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THE DEWEY-HUMBOLDT NEWSLETTER

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**HAPPY
HOLIDAYS!
MERRY
CHRISTMAS
TO ALL!**



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1ST ANNIVERSARY!

The *Dewey-Humboldt Museum* would like to invite all our friends and supporters to the **One Year Anniversary of the Museum**, on **December 14th from 3pm to 7pm**. We will have light refreshments and tours of the museum.

Please come help us celebrate and see what work has been done to make the Museum a success!

TOWN NEWS:

NOTES FROM THE TOWN MANAGER

The holidays are upon us. On behalf of the town staff, I wish all D-H citizens a most joyous holiday season.

Town Hall is as busy as usual. A few things happened here I wanted to share with all.

A few weeks ago the Town officials had a "disaster preparedness and response" training session with Yavapai County Emergency Response Team. It was an enlightening session. Town officials learned a few things that we thought D-H residents could benefit from. I have included a recap of the session in this newsletter.

In the next few months D-H residents will see newer, safer signs in the community. This federal and state grant funded project is to replace the Town's over 700 signs to conform to federal standards. All regulatory and street name signs will be replaced. The replacement work began late November and is expected to be completed in Spring 2014.

As you may know, the **Butte St Park** needed a short foot bridge over a 30 foot wide wash located in the park. The Town staff recently completed the bridge, with **APS** donating some building materials. After this project, town staff plans to assemble and install the playground equipment donated by the **Aqua Fria Festival Committee**. The park is surely getting more equipped. Come and have a picnic at the park if you have not done so. The park is located off Prescott St. along Butte St., just a few blocks away from the Library and the Activity Center.

The long-anticipated **Superfund Community Meeting** has been rescheduled for **Saturday, December 7 from 12:30-5:30 pm** at **Humboldt Elementary School Gymnasium**. It will be hosted by multiple agencies, including

the **United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)**. D-H residents will receive an **EPA** issued superfund fact sheet. The agenda and other detailed information of this event is included in this newsletter and has been posted on the Town's website.



EPA PUBLIC MEETING AND OPEN HOUSE

**Saturday, December 7, 2013
12:30 – 5:30 PM**

Humboldt Elementary School Gymnasium
**Open House Discussion Tables All Day
Plus These Scheduled Presentations:**

12:30pm - Introductions and Orientation to the Day. Superfund Site Work and Cleanup Process (EPA)

1:00pm - Upcoming EPA Field Work to Complete the Cleanup Investigation

2:00pm - Residential Yards: Area Impacted by the Site; Background, and Levels of Concern for Soils **[New Info!]** Understanding and Reducing Your Exposure to Arsenic and Lead in the Humboldt Area

(ATSDR: Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry.; ADEQ: Arizona Department of Environmental Quality; ADHS: Arizona Department of Health Services; University of Arizona Superfund Research Program; EPA)

3:30pm - Drinking Water from Public and Private Well Systems

4:30pm—Gardening, Soils, Dust, and Recent Blood and Urine Testing

TOWN DISASTER PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE MEETING RECAP

By Yvonne Kimball, Town Manager

As part of the intergovernmental agreement between the Town and Yavapai County Emergency Management Office, the Office provided Town officials with a “disaster preparedness and response” session in October. Mayor Nolan, Vice Mayor Repan and Council Member Hamilton were able to attend. Sgt. Meyer from Yavapai County Sheriff’s Office and a few staff members were also in attendance.

In Arizona, wildfire is a probable form of natural disaster. Hence, the session was focused on wildfire. It was an informative and engaging session which took us through a disaster mode and taught us how to respond as town officials and individuals.

The session first went over how the emergency response operation works. Once a suspected disaster occurs, the first responders, such as the Sheriff’s deputies, are the first to assess the incident and communicate with multiple offices to take appropriate actions. The Emergency Operation Center is to be activated if the situation is severe enough that resources (such as bulldozers to clear up the affected area with) need to be dispersed and/or evacuation is warranted. The Mayor has the ability to declare an emergency for the Town of D-H due to any natural or man-made calamity or disaster (Town Code Section 30.031 (E)). In a disaster situation, federal, state and other local resources are very likely to assist local response efforts. The Town has adopted a “Disaster Response Plan” which was authored by the Yavapai County Emergency Management Office, which provides some guidelines to respond to disasters.

Once a disaster is identified by the Yavapai County First Responder Team, the Sheriff’s Office is responsible to provide notifications to affected areas. The “reverse 911 system” will be in operation to call the phone numbers of the affected area that are in the Sheriff’s “CodeRed” system. Traditional land line home phones are usually on the system already; however, cell-phone numbers and internet based home phone numbers are unlikely to

be in the CodeRed database.

To ensure your phone members are in the system or to sign up to receive disaster notifications, log on to Yavapai County Sheriff’s Office website: www.ycsoaz.gov and under the “Programs & Services” tab click “Emergency Notification System” to sign up for the “Code Red” system.

Awareness and preparedness are the keys to prevent and cope with disasters. Having been through several major wildfires this summer, many Yavapai County homeowners realize that personal and real properties are very vulnerable in the event of a wildfire. At the session, the EM team recommended that homeowners create a defensible space around the house to reduce the risks of fire damages. A “defensible space” is a safe distance between the edge of the house and the brush on the property; 90 feet is recommended. For D-H residents who own properties in the “Blue Hills” area, both the Emergency Management Office and the Central Yavapai County Fire District have assessed that the area faces high risk of wildfire danger. Although D-H has been spared from major fire disasters recently, now that we understand that the area is prone to fire hazards, precautionary actions are recommended. Resources are available to help homeowners to become “fire wise”. If you need some guidance to reduce the wild fire risk on your properties, please contact the Central Yavapai Fire District at 759-9933 or Yavapai County Emergency Management office at 771-3321. Additionally, a good online resource on how to protect your home from wildfire is <http://firewise.org/>. Some fire awareness fliers are also available at Town Hall for review.

I hope the above information on Disaster Preparedness and Response is helpful to you. We all play an integral part in disaster preparedness and prevention and we need to be aware and prepared!

EPA COMMUNITY MEETING IRON KING MINE/HUMBOLDT SMELTER SUPERFUND SITE

A “seminar-style” EPA-sponsored Community Meeting will

take place on Saturday, December 7 from 12:30 to 5:30 PM at the Humboldt Elementary School Gymnasium.

In the first half of the meeting, EPA will explain an extensive sampling investigation that it plans to begin shortly after the New Year. We will also provide new information about residential background levels of metals and levels of concern in relation to soil in residential yards.

EPA’s field work will include installing and sampling from hundreds of new borings, thousands of soil and tailings samples, installing new groundwater monitoring wells, and also sampling at hundreds of residential yards in the coming months. Soon, EPA will begin an effort to reach out to residents to obtain access to properties for sampling. Residents should watch their mailbox in the next few weeks for a fact sheet mailer from EPA with more details.

EPA has also invited other agencies to the December 7th meeting to discuss how you can reduce your exposure to metals in soils or drinking water, whether from the Site or naturally-occurring. Agencies that will be present include the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality, the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry, the Arizona Department of Health Services, and the University of Arizona Superfund Research Program.

The community meeting will include presentations on varying topics at preset times, as well as open house tables for informal discussions throughout the afternoon. EPA encourages those with interest in or questions about the federal Iron King Mine/Humboldt Smelter Superfund site, the tailings piles, metals such as arsenic and lead in the community soils or drinking water, and general matters about metals in the environment to attend the meeting.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact Amanda Pease, Community Involvement Coordinator, at (415) 972-3068 or pease.amanda@epa.gov.

COMMUNITY NEWS:



**POST 78
HUMBOLDT, AZ 86329
928-632-5185**

Calendar of Events:

- Dec 1:** 40 & * Meeting 1:00p.m.
- Dec 2-3-4:** VA Christmas Shop Open—Volunteers Needed!
- Dec 4:** Monthly Meetings: Post Office Meeting 4:00/Regular Meeting 4:30/Auxiliary 5:30 p.m.
- Dec 7:** Pearl Harbor Day
- Dec 9:** Posse Meeting 5:30p.m.
- Dec 19:** Veteran's Luncheon at Post 78—11am. Hosted by Unit 78 Auxiliary
- Dec 19:** S.A.L. meeting 4:00 p.m.
- Dec 25:** Christmas Day
- Dec 30:** Auxilliary E-Board Meeting 1p.m.
- Sunday's:** Wings & Football Noon to 4p.m.
- Monday's:** Pool Tournament 4:30 p.m.
- Wednesday's:** Hamburgers at Noon and Trivia at 5:00 p.m.
- Friday Fish Fry:** 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. – **Public Welcome!** (Cod, Catfish, Shrimp plus Chef's Special) \$9.00 per person.
- Fish Fry Music for December:** 6 – Sidekicks; 13-TBA; 20- TBA; 27— Karman & Co.

THANK YOU!

The *Dewey-Humboldt Museum* would like to thank all the volunteers and vendors for making our **Arts and Crafts Fair** on Saturday, November 16th a great success. The weather was a little nippy but a fun time was had by all!



Santa met with the children, heard some wishes, and had his picture taken with them.

Thanks Mayor! The children loved Santa's visit! Maybe next year you can have him visit again!

We would also like to thank our Town Mayor, Terry Nolan, whose special friend from the North Pole, **Santa Claus**, was able to join the festivities at the Museum.

WALKING TOUR

The **Dewey-Humboldt Historical Society** is now offering an **Old-Town Humboldt Walking Tour** that is self-guided and takes participants through the past to the present. The museum is open Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 10 am to 4 pm. The tour materials are available at the Museum located on Main St.

HALLOWEEN WINDOW PAINTING CONTEST

The results of the **Mayor's Window Painting Contest** are in! The first annual Mayor's Window Painting Contest was an awesome event. The turnout was a little shy of what was expected, but the kids who came and painted windows enjoyed themselves immensely.

There was fun for all! Even some of the volunteers created works of art, but their windows were not judged, just the kids.

- The **First Place Winner** is:
Nateyha Paipa -Third grade
- The **Second Place Winner** is:
Ashlyn Rushton-Third grade
- The **Third Place Winner** is:
Nateyhe Paipa-Third grade
- And the **Mayor's Choice Award** went to:
Frankie Paipa-First grade.
- The Mayor said: "I am honored to



have been able to sponsor this event and want to congratulate all the winners and thank all those who participated. I would like to thank all the companies, organizations and individuals who helped sponsor and volunteered at the event: Lowe's Home Improvement Center; CVS Pharmacy; Gifts and Games; Scoopz Ice-Cream; Antiques and More; American Legion Post 78 Humboldt; Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 95 Prescott; Dew-



ey and Humboldt Post Offices; The Peloso Family; Humboldt Station; Council Members Sonia Williams Rowe and her husband Ken, Dennis Repan, and Mark McBrady; Chuck Brandjes; Annie Thiessen; Don Sampsel; Rob Bowman; Zona Hays; Judy Morgan; Cathy Jackson; There-



sa Hopkins; and most of all, my wife, Nancy, who puts up with my crazy ideas and supports me without question (or not too many questions).

Next year will be better! I hope you all are looking forward to it. Thank you all!"

LIBRARY NEWS

By Jeff Franklin

The year is ending, but your library still has many activities planned before the calendar turns over to 2014. To **sign up** or to find out more about our great programs, stop in or call 928-632-5049. Let's take a look at what we have planned for you!

To celebrate the Christmas season, the library will host a special holiday music program, **for kids and adults of all ages**, called **Sticks and Tones** with Maria Flurry and Henry Flurry, on **Saturday, December 7: 10am – 11:30 am**. Not only will you hear holiday music, you will get to create the music yourself! Sign up and come help us spread holiday musical cheer!

For kids ages 4 through teen, the library will have its **Family Fun Day** on **Saturday, December 14 at 10am – 11:45 am**. This month we will create several Christmas ornaments to decorate the library's Christmas tree and also to take home to decorate your trees at home. Kids, sign up today!



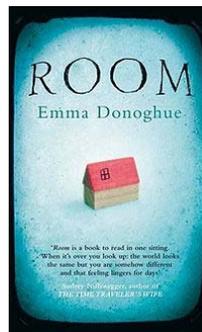
The **Dewey-Humboldt IONS** (Institute of the Noetic Sciences) will meet on **Tuesday, December 3: 10:30 am – 12:30 pm**. For December, the group will continue the DVD series on **The Meaning of Life**. Lively and friendly discussion will ensue after each DVD section with a round table discussion. Refreshments will be provided for the event! New members and visitors are always welcome!

The library's new weekly activity for adults, **US Fans of UK Entertainment**, meets on **Saturday afternoons at 1:00 pm**, every week, on **December 7, 14, 21, and 28**. The group will enjoy, share, and discuss British television, movies, and books.

In December, we will continue our examination of one of Britain's most famous and longest running television shows, **Doctor Who**. The show is a current world-wide hit and is the longest running science fiction television show in the history of the world, celebrating its 50th anniversary this year. The group will view and discuss recent episodes of the show in preparation for the 50th anniversary episode.



The library's **Book Discussion Group** will meet on **Tuesday, December 10: 9:30 – 11:00 am**, to discuss **Room**, by Emma Donoghue. Imagine living in a room that is 11 foot by 11 foot, and that room is your whole universe. Imagine growing up in this room and not knowing of the world outside. That sets up the premise for this book. We welcome new participants to join the meetings so stop by the library to pick up a copy of the book to read, and then come for the discussion. Light refreshments will be provided.



Afternoon Games, for **ages 7 and up**, will be held on the following **Wednesdays: December 4, 11, and 18, at 2:30 – 3:45 p.m.** Kids can come down to play board games including Battleship, Connect 4, Chess, Checkers, Candy Land, Sorry!, Monopoly Jr., Scrabble, Dominoes, Parcheesi, Clue, and more! Also, we'll have the **Wii** out to play on the library's huge 90" movie screen. Come and play **Super Mario Bros., Wii Sports Resort, Mario Karts, Just Dance 3, Mario and Sonic at the Winter Olympic**

Games, Mario Sports Mix, or bring your Wii games from home to play against other players. Fun for all!

The **Friends of the Library** had a very successful **Fall Book Sale!** The Library thanks everyone that donated items and who purchased items, not only at the big Fall Book Sale, but also at the Mini-Sales throughout the year. Monies raised will be used to fund library programs, purchase supplies, and buy library materials.

The weekly **Thursday Book Sales** are taking a break during the holidays and will return on **Thurs., January 9: 1:00 – 5:00 pm**. We will see you in the New Year!

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 (928) 632-5049. Also, don't forget that you can visit the library's website to find out the dates and times for all the library's activities and to search for and place holds on library items at: <http://www.yavapailibrary.org/yavapai/deweyhumboldt.asp>.

The library's regular hours are: **Tues., Wed., & Fri: 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.** (closed for lunch Noon – 12:30 p.m.), **Thurs.: 12:30 – 7:00 p.m.**, and **Sat.: 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.**

The library will be closed for Christmas on **Tues., 12/24, Wed., 12/25**, and for New Year's on **Tues. 12/31 and Wed. 1/1**. Have a wonderful holiday season!

WATER REPORT

Humboldt Water Systems (a Public Water System, but **NOT** a Dewey-Humboldt Town utility) has levels of arsenic in excess of EPA drinking water standards

EPA standard for arsenic is 10 parts per billion (ppb) and, although down 3ppb from last quarter, arsenic was found to be 18.1 ppb in the most recent test.

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

Dec 3: 1) Magistrate contract renewal/negotiations; 2) Town Hall Lease; 3) Procedure for adding or removing roads from maintenance plan (CAARF)

Dec 17: 1) Finalize Magistrate Kelley's contract.

Council Work Sessions and Special Meetings 2:00pm

Dec 10: 1) Main Street or Old Town Designation and General Plan Discussion.

P & Z Meetings 6:00pm

Dec 5: 1) Transient Merchant; 2) 2014 schedule; 3) OML review

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.

NEW BUSINESSES IN OUR AREA:

The Dewey-Humboldt Newsletter does not accept advertising, but we do like to announce new businesses in the area. Below is one new business to our community. Stop in and say hello!

ROCKWISE, LLC

Rockwise (Building Materials and Hardware Store) has recently moved to Dewey-Humboldt from Prescott Valley. They are a full-service drywall, stucco, synthetic stucco, steel stud and acoustical ceiling supply house with delivery and stocking ability. They are located at 390 State Route 69, Dewey, and can be contacted at 928-772-0226 or online at www.rockwiseaz.com.

ACTIVITY CENTER

Tuesday through Friday 10 to 2,
Holiday closure dates: Dec 25 & Jan 1, and if weather is bad.
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.

Bingo: Tuesdays 11 to noon. Bring a \$2 prize (can include non-perishable foods). Player with the highest number of wins each month wins lunch for two at a local area restaurant. Congratulations to Joan for the most 4 week wins!

Coffee Time: Tuesdays 10am to ? Goodies, conversation and fun!

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

Food Bank: Wednesday 9 until 11 or the food is gone. For more information call 632-0699.

Men's AA: Every Thursday, 7pm.

Thrift Store: A good variety of items are on hand. (Accepting donations but, please, no electric appliances, clothing or shoes).

We also help with Medicare Assistance, Legal Advocacy, DES, AHCCS, food stamps, Neighbor to Neighbor, utility bill discounts, and Health, Safety and Welfare info. See our fliers posted around Town.

THE BIG FIX

The [Yavapai Humane Society](#) (YHS) recently received a generous grant from [PetSmart Charities](#) to



fund the fixing (spaying or neutering) of 1,200 dogs belonging to residents in Prescott Valley, Dewey/Humboldt, or Mayer. To be more specific, the grant provides **free spay or neuter services to any dog belonging to a person or family living in any of the following zip codes: 86314; 86315; 86327; 86329; or 86333.**

If you know anyone who lives in these areas who owns a dog that needs to be fixed, please let them know their pets can be spayed or neutered at no cost at the **Yavapai Humane Society Spay/Neuter Clinic** located at 2989 Centerpointe East in Prescott.

An appointment is necessary and easy to make by calling 771-0547.

SCAM ALERT!

*From Anthony Palermo, CCPS
Yavapai County Sheriff's Office*

This is how it works; you will receive an email or phone call from a "Marshal" or "Deputy Sheriff" telling you that you missed jury duty and they have a warrant for your arrest. Your bail is \$2,000.00 and they will cancel the arrest warrant if you wire them the bail.

NO POLICE OR COURT OFFICIAL WILL EVER CALL/E-MAIL YOU FOR THIS!

JUST HANG UP!!
Stay Safe!

PERSON, PLACE, OR THING? What am I?

- I'm the largest of my kind...
- ...yet despite my size I can easily conceal myself;
- I have partially webbed toes...
- ...so I'm a good swimmer;
- I love seals but they don't love me;
- My Latin name is *ursus maritimus*;
- Humans are my only predator;
- I star in winter Coca-Cola ad campaigns...
- ...and in the 2007 film *The Golden Compass*;
- I am a symbol of the Arctic.

ANSWER: I am a Polar Bear.

PRESCOTT FOREST CHRISTMAS TREE TAGS NOW ON SALE

Permits to cut down Christmas trees are now available at three Prescott National Forest Offices during regular weekday hours, 8am to 4:30pm. Our nearest office is: 344 S Cortez St. in Prescott. The permits are also being sold at Big 5 Sporting Goods in Prescott Valley.



The \$15 tags allow a household to cut down certain types of trees in designated areas until December 24th. Customers will get maps and instructions when they purchase a permit.

The Forest Service sells the tags on a first-come, first-served basis. This year the Prescott Forest is offering 225 permits. Other forests across the state are also selling permits.

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Articles welcome from and provided by citizens, organizations, committees, staff, and partners of the Town of Dewey-Humboldt.

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Denise Rogers, Editor

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

CHRISTMAS GIFT SALE IN THE D-H MUSEUM BASEMENT!

We have some beautiful Christmas gifts at **very reasonable prices!** Saturday Dec. 7th: 10 am -4pm.



YOU'RE INVITED TO HAVE COFFEE WITH THE TOWN MANAGER

Monday, Dec. 2nd from 9 -10am, Town Manager's Office



VOLUNTEERS ARE STILL NEEDED FOR TOWN COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS!

To help with *Planning & Zoning, Environmental or Water Issues, Clean Town Activities, or Open Space & Trails Planning*, please contact Town Hall at 632-7362.

Town Hall Offices will be closed on Christmas Day December 25th and New Year's Day January 1st Happy Holidays!

WELL WATER ARSENIC TEST KIT

U of A Cooperative Extension Services offers water test kits for \$32. You may order by phone (445-6590) or pick one up at 840 Rodeo Dr. #C in Prescott.

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