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AFDA NEWSLETTER

Community Wastewater Meeting

April 25, 2025 — Lewis Hume

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By all accounts, the Community meeting was very successful. We had a well-attended meeting with an engaged community sharing their thoughts and concerns.

Coordinating the meeting was a group of knowledgeable and experienced professionals from the EPA that presented on "Closing America's Wastewater Access Gap (CAWAG) Initiative, "Eliminating Cesspools in America.

We discussed different types of systems, the pros and cons of each, we discussed funding programs and generally what a typical funding scenario would look like. Cost is always a concern.

The group ask if they could add to our Preliminary Engineering Report, they felt there are other treatment options that could be more suited to our size and budget along with Decentralized system options with modular design that are very much worth consideration.

They will also include the "Do Nothing" Option and outline what that scenario might look like for the community.

The group stated their program can be up to 1 ½ years, developing options for the community to consider, submitting applications for funding for design services. In their experience, a wastewater project takes some time to develop. The professionals stated it could take 10 years to complete the project, while some local residents hoped it could be sooner.

With the CAWAG group now working for us on our project we will look for additional system options that may be a better fit for us. We will look for the group to come back and present these findings at a future meeting.

I look for a full recap of the meeting details from the EPA in the next AFDA newsletter edition.

Thank you all for coming to the meeting and thank you for sharing your comments on the QR code survey. All good projects start with good/accurate information and community support.

This group has a lot of knowledge and experience that we do not have on this topic. They have seen systems that work and those that don't. I'm looking forward to having them provide information that will lead us to the right choice for Ash Fork.

The Ash Fork Sanitary District will look for your continued support as we move along in this process.



A Note from Yavapai County Supervisor, Chris Kuknyo, April 18th....

Hello, Ash Fork!

It has been a fast and furious 14 weeks as your Yavapai County Supervisor!

Prior to the election I was coming up to the area and spending time at my cabin so I have gotten to know the area and have met a lot of great people already, especially during the Ash Fork Development Association meetings.

Planning on meeting more of you and will be holding my mobile office hours on Monday May 26th from 12:00 noon to 3:00pm at the Escalante Room, 450 Lewis Ave. ***All are welcome to stop by and talk county!*** If you would like to set an appointment, call ahead at 928-771-3207.

I am honored to have been asked to speak at the Memorial Day Ceremony at the Ash Fork Cemetery, Monday May 26th at 9am, which is the same day that I'll be in town for my mobile office.

In the coming weeks we hope to be able to get certification from the state health department and have the Ash Fork Clinic in service!

I also plan to help out with the sewer improvement district and appreciate the opportunity to serve as your District 4 Yavapai County Supervisor!

Sincerely,

Chris Kuknyo

AFDA News

Ash Fork Development Association is proud to award two scholarships to graduating High School seniors this year. Our Fayrene Hume Memorial Scholarship is going to Jamie Keele. And our AFDA Scholarship is awarded to Aspen Bond. Both of these young ladies have excelled in High School, and we wish them well as they move on.

We are currently collecting our calendar information and ads for the next edition of our community calendar. The calendar sales and ads allow AFDA to give scholarships and assist community activities. Please stop by the Water Office or come to our table at Pioneer Day and make sure we have all the information you want to share on this next year's calendar.

Most of the remodeling has been completed in our clinic building. The latest dates for opening are now looking toward the end of May. The staff is now hoping to open a pharmacy along with the clinic that will provide filling prescriptions in town at a discount.

Finally, I wanted to share that our librarian, Andrew Tucker, has a new sideline — wildlife removal.

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Our Services

- Wildlife removal
- Prevention and repairs
- Inspections
- Emergency calls

480-232-6192 Ash Fork, AZ



Humane wildlife relocation from an experienced wildlife biologist licensed through the AZ Game and Fish Department

2025 CONTINUING THE TRADITION
ASH FORK DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION INVITES YOU TO
THE SPRING TURKEY SHOOT AT COUNTY LINE PIT.

Proceeds go to recreational improvements and opportunities at Stone Dam

SHOOTS AVAILABLE:

100 YARD BENCH SHOOT

PISTOL SHOOT

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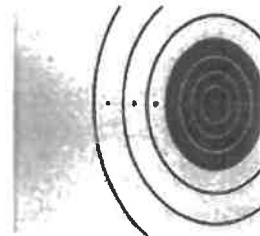
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SATURDAY

MAY 24, 2025

10:00 AM - 5:00 PM



CLOSEST TO THE BULL WINS A TURKEY OR GIFT CARD!

\$3.00 A SHOT

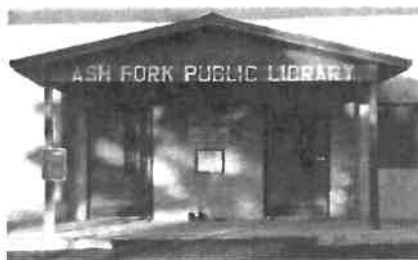
\$50.00 SHOOT ALL DAY.

COME JOIN US AT COUNTY LINE PIT

EXIT 148 N. ½ MILE

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL 928-637-3435

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ASH FORK PUBLIC LIBRARY

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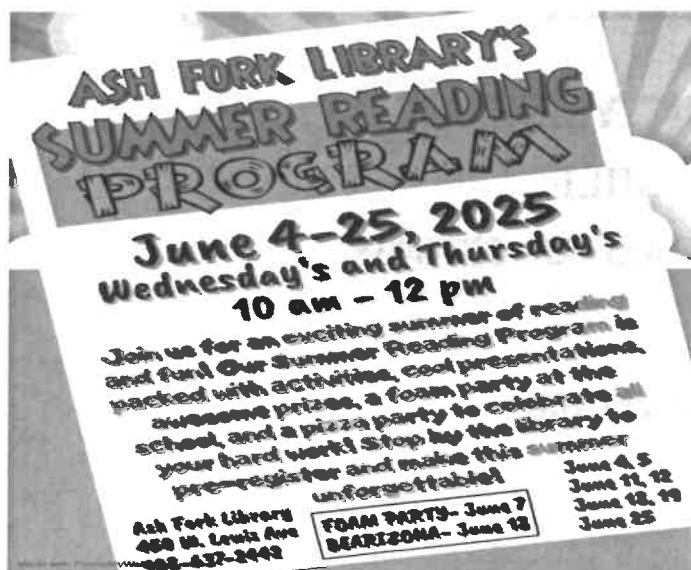
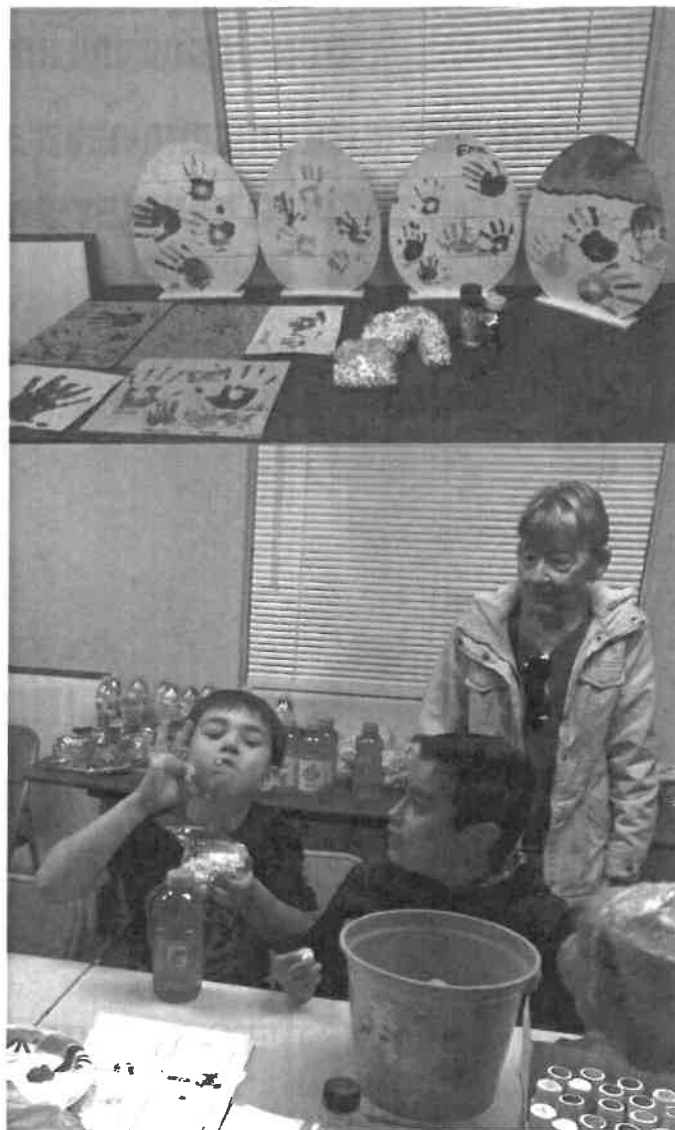
We had an egg-cellent time at our Library Easter Egg Hunt—even with rain and snow, over 30 people joined us for a fun-filled morning of egg hunting and surprises! Thank you to everyone who braved the weather and made it a success.

Now we're gearing up for an exciting summer! Our Summer Reading Program kicks off on June 4, and we have a packed month of fun for all ages, including:

- June 4 – Summer Reading Kickoff at the library
- June 7 – Annual Foam Party at the Ash Fork School
- June 11 – Cookie Decorating at the library
- June 18 – A special visit from Bearizona
- June 25 – Movie and Pizza Party with prize giveaways to wrap up our reading challenge

We're also continuously adding new books and DVDs to our catalog—come see what's new! Don't forget, your library card gives you free access to a wide variety of online ebooks and audiobooks, and we have Chromebooks available for checkout.

Stop by the Ash Fork Library and check out all our ongoing and upcoming programs and services. We can't wait to see you this summer!



Superintendent's Corner

Seth Staples, Superintendent

Ash Fork Schools

I'd like to start out this article with a big congratulations to all of our Graduates of 2025. You have finally made it out into the real world. We wish all of you the best and know that you are ready to accomplish all your goals in life. The 2025 graduating class will be the largest we have ever seen here at Ash Fork High School. We will have 33 graduates walking across the stage to receive a diploma. Due to the number of graduates, the seating will be limited to 15 guests per graduate. Graduation is May 1st at 6:00pm in the Ash Fork Multi-Purpose Room.

I must also mention that the middle school promotion parade will be Tuesday, April 29th from 5-6:00 pm in front of Centennial Park. If you have time to come out and cheer on our newest high school students, we'd love to see you there. Certainly can't forget our Kindergarten graduates who have successfully completed their first year of school. Way to go on building a strong foundation to build on the next twelve years.

On April 12th the governing board held a retreat to review surveys of students, parents, and teachers of Ash Fork High School in order to make systemic changes that will help our graduates have greater success in transitioning to life after high school. Some of the topics were related to providing life skills such as personal finance, communication, and dealing with stress and anxiety. Teachers and parents that reflected a range of students also participated in the discussion for portions of the meeting. We are still exploring how to address every factor in improving our high school, and we are hoping to implement action steps next school year.



The governing board and school administration plans on focusing on our middle school next year and elementary the following in order to have a continuing process of school improvement that is guided by parents, staff, students, and our community.

The final permit for the bus barn has been issued and you have probably noticed rapid progress on the exterior of the building. We are happy to finally see an end to the construction phase and are excited to see the project completed in June. The soccer field should be completed by the time this article is published. We hope everyone gets a chance to see the new field and benefit our community for years to come. The district is currently seeking options for field lights, to provide more activities for our community and accommodate students returning late from Yavapai College Courses.

I'd like to thank everyone for an outstanding school year. There would not be an Ash Fork School without the great people in our community. I'm proud to be an Ash Fork Spartan and look forward to preparing for a better year next year.

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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.

GENERAL MEETING DATES:

May 21, June 18 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, Friday and Saturday

10am-4pm

Operated by Volunteers

Ash Fork Historical Society

Community Church Schedules:

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| 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