

## TOWN OF CLARKDALE - A 2012 CENTENNIAL TOWN

# SMALL TALK

OF THE TOWN

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### PUBLIC WORKS CONSTRUCTION CORNER

We would like to update Town residents about several construction projects that the Town of Clarkdale is currently working on:

- The Broadway Water Line Project was put in service . on January 24, 2012. This project added four (4) new fire hydrants and two (2) pressure reducing valves (PRVs)  $\frac{2}{3}$ between Main Street and Centerville Road. The new mains extend along Park Road to Zuni Drive and connect to the \* existing water mains on Zuni Drive. A new hydrant was  $\hat{\star}$ added on Park Road which will enhance fire protection in  $\frac{\pi}{2}$ that area. This project was funded by capital improvement funds set aside when the Town of Clarkdale purchased the water system.
- The 89A sidewalk project is slated to be finished by February 3, 2012. ADOT did a great job on this project and we have received positive feedback from numerous residents about this project. The project was funded by will be removed. We will continue to update residents on ADOT. This project is a win for everyone!
- The Clarkdale Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) Project has started and we are working with ADEQ Department at (928) 639-2525. This project will be funded to finalize regulatory permits, and with the contractor to start actual site work. The new WWTP will be installed at the original site of the existing WWTP along the Verde River. The tankage from the Desert Oasis wastewater facility has been delivered to the Fisher House site and all the mechanical equipment has been sent to the manufacturers to be factory refurbished. The first phase of this project will involve upgrading the existing electrical service supplying

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March 10	Antique Car Show Sponsored by the Clarkdale— Jerome Lions Club, in the Town Hall Parking Lot	
March 21	Reminiscing About School– Clarkdale Stories at the Library	
March 24	Paint the "C" and Breakfast with the Clarkdale Historical Society and Museum	]

^\_ CLARKDALE'S CENTENNIAL EVENTS! \_\_^

power to the site. The new electrical service will run from the former Verde Valley Christian Church site to the WWTP Road (375A Broadway) and continue down the WWTP site along the Verde River. The new electrical service will run underground the entire way and once the new service is put on-line the existing electrical poles along the WWTP Road this project through the Small Talk... If you have any questions about this project please call the Utilities through a loan from the Arizona Water Infrastructure Finance Authority (WIFA).

The Public Works Department is currently working on a drainage project along Third North in Lower Town. This project involves installing a concrete drainage swale along the north side of Third North and connecting that swale to an existing culvert at Fourth Street. Funding for this project is provided through Yavapai County Flood Control.



#### "VOTE-BY-MAIL" PRIMARY ELECTION

On March 13, 2012 the Town of Clarkdale will conduct a "VOTE-BY-MAIL" PRIMARY ELECTION.

Nomination papers have been submitted by Doug Von Gausig for the seat of Mayor, and Richard Dehnert,

Anita Simgen, and Patricia Williams for the two Council Member seats on the ballot along with a proposal regarding the 2012 General Plan.

The last day to register to vote for this election is February 13, 2012. It is important for Yavapai County Voter Registration and Elections Departments to have your CURRENT information on file. If you change your name or your residential address, you must re-register to vote at least 29 days prior to the election.

Yavapai County Voter Registration will send a ballot by first class mail to each registered voter beginning February 20, 2012.

DON'T FORGET TO VOTE



the top vote getter.

## **CENTENNIAL CAR, TRUCK & BIKE SHOW**

Hosted by the Clarkdale-Jerome Lions Club

The Clarkdale Centennial Car, Truck and Bike Show will be on Saturday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, 9am-2pm in the Clarkdale Town Hall Parking Lot located at 39 N. Ninth Street. There is no charge to view the vehicles so stop by and vote for your favorite entry. A "People's Choice" award will be issued to

There will be hot dogs and refreshments for sale, a silent auction, and a 50/50 raffle. All proceeds from the event benefit the Clarkdale Pool Fund. For information contact Dave Andrews at 928-634-8207.

# News from the Library

39 N. Ninth Street, Clarkdale AZ. 86324 (928) 639-2480



### **LIBRARY STARTS NEW CLUB FOR BOOK LOVERS**

Pageturners book club is organized by volunteers and will meet once a month. The day and time may be set by the club members within the business hours of the library.

Discussions are open to all adult readers free of charge. Books will be provided by loan from the Yavapai Library Network. Pageturners is designed to give people the opportunity to participate in a book club without having to buy the books. Please join us as we begin this exciting new program.

#### FROM THE CLARKDALE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Feeding wildlife is a bad idea......

There are many people who enjoy feeding wildlife, because it gives them the opportunity to observe wildlife up close and many believe they are helping the animals survive. While seeing wild animals up

close can be enjoyable, feeding wildlife a steady diet of human supplied food nearly always leads to problems for the animals and the people feeding them.

Young animals taught to depend on food handouts from humans may struggle to survive without the food source, when they disperse from their parent's territory.

Wild animals fed by humans often lose their fear of people and may approach them causing the belief they are rabid, aggressive, or sick. This may cause the animal to be unnecessarily euthanized for rabies testing. Losing the fear of human's makes animal's easier prey for hunters and for those that would like to do them harm. An instinctive wariness of people is an important facet to a wild animal's survival.

The food humans feed to animals is never what they would ordinarily consume or nutritionally complete. This can cause serious health problems for wild animals. Wild animals need a varied naturally supplied food source. If given the opportunity, wild animals will discontinue foraging for natural food and live completely on what people are feeding them, which in many cases is the equivalent of junk food to them.

A steady human provided food source will attract many more wild animals to the area than would ordinarily be found there. This interaction of large groups of animals ordinarily occurs during breeding season alone, limiting the times illness and disease can be spread. With this isolation of groups eliminated, disease can spread much faster causing unwanted suffering of wildlife.

Steady artificial food sources provided by humans can cause unnatural reproduction rates in wildlife populations. The number of wild animals being born is almost always related to the amount of food sources available to them. This is nature's way of keeping a balance. When an unnatural food source becomes readily available, animals may produce more young, and soon there may be more animals in the area than the natural food sources can support.

Having un-natural levels of wildlife in a given area almost always causes problems for the animals and the people in the area. More animals are struck by cars. Trash cans are knocked over and foraged through and homes and property can be damaged.

Wildlife can be enjoyed near our homes by providing natural landscape for them and planting natural foods they would ordinarily find in the wild, planted at a safe distance from the home. Please enjoy the wildlife, but keep safe and do what is best for our wild animal friends!

March, 2012-MUHS Photography

# Clarkdale Stories

March 21-Reminiscing About School Days

# Art in Public Places Starting March 1



#### **CLARKDALE CENTENNIAL MERCHANDISE**

Official Clarkdale Centennial merchandise is now on sale at the Clarkdale Historical Society &

Museum.

Available for purchase are: T-shirts, two colors (\$20 each), hats, two colors (\$16.50 each) and Copper Colored Mugs (\$12 each). For information please call the museum at 649-1198. All proceeds benefit Clarkdale Centennial Events.

#### CLARKDALE HISTORICAL **SOCIETY & MUSEUM**

A new exhibit is now being shown at the Clarkdale Historical Society & Museum. The exhibit, A Day in a Hard Rock Miner's Life, was developed by Rich Skovlin, Rich has been interested in mining history for most of his life. He has worked with many state and local governments on mining exhibits and historical preservation projects. Rich retired after working 27 years for the IBM Corporation as a chemist and materials engineer.

The Exhibit covers the mining period from 1890 to 1920. This important period in mining gave birth to many advances in mining and smelting technology. Arizona became number one in the country in copper production and the United Verde Copper Company played a large part in the state attaining that distinction.

The exhibit explains through artifacts, photos and write-ups what miners took to work, how miners got to work and what they United Verde mining underground. history is woven into the exhibit.

Rich will give presentations on early United Verde Mine history which will also cover some aspects of his exhibit. presentations are scheduled for Thursday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, at 10 am and Saturday, March 17th, at 2pm in the Clarkdale Library Multi-Use Room. He will also conduct a tour of his exhibit at the Museum, 900 First North St., following the March 15<sup>th</sup> presentation.

