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From the Water Desk

By Lewis Hume, Water Manager

Increased Water Use-Sustainability-Outcome

Ash Fork started pumping its first well (AF #1) in 1965. With this new wells unique location and the first to hit good water in the area, Az Dept. of Water Resources (ADWR) took the opportunity to Annually measure and record water levels for historic data.

Ash Fork #1 recorded water levels from the earliest measurements show static water levels at 997' from ground surface.

Today ADWR still measures Ash Fork #1 levels, with the latest measurement recorded at 999.6 from top of well head, in 4/2023. The top of the well head is approx. 2' higher than that of the ground surface.

So, to conclude, static water levels have remained unchanged since 1965 when the first well started drawing upon the aquifer. Granted we use more water now than in 1965.

In 2022, pumped water amounted to 39.7 million gallons, with 2020 being the highest year recorded at 45.8 million gallons. As a comparison we pumped 33.2 million gallons in 1993, (that's the year I came to work here).

With the new Travel Centers coming to town, we committed to pumping additional water during the construction period for that use. The higher pumping started in June this year with 5.6 million gallons pumped, followed in July with 10-million gallons. I look for August totals to be somewhere in between June and July's.

When I attended the TA Travel Center "Groundbreaking" ceremony, it was stated that dirt moving operations for the TA are over the 75% completion point. I look for construction water demands to significantly reduce by October this year.

Now to look at the operational increases in water demands from the travel centers.

I've estimated increased water demands for the 2-truck stops to be between 5.0 - 6.6 million gallons annually. This equvalates to pumping Ash Fork #2 an additional 60-hours per month. This is something we can do.



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For the TA Travel Center to be served approx. 3000' of water main will be installed. The new water mains will loop our system between the Hillside RV/Murphy line and the Landfill Road line (approx. 3000'). Commercial accounts such as Stonewold and Canyon Edge Motel will see some increased flows from the new main. It also provides additional water for other commercial expansion along Exit 144 if required. A Substantial system improvement. This all comes at no cost to the water service.

With all this, keep in mind we are currently working to get a second ground water well drilled near the current Ash Fork #2 well location. Plans and Specifications for the new well have been completed, we plan to advertise the well drilling project soon after this Labor Day weekend. Both wells would utilize the existing well control building. Funding is being provide by American Recovery Plan Act.

When this new well is completed and online, Ash Fork Water Service will see a significant increase in its water Capacity. This additional "Capacity" will be significant enough to account for the 2-travel center uses, increase in residential population needs, plus a growth cushion to carry us forward for "some undetermined" amount of time.

Notes:

- The on-site wastewater systems' capacity will be the limiting factor on potable water use from the 2-truck stops.
- The new water mains allow for additional expansion, if needed and replace a "noted", problem line.
- Additional revenue from truck stops could eliminate or at least minimize the need for or impact of a rate increase in the short term.

New Water Main

Ash Fork Water Service with funding from One 9 Travel centers (Pilot) has completed the installation of approx. 500' of 6" and 4" water main. The water main was installed along the South side of Franklin Ave. Between 6th and 9th streets. The water main was needed to facilitate the construction of company housing for the One9 travel center. The planned housing units are on the SE corner of the I-40 Grand Canyon Campground property (up against I-40, West of 9th St.).

When initial flow tests were performed for the property owner, less than 20-gallons per minute of water was available. This being unacceptable for any type of expansion, the new main extension was agreed upon.

After 8 weeks of hard digging and rock breaking, the new mains are tested and connected. Some clean up and rock haul off are still left to be completed.

After completion of the project, the flow tests recorded flows, greater than 264 gallons per minute, at the end of the line. I believe residents along Franklin and Cedar Avenues will see some increase in water flow at their taps.

A good project for all.

A fire hydrant was also added to Franklin Ave. that could be utilized to fill fire trucks and flush lines, if needed.



**YAVAPAI COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
ANNOUNCES THE 2023
SELIGMAN COMMUNITY CLEAN UP**

The community clean-up is open to all Yavapai County residents to dispose of waste at no charge.

WHERE: Seligman Transfer Station
55799 N. Seligman Landfill Road
WHEN: September 15, 16, 22, 23, 2023
8:00 AM to 4:00 PM

ACCEPTED ITEMS:

BAGGED TRASH ONLY
TIRES
AUTO BATTERIES
FURNITURE
YARD TRIMMINGS

ITEMS THAT WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED

LOOSE TRASH WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED
COMMERCIAL DUMPING
CARS OR DEAD ANIMALS
LIQUIDS OR HAZARDOUS MATERIAL
NI-CAD BATTERIES

PLEASE BE PREPARED TO UNLOAD YOUR OWN VEHICLE

Now is a great time to create defensible space around your home, yard waste will be accepted.

The Transfer Station will remain open on Tuesday and Wednesday with normal hours and fees.

**For more information contact
Yavapai County Public Works at 928-771-3183**



It's shoebox season again! Operation Christmas Child, a project of Samaritan's Purse, is once again collecting shoeboxes filled with gifts to be delivered to children in need around the world. For many of them, this shoebox gift—filled with school supplies, hygiene items, and fun toys—is the first gift they have ever received, demonstrating God's love in a tangible way and letting them know they are not alone and not forgotten.

Since the project's beginning in 1993, over 209 million shoebox gifts have been delivered to children in over 170 countries and territories—and hundreds of those boxes have come through the generosity of donors right here in Ash Fork.

Things like toothbrushes, school supplies, and hygiene items may seem small and commonplace to us, but to children affected by war, poverty, disaster, famine, and disease, they can be a life-changing treasure.

Some suggested items to pack would be "Wow" items (stuffed animals, dolls, clothing), personal care items (combs, toothbrushes, washcloths, soap), school supplies (pencils, pens, notebooks, scissors, erasers, sharpeners), and 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: candy, gum, toothpaste, used or damaged items, war-related items, or anything liquid or breakable.

If you'd like to participate and need shoeboxes, tips on how to pack a box, or further information on how you can help bring joy and hope into a hurting child's life, contact Carol Cox at 928-606-3437.

National Collection Week will be November 13 – 20. Our local Drop-off Center is located at the First Southern Baptist Church (at the corner of 1st and Lewis). Operating times will be listed in the November newsletter.



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Spaghetti Dinner and 50/50 Raffle. Ash Fork Development Association put on a Spaghetti Dinner and 50/50 Raffle at the Ash Fork Fire Station on September 1st. This event sponsors the Small Town Christmas Lighting. The past three years we have seen how this event has brought our communities together, taking part in the parade and seeing how beautiful the lighting is.

This year the east end of town is still unknown due to scheduled construction, but for certain the west end is scheduled for lights and the Nativity.



Thanks to our community for supporting our **4th of July Event**. The funds from the event are used for Stone Dam Lake expenses and to expand family recreation. We are already aware that we need signs for the camping area. Like everyone else, after the much needed rains, we'll be checking to see how much work will be needed on the road to Stone Dam and check out the trail for any washouts. We also need to check out the boundaries of the new section of land we recently inherited.





2023 CONTINUING THE TRADITION STONE DAM FALL TURKEY SHOOT

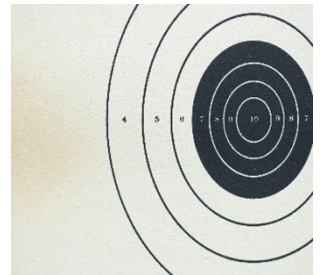
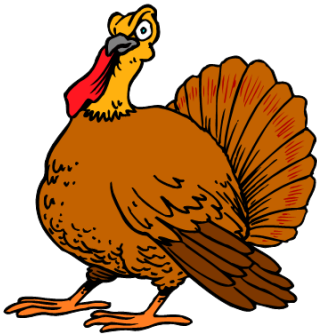
New SPONSOR – Ash Fork Development Association (AFDA)

Proceeds go to recreational improvements and opportunities at Stone Dam

SHOOTS AVAILABLE:

100 YARD BENCH SHOOT
PISTOL SHOOT

KIDS SHOOT 1 PM
OFF HAND



SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

SATURDAY

10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

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

\$3.00 A SHOT.

COME JOIN US AT COUNTY LINE PIT

EXIT 148 N. ½ MILE

LUNCH AVAILABLE FOR EVERYONE:

BURRITOS, CHILI DOGS , CHIPS, SODAS AND MORE



ASH FORK TRAVEL CENTERS OF AMERICA GROUNDBREAKING



Travel Center of America and partner company Kingsbarn is new coming into the community of Ash Fork. On August 2, 2023 Kathleen A. Tackett-Hicks of KTH Consulting, presided over the welcoming ceremony which was held on site at 950 Old Highway 66 on the west end of town just beyond Stone World. Ms. Tackett-Hicks has been a regular at AFDA meetings to share information up to this day,

Representation for this event was varied. Yavapai County

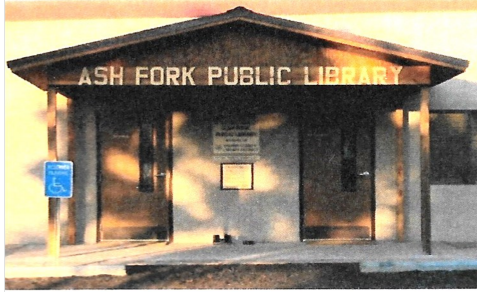
Supervisor Craig Brown, Assistant Marlyn VanKeuren, Yavapai County Development Services representatives, APS Representatives, local business owners, organizations, Ash For Schools, Ash Fork Fire Department, and news reporters were all in attendance.

Among his other comments, Guy Medman of TA said he is planning a **Job Fair** when things are further along. A lot of jobs will need to be filled to open operation.

Supervisor Brown presented Guy Medman, Travel Centers of America and Tony Hama from Kingsbarn with Certificates of Recognition. Guy Medman and Tony Hama presented a generous donation from TA and partner company Kingsbarn to AFDA’s president Fayrene Hume for uses in the community. This donation is greatly appreciated and will be put to good use. There are some projects that have been on hold for lack of funds, so the Board will decide which to pull up and move forward on.



Supervisor Brown presented the representatives from the Travel Centers of America project with Certificates of Recognition. L-R Gary Medman, Supervisor Craig Brown, Tony Hama and Katheen A Tackett-Hicks.



ASH FORK PUBLIC LIBRARY

Ash Fork Library is organizing a computer class! We have a sign up sheet offering different topics that we believe can help the community best. The topics are Microsoft Word, Microsoft PowerPoint, email management, video conferencing (Zoom), social media, and/or creating fliers/posters/cards. Come sign up at the library!

A reminder to all that we offer culture passes to different museums and zoos across Arizona. We provide a pass good for two free entries- valid for seven days. Come into the library for more info.

Culture Pass Locations

Arcosanti arcosanti.org 13050 S Cross L Rd Mayer, AZ 85032 928-652-6218	Desert Caballeros Western Museum westernmuseum.org 21 North Frontier St, Wickenburg, AZ 85310 928-864-2272	Sharlot Hall Museum sharlot-hallmuseum.org 415 W Gurley St, Prescott, AZ 86301 928-445-3121
The Arboretum at Flagstaff arboretum.org 4001 South Woody Mountain Rd, Flagstaff, AZ 86005 928-774-1442	The Heard Museum heard.org 2301 North Central Ave, Phoenix, AZ 85004 602-252-8840	Sedona Heritage Museum sedonamuseum.org 735 Jordan Road Sedona, Arizona 928-282-7038
Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum desertmuseum.org 2021 N Kinney Rd, Tucson, AZ 85743 520-683-2702	Museum of North Arizona muzana.org 2811 N. Ft. Valley Rd, Flagstaff, AZ 86001 928-774-5213	University of Arizona Museum camuseum.arizona.edu 1023 North Olive Road Tucson, AZ 85721 520-621-7967
The Boyce Thompson Arboretum btarboretum.org 50516 E. Arboretum Way Superior, AZ 85773 920-889-2723	Pueblo Grande Museum pueblogrande.org 4919 E. Washington St, Phoenix, Arizona 85034 602-496-0901	Verde Valley Archaeological Center verdevalleyarchaeology.org 400 Firnie Flat Rd, Camp Verde, AZ 86322 928-445-3122
Cave Creek Museum cavecreekmuseum.org 6140 E Skyline Dr, Cave Creek, AZ 85031 480-488-2164	Reid Park Zoo reidparkzoo.org 8400 Zoo Court Tucson, AZ 85716 520-731-5204	
Desert Botanical Garden dbg.org 5201 N. Gahlin Pkwy, Phoenix, AZ 85008 480-541-1225	Scottsdale Museum of Contemporary Art smoca.org 7274 E 2nd Street, Scottsdale, AZ 85251 480-874-4606	



ADULT BOOKS



KID'S BOOKS

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SUPERINTENDENT'S CORNER....

School is officially in full swing!

As you read this article, Ash Fork Schools will be well over the hump for the first quarter of the school year. There is a lot to talk about as we head into fall and the second quarter. Let me begin by thanking everyone who attended our open house this year. We had one of the largest percentages of families that I have ever seen for open house. I am sure a spaghetti dinner, free cotton candy, and a chance to view the student's classrooms were the main reasons for such a high participation rate. Parents informed us that they would like a chance to see the classrooms that their children visit every day and greet the teachers. This was a great recommendation and we scheduled times for families to view and visit with teachers in their classrooms. We would like to thank our kitchen crew, Mrs. Atkinson, and the school board members for helping serve and prepare the meal.

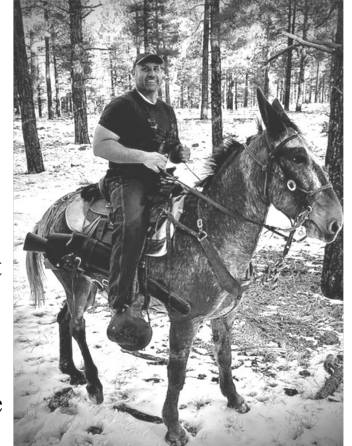
Even though school at Ash Fork started back in July, our students attending Yavapai College and Career and Technical Education (CTE) Programs in the Prescott area began in August. We had so many students attending these programs that the district had to purchase a new bus to transport them. These programs cover a wide range of opportunities for our students, ranging from construction trades to aeronautical pursuits. We are thankful for our countywide Mountain Institute CTE District for making these programs possible.

Ash Fork Schools has also included Film and TV Production as a new CTE course on campus. The new course conducted by Cris Acosta has proven to be a student favorite. Students study a large range of topics pertaining to the production of quality videos. The class is currently working on a short film that utilizes standards included in the course. The class is expecting to air the film on the district website before Halloween. Stay tuned for more news on our latest course offering on campus.

In an effort to provide the best overall education for our students, we are seeking voter support for Proposition 459, which will be a mail in only ballot. The proposition will allow Ash Fork Schools to move forward in using our new bus barn building as a vocational classroom space. We are planning to provide an automotive course for our students. This is **not** a request for more funds from taxpayers, but is simply getting voter approval to complete the building in order to be used to benefit students. Ballots should be in your mailbox on October 11th.

Once again thanks for supporting Ash Fork Schools. This is an exciting time to live in such a beautiful place with so many great people.

Seth Staples
Superintendent



YAVAPAI COUNTY LIFTS FIRE BAN
Yavapai County, as of August 19, 2023 at 6:00 pm, has lifted the
Stage 2 Fire Restrictions and Outdoor Fire Ban

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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 DATES:**

September 20, 2023

October 18, 2023

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

“The truth is the kindest thing we can give folks in the end.” ~ Harriet Beecher Stowe, from “The Pearl of Orr’s Island”

“Where there is love and inspiration, I don’t think you can go wrong.”~ Ella Fitzgerald

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