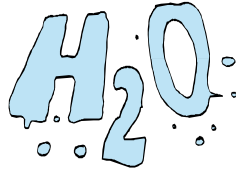




**FREE—TAKE ONE**

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# AFDA NEWSLETTER



**Busy times @ the Ash Fork Water Service**

**By: Lewis Hume, Water Manager**

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## Drilling completed on AF #3

Work has wrapped up on the drilling portion of the new ground water well (AF #3). The drilling had been ongoing from Christmas time until now.

The well was drilled down to a total depth of 1455'. Water was being produced during the drilling portion from about 980' on down.

Geophysical Testing has been completed.

The next step is to get a pump and motor into the well and test pump it. When test pumping the well, the amount of draw down is measured. The Draw Down and production rates are used to determine pumping abilities of the well.

***As a Rule of thumb, for every GPM of water, a maximum of 1-foot of "Draw Down should be recorded. Example- a production rate of 150GPM, Draw Down should not exceed 150'.***

The results of the pump test will determine the wells capabilities and allow the well equipment to be sized accordingly.

At this same test pumping time, water samples will be taken, and a full analysis of the water chemistry will be completed. We are expecting all results to be good. With the possible exception of slightly higher Arsenic levels.

## 2023 Water Review

Due to the large construction projects requiring water this past year (Mainly, One-9 & TA), 2023 saw record water sales, 46.5 million gallons (MG). This surpassed our previous big year which was also from construction projects (I-40 paving), of 41 MG.

Our largest 1-month pumped water total was set this year in July @ 10-MG. Our previous big month was June of 2020 @ 6.56 MG.



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Ash Fork Water Service will be committing its time this year to completing several projects and making additional improvements to the system. They are planned to include:

- Completing new pump house at Ash Fork Ground Water Well #1. Ash Fork Water crews will be required to complete the tie in of water lines on both the inlet/outlet lines. Trench and install electrical lines to well head. Install fencing. Remove existing pump house.
- Pull well components from Ash Fork ground water well #1, video to determine where excess gravel is getting into well. Make the repair or modification and reinstall.
- Purchase a new Double-Sided Filtered water dispensing machine for the water company site.
- Upgrade the North side of the Park St. Standpipe to similar as South side (accept dollar bills as well as quarters). Enlarge covered awning area to allow for 2 filtered machines side by side.
- Purchase a “Grundo” Tool for installing new water lines without having to open cut the roadways. Make water line improvements in the Eldorita Ave./Cedar Ave., 6th and &7th St. area. Using the new tool.
- Complete inventory of all company owned and private owned water service lines to comply with the Lead and Copper rule revisions within the Safe Drinking Water Act.
- Complete the financing package with WIFA of AZ. for additional system improvements.

le: painting of storage facilities, Arsenic treatment at AF #1 well site, replace some water mains, additional standpipe area - options and location.

- Work to secure funding to connect AF #3 to the system. Approx. 750’ of water and electrical lines are needed. Minor modifications to the existing pump house to accommodate the hook in are also needed.

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### **Ash Fork Sanitary District**

After a couple of attempts we have found an interested civil engineering firm that has agreed to prepare a preliminary engineering report on the current conditions and what could be looked at to improve the waste disposal methods in use in Ash Fork.

We are currently in the process of completing the contract and getting to know each other phase.

There firm’s name is Audurra. A newer name around the state. They have acquired some of the local civil engineering firms in the area. They have offices in Flagstaff, Prescott and Phoenix area.

At the conclusion of the project, the preliminary engineering report is scheduled to be mailed to all property owners within the Ash Fork Sanitary District boundaries.

If and/or when any motivation comes about on the topic, all community leaders and residents can talk from the same knowledge level of the current conditions, potential economic benefits/risks, and other peculiar facts discovered in this investigation.

A great first step, or is this the second? lol

The Ash Fork Sanitary District applied for and received funding from the ARPA program administered by Yavapai County BOS for the project.

Look for information to also be presented in Public Community Meetings.



### ASH FORK HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWS

The Ash Fork Historical Society is undertaking some new exhibits for the Museum, trying to make it a little more cohesive with more verbiage to make our visitor experience a more clarified experience. It is heartening to hear all the positive comments from our visitors regarding our Museum and we will try to keep our high standards during this renovation process.

The group is also beginning to plan for the 26th Annual Pioneer Day which will take place May 11, 2024. Hope you are thinking about participating. Forms for booths, chili contest, and parade will be available in March at the Museum, Library and Ash Fork Water Service office.

### Groundbreaking Ceremony – Ash Fork Post Office

After more than 8 years of tireless commitment by Ash Fork Development Association trying to convince the United States Post Office that Ash Fork, with its’ growing population, needed a new post office, those efforts are coming to fruition.

On February 1, 2024 a groundbreaking ceremony was held at the new site with around 60 to 100 people in attendance. Fayrene Hume, President of Ash Fork Development Association (AFDA) lead off with opening remarks talking about the long road to this point. Other speakers included Chairman Craig Brown, District 4 Yavapai County Supervisor, Anthony Golin, Ash Fork Postmaster, Penny Pew, District Director Office of Congressman Paul Gosar, Julie Schreiner from Congressman Eli Crane’s office and Gary D. Phillips Managing Member of GPW Real Estate Services, LLC, who will be constructing the new post office.

Needless to say, the Ash Fork community is very excited to see the process of building a new post office proceeding.



L-R Dave Cox, Sup. Craig Brown, Fay Hume, Penny Pew, Anthony Golin, Carole Popp, Barry Sharp, Lewis Hume

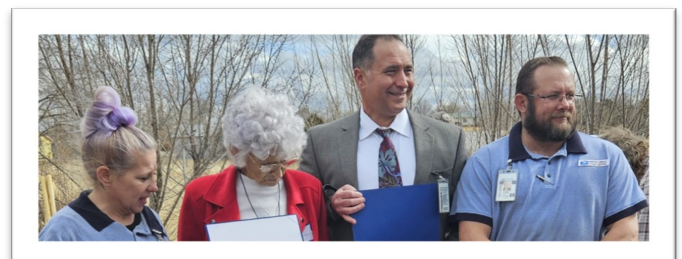


Garry Phillips



L-R Julie Schreiner, Penny Pew, Fay Hume

Postal workers  
Chris Crites  
Anthony Golin  
Steve Howard  
With Fay  
Hume (in red)



### AFDA President's Message—Fayrene Hume

With Spring around the corner AFDA is planning more improvements to Centennial Park with the addition of a new "Spinner" for the kids enjoyment. This improvement is made possible by a generous gift by Travel Center of America.

Also in the planning stages is a ramada for Stone Dam Recreation Area, new signage and a port-a-potty. A site plan

will be drawn up using the input of all interested parties.

We are also looking to enhance the parking area and getting our youth participating in this renovation which will go toward their community participation hours needed for graduation.



Can you spot Harvey the Javelina in the photo?

He (unverified) has been making his Winter home here in town.

He has started a few residents. But has been good natured about it all.

Remember the 3-Bull elk that came and lived with us, or the Antelope at Murphy's?

Only in a Small Town!

### Alchemy Apothecary News

After all the ups and downs with our clinic tenant since 2020 we had to evict Alchemy Apothecary for default of the lease. Ash Fork Development Association as Lessor has assisted Daniel Knight in his venture to get a medical clinic established in Ash Fork. We helped put on two Health Fairs, bought a vaccine refrigerator for the clinic's use, and volunteered in the office when needed. Of course, it is the community that suffers from lack of convenient medical services.

We have been notified that Mr. Knight has filed a Chapter 7 Bankruptcy for Alchemy Apothecary PLLC and the proceedings are moving along. If you were a patient there and need your medical records you must contact Daniel at:

[Daniel.knight@alchemyapothecary.net](mailto:Daniel.knight@alchemyapothecary.net).

### SMALL TOWN KINDNESS by Scott Radmann

December 6, 2023 when Highway 40 closed down the American Legion Post 57 opened their doors for the stranded people. They went around knocking on car doors to let them know they could come to the Legion to eat, sleep and stay warm. Murphy's and Corral Market also posted signs on their doors that the American Legion Post was open and gave directions. Volunteers also brought in sleeping bags and mattresses along with cots. St. Ann's Food Pantry donated 9 dozen eggs, bread and sausages. The Legion men and women prepared breakfast the next morning for the travelers before they left when Route 40 opened. Everyone was thankful!



**Our Vision:** All Yavapai County communities safely co-exist with wildfire.

*Wildfires in Yavapai County are inevitable. Be prepared to safely coexist with wildfire.*

*Understand the risk and take steps to:*

- A. Make your home safer for your family,
- B. Protect your property,
- C. Safeguard your property value,
- D. Create a sense of security.

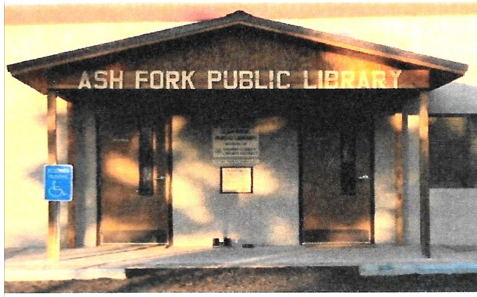
Your Wildfire Risk: Wildfire is a real and ever present danger across Yavapai County and near your home. Each resident has a role in reducing wildfire risk, helping make their neighborhood safer, and protecting their home. As we all know, the vegetation that surrounds us is continually growing

and creating more dense fuel for potential wildfire. Hazardous fuels (vegetation) must be continuously managed and selectively thinned in order to significantly reduce wildfire risk and the potential of loss of homes. **IMPORTANT FACT:** The cost to fight a wildfire is about 23 times the cost of preventive Firewise mitigation.

### Be Ember Prepared



Watch the *Be Ember Prepared* Video: <https://youtu.be/gAuhNDb963Y>



ASH FORK PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Ash Fork Library is working on bringing telehealth to Ash Fork. We are working to provide a computer system t have online meetings with a health provider. This service can greatly benefit the town. Please come into the library to fill out a survey if you are interested.

Also, the library and Head Start will be doing an Easter Egg Hunt at the library on March 22nd at 10:30 am. We will hide eggs containing candy on the grass next to the library. Hope to see you there.

As usual, we have an abundance of new books and DVDs to check out s well as books for sale. Please come in and check out the new inventory

**Andrew Tucker**

Library Coordinator (928) 637-2442

**Telehealth SURVEY**

The Yavapai County Free Library District is exploring telehealth for its libraries, and your response will help determine which locations would benefit the most.

Telehealth provides healthcare remotely using telecommunication equipment.

**Possibilities include:**

- ✓ **POD (Privacy On Demand), a private room with a teleconferencing system to connect to your medical provider**
- ✓ **medical equipment to check out**
- ✓ **mobile basic healthcare by qualified medical staff**

Your responses will remain anonymous. Thank you for your input!

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**ASH FORK LIBRARY AND HEADSTART PRESENT**

**EASTER EGG HUNT**

**22ND. MARCH. FRIDAY.**  
**ASH FORK LIBRARY- 10:30 AM**

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**SUPERINTENDENT’S CORNER....**

Spring is just around the corner and winter has been kind compared to last year. I love this time of year. We are making plans for next year and softball and baseball season is in full swing. Spring Break is the true indicator that the 2024 School Year is ending.

We are not done with the year yet, and there is plenty to talk about. The bus barn is finally being dried in with garage and man doors and windows coming soon. We are making some progress on a building that will serve our community well for many generations.

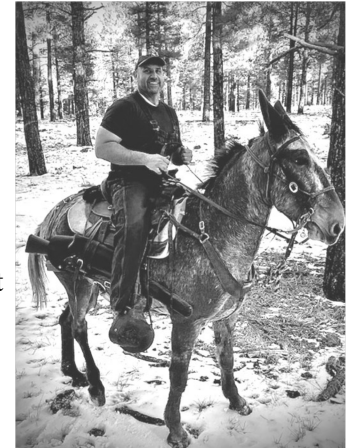
Got a call from Tom Horne, superintendent of public instruction for Arizona, congratulating our district for doing so well on our state testing. Superintendent Horne is going to highlight Ash Fork Schools in his State of Education Address. Mr. Horne was particularly impressed how Ash Fork was able to have high academic achievement in comparison to other districts with similar demographics.

Another big win for our schools goes to our middle school “A” team boys’ basketball squad who went undefeated for the season and took home the championship in their last tournament. Last year our team was in last place and not one win. Awesome work young men! A big thanks to our coaches; Jose Acosta, Mike James, Erika Acosta, and Sonny Martin.

I hope all of you were able to check out our book fair put on by the Ash Fork Parent Teacher Organization. This is the second year the PTO has had a book fair, and has proven to be a great way to help our children be exposed to more literature and fund some great projects hosted by our PTO. I’m so thankful that we have parents and community members that are willing to volunteer their time for the good of our children. Thank You, Ash Fork PTO.

All of us at Ash Fork Schools want to thank all of you for your support.

Seth Staples  
Superintendent  
Ash Fork Schools



**CREATE A DEFENSIBLE SPACE!**

Apply the principles of zone management around your home.



**Announcement:**

**Sheriff Rhodes will speak at the March 20, 2024 meeting of the Ash Fork Development Association which will be held at 7:00 pm in the 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.

We're On The Web:  
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**ASH FORK DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION, INC.  
GENERAL MEETING DATES:**

**March 20, 2024**

**April 17, 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**

*"You do not find the happy life. You make it." ~ Camilla  
Fyring Kimball*

*"With the new day comes new strength and new thoughts."  
~ Eleanor Roosevelt*

*"The bad news is time flies. The good news is you're the  
pilot." ~ Michael Altshuler*

**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**