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Ash Fork Water Service News

Well, the newsletter catches the community right in the middle with dealing with a water situation. The grand plan is to manage this water situation as a situation, not as an emergency. We'll wait to see how it comes out.

The well has been pulled. The motor was shorted out. Drill Tech officials have a new pump and motor headed this way. It is planned to be on-site Wednesday morning to start the install. With a start on Wednesday, that should put us in line to start up on Friday.

It's still early to conclude anything, but with the low demand I'm seeing on the standpipe opening here at the water office on Monday at noon, nobody is out of water, and that's a good thing.

The project to connect our new well AF #3 to the system is well underway. The water pipe and electrical conduit have been installed. We still need the pump and motor to be installed and the electrical modification within the pump house. We think 60 days remain to complete the project.

When the new well is tied into the system we will have an additional 40+ gallons-per-minute capacity. This is equivalent to 1.7 million gallons per month. The 2 wells will have the capability to be isolated from each other. This would allow for one well to be under service while the other well would remain in service.

Our Standard Operating Procedure when this project is completed will be to run both wells simultaneously, isolating one or the other on occasions or as needed. We anticipate 190 GPM when the project is completed and both wells are running together.

This water pump situation has differed in one way this time over any other time, as the well in Juniperwood was available to provide water over the weekend. That was invaluable.

Thanks for keeping it going, Russ.

Water conservation is still the action of the week. Conserve where you can.

Other water situations in Northern AZ this Summer:

Bearizona standpipe went down for approx. 2 weeks this summer

Hwy 64 KOA — down 2-weeks paving the water station

Bellemont Truck Stop — Someone ran over the standpipe

Ash Fork Water Service provided an unknown amount of water during these situations. The Bearizona event was the largest.

Note: Beware of the urge to stockpile water during these times. Stockpiling water is not a conservation act.

AFDA News

We had our annual meeting on August 4. And with two resignations, we had two nominations to fill those positions. Lily Young was elected to serve in Daniel Bustamante's place for a 4 year term. Steve Hoskins was elected to complete Barry Sharp's remaining 2 years as Kaibab Estates representative. We also elected Don Wood to be the board vice president in Daniel's place. The rest of the officers were re-elected to their positions.

We have appointed a committee to begin the process of revising our By-Laws to bring consistency and clarity to our current By-Laws. This will take several months to complete.

Ash Fork Wastewater Project Updates

ENTER TO WIN A RAFFLE!

Support ongoing information gathering and participate in the upcoming grant eligibility surveys.

The Ash Fork Sanitary District and its technical assistance partners have many exciting wastewater improvement plans for the community – and we need your help to keep the project moving forward! As part of our continued efforts, we're asking community members to share basic information about the locations of wastewater systems on properties. This quick and simple step will help ensure that planned improvements reflect real community needs, such as:

- Identifying appropriate wastewater solutions,
- Estimating total project costs, and
- Understanding the best outcomes in grant and financing options.



By taking part, you'll not only support vital data collection — you'll also be entered for a chance to win a prize – 1 of 5 gift cards!

Those who have already participated have also been entered to win.

COMMUNITY SYSTEM MAPPING

When is this happening?

At only 20% of our goal, the Ash Fork Sanitary District is collecting information on wastewater systems currently and is requesting your participation.

Why is this happening?

The information collected is being used for design and planning purposes only and will help the project engineers develop solutions.

How can I participate?

Drop by the Ash Fork Water Service Office at 518 W Lewis Ave, Ash Fork, AZ 86320, anytime between 10:00 am to 12:00 pm. If you need to schedule an appointment, please reach out to Lewis Hume via phone: 928-606-3450 or email: lewishume60@gmail.com.

Participate by Friday, September 5.

Winners will be notified Monday, September 8.

GRANT ELIGIBILITY SURVEYS

Coming Soon

When is this happening?

Rural Community Assistance Corporation (RCAC) is assisting the Ash Fork Sanitary District during the fall of 2025 to complete the surveys for all residential properties within the proposed service area.

Why is this happening?

The information collected is being used for design and planning purposes only. This effort will help the community maximize funding alternatives and technical assistance partners support funding application submittals.

How can I participate?

Expect the survey to arrive to your home address via mail and respond to a few questions related to income as soon as possible.

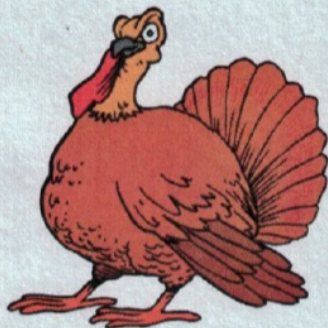


**CONTINUING THE TRADITION
ASH FORK DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION
INVITES YOU TO THE
FALL TURKEY SHOOT
AT COUNTY LINE PIT.**

Proceeds go to recreational improvements and opportunities at Stone Dam

SHOOTS AVAILABLE:

**100 YARD BENCH SHOOT
PISTOL SHOOT
KIDS SHOOT
OFF HAND**



SATURDAY

September 27, 2025

10:00 AM - 5:00 PM



CLOSEST TO THE BULL WINS A **TURKEY OR GIFT CARD!**

\$3.00 A SHOT

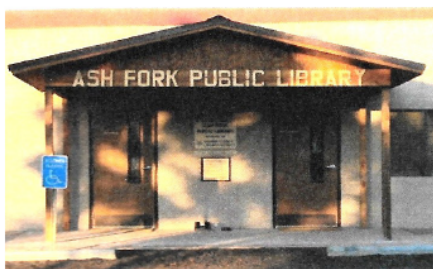
\$50.00 SHOOT ALL DAY.

COME JOIN US AT COUNTY LINE PIT

EXIT 148 N. ½ MILE

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL 928-637-3435

BURRITOS, SODAS AND MORE AVAILABLE



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ASH FORK PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Ash Fork Library is bustling with programs and activities for all ages. Our Garden Smarts gardening classes continue Thursdays at 1:00 p.m., with the final two sessions on August 21 and September 18. Computer Skills classes are held the first Wednesday of each month from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m., covering helpful topics like Windows Basics, Internet Basics, Email Basics, and Video Conferencing. We're also constantly adding new books and DVDs to our collection—recent additions include *Sinners*, *Mickey 17*, and *Minecraft*.

Kids Club has been a hub of creativity, with recent projects including rock art inspired by Native American and cave-man paintings presented by Cruzita. With a steady rotation of hands-on activities, it's a great way for kids to learn and have fun. Whether you're looking to expand your tech skills, get gardening tips, keep the kids engaged, or check out something new to read or watch, there's always something happening at the Ash Fork Library. Come and see us soon!



It's shoebox season again!



Operation Christmas Child, the world's largest Christmas project of its kind, is once again collecting shoeboxes filled with gifts to be delivered to children in need around the world. The project delivers not only the joy of what, for many kids, may be their first gift ever, but also demonstrates God's love in a tangible way, letting children know they are not alone and not forgotten.

The simple gift of a shoebox filled with small items—things like a toothbrush, hair clips, toy cars, a stuffed animal, or school supplies—can be a life-changing treasure for children in areas affected by war, poverty, disaster, famine, and disease.

Since the project's beginning in 1993, more than 232 million children in over 170 countries and territories around the world have received a shoebox gift—and hundreds of those have come through the generosity of donors right here in Ash Fork.

Some suggested items to pack would be “Wow” items (stuffed animals, dolls, clothing, soccer balls with pumps), personal care items (combs, toothbrushes, washcloths), school supplies (pencils, pens, notebooks, scissors, erasers, sharpeners), and small toys (balls, yo-yos, jump ropes, puzzles). And feel free to add a personal note, just to let that child know they're special and loved.

Some items that *cannot* be included would be: soap, candy, gum, toothpaste, used or damaged items, scary or war-related items, or anything liquid or breakable.

If you're interested in participating and need shoeboxes, brochures on how to pack a box, or further information on how you can help bring joy and hope into a child's life, contact Carol Cox at: 928-606-3437.

Superintendent's Corner

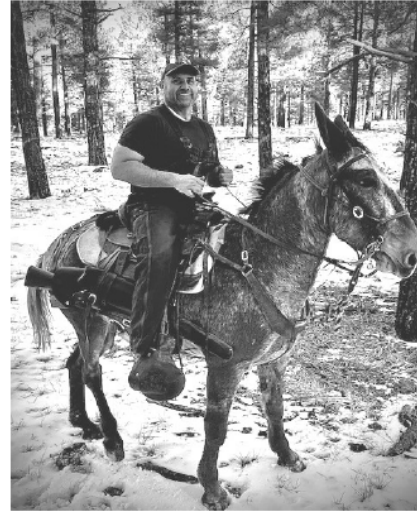
Seth Staples, Superintendent
Ash Fork Schools

The school year is well underway! By the time you read this article, Ash Fork Schools will be halfway through the first quarter. There are plenty of new and exciting things happening at the school this year.

One of the most noticeable changes we have started this year is a new "Drop Off and Pick Up" for our parents. We have recognized issues with having all buses, handicap, and parent pick up/drop off in one area. This year we have utilized Maple Street as our designated location for parents to drop off or pick up their child. After several weeks the process has proven to be safe, effective, and quick. All students are picked up and with their guardians in less than ten minutes from the time the bell has rung. A big thanks to all of our parents! You have been amazing through this whole process. We are currently under a temporary right-of-way permit, and are hoping to finalize the process when the permit expires in October.

The Bus Barn is scheduled to be completed mid-September. We are currently just standing by for APS to hook up all our power, followed by a final inspection. The Bus Barn has been a multi-year project that we are anxious to finally see completed. The student/visitor parking that was included in the project has been a much-needed upgrade, with appropriate lighting and sidewalks for our guests and students.

The Ash Fork Schools Governing Board approved a new lighting project that will illuminate our newly-resurfaced soccer field. The addition of field lights will allow more flexible and cooler game and practice times, as well as



allowing us to use the area for more community events. District administration is hoping to resurface and light both softball and baseball fields in the future as finances allow.

In the classroom, we have adjusted our curriculum to reflect needs that were identified after our yearly student, staff and parent survey results. Teachers in all grades are beginning to integrate real-world lessons that help students develop skills that will prepare them for life. The goal is to use current state standards to teach and give practice in areas such as communication, organization, problem solving, and other skills that are used proportionally more than basic academics. It's all a work in progress, and only time will show how effective we can be at preparing our students for both the opportunities and challenges that they will face in the future.

Thanks for all that you do to support our students here at Ash Fork Schools.

Seth Staples
Superintendent

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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:

www.AshForkWaterService.com

ASH FORK DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION, INC.

GENERAL MEETING DATE:

September 17 at 7:00 PM

After the 5:30 Sanitary District Meeting

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

Ash Fork Tourist Center and Museum

Open Monday-Wednesday, Friday

and Saturday

10am-4pm

Operated by Volunteers

Ash Fork Historical Society

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 11:15 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