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APACHE MAID EVENT A SUCCESS!

The Society's Annual Fundraiser was held at the Apache Maid Ranch Lower Ranch Headquarters on December 3, 2023. The event featured "Ranching on the Apache Maid" by Don Godard, a well-known Cornvillian with a wealth of knowledge about the Ranch's history.

The Ranch was established in the 1880's and has long been one of the biggest ranches in northern Arizona, with regular camping spots for seasonal cattle drives. The Apache Maid operation spans over fifty miles eastward from Cornville to its Upper Ranch headquarters beyond



its namesake Apache Maid Mountain.

The program was followed by the Society's popular raffle of gift baskets featuring gift certificates and

themed items. The outdoor event drew a sold-out crowd of 120 and raised \$2,040 to help sustain the Society! Thank you everyone for your support!

Annual Meeting:

Cornville Life in the 70's"



John Alvey & Buddy Rhodes, who grew up in Cornville (and are still here!) will share their memories of "Cornville Life in the Seventies" at the Society's Annual Membership Meeting to be held at Cross Church at 11340 E. Circle Drive on Saturday, March 23 from 1 to 3 pm. John & Buddy are being asked to talk about growing up in Cornville in a conversation that will be added to the Society's oral history collection. The event will also include a short business meeting to report accomplishments, approve a budget and elect members of the Board of Directors. Candidates for the 2024-25 Board are: Pat Nomm, Karen Wilkens, Judy Miller & Ginny Rench. Those continuing for another year are: Cheryl Chamberlain, Cindy Snyder, Cindy Traverso & Muffy Vallely. **See you there!**

GRANT RECEIVED FOR OLD POST OFFICE

In January, the Society was awarded a \$1,500 "Jumpstart Grant" from the Arizona Preservation Foundation to match with CHS funds and labor for restoration work at the Old Cornville Post Office. Repainting of the wood siding to refresh the exterior, solar lighting, and exhibit improvements are planned, along with a special event to mark the ten-year anniversary of the restoration and dedication of the historic structure.

SOCIETY NEWS TIDBITS

NEEDED: A Cornville History Place: Looking ahead to the future, the CHS is in dire need of a “place” to house records, conduct research and interviews, host meetings, and carry out the Society’s business. Since our beginnings in 2004, records and supplies have been stored in private homes or commercial storage units, making our work awkward and ineffective. Now, CHS is seeking exploring fundraising options and watching for grant opportunities for funds to lease a suitable space within the community. If you know of available space, please contact us!

Business Memberships Available: The Board is reaching out to local businesses to increase their representation in the Society. As of now, the Society has 18 Individual, 35 Family, 9 Honorary, 1 Contributing & 6 Business Members, for a total of 69. New members are always welcome. See www.cornville-historical-society.org to learn more.

Don Godard’s Book is Out: Be sure to get a copy of Cornville resident Don Godard’s book recounting his life in the Verde Valley, with many humorous stories and a storehouse of Verde Valley history. It’s title is classic Don: **“Stay off those horses ’til you learn how to ride!”** Pick it up at Cornville Mercantile or Clemenceau Museum.



MEMORIAL: Fred Anderson

Born in Oregon December 5, 1930, Fred moved to Prescott as a small child and then to Cornville where he started school. He graduated from Clemenceau High School. He joined the Air Force during the Korean War and was stationed in Germany where he met his wife Anna, who preceded him in death after 65 years of marriage. Fred worked at the Cement Plant for 40 years. He is survived by daughters Sylvia Ray and Helen Behlow, four grandsons and eleven great grandkids. He was a charter member and supporter of the Cornville Historical Society. Fred passed away December 15, 2023.; a memorial service was held at Prescott National Cemetery.

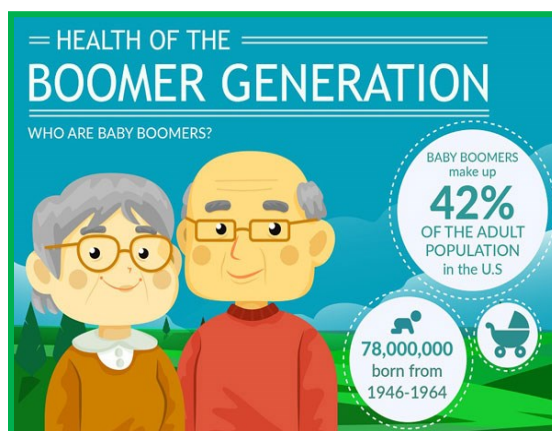
BABY BOOMERS ARE NOW OLD TIMERS!



After the Cornville Historical Society was established in 2005, the Board of Directors developed an informal reference “List of Old Timers”, those folks who were born and/or raised in Cornville and that were still residents at the time. The Society reached out to many of them and gathered their stories for its oral history collection; and they also established a membership category that allows anyone who has lived in Cornville for fifty years or more to be an Honorary Member if they choose. In 2015 our “old-timer” list (*mostly “pre-boomer” folks*) had over 30 names. Now, there are about a dozen left. It has become apparent that more outreach is needed to find today’s Cornville old-timers! So, the search is on!

The Society is updating its List of Oldtimers to include anyone born in the Cornville area or nearby before 1964 and that has lived here fifty years or more. The Baby Boomer Era extended from 1946 to 1964, so those babies are now anywhere from 60 to 78 years old.

The Cornville Historical Society would like to hear from anyone who fits in that time frame. We’d like to know your stories and invite you to participate in our programs to gather, and share Cornville’s history. If so desired, we would welcome you as new “honorary members”, as well! Benefits consist of receiving a newsletter from the Society, opportunity to attend special events, and to contribute to the growing knowledge of local history.



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