

Agua Fria Festival

September 21, 2024



Dewey-Humboldt Historical Society

Presents

Music by
Sky Daddy

Aqua Fria Festival

September 21, 2024



**Held in Historic Downtown Humboldt
Main & Prescott Street**

9AM Opening Ceremonies

9:15AM Pet Parade

10AM Old West Parade

11AM Best Beard Contest

11:15AM Best Western Attire

12pm Cookies & Bars Contest

1:00PM Silent Auction- Raffles

2:00PM Closing Ceremonies



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WEEKLY ARIZONA JOURNAL-MINER

August 21, 1907

HUMBOLDT CELEBRATES

LABOR DAY IN STYLE

Humboldt braces for its grandest Labor Day yet, drawing over 1,000 eager excursionists on September 2nd. Committees tirelessly orchestrate every detail, guaranteeing a resounding success. A thrilling \$500 baseball tournament headlines the festivities, complemented by a lively \$250 rock drilling contest and a heart-pounding half-mile horse race offering \$200. Bronco busting, rousing tug-of-war, and a variety of other athletic events fuel the day's merriment. Excursion rates blanket the territory, and a special train journey from [Name of your city] to Humboldt extends discounted travel from Phoenix to Flagstaff. The renowned Phoenix band serenades the event, promising a vibrant atmosphere. Eye-catching red and blue posters trumpet the impending excitement, spread across the north. Humboldt confidently anticipates welcoming its largest Labor Day crowd ever. Executive president J.J. Reddick, alongside secretary R.A. Campbell and treasurer J.D. Bethune, leave no stone unturned, leading dedicated sub-committees in meticulously planning every element.

Research by John Charles Young

Old West Parade Grand Marshal Paige Phares

September 21, 2024



Paige Phares is President of the Prescott Regulators & Their Shady Ladies (PRSL), an award-winning, dedicated group of living history performers that have come together to share and celebrate the rich history of the Old West and Arizona Territory. PRSL is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) that raises funds for Yavapai College Military Families Scholarships. With the incredible support of our sponsors and supporters PRSL has donated over \$48,000.00 since 2016.

On May 13th 2008 the Prescott City Council declared PRSL the "Official Old West Ambassadors to the City of Prescott" and PRSL has been honored by "True West Magazine" as the "Best in the West" re-enactment group 3 times in the last five years.

2024 is a special year for the Prescott Regulators & Their Shady Ladies as it is our 20th Birthday!! We hope folks will join us in our celebrations! Check out prescottregulators.org to see what we have in store. And if you happen to share our love of and enthusiasm for the history of the Old West, please contact us at president@prescottregulators.org and we can help you find your inner persona as an old west gunfighter, cowboy, scoundrel, law dawg, cowhand, outlaw, townsfolk, school marm, saloon girl, or whatever other eccentric character you dream of being! Join us for a rootin-tootin Wild West shootin good time!

PRSL values and celebrates our long and wonderful relationship with the Dewey Humboldt Historical Society. We are honored to be invited to the Agua Fria Festival and consider ourselves very blessed to have made so many amazing friends during our years of performing at the festival. We know how much work putting on the event is and can't express enough our appreciation. Thank you for letting us be a part of your icon of American tradition.

The Prescott Regulators & Their Shady Ladies

The Prescott Regulators & Their Shady Ladies, Inc. an award winning 501(c)(3) re-enactment group.

We are the "Official Old West Ambassadors of Prescott" and as such, for over 14 years been dedicated to preserving the rich history of the Old West in Arizona.

We are very proud to have raised \$10,000.00 in 2022 for the Yavapai College Military Families' Scholarship Fund.

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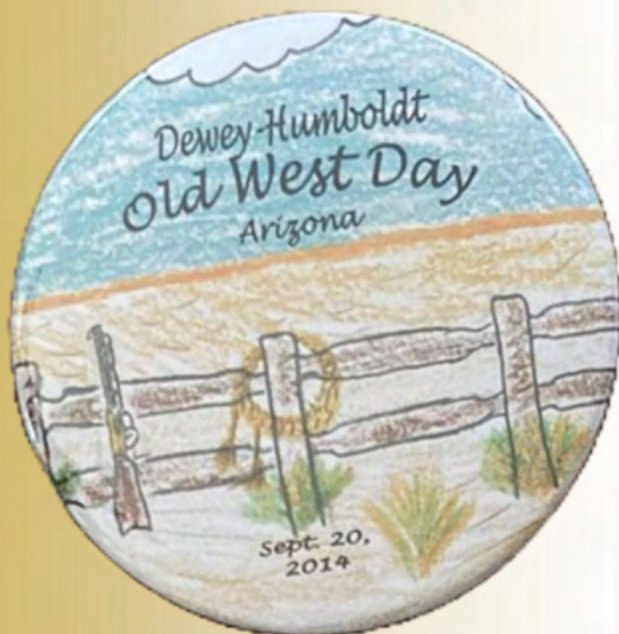
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Grand Marshal's From The Past



Mogollon Vineyards Sept. 16, 2023



First Responders Sept. 17, 2022



Sandra Goodwin Sept.18, 2021



Mortimer Family Sept. 21, 2019

Grand Marshal's From The Past



Woody Wampler Sept.22, 2018



Walter B. Statler Oct. 1, 2016



Sonya Chemas Moore & Helen Henderson Cain Sept. 26, 2015

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

DEWEY, ARIZONA

George Dewey born 1837 in Montpelier, Vermont



After the victory at the Battle of Manila Bay during the Spanish American War in 1898 he was considered a Great War Hero. Admiral George Dewey is the only person in the history of the United States to have attained the rank of Admiral of the Navy, the most senior rank in the United States Navy.

Many places were named for Admiral George Dewey. In his honor Dewey Arizona was named for him in 1898 after the Battle of Manila Bay.

Admiral George Dewey 1837-1917

HUMBOLDT, ARIZONA

Alexander Von Humboldt was born in Germany in the year 1769 and was to become known as the greatest geographer and the most outstanding explorer of the modern age.

In 1792 Alexander Von Humboldt was recognized as Chief Inspector of the mines in Germany.

On two of Alexander Von Humboldt's expeditions to America in 1803 and 1804 he became friends with Thomas Jefferson.

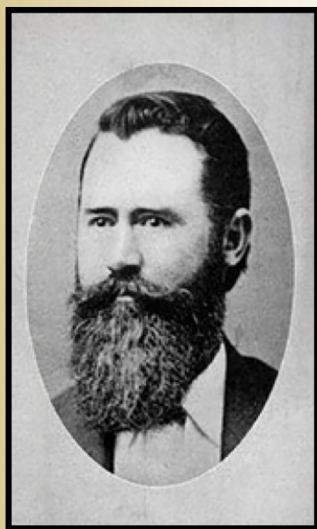
The town of Humboldt was named in 1905 to honor Alexander Von Humboldt. A century earlier he predicted many areas would become rich in mining, including the Bradshaw Mountains.



Alexander Von Humboldt 1769-1859

ARIZONA PIONEER

KING SAMUEL WOOLSEY



King Samuel Woolsey was born in Alabama in 1832 and he was raised in Louisiana.

In 1849 King Woolsey arrived in California via a British ship. For the next ten years he was a miner. His success in this venture is not recorded. He moved to Yuma Arizona, working for a brief time as a teamster, then bought the Agua Caliente Ranch. Here he dug an irrigation ditch to power a small flour mill and to water his fields of hay.

King Woolsey joined the Walker party expeditions 1863. In 1864 King Woolsey came to Dewey Arizona, built the Agua Fria Ranch House from some of the ruins left by the Anasazi Indians, the roof was covered with dirt and he enclosed the property with a stone wall about shoulder high, part of which is still seen today on this site on Old Black Canyon Highway. He raised crops, corn, as well as other produce. To protect the ranch and crops Governor Goodwin who was the 1st Territorial Governor of Arizona appointed King Samuel Woolsey to Lt. Colonel of the Indian fighting volunteers. He was to fend off the Native Americans (Apache's) and to chase them out of the area.

In 1867 he left northern Arizona and then centered his business in Salt River Valley of Arizona developing a lucrative trade of package salt and with partners established the Phoenix flour Mills. In later years he served on the Territorial Legislature Council five times, twice as president.

In his forty-seventh year at the height of his success, King Samuel Woolsey suffered a stroke of apoplexy and died June 30, 1879. He is buried in the Pioneer Memorial Park in Phoenix Arizona. The inscription on his headstone reads "He braved the dangers and hardships of frontier life for 19 years with success and the hero of many battles with the Apache's in Arizona"

King Woolsey's contribution to the early settlement of Arizona Territory was monumental.

Color Guard SAMS Post 1314



The Scottish American Military Society Post 1314 is one of Prescott Valley's foremost veteran organizations comprised mostly of

American Combat veterans and their wives with Scottish or Scotch-Irish heritage. They are a nonprofit organization with the aim of helping other veterans. We do fundraisers like Wreaths Across America where we collect donations so we can place a wreath on a veterans grave at Christmas and we give a needy veteran family a turkey and money also at Christmas. Our officers are: Don Klein Commander, Bill Robinson Vice Commander, Joe Dasso Adjutant and Kathleen Nelson Treasure.

The Prescott Arizona Rough Riders American Patriotism and Heroism



The Prescott Arizona Rough Riders were a volunteer cavalry regiment that fought in the Spanish-American War. They were recruited in Prescott, Arizona, by William "Buckey" O'Neill, a former sheriff and mayor of the city.

The Rough Riders were composed of cowboys, miners, and other frontiersmen, and they were known for their rugged individualism and bravery.

The Rough Riders fought in the Battle of San Juan Hill in Cuba, where they distinguished themselves by their courage and determination. They also fought in the Battle of Kettle Hill, where O'Neill was killed.

The Rough Riders were eventually disbanded after the war.

They remain a symbol of American patriotism and heroism.



SKY DADDY

Guitarist extraordinaire Sky Conwell (known as Sky Daddy on stage) has been a leader in the Prescott Music Scene for nearly a decade both with his solo career and with his bands.

Sky fronts six bands, plays solo and does an average of eight shows a week—sometimes three in a day.

Sky daddy is a musician and song writer who lives in Prescott Arizona. He plays rockabilly, surf country and the blues.

We perform choreographed maneuvers to music at various functions, while promoting motorcycle safety, skills, awareness, education and goodwill between motorcyclists and their community, motorcycling as a viable sport for women, and whenever feasible, support events that raise money for recognized charities. Hardly Angels, Inc is a 501(c)(3) non-profit.



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Arizona Rangers, Then and Now

The "modern era" Arizona Rangers are descended from the 1901 Territorial Rangers that cleaned up the Arizona territory and laid the groundwork for eventual statehood in 1912.

The territorial Rangers were disbanded in February of 1909, to some extent because they had completed their mission of returning law and order to the territory.

The Rangers were considered heroes as people recognized their contribution to the territory/state. In 1939 some of the original Rangers met to commemorate the thirtieth anniversary of the disbanding of the original Rangers. They agreed to form a social organization and call themselves the Arizona Rangers. In 1957 their plans were formalized in the formation and incorporation of the (modern era) Arizona Rangers.

The Rangers decided that they would accept as their goals,

#1..To assist law enforcement agencies in the state of Arizona, when called upon.

#2 .. To assist and support children's and youth groups.

#3 .. To keep alive the history of the old west and especially the history of the Arizona Rangers.

In April of 2002, Governor Jane Hull signed legislative act #41, recognizing the status of the Arizona Rangers.

The current Arizona Rangers are almost 500 strong in approximately 24 companies, scattered throughout the state.

The Rangers are a federally recognized 501c3, non-profit organization.

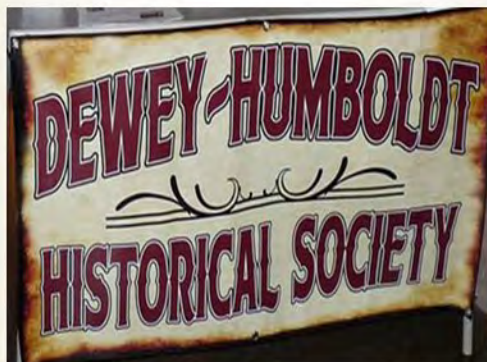
For more information, try (azrangers.gov).

We are always looking for new members to keep the old west alive!

Respectfully submitted, Hank Hellman, Arizona Ranger



Museum from the Past



Future Museum Site



Our Journey to Create the Dewey-Humboldt Museum

The Dewey-Humboldt Historical Society had a dream of establishing a museum in Dewey-Humboldt. Thanks to the generous gifts from the estates of Betty Comfort and Jean Cross, we were able to purchase the perfect lot and begin making the dream a reality.

Witness the incredible transformation of this once-empty lot into the future site of our museum! Many generous donations from our members and successful fundraisers have helped us take the steps to make the museum a reality.

Over the past few years, we've acquired unique pieces of farming, ranching, and mining equipment that will be housed in the new museum. We are endlessly grateful for the support of the Town of Dewey-Humboldt, the Dewey-Humboldt Historical Society members, and the entire community for helping make this happen.

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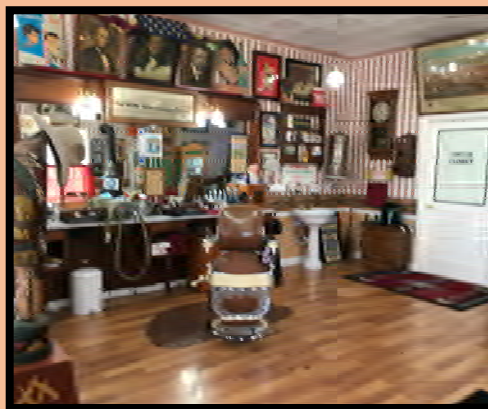
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DEWEY~HUMBOLDT GAZETTE

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DEWEY-HUMBOLDT, ARIZONA

Forty-Second Year.

Weekly Journal - Miner., January 05, 1910

UNITED VERDE TO SHIP PRODUCT TO HUMBOLDT

(Jerome Mining News)

A most interesting piece of news of not only to the citizens of Jerome, but to all interested in the future development of the great mineral fields of Yavapai, was given to the editor of the News Thursday night, when a high official of the United Verde Copper Company announced that during the late night visit for the delivery of a large tonnage of United Verde ores to the smelter at Humboldt. This means that the last difficulty to the successful working of that smelter has been wiped aside, as the United Verde ores will allow reduction of all ores mined in the county. Those connected with the Humboldt smelter are very much pleased with the outcome of their negotiations for the United Verde ores fluxing purposes.

The smelter will start March 1, The Jerome mineral district and the surrounding county is buried under a mantle of snow from two to three feet in depth. It was, with one exception, the heaviest snow fall within the memory of the oldest resident. That of December, 1898, was much heavier and more severe. The storm, however, did not interrupt development at any of the local prospects, excepting at the United Verde Extension, where they are working with power furnished by the Arizona Power Company. The heavy snow caused two of that company's wire towers to fall, and otherwise injured the line, cutting off the electricity and causing the United Verde Extension to shut down. The line again in working order, and work will be taken up on that most promising property on Monday. The diamond drill work on the Arkansas and Arizona has been interrupted for a few days on account of the bad condition of the roads, over which it has been impossible to haul coal. The prospecting companies have been working steadily along, and with good results, especially this being so at the Hull and Cleopatra. The editor of the news visited the latter properties Friday, and found a big improvement in the way of exposed ore bodies since his visit a week ago. In the 1500 foot drift on the Hull they are still in a high grade ore, and it is the intention to drive this drift through this ore body, then to make a raise at some point on it for the purpose of taking down the ore. The feature of this ore is the wonderful showing of the native copper through it. Work is being pushed ahead on three other drifts on this property and all have most encouraging indications that ore will be encountered. In the Cleopatra they continue to take down ore, and they now have ninety feet of ore exposed in the roof of the slope, all of which is high grade.

Interesting developments are reported daily from the Haynes, as well as from the United Verde Extension. Miners from the Extension make most promising predictions for the future of that property.

Researched by: John Charles Young

Weekly Arizona Journal Miner June 6, 1906

Pulls a Gun and Attempts to Kill

A gun play, which luckily was not
attended with

fatal results was yesterday morning reported from the railroad depot at Dewey. From the information at hand it appears that a short time after the arrival of the Crown King Train at the Station, A.G. Elliott, general manager of the Esmerald Mining Company, and James Sellers, a contractor and teamster, became involved in a dispute over an account, during which Sellers it is said, pulled a gun, which was grabbed by Elliott, during the melee, the weapon being discharged in the scuffle for its possession, without doing any damage. The disputed account was an alleged balance of \$ 12 claimed by Sellers. Immediately upon receipt of the news at the Sheriff's Office, Deputy Sheriff Horace Bowdye left for the scene, where he placed Sellers under arrest, and will bring him to the City today. Sellers has been a resident of this county for the past twenty years, and has always borne a good reputation, while Elliott is also a man of good standing in the community. The latter gave his version of the affair to the Journal Miner last evening as follows:

"As I stepped off the train this morning at Dewey, J.D. Sellers demanded payment of an account not due him. I told him to come to the company office and if anything was due him he could have it any time. He had a gun in his hand covered by his overshirt. I repeated what I said and he pulled the gun on me, I grabbed it as it fired. The bullet just grazed or missed my stomach. I took his revolver from him, he deserved killing, but I did not think he was worth killing but would have him taken care of by the proper authorities".

Researched by John Charles Young

Weekly Arizona Journal Miner June 4, 1913

Smelter Active

Shipments of Blue Bell Ore
Averaging 5 Carloads Per Day

George Demaine, was a visitor to the city yesterday from Humboldt and reports the big plant as running steadily with shipments of Blue Bell ore averaging 5 carloads per day. Mine adjacent were working and indications point to an unusually active year.

Note: The Arizona Smelting Company Owns The Blue Bell Mine.

Researched by John Charles Young

Weekly Miner June 18, 1875

POST OFFICE IN AGUA FRIA VALLEY

A new Post Office has been established at Spaulding's Station, Agua Fria Valley, Dan H. Marr, Postmaster. This is a move in the right direction, but there should be another at Ash Creek and at Lower Agua Fria, and a mail route through to Phoenix on the new road. Peoples Valley also needs a post office, on the Wickenburg route, say at Charley Genung's place, and it would not hurt to have one at Bowers' ranch or at Dixon's in Skull Valley. These places are on the regular mail route and could be supplied without additional expense, and as the valleys settle up are very necessary for the accommodation of settlers. The post office for Williamson Valley has been left out of the new schedule. There should be an office at some convenient point on the road in that valley. The crossing, we are told, would be an eligible place to put it.

Researched by John Charles Young

March 12, 1902 Arizona Weekly Journal

W.S. Goldworthy, Chief Clerk in the General agent's office and A.C. McQueen, live stock agent for the SSP & P Railroad, went out to Cherry Station today to witness the Shearing of Sheep which is now at work in progress at the Old Bowers Ranch. This is expected to be the biggest clip ever made in the county there being between 70,000 - 100,000 sheep to shear this season. 100 men at work to shear about 8 thousand sheep a day.

Note:

In the early days Bowers Ranch was known as King Woolsey's Agua Fria Ranch

Researched by John Charles Young

DEWEY~HUMBOLDT GAZETTE

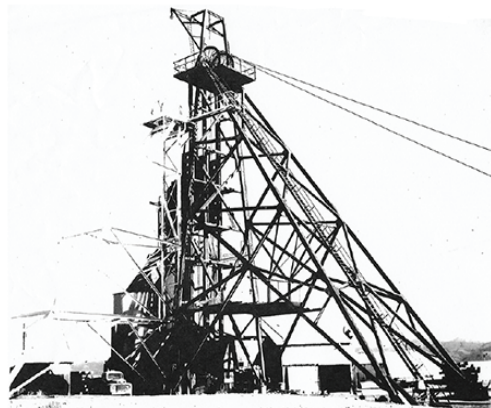
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DEWEY-HUMBOLDT, ARIZONA

Forty-Second Year.

Iron King Mine Hoist/Head Frame



One of the renowned mines in the Bradshaw Mountain area was the Iron King mine. Although worked in the 1880s, the first major production at the Iron King Mine occurred in 1906 and 1907, when 1,253 ounces of gold, 35,491 ounces of silver and 3,933 pounds of copper were mined there.

Mining activity halted until WWI when it was used to mine sulfide ores for a smelter in Humboldt. Another period of inactivity followed from the 1920s into the mid-1930s. By the late 1940s, a 500-ton daily flotation mill was established at the site. The most productive period for the Iron King Mine occurred during WWII and the postwar period. In 1959 the mine was the largest lead and zinc producer in Arizona at 3 million tons.

In 1968 the ore body was exhausted and the mine was closed. The mine had produced more than \$100 million in lead and zinc.

Weekly Arizona Journal Miner July 24, 1907

Humboldt Again Defeats The Group Latter have Game Won but lose out in the Wind-up

After having won the game in the very first inning in Sundays Contest with the Greens of Humboldt Prescott, by a number of dumb plays, and a handful of errors, mostly credited to one man, lost out in the wind-up by a score of 6-4 and once again was it demonstrated that the weak spots in the line-up of the Grays are worst than weak. As remarked once before, the locals will have to bolster up their batting order before they can hope to win anything from the Humboldt Team.

Researched by John Charles Young

Weekly Arizona Journal Miner June 4, 1913

Just Another Day In Humboldt People flee to Shelter when Guns Bark

The big blast furnace of the Consolidated at Humboldt was put to sleep Thursday afternoon, so far as a warm time was to be considered when Stella Ray and Blanche Elliott, two habitues of the red light district, went down the crimson line and gave a vivid portrayal of what really was a warm time by shooting up the burg and putting on the run for shelter many residents of that community. Both were armed with big forty-five caliber guns, and with a fighting jag aboard, there was a suffragette demonstration that put the foreign annihilators in the back ground. One of the women was not particular about her scant raiment affecting the tender sensibilities of a score of residents. With her belligerent companion she was run in, however, and Judge Mclane was summoned from this city to try the case, Judge Mowday being absent on the coast. Both women were given a straight sentence of twenty-five days in the county jail and they are now serving that time when the trial had ended a colored celebrity of the same class, treated the court with a hilarious outburst of laughter, when she was taken into custody on contempt charge. After being severely reprimanded a fine of \$5 was imposed or five days in the tank in Humboldt. She produced the coin.

Researched by John Charles Young

Weekly Arizona Journal November 11 1903

Heroes of the Mines

Mining calls for courage and bravery. The miner takes his life in his hand every day. His courageous and heroic deeds are accomplished in place even where the sun never shines.

Researched by John Charles Young

Arizona Weekly Miner., May, 28 1875

Spaulding's Station

We have several times taken occasion, on the authority of others, to speak of the comfortable station Henry Spaulding and his excellent lady have established at the junction of the Prescott and Verde road with that leading down the Agua Fria in the direction of Bowers' Ranch, Silver Belt, Big Bug, etc, but had never until Saturday last visited the country or enjoyed the hospitalities of the place in person, but now, when we mention the superior accommodations of this comfortable hostelry we talk by the card, and know whereof we speak. Every possible convenience that "can be thought of, or merchant, mechanic or auctioneer bought of," has been and is being added from time to time to the already complete appointments of the place, until it is really a cosy home for the traveler, and a delightful resort for those in search of the means to enjoy a Sunday's recreation from the toils of the week in town. The distant is only twelve miles, the road good, and scenery by the way beautiful and interesting. The host and hostess understand the secret of providing for the comfort of their guests; then in the language of America's greatest poet, there is

*"Between the dark and the daylight,
When night is beginning to lower,
A pause is the day's occupations
That is known as the children's hour"*

And if we failed in this notice to mention the two little pets of this household, Ida and Emma, we should be derelict of duty and ungrateful for a real pleasure we enjoyed in their cunning and innocent prattle. Ida is a year the older but they are often taken for twins, and the heart of the old maid or old bachelor that is not moved toward them is too sour to enjoy the innocent, the beautiful and the good of this world, and ought to leave it to make room for those who can. We repeat that those who are confined during the week in offices, stores and shops and need a ride or drive in the fresh air on Sunday or any other day for that matter, will find a good road, beautiful scenery, healthy exercise and number one accommodations by taking a jaunt to the Agua Fria and stopping at Spaulding's.

Note:
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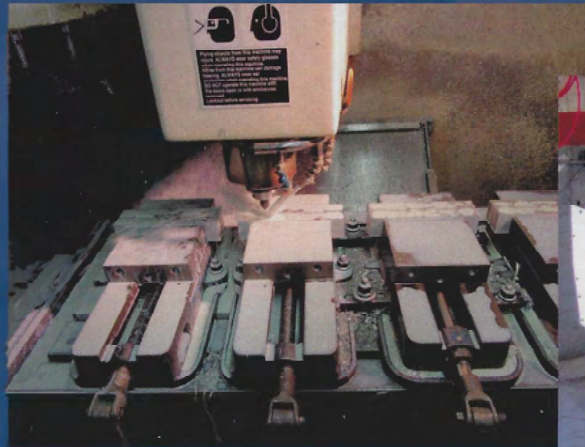
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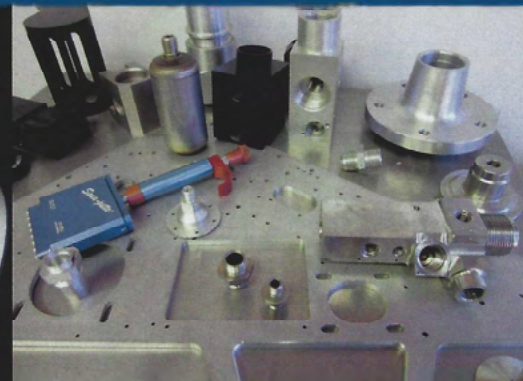
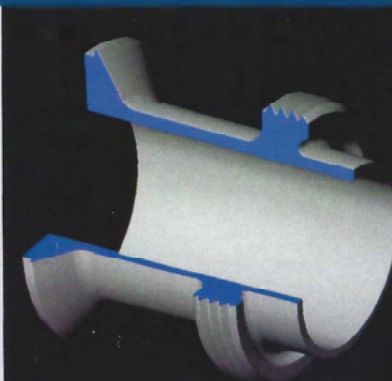
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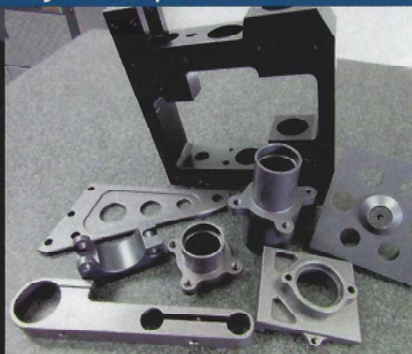
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Growing up in Page Springs, the Hughes family ran Hereford cattle at the DA Ranch — the ranch also catered to foreigners who enjoyed horseback riding and Dutch oven cooking by the fire side. Today, the ranch is a winery.

From there the family moved to Wagner and operated the Diamond 2 Ranch. During his years at Prescott High, John was the FFA president, PHS rodeo team roper and cutter, worked the livestock yards and was known as the King of the Cowboy parking lot.

After attending hydraulic school in Phoenix, he moved back to the Prescott area, eventually taking over his dad's diesel business. For over 20 years his passion for building custom diesel trucks, hotrods and anything diesel was fulfilled.

John enjoys talking with his friends, reading, boating but most of all spending time with his adorable daughter and beautiful, high-spirited wife Carie.

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