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# THE DEWEY-HUMBOLDT NEWSLETTER

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REMEMBER TO BE ALERT FOR KIDS OUT & ABOUT!



## DEWEY-HUMBOLDT SPRING CLEAN UP DAYS

Dewey Humboldt Spring Clean Up Days (Dump Days) - for **DEWEY-HUMBOLDT RESIDENTS ONLY!** - will start Tuesday, May 27 and continue through Thursday, May 29, from 7am to 5pm.

The **Vacant Town Lot at 12938 E. Main St.** will have dumpsters available to handle your discards. Yard clippings, pine needles and horehound will only be accepted in trash bags. Furniture (including mattresses), televisions and residential construction material (non-commercial), are **all allowed**. Items that are **not** be accepted are tires, oils, hazardous chemicals, paint, refrigerators/freezers with freon/coolant canisters attached, household trash, propane tanks with vales in place, and batteries.



The **Maintenance Yard at S. Azurite and E. Third St.** will be accepting brush.

**BE PREPARED TO UNLOAD YOUR OWN VEHICLES!**

Please call Town Hall at (928) 632-7362 for further information and if you have any questions on allowable items.

## 2024 VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

Everyday 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 for his/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 volunteered in 2024 as individuals or for organizations that directly benefit the citizens of the Town of Dewey-Humboldt.

**NOMINATION PROCESS:** The process is simple. State the Nominee's name, what work has been done as a volunteer and/or the volunteer organization where the Nominee volunteered. Briefly describe 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. Each Nominee should be submitted on a separate form. Nominations can be delivered to Town Hall via in person, U.S.P.S., or emailed to [bethevans@dhaz.gov](mailto:bethevans@dhaz.gov) by **Monday, June 30, 2025 at 6:00 pm.**

**HONOREE SELECTION:** The Town Manager appoints a Citizen Committee to review the Nominees and make recommendations to the Town Council who will then select the Honoree. The Citizen Committee shall be comprised of a diverse group of individuals/organizations who are involved in the community. Members do not have to be a Dewey-Humboldt resident. Mayor Matthew Fenn will be the Council's liaison with



the Citizen Committee and will serve on the committee as an arbitrator only. Nominees will be judged on the outstanding service performed/donated by the nominee to the citizens of Dewey-Humboldt. This includes the amount of time and effort spent by the nominee; whether the nominee was nominated for more than one service; and, whether the nominee was nominated by more than one person.

**RECOGNITION:** The Honoree of the "Volunteer of the Year" Award, along with all that have been nominated, will be recognized by the Town Council at an upcoming Town Council meeting where they will be awarded certificates of appreciation. Nominees' guests and other dignitaries may express their appreciation for the Nominee. The Volunteer of the Year plaque will be updated with the Honoree's name and date. This plaque is displayed in Town Hall.

This is a wonderful way for the Town to express its sincere appreciation for our volunteers and a great opportunity for volunteers to inspire others through their stories.



**Saturday May 3rd, 2025 from 10am to 1 pm!**

5th Annual DH Firewise **"Don't Get Burned"** Wildfire Safety Event and Art Contest Award at Mortimer Farms

- Artwork Awards Presentation
- First Responders
- Animal Disaster Services
- Emergency Support Agencies
- State Agencies
- Federal Agencies
- Sponsors



THANKS TO OUR SPONSORS!



## WHAT'S HAPPENING! DEWEY-HUMBOLDT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Spring Is Here and Summer Is Just Around The Corner!

**DON'T MISS IT! Add the following to your Calendar!:**

### VENDOR'S DAY AT THE MUSEUM

Saturday May 24, 9AM-2PM

2581 S. Route 69 Dewey-Humboldt

Enjoy a bite of food with **Kelley's Kitchen Food Truck** and check out the amazing **Vendors**. You just might find something unique to purchase as a gift or for yourself.

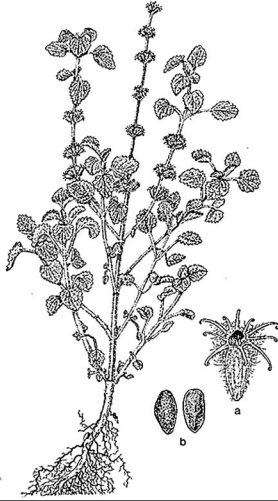
We will have the **Spin Wheel** with some amazing items, and everyone is a winner with one Spin of the Wheel.

The **Big Bug Mining District** will be there teaching How to **Pan for Gold**. They will have a surprise or two with their presentation.

Remember to purchase a **Raffle Ticket** for **A One Night Accommodation at Creekside Lodge and a \$50 gift card for their Restaurant**. Located in Mayer. Drawing to be held at Noon on Vendor's Day and you do not need to be present to win.

For More details go to our Web site. [www.dhsmuseum.org](http://www.dhsmuseum.org)

All our invited to our **General Meetings** Held the 2nd Wednesday of the month At the **Agua Fria Church**, 2nd Street in Humboldt at Time 5:30pm.



Horehound (*Marrubium vulgare*). This member of the square-stemmed mint family is one of our worst nuisances. The seed capsule's tiny hooks let this invasive perennial's seeds hitch a ride on anything that brushes by. Socks and pet fur are favored. Within 3 years, Horehound can fill a yard or field and sit smugly blocking other plants and daring you to brush by.

Mechanical removal—cutting with shovel or string trimmer or pulling if the soil is moist—is the most effective treatment. Drenching the plants with herbicides will work but will endanger you and all the innocent creatures living nearby.

Drawing: Kittie Parker's 1972 "Weeds of Arizona," With permission by U of A Press.  
Submitted by Agua Fria Open Space Alliance.

## Wednesday Wanderings

### Guided Nature Walks

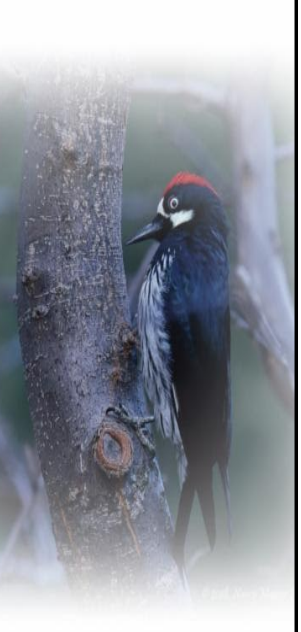
Walk on wooded trails with a local expert to learn about the Central Highlands ecoregion.

Wednesdays 04/02, 04/16, 05/07, 05/21

9:00am-10:30am



Register today at [highlandscenter.org/adult-programs](http://highlandscenter.org/adult-programs)



## HOT PATCH REPAIRS

Over the next 60 days, the Public Works Department will be patching some of the roads in Town in preparation for the annual Chip Seal Overlay project. The annual chip seal project entails a chip overlay of existing roads throughout Town with a fog (a thin liquid oil) coating once the chips are applied.

**Please** keep roads and rights-of-way free of parked vehicles and trash bins. Anticipate minor delays and watch out for equipment and personnel while driving in these areas.



**Thank you** for your patience! If you have any questions on the project, please call Town Hall at (928) 632-7362.

Because of you,  
life doesn't stop.

#VitalToLife



ADVANCE APPOINTMENTS are encouraged.



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## Dewey-Humboldt Community

### BLOOD DRIVE

Tuesday, May 13, 2025

1:00 pm - 5:30 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 Brian Kirkland at [mrkirky7@gmail.com](mailto:mrkirky7@gmail.com)

Donate May 1-31 and you'll be entered for a chance to win an epic vacation package! \*Terms and conditions apply; see [vitalant.org/EpicGiveaway](http://vitalant.org/EpicGiveaway).



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**PRESCOTT  
COMMUNITY  
CUPBOARD  
FOOD BANK**

**PCCFB MOBILE  
FOOD TRUCK**  
All are welcome!

**LOCATION:** Dewey-Humboldt Senior Center parking lot

**DATE:** Every Tuesday

**TIME:** 12pm – 2pm

**Needed:** Form of ID (DL, ID, passport, etc.)

**Pre-packed bag items:**

- 1 can beans
- 1 can of soup
- 2 cans of veggies
- 1 can of fruit
- 1 can of pasta sauce
- 1 lb of pasta noodles
- 1 starch (mac N cheese, 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

**May be available:**

- ½ gal of milk

**KATE GARBER  
ACTIVITY CENTER**

13000 E Prescott St  
Humboldt  
(928) 632-0699

**FREE BREAD** every Thursday.  
**FREE CLOTHES from Tammy's Closet Outreach** every Thursday from noon until 2: Clothes for Men, Women, Kids and Babies. Let us know what you need!



**CONCERNED ABOUT WHAT'S IN YOUR WATER?**

The Arizona Department of Environmental Quality's Groundwater Quality Monitoring Program determines the quality of Arizona's aquifers across the state by testing for more than 200 potential contaminants including metals, nutrients, pesticides, radionuclides and other emerging contaminants. If you own a domestic or irrigation watering well and want to have your water tested, contact the program coordinator. ADEQ can either come to your property and collect the water sample for testing or provide you with training, equipment, and instruction on how to collect and submit your own samples for testing—all FREE of charge! Contact [GWMonitoring@azdeq.gov](mailto:GWMonitoring@azdeq.gov) for more information.

**WARM WEATHER APPEALS TO OUTDOOR  
ENTHUSIASTS, RATTLESNAKES**

It's important to keep in mind that 13 species of rattlesnakes call Arizona home and become active as temperatures rise.

Depending on location, the species that are encountered most often are the Western diamondback, sidewinder, Mojave, and black-tailed rattlesnakes.

"Arizona has more rattlesnake species than any other state, and we can all celebrate that amazing biodiversity," said **Thomas Jones**, amphibians and reptiles program manager for the **Arizona Game and Fish Department**.

**During the spring, it's not uncommon for rattlesnakes to be out during daylight hours. As the days become increasingly hot, though, usually around early May, rattlesnakes tend to move around more at night.**

"We want people to know that there is a higher than average chance that they might encounter a rattlesnake when they are out recreating," Jones said.

**Here are some tips on staying safe:**

Watch your step at home. Rattlesnakes can easily blend in with their surroundings, so a person should always be mindful where they are placing their feet and hands.

Carry a flashlight at night, especially on warmer nights when rattlesnakes can be most active.

Stay on the trail

Encounters with rattlesnakes and other venomous reptiles can take place anywhere, but they are more likely to occur when a person leaves a marked trail or wanders away from a heavily traveled area. Always stay on marked trails and be aware of your surroundings.

When encountering a rattlesnake, remember that the reptile is more concerned with being left alone. Back away from the rattlesnake, give it a wide berth, and continue on your way. An agitated rattlesnake will often hold its ground but will not give chase.

"...rattlesnakes are typically not dangerous unless provoked," Jones said.

**If a rattlesnake bite occurs:**

- Remain calm and reassure the victim.
- Call 911 and seek medical attention without delay.
- Remove all jewelry, watches, etc. from the affected area.
- Immobilize the extremity and keep at level below the heart.
- Decrease total body activity as is feasible.

**What NOT to do if a rattlesnake bite occurs:**

- Do NOT apply ice to the bite area.
- Do NOT use an incision of any kind.
- Do NOT use a constriction band or tourniquet.
- Do NOT administer alcohol or drugs.
- Do NOT use electric shock treatment.

For additional information and resources about rattlesnake bites, contact the Arizona Poison Drug and Information Center at 1-800-222-1222.



**EPA COMMUNITY UPDATE**

**Iron King Mine / Humboldt Smelter Superfund Site – Residential Soil Sampling Update**

EPA continues to sample residential yards that may have been affected by material from the Iron King Mine/Humboldt Smelter. To date we have received access to sample more than half of the 522 properties we visited in Dewey-Humboldt.

**We thank the Dewey-Humboldt community for your patience and cooperation as we continue work on cleanup efforts in your community!**

**PLEASE JOIN US:  
EPA COMMUNITY OPEN HOUSE**

May 14, 2025

*The Barn* at Mortimer Farms

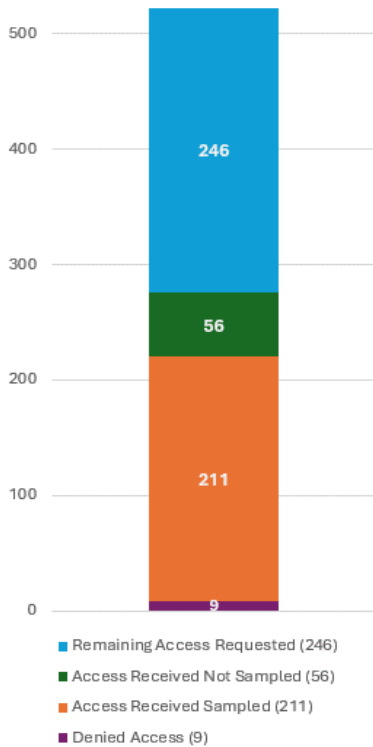
**12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

**5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.**

*Free and open to the community!*



Properties Where Access was Requested for Sampling (522)



**Next Steps:**

- We will be back in the community to continue sampling the week of May 19th. If you see us, please drop by to say hi—we'd enjoy speaking with you!
- If sample results show soil cleanup is needed, we will contact you in early Summer 2025 to discuss next steps.
- We continue to mail Dewey-Humboldt property owners results from our 2024-25 soil sampling efforts. We sincerely apologize for the delay in sending these results. There was a major backlog at the lab analyzing the samples that caused longer-than-usual wait times.

For more information, visit our website at: [epa.gov/superfund/IronKingMine](http://epa.gov/superfund/IronKingMine)

If you are still interested in having your soil sampled, please contact us at your earliest convenience:

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**Arizona Pioneer King Samuel Woolsey**

King Samuel Woolsey was born in Alabama in 1832 and he was raised in Louisiana. In 1849 King Woolsey arrived in California via a British ship. For the next ten years he was a miner. His success in this venture is not recorded. He moved to Yuma Arizona, working for a brief time as a teamster, then bought the Agua Caliente Ranch. Here he dug an irrigation ditch to power a small flour mill and to water his fields of hay.

King Woolsey joined the Walker party expeditions 1863. In 1864 King Woolsey came to what is known today as Dewey Arizona. He built the Agua Fria Ranch House from some of the ruins left by the Anasazi Indians, the roof was covered with dirt, and he enclosed the property with a stone wall about shoulder high, part of which is still seen today on this site on Old Black Canyon Highway. He raised crops, corn, as well as other produce.

To protect the ranch and crops Governor Goodwin, who was the 1st Territorial Governor of Arizona appointed King Samuel Woolsey to Lt. Colonel of the Indian fighting volunteers. He was to fend off the Native Americans (Apaches) and to chase them out of the area.

In 1867 he left northern Arizona and then centered his business in Salt River Valley of Arizona developing a lucrative trade of package salt and with partners established the Phoenix flour Mills. In later years he served on the Territorial Legislature Council five times, twice as president.

King Woolsey's contribution to the early settlement of Arizona Territory was monumental.

*Researched by John Charles Young  
To be continued in future Dewey-Humboldt Newsletters*

### Master Gardener Help Desk- A Free Service

Spring is here! Don't forget that the Master Gardener Help Desk is available by phone, email, or walk-in at both our offices in Prescott and Camp Verde.

**Prescott Help Desk**

prescottmg@gmail.com  
928-445-6590 x2

**Camp Verde Help Desk**

verdevalleymg@gmail.com  
928-554-8992



### PERMITS ISSUED

Building Department  
issued permits  
January 2025:

Manufactured Home	2
Zoning	3
Grading	5
Electric	7
Right of Way	1
Other Building	3
Solar	4
Change in Use	1
Mechanical	1
Home Business Occupation	1
Lot Split	2
<b>Total:</b>	<b>30</b>

### 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.

### SAVE THE DATE!!

Dewey-Humboldt 3rd Annual Independence Day Celebration  
June 28



Humboldt Elementary School Field

**GENERAL PLAN OUTREACH MEETINGS WILL BE HELD MAY 5 FROM 5-7 AND MAY 8 FROM 4-6**

### 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://TownMeeting.DocumentsandVideos|Dewey-Humboldt.AZ(dhaz.gov))

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

- May 6, 2025
- May 20, 2025

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

- May 13, 2025

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

- May 6, 2025

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

- May 27, 2025

**General Plan Outreach Meetings**

- May 5, 2025: 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.
- May 8, 2025: 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Meetings are held via Granicus. Comments can be given at the meeting or be submitted no later than 3:30 p.m., to [BethEvans@dhaz.gov](mailto:BethEvans@dhaz.gov), 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.

### TOWN COUNCIL CONTACT INFORMATION

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St. Mary's Food Bank®

### ST. MARY'S FOOD DISTRIBUTION:

04/17/25 from 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm at the vacant Town lot on Main Street.

### INSPECTIONS

If you call Town Hall (928-632-7362) to request an inspection, whether during business hours or when leaving a voicemail, **please** have your name, permit number, address/parcel number, type of inspection needed, and date requested ready.

Inspections are completed Tuesday through Thursday and 24-hour notice is required. **Thank you.**



**If you would like to receive email updates and notices of Town Meetings and Events please call the Town Office at (928) 632-7362 and ask to be added to the list.**

### STAFF CONTACTS

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**ATTN: NON-PROFITS & GOVT AGENCIES** PLEASE submit articles for inclusion in the D-H Newsletter to Denise at [drcoldh2o@gmail.com](mailto:drcoldh2o@gmail.com) by the 15th of the month. **THANK YOU!**



# LIBRARY NEWS

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

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



**SUMMER READING PROGRAM**  
**2025**  
**MAY 29 - JULY 17**

**YOU ARE INVITED!**  
**SUMMER READING PROGRAM**  
**KICK OFF**

**FOAM PARTY!**  
**MAY 29, 2025**  
**11:00 am**

## WEEKLY EVENTS

### Mondays:

Friends of the Library - *Weekly book sale* 11 AM - 3 PM  
Happy Hands Workshop - *Craft activities for all ages* 4 PM - 6 PM

### Tuesdays:

Tai Chi for Beginners 10 AM - 11 AM

### Wednesdays:

Drop In Tech 3:30 PM - 5:30 PM  
PM  
Full S.T.E.A.M. Ahead! - *STEAM activities for kids* 1 PM - 5 PM  
Creative Minds Club - *After-school club* 3 PM - 5 PM

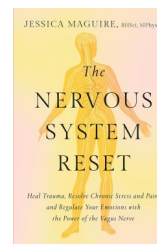
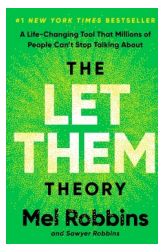
### Thursdays:

Intro to Qigong - *Tai Chi is a form of Qigong* 10 AM - 11 AM

### Fridays:

Writing Consultations - *Virtual only* 10 AM - 12:45 PM

## COMING SOON TO THE LIBRARY



### 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](http://www.Yavapai.Events)

## FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY



### Weekly Book Sales

Mondays 11 AM - 3 PM

### Book Club

Jan 13th, 2 PM - 3 PM

Accepting book donations Mondays - Like-new and good



find us on facebook!!  
Just search "@YCFLD"



**LOOK INSIDE!! NEW TOPICS!!**



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