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BEHIND THE SCENES

Let us introduce you to the people who bring you the **Green Valley News**

She may have been born in the suburbs of Detroit, but reporter Kim Smith — who moved to Arizona at 16 — considers herself practically a native.

Kim graduated from the University of Arizona with a degree in journalism in 1989. She has worked at seven newspapers in Arizona, Texas and Nevada. Prior to joining the Green Valley News & Sahuarita Sun in September 2016, Kim spent the majority of her career covering the crime beat. She wrote about the FBI's arrest of Timothy McVeigh's co-conspirator Michael Fortier while she was at the Kingman Daily Miner; she covered the seven-day standoff between authorities and the Republic of Texas separatist group while working for the Odessa American; and reported on numerous murder trials while at the *Las Vegas Sun* and *Arizona Daily Star*.

Having seen the worst of people for 25-plus years, and witnessing a half-dozen executions, Kim is thrilled to be in Green Valley and Sahuarita where she can write hard-hitting news stories — but also the occasional feature story, such as those about a 91-year-old college freshman, a world-famous hiker, and snake lovers.

"There's nothing I'd rather be doing. I love helping people learn more about important issues and the people around them," she said.

On her days off, she loves to spend time with her husband, Bobby Joe, a freelance photographer for the *News & Sun*, and playing games and going to the movies with her 8-year-old grandson.

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