recognizing A. R. Spikes. The lifetime of work and dedication that Mr. Spikes gave the students and the residents of Bowie, as well as southern Arizona is tremendous. As you know the monument is finished and stands immediately in front of the high school building. Many people have already commented about the monument and Mr. Spikes. He is highly respected by many. Your thoughtful donation has added a permanent remembrance of Mr. Spikes to the school grounds, which he developed during his tenure as teacher, coach, and administrator of Bowie Schools. Please accept our open invitation to visit and enjoy the fruits of your donation. Again, thank you for your donation, Sincerely, Bowie Unified Schools District Governing Board.

Ernie Blandin wrote:

I am so glad that the monument came out so good. It shows that there are people who really care about those who worked so hard to create a good school for our kids. The monument truly dresses up the school appearance.

Nancy-Jean Welker reported that the Bowie Power Plant is still on hold waiting for the economy to turn around. She reported that the Bowie Chamber of Commerce has a new billboard to advertise Bowie, is renting out one, and another one almost rented out. They are working on a grant to fix up the park.

Evelyn Lathram continues to work on the project to add the school buildings to the National Register of Historic Places. The schools have been evaluated as being *eligible* for listing. Her research is finished and the application will be written and submitted.

Evelyn noted that there were forms at the sign in-table at the luncheon for anyone wanting to make a donation to the Bowie Schools for an Arizona State Tax Credit. These donations make a big difference to a small school. The credit is good for anyone paying Arizona state taxes; otherwise a donation is a charitable deduction.

Evelyn reminded the group that membership fees are due at the beginning of the year. It is still \$10.00 per family and a paid membership means that you will continue to receive the newsletters. There is an application form on the alumni page of the Bowie Schools website: <http://www.bowieschools.org>, click on the Schools tab, and then click on Alumni.

Evelyn passed on news from Kathy Klump, president of the Sulphur Springs Valley Historical Society, about the Images of America: Bowie book. Kathy has selected 214 pictures and is writing the captions. It must be submitted to the publisher by April 1, to be ready by September 1. She is working hard to meet that date. Kathy sent a

picture of the cover with a picture of the Bowie High School Band taken November 12, 1945, on the front, with a history of Bowie on the back. Kathy said she is ready to take reservations and was impressed with the response from the alumni. Lorenzo Abalos had found a picture of the Tevis Hotel after it burned in the Special Collections at the University of Arizona, and Evelyn was able to get a copy for Kathy Klump.

The next newsletter is due soon, and the editor, Susan Bickel, asked for stories and memories of Bowie. She said many people have told her how much they enjoy reading them.

Florina read a thank you letter for the donation to the school the alumni Board of Directors voted on last meeting.

Dear Bowie Alumni, Thank you for your donation of \$450.00 to the Bowie U.S.D. #14 through the donations of the Bowie Alumni Group membership. Your donation has been credited toward the purchase of interactive whiteboard technology for our classrooms. Your generous donation makes possible opportunities for our students to benefit from relevant, timely information presented in a large-group format. These programs, activities, and opportunities might not otherwise be available for our students. Please accept our open invitation to visit and observe the fruits of your donation in action. Sincerely, Patrick O'Donnell, Superintendent

Nancy-Jean gave an update on the Northern Cochise Fund and First Things First in Cochise County. The Fund has reached \$100,000 in funding and has gone through its first grant cycle. Grants were made to children's and senior's programs in Willcox, Bowie and San Simon. First Things First continues to support early childhood development programs.

Under **new business**:

Evelyn showed the group the cover of the February issue of Arizona Highways with a picture of Fort Bowie. The historic landmark is part of a story; 20 reasons to hit the road and learn something along the way.

The Cochise County Centennial Committee is creating a traveling outdoor exhibit of 34 history makers and a partial schedule was shared with the group. Bowie is not yet on the schedule and it is unknown if they will be added.

Alumni News: As of Nov 2010; Tom Cooke III, class of 1974 (Tommy & Mickey Cooke's oldest son) is recovering from a 1,000 ft. fall in his jeep on a camping

trip in CA. He was not found for 16 hours. It is a miracle that he is alive! He is now out of ICU and in recovery for his multiple injuries. Recovery will be a long process. Ray Fousel Feb 14, 2011, writes: My brother-in-law, Charles Sheffield, has had a triple bypass and heart valve replacement. He is now recuperating at the HandMaker nursing home on north Rosemont Ave here in Tucson. Ray wrote in March: Charles is healing up fairly well, and is able to stay home alone and drive short distances. Ernie Blandin was diagnosed with lung/bone cancer and is receiving treatment. Dewain and Katherine Lockwood are grandparents.

In Memory of: Frances Upham Jensen passed away Feb 16, 2011 in Tucson, Bowie Class of 1942. She was 86. Her father ran a lumber yard in Bowie many years ago. There was no obituary. Tommy "Tom" Creamer, Keith Creamer's youngest son, age 50, of Tucson died from an accidental fall Feb 19, 2011.

Input from the membership: Dutch reported that his aunt Geneva (Aldrich) Anderson, (age over 92) is doing well after several health issues, and Nancy-Jean mentioned that she had news from Philip Hildebrand's sons and they are all successful. Dutch said, after getting conformation from Skip Fousel and George Spikes, that the Tevis Hotel was known as the old Masonic building.

The treasurer's report:

Balances in the Funds are: Membership \$1,275.40, Reunion \$2,550.26, Walls of Merit \$67.89, Flower Fund, \$725.45, General Fund \$149.97, AR Spikes plaque \$0.00, for a total of \$4,768.97. Checks were written at the luncheon for printing and mailing expenses to Evelyn Lathram and to Susan Bickel for newsletter expenses.

The board voted to purchase new checks. The old checks have "Valley National Bank" printed on them, the old post office box, and the date line is printed with "19__". It was decided to correct the post office box and get new checks from Chase Bank, who took over Valley National Bank routing and transit numbers several years ago.

The next luncheon will be at the same location and will try to coordinate it with Vic Boll's visit to Arizona in the fall, and possibly have a book signing with Kathy Klump.

Those We Will Miss:

Our condolences to those who have lost family and friends.

Frances (Upham) Jensen

February 16, 2011

Frances (Upham) Jensen, Bowie Class of 1942, passed away in Tucson, AZ. She was 86. The funeral was February 19, at 10:00 am at the LDS Church at 3530 W. Magee, Tucson. Her father ran a lumber yard in Bowie many years ago.

Tommy "Tom" Creamer

February 19, 2011

Tommy "Tom" Creamer, Keith Creamer's youngest son, age 50, of Tucson died from an accidental fall February 19, 2011. Memorial Services will be 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, February 26, 2011 at the Willcox United Methodist Church, 124 S. Curtis Ave., Willcox, AZ 85643. Burial of his cremains will follow in Sunset Cemetery.

The Creamer family would like to give special thanks to the staff at UMC, especially the ICU nurses and doctors.

In lieu of flowers please donate to your favorite charity.

Services entrusted to Westlawn Chapel, Mortuary and Crematory of Willcox, AZ.



Ernest "Ernie" Blandin 1932-2011

Ernest "Ernie" Blandin, of Bowie, died March 23, 2011 at the age of 78 in Tucson. He was born in Eaton, Colo. on June 26, 1932 to Gerald E. and Louise V. (Stow) Blandin.

Ernie served in the US Navy during the Korean Conflict and was a retired Electrical Engineer for Hughes Aircraft. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree from the Milwaukee School of Engineering and had completed a Business Manager Program for Tech. Personal at UCLA. Ernie was a Lapidary, making jewelry from scratch gems, and was owner of Jewelry A Little Different.

He moved to Bowie in 1999 and was very active in the community, serving on the Bowie Fire District Board, Desert Rest Cemetery Board, Bowie School Board, Bowie Chamber of Commerce and Bowie Economic Development. Ernie was a very active member of the Bowie United Methodist Church.

On Aug. 9, 2003 in Bowie, he married Barbara "Bobbie" Scott Welker, who survives him. He is also survived by his daughters Kelli Parisian of Woodland Hills, Calif., and Sandra K. (Bill) Smith of Ogden, Utah; his son William Scott (Shellie) Blandin of Boise, Id.; and step-daughter Nancy Jean Welker of Bowie, and seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Also surviving include his brother James G. Blandin of Highlands Ranch, Colo., and sisters Edith Joanne Fletcher and Nancy Louise McAboy, both of Colorado Springs, Colo. Preceding him in death were his parents.

Memorial Services will be at 2 p.m. on Monday, April 18, at the Bowie United Methodist Church, following with interment of his cremains in Desert Rest Cemetery.

Contributions may be made to the Bowie United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 56, Bowie, AZ 85605.

Services entrusted to Westlawn Chapel, Mortuary and Crematory of Willcox, Ariz.

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(Note from Evelyn Lathram)

Bowie has lost a fierce supporter and the alumni have lost a friend.

He was doing very well (taking treatment for a diagnosis of cancer), attending the Bowie School Alumni luncheon just this Saturday (March 19) where he had a wonderful time among friends. But, he suffered a pulmonary embolism yesterday (Tuesday, March 22) while on a walk and didn't recover.

Bowie Area News

New fissures map completed

By Ainslee S. Wittig/Arizona range news

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Earth fissure mapping of the Three Sisters Butte study area south of Kansas Settlement in Cochise County is complete and the map available at the AZGS Earth Fissure Viewer

<http://services.azgs.az.gov/OnlineMaps/fissures.html>, said Micheal Conway, Ph.D., chief, Geologic Extension Service at the Arizona Geological Survey office in Tucson.

Arizona Geological Survey geologists mapped nearly 19 miles of continuous and discontinuous earth fissures near Three Sisters Buttes. The fissures are largely bunched in two locales: one group circumnavigating the Three Sisters Buttes, and the second north of Sulphur Hills.

Conway said, "In summer 2010, three new earth fissures formed north of Sulphur Hills intersecting and temporarily closing E. Parker Ranch Road."

In Cochise County, the Sulphur Springs North and Bowie-San Simon earth fissure study areas will be the next ones to be mapped; the Dragoon Road area earth fissure map <http://repository.azgs.az.gov/sites/default/files/dlio/files/nid784/dragoonroad12-09.pdf> was published in November 2009.

"Besides posing a threat to infrastructure and livestock, fissures are an illegal dumping ground for tires, appliances, construction debris, manure and other sundry items," he said. "Because the fissures are believed to extend down to the water table, earth fissures represent a potential threat from surface runoff contaminating groundwater resources."

Conway said there are also "giant desiccation cracks" in the area, which "emulate fissures, but are not as pervasive. Desiccation cracks do not start at the groundwater table, and are usually from four to six feet deep, which makes them easier to mitigate."

"Sometimes the desiccation cracks merge together with a fissure or transition together with a fissure, but we're not sure we've got the why worked out," he added.

Conway said earth fissures are "cracks, seams, or separations in the ground -- differential land subsidence that accompanies extensive groundwater harvesting."

He said the earliest appearance of fissures in Arizona was near Eloy in 1927. Individual fissures range in length from hundreds of feet to miles, and in width from inches to tens of feet.

"Currently, geoscientists believe that fissures initially form at the groundwater table and then propagate upwards hundreds of feet to the surface. Because fissures are commonly oriented perpendicular to local drainages, they are capable of capturing surface runoff, he said. "In-rushing waters may result in rapid erosion of sidewalls and gully development causing dramatic and sudden changes in fissure geometry -- length, depth, and width."

Conway said earth fissures are a geologic hazard in the arid valleys of central and south-central Arizona

"As population centers expand into subsiding areas of basins/valleys, residents and structures are placed in closer proximity to fissures. Property owners are encouraged to

set structures as far away from fissures as possible, and to prevent water from entering fissures," he said.



Inside a fissure just north of Sulphur Hills in Three Sisters Butte area in Kansas Settlement. (PHOTO COURTESY / Mike Mahan (Arizona Geological Survey geoscientist))

Reports of earth fissures are confined to Cochise, Maricopa, Pima, and Pinal counties in central and south-central Arizona. In 2007, AZGS released 1:250,000-scale planning maps of the four counties showing the approximate locations of earlier reported earth fissures. These earth fissure planning maps are available free, online at the Earth Fissure Center at www.azgs.az.gov/efc.

AZGS is charged by state statute with mapping earth fissures in Arizona.

The AZGS Earth Fissure Mapping Program will continue to update maps as the earth fissures grow and new ones form.

Conway added that AZGS geologists will begin focusing on ways to predict where and when the fissures will appear and work with local building officials and engineers on ways to mitigate existing earth fissures to minimize their impacts.

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Willcox High School main building devastated by fire; Willcox School District will be closed through Monday

By Ainslee S. Wittig/Arizona Range News

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The main building of Willcox High School caught fire around 11:40 p.m. late Tuesday night and is still burning at 2 a.m. Wednesday.

Watching the Willcox Fire Department trying to contain the fire to that building at about 1:30 a.m., Superintendent Dr. Richard Rundhaug said, "I'm just glad it didn't happen during the day."

Flames and black smoke flew from main hall, while WHS Principal Mike Patterson and Registrar Sheryl Patterson watched.

Sheryl said there had been a "petroleum-type smell" earlier in day in the hall, and it was checked out by staff and inmate help, including some lockers and the roof, but nothing was found.

No cause has yet been determined, although Rundhaug said the origin was possibly in Room 301 or 302 (Gene Jensen or Lee Miller's rooms).

The main hall contains all high school math rooms, the computer room, biology lab and chemistry lab, as well as all the students' lockers.

Rundhaug canceled school at all campuses through Monday, "so we can figure out how to deal with this and rearrange classes."

He closed the elementary school as well as the middle and high schools for those days, as well, because, "I will need the entire administration" to work things out, and "it will also be easier from a make-up days standpoint."

The building was built in 1953, Sheryl Pattersons said.

"It's really sad," said Board Clerk Debbie Ellis.

Bowie Holiday Meal

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Thanksgiving Day Dinner was served by the Bowie Fire District Auxiliary to all those in Bowie who were alone, lonely, and otherwise unable to provide for themselves.

The newly formed Auxiliary, under the leadership of Susanna Magnusson came forth at the Fire District Board meeting on Nov. 16 and requested permission to use the Fire District facilities for the dinner after learning that no other organization in Bowie was planning a Thanksgiving Dinner for the lonely and less fortunate. Permission was granted and the scramble began.

Supplies were obtained thanks to the generosity of the following businesses and individuals: Willcox Ace Hardware, Bowie Community Center, PJ's Travel Center

in Bowie, Dwayne's Fresh Jerky in Bowie, Safford Bashas, Martina Mendoza Ulibarri of Casa Grande, Judge and Kristen Skiles of Bowie, P. & K. O'Donnell of Bowie, Veronica Bene of Bowie, Sonia Duran Burrell of Bowie.

Bowie Schools' Pre K, Kindergarten, and First Grade classes provided wall banners and Bowie Panther 4-H Club provided table decorations. The Methodist Church provided tables and the Catholic Church provided chairs for the occasion. The Fire Chief and Fire District personnel provided help for set-up and clean-up support.

The Bowie Fire Auxiliary thanks the listed donors from the bottom of their hearts for their generosity.

The dinner was prepared and served by the Bowie Fire District Auxiliary. Forty-five walk-ins were served, and 18 meals were delivered.

The Bowie Fire District extends our thanks to the Auxiliary and the community for a very successful Thanksgiving Day Dinner, and we thank God for all the blessings bestowed upon our community.

Ernie O. Blandin and Debra Juarez
Board Chairman and Secretary & Treasurer, Bowie Fire District

Court Technology



Judge Michael Skiles, Bowie Justice of the Peace, shows off the kiosk in the courthouse where clients can file claims, make payments, and more. (Dave Brown/ARN)

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Court at a kiosk or on the Internet

By Ainslee S. Wittig/Arizona Range News

Bowie Justice Court (Cochise County Justice of the Peace No. 6) has always been a frontrunner in making court services more efficient, using new digital imaging

software in 2007 that would ease storage concerns and make traveling with documents a thing of the past.

Now, once again, Judge Michael Skiles is on the edge of court technology with the use of www.azturbocourt.gov and www.JusticeEZtrac.com, as well as e-citations.

"Within minutes, a person can conduct their court business. With an electronic arraignment through email, they can make a plea, request a payment order, and make a payment -- in minutes, rather than in 20 days," said Skiles, who has been justice of the peace in Bowie since January 2007. "We do thousands of these, so it's a huge savings to the county, as it reduces the time these things take, as well as postage and paper."

Bowie Justice Court was the pilot for the program - the first court in Arizona to use JusticeEZtrac.com and azturbocourt.gov.

It will be starting soon in other Cochise County courts, including Willcox, Benson and Douglas, and other counties are also beginning to use the new programs.

"Other states have expressed interest in it, as well," he said.

With www.azturbocourt.gov, the Arizona court system's directory for electronic court services, the public can prepare court cases, search records and make payments as long as you have a computer with Internet access and a printer.

A kiosk is also available inside the Bowie court lobby, allowing the public to have a fast, easy way to file small claims and general civil actions, even if they don't have a computer at home.

You need a printer to print the claim and you need to mail or hand in the claim once it's done, but even this will be a thing of the past soon. Electronic filing will soon allow you to "just click and file."

The kiosk in Bowie Court's lobby has a user-friendly touch screen. It can also be used as a check-in for those on probation, as it scans your fingerprint, takes a photograph and for those required, you can take a breath test.

Skiles said one of the biggest assets of www.azturbocourt.gov is, "It will walk you through the claim filing process. Our court clerks cannot provide legal advice, so it has been that people filing claims have just had to figure it out on their own. They can tell you that you did something wrong, but not how to make it right. This website can help you get through the paperwork."

"If you feel you have a lawsuit and you can't ask the clerks, this system will help you. It takes the burden off the court," he said.

He added that the website is helpful for those who can't or don't want to come to court, and filing fees are the same either way you file.

"The only extra charge online is a credit card user fee, and that goes to the credit card company," Skiles said.

JusticeEZtrac.com is an automated court service center allowing court clients to make a payment, request a court hearing extension or setup an automatic payment order. These services are available online, over the phone and at kiosks. Payments can be made by credit or debit card or with cash through JusticeEZtrac at any Walmart store.

Additional features include the ability to enter a plea of guilty or not guilty online, receive court date notifications via email, and most other court procedures.

Even direct communications between the court clients and the court are possible through the JusticeEZtrac message center, which allows supplementary documentation and forms to be attached for the court to review.

"You can even scan a driver's license and attach it to send it to the court," Skiles said. "We had a truck driver from out of state get ticketed for no insurance and his company was really impressed that they could scan the insurance card and communicate with the court and have conclusion of the case in one day," he said.

Driving school sessions can also be arranged and general inquiries answered.

"We are really happy with the www.JusticeEZtrac.com. It gets receipts out to individuals for traffic fines, civil sanctions, and judgments," he said.

JusticeEZtrac.com and azturbocourt.gov have reduced errors for defendants and those filing claims and they make it accessible for people," Skiles said. "It can be intimidating to go to court and this gives you options."

Another big step forward is e-citations, which started in January.

Skiles said that officers of any agency can swipe a driver's license on scene and the information for the person being cited is downloaded into the officer's computer and the state can e-file the complaint instead of returning with handwritten complaint forms that are not easily deciphered by court clerks.

"It allows clean data flow so accuracy increases and clerks don't spend so much time on data entry instead of case flow. With budget restraints, we have to reduce our clerks' work on these types of things as much as possible so they can be case managers, allowing case progression so we can have hearings promptly," Skiles said.

Also, e-tickets will be posted online and defendants, through the online www.azturbocourt.gov and www.JusticeEZtrac.com can enter their plea online, make payments, etc.

"The azturbocourt was (former court clerk) Denise Lundin's baby," he said. ""She really made a long of things happen."

"Cochise County is coming along - we're going to be one of the more advanced rural counties," Skiles said. "We've had a lot of people (in Cochise County) working on this - Faye Coakley, Karen Ferrara, Casey Steeter in IT - they make it happen. There's a lot of experience there and it shows."

Event Commemorates Local Historical Moment at Ft. Bowie



Old Glory is folded by reenactors Saturday at Fort Bowie's "Apache Pass Through Time" event, which served as the kick-off event for Arizona's statehood centennial celebration, and commemorates the 150th anniversary of the Bascom Affair of 1861. (Janet Hoppe/For the Range News)

By Karen Weston Gonzales/Park guide
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One hundred and fifty years ago In Apache Pass, between the Dos Cabezas Mountain range and the Chiricahua Mountains, a drama unfolded that most historians today believe sparked the Apache Wars of America's southwest.

This historical drama that took place in February of 1861

is known by two names. Most commonly referred to as "The Bascom Affair," this moment in our history was named after Lt. George Bascom, who tried to arrest Chiricahua Apache Chief Cochise for a crime he was not guilty of. The Chiricahua Apache people call the incident "Cut Through The Tent," referring to Cochise's instantaneous reaction and escape.

This incident, which began with the theft of cattle and kidnapping of a boy, remains one of the most controversial historical events in America's southwest. On Saturday, Feb. 12, a special event took place at Fort Bowie National Historic Site, 30 miles southeast of Willcox and 12 miles south of Bowie, to commemorate the anniversary.

"Apache Pass Through Time" was hosted by the National Park Service, Sharlot Hall Museum and the Tucson Presidio Trust. About 400 people attended the event which also served as a kick-off program for Arizona's statehood centennial celebration. About 35 historical interpreters and re-enactors participated as well as 16 National Park Service staff and volunteers.

Dessert Night

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The All Dessert Night at the Willcox Community Center on Saturday, March 19 was a greater success than expected. The Sulphur Springs Valley Historical Society would like to thank everyone who donated desserts and provided music for the evening.

Special thanks to the singers and musicians who provided great entertain for our guests. Cindy Rae, Will Johnston, Jerry and Elaine Holcomb, Jim and Nancy Sober, and Bill Nigh with the Willcox Camp Singers all did a wonderful job.

Businesses such as Stouts Cider Mill, Safeway, IGA, Plaza Restaurant, Sunsites Produce Wagon, La Unica Tortilleria, all helped a great deal with their wonderful donations.

The high school Culinary Arts departments at Benson, **Bowie**, and Valley Union in Elfrida all helped us by providing desserts. Students from **Bowie** High School came and served desserts in their culinary arts uniforms.

Dozens of Society members brought homemade treats that helped fill tables that stretched for over 40 feet. All the guests enjoyed more choices than they could sample. One guest said cheerfully, "the evening was pure decadence".

"We had so many desserts that during our auction, we

gave away more desserts than we sold," said President Kathy Klump

Toward the end of the evening, guests were allowed to fill an extra plate for only two dollars. Guests and members had fun piling up plates to take home.

"This was our first dessert night," said Mrs. Klump, "Everyone had a great time. Next year we'll make the evening even better."

Harry O'Neil and Tony Cohorn
Dessert Night Co-Chairmen

Bowie History

A History of the Bowie Schools

Printed in the "Bowie School Reunion 1923 – 1950", June 17-18, 1978

The first school in Bowie was the building now known as the Kathern Hall residence. At the time it sat in the center of the Hall lot and the Dr. Parrish lot and faced north. Mr. Robert Behar moved to Bowie in 1897 and this school building was being used at that time. In 1912 the first two east rooms of the present grammar school were completed and put into use in the spring of 1913. The two teachers that spring were Mrs. Cora Dawson and Miss Clara Pulliam (Kaiser). The trustees of the grammar school at that time were H.R. Hindman, J.P. Schafer and W.T. Williams. The school block was given by Mr. C. S. Kellum. At this time the first school building was sold to J.P. Schafer. In a year or two the two west rooms were added to the grammar school. In later years, having dediced to have a kindergarten, the small frame building was built. In 1922 the present high school building was built and completed and put into use in 1923. Due to crowded conditions at the grammar school that first year, the first graders were moved to the high school for one year. The school trustees that year were W.M. Aldrich, Joe Chambers and W.G. Richards. The first class to graduate from this high school were Kate Richards and Nathalie Aldrich (Grusendorf).

Mr. Albert Spikes began teaching in the Bowie school in 1915 but in the spring of 1917 went into the Armed Services during World War I and served in France until the end of the war. He returned to Bowie in August of 1919 to resume his teaching career. At the same time a young Texas girl by the name of Nellie Decherd came to Bowie as a teacher and also to join her brother, Rev. Decherd, pastor of the Bowie Methodist Church, and his family. In 1920 Nellie Decherd and Albert R. Spikes were married. To this union were born two sons – George Albert Spikes and Jack Decherd Spikes. Mr. Spikes was

Principal of the Bowie School and then in 1923 was made Superintendent which position he held until his retirement in 1941.

In 1936 the swimming pool was completed, after approximately two years under construction. This project was made possible under a joint effort by the Bowie School district and Federal Works Progress Administration (W.P.A.). The necessity for a well has made it possible for the Bowie Schools to have ample water for our lawns, trees and shrubbery. Then, in 1940 the gymnasium was built by the Womack Construction Company of Phoenix, with Mayor Henry O. Jaastad of Tucson as the architect. At this time the school trustees were L.O. Scott, President; Mrs. E.V. Aldrich, Clerk; and M.W. Bouch, Member.

In 1941 Mr. L.A. Enloe was made Superintendent of Bowie Schools where he had taught band, chemistry and physics since coming to the Bowie schools in 1928. Under Enloe's regime a new elementary building was added to the school and dedicated in 1961. The school trustees at this time were W.E. Scott, G.B. Francis and Barbara J. (Scott) Welker. This building was later given the name of Mary G. Doyle Elementary in memory of our beloved teacher, Mary Grace Doyle who passed away in April of 1965. At Mr. Enloe's retirement in 1964, Mr. Sam F. Ambrose was hired as the new superintendent. During his three years here there was added an Agriculture Department, Home Making, Business Department, and a new centralized library. The new Agriculture-Shop building was added at this time.

In May of 1867 it was announced that Mr. Curtis E. Green was hired as Superintendent of Bowie Schools for the year 1967-68 to replace Sam F. Ambrose who left to become principal of the Wickenburg High School.

For the years 1968-69 through 72-73 Mr. Dan Forrest filled the position of Superintendent. In 1973 Mr. Forrest left to take the Superintendent's position in Patagonia.

The year 1973-74 saw Mr. Vern Baker, who had been a teacher in the Bowie Schools from 1965 to 1969 return to us via Nebraska and Tucson to fill the position of superintendent from that year to the present time.

Progress of Bowie

February 9, 1882

Arizona Daily Star

The Daily Star is sold on all passenger trains going East and West from Tucson.

This rapidly growing place is the dinner station for passenger trains on the Southern Pacific Railroad, between Tucson and Deming, and is also the end of the freight division. The railroad company has made an immense outlay here in erecting a hotel similar to our Porter's Hotel and laying out beautiful parks on each side of it. They have constructed a fine club house, coal bin, cattle yards, etc., and the round house for engines, when completed will equal the one in Tucson. The company also furnished facilities for watering stock and freight teams, which later will take supplies from this point to the different towns in the vicinity and to the following Government posts: Fort Grant, Fort Bowie, San Carlos, and Camp Thomas. It is the natural center for this business, the grades being easier than from Willcox and the distances much shorter.

Since the Post Office has been established at Bowie the mail route to Globe will be transferred there from Willcox, also the Fort Bowie and Dos Cabezas routes.

The Chester Mining and Smelting Company is rapidly developing their mines which are yielding rich ore and in large quantities. Their smelter is already constructed and when ready for work will no doubt have plenty to do. In addition to their own ores those from the rich Dos Cabezas mines will be hauled there to be worked. This company also has a large water well of their own, independent of that belonging to the railroad company, which produces an abundance of water which they consider is equal to the best water on the road. To the effect the officers, engineers, and residents of Bowie will readily testify, notwithstanding the reports to the contrary, supposed to have been circulated by residents of Willcox and Lordsburg, who fear that Bowie will draw the most of their trade away, which we think is inevitable.

Our former townsman, Frank McCandres, is one of the enterprising merchants at Bowie and is doing a successful business which is daily increasing.

The climate is delightful and no more desirable location for a town of considerable importance could be found in the Territory, and it is believed that at no distant day it will be the most important place between Tucson and Deming; it having everything in its favor.

Bowie Dedicates Church Building September 12, 1941 Arizona Daily Star

Bowie, Ariz., Sept 11 – The corner stone on the new Methodist church building here will be laid during the impressive services Sunday afternoon at three o'clock. The services are being held at this time to enable pastors and laymen of other towns to attend.

L.A. Enloe, superintendent of the Bowie schools, will be in charge of the music. Addresses will be made by Rev. Frank Williams and Dr. Robert F. Dickenson of Tucson Methodist churches and Dr. Paul Heibner, district superintendent of Phoenix.

The church is being built with the aid of missionary help of the Phoenix and Tucson churches as well as other churches and people in the surrounding country.

The old church was destroyed by fire one year ago last spring and Rev. L. R. Seymour and his building committee have been working toward this new building for the past several months. The committee members are A.R. Spikes, chairman, Morris Cawood, clerk, V.M. Boll, L.O. Scott, and Dr. F.W. Parrish, members.

The building is of native adobe with tile roof and will have cement floors. The walls are almost completed so people attending the services will see the general contour of the structure. The building will measure 67 feet at its widest point and 60 feet in depth.

Bowie in 1886

Personal Reminiscences of **Dan R. Williamson**, *Belt*, October 29, 1926

In 1886 Bowie Station was the forwarding point as far as possible for troops and live stock in the field. At that point was stationed a captain of the quartermaster's department, as well as a captain of the subsistence department. Between them they kept a large number of freighters constantly on the go to keep the five thousand or more soldiers and Indian scouts that were in the field, as well as the thousands of cavalry horses and pack and team mules they were using fed, foraged, medicine and shod.

Chas. M. Renaud, now an honored citizen of Pierce, was actively in the charge of the forwarding of supplies at Bowie Station in 1885 and '86.

A.W. Sydnor, now of Globe, was a freight conductor on the railroad running between Tucson and El Paso. Jake Sollars, now of Copper Hill, was driving stage between Bowie Station and Ft. Thomas. He made the 70 mile trip one way each day except Sundays. Sollars made the trip every day of the year no matter how thick the Indians were. Often people would get off the train at Bowie, intending to go to Globe or intermediate points, but on learning how serious the situation was, would take the next train back home.

Charlie Wilcox had just been promoted to an engine and was running one of the helpers¹ at Bowie then. Now he is the oldest passenger engineer on the El Paso-Tucson run. Post Trader, De Long of Ft. Bowie, received a five thousand dollar shipment of gold coin by express through Bowie Station each week. But so discreetly was it handled that it was never suspected nor molested.

The Southern Pacific was doing a big business then; the company maintained three engines with their crews at Bowie helping the west bound traffic.

All passenger trains stopped at Bowie 20 minutes for meals. The railroad employees derived quite a bit of amusement at the expense of the curious travelers. We had a little museum of curios, such as an old rifle and a skull, found together in the nearby hills. Then we had Gila monsters, tarantulas, centipedes, rattle snakes, horned toads and numerous other members of the reptile family. The railroad men far and near got to sending me anything they considered might be of interest that they came across. S.W. Pomeroy, who was the proprietor of the Bowie-Globe stage line, sent me an Indian scalp from Clifton. The scalp was taken by an old scout and trapper, Charlie Montgomery by name, from an Indian he had shot and killed near Eagle Creek in the Clifton country. Taking it into Clifton, the residents there raised \$250 which they gave to Montgomery. At that particular time President Cleveland was rather in disfavor with the people of this territory. There was strong talk of expressing this scalp back to him. Pomeroy, a good conservative citizen, in order to prevent this being done, paid \$10 for the scalp and sent it to me. I, in return, expressed it to a Miss Halstead of San Francisco who had written me asking for a scalp. This Indian victim, by the way, was a White Mountain Apache, an Uncle of Billy Stevens, who is now our court interpreter.

We also kept a kind of a mineral cabinet, in sight, for the passengers' benefit. The nearby Chiricahua Mountains had a lot of quartz with an iron content which was the very picture of gold. While out gathering some of this one day with Captain Tevis, we picked up a rock, and under it were a dozen 45-70 rifle cartridges. This startled us, for it told us very plainly that hostile Indians were either there or were expected there and these cartridges were planted there for them. So we beat it.

We also had a thermometer out on the station wall in plain sight. During the summer months just as the trains were pulling in, some of us would go up to it and either with a match or a cigar would run this thermometer up to around 125 or 130 degrees. Then it was amusing to watch the

¹ Helpers: Helper locomotives are engines coupled into the middle or to the rear of trains to help push the train up a pass. On the way down, they add additional braking power to a long train.

debonair passengers wilt on reading it and thinking it read correctly.

Bowie Residents Satisfied with Present Name April 14, 1923 Tombstone Prospector

The residents of Bowie are reported not overly enthused over the proposition of changing the name of the town to Tevistown, as suggested at the recent gathering of pioneers in Phoenix. The Bowie Chamber of Commerce has distributed considerable literature on the town and surrounding valley and there is a general feeling that a change at the present time would serve to confuse inquirers. The name of the town was changed from Tevistown to Bowie about 20 years ago.

Bowie to Mark Natural Gas Service Start May 18, 1950 (Special to the Republic)

Bowie, May 17 – (Special) – Bowie residents will celebrate the arrival of natural gas service Friday night with a program at the high school gymnasium.

Sponsoring the festivities are the Bowie Chamber of Commerce and the Arizona Edison Company, the utility which is bringing natural gas to the area.

A large torch outside the building, fed by the first gas line in the community, will serve as a beacon for arriving guests. Several representatives of Arizona Edison will be present, among them H.H. Idle, vice-president and southern district supervisor of the company.

Reid Gardner, president of Arizona Edison, has extended his congratulations to Bowie and predicted natural gas will have a far reaching effect on the community.

Guy W. Clerc, resident of Bowie the past two years, will be in charge of natural gas service. He was in the general contracting business before joining Arizona Edison last March.

Masonic Picnic Area

During the 1930s, about the time the Goat Ranch was getting a foot hold in the drainage, the Bowie Masons scratched out what passed for a road to the big boulder by the oak trees. Bowie began to enjoy picnics and hikes at this idyllic site. By 1953, Bowie's Lions Club replaced the Masons as site caretaker; however, they retained the Masonic name. The Lions Club constructed in the oak's shade cement picnic tables and, nearby, a rest room, while enjoying their own monthly cook-outs at the site. The

Bureau of Land Management owns the land, however has permitted its recreations use for Bowie. BLM has named the massive formation of granite outcroppings surrounding it “Indian Bread Rocks.”

Power Lines for Bowie Prepared

June 18, 1941

Arizona Daily Star

Willcox, June 17 – (Special) – With the arrival of power poles, the Vancott Construction Company of Los Angeles this week will put three crews to work installing them for the REA power line from Willcox to Bowie, it was announced today. Holes already have been dug.

Mike M. Bennett, superintendent in charge of the Sulpher Springs Valley project, said approximately 80 pumps in the valley are now operating on REA power and the possibility exists the system will be extended to Ft. Huachuca, if a large cantonment is build there.

Bowie School News

Congratulations to the 2011 graduating Seniors!

The alumni group is proud of you! Good luck in your future endeavors.



2011 Bowie Senior **Lyrissa Newman** is the daughter of Trina Louise Upshaw. Her hobbies include swimming, volleyball, roller blading, riding bikes, music and computers. Lyrissa has been involved in both FFA and FCCLA while at Bowie High School. Lyrissa will be studying in the medical field of Nursing. She has

applied and been accepted into the University of Arizona. There she will be working with both Pima Community College and the U of A in a new dual enrollment program. Lyrissa has received a scholarship from SSVEC.



Jennalyn Wiley Klump, a 2011 Bowie Senior, is the daughter of Dshell Lee Mileham and Barry Wiley Klump. Her hobbies and interest are volleyball, Animal Care, Drawing, and Basketball. While at Bowie High School Jenna has been on the Cougar Volleyball and Basketball teams. She has been involved in both FFA and FCCLA. She has been a

class officer and on the Student Council. Jenna would like to work for a zoo or wildlife reserve in the future. She has

applied and been admitted to Northern Arizona University. Jenna has received a scholarship from SSVEC



2011 Bowie Senior **Nicole Marie Fierro**, is the daughter of Missy Fierro and Jose Fierro. Her interests include sports, music, school, family and friends. Nicole helped to establish our new chapter of FCCLA (Family, Career and Community Leaders of America, formerly known as Future Homemakers of America) at Bowie Schools last year. She

has also been involved in FFA, Student Council, Sports, and is the 2010-2011 Yearbook Editor. Nicole is planning on beginning her studies with a degree in Business Marketing and continuing on in the field of Hospitality Management particularly within the area of Hotel & Motel Management. She has applied and been accepted into four different community colleges around the state including EAC. She also has the option to attend NAU or Western New Mexico.



Leslie Esparza, a 2011 Bowie Senior, is the daughter of Alicia Esparza. She enjoys walking, talking, texting and using the computer. Leslie moved here from California and quickly became involved in the school and community. Leslie is a member of FCCLA , working in many of the catering and restaurant scenarios while at

Bowie High School. Leslie has applied and been accepted into Eastern Arizona College where she would like to become a nursing assistant. She is looking forward to working in the medical field.



2011 Bowie Senior, **Mikael Robert Ramirez** is the son of Michell Marie Griego and Robert Ramirez. Mikael's interest lies in mechanics and anything where he gets to use his hands. Mikael has demonstrated his talents while a member of FCCLA, cooking for our simulated restaurant, The Panther's Den. Mikael wants to

learn about mechanics including aviation mechanics. He would like to work as a mechanic in the military.



Marisela Maritza Acuna, a 2011 Bowie Senior, is the daughter of Rosa Acuna. She enjoys basketball and music. Marisela played on the Cougar Basketball and Softball teams. She was instrumental in getting other high school students excited about our new culinary arts program and FCCLA. She worked tirelessly over the past two years preparing

for many of our restaurants during hours outside of the school day. Marisela has been her class's president and a member of Student Council while attending Bowie High School. Marisela has applied and been accepted into Pima Community College and wants to pursue a degree in Nursing.

SSVEC to send students to Washington, D.C.

By Wayne Crane/SSVEC

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Six high school juniors will be touring the nation's capital for one week this next summer as winners of Sulphur Springs Valley Electric Cooperative's (SSVEC's) 31st annual Washington Youth Tour competition. The students were recognized on Thursday, Nov. 18 following a dinner honoring them and their parents at the Benson Schools Multipurpose Center in Benson.

The students who earned all-expense-paid trips next June to Washington, D.C. are Jacob Gregory Davis, Christine Early, and Samantha Edmiston from Benson High School; Natalie Jones and Lavita Trejo from St. David High School; and Jessica Sueskind from Buena High School.

The cooperative's Washington Youth Tour program is open to all high school juniors in SSVEC's service area. SSVEC personnel visited the nine high schools served by the cooperative and explained the program and left study materials for a preliminary test. Those who scored highest on this test at each high school moved to the next level of competition—an essay. This year's essay topic asked students to develop a marketing campaign on renewable energy and "Going Green." Thirteen students whose essays scored highest were invited to the final stage of competition on the afternoon of Nov. 18. The students took a second test covering more complex materials about SSVEC, cooperatives, and energy, and they were interviewed by a panel of five judges.

The seven students who advanced to the final competition but did not win the trip, earned \$100 each for their efforts

and the opportunity to attend the upcoming tour at their own expense. These students are Sotero Guzman and Roxanne McInnes from Willcox High School; Seth Morrison from St. David High School; Monti Reynolds from Benson High School; Teresa Reza from San Simon High School; Michael Syson from Valley Union High School; **and Samantha Vasquez from Bowie High School.**

Following the dinner and prior to the announcement of the winners, SSVEC Key Accounts Manager David Bane said the Youth Tour program is funded by the SSVEC Foundation. He explained that as a cooperative, SSVEC periodically returns money to its members. When those members move out of the area and leave no forwarding address, SSVEC transfers the money to the SSVEC Foundation. He stated, "This is money that was previously forfeited to the state of Arizona. With the establishment of the Foundation in 1984, the cooperative sponsors not only the Washington Youth Tour, but the annual Youth Engineering and Science Fair and the Foundation Scholarship program."

Telly Stanger, manager of community economic development and agriculture for SSVEC, announced the results of the competition, and SSVEC Board President Dan Barrera presented the student with plaques recognizing their efforts in the competition.

Interview judges were Les Boegemann, Benson attorney (and a former Youth Tour participant); Char Brown, community volunteer and retired social worker from Elgin, Arizona); Sharon Gilman, director of Cochise College Benson Center; Geoff Oldfather, Communications and Public Relations for Sierra Southwest Cooperative Services; and Monica Pugno, Washington Youth Tour Coordinator for Trico Electric Cooperative in Marana, Arizona.

Chaperones for this year's tour are SSVEC employee Joel Skousen and his wife Mindy. Students and chaperones will tour Washington, D.C., from June 9-16, 2011.

USDA Grant will improve ITV classes for county's schools

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Jonathan Adelstein, national administrator for USDA Rural Utilities Service (RUS), was in Arizona recently to announce funding for distance learning and broadband projects in Arizona.

Among the three projects announced is a \$246,586 grant to the Cochise County ITV Consortium / Cochise

Technology District. Funds will be used to offer classes online and to connect rural and border schools.

The RUS grant requires a match from the Consortium, which can be satisfied through all of the high schools through dollars and in-kind funding, such as purchasing needed equipment. The Cochise County Superintendent's Office is also helping with the match.

Joel Todd, Superintendent of the Cochise Technology District, said the classes will include career and technology training and provide an important bridge so that multiple schools can interact simultaneously.

"The Joint Technology Education District (JTED)/Cochise Technology District is the face of the grant because it uses rural utilities services to connect rural schools for technology education here in Cochise County. That's a key part of it," Todd said about receiving the grant.

Todd said the Interactive TV Consortium, coordinated about a year and a half ago by Cochise County Schools Superintendent Trudy Berry, involves all the county's high schools, along with Cochise College. Previous funding helped equip most schools so that they could receive classes on their interactive TV, but not all can send classes to other schools.

Each school can connect to another school, but if two or more schools need to be connected for a class, they must connect with a bridge through Cochise College.

The Consortium, for which Willcox Schools Superintendent Dr. Rich Rundhaug is president, applied for and received the RUS grant. Cochise Technology District/JTED is the fiscal agent, Rundhaug said.

"This funding will allow us to upgrade and improve each school's equipment allowing all schools to send and receive, as well as buy a bridge, which may be located at Willcox School District, so more than one school can connect," Todd said. "Cochise College has a lot of ITV classes, so scheduling (high school) classes (with the bridge) is tough."

Funding may also add mobile ITV equipment that will help in scheduling classes, so schools are not limited to one ITV room, Todd said.

"Through added equipment, the grant will allow us to deliver classes to schools which are without personnel or do not have the ability to hold a particular class, especially electives," he said. "Right now, Cochise College is teaching a higher-level math ITV class to Benson High School and Willcox is delivering Spanish to **Bowie** and a higher-level Spanish to Benson."

"As things get tighter and schools lose staff or can't replace people, schools will still be able to fill the gaps," Todd said. "ITV allows us to offer courses to schools that have never had them before. For example **Bowie** and San Simon may get courses from Buena (Sierra Vista) or Douglas high schools that they've never had available before."

Rundhaug agreed. "We want to be in the position to help each other out if necessary, and if possible, be in a budget saving situation. There may be cases where this can fill a need (for a class) and the school won't have to pay a full-time teacher."

"We are also hoping that this can give our schools a higher quality teacher. A highly qualified teacher could teach for all the high schools - if we could have a more qualified person, we'd rather have that," he added.

Todd said the funding has not yet been received, but the plan is to get the ITV systems up and running over the summer and operational in the fall.

The Consortium hired Tim Bowlby for IT and Doug Miller for curriculum and scheduling, both Willcox District employees, and the schools are now working on "trying to match up daily bell schedules for all county schools," Todd said. "In the future, we are working on getting a Certified Nursing Assistant program using ITV. It would be the first JTED Central Program with Cochise College instructors for high school students"

Central programs are extended to 10 hours as opposed to the usual five-hour satellite JTED programs. The central program would be five hours of classroom work and the rest labs and hands-on work, which may require traveling, he said. The additional revenue the added hours per student would bring to the technology district would be used to offset the costs for students.

The Cochise Technology District Consortium "helped make the grant possible. Now, when one high school has a program and another high school wants it, it can be done. We are taking down the walls of schools --we are starting to have more cooperation," Todd said.

Further in the future, Todd sees the possibility of getting the State of Arizona Counties Communication Network (SACCNET) in Cochise County, which would allow for very high speed broadband internet for video and audio, which takes more broadband width, he said.

"They have it in Gila Valley, but that's looking into the future here. It's very expensive," he said.

The other RUS projects being announced by Adelstein are a distance-learning grant for Coconino Community College to reach rural northern areas and a grant for broadband expansion on the Havasupai Reservation at the bottom of the Grand Canyon.

These followed an announcement last month by USDA Secretary Tom Vilsack that funding would be available to increase education access to rural communities.

Adelstein's visit did not include time to visit southern Arizona, but he did talk to the Range News by telephone while in the state.

He talked about Vilsack's commitment to prioritize broadband technology, calling it "one of the pillars of his strategy to revitalize rural America."

"How many rural communities lack access to the kind of digital education opportunities that we need?" Adelstein said.

"If we want this country to succeed in the 21st century, we've got to make sure we harness the potential of every young person in this country."

He said the \$246,000 grant would enable students to "access advanced courses from the community college. Students who want to do more advanced coursework will have the opportunity to do so," said Adelstein, referring especially to advanced computer or math courses.

"It's important to this whole country that we leverage all the benefits - all the potential of all these kids," he told the Range News. "If you think about it, maybe the next Bill Gates is in Cochise County."

Adelstein referred to the recent State of the Union Address by President Barack Obama, in which he said America must "out-educate, out-innovate, and out-build the rest of the world."

"This is how we compete globally - to have our best kids continue to advance. Then we can out-innovate and out-build our competitors. It shouldn't be limited just to kids in Phoenix or Tucson or Flagstaff."

Referring to the competition the United States faces overseas from China, Adelstein said,

"They make sure they get the education they need; and we're up against that."

USDA Rural Development's RUS has invested millions into broadband for rural Arizona over the last year.

Adelstein was a Commissioner with the Federal Communications Commission and staff member for Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle. He also served as a Communications Consultant to the Stanford Graduate School of Business.

The Cochise Technology District began on July 1, 2001 as an idea shared by seven public school superintendents and governing boards. Douglas School District joined July 1, 2004. The eight satellite high schools in the District are **Bowie**, Benson, Douglas, San Simon, St. David, Tombstone, Valley Union and Willcox. The Cochise Technology District Governing Board and Administration have worked with the Governing Boards and Administrations in the eight satellite high schools to develop and improve Career and Technical Education Programs for their students.

For the 2009-2010 school year Cochise Technology District reported to the Arizona Department of Education 2,221 students enrolled in the seven satellite high schools' Career and Technical Programs. This enrollment generated \$2,256,594 in revenues for the eight high schools to improve and expand their Career and Technical Programs. The source of the funding is state aid and local tax dollars, an average of \$3 to \$5 per household per year.

Bowie Students will Harvest Rainwater!

Bowie School students received a grant to build a greenhouse. Last year a grant was received to outfit and begin using the greenhouse. Recently a grant was received to develop and use a rainwater harvesting process to irrigate the greenhouse and raised garden beds nearby.

The Arizona Community Foundation, using funds from the Bob Holcombe Fund for Educational/Vocational Success and from the Science, Math, and Technology Fund You, has provided funding for the purchase of solar panels, batteries, a pump, and a storage tank. These items will encompass the rainwater harvesting irrigation system for the student gardens program. The rainwater will be collected from the roof of the high school building, stored in a large plastic tank and pumped to the greenhouse and raised beds as needed.

Students will also learn valuable information through this project. Creating environmentally sustainable school gardens through rainwater harvesting, solar water pumps, and 95% efficient drip irrigation allows young people to bring science, technology, engineering and applied math to life in hands on "learning laboratories". While meeting the academic standards in Science, students are producing nutritious, locally grown fruits and vegetables which help to combat the high levels of juvenile onset diabetes and childhood obesity issues prevalent in Cochise County. Farmers' market sales of bedding plants and ripe produce financially sustain the project as well as teach students skills of entrepreneurship. The goal is to create youth gardens that utilize renewable resources so there is no strain on the natural or financial resources of the school/community while increasing sustainable food systems.

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Bowie Students Benefit from Volunteers!

Bowie School students have gained valuable information and skills from volunteers. Some of our volunteers are Bowie residents while others come to Bowie to work with our students.

In the elementary school, students were supported by math tutoring by Therese Arsenault and Barbara Naughton, lessons in community involvement and awareness by Eliana Morris, book fair volunteer Kim Klump, 4H volunteer Jennifer Guzman and Wayne Cox who spent many hours working with guitar students. John Ratjke came from the Mt. Graham International Observatory to teach our eighth-grade science students astronomy and space science lessons. Emma Meko visited often with support materials for our nutrition lessons and to donate physical education equipment.

Bowie High school students also benefited from volunteers. Melissa Fierro supported the yearbook class by supplying the baked goods for their yard sale and many parents donated items to sell. Our agriculture/FFA students received invaluable help from many volunteers. Duncan Sutton assisted with small engine repairs, Shelley Myers demonstrated canine immunizations, Wilma Renken from the USDA worked with our Range Management team, and State FFA Officers Cole McGuire and Seth Peña provided guidance and leadership lessons. Special assistance was provided by Amy and Clint Sanborn to allow our FFA students to participate when our FFA Sponsor was unable to attend for family reasons.

While each of our teachers is highly qualified and delivers lessons based upon the Arizona Academic Standards, we fully understand and appreciate the positive contributions our volunteers make to the learning in our schools.

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Bowie School FCCLA Holds Food Drive!



Bowie School PreK - 12th grade students, led by the Bowie FCCLA Chapter members, gathered over 800 food items and raised \$117.00 in a penny war that was then donated to the local Community Food Bank. Sharon Webster and Mody Frascella of Rural Accent were present to express thanks and receive the donations from the students. Arizona State Department of Education Family and Consumer Sciences Director Ruth Kerr, along with FCCLA State Director Kym Spitali congratulated students on their efforts. Afterward, 2 FCCLA State Officers, Mackayla Merrill from St. David, Vice President of National Programs, and Vice President of Public Relations Shauna Becker from Sahauo High School spoke to Bowie High School Students about the benefits of staying involved in student organizations. Eighth grade members of FCCLA produced pizzas and ice cream sundaes for the classes that brought in the most pennies and food items.

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Bowie Schools Holds Math-A-Thon

Bowie Elementary School students recently held a St. Jude Math-A-Thon. St. Jude Math-A-Thon is a volunteer-based fundraising program for the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. The program includes a free, fun curriculum supplement featuring comic book characters for grades K-8. The funds raised by Bowie students will help St. Jude Hospital to continue its mission of finding cures and caring for children stricken with catastrophic diseases. St. Jude is the only pediatric cancer research center where families never pay for treatments not covered by insurance. No child is ever denied treatment, because of the family's inability to pay.

The Math-A-Thon activity consisted of students completing math problems for pledges from donors/sponsors. Twelve Bowie Elementary students participated from various classrooms. Mrs. Zerke's second and third graders had the most participants with five: Elicia Guzman, \$40.00; Wyatt Zerke, \$5.50; Nyomi Hernandez, \$40.00; Maya Pena, \$22.00; and Alyssa Landt, \$15.55. Mrs. Curto's sixth/seventh class added three more participants: Gabriela Pena, \$21.00; Esmeralda Berumen, \$56.95; and Dakotiah Upshaw, \$50.00. Two eighth-graders from Mrs. Burruef's class participated: Manuel Galiaz, \$46.00 and Vicente Pena, \$20.00. Finally, Mrs. Jones' Kinder/first class added two also: Arianna Nunez, \$40.00 and the top fundraiser Macylee Sparks, \$80.00. Congratulations to all of the participants and a special thank you for considering doing math as a way to raise donations to help children in medical need.



The photo shows some of the Math-A-Thon participants.

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Bowie Schools Celebrates FCCLA Week!

Bowie HS Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) is celebrating the community and people of Bowie during the week of February 14 – 17, 2011. All week long students are asked to bring in nonperishable foods such as canned goods, pastas, rice, etc. These donated items will be used to replenish the Bowie Community Center Food Bank. The students will also be participating in various activities during Enrichment/Tutoring time. The winners of food collecting and class activities will receive prizes.

FCCLA Week is about fun and service to our community. FCCLA is also looking for a creative way to collect for the purchase of fresh food, so each class will also have a penny jar for donations. This is a competition between the classes. The competition will last for two weeks but there will be a prize with the most collected at the end of the first week and then your class can have the opportunity to win again at the end of the second week. The prize will be pizza for the pennies and ice cream sundaes for the non perishable food.



Bowie Schools is recognizing Career and Technical Education during the month of February and Both the FCCLA and FFA will be having activities for student participation and community involvement. If you are interested in being involved through donations or in the activities, please contact the schools. Thank you.

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Bowie Students Collect Pennies for Patients

Bowie School students have gathered \$653.42 in donations for the Pennies for Patients Campaign. The students worked to collect their donations in honor of Mr. E.O. Blandin. Mr. Blandin, a Bowie School Governing Board member, had recently been diagnosed with cancer and died March 23, 2011.

Since 1994, millions of dollars have been raised in pennies and other spare change by more than 10 million elementary, middle and high school students throughout the country. The funds, collected during a three-week period, benefit The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. Everyone who participates is a winner! The Pennies for Patients campaign began in the Society's North Carolina Chapter in 1995. Each year, thousands of schools join to experience learning, fun, meaningful service and cooperative team work while joining in the fight against cancer.

Bowie Schools has participated for many of the 14 years the program has given students the opportunity to experience the powerful feeling that comes from working together to help others. Schools raise awareness and funds in honor of local patients battling a blood cancer like leukemia.

Since the inception of School & Youth Programs, more than \$100 million has been raised for research and patient services.



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Update:

David and Tracy finally chose a name this morning so our information waited for a while.

Landon Dewain Lockwood

Born: Wednesday, March 2, 2011 (3/2/11)

Time: 8:18 p.m. Eastern Standard Time (Indianapolis, Indiana)

Weight: 6 pounds 10 ounces

Length: 20 1/4"

David says, "Landon just looks around." He looks pretty alert to us also. Grandma and Grandpa Lockwood (Dewain and Katharine Lockwood)

Editor's Note:

Thanks to Brian Bickel for helping put this newsletter together.



These pictures are from the Bowie Spring 2011 Alumni Luncheon, Tucson

Membership Fees Are Due!

Your membership expiration date is on the address page if your issue was mailed. Otherwise, contact Evelyn Lathram to find out what your expiration date is. If your membership has expired, this will be the last newsletter you will receive.

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Annual Membership Fee Form

The Annual Membership Fee of \$10.00 includes the Newsletter when it is published. Alumni will NOT receive the Newsletter if they do not pay the Membership Fee.

There is no guarantee how many copies of the Newsletter will be published each calendar year. Our Newsletter Editor, Susan Bickel will attempt to publish at least one per year, and more if possible.

Husband and wife alumni and family members living in the same household will need to pay only one annual membership fee. If the family wishes to pay more, it will be gladly accepted to help cover expenses.

Failure to pay the annual membership fee will NOT prevent an alumnus from attending a reunion, a luncheon or other alumni activity.

If you would like to receive the Bowie School Alumni Newsletter, please fill out the form and send it with a \$10.00 check or money order payable to Bowie School Alumni Group to:

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Thank you for supporting the Bowie School Alumni Group!

Bowie Book:

From the Sulphur Springs Valley Historical Society (SSVHS) newsletter,
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Images of America: Bowie

The book on the history of Bowie, Arizona with over 200 photographs is off to Arcadia Publishing for production. We should be getting the proof copy in a couple of months, with a projected publication date of September 1. Authors, Kathy Klump and Peta-Anne Tenney wish to thank everyone who contributed photos and stories.

You can pre-order your copy from Kathy by filling out the order form contained in this newsletter. We hope to have Kathy join us for the next alumni luncheon where she will be available to sign your book.

Kathy Klump
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