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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 2018

EVENTS & NEWS



Who are these lovely young
"Belles of St. David"?
(see page 3 — you might be
related to some of them!)

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"OLD FASHIONED FUN"— St. David PIONEER DAYS JULY 20-21

What comes to your mind
when you think of "old fash-
ioned fun?" We think of St.
David Pioneer Days!

Join with neighbors and friends
from the San Pedro Valley for a
truly great time: Make music
with the Young and Davis fami-
lies, experience some living
history. Join the parade,
games, barbecue, foot rodeo,
music and vendors under the
stars. Win fabulous prizes or
the Heritage Quilt, and of
course, enjoy the FIREWORKS!

Here are some things you will
want to know:

- The theme for this year's
parade and events is:
"Old Fashioned Fun."
- 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 and article inside
for more information.
- A schedule of events is in-
cluded on the Pioneer Days
insert in this issue, and on
our website and Facebook
pages. Questions? Email us!
(See addresses 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.

Defending St. David Water Rights

If you are a property owner in St. David, you may have recently
received a letter from the St. David Irrigation District in reference
to your water rights that will be subject to adjudication this Fall.
The district needs your response by June 30, 2018.

The pioneers who settled St. David built a canal to divert water
from the river and filed what is now the second oldest water right
on the San Pedro River. The St. David Irrigation District is working
hard to maintain these rights to your surface water, whether or
not your property is currently irrigated with ditch water.

The district's letter explains that for several decades, legal efforts
have been underway to adjudicate the many competing claims
for water from the San Pedro and Gila rivers, and that there are
more claims than there is water available to satisfy those claims.
The current adjudication is intended to determine who should
have valid surface water rights, and may pertain to some pumped
water rights as well.

(Water Rights....Continued on page 2)

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

**Make a Fireworks dona-
tion and qualify for great
Pioneer Days drawing
prizes and more.**

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



**2018 Heritage Quilt
It Could Be Yours!**

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**

New This Year for Pioneer Days

We encourage you to look carefully at this year's schedule of events for Pioneer Days, July 20-21. While the old favorites are there, you may be surprised at some new additions.

Making Music with Family & Friends — On Friday evening, July 20, come join a wonderful program of family musical fun at the Lansing Auditorium with the Young and Davis families. And, if you'd like to be a performer, contact Braden Davis, 520-365-0272.

Stories of Old Fashioned Fun — Following the parade on Saturday, July 21, while the games and living history activities are taking place on Crawford Field, you are invited to a conversation in the air conditioned Lansing Auditorium where you and others can share memories of your version of "Old Fashioned Fun."

Some Football and a Bit of Old (and new) Fashioned Dancing — Come early to the Saturday evening activities. Enjoy a youth football game from 6:00-7:00. Catch up with your neighbors, enjoy the food and craft vendors, try a few old fashioned dances and free dancing. Win prizes and LOVE the FIREWORKS!

And returning by popular demand —

The living history encampment of the Mormon Battalion Foundation from Tucson will be available for a wide variety of pioneer activities on Crawford Field, along with other traditional games, 9:30-Noon on Saturday, July 21.



(Water Rights.... Continued from page 1)

The St. David Irrigation District board points out that this litigation is a complex and long-running legal case with no clear answers at this point, and that they have been frugal for many years to save funds for this phase of the case and to defend user rights. They are represented by David Brown, one of Arizona's most experienced water lawyers.

Costs for the litigation will continue to be paid by the irrigation district, but if you have received a letter you are requested to return the enclosed form so that your property will be represented in the case. Your response will help the case be successful.

If you have not received the letter but feel that your property is or ever has been a part of the irrigation district, or if you have other questions, please contact the board by email at the following address: sdidadjudication@gmail.com.

Current St. David Irrigation District board members are Fred Kartchner, Neil Gintz, and Terisha McKeighen.

St. David Trees & Water Rights

The St. David Heritage Society has long had an interest in preserving the water rights for our ditch system. The iconic trees lining Highway 80 (Patton and Lee Streets) depend upon the flow of water through the irrigation system for their survival.

The Heritage Society's Trees Fund has been used in recent years to pay for supplemental water delivered to the trees in order to protect this element of our environmental and cultural heritage. Your donations to the Trees Fund are appreciated and encouraged. See the form on page 4 if you wish to make a donation.

Pioneer Days a Valley-wide Celebration

The St. David Heritage Society has for a number of years coordinated the popular annual St. David Pioneer Days events and seeks additional partners and participation in a way that builds connections in our broader San Pedro Valley community.

This year's celebration is themed, "Old Fashioned Fun," and most activities take place on the St. David School grounds.

The roots of this annual celebration began in 1877 when a handful of Mormon pioneer families settled along the San Pedro River, beginning the community of St. David. The next year these same pioneers participated in the building of Camp Huachuca, then Tombstone, and soon after began freighting ore and commodities to and from the railroad lines in Benson and further. Our San Pedro Valley communities have been connected ever since.

Pioneer Days events happen with the participation and help of many volunteers from local churches, school groups, and businesses in St. David, Benson, and Pomerene. It is our hope that we can sustain meaningful traditions in a way that strengthens our communities and our families.

Highlight Your Church, Business, Organization or Family

The Heritage Society would love to have your family, church, business or organization join with ours and others in the San Pedro Valley to celebrate the rich heritage we share. There are a number of Pioneer Days opportunities available:

- Encouraging your families, neighbors, and friends to come and enjoy the events
- A parade entry highlighting your church, organization, business or families
- Vendor space for the Saturday evening events culminating in a wonderful fireworks display
- Volunteer opportunities of all kinds
- Donation of an item for our fireworks drawings
- Posting flyers advertising the event; we can also supply half page flyers for your organization distribution

Vendors: Dabnee Martin -- dabnee.martin13@gmail.com (put "Vendor Fair" in the subject line) or 520-686-3749.
Saturday evening booth space \$10 plus drawing item.

Parade: Shirley Gillette -- segillette@yahoo.com or 520-221-0766

Questions? Email saintdavidheritage@gmail.com

Schedule and details for participation are available on our website at www.saintdavidheritage.org (and are included in the flyer insert in this newsletter)



Important Bits & Pieces...

2018 HERITAGE SCHOLARSHIPS ANNOUNCED; STUDENT VOLUNTEERS SOUGHT— Two \$500 scholarships were recently awarded to Emma Judd and Brynn Montgomery, 2018 St. David High School graduates, for their service to the school and community through their volunteer efforts for events and projects of the St. David Heritage Society. Students who volunteer their help with our many projects and events will be able to apply for future 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 student help for the upcoming Pioneer Days! Contact us at saintdavidheritage@gmail.com. To make a contribution to the Heritage Scholarship Fund use the form on page 4 of this newsletter.

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 or on Facebook (St. David Heritage & Cultural Arts Society). Share it with friends and family!

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*.



See form on page 4 to order, and see how you can qualify for a free history book!

New Lighting and Sound Proposal for the Mary P. Lansing Auditorium

Did you know that after all these years since the construction of the 1938 Elementary Building at St. David Schools, the 205-seat auditorium it houses is still the only raked-floor performance center in northern Cochise County? It's acoustics are wonderful and it is used extensively for school and community events, concerts, and meetings.

Currently the Heritage Society is in the final planning stage, on behalf of the St. David School District and several lighting, sound, and electrical contractors, to provide new professional lighting and sound for this wonderful venue.

With these upgrades there are also plans for future music festivals, drama and musical productions, and so much more, continuing and expanding the longstanding tradition of music and the arts in our community.

While much of the funding by the Heritage Society is in place, we are seeking additional matching funds as we apply for grants necessary to complete the project by the end of this year. If you would like to help, use the form on page 4.

"The Lovely Belles of St. David"

St. David Heritage Society board member Sherrie Caldwell came across the photo below on the *Pioneer Women of Arizona* Facebook page a few months ago and thought it would be of interest to many in St. David. It was originally posted a year ago, June 2017, when the *Pioneer Women of Arizona* book was first published. Authors of the book are Roberta Flake Clayton, Catherine H. Ellis, and David F. Boone.

Are you related to or have family stories about any of these lovely young women from about 1889?



Pioneer Women of Arizona

Yesterday at 9:54 AM · 🌐

Because this is the week that PIONEER WOMEN OF ARIZONA will actually be released (YEA!), I think we should make this Sisters Week. #1 This photo might be labeled, "the lovely belles of St. David." It includes sisters Mary Jane "Mamie" McRae McGuire (PWA2: 423-25, bottom row middle) and Annie Maria McRae Goodman (PWA2: 215-19, second row second from right), both daughters of Maria Taylor McRae (PWA2: 436-40). Identification of others in the photo are tentative: row 1: Louise Trejo, Mary Jane McRae, Roxanna Reed; row 2: Lilly Curtis, Hattie Curtis, Sadie Norcross, Annie McRae, Florence Curtis; row 3: Iris Curtis, "Mamie" Fyfe, Irene McRae, Louisa Reed, and May Clifford. The photograph was taken about 1889; each of the girls would soon marry and begin families of their own.

#StDavidArizona #ArizonaPioneers



An Especially Easy Way to Help

Do you know that one of the easiest ways you can assist with the projects and events of the St. David Heritage Society is to **do your online Amazon shopping by going to the [Smile.Amazon.com](https://www.smile.amazon.com) site?**

We hope you will designate St. David Heritage & Cultural Arts Society to receive the donations.

Thank you!

Shop at AmazonSmile
and Amazon will make
a donation to:
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Get started

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St. David Trees	History Publications & Lectures	Broadway & Beyond!
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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If you know of others who live outside of St. David who would enjoy receiving the newsletter, please forward it to them, or send us their email address.

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

FREE! - 5th 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 2018! Together we can celebrate St. David Pioneer Days with Festivities and Fireworks, and help put lighting and sound equipment in the historic Mary P. 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):
____ 2018 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,
note cards, alumni class photos, and more to my email address
listed below...

NAME _____
ADDRESS _____
EMAIL _____ PHONE _____

QUILT TICKETS \$ _____ CONTRIBUTIONS \$ _____ BOOKS \$ _____ TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

QUESTIONS? Email saintdavidheritage@gmail.com or Call 520-720-4407 or see website, www.saintdavidheritage.org
Make Checks Payable to SDHCAS, and mail to SDHCAS, PO Box 3, St. David, AZ 85630

ST. DAVID PIONEER DAYS

**JULY
20-21**

**HISTORY - PARADE - GAMES - BBQ
VENDORS - MUSIC - FIREWORKS**
www.SaintDavidHeritage.org

"OLD FASHIONED FUN" – SCHEDULE

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

FRIDAY, JULY 20

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!

7:00-9:00 PM "Making Music with Family & Friends" - The Young & Davis families will lead an evening of old fashioned musical fun. Lansing Auditorium. Interested in performing? Contact Braden Davis, 520-365-0272.

SATURDAY, JULY 21

9:00 AM Traditional Pioneer Day Parade, N. Miller Lane. Theme: "Old Fashioned Fun." Road closes to vehicles at **8:45 AM**.

9:30 AM- 12:00 Noon

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

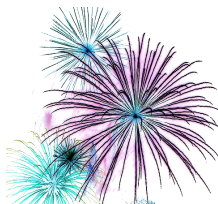
"Stories of Old Fashioned Fun" (Lansing Auditorium, 1938 Building) Meet our Grand Marshal and share your stories of "old fashioned fun."

11:00-1:00 PM Traditional BBQ Meal (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; follow the signs.

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

- **Youth Tiger Camp football game, 6:00**
- **Food and Craft Vendors**
- **Visit and Picnic**
- **Music and Dancing under the Stars**
- **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 G&T Cooperatives, St. David Volunteer Fire Department, R&R Pizza, St. David Schools, St. David Ward, Patton Ward, San Pedro Ward, Butterfield Ward, Pomerene Ward, Tucson Mormon Battalion Foundation, vendors, and LOTS of volunteers. —St. David Heritage & Cultural Arts Society



HERITAGE QUILT DRAWING

*Queen Size Quilt - Aqua, Brown, & White
by Wilda Dillman (\$1,500 Value)*

Awarded July 21 - just before the Fireworks

- NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN -

TICKETS:

\$5 / 3 for \$10 / 7 for \$20 / 20 for \$50

- *At Pioneer Days Events
- *St. David School Office
- *Benson Museum
- *Benson Feed, Benson
- *The Cowboy Way, Benson
- *Call Wilda 520-720-9440
- *Email saintdavidheritage@gmail.com
- *Order form: www.SaintDavidHeritage.org

YES, WE WANT YOUR ENTRY IN THE PARADE! Theme: "Old Fashioned Fun."

For info or to register, contact Shirley Gillette, segillette@yahoo.com or 520-221-0766.



VENDORS: Contact Dabnee Martin by email at dabnee.martin13@gmail.com (put "Vendor Fair" in the subject line) or 520-686-3749. Saturday evening booth space \$10 plus drawing item.

For more details:

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Please "Like" and "Share"!

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