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WINTER SAFETY TIPS

From Central Yavapai FD

Ensure smoke detectors are working in your home. If you do not have a smoke detector and can not afford one, Central Yavapai Fire Department may be able to help. Please email sdixson@centrallyavapafire.org or call 759-9933.

Additional Fire Tips:

Have your fireplace or wood stove ducting cleaned to remove the carbon and soot that builds up.

Discard fireplace ashes and cigarette butts in a metal bucket or can, douse with water and cover with a metal lid. Keep the can away from homes, decks or any other combustible items.

Have your furnace serviced to ensure that it is operating properly.

Keep portable heaters away from combustible items.

NEWS FROM TOWN HALL:

TOWN HALL NEWS

By Yvonne Kimball, Town Manager

As ever, I am in awe that we have concluded 2014 and entered 2015! The Town concluded 2014 by commemorating its 10th year incorporation anniversary on December 2, 2014, and on the same day the newly elected Mayor and three council members were sworn into offices.

Looking into the New Year, the Town has a few planned projects to continue on. In July 2014 the Town brought back in-house the operation of Building Permitting, Plan Review and Inspection Services; in 2015, Town Staff will continue to improve the operation under the Building Official/Inspector Joe Janusz who is replacing the retiring former Building Official/Inspector Terry Ford. Additionally, the 2012 International Building Codes (I-codes) adoption efforts will continue and we hope for its adoption through an ordinance and implementation early in 2015.

The Town also has the tasks of "animal code" review, "accessory dwelling unit ordinance", and "zoning set-back" research to work on. The Council and the Planning and Zoning Commission will be having a joint meeting on January 8, 2015 on these issues.

Staff has been working on strengthening internal procedures, revising the forms, and creating some informational pamphlets to enhance customer service and empower the public with information about Town operation. We are hopeful that we can launch some pamphlets and an updated website in 2015.

As many of you are aware, the Town is eligible for Community Development Block Grant funds of approximately \$260,000 and has a few possible projects to consider to benefit eligible neighborhood(s) in Town, utilizing the fund in 2015.

The Public Works Department will continue working on improving the town-owned roads by focusing on drainage upkeep and regular maintenance of the town-owned roads.

In 2015 I am continuing the "Coffee with Town Manager" program but **changing the date to the second Monday** of each month (instead of the first Monday of each month) to make it more convenient for residents to attend.

In January, "Coffee with the Town Manager" will be on January 12, 2015 at 9 am. I wanted to thank those who have participated in the program. I hope to see everyone in 2015.

In closing, I would like to wish the residence of Dewey-Humboldt a safe and prosperous New Year in 2015.

DEWEY-HUMBOLDT'S 10-YEAR ANNIVERSARY

Despite the blustery weather, approximately 50 people attended the celebrate of our 10th Anniversary as a Town. The Yavapai County Sheriff's Office Color Guard and Humboldt Elementary School Band opened the celebration with a posting of colors. Mayor Nolan thanked the current and past Council Members, Commissioners, and Staff, and introduced other local dignitaries, to the crowd. Councilman McBrady gave a history of the area, and Council members Williams-Rowe and Alen made brief comments before we adjourned inside to warm up and share some birthday cake, wassail and live music, performed by the Brush Arbor Revival band.



From left to right: VM Hamilton, CM McBrady, Mayor Nolan, (former) CM Williams-Rowe, CM Wright, CM Arlene Alen (Absent CM Repan and CM Doug Treadway)

COMMUNITY NEWS

SUSPECT ARRESTED FOR TAGGING/VANDALIZING PROPERTIES IN THE DEWEY/HUMBOLDT AREA

Yavapai County Sheriff's Office

A 17-year-old male from Humboldt was arrested Friday, December 5, 2014, at his home for several charges including Aggravated Criminal Damage x3 and Criminal Damage x5, along with drug charges.

Between November 3rd and the 15th, 2014, the Yavapai County Sheriff's Office received numerous reports of vandalism involving spray painted graffiti around the Dewey-Humboldt community. Incident locations include a Baptist church on Highway 69, the Humboldt Elementary School, US Post Office, activity center, library and other private properties.

Background - In late November, a YCSO deputy began looking into a series of tagging/graffiti vandalism incidents throughout his patrol area. After reviewing a series of reports, the deputy noticed the graffiti markings appeared similar in type, style, and color, indicating a single "author" willing to vandalize properties in town including a church and school. During follow-up, the deputy recalled prior contact with a 17-year-old disorderly juvenile a month earlier that lives near the church that had been vandalized. The deputy was able to find several social media sites connected to this juvenile and saw images similar to or an exact representation of the graffiti seen throughout town. The juvenile also made ongoing reference to drug use on these sites. A records check indicated the juvenile was also on active probation.

Based on the investigation, the deputy was able to obtain a search warrant for juvenile's home which was served Friday, December 5th. The juvenile/suspect answered the door and was detained. During a search of the suspect's home, deputies found evidence linking him to graffiti crimes throughout Dewey-Humboldt along with items indicating ongoing drug

use/possession. In the presence of his probation officer, the suspect admitted to the multiple vandalism cases and drug use.

The suspect was transported to and booked at the Prescott Juvenile Detention Center on the indicated charges.

BRADSHAW MOUNTAIN LIONS CLUB NEWS

From Judy Davidson

Congratulations Dewey-Humboldt on your 10th anniversary!

This year Bradshaw Mountain Lions provided Christmas dinners and gift cards to four local families.

The community support at our club's fundraisers make it possible for our club to do this within our community. All profits from our fundraisers are returned to the community in activities.

DHHS NEWS

After the last general business meeting of 2014, and talk about the up-coming trip, about 50 Dewey-Humboldt Historical Society members enjoyed a fun social gathering with a potluck provided by all of the members. And what a spread there was! Chicken,

Lasagna, Meatballs, Casseroles, Veggie Dishes, Salads, Coffee, Tea, and Cider, and Deserts –oh my! Cakes, Pies, Cookies, and Candies. Everyone was given a Raffle Ticket and after dinner the lucky winners picked their prize from an assortment of items on display. It was a great wrap-up of a great year!



IN MEMORY

Richard Keith McCahill

Patricia Sovern

Gone But Not Forgotten

THE HUNGRY KIDS PROJECT

The Hungry Kids Project's mission is to prepare our students to learn by eliminating childhood hunger in Humboldt Schools. Remarkable volunteers, coordinated by Med and Anita Wulf, have taken on the task of providing weekend food bags to food-insecure students at Humboldt Elementary and Bradshaw Mountain Middle Schools. Weekend food is packed every Friday at Humboldt Elementary and discreetly distributed to those students facing food insecurity.

Students are provided 2 breakfasts, 2 lunches and 2 dinners over the weekends, while school is in session. All purchases, packing and distribution of the food packs are done by volunteers. It cost @\$6.50 per bag to feed a child for the weekend. With adequate nutrition, kids can return to school on Monday well-nourished and ready to learn.

For more information or to donate call 928-759-5012 or email hungrykids.HUSD@commspeed.net.

HEAD START

Prescott Valley Early Head Start and the **Head Start Preschool Home Based Program** would like to express our gratitude for the generosity of the **Humboldt Activity Center** which serves our children and families by allowing us to use their facility for a monthly play group.

Head Start is a non-profit organization which provides a free, income-eligible program serving prenatal moms and families with children ages birth through 5. We provide developmentally appropriate activities, nutritious snacks and meals, family support services, medical and dental services, developmental screenings and services for children with special needs.

We are currently serving the communities of Prescott Valley, Dewey-Humboldt, Spring Valley, Mayer and Cordes Lakes, and are accepting applications for enrollment, as are our neighboring communities of Prescott and Chino Valley.

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

Jan 6: 1) Granicus Agreement; 2) Contract with property owner of Main Street property donation; 3) Town Manager Employment Anniversary; 4) Community Development Permitting Software Purchase.

Jan 20: 1) TBD

Council Work Sessions and Special Meetings 2:00pm

Jan 13: 1) Continued discussion on Public Body Code of Ethics Complaint Process.

P & Z Meetings 6:00pm

Jan 8: 1) Joint Meeting with Council regarding three topics: ADU, Animal Code, and Zoning Setbacks.

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.

IRS SCAM ALERT

If you get a phone call from someone claiming to be from the IRS and asking for money, here's what you should do: If you know or think you might owe taxes, call the IRS at 1-800-829-1040; if you know you don't owe taxes or have no reason to believe that you do, report the incident to the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration (TIGTA) at 1-800-366-4484 or at www.tigta.gov.

JANUARY HOLIDAYS & EVENTS

January 1: New Year's Day (Town Office closed January 1-2 in observance of New Year's)

January 19: Civil Rights Day (closed)

Flower: Carnation

Birthstone: Garnet



ACTIVITY CENTER

Tuesday through Friday, 10 to 2
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.

The Center thanks very much the Dewey Classic Cruisers for their recent generous donation to the D-H Activity Center, and, also for their contribution to the food bank Community Cupboard of canned goods.

Coffee Time: 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.



Congratulations, Kathy! Also, each week a Door Prize is picked for a Bingo player.

Community Cupboard: The Center collects nonperishable food items for local distribution. Thank you all for your continued donations!

Food Bank: Wednesday 9am until 11am



or the food is gone. For more information call 632-0699.

Men's AA: Every Thursday at 7pm.

Thrift Store: Offering a good variety of items including Christmas Decorations, and accepting donations (but not electric appliances, clothing, shoes nor opened toiletries).

We also have info about Medicare Assistance, Legal Advocacy, DES, AHCCCS, food stamps, utility bill discounts, health, safety and welfare, Meals on Wheels, and rides.

The Activity Center will be closed December 22 through January 5th for the Christmas and New Year Holidays.

HAPPY NEW YEAR EVERYONE!

HOPPIN' JOHN

By Diana Rattray

For **Good Luck** serve on **New Year's Day**—but enjoy any time of the year!

- 1 lb dried black-eyed peas
- 2 small smoked ham hocks or a meaty ham bone
- 2 medium onions
- 3 large cloves garlic, halved
- 1 bay leaf
- 1 cup long grain white rice
- 1 can (10 to 14.5 oz) diced tomatoes with chile peppers, juices reserved
- 1 medium red bell pepper, chopped
- 1/2 green bell pepper, chopped
- 3 ribs celery
- 1 jalapeno or serrano pepper, minced
- 2 tsp Cajun or Creole seasoning
- 1/2 tsp dried thyme leaves
- 3/4 tsp ground cumin
- 3/4 tsp salt
- 4 green onions, sliced

In a large Dutch oven or sauce pan combine the peas, ham, and 6 cups

water. Cut 1 onion in half and add it to the pot along with the garlic and bay leaf. Bring



to a boil, reduce heat to medium, low and simmer gently until the beans are tender but not mushy, 2 to 2 1/2 hours. Remove the ham bone or hocks, cut off the meat: dice and set aside. Drain the peas and set aside. Remove and discard the bay leaf, onion pieces, and garlic.

Add 2 1/2 cups of water to the pot and bring to a boil. Add the rice, cover, and simmer until the rice is almost tender, about 10 to 12 minutes. Mince the remaining onion then add to the rice along with the peas, tomatoes, and their juices, red and green bell pepper, celery, jalapeno pepper, Creole seasoning, thyme, cumin, and salt. Cook until the rice is tender, 5 to 8 minutes. Stir in the sliced green onions and the reserved diced ham.

Serve with hot sauce and freshly baked corn bread. **Enjoy!** Serves 6.

10TH ANNIVERSARY PHOTOS

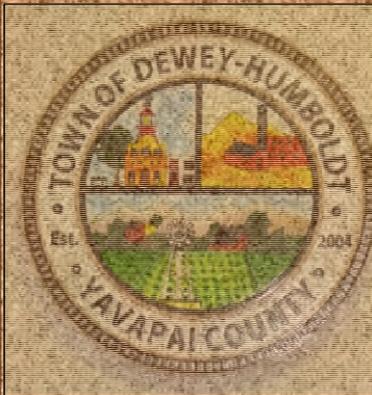
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Please submit articles by the **15th** on-line at: newsletter@dhaz.gov or in person at Town Hall.



YOU'RE INVITED TO HAVE COFFEE WITH THE TOWN MANAGER

Monday, Jan 12th from 9 to 10 am in the Town Manager's Office.



Happy New Year!

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