## ASH FORK DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION, INC.

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# By Lewis Hume, Manager



## **Coin Op Standpipe Improvements**

It seems like the new coin mechanism is working out good for those willing to give the new machine a chance.



Ash Fork Water Service recently installed a new machine for the Coin Operated Standpipe and sine it has Dollar Bill capabilities, Coin Op name had to go. It has now become the "Pay & Go" Standpipe. This new machine will take quarters as the old one did, but it also takes \$1 and \$5 bills. From all the feedback we have had it seems like the upgrade is off to a good start.

With the new machine that means we have an old machine. The old machine was recently installed on the northwest side of the Water Office building and is being marketed as our RV and 1-5 gallon water bottle fill standpipe. We have had several

customers using this spot on the honor system for a couple of year prior, now it has a name.

As required of a Community Water System, this edition of the newsletter has a copy of our most recent Con-



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sumer Confidence Report (CCR). Always remember to call the water office for accurate answers to all your water related questions. Information about our water system can also be found at our new web site:

#### Ashforkwaterservice.com

With the summer heat season approaching, the marquee temperature gauge has been scheduled for recalibration.

Stay turned for results.

The Open House for Arsenic Treatment Plant had to be rescheduled. Look for the announcement of that date soon. Approval from the State and the vacation schedule have put things off a bit.

We are very excited about getting this ground water well back on line. I hope you can come out for this anticipated debut.



My name is Carrie Sotelo. I am 31 years old, My family moved to Ash Fork when I was 4 years old. I went to elementary, middle and high school as an Ash Fork Spartan, and I graduated from Ash Fork High School. I have been married to my high school sweetheart, Eduardo Sotelo, for 14 years this July. We have 3 amazing children together, 2 boys and 1 girl. I currently work at Ash Fork School as their Academic Technology Specialist.

A couple of months ago I was invited to attend an Ash Fork Development Association meeting. I learned a lot of what is going on in our community. I was impressed. I have lived in Ash Fork almost my entire life, and I really had no idea how things were getting done, or who was responsible for doing them. I knew that I had to go to more meetings. I attended the following month's meeting where I learned that the Development Association was two members short of a full board, and I decided that I wanted to fill one of the vacancies.

I really want to help our small community grow positively, economically, and beautifully. I want my children to be proud to grow up here, just as I was.

# WELCOME ABOARD, CARRIE



# Boys Little League by Coach Jose Cohen

Little league has come to an end and the Ash Fork Cubs had a very successful season. The kids grew so much throughout the season and finished in second place in the regular season standings. A number of boys from the team were selected to represent the district at the All-Stars tournaments. For the 11-12 year old team Miclo Ayala, John Cauthen, Josue Tellez, and Jesus Ayala were chosen. DJ Godinez, Chandler Benavides, and Victor Ayala where chosen for the 9-10 year old team. Good Luck to the All-Star Teams!



#### **Memorial Day Services**

The Ash Fork American Legion Post 57 have been having Memorial Day Services at the Ash Fork Cemetery for some time now. However, this year at the scheduled time it was raining. The Legion posted a sign on the gate "canceled, coffee and donuts at the Post for everyone".

This service is an important part of Memorial Day and what it stands for and was missed. Hope this was just a one time thing and we'll see everyone next year.

## ATTENTION

Ash Fork Cemetery has had lots of attention these days. Visitors are regularly seen there as well as workers.

It is requested that anyone visiting the cemetery, please see that the gate is closed when you leave, even if the gate was open when you arrived. If there are visitors there when you are about to leave, request that they close the gate behind them.

You Can Help—Thank You

## **Pioneer Day 2019**

The 23rd Annual Ash Fork Pioneer Day was held on Saturday, May 11, 2019. The weather couldn't have been better and the crowd seemed to agree. The Parade lead off the festivities promptly at 10:30 am with our competent coordinator Carol Cox. While the Parade was winding it's way through town the Chili Contest was in full swing. Our winners this year was Roy Hume, First Place; Linda Cowing, Second Place; and Rickie Allen, Third Place. Congratulations to all.



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# ASH FORK SANITATION DISTRICT

In the May/June edition of the AFDA Newsletter, you read the up-date on the Ash Fork Sanitation District.

Another meeting was held on Father's Day, Sunday, June 16th at 12 Noon at Centennial Park. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the Budget for 2019/2020. The agenda also stated that there would not be a "call to public". There were no minutes from the last meeting to be voted on as well as no treasurer's report.

A short discussion was held. At one point Eugene Morley stated that in the past the total budget was \$4,000. However, "If we did some of that other stuff it could go up to \$6,000 or \$8,000." Mr. Morley made a motion to keep the budget the same as last year (\$4,000.00) to cover expenses, i.e. attorney fees, office supplies, phone, internet, copies, ink cartridges, paper, etc. No actual work on a sanitary system. Mr. Morley made the motion and Norman Stevens seconded it. This was questioned by the audience because as of June 13th, there were only two board members and one vacancy seat. Mr. Stevens was not a candidate in the last election. Chairman Pederson said there was never a vacancy which goes against what Yavapai County Elections stated.

Taxpayers in the Ash Fork Sanitation District, this is how your tax dollars are being spent.

**Community Action Network (C.A.N.)** held their monthly meeting on Saturday, June 22nd. The subject was "Fire Safety". Laurie Granger, EMT from KEW was the organizer for this meeting of fire and emergency personnel. Ms. Granger is a retired school teacher. She stressed that when calling for emergency assistance, be descriptive of your location, always leave a contact phone number and repeat the information several times, and if possible, have someone show emergency personnel how to get to your location if living in the outlying areas.

Gary, Fire Chief for the Seligman Fire Department, urged residents to clear a 30 foot radius around your house, cutting grasses to at least 6 inches. Then do an additional clearance 100 feet out if you are using a burn barrel. Make sure you have a screen on top of the barrel. Trees should be trimmed 15 feet up.

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FRIENDS OF THE ASH FORK PUBLIC LIBRARY

O n May 14, 2019, the Prescott Lions Club brought up their mobile eye clinic, doctor and all. We had approximately 21 patrons go through the process of getting their eyes checked. The eyeglasses were then mailed to each recipient's home address. Thank you Lions Club!

A Summer Reading Program was held at the Ash Fork Library on June 7th, June 14th, June 21st, and June 28th. The children attending had fun doing several craft projects, reading books at home on their own or read to by another person, and enjoyed a movie on the last day. The average weekly attendance was 16, ages: preschool to 13. The combined participants read approximately 250 stories in the month of June.

The Hot Shot Book Club meets in the library on the last Wednesday of the month at noon. Bring a snack and book suggestions for the group. We will not be meeting in July due to summer vacations.

The library is still looking for new programs. If you have a suggestion or want to start a program for others, please contact Mary or Marilyn at 928-637-2442.



## **Girls Little League Softball**

## By Coach Lauren Hume

The 2019 Little League Softball Season went great. What a wonderful group of girls we had, a mix of new and returning players.

The returning players were Julissa Nixon, Jessie Prosser, Gracie Staples, Aura Mendez, Jordyn Vasquez, and Crystal Nixon. The new players were Andrea Vasquez, Eva Flores, Arlette Sotelo, Kloe Johnson, Taylor Diza, and Paige Kessler.

The coaches this season were Lauren Hume, Amanda Hume, and Di Vasquez.

This season, just like previous seasons, we improved more with each game. This season we won two games which was a great accomplishment for the girls. We also had five girls selected for the All-Star teams. For the 11-12 age group All-Stars we had Jessie and Julissa. For the 9-10 age group All-Stars we had Crystal, Eva, and Aura. I look forward to next season with these girls.



## HELP WANTED

### NORTHERN ARIZONA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

119 N. ASPEN AVE. FLAGSTAFF, AZ 86001

#### 928.774.1895

#### www.nacog.org 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

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Visit <u>nacog.org</u> to complete an employment application.

Questions: <u>HR@nacog.org</u>

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# 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!



# ASH FORK UNIFIED PUBLIC SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT'S CORNER

## **Seth Staples**

Happy Summer Days!!! I think we curriculum. can all agree that we are glad to have had such a wet spring that will hopefully carry us into the monsoon season. Here at Ash Fork Schools we took some time to breath, reflect, and then get back to work planning the 2019-2020 school year.

student council officers and their signs of failure and the school district are you received AZ Merit scores in sponsor, Mr. Martin, to discuss the won a settlement that will pay for the mail. We are extremely pleased plans they have for the upcoming majority of the construction of a re- overall with our results. We do have school year. It was unanimous that placement. We are projecting the new some areas that we need to address these high school leaders want all stu- wall to be completed by October. The for this coming year, but it appears dents at Ash Fork Schools to have a new wall will only increase the base that the district is on track to receive positive learning and social experi- of the existing wall by 12 inches and another "A" rating. We will soon ence. I was very impressed with all will include a footer, which the old have our own data reports posted on the great ideas that they brought to the wall never had, and an updated drain- our website for all stakeholders to table Some of their ideas included age system to ensure that this wall view. more team building and activities to will last for generations. New sideincrease school spirit.

Please welcome Ms. Karen Nelsen to our ranks. Ms. Nelsen will be teaching High School Art and Middle

School Leadership. We are excited to be able to begin adding art to our list of electives. Ms. Nelsen is eager to support our core classes with her art

One of the larger projects we have beginning this fall is the demolition and reconstruction of the retaining wall

that separates the baseball and softball pleted.

I was pleased to meet with our new fields. The old wall was showing If you have a child in school chances walks and fencing will also be included in the project. We ask that everyone stays clear of the project area until the construction is com-



Thanks for being part of such a great and growing community both in town and out. This is a great time to be a Spartan.



Tiedeman stated "that he has an eye for detail and has made many creative works of art."

This is just a sample of what welding student senior Ian Atkinson is capable of making with his welding skills. Ian has taken three years of welding at Ash Fork Schools and has earned six welding certifications and enjoys working with metal. Instructor, Mr.



AFDA NEWSLETTER



# Ash Fork Cemetery Clean-Up Day

# by Fayrene Hume

The Cemetery Clean-up is scheduled each year the Saturday before Memorial Day. This year it was May 25th. We saw 23 workers on the site.

Work at the Cemetery is on-going on a regular basis. Many hours are done prior to this day, i.e. mowing, pulling weeds, etc., and you can see there is still plenty of work for clean-up day.

Thanks to all of you. You know something good is going on when workers come from out-of-town (Seligman and Phoenix area) to give a

hand and be part of the successful clean-up.

Anyone needing help with their family plot, just let someone know. Volunteer workers will do what they can. The Cemetery appearance reflects care and love from this community.

By the way, how about the Cemetery entrance road? Really nice. Thanks Yavapai County

# **ELECTIONS**—Ash Fork Development Association, Inc.

## By Fayrene Hume

The annual elections for the Ash Fork Development Association board will be held on August 5, 2019 at 8:00 PM at the Escalante Room as governed by the State of Arizona Corporation Commission. This year the terms of David Cox and Sarah Bond are up.

A bit of history and who qualifies for election: AFDA was formed in 1966. The main purpose was the town needed a water source to serve the community. Nine years later Ash Fork witnessed water flowing from their first well.

Until this time Santa Fe Railroad was hauling water from Del Rio to Ash Fork three times a week. The railroad had stated they were ready to get out of the water hauling business. (Remember Ash Fork was founded in 1882 and Well #1 came in 1976.)

The community came together, board members were elected, and work began. It was hard getting grants, loans and property leases as well as signing a forty-year debt, but they looked forward and kept going. Dunbar Water Company was purchased and Ash Fork Water Service came alive.

Once the Water Service was up and running the board didn't stop there. How could they make things better for the community, to grow, create jobs and strive for a healthy environment for everyone?

Now, more than fifty years later, today's elected volunteer board members are always looking forward, seeking grants and good management in the Water Service and can be proud of their many accomplishments. However, if you are listening, you may hear, "well, just what do they do?" Well to start, a water source to meet the needs and space for growth; Centennial Park to make some young folks and parents happy; a medical clinic; public library; space for Head Start; space for Yavapai County Sheriff Sub-station; Community Center for the community to hold meetings, etc.; supporting Ash Fork Historical Society Museum/Tourist Center; beautification projects such as the Entrance Islands into town; Stone Dam Hiking Trail and fishing opportunities; Community Calendar with proceeds going back into the community mostly for our youth; and when there is time we host Town Hall Meetings for the County which help us know who can help us when the need arises and build a good work relationship. Is everything done to everyone's satisfaction? No. The number of workers are few, but they are workers.

Now—who can serve? To qualify you have to have been a resident with an active water account six months prior to election to vote or be nominated. The board can be eight, one representative from KEW and one from Juniperwood Ranch and six from the township (Water District). There have been two vacancies from the township for some time, A few months back Carrie Sotelo became interested and started attending meetings and has now been appointed for one of those seats.

It does require time, but if you have an interest in your community that will motivate you to share ideas, and if and when things get the go ahead, help put it together and fly. AFDA is like most other organizations. They need people showing an interest in serving. Meetings are listed on the Community Calendar, third Wednesday of each month, except Dec. and Aug. It's also on the Marquee. YOU ARE WELCOME!



#### **Road work in Ash Fork**

#### **By Fayrene Hume**

The county streets in Ash Fork have experienced road work recently. All were oiled and stripped. First Street to rail-road tracks was completely redone down to the base. The detour and slow going was worth the results.

Even Cemetery Road got an up-lift.

A big **THANKS** to Yavapai County Public Works Department and Board of Supervisors. Nice Job! Now if we can get ADOT to do Park and Lewis Avenues. Believe it, they are reminded of how bad these two roads are.

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Joe Fairchild, Fire Chief for Ash Fork Fire stated they currently have 10 volunteer firemen and three EMT's. Chief Fairchild stated that if Ash Fork Fire has the man power and enough personnel to cover his district, he will respond to a fire in Juniperwood. However, he will have to bill the property owner. If his EMT's do a call in the outlying areas they will not charge for this. Lifeline will go to Juniperwood Ranch.

Jason, with the KEW Fire Department stated that they are mutual aid with Ash Fork Fire.

For emergency evacuation: Native Air (helicopter) is not renewing their subscriptions. Medicare pays for helicopter flights in emergencies, and Lifeline Ambulance has a subscription for \$53 per year.

Some things that would make it easier for emergency personnel would be to have watering stations and landing zones in the outlying areas. Also the fire department will not trespass on Patented Land for any reason.

Sgt. Scott Joy with YCSO urged everyone to sign up for Code Red. If there is need for evacuation the first message is to alert; the second message "Set" or preevacuation notice; and the third message is "Go" or Now is the time to get out!

Some important co	ontact numbers:
State Wildland	1-800-309-7081
APS Emergency	1-800-253-9405
Poison Control	1-800-222-1222
AZ Game & Fish	928-774-5045
Animal Control	928-526-1076 Coconino Cty.
HazMat	1-800-467-4922
AZ Emergency Management 602-464-6203	
BNSF	1-800-832-5452
Non-Emergency YCSO 928-771-3260	
Life Care Planning-azag.gov or 800-352-8431	
Vial of Life	vialoflife.com
File of Life	www.beebemed.org
In any emergency call 911 first and be very specific of	

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Stone Dam Lake receives another load of catfish on June
4th from AZ Game & Fish.
Good luck with your catch.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS TOWN HALL MEETING WITH YAVAPAI COUNTY SEPTEMBER 30TH 6:00 PM 450 LEWIS AVE. (ESCALANTE ROOM)



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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.

ASH FORK DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION, INC. MEETING DATES: JULY 17, 2019 7:00 PM GENERAL MEETING AUGUST 5, 2019 8:00 PM ELECTIONS ESCALANTE MEETING ROOM @LLC BUILDING LEWIS AVE. & 5TH STREET (BY THE MARQUEE)

Ash Fork Tourist Center And Museum Open Monday thru Friday 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM Operated by Volunteers Ash Fork Historical Society



SPRING HAS SPRUNG AT THE LIBRARY/LEARNING CENTER (LLC) Spanish Broom Bush is looking it's best.

## **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 p.m. Mass 4:00 PM Sunday Services 11:00 AM Sunday (Bi-lingual) 10 AM Wed. Bible Study 6 PM Information call Pastor Robert (928) 853-1122