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# THE DEWEY-HUMBOLDT NEWSLETTER

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## NEWS FROM TOWN HALL



## BE YOUR OWN HERO

5, 30, 100+. These are the vegetation zone distances you need to know to make your home wildfire survivable. A wildfire will bring with it embers, flames, and lots of heat. Clearing anything that can burn 5' out from the overhang of your structure will allow embers to self-extinguish. A concrete or stone walkway or patio, rocks, sand or DG, or anything else that can't burn is all that should be right next to any structure you want to save.

Tree and shrub flame lengths are up to 30' long. You don't want flames licking at your home, so trim or remove trees and bushes that distance or closer so that if they are ignited, the flames can't get close. If you have tall trees within 30', trim the lower branches to direct any flames above your walls, eaves, and roof.

An advancing wildfire's heat temperature can be over 1,400 °F and that radiant heat, aimed at your home, can shatter windows and melt aluminum. What needs to be done is manage some of the vegetation's fuel leading to your home. On a level property, current science indicates that no more than 50% of an area 100' from your structure(s) should be vegetation, and creating alternately spaced islands of trees or shrubs 8-10' in diameter and at least 10' away from neighboring islands should do the trick. Wildlife will still have their spots to be wild, erosion will be checked, and the oncoming radiant heat should be sufficiently diminished. Because fire intensifies going uphill, if you have a slope of vegetation leading up to your structure(s), the thinning distance should be increased to 150' or even 200'.

There's of course more. Peruse our website or send an email to setup an appointment and we'll be happy to walk your property with you and discuss its survivability.

Website: <https://www.d-hfw.com>

Email: [DH.Firewise@gmail.com](mailto:DH.Firewise@gmail.com)

### Updates from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency on the Iron King Mine - Humboldt Smelter Superfund Site:

**Industrial Cleanup Update** – Sixteen engineers and project managers from EPA, USACE and contractors conducted a comprehensive site tour of the Iron King Mine, Humboldt Smelter, and the contaminated gulch both above and below the dam, on July 9-10, 2024. This visit helped to refine the design needs for these waste areas. EPA has advanced the waste area cleanup design with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and securing a primary engineering contractor to perform the design. The waste areas are numerous and complex and require extensive design efforts to address millions of tons of mine tailings, smelter wastes and contaminated soils at the former Mine and Smelter properties and surrounding areas, as well as the Chaparral Gulch drainage. The cleanup in these areas will follow EPA's [Record of Decision](#) on October 20, 2023.

**Residential Soil Sampling** - Sampling continues in Dewey-Humboldt, AZ. As of this writing, EPA has received consent for access from **185** properties and has sampled **123** properties. Throughout August and September EPA will continue to sample residential soil and seek consent for property access from landowners to sample remaining properties. The sampling will allow EPA to determine where cleanups are necessary for residential soils given EPA's new, lower cleanup standards. Due to laboratory delays, sample results are taking longer to process than previously anticipated. We recognize this may inconvenience residents. EPA endeavors to distribute soil sampling results as soon as possible. We will also notify individual landowners of sampled properties of the delay directly.

#### **Useful Links:**

EPA Public GIS Website - Iron King Mine - Humboldt Smelter  
<https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/c37b8129bf304fa0ad034d3ebf2a4626>

Main EPA Superfund page for Iron King Mine – Humboldt Smelter  
[epa.gov/superfund/ironkingmine](http://epa.gov/superfund/ironkingmine)

Updated print materials can be found in the Superfund site section in the Dewey-Humboldt Library. .

COMMUNITY NEWS

Dewey-Humboldt Historical Society

**YARD SALE**



**August 9 & 10**

**9am-Noon**

**\$10 A BAG**

At the Museum Property  
2581 S. State Route 69  
Humboldt, AZ.  
Between Kloss & Main St.

**YARD SALE**

DHSMUSEUM.ORG  
EVENTS@DHSMUSEUM.ORG

Dewey-Humboldt Historical Society  
Presents  
*Agua Fria Festival*  
September 21, 2024

Held in Historic Downtown Humboldt  
Main & Prescott Street

9AM Opening Ceremonies  
9:15AM Pet Parade  
10AM Old West Parade  
11AM Best Beard Contest  
11:15AM Best Western Attire  
12pm Cookies & Bars Contest  
1:00PM Silent Auction- Raffles  
2:00PM Closing Ceremonies

Music by Sky Daddy

Fun & Games & Photo Shoot Booth

Prescott Regulators & Their Shady Ladies Shows throughout the day

Big Bug Mining District Learn How To Pan 4 Gold

www.aguafriafestival.com  
events@dhsmuseum.org  
501 c3 Non-Profit Organization



#VitalToLife

Dewey-Humboldt Community  
**BLOOD DRIVE**

Tuesday, August 6, 2024

1:30 pm - 6:00 pm

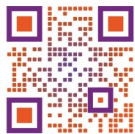
Humboldt Bible Church  
2500 Old Black Canyon Hwy ~ Dewey

Visit [www.vitalant.org](http://www.vitalant.org) (Blood Drive Code: P1670) or scan the QR Code to schedule your lifesaving appointment. Questions, contact Kim Floyd at (928) 830-5369.

When you donate July 28-Aug. 29, you'll be automatically entered for a chance to win one of two \$10,000 gift cards – enough to cover groceries for a year! Plus, you'll get a \$10 gift card in appreciation for your lifesaving efforts. Details at [vitalant.org/GroceryGiveaway](http://vitalant.org/GroceryGiveaway)

**ADVANCE APPOINTMENTS** are encouraged.

**DONATE BLOOD** May 24 through Sept. 6, you'll be entered to win a 2024 VW Jetta S, donated by our Valley Volkswagen Dealers.



**DONATE BLOOD**  
vitalant.org | 877-25-VITAL

vitalant.

**ENTER TO WIN!**

**CAR RAFFLE** All Proceeds Support Prescott Veterans

2025 Subaru Forester

RAFFLE ENTRY **\$100**

- ✓ SUPPORT VETERANS
- ✓ Strengthen COMMUNITY
- ✓ Win BIG!

AMERICAN LEGION & Findlay PRESCOTT SUBARU  
Prescott Valley Post #140

Enter Here: [www.Post140AZ.org/car-raffle](http://www.Post140AZ.org/car-raffle)

**ST. MARY'S FOOD BANK FOOD DISTRIBUTION THIS MONTH IS THURSDAY 8/15/24 from 12:00 PM to 2:00 PM at the vacant Town Lot on Main Street**



## COMMUNITY OPEN FORUM

|                 |   |
|-----------------|---|
| <b>Date:</b>    | <b>Wednesday, August 14, 2024</b>                     |
| <b>Time:</b>    | <b>3:00 pm – 7:00 pm</b>                              |
| <b>Place:</b>   | <b>Town Hall</b>                                      |
| <b>Topic:</b>   | <b>Iron King Mine-Humboldt Smelter Superfund Site</b> |
| <b>Sponsor:</b> | <b>Town Council, Town of Dewey-Humboldt</b>           |

- An open forum for all Town residents to ask questions/receive answers on any matter of concern related to the Iron King Mine-Humboldt Smelter Superfund Site
- Answers will be provided by the Town’s retained environmental legal counsel, Jim Hamula
- Topics of interest include:
  - Boundaries to EPA’s Superfund site
  - Current EPA Superfund soil investigation and planned waste repositories
  - Future EPA Superfund groundwater investigation and possible remediation
  - Adequacy of EPA’s work to date and options for addressing inadequacies
  - Town plans for properties at and about the IKM and smelter sites
  - Abandoned landfill in the IKM “glory hole”
  - County property tax break for properties subject to clean up
  - Town plans for a soil management ordinance
  - Rezoning rumors to facilitate remediation
  - Butte Park soil sampling results and future plans for reopening
- Come and go, as your schedule allows, or watch the forum online
- At your option, submit questions in advance to the following email address: [dhsuperfund@dhaz.gov](mailto:dhsuperfund@dhaz.gov)





PRESCOTT  
COMMUNITY  
CUPBOARD  
FOOD BANK\*

## Now Serving Dewey-Humboldt Res- idents!

*We are pleased to announce the Prescott Community Cupboard will be delivering food bags to our community.*

*All Dewey-Humboldt residents are welcome!*

**When:** Every Tuesday, noon to 2 pm, **Starting July 30**

**Where:** Kate Garber Community Center  
13000 E. Prescott Avenue, Dewey-Humboldt

**ID Required:** Bring your driver's license, or passport, etc.

**Questions?** Call the Community Cupboard at 928-277-0092



Pre-packed  
Bag Items

- 1 can soup, 1 can beans
- 2 cans of veggies, 1 can of fruit
- 1 can of pasta sauce
- 1 pkg pasta noodles
- 1 starch (mac-n-cheese or mashed potatoes, etc.)
- 1 pouch of chicken,
- 1 can of tuna,
- 1 bag of cereal or oatmeal,
- 1 lb of hamburger,
- 1 stick of butter

Spread  
the  
Word!

THE DEWEY-HUMBOLDT  
Kate Garber Memorial  
COMMUNITY CENTER



# GRAND RE-OPENING

*Come join us as we celebrate  
the refurbished Community  
Center*

**When:** AUGUST 16, 2024  
11 am—2 pm

**Where:** 13000 E. Prescott  
(next to Town Library)  
Dewey-Humboldt

*Refreshments will be served.*

**MEETING DATES**

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

Find the full agenda packets for upcoming meetings, as well as, packets and minutes for previous meetings online at [Town Meeting Documents and Videos | Dewey-Humboldt, AZ \(dhaz.gov\)](http://Town Meeting Documents and Videos | Dewey-Humboldt, AZ (dhaz.gov))

**Regular Council Meetings @ 6:30 p.m.**

- August 6, 2024
- August 20, 2024

**Planning & Zoning Meeting @ 6:00p.m.**

- August 8, 2024

**Council Study Session @ 6:30 p.m.**

- August 13, 2024

**Board of Adjustment @ 9:00 a.m.**

- August 27, 2024

Meetings are held via Granicus. Comments can be given at the meeting or can be submitted to [BethEvans@dhaz.gov](mailto:BethEvans@dhaz.gov), no later than 3:30 p.m., on the day of meeting. Please identify agenda item and your full name.

Citizens may have an item placed on the agenda by contacting a Council Member or by filling out a Presentation Request Form available on the website or at Town Hall.

**KEEP IN TOUCH!**

The Town of Dewey-Humboldt uses **Mailchimp** email software to send emails to residents. If you would like to receive emails through this system for meeting notices, agenda packets, and other Town information, send the Town an email request at [info@dhaz.gov](mailto:info@dhaz.gov) or call the Town at 928-632-7362. If emails aren't your thing, you can subscribe to "Notify Me" on our website to receive text messages on updates on community news and events.

**Kate Garber Memorial COMMUNITY CENTER**

Free day-old bread offered Thursdays 12 noon to 2 PM or Friday from 10 am to 2 PM. Quantities and selections vary each week.

13000 E. Prescott Street  
(next to the Library)  
Phone: 928-632-0699

Hours: Tuesday—Friday 10 am—2pm  
Email: [DHCommunityAction@gmail.com](mailto:DHCommunityAction@gmail.com)



**PERMITS ISSUED**

Building Department  
issued permits  
June 2024:

|                          |           |
|--------------------------|-----------|
| Zoning                   | 5         |
| Manufactured Home        | 3         |
| Right of Way             | 5         |
| Lot Line Adjustment      | 1         |
| Grading                  | 2         |
| Electric                 | 4         |
| Variance                 | 1         |
| Solar                    | 2         |
| Home Business Occupation | 1         |
| Other Building           | 4         |
| <b>Total:</b>            | <b>28</b> |

**DEWEY-HUMBOLDT UPCOMING 2024 EVENTS**

**MONTHLY FOOD DISTRIBUTION**  
12938 E Main St. Dewey-Humboldt

St. Mary's Food Bank.

Third Thursday of Each Month 1:00-2:30

**APRIL DEWEY HUMBOLDT DAYS**  
Main Street, Dewey-Humboldt

This new event will be a fun and educational street fair.

**JUNE 4TH OF JULY 2:00-6:00**  
Humboldt Elementary School Field

Activity in the park with fun family activities.

**OCT 26 TRUNK OR TREAT**  
Town Hall Parking Lot

Decorate your vehicle and hand out treats to all ages.

**DEC CHRISTMAS ANGEL TREE**  
Town Hall, Dewey-Humboldt

Bless our community for Christmas.

**DEC 21 CHRISTMAS LIGHT PARADE**  
Main Street, Dewey-Humboldt

Light up your ride and join our celebration parade!

**For Questions or to Volunteer:  
Call Jeremiah at 928-499-4850**

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**DEWEY-HUMBOLDT MAGISTRATE COURT**

The Dewey-Humboldt Magistrate Court is open Tuesday-Thursday from 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. and closed for lunch from 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Payments may be deposited in the receptacle on the southwest corner of our parking lot, outside of Suite 15. Credit card payments can be made inside Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. If the Court Clerk is not here, you will need to know your case number and the amount due in order to make a credit card payment.

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[@DeweyHumboldt.AZ](https://www.facebook.com/DeweyHumboldt.AZ)

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2735 Corral St. Humboldt, AZ 86329 Phone: 928-632-5049

# LIBRARY NEWS

**Hours:**  
**Monday—**  
**Thursday**  
**8:30 AM**  
**to 6:00 PM**

## Meet our Writer in Residence!

**Zarah Sandall**

At Dewey-Humboldt  
 Town Library

**September—November 2024**

She will be spending time at our library offering educational workshops and personal one on one time with patrons that would like coaching with creative writing.

Call the library to reserve your time with her!

## More than just books...

Did you know that your local library has several services for its patrons?

- ⇒ Free Notary Services
- ⇒ Print, Copy, & Scanning Services
- ⇒ Free Wi-Fi Hotspot Checkout
- ⇒ Free Computer Access
- ⇒ Free Online Learning Databases
- ⇒ Free Access to Consumer Reports
- ⇒ County Wide Event Calendar

**www.Yavapai.Events**



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 Just search "@YCFLD"



## FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

**Weekly Book Sales**

Mondays 11AM—3 PM

## AUGUST LIBRARY PROGRAMS

- August 1, 2024** Back to School Party! 3:00pm-5:30pm
- August 13, 2024** How to start a Community Garden 4:00pm-5:30pm
- August 15, 2024** Movie Night "Wish" 4:00pm-6:00pm
- August 27, 2024** Obtain a High School Diploma through the library 4:00pm-5:30pm

## WEEKLY EVENTS

### Mondays:

- Friends of the Library-Weekly Book Sale 11AM - 3PM  
 Monday Night Art - Art activities for all ages 4 PM - 6 PM

### Tuesdays:

- Tai Chi for Beginners 10 AM - 11 AM

### Wednesdays:

- Wonder Wednesday - STEM activities for kids 1 PM - 5 PM  
 Creative Minds Club - After-school club 3 PM - 5 PM  
 Drop in Tech - Free technology assistance 3 PM - 5 PM

### Thursdays:

- Introduction to Qigong 10 AM - 11 AM

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