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Silver Bell Historical Society

The Spirit of Silver Bell

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The SBHS Board entertained several alternatives in planning the Grand Reunion II for Saturday, November 5, 2022. These included several traditional hotel venues. In the end, the realization became apparent that everyone wants to spend time in Silver Bell where we all grew up. This created a flurry of activity, coordinating with ASARCO, arranging the food and beverage truck, tour buses, port-o-pots, tent, tables and chairs and pricing the event to include as many Silver Bell family and friends as possible. We invite you to enjoy the Spirit of Silver Bell at the event and please take a moment to thank an ASARCO LLC staff member and SBHS Board Member.

Let me introduce our host ASARCO LLC, Whitney Lennon, Community Outreach Coordinator at ASARCO and provide her welcoming greeting to all of us.

"We all have likely been privy to the reunion planning process at one point in our lives. You say yes to an opportunity that brings back nostalgic memories, but the event is so far in the future that the day-to-day demands overshadow it. Then there's the overwhelming shift to add the planning meetings to your schedule to help move the reunion along. Then, there's that moment in the planning cycle where the air has a crackle of energy from anticipation. In our case, the reunion is the cherished Silver Bell Historical Society Reunion. And our energy shift moment took place right here, standing in the sunshine, overlooking the historical land that will soon come alive with activity."



Left to right: Larry Young (SBHS Board), Daniela Burruel, Keith Warren and Amanda Darby from ASARCO and Mike Sanchez (SBHS Board)

"ASARCO Silver Bell looks forward to hosting the Silver Bell Historical Society reunion and providing this gathering place where we can all lean into stories about our legacy. To SBHS, thank you for your continued interest and work in preserving what this place has meant and continues to mean to so many."

Sincerely, The Team at the ASARCO Silver Bell Mine

See page 9 for the reunion details and the results of the Marana student T-shirt design contest

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President's

Message by

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We would like to extend a special, special thank you to Mike and Martha Sanchez for their generous scholarship contribution to ensure that we would be able to award two 2022 scholarships to deserving applicants. See page 4 for Scholarship News 2020 and 2022.

When we hear the Bourguet family name, my immediate memory is of their great cars, a big Chrysler Imperial with a 440 under the hood and a mid-60's Chevy pickup truck . Best ever car experiences include speeding through the neighborhood, dodging around the speed bumps ☺, and just enjoying the fun-loving antics of the entire Bourguet family. Read more about this family in the Silver Bell Family Spotlight on page 6.

Everyone will appreciate the now smoothly, paved Avra Valley Road from the gas plant turnoff to the ASARCO LLC mine and our beloved Silver Bell. Remember the description "crown-shaped" road -- while it was never level it never stopped the daily roar of mid-60's muscle cars running a fast quarter mile after cruising slowly through the neighborhood. Read on page 7 all about how we have been keeping this stretch of road clean and sparkling with the volunteers led by our Board member, Larry Young and how you can join in on the fun in the Fall cleanup.

One of the great things about growing up in Silver Bell was the ability to explore miles in every direction; along rough dirt roads and paths. We found Hohokam petroglyphs on the side of a mountain near the old golf course. We would spot an occasional big horn sheep, deer, or Javalina near Ragged Top mountain and of course, the ones unseen perhaps a rattler or two! We explored old mine tunnels and shafts, occasionally locating an old tobacco can or antique medicine or liquor bottle.

We would pile into the bed of our Dad's 1952 Dodge pickup or rumble seat of our Uncle's 1931 Model A Roadster. We would sometimes pack a picnic lunch and join the Cleavers and Fries at a table near the desert museum traveling along Sandario Road.

In a word, growing up in Silver Bell represented "Freedom", especially when we owned a motorcycle in our early teens.

Probably, the two most frequent stops we made while exploring the stops along the old country road were the Slag Dump and the old Silver Bell Cemetery. The Slag Dump is more than ten feet thick in places and is uniform, evidencing the filling of individual tubs or barrels, taken away from the smelter by mule drawn carts. It still resembles a black glass or onyx stone parking lot. The Old Silver Bell Cemetery presents a current opportunity for the Old Silver Bell Cemetery Monument Project. See more details on page 8.

As the Board contemplates our numerous projects and opportunities, we welcome the addition of new board members, especially those with talents in technology, engineering, marketing and social media.

Between the old Silver Bell Cemetery Monument collaboration with the Bureau of Land Management, Adopt-a-Highway project, Museum concept planning and our ongoing scholarship endeavors, the SBHS Board has a lot on our plate. But half of the fun of being on the Board is getting together on a regular basis in addition to occasional impromptu gathering to go shooting at the Old Silver Bell shooting range (you remember where that is of course).

As always you call me anytime as I would love to share your memories by listening to old stories or just to have lunch as I retired on December 31, 2021.

The Spirit of Silver Bell lives on!

Scholarship News – 2020

Introducing Ellie Jackson, our first \$1,000 scholarship recipient for the Fall of 2020. We were impressed with her records and what her goals were. We had a total of five applicants that year. Ellie is the great grand-daughter of Don and Gem Jameson. They lived in Silver Bell



from 1957 - 1979. Don was the Superintendent of the Silver Bell Copper Mine from 1948 to 1979. Her Grandfather, Richard Jameson lived in Silver Bell from 1957-1962. Her Great Grandfather, Don worked two years at Asarco. So Ellie has some rich history in her family and she is a determined woman with a planned path for her future.

“I am the recipient of the 2020 scholarship. Since receiving the gracious grant from The Silver Bell Society, I have converted to ASU online, still pursuing a degree in criminology and adding a double major in Spanish. Being an online student, a

result from Covid, allowed flexibility for me to study abroad this past summer in the Basque Country of San Sabastian, Spain. While abroad I studied Spanish and earned credits for surfing.

Upon my return I entered my junior year, a semester ahead of my class and was chosen as an intern for the US Marshall service in Eugene, Oregon. My plans for the future are to venture into federal work by utilizing networks made in my internship. This journey has been made possible by my parents, grandparents, (Richard and Charlotte Jameson) and the 2020 Silver Bell scholarship”

Scholarship News – 2021

Maya Garcia was one of the recipients of the 2021 \$1,000 scholarships. She was selected for her passion of Art and her goal to become a College art teacher. She is working full time at a preschool and is attending Pima Community College to obtain an Associate degree and then move forward to the University. Maya Garcia has a very strong family legacy in Silver Bell.

Her family dates back through her great great great grandfather Robert Walker on her great Grandmother’s side who were the first to live in the Silver Bell Community. Maya is a descendant of Dennis and Delaine Tinsley. Silver Bell has meant a lot to her entire family. The family enjoys picnicking up in Silver Bell, practicing target shooting and scouting for artifacts in the area. The Tinsley family was large and had a vibrant presence in the community. The family had a strong work ethic and persevered in building its legacy. She is grateful to the Society for the scholarship and the chance to reminisce on her family history.



Preston Anway shared with us this wonderful update:

“I feel honored to have received the award last year, and (let me tell you) it has made a big difference. Because of your help, I have learned valuable things, and I know that I have a strong foundation for my continued education. Your assistance helped me graduate from Cochise College with my Associates Degree. I am now a student at the University of Arizona (Sierra Vista) on track to earn my Bachelor degree in Psychology with a minor in human services and a certificate on organizational leadership. I am about to finish my first semester here at the U of A. and it has been a great experience. I’ve participated in topics that I love (eg., abnormal psychology, judgement and decision making, basics in counseling.) Thank you for what you do, it makes all the difference.”

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Total \$6,000

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(Arizona State
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Scholarship Awards – 2022

One of the priorities of the SBHS is to support the education goals of former Silver Bell residents, their families and descendants. The level of contributions to our scholarship fund determines the number of \$1,000 scholarships awarded each year. As we prepared to evaluate the 2022 scholarship applications, Mike and Martha Sanchez pledged an additional scholarship contribution. We are delighted to announced that through the Sanchez’s generosity the SBHS Board awarded two \$1,000 scholarships to Mason E. Anway and Joshua C. Hendrickson.

2022 Scholarship Recipient #1

Introducing Mason E. Anway, our first \$1,000 scholarship recipient for the Fall 2022. Last



year, Mason’s brother, Preston Anway received a scholarship. Mason is the grandson of Ella Petersen Anway and David Anway. His great grandfather is Norman Chadburn. Norman worked in the Silver Bell mine starting in 1956. Silver Bell is a huge part of his family history. Mason appreciates the efforts of the Historical Society to recognize Silver Bell.

Mason’s program of study is Business Management and a minor in Psychology. Mason is a senior at Saint David High School. He is

second in his class. He has received numerous honors and awards and takes great pride in his volunteer and Community service activities. Mason has received several FBLA awards. His plan is to attend Cochise College and later the University of Arizona to obtain his degree.

2022 Scholarship Recipient #2

Introducing Joshua C. Hendrickson, our second Fall 2022 \$1,000 scholarship and first repeat



recipient having been awarded a 2021 scholarship. The generous donation by Mike and Martha Sanchez this year enabled the award of a second scholarship for this special student. We are really pleased that his first year at Hastings College was such a success. He is an ambitious young man who has received athletic/academic scholarships and made the Dean’s list with a 4.0 GPA. Last year his goal was to become an Arizona Game and Fish officer with a degree in Wildlife Biology. What a difference a year makes! Being granted a partial football scholarship and playing more than 50% of the time, he earned a starting position for the new upcoming season. His goals have changed and he is interested in a Sports Medicine Degree. Where this will lead, he is not sure but believes there are many promising options.

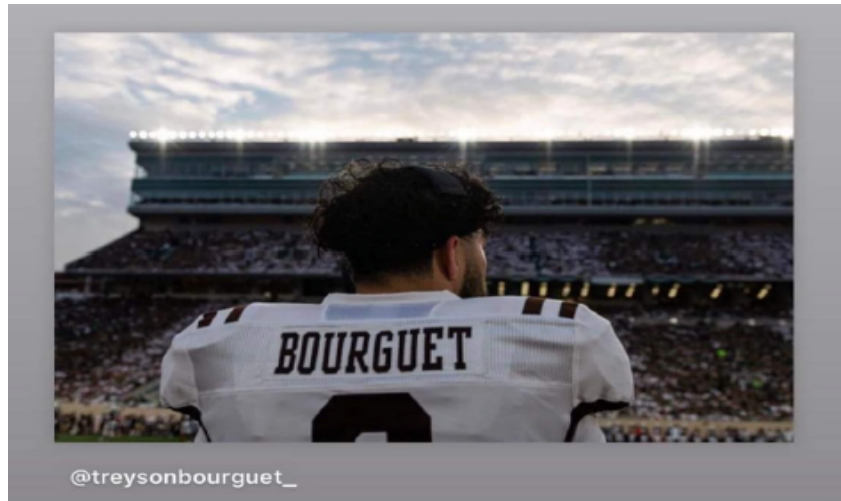
Joshua’s Dad has shared many memories of Silver Bell with him, and has maintained strong relationships with Silver Bell residents. Joshua has learned firsthand the joys of growing up in Silver Bell and the importance of maintaining family ties. As a member of the younger generation, Joshua understands the value of keeping the memory of Silver Bell alive. Family ties are cherished even more. As Joshua reported earlier:

"My first year at Hastings College was great and very memorable. Being in Nebraska and attending college has been a fun, new experience. From the freezing cold temperatures to seeing a tornado for the first time has been exciting. I have had many opportunities to meet new people and travel to many unusual places. I have also been able to help in community service projects, earned a starting spot on the football team, and I am on the Dean's list for Academic Accomplishments. Thank you to the Silver Bell Historical Society for helping me on this incredible journey."

Silver Bell Family Spotlight

The Bourguet Family

A family who is defined by football but places a lot of emphasis on humility



Toby and Vanessa Bourguet have quite a story to share especially about his affiliation to Silver Bell and how his sons are carrying on the Football legends in his family.

Toby shared that his grandfather and his two brothers worked at Silver Bell starting in 1950 and ending in 1980's when Silver Bell, the town was shut down. My Father, Glen was raised in Silver Bell along with his brothers and sister. My Grandmother was a teacher for 30 plus years in Marana and raised her family in Silver Bell. I have many family and friends that lived in Silver Bell. Although I wasn't raised there, I remember my youngest years spending time at family gatherings and friends' houses, enjoying the park and the swimming pool. During my college years, I worked at the Silver Bell mine.

My wife, Vanessa and I have been blessed with six children. Our oldest son, Trenton is a state record holder in Touchdowns from Marana High School and he is a redshirt sophomore at Arizona State University. He has been the backup quarterback for the last three seasons.

My second son, Coburn played at Marana High School and at Southpoint High School and is a wide receiver at Arizona State University and has a red shirt freshman. My third son, Treyson is a true freshman at Western Michigan University and is currently the backup quarterback.

My daughter, Rylen is a senior at Southpoint High School and has won five state championships in the last two years and will be playing beach Volleyball college in CA.



I also have a thirteen old son, Kendren and a ten-year old son, Emeron.

My wife and I are both students from Marana high schools. I played four years of football at Marana High School but not nearly the player like my sons and my wife was an all-star athlete from Mountain View High School. So Fall is a busy time with football schedules. And with our daughter starting college Volleyball, it will be rounding out the rest of our year with her play schedule.

Family time for us requires a lot of flexibility. Although we will miss the upcoming reunion, we take great pride in our Silver Bell history. Thank you for showcasing our family.

Pima County Adopt-a-Roadway Program

Fall 2022 Cleanup

Saturday, October 15, 2022
7:30AM

Project Leader:
Larry Young



Fall 2022 Road Cleanup on SILVER BELL ROAD

I am excited to let everyone know about the upcoming road clean up on Saturday, October 15, 2022 7:30AM.

I am sure we will have some new help. Jim, Mike and myself (Larry) met at silver bell with ASARCO about September 4th. We checked the condition of roadway and found it in good condition with a few areas in need of clean up. The committee usually meets around 7:30 when it is cool and works about two hours. Teams of two pair up and select sections of the road to clean.

Following the cleanup, we meet at the old golf course and enjoy a potluck lunch, reminisce and enjoy each other's company. If you can volunteer for a couple of hours, we would greatly appreciate the help. After three years meeting twice a year, we have really cleaned up that stretch of road.

Six months ago they repaved the road and the drive is quite pleasant.

Feel free to contact Larry Young on Facebook to sign up or Jim Hunter at Catfis53@gmail.com, 520.241.7750.

***Old Silver Bell
Cemetery
Monument
Project***

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Growing up, one of our favorite exploration stops was the Old Silver Bell Cemetery. While we were enamored by the various styles of the markers, old wooden crosses, rock enclosures and even a few with granite, the significance of this site didn't resonate at the time. Old Silver Bell was a vibrant community of 1,200 around 1900. At its peak there was a school with 75 pupils, restaurant, bars, laundry, post office, Wells Fargo Stage, hardware, grocery and a rail line. The rail line moved ore to the Red Rock area and returned with supplies to the community.

Most of the markers are weathered and names are unrecognizable. The Silver Bell Historical Society has determined that preservation of this site corresponds with our preservation goal for the greater Silver Bell Mining District. Fortunately, past president, David Cleaver's research has documented that 131 persons are recorded as buried at the cemetery. Those souls deserve to be remembered with a commemorative monument at the site.

The cemetery is located within the Ironwood Forest National Monument boundary and is managed by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). SBHS has engaged discussions with BLM which has indicated a desire to collaborate on a monument project. There is sufficient traffic to prompt BLM to explore creating a parking area at the cemetery. While a monument design is in progress and final cost is yet to be determined, the fact that the BLM appears to be fully supportive (see email conversation below), will provide traction in the coming months. We anticipate the availability for donation and sponsorship opportunities.

A meeting with BLM is scheduled next week. Future newsletters and website updates will provide the status of the development of the commemorative monument, listing those who are buried at the Old Silver Bell Cemetery.

"Thanks for being patient as I look into this. There has been some talk here about doing more for the area at the cemetery. The recreation department is interested in improving the area by controlling some of the traffic at the cemetery and having a designated parking area. Having a memorial of names would be a good addition. From what I understand the Friends are also interested in doing something in this area.

..... We would like to visit this spot possibly next week. Would you like to join us to go over your groups idea on what you want and where you would like to place the signs? Let me know your thoughts and a possible date to visit if you're interested."

Grand Reunion II

Saturday 5, 2022

10 AM – 3 PM

ASARCO Mine
Tours, Lunch and
Awards

Sunday 6, 2022

11 AM - 5 PM

Picnic at Christopher
Columbus Park, along
Silverbell Road

Project Leaders:

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The Grand Reunions will likely become a mainstay for the organization, with every three years providing a reasonable time span for planning and celebrating our wonderful family memories. We were excited to learn about many who will be coming in from out of state including Jeff Griffin, Darla Griffin, Kay Avery Harris and Joyce Davidoff.

The events will start at the town monument at 10am near the mine office with the sound of the alarm we were accustomed to hearing for years while growing up. Next we move to the huge open lot (location of the former new houses) for food and bus tours into the mine. We will start to wind down about 3PM with the formal end of festivities at 5PM. Everyone is encouraged to continue to celebrate at L'il Abners Restaurant for dinner. While we do not have a planned event at L'il Abners we have alerted Connie, the manager at L'il Abners to expect an influx of Silver Bell people on Saturday. You are encouraged to make a reservation in order to secure your spot for dinner. The SBHS Board Members will be dining there too.

On Sunday, November 6th, we will be hosting a picnic at Christopher Columbus Park, along Silverbell Road, starting at 11AM. Burgers, hot dogs and chips will be provided. Please bring a side dish to share and your own beverage. A donation bucket will be available to help cover the food cost. We are excited to see everyone on November 5th and 6th to renew old friendships and enjoy being together again. Download the Grand Reunion II Brochure and Event Agenda from our website www.silverbellaz.com.

The Board held a Grand Reunion II T-shirt Design Contest on September 10, 2022 with 11 entries submitted by nine Marana High School History and Art students. This was a new initiative our Board of Directors implemented in order to connect the current generation of students at Marana High School with our wonderful childhood memories of growing up in Marana and Silver Bell.

Ms. Janelle Edmonds is a Marana High School teacher in Government, AP Government and Academic Decathlon. She is also the District Social Studies Curriculum Specialist. Janelle coordinated the T-shirt Design Contest for all enrolled Marana High School students. She was instrumental in providing direction to the students as they spent several weeks creating the T-shirt design submissions. We truly appreciate her diligent efforts.

The contest submissions surpassed our expectations in every way from the creativity, messaging and seeing how our treasured experiences are seen through the students' perspective. The Board awarded the following cash prizes to the Marana Student T-shirt design contestants funded by a special purpose donation made by Jim and Janette Hunter:

1st prize \$200 - Josephine Banting
2nd prize \$100 - Edison Tan
and \$20 to the finalists.

The Board of Directors had a wonderful time evaluating eleven T-shirt design entries and arrived at the conclusion that all of the T-shirt designs are winners in one aspect or another. To that end, we decided to use aspects of the designs as the basis for the Grand Reunion II T-shirt. We believe that incorporating the wonderful features that we loved from the T-shirt design submissions will result in a special Grand Reunion II commemorative T-shirt that combines the efforts of a multi-generation Marana/Silver Bell design committee.



Please stop by the merchandise tent to purchase the specially designed Grand Reunion II T-shirts (Turquoise or Charcoal Grey) or shop our on-line store at www.silverbellaz.com.