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Members of Eastern Arizona College's Foundation, administration, and District Governing Board were on hand to dedicate and rename the Industrial Technology Education Center to the William J. Bone Industrial Technology Education Center.

After a beautiful rendition of the National Anthem was sung by the EAC Women's Chorale, remarks were given by George Lord, president of the EAC Alumni Association. Foundation Executive Director David Udall introduced William J. Bone, who gave remarks

about what EAC has meant to him and his family, and accepted the dedication plaque from EAC District Governing Board President, Lois Ann Moody and EAC President Mark Bryce. President Bryce gave the formal dedication.

After graduating from Willcox High School in 1948, William J. Bone accepted the fact that he would not be able to attend college due to finances. But that summer, something happened that changed the direction of his entire life. He recalls, "A car drove up to the house and two men got out and visited with me. They said they were teach-

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ers from Gila Junior College and were hoping I would consider attending.”

After working out the finances, Bone did attend Gila Junior College and while he was in attendance, the name of the school changed to Eastern Arizona Junior College. He thoroughly enjoyed his experiences while he worked his way through school and continued on to University of Arizona where he obtained two additional degrees. He became a teacher and taught in Tombstone for 40 years, always grateful for his start at Eastern.

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Watch a video to see him tell the story in his own words: <http://bit.ly/2ltcBKV>.



William J. Bone reminisces of his education and the people who helped him begin his education at then Gila Junior College during the dedication ceremony.



EAC Governing Board President Lois Ann Moody and EAC President Mark Bryce present a plaque to William J. and Retha Bone following the dedication ceremony.

Gila Monster Football wins the Salt City Bowl

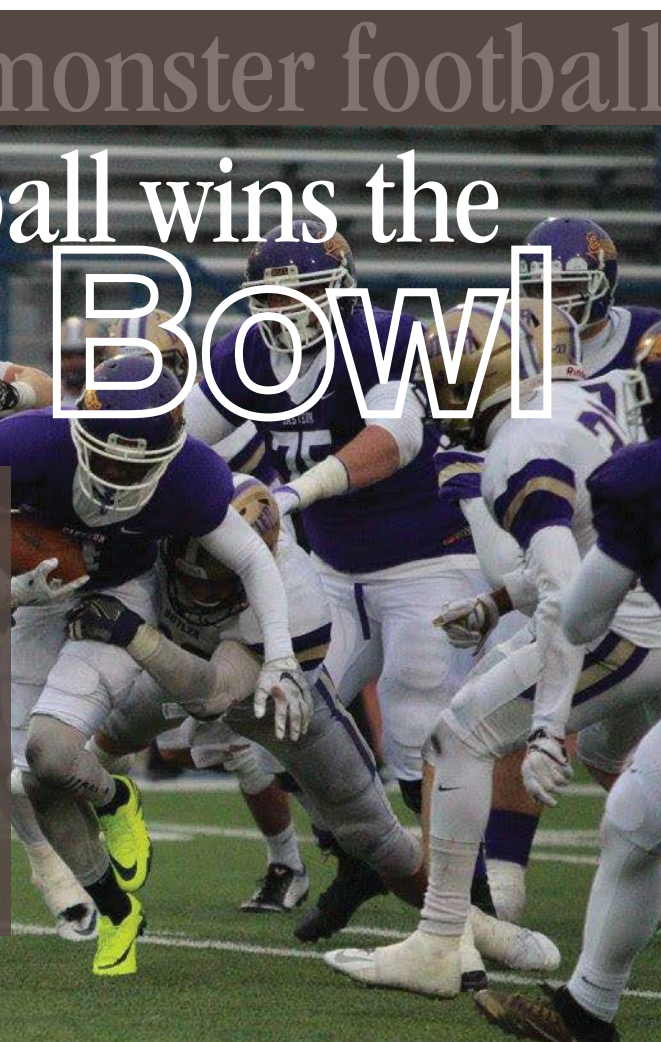
The Gila Monsters went to their fourth football bowl game last semester. They traveled to Hutchinson, Kansas, to play in the Salt City Bowl on December 8, to take on the #14 ranked Butler Community College Grizzlies.

Eastern trailed by fourteen points heading into the fourth quarter, but came back to a goal line battle to decide the game. With the score 37-38, the Fighting Gila Monsters chose to go for a two point conversion rather than kick for a tie. It was a success and Eastern was victorious to knock off Butler 39-38.

The Gila Monsters rushed for 357 yards on 68 carries holding a time of possession advantage of 34:19 to 25:41. The running game plan is no secret to the Monster's opponents who only saw five pass plays for 38 yards.

With the victory, Eastern is now 2-2 at bowl games – all under the direction of head coach John O'Mera, who started at Eastern in 2005.

Eastern Arizona College finished the season ranked #13 in the nation.





Monster

Flossie Robinson, '35, Phoenix, Arizona, is our oldest living alumnus. At 105 years, she's only 23 years younger than the College. She grew up in Colonial Dublin, Mexico. Flossie's friend Hannah Taylor, also from Dublin, talked her into traveling up to Gila College with her to attend school. It was still during the depression so things were tight. She was anxious to get back home to her sweetheart Samuel J. Robinson who later became her husband.

After they were married, Flossie and Samuel moved to Tucson, where they lived for two years. Samuel and his brother operated a machine rental business

with pool tables, juke boxes, and pinball machines. His brother was the salesman and Samuel did the repairs.

The Robinsons raised two boys and two girls.

Nowadays Flossie stays busy with housework, gardening, and family. She has 15 grandchildren, 38 great grandchildren, and one great, great grandchild. She credits staying busy and family as her method for a healthy and long life.

We congratulate Flossie and wish her the best in the coming years.

Bryan Ellsworth, '70, Versailles, Kentucky, went into the Army ROTC program at the height of the Vietnam War era in 1970 and, upon receiving his bachelor's degree, was commissioned as a second lieutenant, serving two years from 1972 to 1974. Bryan

was in Field Artillery, stationed in Fort Riley, Kansas, with 1st Infantry Division (Mechanized), the Big Red One.

Bryan remembers well his fellow classmate, **Joseph R. Layton, '70**, who was also at EAC with him. Joseph was commissioned as a second lieutenant in Air Defense Artillery.

Having been widowed twice, both to cancer, Bryan is in Kentucky helping his sister Sandra, whose husband is very ill. Sandra is from EAC's class of 1968. His seven kids live in five western states.

After his time in the Army, Bryan returned to EAC as the agriculture instructor from 1977-1981, then left to obtain a master's degree from the University of

Arizona. He was grateful for the opportunity to teach at EAC where his grandfather, A. C. Peterson, was the principal when it was Gila Academy. This gratitude goes both ways since he was neither qualified for the position nor had any experience when he accepted the position three days before school started. There were full classes but no instructor, Bryan writes. It was the hardest thing I have ever done to myself. That first year I got no sleep but it turns out the best thing I have ever done. It set the stage for the rest of my life.

He then worked with agricultural producers in most of the western states

and in every state in Mexico, where he was able to increase the yields of mostly peasant corn farmers in Mexico by 300%

over a 20-year period on hundreds of thousands of acres.

Michael Weston, '69, Concord, California.

While at EAC, Michael was the business manager for the College's newspaper, and even occasionally took some photos for it. Michael worked 17

years for the U.S. Treasury

as an industrial equipment operator, printing government checks. He retired from there in August 2009. He now lives in Concord, California, in the East Bay of San Francisco, with his dog and cat. His wife Sue passed away on September 11, 2014, one month prior to her 71st birthday. He has four grown children, three of whom are married. If any of his old school friends would like to contact him, his email is mnsweston@yahoo.com.

Tristan E. Curtis, '07, Mesa, Arizona, married **Teddy Nixon, '07**, on October

8, 2016, in Mesa, Arizona. The couple met at Eastern Arizona College in 2006. Teddy is the daughter of Panda and Ray Nixon of Gilbert, Arizona. Tristan is the son of Tonka and Eric Curtis of Thatcher. Teddy works as a marketing manager at GoDaddy in Scottsdale, Arizona. Tristan is a social



Flossie Robinson, '35



Michael Weston, '69



Tristan E. Curtis, '07, and
Teddy Nixon, '07

Alumnnotes

studies teacher at Tempe Academy of International Studies in Tempe, Arizona.

Blaine Greer, '11. Graduated from EAC in December 2011 with an ABUS (business administration) degree. He went on to earn



Blaine Greer, '11

a bachelor's degree in accounting from ASU and an MBA with accounting emphasis from Grand Canyon University. He is now an Accountant II, Mine Cost Analyst at Freeport McMoRan.



David Hakes, '12

David Hakes, '12. Graduated from EAC in May of 2012 with an ABUS in Business. He went on to earn a bachelor's degree in accounting and computer information systems from ASU and a master of taxation degree from ASU in 2015. He is now a partner and CPA at Fox Peterson Entrepreneurial Accountants in Mesa. David received the Ora Deconcini-Martin Scholarship while attending EAC.

Micah Tellez Windsor, '12.

Graduated from EAC in May 2012 with an AAS in Business. She went on to earn a bachelor's degree in operations management through the EAC to ASU program and is now a Business Management Coordinator at Freeport McMoRan.



Micah Tellez Windsor, '12

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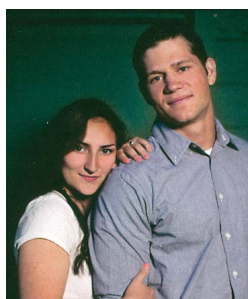
Wedding Bells Rang

July 16, 2016 – **Rebecca Farr, '91** & Scott Deeny
 July 26, 2016 – **Deanna Contreras, '16** & DeWitt Evans, '16
 August 6, 2016 – Rachel Wyss & **Calvin James, '12**
 August 6, 2016 – **Kylee Jones, '14** & Mason Standifird
 August 12, 2016 – **Kalia Blair, '17** & **Clancy Schmidt, '17**
 August 12, 2106 – **Rachel Nicolds, '16** & **Jaron Richardson, '16**
 August 13, 2016 – **Megan Hunsaker, '17** & **Kyle Lunt, '17**
 August 13, 2016 – **Weslie Sterr, '16** & Jeremiah Guy
 September 3, 2016 – **Caitlin Touchet, '17** & **Preston Moore, '17**
 September 23, 2016 – **Liesel Holland, '16** & Joshua Johansen

September 23, 2016 – **Ashlee John, '16** & Zane Owens
 October 7, 2016 – **Lindsey Allred, '12** & **David Hancock, '16**
 October 8, 2016 – **Teddy Nixon, '07** & **Tristan Curtis, '07**
 November 5, 2016 – **Jordan Leavitt, '16** & **Jarom Beus, '16**
 November 11, 2016 – **Megan Kishpaugh, '16** & **Joel Maynerich, '16**
 November 18, 2016 – **Kacie Lee, '13** & **Jason Shelton, '13**
 November 26, 2016 – Breck Becker & **Porter Pennington, '17**
 December 8, 2016 – **Jesa Richardson, '14** & Donny Mitchell
 December 29, 2016 – **Emilie Ferrin, '16** & **CJ Mattice, '16**
 December 31, 2016 – **Tiffany Aaron, '09** & **Bryan Stradling, '04**

Golden Anniversary

Charlotte Jones Farr, '64 & **Jerry Farr, '66**, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in July 2016.



Kalia Blair, '17 & **Clancy Schmidt, '17**



Deanna Contreras, '16 & **DeWitt Evans, '16**



Rebecca Farr, '91 & Scott Deeny



Megan Hunsaker, '17 & **Kyle Lunt, '17**



Teddy Nixon, '07 & **Tristan Curtis, '07**

In Memoriam

Ileen Allen Eastman, '48 – June 7, 2016
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 Thomas A. Kille, '64 – July 13, 2016
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 Rex O. Barney, '48 – July 26, 2016
 Barbara Jean Phelan Davis, '86 – July 30, 2016
 Jeffrey Walden, '76 – August 5, 2016
 Andy McEuen, '40 – August 9, 2016
 Adron Reese Warren, '76 – September 3, 2016
 Marion Mull Boni, '85 – September 12, 2016
 Darrell D. Beals, '63 – September 15, 2016
 Wesley R. Conners, '11 – September 15, 2016
 Dale Richard Gibson, '41 – October 2016
 Velma G. Beavers Hodson, '89 – October 3, 2016
 Lucille Nash Mattice, '42 – October 3, 2016
 Reginald M. Porter, '60 – October 10, 2016

Willie Garcia, '86 – October 19, 2016
 Jay Willard Whipple, '66 – October 21, 2016
 Ronald L. "Butch" Troutman, '57 – October 25, 2016
 Georgette O. Blackman, '99 – November 4, 2016
 Edwin F. Barlow, '77 – November 12, 2016
 Theodore L. Moody, '63 – November 18, 2016
 Roberta Cochran Baxter, '68 – November 22, 2016
 Velma Hancock Nelson, '40 – November 22, 2016
 Effie Willis Porter, '61 – November 25, 2016
 James "Buck" Martin, '58 – December 3, 2016
 Karl Nelson Butler, '38 – December 5, 2016
 Karen Grace Johnson, '89 – December 7, 2016
 Sherry Dennis Davis, '62 – December 8, 2016
 Roger K. Daley, '86 – December 18, 2016
 Ardith Maloy McBride, '47 – December 19, 2016
 Melvin Smith, '43 – December 19, 2016
 Larry T. Upton, '61 – December 20, 2016
 Earl O. Hill, '76 – December 21, 2016

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