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# Things To Do & Places To Go



## LIBRARIES/BOOKS

**Friends of the Benson Library Bookstore** are opened for your visit at our regular hours. Mondays, Wednesdays and Friday and the first and third Saturdays from 10AM to 2 PM. Masks required.

**Free Book Boxes** available from Cochise County Library in Pirtleville, Silver Creek, St. David, Double Adobe, San Simon, Dragoon, McNeal, Palominas, Whetstone, and Naco. See [www.tinryurl.com/cochisebookboxes](http://www.tinryurl.com/cochisebookboxes)

**Friend of Huachuca City Library** meetings held monthly on the Fri. before the 3rd Sat. at 10AM in the Center. No open Dec meeting.

**BOOK SALE!** 3RD Saturday of every month except December, large variety of books and magazines. Low prices! At the building north of Huachuca City Library.

## COMMUNITY

Did you grow up in Huachuca City, know something about its history? The library is beginning a community history project, we need you! For info 520-456-1063

**Discover Douglas Tours** every 2nd and 4th Saturday. [Visitorcenter@az.gov](mailto:Visitorcenter@az.gov) for reservations. Tours meet at 10AM at the Douglas Visitor Center, 345 16th St

**Benson Beautification** needs volunteers to help plan fun fundraising events benefiting Benson & Benson Beautification. If you can help, please call Cindy 520-631-5507

You can make a difference! **Join Healthy Huachuca City.** It's free! Meetings held 2nd Monday at 5:30PM in Senior Center, 504 Gonzalez Blvd.

**Greenlee County Tourism Council** meets 2nd Tuesday each month at 1pm at the Greenlee County Golf and Country Club. Pot luck and raffle. 928-865-3313

Enjoy a stroll every second Saturday of the month on Chase Creek St. in Clifton, AZ. **Visit the 100 year old Historic District** between 11:00am until 6:00pm. It is a street party with music, food and vendors. [www.visitcliftonaz.com](http://www.visitcliftonaz.com)

## VOLUNTEERS/DRIVES

**Benson Hospital Auxiliary** always needs new members. If you are interested in joining us, please contact Membership chairperson Sue at 520-265-2536

**VICAP is operating** and is in need of VOLUNTEER drivers to provide transportation to and from doctors, shopping, and other needs. Sign up to help, Debi 520-459-8146

**Alzheimer's Association Caregiver Support Group** meets Dec. 22, Sierra Vista Public Library conference room.

## GROUPS/CLASSES

**Breast Cancer Support Group** This group is for women who have experienced all phases of breast cancer. We invite you to navigate this challenging journey with friends who understand. Questions? 520-490-5996 Facilitator is a 29 year cancer survivor. Time and location is TBD.

**Bingo** every Monday night, 6PM at Mescal Bar and Grill, 70 N Cherokee Trail, Benson.

San Pedro RV Resort Park **Bingo!** Doors open at 5PM, game starts at 6PM. We're on Highway 80 and will be open year around.

**Do you like gardening?** Church community garden in Douglas could use your help! Every Thurs or Fri. Call or text 970-231-8804

**Living with Loss.** Tuesdays, 9-10:30AM. St. Raphael Church, 730 S. Hwy. 80, Benson.

**Alcoholics Anonymous** - AA Meetings. 12100 PM daily and 7PM on Friday. Location 637 H Ave. For more information contact Hector 520-335-5163

**AA open meeting** (Al-Anon welcome) Sun. 10:30AM. CTRV Crow's Nest, 1030 S. Barrel Cactus Ridge, Benson. For more info, contact Case 520-268-4542 or Lillie 612-414-2068

When you don't know where to turn when someone drinks too much, **Al-Anon** can help. Wednesday at 6PM at the Serenity club 5049 Hwy 92 in Sierra vista. More info [Http://al-anon.org/welcome](http://al-anon.org/welcome)

**Monday Nights Addiction Meeting**, 6PM. Childcare provided church for free (please let us know ahead). Broken Arrow Baptist Church, 1538 Hwy 191, Cochise.

**Soaring Spirits Widow Group**, 1st and 3rd Mondays, 3:15 PM Dickey's Barbeque Pit, 775N Ocotillo Rd, Benson AZ (next to Denny's). You are not alone! 805-910-5363

**Benson Women's Club** meets at 269 San Pedro, second Thursday each month. Call 520-586-2976 for times. Bridge played each Friday 12-4 PM.

**Legal Aid is in Douglas** every first and third Tuesday to accept service applications and assist. County Building, 1012 North G Avenue, Douglas.

Sunsites Community Library **Together We Lose weight loss support group.** Every Thurs. 9:30 - 10:30AM. Let's inspire each other! Contact Anita 520-241-2011

The **Sierra Vista Shooting Range** offers Skeet, Trap, & 5 Stand Clay target shooting. Wed 10am to 12 and Sat 10am to 2. Skeet & Trap avail all open hours. 5 Stand open 1st Sat. and 3rd Wed. every month. The club is located east of Sierra Vista just south of Hwy 90 near mile marker 334, look for signs.

**No Fear Painting Workshop**, Sundays at Benson VFW 1- to 3Pm \$35.00 All Supplies Provided. Proceeds go to Cochise College Scholarships. For more info, call Kathy 916-708-1234

## FOOD BANKS

**Tombstone Community Food Bank Inc** is serving McNeal, Sunsites, Bisbee, St. David and Elfrida. Open 9AM-2:30PM Wednesday - Friday, 9AM-12:30PM Saturday

**Benson Food Pantry** needs dog/cat food donations. Donations stay in Benson community. Drop donations off at Benson Food Pantry, Monday-Friday during business hours.

**Tombstone Food Bank** now doing produce outreach every Friday, 2-4PM. at Tombstone Food Bank, behind Tombstone Fire Department. Everyone is welcome. Come get your vegetables for the week.

7th Day Advent Community Service provides **free food and clothes** to the needy. Open 10AM-12:30PM every Tuesday. 101 W. 6th St, Benson.

## Our Neighbor's Farm & Pantry

1020 S. 10th Ave. Safford AZ Open Tuesday and Thursday 10am to 12pm and 1pm to 3pm

## SWAP MEETS/MARKETS

**Sunsites Boardwalk Market** every Fri and Sat morning 9AM-noon. Stop by for local arts, crafts, jewelry, and fresh food

**Flea Market** - Second Saturday every month Mescal Bar & Grill, 70 N. Cherokee Trail Benson, AZ 85602. No Vendor Fees. Bring your stuff!

**Monthly Swap Meet**, Arena Bar, first Saturday. Setup 6AM, gates open 7. \$5-10'x10' space. Bring treasures, junk, crafts to sell. Breakfast/ coffee available. 250 N. Prickly Pear, Benson.

**Mustang Corner Swap Meet** moved S on Rte. 90, past Kelly Transmissions, across from RV City. Fridays-Sundays. Same good folks from before so come on out.

**Elfrida Swap Meet** every Sat., next to Elfrida Post Office. Setup is free or come look

Attention Farmers & Artisans & Everyone!!! **Weekly outdoor market at Stronghold Cafe** on Saturdays! Free for local vendors! Come on down, give us a call! 520-826- 7145

**Bisbee Farmers' Market** every Saturday morning, 9AM-1PM. La Ramada on Naco Rd. Live music, dining, plenty of shopping and fun! Vendors welcome!

**Elfrida Farmers Market is back!** We're open 9AM-1PM the 2nd & 4th Saturday each month. Visit [www.facebook.com/elfridafarmersmarket](http://www.facebook.com/elfridafarmersmarket) for more info.

**Tombstone Marketplace** every Friday 9am to 2pm at the Butterfield Stage Stop, 398 Hwy 80 at Boot Hill. Like us on Facebook. "Tombstone Marketplace".

**Sierra Vista Farmers Market** Thurs from 10-2, Sierra Vista Veterans Memorial Park. [sierravistafarmersmarkets.com](http://sierravistafarmersmarkets.com)

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# Things To Do & Places To Go



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**Grace Christian Academy** is offering free tuition enrollments. Call 520-586-2358 or email office@gracechapelbenson.org.

**Come sing with adult choir!** Sierra Vista Community United Church of Christ. Wed. rehearsals 4:00PM. Sunday Service 9:30AM. All welcome! Call 520-458-8495.

**Bisbee Church of Christ** 224 Bisbee Road, Bisbee, Sun. Bible Study 10AM, Worship 11AM. Wed Bible Study 5:30pm Everyone welcome

**Broken Arrow** offers 3 church services a week. Nursery - teen church available during regular Sun. morning service. www.Brokenarrowbaptistchurch.com

**First Messianic Congregation**, featuring music, teaching. Saturdays 3pm, Barter Feed Store, 2281 Hwy 90 Whetstone 520-335-7075

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**Christian Science** study of God's Word, meets monthly. Call 623-271-1228 for info. Womens Interdenominational **Bible Study** 520-221-0098

**Unity of the Huachucas** Sunday Services, 10:30AM, 7487 E. Larkspur Ln, Hereford. UnityoftheHuachucas.org

**Grace Chapel** Benson offers services on Sunday at 10:15AM. Contemporary music mixed with hymns. Dress nice casual. 1050 S Post Rd, Benson. 520- 586-2358 www.gracechapelbenson.org

**Watch our church services live** at www.alcancetv.us Friday 7PM, Sundays 10AM & 5PM. Can also be seen on Roku and Amazon Stick at Alcanse TV.

**7th Day Adventist Community Service** provides free food and clothes to the needy. Open 10AM-12:30PM every Tuesday. 101 W. 6th St, Benson.

**St Raphael in the Valley Church**, 730 S. Hwy 80 Benson. *Living With Loss*, Tuesdays 9 to 10:30am, call 520-586-4335 or email for more info at straphaelinthvalley@gmail.com

**BENSON Church Of Christ** meets Sundays 10AM for Bible Study and 11 AM for the Worship Service at 601 E. Foothills Dr. 520-586-3004

**Church Service** every Sunday at 10:30AM at Calvary Baptist Church, 2300 W. Calvary Ln, Benson. 520-586-4408. Come in to church or sit in your car.

**OCS Ministry** A Full Gospel non-denomination Church. Sunday Service 10AM 2281 Hwy 90 Whetstone, AZ 520-678-7750, ocsministry1@gmail.com

**Bible Study** at Community Center, Sunsites, AZ at 5:30pm. Bingo every Wednesday night!

## SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS

**San Pedro RV Park Bingo**, Saturdays at 6pm, doors open at 5. Highway 80 and we're open year 'round.

**American Legion Riders Post 45/Marine Corp League Detachment #1204 monthly Breakfast**, 150 W 5th St, Benson, 1st Sa. of month 8 – 10am. Biscuits/gravy, eggs, sausage, orange juice, coffee. \$6 donation.

**Kiwanis Club of Sierra Vista** meets 2nd & 4th Thur of each month at 7am for breakfast, My Place Restaurant on Fry Blvd. For info call Marge 520-508-3414

**Pasta Dinner** every 2nd Saturday of the month at the Fraternal Order of Eagles in Benson, 750 E 4th St. The public is welcome.

**American Legion Riders Post 141 Sunsites/ Pearce** offers 2 partial scholarships to accredited trade school in AZ to 2 graduating seniors (children of Military Veterans). Details alrcochisestronghold141@gmail.com

**BINGO every Friday night at the VFW Post 10385** in Thatcher 6:45 pm and the 4th & 5th Sunday 1PM. Public invited!

**VFW Post 9977 Pearce/Sunsites**. Every Wednesday Potluck, 5:30PM.

**The Warrior Healing Center** is now serving veteran families! Text G2G to 888-713-9163 for event info or go to http://22toend22.com

**BINGO! Sundays and Wednesdays at Columbian Hall** 156 W. Kayetan Dr. Sierra Vista, AZ. \$2,000 progressive coverall jackpot. Doors open 5PM, first game 7PM

**Bingo** at Community Center, Treasure Rd, Sunsites, AZ at 5:30pm. Carry out is also available and Bingo every Wed. night 5:30. Sponsored by Cochise Stronghold Lions Club.

**CIVIL AIR PATROL**, volunteer branch of the United States Air Force. Cadets ages 12-18 meet every Thurs from 6:30 to 8:30. Seniors Meet 1st and 3rd Tues at 6pm at Squadron headquarters (first left turn), Sierra Vista Airport. Info Capt. R. Swann at 520-249-8470 New members always welcome.

**DINNER every Fri. night 5-7 pm and BREAKFAST every Sat. morning 8-10 am**. Post 52 American Legion Sierra Vista. Public Welcome! 12 Theater Drive. Call to make sure meal has not been canceled. 520-459-6050

**Pearl of Venus Chapter #6**, Order of the Eastern Star, Meetings 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month. 2 PM Held at the Masonic Hall at 623 S. Foothills Dr. Benson AZ, for info 520-221-3591

**San Pedro Masonic Lodge #55** meets the 4th Monday each month at 7 PM at 623 Foothills Dr., Benson AZ All members welcome. For info call Secy. Ar 520-529-2461

**Apache Mobile Home BINGO** in St. David. Doors open at 6 PM. Game starts at 7 PM on Saturday nights

**Wildwest Detachment Marine Corps League** meets every 2nd Sunday at 1PM, American Legion Post 24 Tombstone, AZ. Info 520-266-5266



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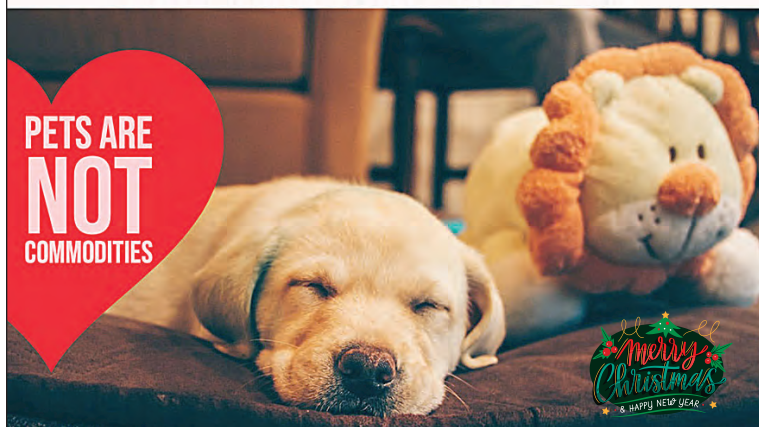
Hannibal is an intrepid reporter for the Catspaw Daily News and talks to Felix every day to find out what's happening in the local feline scene.



My hoomans grew a new tree in the living room last night and they put the pretty sparkly lights and shiny kitty toys on it. Then they get mad at me when I try to climb it or bat the balls. What's up with that!?!



**SAY NO TO PETS AS PRESENTS**  
**ONE IS FOR CHRISTMAS.**  
**THE OTHER IS FOR LIFE.**



**A mobster discovers** that his deaf accountant has cheated him out of 10 million bucks. He confronts him, bringing along an interpreter. "Ask him where the money is," the mobster says.

The interpreter does so, and the accountant signs back, "What are you talking about?"

The interpreter tells a Godfather, "He says he doesn't know what you're talking about."

The mobster puts a pistol to the bookkeeper's head. "Ask him again."

The interpreter signs, "He'll kill you if you don't tell him."

"Okay, okay!" the bookkeeper signs back, "the money is buried behind the shed in my cousin's backyard."

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# PET PACE

Monthly Articles, Advice  
and Announcements



## Momma & Poppa, It's Cold Outside

animals, whether it be dogs outside in the weather or cats that are left to run outside.

Well, the weather is starting to turn cool. Winter is coming, with the cold wind and ice. Time to remember our



The safest place for a cat is in the house, but some people still let the cat out at night. This introduces them to many different things that could harm them. Those things would include automobiles, people who do not like cats, and other animals.



That said, there is also the stock. Horses sometimes will not drink the cold water in the morning because they are used to it being warmer. This can make them dehydrated, so be sure to watch them and make sure they are drinking.

For the people who prefer their dogs stay outside, please make sure they have shelter from the wind and possibly rain. They need a doghouse and some straw and that will keep them pretty warm. When the ice comes however, and it will, dogs should be brought inside, and the cats as well.

There is absolutely no reason for these animals to shake from the cold while you are in your home warm and cozy. That is presuming that the animals you have are animals you love. And every dog that has to walk to go potty should have a coat on to keep him or her warm.



I put jackets on my dogs when I let them out at night. They are at our mercy, folks. I know life is hectic with something going on all the time. Hard to keep focused on everything, but thinking of your animals freezing outside should be as high a priority as if your child were outside in the cold.

So, let's all try to stay warm as the weather turns cold, and may everybody stay well.

**What do angry mice send to each other at Christmas? Cross-mouse cards!**

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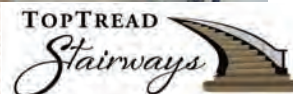
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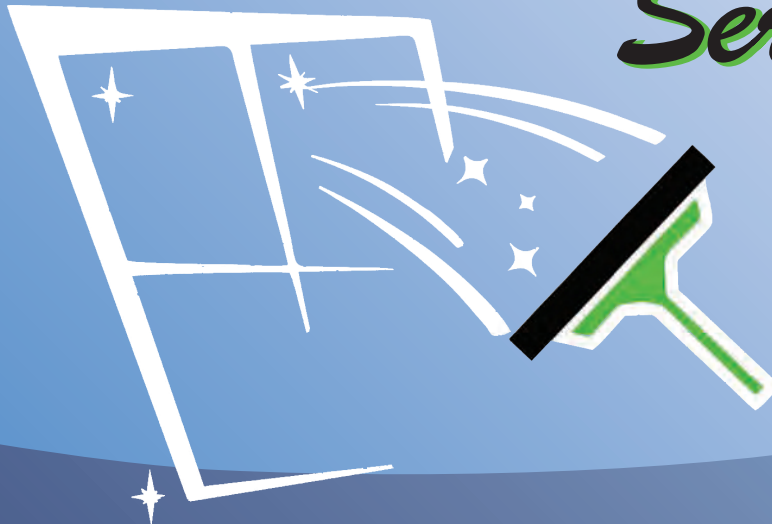
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1 cup dry bread crumbs  
¼ cup grated Parmesan cheese  
¼ finely chopped almonds  
2 tablespoon chopped fresh parsley  
1 teaspoon salt  
¼ teaspoon thyme leaves or poultry seasoning  
¼ teaspoon pepper  
2 ½ to 3 pounds frying chicken, cut up or quartered

Heat oven to 400°F. In 13X9 inch pan, melt margarine with garlic. In medium bowl or shallow pan, combine bread crumbs, cheese, almonds, parsley, salt, thyme and pepper. Mix well. Dip chicken pieces in garlic butter; coat with crumb mixture. Place skin side up in pan containing garlic butter. Bake at 400°F



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He said, "Sure." He walked over to the car, and in less than a minute the car was open.

She hugged the man and through tears said, "Thank you, God, for sending me such a very nice man."

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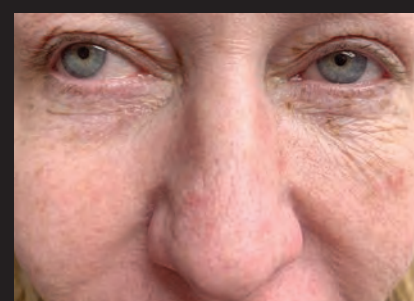
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# The Soldier's Night Before Christmas

Twas the night before Christmas, he lived all alone,  
In a one bedroom house made of plaster & stone.  
I had come down the chimney, with presents to give  
and to see just who in this home did live  
As I looked all about, a strange sight I did see,  
no tinsel, no presents, not even a tree.  
No stocking by the fire, just boots filled with sand.  
On the wall hung pictures of a far distant land.  
With medals and badges, awards of all kind,  
a sobering thought soon came to my mind.  
For this house was different, unlike any I'd seen.  
This was the home of a U.S. Marine.  
I'd heard stories about them, I had to see more,  
so I walked down the hall and pushed open the door.  
And there he lay sleeping, silent, alone,  
Curled up on the floor in his one-bedroom home.  
He seemed so gentle, his face so serene,  
Not how I pictured a U.S. Marine.  
Was this the hero, of whom I'd just read?  
Curled up in his poncho, a floor for his bed?  
His head was clean-shaven, his weathered face tan.  
I soon understood, this was more than a man.  
For I realized the families that I saw that night,  
owed their lives to these men, who were willing to fight.  
Soon around the Nation, the children would play,  
And grown-ups would celebrate on a bright Christmas day.

They all enjoyed freedom, each month and all year,  
because of Marines like this one lying here.  
I couldn't help wonder how many lay alone,  
on a cold Christmas Eve, in a land far from home.  
Just the very thought brought a tear to my eye.  
I dropped to my knees and I started to cry.  
He must have awoken, for I heard a rough voice,  
"Santa, don't cry, this life is my choice  
I fight for freedom, I don't ask for more.  
My life is my God, my country, my Corps."  
With that he rolled over, drifted off into sleep,  
I couldn't control it, I continued to weep.



I watched him for hours, so silent and still.  
I noticed he shivered from the cold night's chill.  
So I took off my jacket, the one made of red,  
and covered this Marine from his toes to his head.  
Then I put on his T-shirt of scarlet and gold,  
with an eagle, globe and anchor emblazoned so bold.  
And although it barely fit me, I began to swell with pride,  
and for one shining moment, I was Marine Corps deep inside.  
I didn't want to leave him so quiet in the night,  
this guardian of honor so willing to fight.  
But half asleep he rolled over, and in a voice clean and pure,  
said "Carry on, Santa, it's Christmas Day, all secure."  
One look at my watch and I knew he was right,  
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Written in 1986 by James M. Schmidt



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The next day, I felt the familiar feeling in my throat when Belker was surrounded by family. Shane seemed so quiet, petting the dog for the last time and I was wondering if he would understand what was going on. In a few minutes, the animal fell peacefully asleep to never wake up.

The child seemed to accept Belker's transition without difficulty. We sat for a moment wondering about the unfortunate fact that dog's life is shorter than human beings. Shane, who had been listening closely, said, "I know why." What he said next surprised me: I had never heard a more heartwarming explanation than this. This moment changed my way of seeing life.

He said, "People come into the world to learn to live a good life, like loving others all the time and being a good person, right? Well, as dogs are already born knowing how to do all this, they don't have to stay as long as we do."

If a dog was your teacher, you'd learn things like:

- When your loved ones come home, always run to say hello.
- Never pass up an opportunity to go for a walk.
- Allow yourself the experience of fresh air and wind.
- Run, jump, and play daily.
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- Avoid "biting" when just a "growl" would suffice.
- On warm days, lay on the grass.
- When you're happy, dance around and wag your entire body.
- And never forget "When someone has a bad day, stay silent, sit close and gently make them feel like you're there."

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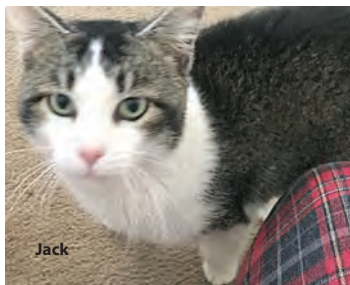


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