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## St. David Heritage & Cultural Arts Society

*Our Mission: To serve the community of St. David and the San Pedro Valley as a society enabling the preservation and development of our historical and physical heritage, while promoting the cultural arts.*

JUNE-JULY 2017

## EVENTS & NEWS



**Dr. Randy Madsen will tell the story of the U.S. Army Mormon Battalion and their influence on Southern Arizona history, Friday, July 21, 7:15 p.m. (Pioneer Days schedule inside)**

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## "140 Years of Homegrown Heroes" St. David PIONEER DAYS JULY 21-22

This year St. David celebrates its 140th Birthday! Former U.S. Army Mornon Battalion soldiers, led by Philemon Merrill, brought their families here in 1877. Come celebrate at our annual Pioneer Days, and take an opportunity to let us know who your local heroes are.

Learn more about the Mormon Battalion, experience a living history encampment and pioneer music. Join the parade, games, barbecue, foot rodeo, music and vendors under the stars and fireworks.

**Here are some things you will want to know:**

- The theme for this year's parade and events is:

"140 Years of Homegrown Heroes."

- We'd love to have you or your organization be in the parade, be a vendor, donate a drawing item, or help with an event. See the Pioneer Days insert inside for more information.
- A schedule of events is included on the Pioneer Days insert in this issue, and on our website and Facebook pages. Questions? Email us! (See address at left).
- Please spread the word to others who have been a part of the St. David community in the past, or who love this area.

- "Like" us on Facebook and invite others to do the same.

**FIREWORKS DONATIONS NEEDED -- will you help?**

**Make a Fireworks donation and qualify for great Pioneer Days drawing prizes and more.**

See back page for details; **learn how to receive a FREE St. David history book** with your Heritage Quilt ticket order, fireworks, membership, or other contribution.



**2017 Heritage Quilt Benefits St. David Schools**

Queen Size  
by Wilda Dillman  
Valued at \$1,500

**- NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN -**

**SEE PIONEER DAY INSERT OR ORDER FORM ON PAGE 4 FOR TICKET INFO**

### Who's Your Homegrown Hero?

"140 Years of Homegrown Heroes" is the theme for this year's Pioneer Days celebration in St. David on July 21-22. 140 years ago former U.S. Army "Mormon Battalion" vets settled the San Pedro Valley and started the St. David legacy for us. Hear the amazing story of the longest U.S. Army march and their effect on our local history on Friday evening, July 21, 7:15 in the Lansing Auditorium.

**We believe that EVERYONE has a story about their own "homegrown hero," who might be a pioneer, a neighbor or relative, a teacher or veteran....someone who influenced you for good.**

**Please join us in the cool Lansing Auditorium following the parade (9:30-Noon on Saturday, July 22) and share your story. We'd love to hear it and make it a part of our Heritage collection. If you'd rather, email your story and photos to us and we will display it for everyone's enjoyment (saintdavidheritage@gmail.com).**

Do you want to march in the parade with the Tucson Mormon Battalion Foundation? Meet at the corner of Merrill Dr. and N. Mil-

*(Homegrown Hero...Continued on page 2)*

## Lorina Merrill, 2017 Pioneer Day Parade Grand Marshal—A Homegrown Heroine

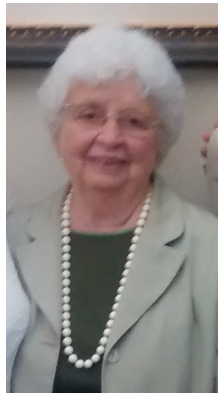
This year's Pioneer Day parade grand marshal is St. David native and hometown hero, Lorina Goodman Merrill. Lorina was born in 1933 to Dean Reed and Justine Elizabeth Lee Goodman. She was born at St. Mary's Hospital in Tucson, and brought home to the family homestead on Goodman Lane, now known as Sibyl Road. She lives on the old Home Place today!

Lorina's memories of growing up in St. David are ones of family, friends, and fun. She says it was a time of easy living where everyone helped each other. She remembers Sunday evenings where the young people would walk up and down the roads of town without concern.

Lorina married Glen Eugene Merrill in 1950 and together they raised five children. They spent over fifty happy years together and now have a numerous posterity.

Many members of the community know Lorina as the secretary to the St. David Irrigation District, a job she has capably fulfilled for over thirty years. Lorina has long been a caretaker of documents related to the history of St. David and her knowledge of our heritage here is very appreciated.

We are happy to honor Lorina Goodman Merrill as our 2017 Grand Marshal and a true St. David Homegrown Hero!



### *(Homegrown Hero... — Continued from page 1)*

ler Ln. at 8:00 a.m. and you will be issued a wooden musket and other gear (wear button shirts, dark pants, hats, but not cowboy hats or caps). If you have an ancestor who was in the Battalion, bring a paper or poster with the name in large letters.

After the parade enjoy the Battalion encampment and activities on Crawford field, including pioneer games, doll making, and black powder rifle demonstration. Of course there will be lots of other games and activities, too....wagon rides, engine show, book fair...

**And don't forget to drop by the Lansing Auditorium in the 1938 Building to read, listen, and share about some great heroes among us.**

## ART DILLMAN, A HOMEGROWN HERO

We acknowledge the passing of a wonderful man who lived his life to serve his family and others. Arthur Austin Dillman is the beloved husband and true companion to St. David Heritage Society board member, Wilda Dillman. Art passed away peacefully on June 1, 2017 and will be greatly missed.

Never one to seek praise or even notice, Art served others whenever he could. Children knew him as the kind school crossing guard with a smile and encouraging word. His grandchildren knew he would be at every ball game. He tirelessly supported Wilda in her quilt making (she has made the Pioneer Day quilts for several years now) and smilingly sold more quilt tickets than anyone else could hope to do!

Thank you, Art, for a life well lived.



## Cooperative Effort Benefits St. David's Tree-Lined Highway

Thanks to the efforts of a good number of St. David citizens, St. David Irrigation District personnel, and the new maintenance supervisor at the St. David Highway Dept. (ADOT) facility, the irrigation lateral along Highway 80 (Patton St.) in St. David is flowing more freely and able to reach more properties. And when the water flows, the landmark trees by which our town is known are able to flourish.

Over the past several weeks, you may have noticed activity along the ditch lateral and the water flowing successfully. Marla Pesqueira reports that she and her husband placed a headgate to irrigate their property and worked with Young Mayberry and Neil Gintz of the Irrigation District to clean and clear the ditch. Aaron Estes, the new supervisor at our local ADOT facility, directed further work which has greatly improved the efficiency of the water flow.

The irrigation system delivers water from the San Pedro River to subscribing properties along the ditch and its laterals. When it is efficient, and when enough property owners are using the water, the trees receive the hydration they need. For a couple of years now the St. David Heritage Society has, with contributions from a number of you, helped keep the trees watered, and we appreciate your continued support.

The cooperative effort to maintain and improve the ditch is a real benefit to all of us: improved health of our trees, highway beautification and safety, easier and more efficient access to irrigation water for smaller and larger properties, and the important process of maintaining our grandfathered water rights as a community in the face of water litigation.

Contact the St. David Irrigation District if you are interested to know what could be done to improve your property's access to irrigation water.

### PRODUCTIVE MEETING HELD WITH ST. DAVID CITIZENS AND ADOT OFFICIALS

Charline White of St. David posed some questions at an ADOT meeting in Benson in February and received an offer from officials to meet with a group of citizens in St. David. A meeting took place on April 14, 2017, at the St. David Highway Dept. building.

Attending were members of a citizens group headed by Carmen Miller and Marla Pesqueira, representatives from the St. David Irrigation District, the St. David School District, the St. David Heritage Society, and others interested in a number of issues revolving around Highway 80's passage through St. David.

ADOT personnel attending from the state and district level were Rod Lane, Dallas Hammit, and Jerry James. Aaron Estes, newly on the job as St. David Maintenance Supervisor, hosted the meeting. A desire was expressed by all to work cooperatively to address concerns and improve communication.

Issues addressed included the status of projected widening of Hwy 80 in St. David (no longer being considered), increased truck traffic through town with incumbent safety and deterioration concerns along the highway, and the desire to maintain a rural pedestrian, cycling, and equestrian environment in accord with the St. David Area Plan filed with Cochise County.

*(ADOT Meeting....Continued on page 3)*



## Important Bits & Pieces...

**THE TUCSON MORMON BATTALION FOUNDATION IS LOOKING FOR A FEW LIVING HISTORY VOLUNTEERS** to help with the activities after the parade. If you like period dress and living history, this is right up your alley. The Tucson-based organization attends historical celebrations as invited throughout southern Arizona and would love to increase their ranks of local volunteers. Email us at [saintdavidheritage@gmail.com](mailto:saintdavidheritage@gmail.com) if you are interested.



### HERITAGE SCHOLARSHIPS FOR ST. DAVID HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

— The St. David Heritage Society has instituted a scholarship fund for graduates beginning with the Class of 2018. Students who volunteer their help with our many projects and events will be able to apply for the scholarships, and may track their efforts throughout their high school years. For more information, students should contact Barbie Grapp, the scholarship counselor at St. David High School. We can use your help for Pioneer Days! To make a contribution to the Heritage Scholarship Fund use the form on page 4 of this newsletter.

**GENEALOGY BOOKS LOOKING FOR GOOD HOMES** — Our organization acquired a large number of family history research books from the former Family History Center, and we are keeping the items most connected to our local area, to Arizona and surrounding areas, as well as some more general research items. Many of the items we are not keeping may be just what you need for your own family history research. They are available in exchange for donations which will be used to protect, preserve, publish, and make available for research the materials most important to the history of the San Pedro Valley and its families. If you are interested in a list of the items available, please email us at [saintdavidheritage@gmail.com](mailto:saintdavidheritage@gmail.com).

**FROM THE FAMILY OF FRANCES GOODMAN** — We received the following communication with a request to pass it on to all the St. David community. It seems particularly fitting to do so at this time when we are recognizing our “homegrown heroes,” because Frances served this community so tirelessly for so many years. “The family of Frances Goodman would like to express our appreciation for all the love and support you showed us during the loss of our dear mother. We thank you for your friendship and care to her throughout her life. We appreciate all the fond memories you shared with us. We especially appreciate all the thoughts and prayers that were expressed on our behalf as we paid tribute to her. She loved you. She loved St. David and the heritage we share. She loved teaching and serving you. She would want you to continue to preserve your heritage, continue learning and continue serving others.”

**PIONEER DAYS SCHEDULE** — Keep the enclosed insert with the schedule of all our Pioneer Days events. In case you misplace it, you can access it on our website at [www.saintdavidheritage.org](http://www.saintdavidheritage.org) or on Facebook (St. David Heritage & Cultural Arts Society). Share it with friends and family!

## Beginning Genealogy / Family History Workshops Offered in St. David

Have you wondered just how to begin collecting information about your ancestors? Who were they? Where did they live? How do you access the great amount of information available online? How does Ancestry.com work?

Tom Haymore, St. David resident and former director of the Family History Center, has offered to coordinate Beginning Family History workshops as early as he has some “takers.”

Sponsored by the St. David Heritage Society, the classes will be held at the St. David School Library, which has access to free library editions of Ancestry.com and FamilySearch Family Tree.

It is anticipated that the workshops will be held once a week for about 3 sessions and one-on-one personalized help will be available for those attending to maximize the benefit of the class.

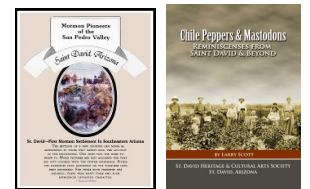
Tom is looking for a pilot class of about 6 individuals, and when a few people have indicated an interest, the dates and time will be arranged. There is no charge for the workshop classes.

**If you are interested in attending, please contact Tom Haymore at [tsandjh@gmail.com](mailto:tsandjh@gmail.com).**

**NEW LOCATION FOR PIONEER DAYS FOOT RODEO** — This year’s family foot rodeo will be held in a new location, so we’re giving you a head’s up! Held on Saturday, July 22, 3:00-6:00 p.m., the venue is the McWhorter/Hatch arena. Turn west on 2nd Ave., St. David, just south of Hwy 80 Milepost 303 (follow the signs). After the rodeo, come enjoy the evening food, music, and festivities on the school football field from 6:00-9:00 p.m.

**PTO BOOK FAIR** — A PTO Book Fair will be held the week of Pioneer Days in the MPR at St. David Schools. Come find some great reading adventures! Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, July 20-22.

**TWO POPULAR ST. DAVID HISTORY BOOKS** are always available for order and at our events. Stop by the 1938 Building during Pioneer Days or at our booth at the Fireworks events and pick up your copies: Larry Scott’s *Chile Peppers & Mastodons* and the early history, *Mormon Pioneers of the San Pedro Valley—St. David, Arizona*.



**(ADOT Meeting....Continued from page 2)**

Mark Goodman, school superintendent, requested help with signage to better inform drivers approaching the reduced speed school zones.

An upcoming project of interest to the community is the planned replacement of the bridge across the San Pedro River in St. David currently scheduled to begin in June of 2019.

Other suggestions from those present included extending the left turn lanes along the highway west to the river bridge, a cooperative effort to maintain the trees and irrigation laterals in the highway right-of-way, and support of improvements to Highway 191 which would help reduce the heavy truck traffic through St. David.

The meeting was productive, respectful, and heralds a welcome spirit of cooperation that is already bearing fruit. Thanks to all those involved.

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1938 Building Rehabilitation	Archiving Local History	St. David Fort Monument
Bell Monument & Bricks	Heritage Museum Room	St. David Pioneer Days
Alumni Class Photos		

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We will use your email address for Heritage Society business only and will not share it with others.

**FREE! - 5<sup>th</sup> Edition St. David History Book**

The popular history of early St. David, *Mormon Pioneers of the San Pedro Valley - St. David, Arizona* is available **FREE with each \$50 in Heritage Quilt tickets, fireworks drawing tickets, membership and/or other contribution placed with the order form below.** As always, copies may also be ordered below for \$12; \$10 each for two or more.

**Fireworks Donations = Drawing Tickets + Fun**

Fireworks are fun AND expensive! Your donations make them possible, and our vendors and others have provided great prizes in exchange for your help. Tickets are available with the form below or at events. Drawing prizes will be awarded at the July 22 evening events, 6:00-9:00 p.m. on the football field, prior to the fireworks. Tickets: \$1 each; 12 for \$10; 25 for \$20. Keep one side and place the stubs in the prize bags of your choice that evening. If you order with this form, you can pick them up on the football field July 22.

**Save \$1 Per Plate at the Pioneer Day BBQ!** Current or new **Heritage Society members** will receive a \$1 per plate discount at the July 22 BBQ. Join or renew below, or at the BBQ. Membership donations fund our newsletters and allow other donations to directly fund our projects. Receive discounts or special offers at all our events.

**Fabulous Silent Auction Items - Airplane ride, Apache Powder Box, & Lots More...** A special addition to our evening Pioneer Days activities is the silent auction prior to the fireworks. Check it out! To donate an item, email us or call Wilda, 520-720-9440.

**ST. DAVID PIONEER DAYS 2017!** Together we can celebrate St. David Pioneer Days with Festivities and Fireworks, and help the St. David School District complete the rehabilitation of the 1938 Elementary building and Lansing Auditorium. Will you join us?

**YES! - I'd like to help in the following ways:**



\_\_\_\_ I'd like HERITAGE QUILT TICKETS\* (Quilt value \$1,500)  
\_\_\_\_ 1 for \$5 \_\_\_\_ 3 for \$10 \_\_\_\_ 7 for \$20  
\_\_\_\_ 20 for \$50 \_\_\_\_ Other (Need not be present to win)

\_\_\_\_ I'm enclosing a Tax-Deductible Contribution\*  
(Specify amounts in the spaces provided):  
\_\_\_\_ 2017 PIONEER DAYS FIREWORKS! (Pick up your  
Drawing tickets July 22 @ the football field)  
\_\_\_\_ 1938 Building Fund \_\_\_\_ Histories / Monuments  
\_\_\_\_ St. David Trees Fund \_\_\_\_ Scholarship Fund

\_\_\_\_ I'm making a tax-deductible ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP  
CONTRIBUTION\* (\$1 off per plate at Pioneer Day BBQ):  
\_\_\_\_ \$15 Individual \_\_\_\_ \$25 Couple \_\_\_\_ \$30 Family

\_\_\_\_ **\*MY CONTRIBUTIONS & QUILT TICKET ORDER**  
**at left total \$50 or more. Please send a**  
**FREE St. David History book for each \$50.**

**FEATURED PUBLICATIONS:**

\_\_\_\_ *Chili Peppers & Mastodons* book by Larry Scott  
\_\_\_\_ copies (\$15 or \$10 each for 5 or more)  
\_\_\_\_ *Mormon Pioneers of the San Pedro Valley* (early St. David  
History, 2015 5th Edition)  
\_\_\_\_ copies (\$12 or \$10 each for 2 or more)

\_\_\_\_ Please email a complete order form, including engraved bricks,  
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# ST. DAVID PIONEER DAYS

**JULY  
21-22**

**HISTORY - PARADE - GAMES - BBQ  
VENDORS - MUSIC - FIREWORKS**  
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## **"140 Years of HOMEGROWN HEROES" – SCHEDULE**

- Events take place at St. David School unless noted otherwise -

### **FRIDAY, JULY 21**

**5:00-7:00 PM St. David History Demonstration: "Plowing with Oxen"** by Dr. Andy Mayberry. Meet at the empty lot at the SW corner of Hwy 80 & Miller Lane. Try your hand!

**7:15 PM "In Honorable Remembrance: The Mormon Battalion and Their Contributions to Southern Arizona History"** — Dr. Randy Madsen will make a presentation about the 1846-7 U.S. Army "Mormon Battalion" march through Arizona. St. David was settled by former Battalion soldiers 140 years ago in 1877. Lansing Auditorium, 1938 Elementary Building. An encampment will be set up outside.

### **SATURDAY, JULY 22**

**9:00 AM Traditional Pioneer Day Parade**, N. Miller Lane. Theme: "140 Years of Homegrown Heroes." **Road closes to vehicles at 8:45 AM.**

**9:30 AM– 12:00 Noon**

**Mormon Battalion Encampment, Old-fashioned Games & More** on school grounds (Crawford Field). Games, races, pioneer activities and demonstrations, black powder rifles. Tractors and engines display, wagon rides, and more. PTO Book Fair in MPR.

**"Who's Your Homegrown Hero?"** (Lansing Auditorium, 1938 Building) Share your hero story in the cool! Share live, or bring a poster, or email your story to [saintdavidheritage@gmail.com](mailto:saintdavidheritage@gmail.com) and we'll display. Celebrate 140 years of St. David history!

**11:00-1:00 PM Traditional BBQ Meal** in K-Hall. BBQ Beef, Beans, Cole Slaw, Tortilla, Chips & Salsa, Drinks, Dessert. \$7 Adult/\$5 under 12; \$1 discount per plate with Heritage Society membership (available at the door).

**3:00-6:00 PM Old Fashioned Family Foot Rodeo** at McWhorter/Hatch Arena; enjoy the shade! Turn west at 2nd Ave. near Hwy 80 Milepost 303.

**6:00-9:00 PM EVENING EVENTS** - at St. David High School's football field (Apache Nitrogen Stadium) --

- **Food and Craft Vendors**
- **Visit and Picnic**
- **LIVE MUSIC**
- **Fireworks Donation Prizes & Silent Auction**
- **Heritage Quilt Drawing (Value \$1,500)**
- **GRAND FINALE FIREWORKS!**

**Your Fireworks Donations & Drawings are Greatly Appreciated!**

*Special thanks to Apache Nitrogen Products, Arizona's G&T Cooperatives, St. David Volunteer Fire Department, R&R Pizza, St. David Schools, St. David Ward, Patton Ward, San Pedro Ward, Butterfield Ward, Tucson Mormon Battalion Foundation, vendors, and lots of volunteers. —St. David Heritage & Cultural Arts Society*

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CALL WILDA, 520-720-9440, OR EMAIL [SAINTDAVIDHERITAGE@GMAIL.COM](mailto:SAINTDAVIDHERITAGE@GMAIL.COM)**



### **HERITAGE QUILT DRAWING**

*Queen Size Quilt - Red, White, & Blue  
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Awarded July 22 - just before the Fireworks  
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**\$5 / 3 for \$10 / 7 for \$20 / 20 for \$50**

- \*At Pioneer Days Events
- \*St. David School Office
- \*The Country Store, St. David
- \*The Cowboy Way, Benson
- \*Call Wilda 520-720-9440
- \*Email [saintdavidheritage@gmail.com](mailto:saintdavidheritage@gmail.com)
- \*Order form: [www.SaintDavidHeritage.org](http://www.SaintDavidHeritage.org)

**YES, WE WANT YOUR ENTRY IN THE PARADE!** Theme: "140 Years of Homegrown Heroes." For info or to register, contact Houston Reynolds, [houston49@hotmail.com](mailto:houston49@hotmail.com) or 928-651-3904.



**VENDORS:** Contact Emma Judd by email at [ejudd1999@gmail.com](mailto:ejudd1999@gmail.com) (put "Vendor Fair" in the subject line) or 520-265-2769. Booth space \$10 plus drawing item.

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