

# THE DEWEY-HUMBOLDT NEWSLETTER

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#### **D-H BLOOD DRIVE**

Thank You to all the donors who came to donate!



Our drive was a success and we met our quota, in big part to the donors who saw the notice in the newsletter. A big

thanks to Editor Denise Rogers for putting it front page. We have picked up donors at every drive from the newsletter, and this time we had four new people!

Again, Thank you to everyone who made it a success. The next drive is on **May 17th**. Please put that date on your calendar.

If you want to make an appointment at any time call me, Mary Franks at 928.642.2115

#### **NEWS FROM TOWN HALL**

### TOWN STAFFING UPDATE: by Town Manager Yvonne Kimball

In February 2015, I wrote an article about the town employees. Over a year has passed, there are some changes to our team. I would like to give an update of our employees.

Let us start with me, Yvonne Kimball. I am the Town Manager and have been holding this position since January 2012. I am in charge of daily operation and supervise all town staff, except for the court personnel. I earned my Credentialed Manager designation through the International City/County Management Association (ICMA-CM) in 2014.

Judy Morgan, is the Town Clerk and has been employed by the Town for 10.5 years. Judy is the most tenured employee in the town's municipal history. Judy is a Certified Municipal Clerk (CMC). She consistently helps everyone around the office to make our jobs easier. Judy is also a Notary Public who, on behalf of the Town, can provide the notary service free of charge. Judy supervises Julie Gibson.

Julie Gibson started a few weeks ago and came to us from Michigan. She is at the front desk and is usually the first person greeting you and then directing you to the right person in the office to address your needs. Julie assists the Town Clerk with a variety of tasks such as records keeping, minutes recording and other administrative matters.

Penney (Bell) Hubbard is the key person handling permit in-take. She reports to Community Planner/Code Officer. She works closely with the Building Official, and the Public Works Supervisor. Penney has been with the town since September 2014.

The Town's Community Planner/Code Officer is Steven Brown. Steven began with the Town in August 2015. He handles Planning/Zoning and Code Enforcement. Under my supervision, Steven also runs various outreach programs. Most recently, he administered the free well-water test kits program. Many of our

residents met Steven through the program. Steven has been an American Institute of Certified Planner (AICP) for 26 years.

The Town's Building Official/ Inspector is Don Roberts. Don began with the Town in July 2015. Don retired from the Yavapai County Building Safety Division, and has over 40 years of combined experience in the building industry. Don reviews the building plans and conducts inspections after Penney takes the applications in and processes them through Town Planner, Steven Brown, and other agencies for zoning clearances.

When it comes to right-of-way issues, Don and Steven work together with Ed Hanks, who is the Public Works Supervisor. Ed has been employed by the Town since 2010. He and his two-man crew take care of nearly 50 miles of Town's owned road and right-of-way.

Todd Hamilton and Troy Moffatt are the Public Works employees that report to Ed. I believe many of you have seen Ed, Todd and Troy in town, working on the roads. Rain or shine, snow or clouds, you can count on the Town's Public Works employees to be out and about making sure the roads are taken care of.

Many of you may not have met Deni Thompson, Town Accounting Supervisor and her Accounting Clerk, Mickey Moore. Deni and Mickey's job duties do not allow them to interact with the public as often as the rest of us. The Town's finance duties are performed at large by Deni and Mickey. Deni has been with the Town for four years while Mickey is a new addition to the team.

The Town's Magistrate Court is also located in Town Hall. There are two employees for the Court, Judge Catherine Kelley and Clerk Therese Christopher. The Court is open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Judge Kelley and Therese are both very helpful and understanding. In addition to in-house staff, the Town also engages professional firms as its extended staff for legal, IT and engineering needs.

I hope you find the above employee "hall of fame"

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interesting. I am

very grateful to this small but talented and caring team. I am also proud of what we can accomplish as a whole. If you have any questions about town employees' duties, please feel free to call me at 928-632-7362.

#### <u>DEWEY-HUMBOLDT VOLUNTEER</u> <u>OF THE YEAR (2015) PROCESS:</u>

Each day Dewey-Humboldt volunteers generously give their time and service to help others. Now here is your chance to give back by nominating a deserving individual in Dewey-Humboldt for his or her outstanding service through the town's Volunteer of the Year program.

Who is eligible? The nomination is open to all Dewey-Humboldt residents who have volunteered in 2015. Nominees need to have been volunteers for organizations that directly benefit the citizens of the Town of Dewey-Humboldt; the organization can be the Town Council, commission, and committees, including the Planning and Zoning Commission, Open Space and Trail Committee. Volunteers for the Town's Activity Center, Town Library, Historical Society, Humboldt Elementary School and other agencies that have programs benefiting the citizens of the Town of Dewey-Humboldt are also eligible.

Nomination Process: The process is simple. Nominations can be written on a piece of paper and submitted to Judy Morgan at the Town office by 5 pm Thursday, March 10, 2016. Only one nomination per paper please. On the nomination paper, please state the nominee's name (who you are nominating), volunteer organization (where the nominee volunteered at in 2015), and why you believe the individual should be nominated, such as how his/ her efforts volunteering in the specific organization have made a profound difference in citizens' lives. Nomination papers can be dropped off at town office, submitted via email to judymorgan@dhaz.gov or faxed to 928) 632-7365.

Honoree Selection: A citizen committee will be formed to review the nominations after the nomination is closed in March. Nominees will be judged on their outstanding service to

the citizens of Dewey-Humboldt. All nominees will be recognized, with one being named "Volunteer of the Year". Additionally, a perpetual plaque hangs in the Town Hall lobby listing all people who have received this award.

The Honoree of the "Volunteer of the Year" Award, along with all that have been nominated, will be recognized at a council meeting and a community event to be held in May or June.

This is a wonderful way for the Town to express its sincere appreciation for our volunteers and, also, a great opportunity for volunteers to inspire others through your stories. If you know anyone who volunteers in the community, please let the Town know how he/she is doing a great job by nominating him/her. Keep those nomination papers coming in! Kindly contact the Town Clerk if you have any questions.

# GRANT AVAILABLE TO CREATE DEFENSIBLE SPACE FOR YOUR HOME:

The Town of Dewey-Humboldt, in cooperation with the Central Yavapai Fire District (CYFD) are offering the opportunity for homeowners to create defensible space around their homes nearly free of charge.

The primary goal for Firewise landscaping is fuel reduction — limiting the amount of flammable vegetation and materials surrounding the home and increasing the moisture content of remaining vegetation. The home itself and everything around it up to 100 – 200 feet is known as the 'home ignition zone.' In areas across the country where the risk of wildfire is high, the home ignition zone extends up to 200 feet beyond the actual home structure.

Zone 1 encircles the structure and all its attachments (wooden decks, fences, and boardwalks) for at least 30 feet on all sides.

Zone 2 is 30 to 100 feet from the home, and plants in this zone should be low-growing, well irrigated and less flammable.

Zone 3 is 100 to 200 feet from the home and this area should be thinned, although less space is re-



quired than in Zone 2.

CYFD was recently awarded a 90/10 grant through Prescott Area Wildland Urban Interface Commission (PAWUIC) that expires September 30, 2017. CYFD will provide pre and post property assessments for creating defensible space to homeowners at their request. This includes photo documentation as well as a written recommendation of hazardous fuels to be mitigated. The homeowner will hire a licensed contractor to complete the recommended work. Upon completion, the property will be reassessed and the property owner can be reimbursed up to 90% of their expenses. The maximum reimbursement is 90% of \$1,000.00/acre, up to 1 acre.

For an appointment to discuss participation residents can call: CYFD at 928-759-9933.

# COMMUNITY GROWTH PERMITS ISSUED:

The Town's Building Department issued the following "new residence" permits in January. This information is provided to indicate growth in the community.

- 0—Single Family Residence
- 2—Manufactured Homes
- 1—Building Renovation
- 8—Other (this includes any other remaining permitted projects.

#### **COMMUNITY NEWS**

#### **DEWEY-HUMBOLDT** HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Are you interested in the history of Dewey-Humboldt and the surrounding area? Have you ever passed by the old structures and looked at the smelter on your way to town, wondering what it would have been like to live in the early days of Humboldt with the town being so full of miners working the smelter, the train cars being used to carry 2,000,000 lbs. of pure copper from the smelter each month.

Did you know that in 1918 Humboldt had over 1,000 people, ten saloons, five restaurants, three hotels, various retail stores and three mining companies? You can learn about this part of history and more at the D-H Museum.



In addition to visiting the museum, you can take a self-guided tour that is called a Walk-Thru-Time that will bring you back to experience how it was in the early days.

The Dewey-Humboldt Historical Society would like to invite you to visit the D-H Museum. New indoor displays and outside exhibits have been recently completed, to bring you the great mining history of Humboldt and the ranching traditions of Dewey. We give private tours for groups. schedule time for your organization please call 972-742-6304. The D-H Museum is open to the public from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

General Meetings are held second Wednesday of every month at 5:30 pm at the Little White Church behind the D-H Museum 12925 E. Main St. Humboldt.

Visit our web page: www.dhhsmuseum.org

Dewey-Humboldt Historical Society is a Non-Profit 501c3.





#### **POST 78 HUMBOLDT, AZ 86329** 928-632-5185 **MARCH 2016** The Post with a View

HOURS: 1 p.m. to 8 p.m. Monday Friday: Wednesday Hamburgers Noon to 2 p.m.; Bar 1 p.m. to 8 p.m. Mondays—Fridays; Noon to 6 p.m. Saturdays; 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sundays

Mar 1: Post E-board Meeting 5 p.m. Mar 2: Monthly Meetings: Auxiliary 4pm, Post Regular Meeting 5 p.m./ QUEEN of Hearts

Mar 3: S.A.L. meets at 5 p.m.; ALR Potluck 5:30 p.m.

Mar 6: 40 & 8 meets at 1 p.m. Mar 12: S.A.L. Pancake Break-

fast—9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Mar 12: Karaoke with Captain Stan 5 p.m. until 8 p.m.

Mar 17: VA: Lunch for Fort Whipple Vets 11 a.m.; RIDER's Meeting 6

Mar 17: St Patrick's Day

Mar 26: Post Yard Sale at 9 a.m.

Mar 27: Easter:

#### **COMING EVENTS:**

April 2: Auxiliary EBoard Meeting— Vietnam Wall in Sedona:

April 16: Post Sock Hop

Mondays: 8 Ball Tournament 4:30

Wednesdays: Burgers Noon to 2 p.m. \$5: QUEEN OF HEARTS drawing 5 p.m.

Friday Fish Fry: 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. -Public Welcome! Cod. Catfish. Shrimp or Chef's Special w/Soup, Salad, Rolls, Dessert \$9 per person

Fish Fry Music: 4th, 18th, 25th-Greenwood Hill; 11th - Peggy Evans

#### **MAYER JUNIORS WIN PIZZA PARTY**

Mayer High School Juniors gathered for a pizza and pop party hosted by the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 78 in Humboldt. The Juniors were winners of a canned food contest in December to feed the hungry in our area.



The girls were asked to stay after lunch to hear about the Auxiliary Girls State program which is being held this year at the University of AZ in Tucson June 5-11. Girls State is a marquee program of the American Legion Auxiliary that has been training female high school students for civic leadership since 1937.

#### **UNWANTED Rx DRUGS?**

#### PLEASE DON'T FLUSH THEM!!

Citizens wishing to dispose of unused prescription medications can do so at the Prescott Valley Police Department Customer Service Window at 7601 E Civic Cr , Mon thru Fri from 8 to 5.

#### MARCH EVENTS & HOLIDAYS

Mar 13: Daylight Savings Time starts

Mar 17: St Patrick's Day Mar 20: Palm Sunday

Mar 24: Purim

Mar 27: Easter Sunday





#### **DEWEY-HUMBOLDT** LIBRARY NEWS:

YOUR library has great activities for all ages in the month of March. Enjoy our great book discussion, come for a fantastic movie for grownups, participate in an informative IONS meeting, view entertaining TV shows and movies, take our great computer classes, and fun for all in our game days for kids! And don't forget about our Thursday book sales! While you are here, use our computers, check out some of our informative books, and find some fun movies!

The library's Movies 4 Grownups shows a recently released or a classic DVD movie on our 90" movie screen, with a discussion to follow. On Tuesday, March 29: 6 to 8:30pm, the library is showing **Bridge of Spies**. Inspired by true events, this Oscar nominated film for best picture from director Steven Spielberg and starring



Tom Hanks, depicts the story of Brooklyn lawyer James Donovan who is sent by the CIA to negotiate the release of a captured American U-2 pilot during the height of the cold

Please register for this suspenseful movie in advance by calling 928-632-5049. Movie style refreshments will be served.

The Dewey-Humboldt IONS group will meet on Tuesday, **March 1**: 10:30am - 12:30pm. The group will discuss the topic "Science and Consciousness". Is the mind purely physical in nature? Is consciousness a part of the mind? Is there an aspect of awareness that transcends consciousness? The group will investigate the connection between consciousness and science from a spiritual point of view. IONS meetings are open to everyone with all viewpoints. Visitors are welcome!

Fans of Cultdom meets on Saturday afternoons, from 1 to 3:30pm. Join us as we enjoy movies and TV shows from a variety of different genres including science fiction, action,

suspense, mystery, horror, and comedy. On March 5, we will show the Season 10 Finale of The X-Files, plus a classic episode of the series. On March 12, we will view the acclaimed 2014 hit movie, Interstellar. Movie style refreshments will be provided!

"Fans of Cultdom" will NOT meet on March 19 or March 26.

The library will offer computer classes in the month of March focusing on the Internet. Signup is required for the classes. Call 928-632-5049 to register.

First we will have a two-part class on "Internet Basics" on Wednesday, March 9 (part 1) and Wednesday, March 16 (part 2) 10:30am -12:30pm, where participants will learn Internet terms, the pros and cons of different home Internet services and how to sign up for them, using an Internet browser, searching the Internet, and much more. On Wednesday, March 23: 10:30am -12:30pm, we will have a one-part class teaching how to use the "Google Chrome" Internet browser program. Learn how to use the features of the Chrome browser and learn the pros and cons of using it over Microsoft's Internet Explorer.

Also we will offer The Basics of Facebook, on Wednesday, March 30: 10:30am - 12:30pm. Learn how to use the famous social media website with our class!

The library's **Book Discussion** Group will have its monthly meeting on Tuesday, March 8: 9:30 -10:45am. The group is reading, The Silent Sister, by Diane Chamberlain. This story is about Riley Mac-



Pherson, a woman whose life and the lives of her family members were shaped by her sister Lisa's apparent suicide as a teenager. More than twenty years later after her father's

death, Riley finds evidence that Lisa is alive and lives under a different identity. Riley now tries to discover the truth of her sister in this powerful novel. Copies of the book are available at the library. Come in to pick up a copy, and then come for the discus-We will have refreshments. Call 928-632-5049, for more info.

Afternoon Games, for ages 7 and up, will be held on Wednesdays: 2:30 - 4pm. Kids can play board games including Battleship, Connect 4, Chess, Checkers, Candy Land, Sorry!, Monopoly Jr., Scrabble, Dominoes, Parcheesi, Clue, and we'll have the Wii out to play on the library's huge 90" movie screen. Kids can play Super Mario Bros., Wii Sports Resort, Mario Karts, Just Dance 3, Mario and Sonic at the Winter Olympic Games, Mario Sports Mix, or bring their own Wii games to play against others!

Every Thursday: 1 to 5pm, the Friends of the Library have a continuing "featured" Book Sale, down-

stairs in the JW Mitchell Room. Each week a new



will be on display for purchase. Most hardbacks \$1.00, most paperbacks \$0.25 (Romance and Western paperbacks are only \$0.10 each!), with the larger "Trade" paperbacks starting at \$0.50. DVD movies, audio books, and coffee table style books are priced at \$2.00 or more. We have books for kids and teens! All prices are as marked. Come back each Thurs to find new items to add to your personal library collection!

Your library is located at 2735 Corral St. in Humboldt near the entrance to Humboldt Elementary School and next to the Dewey-Humboldt Activity Center. Contact us by phone at (928) 632-5049. Also, don't forget that you can visit the library's website to find out the dates and times for all the library's activities and to search for and place holds on library items at: yavapailibrary.org/dhl.htm.

The library's regular hours are: Tues, Wed, & Fri: 10am to 5pm (closed for lunch Noon - 12:30 p.m.), Thurs: 12:30 to 7pm, and Sat: 10am to 2pm.

# MEETING DATES AND EXPECTED AGENDA ITEMS

(Subject to change. Check website or call Town Hall to confirm.)

Town Council Chambers 2735 S. Hwy. 69, Humboldt (unless otherwise posted)

#### Council Meetings 6:30pm

Mar 1: 1) Town Legal Services Solicitation report and process; 2) CIP Review and next steps; 3) Human trafficking presentation and proclamation; 4) Endorsing the Fire-Wise Community Initiative.

**Mar 15**: 1) Employee recognition Program Administrative Regulation; 2) Letter from Council to McCain and Senators.

### Council Work Sessions and Special Meetings 2:00pm

**Mar 8:** 1) Proposed Animal ordinance discussion; 2) Facility Study follow-up; 3) Social Media Presence report; 4) Revisions to Town Code 31.17, 30.019, 30.105.

#### P & Z Meetings 6:00pm

Mar 3: 1) Appointment of Chair and Vice Chair; 2) Review of General Plan.

To receive Meeting Notifications and Agendas by email contact: Agenda List@dhaz.gov and put "subscribe" in the subject line.

Citizens may have an item placed on the agenda by contacting a Council Member or filling out a form available at the counter in Town Hall.

#### **COMMUNITY NEWS**

#### Editor's note:

New venue at Mortimer Family Farms coming soon. Stay tuned for details.



## IMPORTANT ELECTION DATES IN 2016

Information provided by League of Women Voters and D-H Town Clerk

**Monday, February 22nd**—Deadline to register to Vote in the Presidential Preference Election (PPE).

**Wednesday, February 24th**—Early Voting begins in the PPE.

**Tuesday, March 22nd**—Arizona Presidential Preference Election.

**Monday, May 2nd**—Dewey-Humboldt (Council/Mayor Candidate) Nomination Packets available.

Wednesday, June 1st—Last Day to File Candidate Nomination papers/ petitions with Town Clerk for local candidate election (for Primary Election August 30, 2016).

**Thursday, July 21st**—Last Day to File as a Write-In Candidate for the Primary Flection

**Monday, August 1st**—Last Day to Register to Vote in the Primary Election.

(Note: Those of you not registered with a political party will need to request a primary ballot for the party of your choice. Local candidate election is nonpartisan)

**Wednesday, August 3rd**—Early Voting Begins in the Primary Election.

**Tuesday, August 30th**—PRIMARY Election Day.

**Thursday, September 29th**—Last Day to File as a Write-In Candidate for the General Election.

**Monday, October 10th**—Last Day to Register to Vote in the General Election.

**Wednesday, October 12th**—Early Voting Begins in the General Election.

Tuesday, November 8th— GENERAL Election Day.

NOTE: There is a new Ballot Drop Box in front of Dewey-Humboldt Town Hall. It is now located across the parking lot from the old drop box at Town Hall.



#### **ACTIVITY CENTER**

Tuesday through Friday, 10am to 2pm 13000 Prescott Street, Humboldt (928) 632-0699

Mission: To provide adult, youth and family services to strengthen the family unit and to provide residents with recreational, event and meeting space.

<u>AA for Men</u>: Thursdays at 7pm.

<u>Coffee Time:</u> Tuesdays, 10am to ?

Goodies, conversation and fun!

Bingo: Tuesdays, 11am to noon.

Bring a \$2 prize (can include nonperishable foods). Player with the highest number of wins each 4 weeks wins lunch for two at a local area restaurant. The past 4-

week winners were Kathy and Shelia.

<u>Community Cupboard:</u> The Center collects and distributes nonperishable food items locally. Usually, free breads are available on Thurs. and Fri. Thanks for your donations!

NOTE: Food Bank: The Food Bank at the Center has been suspended. The Yavapai Food Bank in Prescott Valley is available for those who qualify. Call 775-5255 for more info. Head Start: PV Early Head Start

meets at the Dewey-Humboldt Activity Center once or twice a month. It is for children ages 3 to 5. Call 772-7274 for more info.



<u>Thrift Store</u>: Offering a good variety of items, and accepting donations (but not electric appliances, clothing, shoes or opened toiletries).

SERVICES: Call the Center at 632 -0699 for verification.

AHCCCS & DES APPLICATIONS: Food Stamps, Medical Ins., etc.

**HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE INFORMATION:** For more information call: 211 or (877) 211-8661 or visit www.211arizona.org.

**LEGAL ADVOCACY:** Call Amy Lansa: 775-9993, ext 4271.

**MEDICARE ASSISTANCE:** Call Nancy Coman: 775-9993 ext 3.

APS & UNS GAS DISCOUNTS: Handouts available.

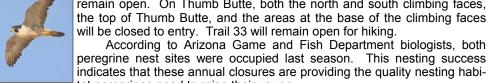
The Center also has information about **Meals on Wheels** and **Rides**, and we have **Recreational**, **Event**, **and Meeting Space** available.

#### **CLOSURES ON GRANITE MOUNTAIN & THUMB BUTTE**

PRESCOTT - On Feb. 1. Prescott National Forest officials implemented restrictions on climbing and other activities on the cliff faces of both Granite Mountain and Thumb Butte to protect peregrine falcon nest sites. The closures will last until July 15.

For Granite Mountain, it is prohibited to be upon any part of the rock cliff face or the rim above the rock face and extending 100 feet back from the edge of the cliff face by rock climbing or any other means of access. Trail 261 will remain open. On Thumb Butte, both the north and south climbing faces,

will be closed to entry. Trail 33 will remain open for hiking.



According to Arizona Game and Fish Department biologists, both peregrine nest sites were occupied last season. This nesting success indicates that these annual closures are providing the quality nesting habitat peregrines need to raise their young.

Peregrine falcons were once listed under the Endangered Species Act. They continue to be managed under the requirements of the Migratory Bird Treaty Act

If you have any questions about the peregrines and their management on Bradshaw District, please feel free to call Fletcher at 928-443-8020.

#### THE DEWEY-HUMBOLDT **NEWSLETTER**

Articles welcome from and provided by Citizens, Organizations, Committees, Staff, and Partners of the Town of Dewey-Humboldt.

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Denise Rogers, Editor

Please submit articles by the 15th on-line at: newsletter@dhaz.gov or in person at Town Hall.



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