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BISBEE — On Tuesday, Oct. 2, KBRP Community Radio and the Bisbee Mining and Historical Museum will bring the historic mining town's varied past to the airwaves through a new collaboration.

Ryan Bruce, KBRP station manger, said "The Copper Chronicle, hosted by Bisbee native Charles Bethea, reveals a distinctive narrative created through extensive research in the library of the Bisbee Mining and Historical Museum."

Bethea is a Mining Museum board member who recently returned to his hometown after a successful arts administration career, continued Bruce. "He conjures a sound that is reminiscent of storytellers familiar to listeners of public and community radio.

He will record and archive the stories that make this rich history relevant to our citizens and visitors."

"Bisbee is rich with history and great stories and the tradition of great storytelling is a cornerstone of public radio," stated Bethea. "I hope The Copper Chronicle captures listeners' imagination the way good stories should. A good story should make you listen to the end and say 'I didn't know that!' And you should want to not miss the next one."

At the beginning of the year, Bruce approached Museum Director Carrie Gustavson about bringing these stories to the airwaves and she brought in Bethea to produce the show's content. All three of them will serve as executive producers of the program.

"The Copper Chronicle has exceeded all expectations," noted Bruce. "This program will be a real community asset allowing us to pass along our history to our residents and archive the

information for future generations. In addition, the program will be distributed regionally to non-commercial community and public stations in an effort to use this history as a unique and critical marketing tool.”

The Copper Chronicle, named after the old Bisbee High School newspaper, also features local original music composed and performed by artistic luminaries Judy Perry and Nancy Weaver, added Bruce.

“We couldn’t have put this program together without the artistic contribution from our local music scene. When we make a program available for podcast or distribute it to other stations, it is important that we have licensing for the music, so Judy and Nancy’s musical contribution was necessary and beneficial on a number of fronts,” said Bruce.

The program will be aired on 96.1 FM on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 12:50 p.m. and will be rebroadcast on Fridays at 7:50 a.m. and Saturdays at 11:50 a.m. The program will also be available for podcast and on-demand audio at <http://www.kbrpradio.com> [1] and iTunes.

For more information about KBRP, the station’s programming, as well as sponsorship and volunteer opportunities, visit the station’s website at <http://www.kbrpradio.com/> [2] or call the station at: (520) 432-1400.

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