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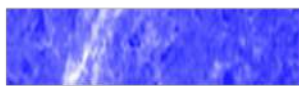
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# AFDA NEWSLETTER

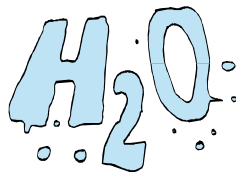
## ASH FORK WATER SERVICE

From the Water Desk by: Lewis Hume, Water Manager



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While everyone is looking forward to the New Year 2021, I would like to get the closing numbers for 2020 out of the way a little early.

In 2020 the Ash Fork Water Service sold in excess of 40-million gallons of water. This is up in excess of 15% over 2019 and is close to an all-time high.

Over 3000' of new water line was installed. Approx. 1050' of this new line replaced old 4" main that has long troubled the water service.

A second Standpipe was set-up near the water office to act as a back-up when other facilities are down or to fill non-potable water

trucks sometimes used in construction jobs.

Ash Fork Water in cooperation with Ash Fork Development Association, Inc. (parent company) recently submitted a grant application with Yavapai County Supervisors through the Community Development Block Grant program (CDBG), for approx. \$385,000 for water system improvements. These improvements include removal of existing well house at Ash Fork #1 and the construction of a new building. A second project was also applied for; approx. 800' of new 6" water main along Pine Ave. between 6<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Streets.

The well house will include new building, electrical controls, well controls, modify existing well head to meet new environmental standards, fencing and security.

2021 will see the consideration of the following projects:

- Exterior coatings on both storage tanks

- 2<sup>nd</sup> fill spot at tank site for large trucks
- Evaluate filter water dispensing, increase at the coin op, or build a new site
- Look into ice maker/dispensing machine @ filtered water locations
- Replace another portion of troubled 4" line
- Grant projects if funded

Thank you for your understanding while we took a few days off here during the holiday season.

Starting January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021 thru January 15, 2021 we will be open full schedule M-F, 8-4.

January 18 thru 29<sup>th</sup> we will be open M-W-F, 8-4

We are still encouraging our customers to use the drop box for checks and to call in with credit card payments. We understand you need to come in sometimes, and that is OK, we are just trying to still do the same job with different tactics. Continued on page 5



## Second Small Town Christmas Lighting

By Fay Hume

Ash Fork's 2nd Small Town Christmas Lighting event was very successful with many participating. The weather was great and community support was overwhelming.

New this year was the parade and highlighted with Santa and Mrs. Claus being a special part.



count down and turn on. They streamed the event, some enjoyed it from home. Linda Radmann served up the hot chocolate and many volunteers donated the cookies. Santa had sweets to pass out too.

There were many hands at work behind the scene. Thanks again to Yavapai County Public Works, Ash Fork Fire Department, Randy Aman for the use of his property, Greg Cox for banners, Flag Landscaping for the lights on the east end of town and many volunteers.

Volunteers were responsible for the lights on the west end of town.

There have been some great comments and lots of interest shown to take part next year, so that means some planning and fundraising will have to be in place. Donations for next year's event are always welcome. Ash Fork Water Service will gladly accept your donations.. Thank you.

Thanks to everyone who helped make the event possible and individuals for keeping us all stay safe and well. We know that those who entered the parade didn't do so for a prize, as there were none. Yavapai County Sheriff's Department, Ash Fork Fire Department, Kaibab Estates West Fire Department, Floyd Martin, Kurt Lewis, Murphy's Towing, Ash Fork Water Service with Hay Wagon for Santa and Mrs. Claus. Thank you for making up the parade.

Erika Acosta and Carrie Ayala, the technology experts, went beyond the





**The Ash Fork Middle School Girls' Basketball** season came to a successful end on December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2020. The season ended with 24 girls ranging from 5<sup>th</sup> grade to 8<sup>th</sup> grade. This is the third year we were able to have an A, B, and C team because so many girls participated.

The "C" team was allowed to be in the "B" team tournament and played very well. They were led by point guard Sol Ayala and wing Paige Kessler. The "B" team was undefeated and took 1<sup>st</sup> place at the I-40 tournament in Seligman. They were led by point guard Arlette Sotelo-Ayala and center Crystal Nixon.

The "A" team took 2<sup>nd</sup> place at the I-40 tournament in Williams. The final score was 30-44 against the Parks Mustangs. Everybody did their part to make sure the press and press breaker was executed the entire game. The "A" team was led by point guard Isabella Acosta and center Gracie Staples. The Williams athletic director, Phillip Echeverria, congratulated both teams for an exciting, high scoring game.

Coach Lauren Hume and Erika Acosta wish the following 8<sup>th</sup> graders the best in high school sports next year; Aspen Bond, Heaven Burke, Jamie Keele, and Reese Redig.

"A" team: Isabella A. #2, Aspen B. #4, Aura M. #5, Reese R. #11, Heaven B. #14, Jamie K. #15, Eva F. #22, and Gracie S. #24.

"B" team: Andrea V. #2, Lesly C. #5, Jessica M. #8, Andrea S. #9, Arlette S. #11, Crystal N. #12, Paula T. #18, Sol A. #20, Bella G. #21, and Jordyn V. #23.

"C" team: Paige K. #1, Andrea V. #2, Monze D. #3, Kristen J. #5, Taylor D. #12, Miah E. #13, Lucero A. #14, and Sol A. #20.



I-40 "B" Team Tournament Champions 2020



Ash Fork "C" Team vs Parks

## Superintendents' Corner

### By Seth Staples

#### Happy Holidays from all of us here at Ash Fork Schools!!!!

We hope everyone is enjoying his time of year as strange and unusual as it is. I guess I'll get the bad news over with first. Ash Fork Schools has had a fairly good run of having no COVID cases on campus. Unfortunately our luck has ran out and more and more cases have started to pop up. Fortunately, the district's plan to go hybrid and up our sanitization practices has helped curb exposure for our students and staff. Almost all of our cases have been in the high school and seem to be our male athletes. The good side has been that most students exhibit zero or minor symptoms. We are using Winter Break to hopefully reset any current outbreaks. We will be analyzing data from the county to see what school will look like beginning the New Year. Though plans are not yet concrete teachers will be able to accept vaccination sometime in January.

Those of you that are following the Transwestern pipeline issue will be happy to know that the Arizona State Legislature under the direction of President Karen Fann have been working to solve the issue of inaccurate assessment evaluations and hopefully hold schools harmless. Currently Ash Fork Schools has been dealing with issues between AZ Department of Revenue and Transwestern Pipeline since 2011. Currently the district is responsible for up to 1.2 million dollars from a court hearing that ruled in favor of Transwestern Pipeline.

If you've been by the school lately, you'll notice that the campus buildings are getting a new facelift thanks to AZ school Facilities Board. The project includes new paint and weatherization for all campus structures and a total roof replacement. The district will also be replacing all HVAC units in order to replace units that still use an obsolete Freon agent.

Though most sports are shut down around the state our middle school girls' basketball team was able to sneak in their season. The "A" Team was able to come in second in the regional playoffs and "B" team won the regional tournament and was undefeated for the season. We are excited to see many of our girls return next year.

I'd like to thank our community and families again for being so understanding with all that we have to deal with this year. This school year has been difficult, but with your support everything is better. I'd also like to thank the AFDA for the great cake they presented to our Middle school team for earning the AZ School of Excellence Award.



Volunteers came together to do repairs and painting on the Nativity scene for the west entrance. Everything looked great and we didn't have to redo from the wind. Thanks to all who gave their time and talent.



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Our quarter coin volume has been greatly reduced, but we have lots of dollar bills. Stop in if you are in need, we make change when we have it.

For water emergencies call (928) 606-3450

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

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### **Ash Fork Development Association (AFDA) goes Facebook**

To bring information about our community, organization and other related events, AFDA has established Facebook page to reach more of our customers and community members.

The page [Ash Fork Development Association](#), will include agendas of our upcoming meetings, Zoom virtual meeting information, community workshops and related information. It is our goal to attract participation in our organization and events as well as active membership, leading to possible governing board positions.

Anyone who is interested in more information about what we do and what's going on, look to this Facebook page for the January 2021 meeting to be held on the 20th at 7:00 PM. The agenda will be posted there.

Also of importance is the Yavapai County Comprehensive Plan. This is a planning tool used to guide the County and its' development. The plan is required by state statute to be updated ten years. Yavapai County Development Services Director David Williams is coordinating this plan for Yavapai County. This item will also be on the Agenda for January 20th.

The first step within this Comprehensive Plan is an opportunity for each community to create a Vision Statement. Each community within Yavapai County is unique unto itself and the statement should reflect this. The second step is the development of a "needs list" for your community.

Attached to the back of this Newsletter is the first preliminary survey as a way to get started. Please take a moment to fill it out and return it to the Ash Fork Water Service office, hopefully before our January 20th meeting.

If this is something you would like to comment on, offer input, or possible work on a committee to achieve these goals, look for further information on the Facebook Page or plan to attend our January 20th meeting.

Hope to see you there—in person or on the monitor—all good. Thank you.

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## **Operation Christmas Child**

Since 2015, Ash Fork has served as a drop-off location for Operation Christmas Child, collecting shoeboxes filled with gifts for needy children around the world. These simple gifts make a tremendous impact on the lives of the children who re-

ceive them, and on their families and communities as well.

This year, local donors contributed a total of 286 shoeboxes. Many thanks to all who participated in Operation Christmas Child this year, whether by packing shoeboxes, donating gift items and

shipping costs, or spreading the word about this project. You've helped bring joy into the lives of hundreds of children in a time when it was needed more than ever.

Best wishes to everyone in our community for the coming year! Carol Cox





**CLINIC SERVICES UPDATE**

**Daniel Knight, FNP-BC**

**Is seeing Patients in the Ash Fork Clinic**

**112 W. Park Ave., Ash Fork, AZ 86320 855-277-5901**



**Your Integrative Medicine Clinic**

**serving Ash Fork, AZ and surrounding communities:**

Family Nurse Practitioner

Prescription Pick-up available Now

Western Herbal Medicine Practitioner

Routine Lab Services available January 2021

CDL Exams

Retail and Prescriptive Herbal Products available now online and in-house January 2021

Sports Physicals

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**All major insurances and cash pay accepted**

Visit our website for more information: [www.AlchemyApothecary.net](http://www.AlchemyApothecary.net)

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**Back To School Drive**

**January 1, 2021—June 15, 2021**

**Backpacks**

**Packs of writing paper**

**Packs of Crayons**

**Blue and Black Pens**

**Packs of Pencils**

**Rulers**

**Pencil Sharpeners**

**Index Cards**

**Packs of Washable Markers**

**Scissors (Left and Right Hand)**

**Pencil Cases**

**Folders**

**Erasers**

**Colored Pencils**

Our goal is to provide 100 filled backpacks to students in our community.

Please drop off donations to :

112 Park Ave.

Ash Fork, AZ 86320

Lynda Bennett 480-493-6566  
lbennett@firstthingsfirst.org

 **FIRST THINGS FIRST**  
**READY FOR SCHOOL. SET FOR LIFE.**



## Teaching young kids gratitude extends beyond the holiday season

As the holiday season comes to a close, it is still a perfect time to teach young children an important life lesson about gratitude that will last throughout the year.

Gratitude is a higher level concept that can be tricky to understand for toddlers and preschoolers, because of their developmental stage, tend to be self-focused. Talking with young children about being thankful for not only material things, but for acts of kindness from others, is one way to help them learn.

So, how do we teach our children to be grateful? Here are some tips that Arizona's early childhood agency, First Things First, gathered from child development experts:

**Teach children to say thank you to everyone who does something for them** – their server at a restaurant, the older sibling who helps them pick up toys, or the friend who gives them a birthday gift.

**Talk about the things you are grateful for.** This can be done in many ways, from a blessing before dinner to keeping a family gratitude journal.

**Tell your kids why you are grateful for them.** Remind your children of your own gratitude by using specific reasons why they are special and loved. For example: I appreciate the way you help your brother tie his shoes.

**Support a charitable event or organization.** Whether you are donating old clothes or toys, participating in a food drive, or even baking cookies for a new neighbor, talk to children about what those actions mean to those who receive the kindness.

**Be consistent.** Like all skills, gratitude is not learned in one lesson.

Research shows that thankful people are usually more optimistic and are less depressed and stressed. So, when we teach our children to appreciate what they have – and what others do for them – we are helping them to become happier, healthier adults.

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**About First Things First** — As Arizona's early childhood agency, First Things First funds early learning, family support and children's preventive health services to help kids be successful once they enter kindergarten. Decisions about how those funds are spent are made by local councils staffed by community volunteers. To learn more, visit [FirstThingsFirst.org](http://FirstThingsFirst.org).



# Ash Fork Middle School “A+ School of Excellence”

By Fayrene Hume

Congratulations extended to Ash Fork Middle School, Staff,, students and parents, who are very proud of the announcement of the recent award from the Arizona Education Foundation awarding Ash fork Middle School with the “A+ School of Excellence”. You can see the sign on the east side of town, letting everyone know how proud it is to be the recipient of this award.

Ash Fork Development Association, on behalf of the communities, honored the staff on December 17th, thanking them for their hard work and encouragement to see more awards coming down the pike. With the COVID 19 issues brought to us in 2020 the staff met in the portico for the presentation of cake, candy, flowers and balloons. Things were brief and they were back inside to the hospitality room to share cake.

Imagine what this will mean to a new family planning to relocate to our area, knowing the rating of our schools.

Congratulations Erika Acosta, Natalie Broehm, Al Wood, and Dave Hermanson, Teachers and Carrie Ayala and Lauren Hume, Assistants and Superintendent Seth Staples. During these times may you receive the gift of strength and support to continue with your work, be safe and proud. Your smile shows in your eyes.







It is with much gratitude that we send our heartfelt thanks to APS for awarding Ash Fork Development Association, Inc. a \$700 grant to help with the cost of the town’s Christmas lights. With their help we were able to bring a little light into the community, especially this year with all it’s trials and tribulations.

HELP WANTED NORTHERN  
ARIZONA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS  
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928.774.1895 [www.nacog.org](http://www.nacog.org) [HR@nacog.org](mailto:HR@nacog.org)

NACOG Head Start is currently recruiting for Substitute II (Teacher) positions, and Substitute I (Aide) positions in the Williams and Ash Fork areas These are “as needed” positions with the potential for full-time employment.

Benefits include: Substitute II \$14.77/hr. up to 35 hrs./wk., sick pay. Substitute I \$12.00/hr. up.

Visit [nacog.org](http://nacog.org) to complete an employment application. Questions: [HR@nacog.org](mailto:HR@nacog.org) *Equal opportunity employer and committed to workplace diversity.*

**ASH FORK & WILLIAMS HEAD START ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS NOW!** We have a Center based program serving 3-5 year old’s, a Home-based program for 3-5 year old’s and an Early Head Start Home-based program serving Prenatal Moms and Children 0-3. \*Family support service \*Age appropriate activities \*Training for Parents \*Nutritious meals & snacks \*Assistance with medical & dental services \*Transportation referrals \*Services for children with different abilities \*Professionally trained/licensed Early Childhood Staff \*All services are FREE

Ash Fork Head Start 450 W. Lewis Ave., Ash Fork 86320 (928)637-1027

Williams Head Start 310 W. Sherman Williams, AZ 86046 (928)635-4273 Please stop by today to enroll your child!

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Business Tagline or Motto

THE ASH FORK DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION WAS INCORPORATED THE 4TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 1966. THE GENERAL NATURE OF BUSINESS IS THE TRANSPORTATION, 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.

We're On The Web:

[www.AshForkWaterService.com](http://www.AshForkWaterService.com)

**ASH FORK DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION, INC.**

**MEETING DATES:**

**January 20, 2021**

**February 17, 2021**

**7:00 PM**

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

**Ash Fork Tourist Center and Museum**

**CURRENTLY CLOSED**

**Date to be determined for reopening!**

**Operated by Volunteers**

**Ash Fork Historical Society**

**Happy New Year from the  
AFDA Board and the Ash Fork Water Service**



**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**

Do not put your name on this survey all information will be kept confidential

How many persons in your household?

1. Under 5 years old \_\_\_\_\_
2. Grade school middle school \_\_\_\_\_
3. Highschool \_\_\_\_\_
4. 18-21 years of age \_\_\_\_\_
5. 22-45 years old \_\_\_\_\_
6. 46-65 years old \_\_\_\_\_
7. Over 65 years old \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation of household (check all that apply):

1. Employed \_\_\_\_\_
2. Unemployed \_\_\_\_\_
3. Homemaker \_\_\_\_\_
4. Home-Based business \_\_\_\_\_
5. Self-Employed \_\_\_\_\_
6. Student \_\_\_\_\_
7. Retired \_\_\_\_\_

Occupancy Status of residence in the Community:

1. Property Owner \_\_\_\_\_
2. Renter/Lessee \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you lived in the Community?

1. Less than 5 \_\_\_\_\_
2. One to 5 years \_\_\_\_\_
3. More than 5 years \_\_\_\_\_
4. Born here \_\_\_\_\_

Number of years at this residence in the Community:

1. Less than a year \_\_\_\_\_
2. One to 5 years \_\_\_\_\_
3. More than 5 years \_\_\_\_\_
4. Born here \_\_\_\_\_

Property size owned or occupied in the Community:

1. Less than 1/2 an acre \_\_\_\_\_
2. 1/2 to 5 acres \_\_\_\_\_
3. 6 to 20 acres \_\_\_\_\_
4. More than 20 acres \_\_\_\_\_

Animals on this property if any on this property in the Community:

1. Cattle \_\_\_\_\_
2. Hogs/Pigs \_\_\_\_\_
3. Sheep \_\_\_\_\_
4. Horses \_\_\_\_\_
5. Poultry and or domesticated birds \_\_\_\_\_
6. Dogs/Cats \_\_\_\_\_
7. Others specify \_\_\_\_\_

We make on average, outside the Community:

1. One round trip per day \_\_\_\_\_
2. Two round trips per day \_\_\_\_\_
3. Three or more round trips per day \_\_\_\_\_
4. Fewer than two round trips per day \_\_\_\_\_

We use a bicycle:

1. Never \_\_\_\_\_
2. Seldom \_\_\_\_\_
3. Frequently \_\_\_\_\_
4. Daily \_\_\_\_\_

Our water source is:

1. Private Well \_\_\_\_\_
2. Community well \_\_\_\_\_
3. Hauled in \_\_\_\_\_
4. Supplied by water company \_\_\_\_\_

Our wastewater is handled by:

1. Septic \_\_\_\_\_
2. Cesspool \_\_\_\_\_
3. Engineered aerobic system \_\_\_\_\_
4. Sewage treatment plant \_\_\_\_\_

We have solar panels:

1. For hot water \_\_\_\_\_
2. For generating electricity \_\_\_\_\_
3. No, but explored the idea \_\_\_\_\_
4. No \_\_\_\_\_

Communication facilities:

1. We cannot get cell phone service in the home \_\_\_\_\_
2. We use cell phones outside the home \_\_\_\_\_
3. Telephone landlines in the home \_\_\_\_\_
4. Internet connection in the home \_\_\_\_\_