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Local authorities joined forces to help battle the blaze. “We had people from First Responders, the Maricopa, Tombstone and Hurricane, the help we got from the local people was amazing. Authorities are still investigating the cause of the fire. Local officials did their best to help the fire and to keep the tourists from attempting to follow the fire, the flames appear to be just a brush fire,” said Park Ranger Angel Mescal.

The large plumes of smoke lasted for about an hour and a half. The residents near the San Pedro River in St. David, Arizona, were asked to leave the area as a precaution. The fire was fed by dry brush and high winds, which made it difficult for the firefighters to get to the area.

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By David Lee
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The Epitaph on February 2, 1975.

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Shooting tourney draws crowd

By Nick Owen

The Tombstone Epitaph

Being a 100-year-old cowboy is hard these days. The world has changed, and there just aren’t many places where it’s old enough to hold onto the unclenched shooting or past times. It’s just not the same to get your feet up on a chair and go by a nickname like Big Boss.

Luckily, the Tombstone Gun Club is keeping the tradition alive. Every second Saturday of the month, the Tombstone Levity Stable hosts an action shooting competition where participants come dressed in old cowboy garb.

The event is affiliated with the Single Action Shooting Society, an international club that promotes and preserves action shooting. The competitions are friendly, and many of the shooters do it to meet new people and hang out with old friends.

“It’s like a big, extended family,” said Rollo Kid, who has been in competition for about four years. “You’re real quick to give up and help everyone along.”

What they aren’t quick about are actually giving away their nicknames. Members select aliases, and it’s a crime to tell if you refuse to reveal their real-world identities.

On an average weekend, the competition brings in 35 to 40 shooters. The structure of the competition is as follows: There are six timed stages, each unique in its target setup and scoring. The gunner must be at the starting line for each stage and ready to shoot. There are 15 targets per stage, and the gunner must be at the starting line for each stage and ready to shoot.

There are seven stages or different shooting stations that include targets and other obstacles. The gunner must be at the starting line for each stage and ready to shoot.

The clubs are divided into three categories: Youth, Competitor, and Open. The Youth class is for those under 18 years old, the Competitor class is for those between 18 and 30, and the Open class is for those over 30.

“With all the different events and targets there’s a fun you’re going to have a lot of fun,” said Rollo Kid. “It’s a lot of fun.”

For more information about Mountaineer Shooting Competitions, contact the Tombstone Ghost Town at (520) 458-2641.

Bluegrass festival in Benson hopes to be Arizona mainstay

By Stephanie Hall

The Tombstone Epitaph

Bluegrass may be more Appalachia than Old West, but one man's passion for working for years to change that.

Promoter and upright bass player Ben Sandvold began setting up bluegrass festivals years ago. Three years ago, he purchased the Tombstone Bluegrass Festival and moved it to Coconino County.

“Starting the Tombstone Bluegrass Festival was a great way for me to do something a little bit different from what I had done previously,” Sandvold said.

The festival is affiliated with the British Bluegrass Association and is open to the public.

The festival kicks off with a Friday night jam session and features music, workshops, and vendors. Activities for kids include bluegrass workshops and a festival parade.

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TOMBSTONE BY THE NUMBERS

2,020 — Population (the 2006 population for Arizona was 6,166,318; for the U.S. it was 299,398,484)

383.81 — Total land area in square miles

50.4 — Percent of the total population that is female

57.2 — Percent of residents 15 years or older who are married

14.7 — Percent of residents who are divorced, compared to 10.5 percent in the U.S.

16.3 — Percent of residents 15 years or older who have never been married compared to 30.5 percent in the U.S.

5.26 — Density (people per square mile)

16.3 — Percent of residents with a household income less than $10,000 per year

27,250 — Median household income in dollars, compared to $43,696 for the state and $44,334 for the country

0.8 — Percent of residents who make $200,000 per year or more

79.2 — Percent of residents 25 years or older with a high school education or higher, compared to 81 percent in Arizona and 80.4 percent in the country

6.2 — Percent of residents 25 years or older with a graduate or professional degree

By Matt Andazola

THE TOMBSTONE EPITAPH

Not many towns trade so much on their history as Tombstone does, so if it seems that many local historians and researchers get defensive about who owns that history, and for what.

Don Taylor, a historian who has published extensively on the city, said information from Tombstone’s glory days, especially the gunfight at the O.K. Corral, tends to be constantly coming through.

“It’s those self-promoters who are trying out for a part in the show, they think they’ll be the ones to put in the context of anti- Mexican sentiment, to get the truth out to people, then I will bend over backsword to help somebody,” Taylor said.

Nancy Lewis-Sosa, a researcher and lifelong Tombstone resident who echoed the same sentiment, said she doesn’t necessarily aim to benefit from the information she’s obtained, but she does want to protect it.

“If the intent is the betterment of the town, then I will bend over backwards to help some- body,” she said.

As a 4-inch binder, busting at the seams, the Vigilantes’ Web site, by Kenn Barrett, costs $5.

“Most of the town is long interested in the history of Tombstone,” Taylor said.

For more information go to our website, <http://www.tombstonerep.com>.

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There are about 15 individu- als on the cast and crew for each of the performances. Membership is not required to see us perform,” he said.

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There is a lot of community interest in the theater company as well, Kelly said.

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