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GUESS WHAT?

Our newsletter is now published monthly!

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CONGRATULATIONS!

to the **Kate Garber Activity Center** for being among only 193 food establishments to receive Yavapai County's **Golden Plate Award**. This award recognizes safe food handling practices. Way to go folks!!

- Denise Rogers

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THOUGHTS FROM THE MAYOR



Getting to the Good Stuff

by Mayor Len Marinaccio

The Dewey-Humboldt Town Council fields a lot of questions. Most have to do with roads, the status of the old Young's Farm property, and property maintenance, but not far down the list is the

ever popular, "What is the Council doing?"

Until now, the short answer has been "laying good foundations." We have put into law requirements for conduct, ethical standards and procedures for both Council and Staff, as well as establishing sound principles and visions on which we can base future work so that it is consistent with the character of our town, to be efficient and well planned for the future. It has been very busy and difficult work, but it's done!

Now, at long last, we are putting more effort into the things that really touch the community! For example, in our February 2nd meeting the Council gave the green light to a roving dumpster program and a pilot recycling program.

Past town-sponsored "clean-up days" have always been well received by the community, and the Council asked Staff how we could do better. The result is a plan to provide a total of 6 alternating Saturdays of dumpster availability at 6 different locations around town beginning March 27th in the vicinity of Town Hall. Volunteers will help organize and load trash at these drop-off points and there will be no cost for residents. Best of all, this program is very inexpensive and we hope to see more of it if the pilot program works well!

The recycling program is another pilot project starting later this spring. Since curbside recycling is not available, a plan for a recycling, drop-off-point near Town Hall has been approved. This will cost residents nothing and once again is very easy on the town's budget. Most recyclables will be accepted and a list of what can and cannot be dropped off will be publicized soon. This is a pilot program, but with sufficient use by our residents we expect it to be a great success!

Kudos go to Gregory Arrington for researching and designing both the roving dumpster and the recycling programs. For

more information on either of these, you can contact Gregory at Town Hall at 632-7362.

I'm proud of the work we've done to create good organization, foundation and focus but it sure is nice to spend more time on the matters that really matter to you!

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LITTLE TOWN COMES TOGETHER TO HELP OUT THE BAUDEK FAMILY

by Susie Berry

On January 30, a benefit for Jacob Baudek and his family was held at the Humboldt Auction House. The entire community pitched in with donations for an auction, a separate silent auction, a bake sale, and a musical concert by local musician and record producer Chris Berry and his band, the Retrofitters, along with many of their musical friends.

The event was organized and produced by Chris, who has put on a couple of other events including last summers "American Roots Music Festival", benefiting the Make-A-Wish Foundation and who also helped organize the music entertainment for the 2009 Agua Fria Days.

Says Chris, "It was really nice to see the whole town unite for a good cause. The Baudek Family (who were present) decided to use the money raised to help fund a Swift Water Rescue Team that would be stationed close by. The benefit was able to raise half of the funds needed and 100% of the proceeds of the benefit went to that cause. One of the really neat things that came out of this was that it was generally agreed upon that the town's people would not wait for another tragedy to bring them together. Subsequently, plans are in the works to open a Cultural and Arts center in Old Humboldt, where people can gather for various events, etc."

At the time of this writing a building has been secured in the old grocery store and archery building. Chris and his sister Shannon, along with Chris's wife Susie and her brother Steve are in the process of getting the building ready to open in late February or early March.

(See photos from the event on the Bulletin Board)

IRON KING MINE—HUMBOLDT SMELTER SUPERFUND SITE MARCH 2010 UPDATE

by Leah Butler

EPA, working in conjunction with ADEQ, completed the Remedial Investigation (RI) and is currently drafting the RI Report.

The RI report will identify contamination source areas, define the nature and extent

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of contamination, and summarize the human health and ecological risks from the site. Upon completion, the RI Report will be available at the Dewey-Humboldt Library and can be viewed on EPA's website at: <http://www.epa.gov/region09/ironkingmine>. The RI Report will be used as a foundation for the evaluation of clean-up alternatives in the feasibility study and will support the ultimate clean-up plan. In the coming month, EPA and ADEQ will send out a factsheet and hold a community meeting to present the result of the RI and discuss the upcoming feasibility study.

During the feasibility study, EPA will develop clean-up options. The clean-up options will be evaluated using a number of criteria, including protectiveness of human health and the environment, ease of implementation, cost, and time to reach clean-up goals. EPA will continue to collect data while we undertake the feasibility study.

Once the feasibility study is complete, EPA will propose a clean-up plan and solicit public input on the plan by holding a public meeting and comment period. No clean-up decision will be made until the public has a chance to provide comments. Once the comment period ends, EPA will evaluate the comments, consult with ADEQ, and make a decision about how to address the contamination.

EPA and ADEQ continue to work with the University of Arizona (UA) on evaluating the feasibility of phytostabilization of the Iron King Mine tailings pile. Phytostabilization is a process that uses native plants and soil amendments to revegetate impacted soils (such as tailings) and reduce the mobility of heavy metals and dust. The UA completed the first greenhouse study phase of the project and is now working on a field trial where plants will be cultivated on the tailings-pile itself as well as a longer term greenhouse trial.

Additionally, UA researchers are planning a community garden project to determine the metal and nutrient content of vegetables grown in local gardens. Interested community members can participate in the project by contacting Monica Ramirez at (520) 260-6620 or ramirez@pharmacy.arizona.edu.

A Technical Assistance Grant (TAG) is available for a qualified community group. An initial grant of up to \$50,000 can be used by the group to hire an independent technical advisor. The advisor can help the community understand technical information and participate in the decision making process for the site. To qualify, the TAG recipient must be or become an incorporated non-profit organization. EPA can pay for

the costs of incorporation. EPA staff is available to help a group through the application process.

Please contact Leah Butler with questions or feedback for the EPA at (415) 972-3199 or leave a message on the toll free hot-line (800) 231-3075.

DEWEY-HUMBOLDT TO BEGIN USING COMMUNITY-WIDE MESSAGING SYSTEM - NIXLE

Beginning Monday, March 1, 2010, the Town will begin utilizing an electronic messaging system that allows direct communication with interested persons who sign up to receive messages via e-mail, SMS (Short Message Service), or text to their mobile device. The service is provided by NIXLE, who is a trusted entity with partners such as National Law Enforcement Telecommunications System, the U.S. Conference of Mayor's, the Council of State Governments, the Police Executive Research Forum, and a host of others.

Messages that will be sent, from time to time, include:

Traffic – information related to traffic problems or diversions and parking bans;

Community Information – meetings that relate to public safety topics;

Advisories – Crime Alerts and Press/Informational Releases (from events in which we are seeking information from the public or a neighborhood that may be impacted by a response or have a recognizable interest in immediate information about an event), and

Alerts - Critical Incident Information on major events, emergencies, or things such as Amber Alerts, missing persons, etc.

NIXLE is configured to broadcast to all persons subscribed to the DHAZ NIXLE messaging system. Broadcasts can be configured to occur to all persons subscribed or within a geographic area around a particular address.

Residents, businesses or others interested in following Town NIXLE broadcasts can register securely at **no charge** by visiting <http://local.nixle.com/> register or by searching for local NIXLE broadcasts by visiting: www.nixle.com. When registering, if it does not accept your street address, please use the nearest major intersection or street.

Information about the NIXLE service can be found at www.nixle.com. The site provides tutorial information about its operation.

The Town plans to test the use of this system for an initial period of 90 days.

SIGN UP FOR NEIGHBORHOOD EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION

by Earl Goodwin

The Sheriff's Office has recently installed an automated system to notify neighborhoods in the event of a serious threat to residents that might require evacuation.

The system was first used in January to alert 1100 residents of Black Canyon City to an imminent flood threat. The system allows communications personnel to pick out a specific area on a map and send an automated message to all telephones and cell phones of people in that area who have registered for the program.

Emergencies could include floods, wildfires, Amber alerts, local hostage situations or any other situation of serious threat to citizens.

Residents of Dewey-Humboldt can now register free and file their contact numbers in the system. Residents can choose any or all of their regular phones, cell phones, fax machines, pagers, Blackberry devices or office voicemail.

To sign up for Emergency Notification System, residents should go on the internet to ycsoaz.gov and click the Emergency Notification System (ENS) link found on the lower right side of the page. Users will be taken to the ENS home page that provides a detailed explanation of the program.

At the bottom of the page, click on the "Community Tool" link to register your personal information or the "Business Tool" link to register your company's information. Registration also permits you to add instructions for emergency responders regarding medical conditions, elderly residents, or any other factors that might require help in evacuation. Pets and livestock or horses can also be listed that might require assistance with evacuation.

If you don't have access to a computer, the Dewey-Humboldt Library can help you register. Call the Librarian, Jeff Franklin, at 632-5049 for available times. Volunteers will be happy to assist you in registering there.

DEWEY-HUMBOLDT INCREASES CITIZEN PARTICIPATION IN THE DEMOCRATIC PROCESS

by William Emerson, Town Manager

Town engages new voices and provides a convenient means to weigh-in on the public debate.

On March 1, 2010 the Town of Dewey Humboldt will launch a new tool that will create enhanced citizen participation and encourage involvement from a broader audience. **Prior to a meeting, citizens will be able to re-**

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view upcoming meeting materials and provide comments on particular agenda items. Dewey-Humboldt launches this new technology, e-Comment, in conjunction with their streaming of Council, and Planning and Zoning meetings to further increase citizen engagement.

Prior to a meeting, citizens can log on to the Town's website (www.dhaz.gov) to find an upcoming meeting and click on the e-Comment link next to the posted Agenda. Citizens can complete an on-line form and formally weigh-in on particular items with a more informed opinion. This tool provides a convenient alternative to in-person testimony while allowing the public voice to be heard.

"While we always appreciate written letters to Council, the E-Comment feature is fast and easy," says Mayor Marinaccio, "It gives us time to consider new ideas before we've gone too far in other directions. We take comments during meetings but good ideas are best served with plenty of time for due consideration."

E-Comment will also benefit administrative staff, allowing them to collect, track, and manage responses prior to a meeting, giving Council members a "snapshot" of how the public feels on particular items.

"I hope that this feature opens a marketplace of ideas for the future of our country town, and that we will all learn more about each other along the way." William L. Emerson, Town Manager, stated.

This new service, along with the Town's streaming media solution, is provided by Granicus, a San Francisco-based company specializing in government transparency and citizen participation technology. Granicus hosts the world's largest government exclusive webcasting network, streaming an average of 200,000 government webcasts on a daily basis. Granicus serves over 600 clients spanning all 50 states and into Canada.

Contact: Dewey-Humboldt: Judy Morgan, Town Clerk 632-7362, or

Granicus: Aileen Horgan, Client Marketing Specialist 415-357-3618 x1753.

WHO SHOT ZOË?

by Lydia Chapman

On December 14, 2009, Zoë, a four year old Wiemaraner was shot in her hip with a .22 and left for dead in a wet, cold wash. A kind neighbor discovered her and stayed with her for 2 or more hours until she could locate the owner and the appropriate help.

The shooting is believed to have

occurred on "Wagon Wheel" between 1:00 and 1:30 p.m. Four people besides the owner participated in Zoë's rescue and all were stunned and shocked by the atrocity. What this shooter may not know is that most pets are loved and cherished as a family member and for many pet owners; a pet may be their only local family member, as is the case with Zoë. This act is equally as violent as if a human family member were shot.

Pet owners - what saved Zoë's life is that she wore a tag with her owner's phone number.

Currently, Zoë is receiving medical help from a spinal veterinarian specialist and chiropractic services in the hope that she will overcome the paralysis of her back legs.

Pet owners do not want their pets creating problems for neighbors and usually 95% will take measures to correct problems. If a pet is bothering you, talk to its owner.

Anyway, IF YOU HAVE ANY INFORMATION regarding this felony, call "Silent Witness" at 1-800-932-3232. Zoë's case number is 09-0500-46. No identifying information is asked. Currently, the reward is \$300.00 for information leading to the arrest of the person responsible.

DID YOU KNOW? Videos of our Town Council Meetings, Planning and Zoning Meetings, and Ad Hoc Committee Meetings are available at www.dhaz.gov

HORSES WITH H.E.A.R.T. - HOMELESS?

by Arlene Alen

After 16 plus years in and around Dewey, suddenly a year or so ago, **Horses with H.E.A.R.T.** was forced to vacate their Highway 69 location months before planned due to challenges in an ongoing Real Estate Development transaction for the Whistle Stop Ranch. Thankfully, the Five M Ranch in Chino offered HwH immediate "temporary" digs and enabled the group to continue to provide therapeutic riding programs to their clients, albeit on a somewhat restricted basis. Riding Director (and an original founder) Trudy Chapman-Radley stated, "235 disabled individuals ride each year in small groups significantly improving their quality of life as well as enriching our local community."

After months of property research and false starts, it seemed recently the journey was coming to an end with a permanent new home and a return to their Dewey roots. Sadly, it was just not meant to be. The organization was seeking zoning change for a 9.5 acre

property in Coyote Springs to provide that permanent home for their therapeutic riding program serving disabled individuals of all ages as well as "Heroes & Horses", their program for returning veterans in conjunction with the Veterans Association.

While Yavapai County Planning & Zoning Commissioners were impressed with the group's mission and all those citizens who spoke on behalf of the amazing work HwH has done in Yavapai County during its long history in our Quad-Cities, the opposition was strong. Coyote Springs residents were already distressed at "all the business" that was creeping into their community and in ongoing litigation with one entity. Yavapai County Planning and Zoning Commission told Horses with H.E.A.R.T., "They would be granted another 30 days to convince property owners surrounding their proposed new home at Windmill Acres and Coyote Springs roads that they will be good neighbors", HwH was forced to look at an alternative path. With Coyote Springs' general populace so intent on holding all accountable to what they believe is "the spirit and intent of the local C,C & R's", it appears that even should permission be given to HwH to move forward to do so it could place the organization, its clients and supporters in potential legal harms way and that cannot be.

Horses with H.E.A.R.T. is not a "business" per se, and produces little traffic and has engendered tremendous community support and great neighbors references as well as national recognition for their programs. They have never had a "permanent home", (renters always, an untenable situation). Now is the time, with increasing demand in our community for the work they do, to be ramping their programs to meet this need, not continuing the relentless search for a location. Time is running out on the grants they have worked so hard to receive to provide assistance to them in closing on a property and HwH is desperate.

With over 19,000 hours of volunteer time last year caring for the entities' clients and horses, their team is ready, willing and able to exceed that in 2010 but they need your assistance. Help these "helpers"! Let's bring HwH back to Dewey, back to their roots and the community that has worked with them for so long. If you know of a property that could support this group without challenges from the "NIMBY" groups, Horses with H.E.A.R.T. wants to know!

Visit them at www.horseswithheart.org
Contact HwH at 928-533-9178 or admin@horseswithheart.org

Let's bring them home!

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TOWN SIGNAGE

by Joel Berman,

Public Works Project Manager

The Town of Dewey-Humboldt Public Works department is responsible for installing and maintaining signage within the Town's rights-of-way. This signage consists of the sign, post, foundation, and associated fasteners.

The last three months have been particularly difficult for sign maintenance efforts. The area has encountered strong winds, heavy precipitation, and vandalism. These events resulted in downed signs that required the Town to enact emergency measures (e.g., temporary signs with sandbag bases) to maintain public safety while a more durable solution could be emplaced.

Since December 2009, the Town has installed 45 new sign posts to permanently secure the signs. The new sign posts are constructed of a more rigid material and have foundations in concrete. The 45 posts were selected based on vehicle volume, sign type, and post condition. In March an additional 15 sign posts will be replaced based on the same criteria.

The sign post failure and strong winds have resulted in *street name* signs becoming damaged, lost, or stolen. A list of these *street name* signs is being compiled with a goal of replacement in the spring. Replacing all the *street name* signs at one time will provide the most economical means of delivery.

The Town encourages anyone who witnesses vandalism to contact the Yavapai County Sheriff's Office immediately at 928-771-3260. Citizen cooperation can help minimize wasteful spending of tax dollars on unwarranted improvements.

For more information please contact Joel Berman at the Town of Dewey-Humboldt Public Works Department at 928-632-5074.

CAN YOUR HOUSE ADDRESS SAVE YOUR LIFE?

by Lydia Chapman

Take a random tour of town. Many homes do not have house numbers visible from the street, day or night, either due to far or high setbacks or the address numbers are just not displayed at all.

A few years back, the County initiated giving free reflective street numbers as an emergency aid. Many Dewey-Humboldt residents have availed themselves of this service. Too many have not!

These numbers and an aluminum backing are AVAILABLE FREE at the

County Planning and Building Department at 500 S. Marina St. in Prescott.

The department will not mail them to you and you must go in and request them.

Please Folks, no more ambulances rushing around in circles looking for addresses. If you don't have visible day-night numbers, count on at least the Fire Department finding you because of smoke!

WAR ON WEEDS

by Garry Rogers, Ph. D., President,
Agua Fria Open Space Alliance, Inc.

February 7, 2010: "Weed seedlings have begun to carpet the ground!" This annual warning cry is familiar to everyone who gardens in Dewey-Humboldt. As in other wars, success depends on strategic and tactical application of skilled forces and the best weapons and defenses.



The first Kochia seedlings, 1/4-inch in size, Humboldt, AZ, Feb. 7, 2010

This brief article was distilled from decades of experience and numerous books and articles concerned with weeds. It is presented in hopes that this year we might begin to gain the upper hand in efforts to defeat our old enemy.

Weed scientists have learned that the best strategy for combating weeds is summed up by the phrase: **Early Detection and Rapid Response (EDRR)**. This is simply because the longer weeds are allowed to grow, the greater the number of roots and seeds they leave behind when they are finally removed. Many weeds can continue to sprout for years, even if new shoots are continually removed before they make seeds. Some weeds, such as Dalmatian toadflax, can disappear for years and then reappear when the right conditions trigger the growth of dormant roots.

Early detection requires vigilance throughout the spring and summer. Since weed seeds are transported by wind, animals (especially birds), automobiles, and people, they can appear at any time. Some of them need only a few weeks to develop into problems for future years.

Rapid response to weeds can

take many forms, but repeated hand pulling, cutting, and mowing are best. The invaders can be sprayed with herbicides, grazed by livestock, burned, and a few of them can be selectively controlled by insects. Herbicide use is not recommended because there is always a risk of injuring people, pets, wildlife, desirable plants, and soil inhabitants including worms and the fungi that sheath roots and help plants absorb moisture and nutrients. Moreover, many weeds have begun to develop resistance to herbicides, making it necessary to increase the strength and frequency of applications.

As the picture shows, this year's weeds have begun to arrive. Every commander must begin now to recruit and train their forces. Short week-end projects with children, grandchildren, and neighborhood children will prepare them for the intense engagements that will occur as the days get longer and warmer. Remember Sun Tzu's advice regarding one's troops, "command them with civility and imbue them uniformly with martial ardor and it may be said that victory is certain" (Sun Tzu, ca 200 A. D.). It may also be necessary to deploy your troops in separate areas to prevent them from engaging one another.

Assistance with plant identification and suggestions for control of particular species can be obtained from the West Yavapai Weed Management Area manager, Robert Adams, whose office is in Prescott Valley at 8841 E. Florentine Rd. (759-9301).

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR TOWN COMMITTEES! CAN YOU HELP?

If you are interested in Environmental or Water issues, would like to help with Clean Town activities, or serve on the Board of Adjustments, please contact Town Hall for information on how to volunteer. 632-7362.

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IT'S TIME TO START PLANNING THE 2010 AGUA FRIA FESTIVAL!

by Bob Greene

Please join us at American Legion Post 78 in Humboldt on March 8th at 6:30pm for the election of new officers and first planning session. This meeting is open to all Dewey-Humboldt residents and all attendees will have voting rights.

It is Your Festival and Your Vote Counts!

Please help plan Your Event!

For information call the Agua Fria Festival Committee at 632-0802.

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KATE GARBER ACTIVITY CENTER

by Stacey Morgan

"Move it or Lose it" exercise class Mon. and Wed. 9-10 am; Low impact aerobics, stretching, yoga and weights

AA Meetings Mon. 6:30pm; Co-ed

AA Meetings Thurs. 6:30pm; Men only

Friday lunches 11:30-1:30; Complete home-cooked meal, beverage and desert for \$6.00.

Brunch with the Mayor and Council Saturday March 13th, 10am until noon.

Variety Breakfast First Saturday of every month from 9:30-11:30—Pancakes and eggs, bacon and sausage, orange or apple juice, and coffee

Adults-\$5.00 Children-\$4.00

Medicare assistance Suzanne Sartorius is available the second Friday of every month from 11:00-3:00.

Game Night Third Saturday of every month from 5:00pm to ___? Come and play Texas Hold'em, regular poker, bingo, horseshoes, scrabble, chess, and more. Bring a dish to share if you like. Winners will receive prizes.

We have **AHCCCS** applications for health insurance and food stamps, low income discount information from APS and Unisource Gas Company, info from Neighbor to Neighbor and a lot of other information to help community members.

We are looking for volunteers to work in the kitchen, thrift shop, help with youth programs, and special events. Our volunteer meetings are on the second Wednesday of each month at 4:00 pm.

We now have **The Dewey/Humboldt Art and Culture Group's** paintings on display. Come and see our local artists' beautiful work.

DHAC: DEWEY-HUMBOLDT ARTS & CULTURE NEWS

by Betty Joy

Sssh.... don't let the news get out. Dewey-Humboldt is to have an art gallery, which will feature some of the finest works of art in the entire quad-city area at affordable prices. A stampede will surely follow if word spreads!

The DH Arts & Culture group (DHAC) is partnering with the Kate Garber Activity Center to create a Community Art Gallery. DHAC will select and coordinate rotating exhibits year round.

Artists will enter into an agreement to donate 10% of each sale to the center. (Currently, other galleries charge 50 %). The opening display will include well-known artists such as Maureen Anderson, Judy Kaufman, Hardy Quade and Karlo Harootunian

DHAC wants to support local artists and foster an appreciation of art in the area. Artists who are interested in displaying their work should plan to attend a DHAC meeting held at 6:30 p.m. every third Wednesday of the month or contact Carolyn Harootunian, 632-8848, or Betty Joy at 632-7224.

Knowing that the Council and community have appreciated the art displays that DHAC artists have provided over the past years, we want to give special shout-out to Glenn Hinz for his amazing copper art that currently is on display at the DH Town Hall. Thanks, Glen!

And don't forget to visit the Community Art Gallery, open between 10am to 4pm, Monday through Friday. And be sure to keep all this information "under your hat."

THE BRADSHAW MOUNTAIN LIONS CLUB

by Terry Nolan, President

The Bradshaw Mountain Lions Club is the local Lions club in the area. It has two meetings a month.

The first meeting is a business meeting and that is on the second Wednesday of the month held at the American Legion Hall.

The second meeting is a social meeting and that is presently held at PUERTA VALLARTA on the third Wednesday of the month.

Both meetings are open and everyone is welcome. Meetings start at 6:30 p.m. This is a very fun and rewarding way to contribute to the community. We are always looking for fresh ideas and ways to achieve our goals. Our group is very diverse with all ages and gender welcome.

We have provided eye exams and glasses as well as hearing exams and hearing aids to the local people in the area to the amount of \$16,000.00 + and hope to continue with this service to the local people in the area.

We work on fundraising projects throughout the year as well as working with the local schools and serving food at their events, reading to students on designated days and assisting other clubs with their fund raising projects.

If you're interested or you would like more information please contact Terry Nolan at 632-9754

AGUA FRIA WATERSHED GROUP WANTS TO HEAR FROM YOU

by Joanne Oellers,

UAFWP Community Outreach Coordinator

When it comes to looking after the health of an entire river system in Arizona, it takes input and support from everyone. The Upper Agua Fria Watershed Partnership is asking for ideas from all area residents, businesses, and groups about water and the Agua Fria River area. We need your contribution and ask that you share your ideas about what the river means to you and your family.

Through the Upper Agua Fria Watershed Partnership Community Planning Project, the community is invited to become directly involved by initiating projects that protect the Agua Fria River as a water source and support the community's interests - starting with your ideas.

The Upper Agua Fria Watershed includes all the land contributing to the flow of the river south to Lake Pleasant, west of New River. With its origin beneath the grassy slopes on Glassford Hill, it is fed along the way by several major and minor tributaries including the Big Bug, Ash, Sycamore, and Yellow Jacket Creeks. You might have spent enjoyable time at Fain Park, in the Walker community, or on the Black Canyon Trail - all Upper Agua Fria Watershed recreation areas. This important resource offers enjoyment opportunities, supports the livelihoods of many, and provides key waterside habitat for wildlife. In addition, abundant cultural sites in adjoining hills and historic communities offer everyone a view into Arizona's past.

For the Community Planning Project, we have begun inviting residents and users of the area to discuss what the river means to them and their families. This is occurring through personal interviews and a widely-distributed survey. Soon facilitated community meetings will take place throughout the watershed to talk about and prioritize the valuable components identified by community members.

The Upper Agua Fria Watershed Partnership gathers monthly as a group of state, local, and federal agencies, ranchers, local residents, and community-

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based non-profit groups with interest in the Agua Fria River and its region. The organization has a keen interest in community planning and in developing local stewardship of the watershed.

Please visit <http://sites.google.com/site/uafwpartnership/community-planning-project> to contribute to the conversation by participating in a short survey.

You can also contact Joanne Oellers, Community Outreach Coordinator for the project, at joanneoellers@gmail.com or 928-772-8204 for a print version of the survey, or to talk further. We look forward to your ideas.

BOX CITY COMES TO HUMBOLDT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL MARCH 17

by Gregory Arrington,

Community Outreach Coordinator

Program Concept: The children will design a three-dimensional model of an urban environment.

The city is created by the children using their imagination, and a variety of craft items, including the base structures, pre-folded cardboard boxes. Children will begin by filling out a "Building Permit" for one of the following categories:

1. Places to Live (houses, condo's, apartments low rise/high rise, etc.)
2. Places to Work (factories, office buildings, bus station, water plant, etc.)
3. Places to Buy Things (department stores, grocery stores, shopping center, etc.)
4. Places to Help People (hospital, fire/police department, schools, churches, etc.)

As the "buildings" are completed, they are placed on a "City Grid", which includes streets (residential and commercial), parks, and color-coded squares where certain buildings may be constructed.

The entire process will take one day to complete, and will involve many volunteers, parents, and, of course, our "architects" – the children.

This project is sponsored by the Town of Dewey-Humboldt, HES PTO, and the Kate Garber Activity Center. For information call Gregory Arrington

at 632-7362 or Stacey Morgan at 632-0699.

DEWEY-HUMBOLDT HISTORICAL SOCIETY MARCH 2010

by Cathy Jackson

There was an error in the last newsletter that I wrote. Somehow, I was inadvertently given the title of director. Please understand that this was a mistake. I am not an officer but just a member of the D-H Historical Society and am concerned that we need to take more action and responsibilities for preserving our history. This is my town, my history and yours too. Think about it. Get involved!

On February 10, the historical society hosted Mr. Jim Liggett at the D-H Library. He gave a very informative talk about his new book, "Arizona's Worst Disaster". This was followed by a question and answer period.

On March 10th we will be traveling to Poland Junction to see the remains of the tunnel and the surrounding area. A lot of history close to home. As usual we will meet, carpool and travel together. Don't forget to wear hiking shoes, bring a camera, sack lunch, drinking water and plenty of energy!!!! Bring a friend the more the merrier. Please call Naomi Rains at 830-7213 for further information.

The following information is from the *Sharlot Hall Museum Research Archives*: The Daily Miner publication:

"THE BARE BONES HUMBOLDT CEMETERY, 28 October 1906

JILTED BY HER LOVER NEGRESS COM-MITS SUICIDE:

Tired of life because her lover deserted her for another charmer, and after exhausting all efforts at a reconciliation, a colored woman, known as Edna, formerly a denizen of the Red Light district, of this city, on Friday night at 8:30 o'clock sought the ending of her cares by taking an overdose of morphine at her residence in Humboldt... Her remains will be interred today in the Humboldt Cemetery at the expense of the county."

Ladies and gentlemen this is one of many of our unmarked graves.

TRIVIA QUESTION: Humboldt was the first town in the State to have _____?

I would like to thank the town for putting our news in the newsletter and am glad it has changed to a monthly publication. Any and all comments would be appreciated. We are in need of old pictures of Humboldt to copy. The originals would be returned unharmed, so please clean out your closets and call me at 632-7966 or email me at gammercat@yahoo.com.

REGULAR EVENTS AROUND TOWN

Every Monday at 6:30pm at the Activity Center "Co-ed AA Meetings"

Every Monday and Wednesday from 9 to 10am at the Activity Center "Move It or Loose It" exercise class.

Every Tuesday from 3:30 to 5pm, D-H Library "After School Gaming". For kids 7 and up. Board games and Wii.

Second Wednesday D-H Historical Society, 632-8989. Call for location and times of regular meetings and scheduled field trip dates.

Third Wednesday, 6:30pm Activity Center **D-H Arts & Culture (DHAC)** meeting. Call for information—Betty Joy (632-7224) or Carolyn (632-8848).

Every Thursday at 6:30pm at the Activity Center "Men's AA Meetings"

Every Friday 11:30am to 1:30pm "Lunch is Served" Kate Garber Activity Center, 13000 Prescott St., Humboldt, 632-0699 A full meal, beverage, and desert for \$6.00

First Saturday from 9:30 to 11:30am at the Activity Center "Variety Breakfast" Adults-\$5.00, Kids-\$4.00

First Saturday from 10:30am to 12:30pm at the D-H Library "Game Saturday"

Second Saturday from 10 to 11:30am at the D-H Library "Arts & Crafts" for kids 8-12 yrs. Refreshments provided. To sign up call 632-5049 or stop by.

Every other Saturday Bountiful Basket Produce Co-op delivers at the Activity Center. For more details go to www.bountifulbaskets.org.

Third Saturday from 10 to 11:15am, at the D-H Library "Story & Activity Time" for kids 4-7 yrs. Refreshments provided. To sign up call 632-5049 or stop by.

Third Saturday from 5pm to ? At the Activity Center "Grown-Ups Game Night" - Poker, Bingo, Horseshoes, Scrabble, Chess, etc. Prizes!

JOIN THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL FOR BRUNCH!

March 13th from 10 am until noon at the Kate Garber Activity Center.

HES: HUMBOLDT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

by Penny Miller

March 5th is Read Across America Day. If you would like to volunteer to come in and read to the classrooms please contact Lori at 759-4400.

March 26th from 5 to 7:30pm in the Gym is the **Spring Fling!** There will be food, games, a cakewalk, and a salsa challenge with a \$25 prize! Tickets can be purchased at the door.

Check with the school for more information at 759-4400

TOWN COUNCIL, COMMISSIONS, AND COMMITTEES

**COUNCIL AND P & Z
MEETING DATES AND
AGENDA ITEMS**

(Agenda items subject to change. Check website or call Town Hall to confirm)

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

Town Council Regular Meetings
(6:30 p.m.)

March 2: 1) Report on Dewey/ Prescott Dells Roads

2) Roadway Sign Replacement

3) IGA Agreements: Emergency Management, Flood Control, Sheriff, Library, NACOG, etc.

March 16: Proposed 2011 Budget Review

Town Council Work Sessions
(3:00 p.m.)

March 9: Code Enforcement Questions & Ideas

Planning & Zoning Regular Meetings (6:00 p.m.)

March 4: Non-conforming, legally—formed lots

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

**GRAC: GROUNDWATER
RESOURCES ADVISORY
COMMITTEE**

by Jack Hamilton, Chairman

GRAC has looked into a lot of the water problems facing the Dewey-Humboldt area. We reported our findings to the Town Council and concluded that the problem that the Town is most likely to be able to have an effect on is conservation of water. The Council has not yet been able to schedule a work session on this topic. I hope that after the budget is passed the Council will schedule a work session to address the recommendations from the GRAC committee.

Water Information

If you have purchased land in Dewey-Humboldt and there is a water-well on it, you need to notify Water

Resources Department of Prescott Active Management Area (776-7202) to transfer ownership to you. If there is a problem with your well in the future they can notify you.

If you have not signed up to be part of the W2 Gila River Adjudication you need to do it. This is very important for everyone that draws water from the Agua Fria Aquifer. It costs \$20 and helps protect your water-rights. There is a lot to this litigation and if you need more information contact Jack Hamilton at 632-0040.

FEBRUARY MEETING TOPICS

by Denise Rogers, Co-Editor

The **Feb 2nd** Regular Council Meeting included discussions on Impact Fees, the date D-H was “founded” for the ADOT signs, and possible sources of funding for our Transportation Master Plan. Council gave the go-ahead to seek bids for the Roving Dumpster and Recycling Programs.

Feb 3rd the Open Space & Trails Committee continued their work on the development of the Vision Statement

At the **Feb 4th**, P&Z Regular Meeting there was a discussion of, and a Public Hearing on, an amendment to the Special Purpose Sign Section of the Town Code.

During the **Feb 9th** Study Session Council was given a presentation on, and had a discussion about, revenue estimates for the FY 2010-2011 Budget. There was also an informal discussion with representatives from the EPA and ADEQ regarding sites of concern (landfill & Superfund) in the Town.

On **Feb 12th** the Council held a Special Meeting to revisit and ratify the Town Vision and to discuss communication and efficient policy strategies.

The **Feb 16th** Regular Council Meeting included a presentation on User Fees, a discussion on the Town’s role in environmental enforcement, the second quarter financial report, and the quarterly report from the Sheriff’s Department on Public Safety. There was also a Public Hearing on, and then Council approval of, text amendments to the Special Signs Section of the Town Code.

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LIBRARY NEWS

by Jeff Franklin, Town Librarian

The library is gearing up for some great events and new services in March and April. You don’t want to miss them!

In what is becoming a tradition, we are hosting an **Author Event** for the OneBookAZ award. This year’s adult winning author, Jana Bommersbach, will be here on Wednesday, **April 21** at 1pm to talk about her award winning book, “The Trunk Murderess: Winnie Ruth Judd”. The library will have multiple copies of the book available to check out starting in March. The library will also have a **Book Discussion on Tuesday, April 20** at 1pm. Come to converse about the book with fellow readers before the author’s visit.

We have the most requested **Arizona and Federal Tax Forms** available for you to pick up at the library. For those more obscure forms, we can help you print them from the IRS site for only ten cents per page.

The library is pleased to host a **Census QAC (Question Assistance Center)**. Starting Tuesday, March 2, a Census worker will be stationed downstairs at the library in the J.W. Mitchell room, Tuesday through Friday 1:00 – 3:00 pm and Saturday 1:00 – 4:00 pm. The last day for the Census QAC will be Saturday, April 17; so, there are plenty of dates to come down for any assistance needed.

If you haven’t visited your library, what are you waiting for? Stop in and find out what we can do for you! Your library is located at 2735 Corral St. in Humboldt near the entrance to the Humboldt Elementary School and next to the Kate Garber Activity Center. Contact us by phone at 632-5049, email at librarian@cableone.net, or mail at Town Library, PO Box 217, Humboldt, AZ 86329. Our regular hours are: Tuesdays, Wednesdays, & Fridays: 10am – 5pm (closed for lunch Noon – 12:30pm), Thursdays: 12:30-7pm, and Saturdays: 10am-2pm.

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2010 CENSUS: IT'S IN OUR HANDS

- Funding for important local services and programs is based on our Census numbers.
- Representation in Congress is determined by Census population.
- Every person has always counted in the Census – citizen and non-citizen
- Law forbids the Census from sharing your personal information with any other agency.
- Our community loses over \$1000 in funding for every person we miss.

If you live here on April 1, 2010 – you should be counted here!

Photos from the January
30th Benefit for
Jacob Baudek's Family

Do you have any photos of Town events or interest you'd like to share here? If so, please submit them to: newsletter@dhaz.gov



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