

Accession # 2009.36

Rim Country Museums
Marguerite Noble Library
700 S. Green Valley Pkwy
Payson, AZ 85541
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Title

The Backbone Newspaper Collection

Dates

1995-1999

Extent

2 boxes: 26.5 linear inches (2.2083 linear feet) textual material

Creator

Northern Gila County Historical Society

Administrative History

In the mid 1980s Carroll Cox and her business partner, Janet Martin, owned and operated *The Mogollon Advisor*, a free local newspaper. They then sold the rights to *The Mogollon Advisor* to the *Payson Roundup*, with the agreement that they would then manage the semi-weekly Roundup. Differences of opinion ended with both women leaving the *Roundup*. A non-compete clause did not allow them to start another venture for five years.

During the intervening period, Carroll Cox was host for a local TV weekly program call *Straight Talk*.

Cox and Martin published the first issue of *The Backbone* on March 3, 1995. In April 1995 they had to suspend publication for nearly five months because the five-year period was not up. They picked up again on September 29, 1995.

The Backbone was a local newspaper covering local events, politics and obituaries of Payson and the surrounding area. One of it's strengths was the emphasis on the pioneer history of the area and authors like Marguerite Noble and Stan Brown who regularly wrote for the newspaper. Stan Brown's columns are still being published in the *Payson Roundup*.

Scope and Content

Collection consists of issues of *The Backbone* newspaper.

Conditions Governing Access

Collection is open for research.

Conditions Governing Reproduction and Use

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Languages and Scripts of the Materials

All materials are in English.

Finding Aids

Articles about important individuals, events, pioneer families, and obituaries as well as articles by Stan Brown, Ana Mae Deming and Marguerite Noble have been indexed.

Immediate Source of Acquisition/Provenance

Issues of the newspaper were collected as they were published.

Accruals

No further accruals are expected.

Related Archival Material

Articles written for *The Backbone* by Marguerite Noble are also in the collections of the Arizona State Archives, collection MG 92.

Preferred Citation

Bibliographic citations must cite the title of the collection, the box number (or other location) and the Northern Gila County Historical Society, Inc. Please use the following example:

Doris Sturgis to Senator Barry Goldwater, Box 1, Folder 1, the Doris Sturges Harger Papers, Marguerite Noble Library, Northern Gila County Historical Society, Inc.

Description Control

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Access Points

Back When Column

Backbone, The (Payson, Ariz.)

Brown, Stan

Cox, Carroll

Deming, Anna Mae (née Ogilvie)

Mogollon Advisor, The (Payson, Ariz.)

Noble, Marguerite

Obituaries

Payson (Ariz.)

Payson Region (Ariz.)--History

Payson Roundup, The (Payson, Ariz.)