



CORNVILLE COURIER

Published by the Cornville Historical Society, Inc.

P.O. Box 1200, Cornville, AZ 86325

Issue No. 10

November 2017

IN THIS ISSUE:

- **Holiday Fund Raiser Event December 17**
- **The Old Post Office Dedication, June 24**
- **Want a Memorial Brick at the Old Post Office?**
- **Happy 100th Birthday**
- **In Memoriam**
- **Consider Becoming a Member of our Board**
- **Once Upon a Creek (from our files)**

Holiday Fundraiser Event December 17

The Society is pleased to announce its **Annual Holiday Fundraiser Event at Apache Maid Ranch** (the Lower Apache Maid Headquarters), at 500 E. Cornville Road. The event will take place from **1 to 4 pm, Sunday, December 17, 2017**, and will feature a history presentation by Janet Cassagio, Historical Society researcher and board member. The program will be followed by the Society's popular raffle of holiday gift baskets that feature gift certificates and themed items. Holiday treats and beverages will be served. The event will be outdoors and the society will have a limited number of chairs available, so we recommend you bring a folding chair to assure yourself a seat, if you can. We request that you refrain from smoking anywhere on the property. In case of inclement weather, the event will be moved to Oak Creek School. Let's hope for good weather, so we can all see what is behind that gate!



Cost of the event will be \$10 per person, including ten gift basket raffle tickets to be issued at the door. Raffle tickets will also be sold at the event. Admission will be limited to 120; and advance reservations are required. Reserve a ticket by contacting Don Welcome, 649-3340 or donwelcome@q.com. After reserving your ticket, send payment to the Cornville Historical Society, c/o Don Welcome, P. O. Box 228, Cornville, AZ 86325. Tickets will be held for pick up at the door.

The Old Post Office Dedication, June 24



The dedication of the old post office took place at Windmill Gardens, 9550 East Cornville Road, Cornville, on Saturday, June 24, 2017, at 10:00 a.m.

Attendees numbered more than 80 and featured Yavapai

County Supervisor Tom Thurman and Judith A. Miller, Past-President and Board Member of the Cornville Historical Society, as speakers. Honorary guests included Chick family descendants; Yavapai County Supervisor Randy Garrison; members of the Thumb Butte and Yavapai Questers; Bob and Cindy Snyder, owners of Windmill Gardens; past and present U. S. Post Office employees; numerous volunteers and supporters of this project and others.



Supervisors Thurman and Garrison, Cornville Historical Society President Muffy Vallely and Windmill Garden owners Bob and Cindy Snyder participated in the ribbon cutting ceremony.

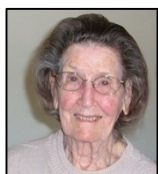
Public tours and light refreshments were offered, along with a special commemorative postmark. The society also had the new 2nd edition of its Cornville Postal History publication available for sale. Although the weather was sunny and hot, plenty of shade was provided by the trees at the garden and tents. Thank you all for attending!



Want a Memorial Brick at the Old Post Office?

We have had so many requests from people who missed buying our Memorial Bricks, the board has agreed to open the sale of bricks again in January 2018, for a short time. If you missed your chance the 1st time around, watch for your chance in January!

Happy 100th Birthday, Margaret Chick Miller



Margaret Chick Miller, daughter of Charles & Jessie Chick, postmasters, 1909 – 1961, was born in Cornville, August 22, 1917. A resident of Phoenix since 1950, Mrs. Miller has been a long-time supporter of our Society. Happy Birthday wishes from all of us, Margaret!

In Memoriam

Margaret Catherine Derrick was born to Chauncy and Catherine (Schroeder) Montgomery in Prescott, AZ on May 18, 1920. Catherine Montgomery died shortly after giving birth to Margaret. Catherine was born in 1889 near what is now Lake Montezuma. Margaret was raised by her aunt in Anaheim, CA until she was 18. On August 24, 1940 she married Jim Derrick, who preceded her in death. Together they had five children. Jim Derrick was the son of Cornville homesteader, Jesse Frank Derrick. Margaret and Jim moved to and built their home along Oak Creek in Cornville in 1955. Margaret lived in the same house until her death on June 21, 2017. We will fondly remember her December 9, 2010, presentation to our society.



Margaret Jean Troxell was born May 17, 1919 in Dubuque, Iowa. The long-time resident of Page Springs died on March 13, 2017. Her husband, W. H. Troxell, preceded her in death. Jean and her husband arrived in Flagstaff in 1942 and in 1955 purchased their home in Page Springs. Together they owned Jean & Trox Photo and Sound in Flagstaff and from 1955 to the late 1980s owned the Twin Arrows trading post, café, fuel station and auto repair shop on I-40.



**We remember and honor these ladies
contributions to Cornville history.**

Consider becoming a member of our Board

The Society's nine-member Board of Directors meets on the 2nd Wednesday of the month from 10 am to noon, at Up the Creek Grill, in Page Springs. They meet 5 months from October through March (*except December*).

Please consider volunteering for a position on the board or for one of our committees. While currently all board positions are full, we expect to have some vacancies in March 2018!

Once Upon a Creek in Cornville (from our files)

This item appeared in the Weekly Journal Miner, page 2, November 9, 1921:



Cornville Road Will Bring Lakes Closer

Construction of a road from Cornville to the Camp Verde – Flagstaff highway, which will reduce the distance from Cornville to Stoneman's lake and the Apache Maid country by about 22 miles, is underway, according to the Verde Copper News. With two crews engaged on the work, one under Foreman W. E. Jones and the other under Foreman J. H. York, about ten miles of road is to be built. Jones' crew is camped just across Oak creek from Cornville, and York's near the highway crossing on Beaver creek.

The new road will be important to the Verde district in many ways. It will make the fishing and hunting of Stoneman and Mormon lakes more accessible. It will reduce the cost of bringing lumber and fuel wood from the forests of the lake country. At present little lumber and wood is brought from that section to this district because of the high cost of transporting it around by way of Camp Verde.

The Cornville route should be open practically all the year, with the exception of February and March, when high water makes the Oak creek crossing unfordable for weeks at a time. Throughout the remainder of the year the crossing is easy, except for freshets which never last more than a few hours. Eventually, it is hoped to have the creek bridged at Cornville.

And from Gene Geiger, Cornville Bridge in 1935, after flood:



Visit our website at: www.cornville-historical-society.org

Cornville Historical Society 2017 – 2018 Board of Directors

Officers: Muffy Valley (President), 639-9558 or valley@g.com; Don Godard (Vice-President), 301-5160;

Cheryl Chamberlain (Secretary), 639-0865 or wormworm@earthlink.net;

Janet Cassagio (Treasurer), 649-1426 or janetcassagio@me.com

Directors: Veronica Moody, 634-9221 or vvmoody@cableone.net; Nita Rinehart, 963-1990 or glorylandfarm@gmail.com;

Cindy Snyder, 649-9628 or wheelz156@msn.com; Diana Stipek, 639-3632;

Don Welcome, 649-3340 or donwelcome@g.com