

The Backbone Newspaper Collection
March 3, 1995—March 26, 1999
Manuscript 4

Processed by:

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Volume:

2 boxes: 1.125 linear ft.

Provenance:

The newspapers seem to have been collected as they were published.

Descriptive Summary

Collection Name

The Backbone Newspaper Collection

Collection Number

2009.36

Creator

Carroll Cox and Janet Martin were co-owners and began the newspaper in March 1995

Biographical Note

In the mid 1980's Carroll Cox and her business partner, Janet Martin, owned and operated *The Mogollon Adviser*, a free local newspaper. They then sold the rights to *The Mogollon Adviser* 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 no-competing 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 called *Straight Talk*.

The first issue of *The Backbone* was published 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.

Scope and Content Note

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 emphasize 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*.

Articles about important individuals, events, pioneer families, obituaries, and articles by Stan Brown, Ana Mae Deming and Marguerite Noble have been indexed using Excel. That index is available at the Marguerite Noble Library at Green Valley Park in Payson, Arizona.

Access Terms

Back When Column
Brown, Stan
Cox, Carroll
Deming, Anna Mae
Noble, Marguerite
Obituaries
Payson-History