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AFDA NEWSLETTER



Busy times @ the Ash Fork Water Service

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In 2023 we have several projects ready to go and in 2024 those projects are gearing up for the work.

- New Pump house for Ash Fork #1 well site. We secured a CDBG Block Grant through Yavapai County to fund the project. With the inflated cost of supplies, Ash Fork Water Service has agreed to commit approx. \$70,000. in funds and work to complete the project. Fann Environmental out of Prescott has been selected as our contractor.



Some materials have started to show up on the site. I have not gotten the firm starting date, but I expect the project to be completed by April 2024.

- With an American Recovery Care Act funding award Ash Fork Water Service has selected Drill Tech out of Chino Valley to drill our new ground water well. The new well is being drilled approx. 750' West of Ash Fork Well #2. Some work has begun at the new site. I anticipate the project getting into full swing after the first of the year. Matrix New World is providing hydro-geological services for the project.



1. With the remaining funds from the grant and new well project, Ash Fork Water has plans to bid out a Design/Build water main construction project. The project is approx. 2700' in length and primarily serves the West end commercial area. This line is undersized and has its share of leaks. This new water main would complement the efforts from TA Travel Center water line work detailed immediately below.

- Water lines on the West end of town. With the Travel Center going in water lines were needing to be extended to provide the service. The project is going well. The first section of the line has been completed, disinfected, and tested. This new line will provide additional water flow to the Stone World and Canyons Edge Route

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66 Motel area. NICE. The water lines will continue under I-40 across the Murphy Shell parking area and tie into the water main at that location. An involved project, not to mention the 4-High Pressure natural gas lines they must go under. When completed this new line will provide a looped system in the area. A looped system provides water flow to an area from multiple directions. A preferred system arrangement. These lines are being constructed with TA Travel Center funds. A full-time inspector has been provided for the project. You could expect water line work in the area for a couple more months, weather permitting.

Other projects slated for 2024

Safe Drinking Water Act Revision

The Federal Government has amended the Safe-Drinking Water Act under the lead and copper rule. All systems must comply with the new standards.

The number 1 task of the new rule is to inventory all water line piping materials in our system. ie: copper, steel, lead, plastic, etc.. This not only includes water lines the company is responsible for (lines up to the meter), it includes the service line from the meter to the house.

The preferred method of inventory is to dig a pothole and examine the line. Other methods can be used, ie: construction records, interview with water service personnel and construction permits.

On the customer side we plan to conduct interviews with the residents about their knowledge of piping material used in the home. Coordinate water line inspection or potholing with the property owner for visual identification.

This revision has some 2024 completion dates that must be adhered to.

I do not anticipate any lead service lines being found within our water system. If a lead service line or a lead customer service line was located during this inventory it would require a plan for replacement be developed.

Thank you in advance for your participation cooperation in this survey. We'll be out to see you!!

On a different drip

I'm hopeful we can see upgrades to our Park Street Standpipe as well as our filtered water dispensers in 2024.

I plan to finalize our financing application with AZ Corporation Commission and WIFA of AZ this year. Funding was applied to:

- Paint storage tanks (2)
- New water and power lines for the new well site
- Arsenic treatment plant at Ash Fork #1
- Approx. 5000' of new and replacement water lines
- New water standpipe operating system



Joe Fairchild and Fay Hume looking over a job well done on east median.



ASH FORK HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWS

On December 2, 2023, our Annual Museum Open House was held with a capacity crowd attending. What a great job the Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd grades students from Ash Fork Schools did on their Christmas songs.

During this time we also paid tribute to our Director Fayrene Hume for all her efforts in forming the Ash Fork Historical Society back in 1997, obtaining the current building for our Museum and getting it listed on the Register of Historic Places. Because of Fayrene and her many contacts, the Museum has been filled with many local treasures and memorabilia that have been seen by thousands of people locally and from afar. Again, thank you Fay for all your hard work over the past 26 years.



The Prescott Western Heritage Foundation has recently bestowed the prestigious "Heritage Keeper" Award upon Fayrene Hume and Marshall Trimble, recognizing their exceptional efforts in preserving the cultural heritage of Ash Fork and Arizona. Annually, the foundation diligently identifies and honors individuals or organizations demonstrating an unwavering commitment to safeguarding and promoting our cherished Western heritage. The recipients of the Western "Heritage Keeper" Award are chosen with a discerning eye, acknowledging those whose dedication transcends stewardship, actively breathing life into the narratives, traditions, and values that define the rich tapestry of our Western legacy.



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Marshall Trimble, often hailed as the "Dean of Arizona Historians" and the "Will Rogers of Arizona," has significantly influenced the understanding and appreciation of Arizona's rich heritage. His versatility, from delivering captivating history lectures to engaging audiences with cowboy folk music and tales accompanied by his guitar, showcases a depth and breadth of passion for the subject.

In acknowledgment of Marshall Trimble's tireless dedication to the history of Ash Fork, Yavapai County, and Arizona at large, the Prescott Western Heritage Foundation has named him the Individual "Heritage Keeper" of the year. This recognition underscores his role as a guardian of the past, ensuring the stories and traditions of Arizona endure for generations to come.

In another corner of Arizona, Fayrene Hume stands as a living testament to the resilience of communities and the power of preserving history. The inseparable bond between Fayrene and the Ash Fork Historical Society and Museum epitomizes a woman's lifelong commitment to ensuring the vibrant history of Ash Fork endures against the odds.

Fayrene Hume's life work is a testament to the profound impact that one individual can have on a community's identity and resilience. Through her unwavering commitment, Ash Fork has become more than a town; it is a repository of stories, a testament to the strength of community spirit, and a living legacy that will continue to inspire generations to come. In the words of those who know her best, "If you see anything," it's likely a reflection of Fayrene Hume's indomitable spirit etched into the very fabric of Ash Fork's history.



Fayrene Hume accepting ward from Dennis Gallagher, Founder CEO Prescott Western Heritage Foundation, Inc.



Marshall Trimble and Fayrene Hume at Awards Ceremony.

The Community of Ash Fork welcomes the opening of the new One 9 Travel Center on December 5, 2023



Pictured from left to right.

Autumn, Lori, Aaron (in back), Pin, Dean and Charlie welcome everyone to stop in and look around.

Thank you, Ash Fork, for your continued support of Operation Christmas Child. In November, local donors contributed at total of 468 shoeboxes filled with gifts for needy children around the world, many of whom have never received a gift of any kind before.

This is the ninth year Ash Fork has served as an official drop-off location for the project, and enthusiasm among our community members has continued to grow each year. The simple gifts included—such as a toothbrush, pencils, or small toys—seem like so little to us, but they can make a life-changing impact on the lives of the children who receive them, as well as their families and communities.

Whether you packed shoeboxes of your own, donated gift items or shipping costs, or helped spread the word about this project, many thanks to everyone who participated in Operation Christmas Child this year. Your generosity touches lives and makes a difference!

Best wishes to all of you for joy in the coming year!



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OFFICE HOURS

WITH **THE STAFF OF REP. ELI CRANE**

IN **ASH FORK**

DATE: WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2024

TIME: 2:00PM - 4:00PM


LOCATION: ESCALANTE ROOM
450 W LEWIS AVENUE
ASH FORK, AZ

MEET WITH STAFF TO:

- ★ DISCUSS ANY CONCERNS YOU MAY HAVE ABOUT FEDERAL, STATE, OR DISTRICT ISSUES
- ★ GET TO KNOW THE CONGRESSMAN'S STAFF
- ★ RECEIVE HELP WITH FEDERAL AGENCIES

PLEASE CALL TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT:

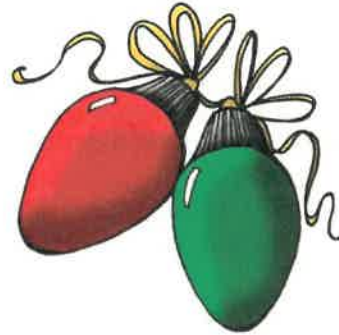
JULIE SCHREINER - (928) 356-2111



REPRESENTATIVE
ELI CRANE
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Thank you!



The Ash Fork Development Association, Inc. once again hosted the Small Town Christmas Light Parade November 17th at 6pm. This annual parade is a community favorite to kick off the holiday season.

A BIG thank you to all of the parade participants who helped make the event such a success!

The Ash Fork Fire Department
Kaibab Estates West Fire Dept.
The Ash Fork Young Marines
Freedom Sheds
The Benson / Reynolds Families
Floyd Martin, Sr.

Ash Fork Schools Transportation Dept.
Gospel of Faith Sunday School
APS
MDI Rock
The Atkinson Family
Ash Fork Schools ESS Dept.

Thank you Neveah, Alee and Serenity, Ash Fork High School Student Council members for assisting with parade line-up and judging. Your winners this year:

Best Holiday Spirit: Ash Fork Schools ESS Dept.

Best Decorated: the Benson/Reynolds Families

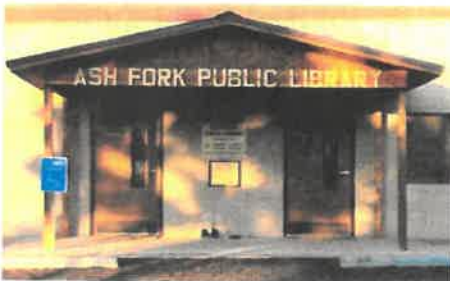
Most Original: Floyd Martin Sr.

The parade line-up was staged on 8th St. and Park Ave this year due to construction of the One 9 gas station. Thank you Superintendent Seth Staples for announcing the parade.

Sharlene Barnett was gracious enough to allow us the use of her lot at the Country Life Realty building for a meeting place after the parade. The Ash Fork Historical Society provided cookies and hot chocolate to parade goers and Santa and Mrs. Claus posed for pictures with excited children! "Everyone had such a wonderful time and were taken back by all the Christmas spirit and participation from the community" parade organizers commented.

Thank you to all who attended and participated in this year's Ash Fork Light Parade!

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The Ash Fork Library hosted a meet and greet with Santa and Mrs. Claus for the community to have an opportunity to take the holiday pictures and tell Santa what they want for Christmas. We had holiday story time and showed the movie the Grinch as well. Thank you for everyone who came out.

We have many new books and DVD's here at the Library. Also Library card holders can use our app to order books, DVD's and video games and more from 22 affiliated libraries. Come stop by and ask for more information.

We hope everyone has a great New Year and we look forward to seeing you all in 2024!

ASH FORK PUBLIC LIBRARY

Andrew Tucker

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SUPERINTENDENT'S CORNER....

Happy New Year!!! From all of us at Ash Fork Schools.

I hope you had a happy and safe holiday season and are ready for a great 2024. I would like to thank all of you that voted in support of our bus barn to be utilized for an automotive class. We are excited to offer our students an opportunity to expand their skills and career choices as they attend Ash Fork High School. We are moving forward with design plans for the next phase and are hoping that the building and program will be ready for the Fall 2024 Semester.

We hope you enjoyed seeing our students perform for the Christmas Program this year. Big thanks to our kitchen staff and our awesome PTO for cookies and hot chocolate. Attending the Christmas Program was a great way to start Winter Brake.

The school year is cruising right along and teachers are already analyzing second quarter benchmarks and making plans for the Spring Semester. When we return in January, we will have less than four months left in the school year. Many of you may have already heard that all Ash Fork Schools earned an "A" rating from the Arizona Department of Education. The district has maintained an "A" rating since 2013, but this a first for all schools to earn an "A." The Arizona Department of Education uses several indicators for letter grades. These indicators include state testing scores college and career readiness, and graduation rates to name a few. We are so thankful for all the hard work that has been accomplished by both students and staff. Ash Fork was the only traditional K-12 district to receive an "A" in Coconino County and one of two in Yavapai.

I would like to conclude this letter once again thanking all of you for all that you do for our students. Great things are happening here in Ash Fork and at Ash Fork Schools!

Seth Staples
Superintendent
Ash Fork Schools



Following the governor's election, appointed individuals are invited to join and be welcomed into the administration. Individuals in these roles eagerly anticipate invitations to the state capital for appointments with the government. On December 5, 2023, two well-known figures—Dolan Ellis, Arizona State Balladeer, and Marshall Trimble, Arizona State Historian—experienced this firsthand.

Dolan and Marshall, both longstanding figures in their respective positions, were pleased to be recognized and reappointed by Governor Katie Hobbs, signifying their commitment to continuing their roles. The event was marked by their engaging performances, with Dolan singing a couple of songs and Marshall delivering a recital of cowboy poetry.

The collaboration between Dolan and Marshall has been enduring, with their careers intertwining as they entertained audiences. Marshall, a retired history teacher, seizes every opportunity to share his knowledge, and has readily accepted invitations to deliver historical talks at schools and colleges. Over the years he has authored over 20 books. Ash Fork Historical Museum has had the honor of hosting one of Marshall's book signings, and is currently generating excitement about the upcoming press release for another eagerly anticipated event.

Marshall, who grew up in Ash Fork, remains deeply connected to his hometown. Fond memories abound as he reminisces about ball tournaments and Little League teams featuring teams from Williams, Ash Fork, Seligman, and Grand Canyon. Marshall's commitment to his roots is evident in his periodic check-ins to assess the needs of the local youth. He aims to contribute towards ensuring every young individual has the opportunity for a fulfilling and enjoyable experience—a true testament to his unwavering support for his Spartan community.

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THE ASH FORK DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION WAS INCORPORATED THE 4TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 1966. THE GENERAL NATURE OF BUSINESS IS THE TREATMENT, DELIVERY AND SALE OF WATER. IN ADDITION THE ASSOCIATION WILL RENDER CONSTRUCTIVE CIVIC SERVICES FOR THE PROMOTION OF THE WELFARE OF THE COMMUNITY AND OF THE CITIZENS OF ASH FORK, AZ, TO INCULCATE CIVIC CONSCIOUSNESS BY MEANS OF ACTIVE PARTICIPATION IN CONSTRUCTIVE PROJECTS WHICH WILL IMPROVE THE COMMUNITY, STATE AND NATION.

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**ASH FORK DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION, INC.
GENERAL MEETING DATES:**

January 17, 2024

February 21, 2024

7:00 PM

**ESCALANTE MEETING ROOM @LLC BUILDING
LEWIS AVE. & 5TH STREET (BY THE MARQUEE)**

**Ash Fork Tourist Center and Museum
Open Monday thru Friday
9 am-3pm
Operated by Volunteers
Ash Fork Historical Society**

**"In the New Year, never forget to thank to
your past years because they enabled you to
reach today! Without the stairs of the past,
you cannot arrive at the future!"**

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Community Church Schedules:

Ash Fork Baptist Church Lewis Ave. & 1st St.
Pathway Chapel Double A Ranch Rd.
St. Anne Catholic Church 7th St.
Gospel of Faith Church Bullock Rd, @Cattle Guard
Emmanuel Trinity Church 47423 N. 4th St.

Sunday Services 11:00 AM
Sunday Services 10:30 AM and 6:30 PM
Wed. & Sat.: Rosary 3:30 PM Mass 4:00 PM
Sunday Services 11:00 AM
Sunday (Bi-lingual) 10 AM Wed. Bible Study 6PM
Information call Pastor Robert (928)853-1122

