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AFDA NEWSLETTER

ASH FORK WATER SERVICE

From the Water Desk

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On the Water side

The bid period has closed, and a contractor has been selected to prepare Plans and Specifications for our new ground water well. We are currently in the process of getting the contract completed and signed. When that is completed, our contractor has estimated it will take approx. 3 months to have the plans and specs prepared and be ready to bid the drilling.

The plan is to drill a new well at the Ash Fork Well #2 site and when completed it will replace the current well at that location. The current well has experienced some alignment difficulties.

Ash Fork Well #1 was down for repair. Production from the well was dropping off rapidly, so the well was shut down late in March. After our pump company pulled the well, it was noticed that the pump turned, but with resistance. The pump (liquid end) was badly worn.

Records for the well showed the pump/motor had been in service since 2011. Further looking in the records, the electrical wire had been in service since prior to 1993.

With all this considered it was determined to install all new 3" column pipe (273'), new electrical wire (1250'), new pump and 60-hrs motor. After the components were delivered and being reassembled it was noticed that a large batch of 4" column pipe had splits and some pins holes throughout. So, 483' of new 4" pipe was added into the solution.

Current data on the well:

- Pump set at 1240'
- 750' of new column pipe
- New pump/motor
- New electrical wire

Currently the well is pumping in the 125 GPM range.

As a result of this new well equipment and the disturbance caused by the pulling and

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resetting of the pump, water that was pumped into the system from Ash Fork #1 (newly repaired well) had discoloration. Water was pumped from Ash Fork #1 before it was fully clear.

After this was reported and verified, water samples were collected and tested at the lab. All results were normal for the system. No water has entered the system from Ash Fork #1 since this discoloration was noticed.

To resolve the situation the following plan is in place:

Pump Ash Fork #1 Well to waste until it fully clears (currently underway)

Draw down the storage tanks as far as practical, prior to refilling.

As of this writing 4/26 the tanks are 50% drawn down. We plan to refill storage tanks with water from Ash Fork #2 well, starting Thursday afternoon (4/27).

I look for the water to be back to its old blue color by early next week 5/2.

Ash Fork Water Service had the experience of an on-site inspection from Az Dept. of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) early this month. The Inspector looks over your facilities. i.e.: well site, tank sites, treatment facilities, daily logs, and various other records for the system. This inspection is scheduled every 5 years for our system.

Ash Fork Water had 2 deficiencies noted.

Additional screening was needed around our tank outlets located at our well site #2.

Seal cracks in the concrete, Well Head

We also agreed to sample on-time for TTHM and HAA5 in 2023. We failed to sample on-time in 2022. TTHM and HAA5 are by-products associated with gas chlorinated water systems. All previously tests for these constituents show all levels well below any action level.

Action Plan Team Progress

The Ash Fork Action Plan Team has met three times to work toward a vision or plan for Ash Fork moving forward. The group has had a lot of good discussions. Sharing success and putting forth ideas of what would make Ash Fork better positioned for the days ahead.

The group has identified the communities' strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats, (SWOT analysis). With that analysis in mind, a focus was put toward our "Key Result Areas" i.e.; Public Safety, Infrastructure, Preservation, Community Image/Awareness, Housing, Economic Development, Youth Issues, Communication/Community involvement, and Services.

Within these "Key Result Areas" the Team is developing specific projects and strategies for their implementation and success.

The Team has scheduled one additional meeting to complete the planning process which has been scheduled for May 10th @ 6:00 P.M. in the Escalante room. See you there.

As part of the Action Planning process, You, interested residents of the area, are invited to come forth and attend our Community Forum Night. May 24th, 6:00 P.M. in the Escalante meeting room. This is the chance for you to have a voice in the Action Plan Process! After a small introduction and basic instructions, we will be asking you to move around the facility to separate stations and hear ideas particular to that Focus Area. An Action Team member will attend the stations and can explain the ideas and maybe answer your questions. After familiarization with the completed information available, we will then ask you to vote on a couple areas.

1. Vote for the three most critical areas affecting the community.
2. Prioritize the top three things you would like to see this planning process accomplish in the next three years.

After this public participation meeting the Action Plan group will meet again and evaluate the community responses, include them in the Action Plan information and put together a draft report.

We are relying on you to help us out in this process. We need input. We hope to see you all there. May 24th at 6:00 P.M.

Come on out, let's talk!

TURKEY SHOOT MAY 20TH, 2023

After consultation with the Ash Fork Volunteer Firemen and the Ash Fork Development Association Board of Directors it has been agreed to move the Sponsorship of the Turkey Shoot to the Ash Fork Development Association (AFDA).

The Turkey Shoots will now be a fundraising event for Stone Dam recreation area.

At the recent AFDA meeting, Lewis spoke about how Turkey Shoots started around the country

and how well liked and attended these shots are.

So, the first Ash Fork Development Association Sponsored Turkey Shoot will take place on”:

Saturday May 20 from 10:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. at the County Line Pit.

Location: Take County Line Exit 149, off I-40, North ½ mile.

A solid approval for the idea was held by everyone in attendance. As a bonus, Barry Sharp came

forth with a donation to cover ½ the insurance premium for the event. Thanks Barry! Awesome.

Lewis Hume, Kurt Hume and Joe Fairchild are the coordinators of the event.

This is a traditional Turkey Shoot event.

- 20 separate shoots are planned.
- 15 of the contests will be 100-yard bench shoot.
- 2-pistol shoots
- 1-off-hand 75-yard (any weapon)
- 1-Kids shoot if we have a few
- Winner is Always- The closest shot to the bull. Winner gets a turkey or a prize.

We are planning for an increased lunch opportunity.

For further information, call Lewis @ 928-637-2774

This is a great event. I hope to see you there. Old friends as well as interested folks in the area.



What beautiful, colorful spring blossoms our Ash Fork landscaping is showing off. We love it and are very happy we have had the opportunity to enjoy it for more than three decades. But all told, we can expect some changes in the near future. Some tears will come, but we'll trudge forward with some planning to be attractive still.





ASH FORK HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWS by Director Fayrene Hume

Things are getting back to normal at Ash Fork Route 66 Museum. Due to bad weather for our workers there were some unscheduled closures. Visitor count, however, is on the rise.

We hope you are planning to take part in our 25th Pioneer Day Event scheduled for May 13th. See flyer below.

Under "Sharing Our History" everyone is invited to a presentation entitled "Shades of Route 66", presented by Director Peter Rung of NAU Special Collections & Archives. Under his tutelage NAU students have put together a wonderful presentation, including some personal stories of diversity along Route 66, recent and past interviews and some fabulous Route 66 pictures. This is such an appropriate time to view this presentation with the 100th Birthday of Route 66 coming up in 2026.

"25TH ASH FORK PIONEER DAY" SATURDAY, MAY 13, 2023

Ash Fork Museum

901 W. Old Rte. 66, Ash Fork, Arizona

COME JOIN US FOR FAMILY FUN!

- 9:00 PARADE LINE-UP AT MUSEUM**
- 10:00 PARADE & CHILI ENTRIES DUE FOR JUDGING**
- 10:30 CHILI JUDGING**
- 11:00 SERVING FOOD**
- 10:00 AM-3:00 PM BOOTHS OPEN**

Highlights of Pioneer Day:

Parade, Antique Autos, Demonstration Booths, Crafts, Homemade Pies, and Chili.

Parade, Booth and Chili Cook-Off Entry forms can be found at Ash Fork Water Co., Ash Fork Library or Ash Fork Historical Museum.

Contact Fay Hume (928)637-2413 for more entry and festivity information.

This yearly event is a way to bring the community together and share what the Ash Fork Historical Museum offers of Ash Fork's history and see the results of our volunteers'

ASH FORK HISTORICAL SOCIETY SHARING OUR HISTORY EVENT

"The Shades of Route 66 in Arizona: Celebrating Diversity along Arizona's Historic Route 66"



Thursday, May 25, 2023

1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

**Ash Fork Museum
901 West Route 66
Ash Fork, Arizona**

Peter Runge & Sean Evans, NAU Cline Library Archivists, will share a new project about the diversity of underrepresented people and communities who contributed to the diverse cultural and socio-economic landscape along Route 66, in Arizona. The project's intentions were to honor communities that have historically been overshadowed by the dominant perspective.

Please join us to learn more about our history of Route 66 and hear personal stories of diversity along Route 66, derived from recent and past interviews.

Light refreshments will be served.



Steven & Michelle
Haskins

Ash Fork puts out their *WELCOME WAVE* to the Haskins Family with their "Freedom Shed" business on Lewis Ave.

The Haskins' ventured from Phoenix to Northern Arizona and have settled in K.E.W. Busy with their business as well as home schooling their six children, Kya, Savannah, Mary Grace, Kanoa, Christian and Luke, Steven and Michelle share excitement being in Ash Fork and plan to be involved.

They sell Premier Sheds, along with steel carports, garages and barns.

Getting set up has taken a lot of their time as well as keeping up with the inventory. As soon as the stock comes in it goes out just as quickly...which is a good thing!

Happy to be here and hope the business continues to grow.

AFDA NEWS... by Fayrene Hume, President

We are pleased to see the increase in attendance at our monthly meetings as well as those who have come forward to take part in the Ash Fork Action Plan process—sharing ideas on needs for the community and not forgetting what we have and how to prepare to serve for the future. It's always a good day when we can see things coming together that have been in the works for some time, like the Post Office. Patience and hope and "don't give up" is what is needed. Looking forward to some groundbreaking dates, now that the weather has turned favorable.

Please mark the dates for the free Yavapai County Community Cleanup at Paulden Transfer Station. Yes, it takes effort and cost of a trip, but if you have an abundance of stuff stacked up in the backyard that needs to go, this could be the time to make a difference. Not only better for you, but the neighborhood. If you have room to throw on something for your neighbor do it. You will be glad and soon you really have made your neighborhood sparkle.

The need for a transfer station for our area has come up in our Action Plan sessions. Long term categories require some outside help. You have noticed Yavapai County Public Works Department cutting and chipping trees along rights-of-way, probably in preparation for street improvements.

Paulden Community Cleanup

April 5, 2023 The Yavapai County Board of Supervisors, working with the Public Works Department, is pleased to announce a community cleanup in Paulden. The cleanup will be at the Paulden Transfer Station, 23750 N. Marblehead Avenue.

The cleanup will be open to *Yavapai County residents* at no charge on May 4, 5, 6, 11, 12, 13, 18, 19, 20, 2023 from 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M Paulden Transfer Station will remain open on Tuesday and Wednesday with normal hours and fees.

Accepted items: Household appliances, BAGGED household trash, automotive batteries, unmounted tires, furniture, and yard trimmings.

Items that will not be accepted: Loose trash will be refused, liquids, hazardous materials, cars, Ni Cad batteries and dead animals.

Wildfires are never out of season and now is the time to create defensible space around your home. Cut away vegetation 5 to 30 feet from all structures. Remove all debris and dead vegetation from roofs, decks, and the ground around your home. Please remember to be cautious of sparks as you are cutting and trimming. All yard trimmings will be accepted at the cleanup. This program is for residential use only. Commercial loads will not be accepted. For additional information, please contact the Yavapai County Public Works Department at (928) 771-3183

PLEASE BE PREPARED TO UNLOAD YOUR OWN VEHICLE!

Our American Flag—It has 50 stars, 13 stripes—Red, White & blue

To some it's "just a piece of cloth". But to those who have served our country, the American Flag means so much more.

When we see the flags flying proudly in our small community the veterans feel their service and sacrifice has not been forgotten. Ash Fork is blessed to have a community who has come together to help the American Legion Post in marking sidewalks for designated placed to place fags on special dates and rallied for contributions as the route was extended and more flags were needed,

American Legion Robert Fulton Post 57 is like many other organizations, few hands do many things. There have been some outside the Legion offering a helping hand to place and take down the flags for special days.

Coming up on May 20th is Armed Forces Day. Which flags shall fly? Also it is cleanup day at Ash Fork Cemetery which has 73 known veteran's buried there. Efforts from volunteers will do their best to see all graves are cared for.

Robert Curly Flanagan, 1st Vice Commander announces that on May 29, 2023 The American Legion Robert Fulton Post 57 will be conducting a Memorial Day Remembrance Ceremony at the Cemetery beginning at 10:00 am. Memorial Day is a day of reflection in which we pay respects to those who made the ultimate sacrifice for this country. We encourage everyone to attend as we continue to remember how precious our lives are.

Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends....John 15:13



there.

Our Fire Department is a very important part of our community. Hopefully the community will take part in their effort to involve the community and get to know the firemen. 911 emergency calls are dispatched to Ash Fork Volunteer Fire Department, Life Line Ambulance Service and Yavapai County Sheriff Department. All respond to the calls.

Yavapai County Public Works advised that Earth Resources Corporation in conjunction with Yavapai County will be performing chip seal and fog seal operations on various roads and neighborhoods in Yavapai County, of which Ash Fork is included. Construction work will include placing a 3/8" chip seal, fog seal and striping on various roads. The chip seal is a rapid moving construction method, so public impact should be minimal. Construction will begin April 17, 2023 and continue through June 26, 2023. One lane of traffic will remain open at all times; however, motorists may encounter lane restrictions, reduced speeds, and flagging operations throughout the work zones. Motorists should expect minor delays and allow extra time to get through the construction area. Please follow all traffic control devices when traveling through the work zone.

For additional information, please contact Yavapai County Public Works at 928-771-3183 or visit on the web at:

www.yavapai.gov/public-works.

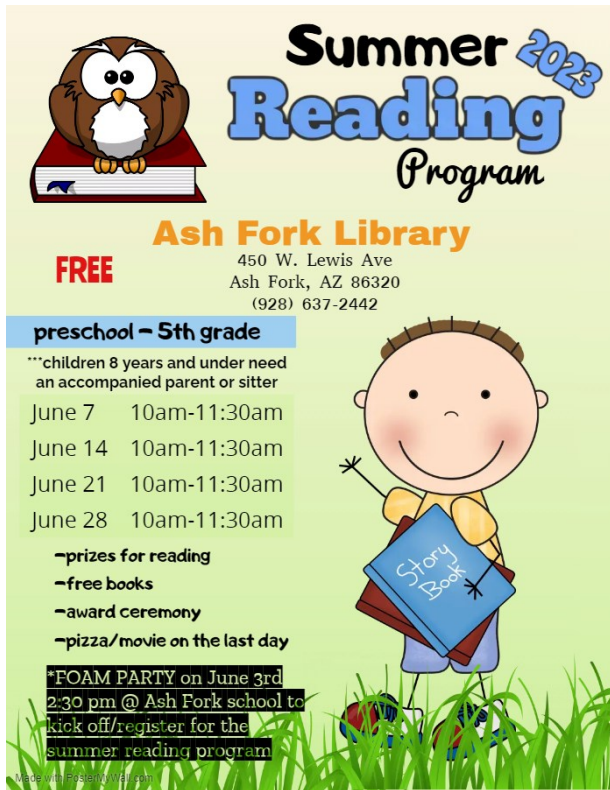
The Ash Fork Volunteer Fire Department has had a decrease in the number of active firemen. Therefore, the Department is extending an invitation for those who may be interested in becoming a firefighter.

The population is on the rise and the number of firemen needs to increase to ensure the safety of the community.

Training is offered on a monthly basis. For information contact the interim Chiefs Wynn and Mike at 928-637-2533.

The department recently scheduled an educational presentation by Air Guardian which was open to all in the community on April 22nd. Other plans are underway for an OPEN HOUSE in the near future. Hope to see you





Summer 2023 Reading Program

Ash Fork Library
 450 W. Lewis Ave
 Ash Fork, AZ 86320
 (928) 637-2442

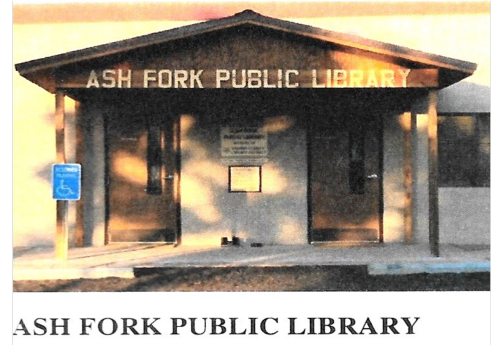
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preschool – 5th grade
 ***children 8 years and under need an accompanied parent or sitter

June 7 10am-11:30am
 June 14 10am-11:30am
 June 21 10am-11:30am
 June 28 10am-11:30am

- prizes for reading
- free books
- award ceremony
- pizza/movie on the last day

***FOAM PARTY on June 3rd**
 2:30 pm @ Ash Fork school to kick off/register for the summer reading program



Ash Fork Library is excited to announce that we will be having a “foam party” on June 3rd at 2:30 p.m. to kick off our annual Summer Reading Program. The foam party will take place at the Ash Fork School on the soccer field. This event is meant to be a starting point to register for the reading program. We plan to have activities and games for the kids to play. Bring a towel!

The Summer Reading Program will start in June, be held on Wednesday’s, and is available for children preschool to 5th grade. We are asking that any children 8 years or younger be accompanied by a parent or sitter. This is an amazing opportunity for the kids of Ash Fork to be able to continue learning into the summer with fun activities and incentives. We will have new books available and will make sure every child takes home a book to keep! Participants can earn prizes for reading chapters, writing book reports, or writing original stories and poems. The program has a theme of “All Together Now” and is geared toward teaching children to succeed through teamwork. We will also hold an award ceremony along with a movie/pizza party on the last day. Below you can see the days and times for the Summer Reading Program. We hope to see you all there!



Come join Ash Fork Library's event to kick off summer reading!

JUNE 3rd
 2:30-3:30 *may get wet

FOAM PARTY

• Ash Fork School- soccer field •
 46999 N 5th St, Ash Fork, AZ 86320

This event is geared towards children for summer reading

June 7 th	10am-11:30am
June 14 th	10am-11:30am
June 21 st	10am-11:30am
June 28 th	10am-11:30am

Andrew Tucker
 Library Coordinator
 928-637-2442

SUPERINTENDENT'S CORNER....

Another School Year in the books! A great time of year to look back at this past year and begin to look forward into the next. A winter that we thought would never end came to an abrupt stop and gave way to a beautiful spring.

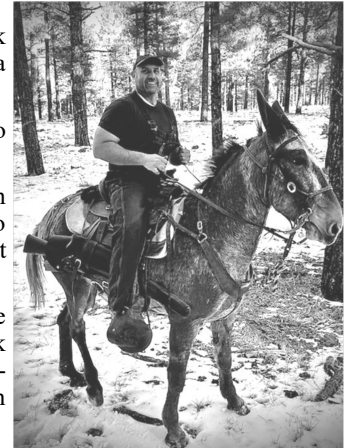
State testing is finally over, and with the exception of some internet glitches, it went fairly well. I'm so proud of our students for doing their best. We hope to receive scores from the state in late May.

Coming this Fall you will see Ash Fork Schools on the ballot to complete our bus barn with utilities and an area dedicated for students to learn basic automotive maintenance and repair, as well as work on some auto projects for the district. The district already has funds allocated for the bus barn and this project will not increase taxes. Voter permission is a formality for small schools when erecting new buildings.

Seventeen high school and middle school students participated in the 4.2-mile Pat Tillman run in Tempe Arizona. Middle School Language Arts Teacher, Natalie Broehm, scheduled the event. This is Ash Fork School's second time running in the Pat Tillman Race. Pat Tillman is a state hero who gave up a pro football career to join our military efforts in Afghanistan. Pat was killed in the line of duty and the Pat Tillman Foundation honors his legacy through this event.

With the year ending we are looking forward to next year and we are running a summer school for the month of May to help selected students K-12 get caught up and ready for next year.

We'd like to welcome a new High School Language Arts teacher to our ranks. Mrs. Staci Martin has accepted a teaching contract and is excited to meet our students, parents, and staff. Staci has several years' experience teaching Language Arts and lives here locally. We are fortunate to have such a qualified applicant in our community.



Speaking of our community, I'd like to recognize several businesses and organizations that sponsored our Pre-State Testing Assembly. Every year we recognize students that had high achievement on high stakes test from the state. We show students that hard work really does pay by awarding high achievers with cash bonuses for their efforts. A big thanks to Corral Market and Old West Properties for donating \$500 each. Our very own Ash Fork Development Association donated \$200. Liberty Ranch of Seligman and Coach Martin each donated \$100. This has been a tradition here at Ash Fork Schools and truly helps motivate students to do their best.

Thanks for all you do in supporting our kids!

Seth Staples

Superintendent

Ash Fork Schools

UPCOMING EVENTS

- May 4, 2023 Ash Fork High School Graduation—Multipurpose Room—6:00 PM
- May 10, 2023 Yavapai County Development Services @ Library—10:00 am-2:00pm
- May 13, 2023 Pioneer Day Event—10:00 am—3:00 pm @Ash Fork Museum
- May 20, 2023 Cemetery Clean Up Day—8:30 am until done
- May 25, 2023 Sharing Our History Event @Ash Fork Museum—2:30 pm
- May 29, 2023 Memorial Day Service—Ash Fork Cemetery—10:00 am
- July 3, 2023 AFDA's 3rd Annual 4th of July Family Fun Day- 10:00 am—2:00 pm
- September 1, 2023 Spaghetti Dinner & 50/50 Raffle—Ash Fork Fire Station—6:00 pm

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www.AshForkWaterService.com

ASH FORK DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION, INC.

MEETING DATES:

May 17, 2023

June 21, 2023

7:00 P.M.

**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

"I believe the second half of one's life is meant to be better than the first half. The first half is finding out how you do it. And the second half is enjoying it."~ Activist and writer Frances Lear

"Beautiful young people are accidents of nature, but beautiful old people are works of art."~ Eleanor Roosevelt

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