

Talk of the Town

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Relay for Life



The 2004 Verde Valley Relay for Life is scheduled to run from 6 p.m. on April 30 to 9 a.m. on May 1. The event will be held at Riverfront Park in Cottonwood. Entertainment will be scheduled throughout the Relay event, and an area is available for overnight camping.

Relay for Life is a fund-raising event sponsored by the American Cancer Society. The relay consists of teams walking or running laps. Each team tries to keep a member on the track at all times during the fifteen hour event.

Funds are raised through team sponsorships, donations and the sale of luminarias. The luminarias circle the track, and are lit in recognition of both cancer survivors and those who have lost the battle, helping to strengthen our determination to find a way to eliminate the disease.

The majority of funds generated by Verde Valley Relay for Life stay in the local area. These funds are used to supplement local treatment and support programs.

Relay for Life provides a special opportunity to recognize those members of our community who have fought the battle with cancer. The first lap of the Relay is the survivor's lap. Those who walk in this lap provide visual proof that hope can survive in the face of a diagnosis of cancer.

The Kick-Off event for Verde Valley Relay for Life is scheduled for Saturday, February 7, 2004 at 11:30 a.m. at the Clarkdale Town Park. This is the first opportunity for all participants to join together and get the event off to a thundering start. Anyone interested in participating or receiving more information is encouraged to attend the Kick-Off. If you are interested in volunteering to help with any of the responsibilities involved to make this a successful event, contact Gayle Mabery, co-chair for the Verde Valley Relay, at Town Hall.

The Town of Clarkdale sponsors a Relay Team every year. If you are interested in being on the team contact Town Hall at 634-9591.

Old Town Players

Join us for the
February 19, 2004
Premier Production of
"Greater Tuna",
a wonderful comedy & dinner.

That's right,
Dinner Theater in Clarkdale.
Dinner 6:00 p.m.
Theater 7:30 p.m.

Purchase Opening Night Dinner
Theater tickets at Town Hall or
by calling Katie at 634-9591.

Clarkdale Parks and Recreation
welcomes the Old Town Players and
looks forward to a
successful 2004 season.

LIVE THEATER IN CLARKDALE

The Old Town Players are calling the Clark
Memorial Clubhouse Auditorium home.

GREATER TUNA	Feb 19, 2004 - March 13
MURDER IS A GAME	April 22, 2004 - May 15
PLAYING DOCTOR	Sept. 9, 2004 - Oct. 1
ODD COUPLE	Nov. 4, 2004 - Nov. 21

All performances at 7:30 p.m. Advance ticket sales only
for Opening Night Dinner Theater for each production.





Proposed Fire District

In September 2003 the Clarkdale Town Council decided to investigate forming a fire district to provide fire protection and emergency medical services to residents. The Council's decision was based on an accumulation of information that began in 1995 with the formation of the Verde Valley Emergency Services Consolidation Study Committee. The Consolidation Study Committee included representatives from Clarkdale, Jerome, Cottonwood, the Verde Rural Fire District and the Verde Valley Ambulance Company. The committee focused on identifying the best method to provide services to residents of the Verde Valley.

The report presented by the Emergency Services Consolidation committee in May 1999 concluded that consolidation of fire/emergency services was the best and most efficient solution for the area.

However, at the time of their report, the committee did not feel that a complete consolidation of services was a politically viable option. In lieu of actual consolidation, the committee recommended a functional consolidation program that would standardize communication procedures, operations, safety procedures and training. One of the most positive results of the original study and the work of the functional consolidation committee was the implementation of an automatic-aid agreement among the six emergency services providers in the Verde Valley.

In May, 2003, the Clarkdale Fire Chief resigned to take a position with another community. The Town took that opportunity to contract for administrative services in the Fire Department and form a Fire/EMS Services Committee to examine the current level of service provided by the Clarkdale Fire Department and identify the most cost effective solution that would provide the community of Clarkdale the highest level of emergency services. The Committee consisted of four volunteer members who were all residents of the Town of Clarkdale: Beth Escobar, Tom Groom, Fred Hayman and Mike Westcott.

Beginning in the summer of 2003, the Clarkdale Fire/EMS Services Committee conducted a series of interviews with emergency services personnel, municipal staff members, the chairman of the board

of directors for the Verde Valley Fire District and Verde Valley Ambulance Company, and several former and current volunteers for the Clarkdale Fire Department. It became evident to the Fire/EMS Services Committee that providing an appropriate level of service to the citizens of Clarkdale was severely hampered by available municipal revenues.

Currently, the budget for the Clarkdale Fire Department exceeds the amount of revenue generated by Town's property tax levy. Funds for running all of the Town's departments and services come from a combination of sales tax, property tax and state shared revenue funds. The amount which property tax revenue can increase from year to year is limited by the state, so for the past few years the property tax rate in Clarkdale has decreased because the assessed value of property owned by Town residents has increased. Obviously, it is a continuing challenge for the Town to provide all of the necessary services with the limited revenue sources available.

The Clarkdale Fire Department currently staffs one Firefighter/EMS per 24-hour shift. This means that one person responds to a fire or medical emergency that occurs within the Town. In the case of a large fire or serious medical emergency, other personnel would be called in from agencies participating in the automatic-aid agreement. That creates a time delay as equipment and personnel are called in from areas outside the town boundaries. It also does not provide adequate coverage in instances where there are multiple events occurring at the same time in areas spread throughout the Verde Valley.

After several months of research and discussion, the Fire/EMS committee recommended that the Clarkdale Town Council pursue the creation of a fire district as the best way to provide the most effective and efficient services to the community. After reviewing the committee's report and receiving input from the public, the Council directed staff to begin the process of forming a fire district.

The steps required to form a fire district, which is a special taxing district, are specifically outlined in Arizona Revised Statutes Section 48-261. At their December 9, 2003 meeting the Council approved the appointment of three community members to serve as the Organizing Board for the Fire District. These

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are Mike Westcott, Fred Hayman and Dan Guernsey. This Board will submit a District Impact Statement, first to the Clarkdale Town Council, then, upon approval, to the County Board of Supervisors. The Impact Statement sets the boundaries for the proposed Fire District and estimates the tax impact to the property holders within those boundaries. The Organizing Board has worked to develop a budget for the Fire District that will provide an appropriate level of Fire Protection and Emergency Medical Services, while minimizing the tax impact to property owners.

Upon approval of the Impact Statement by the County Board of Supervisors, the Organizing Board will begin gathering signatures in support of the Fire District. Signatures must be obtained from 51 percent of registered voters within the district boundaries, along with 51 percent of property owners and owners of 51 percent of the assessed value within the district.

If a fire district is created, a board of directors is elected by the community within the district's boundaries. This allows for local control of the fire district. A Clarkdale Fire District would also be eligible to retain its share of the Fire District Assistance Tax, which is currently paid as a secondary tax by all Clarkdale property owners, but is distributed to fire districts outside of Clarkdale.

The Town Council will be making decisions regarding the Fire District formation at its meeting on January 13th at 6:00 p.m. in the Men's Lounge of the Clark Memorial Clubhouse. Part of the discussion will include whether the Council will reduce the town's primary property tax rate in an effort to reduce the overall financial impact to residents if the District is formed. This meeting is open to the public.

Several public meetings are planned beginning in February, 2004, to provide information regarding the Fire District. Meeting notices will be published in local newspapers, advertised on local radio stations, and will be posted at the Town Hall and on the Town's website (www.clarkdale.az.us).

For additional information contact Beth Escobar, Fire District Formation Coordinator, at 639-4591, or email at firedept@clarkdale.az.us.



Budget Update



The budget for the Town of Clarkdale is designed to meet the economic challenges confronting the town in the next budget year and prepare Clarkdale for future challenges.

How does the budget passed for the 2003/2004 fiscal year affect you?

Sales Taxes: Clarkdale's 2.25 percent sales tax rate remained unchanged.

Property Taxes: The property tax rate is \$1.1384 per \$100 of assessed valuation. The tax rate for the previous fiscal year was \$1.1631 per \$100 of assessed valuation. The tax rate has dropped every year since at least 1999. However, the overall taxes collected are higher since the assessed valuation of property has increased over the years. The exact impact on your property taxes depends on the assessed value of your home or business. Town property taxes comprise a small portion of citizens' property tax bills.

Clarkdale collects revenue from a variety of sources. The town legally can use some revenues only for specified purposes and others, like sanitation and wastewater fees, pay directly for services that the town operates as stand-alone 'businesses'. The town keeps track, to make sure dollars are properly spent, with fund accounts, including the General Fund (Police, Fire, Library, Court, Heritage Conservancy and Administration), Street Fund, Cemetery, Wastewater and Sanitation.

Taxes and other revenues flow into these funds. The town may transfer money from one fund to another depending on priorities, provided that the monies are not specified funds or there are not other legal requirements which prohibit the transfer. All of the town's financial records are audited annually by an outside accounting firm.



Verde Valley Humane Society

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Cottonwood, AZ 86326
(928) 634-7387
vvhs@wildapache.net

STOP LITTERING!

Please spay or neuter your pet!

Don't Let Your Bike Become a Statistic!

Bicycle Registration

10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Saturday, January 10, 2004

The Elks Lodge on Broadway in Clarkdale
Free Hamburgers, Hotdogs and Soda



Most bicycles, once stolen, are never recovered because the owners don't have the right information to give to the police to aid in the recovery.

This Anti-theft and Recovery Program is presented by the Clarkdale Police Explorers in conjunction with the Jerome Elks Lodge.

Pecks Lake Recreational Area



The Town of Clarkdale and Phelps Dodge Corporation entered a recreation area lease agreement for lands including and adjacent to Peck's Lake in 1966. The lease has been amended several times over the years, but the majority of the provisions of the 1966 lease have stayed in force. The lease agreement has always been renewable on January 1st of each year.

The provisions of the 1966 lease reflect usage and maintenance of lake property that do not exist today. For instance, at the time the original lease was executed, the Verde Valley Country Club and the Clarkdale Dairy were still in operation. Many things have changed over the past 37 years that need to be reflected in a new form of Lease Agreement.

In recognition of the recreational value of the Peck's Lake area to the entire region, the Town of Clarkdale has notified Phelps Dodge that it is interested in negotiating a new lease agreement which better reflects its current and future status.

The existing recreation area lease agreement between the Town of Clarkdale and Phelps Dodge will expire after December 31, 2003. The Clarkdale Town

State Route 89A Project

The Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) is planning to improve State Route 89A (SR 89A) between Black Hills Drive and Cement Plant Road in Clarkdale and Cottonwood. To reduce the potential for accidents and improve the flow of traffic, ADOT is proposing to construct a four-lane highway. ADOT is currently evaluating a range of alternatives for roadway improvements, including roundabouts and a divided roadway.

ADOT held a public information meeting relating to this project on October 9, 2003 and recently obtained support for the project from the Clarkdale Town Council and Cottonwood City Council. The support given by the Clarkdale Town Council included provisions for identifying roundabout locations, and the Cottonwood City Council also listed stipulations for its support. ADOT continues to accept and encourage comments from the public on the proposed SR 89A improvements and will respond to comments received.

In the next step of the project planning process, ADOT will complete an environmental analysis to disclose potential impacts from the implementation of the roadway improvements. Prior to drafting a final environmental document, ADOT will hold a series of public information meetings to discuss the proposed SR 89A improvements and accept public input. Suggestions from the public are encouraged and will be considered along with input from local and other state agencies. A draft document should be available for public comment by summer of 2004. Comments on the draft will be incorporated into a final document and a formal public hearing will be held in spring of 2005.



To submit written comments or for additional information about the project, contact Jill Harris, Environmental Planner, Logan Simpson Design Inc., 51 West Third Street, Suite 450, Tempe, Arizona 85281, telephone 480-967-1343, fax 480-966-9232, email at jharris@lsdaz.com.

Council has expressed a desire to continue to work with Phelps Dodge, and potentially other agencies, to draft a new Lease Agreement that would provide for renewed public recreation opportunities in the Peck's Lake area.



Town of Clarkdale BUS TRIPS!

Reservations are on a first come, first served basis. Children are welcome, but they must be accompanied by an adult. Fees include the ticket into the event and transportation by yellow air-conditioned school bus.

All trip reservations will be taken at Town Hall, 890 Main Street, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday -Friday. Payment is required at the time of reservation. Tickets are non-refundable. However, if there is a waiting list, we will attempt to sell your ticket for you. If you are unable to come to Town Hall to register during these hours, please call or email Coleen, 634-9591, coleeng@clarkdale.az.us.

Dinner Shows

“Dinner” shows are at the Broadway Palm Dinner Theater in Phoenix. Lunch is a buffet with a salad bar. The show is 2 ½ hours long.

Annie Get Your Gun - Saturday, March 20, 2004

Cats - Saturday, May 22, 2004

Music Man - Saturday, July 10, 2004

Cost: \$40 per person which includes transportation, lunch, show, tax and gratuity

Time: Bus leaves Town Hall parking lot at 9:00 a.m.; Lunch 11:45 a.m.;

Town Board Vacancies

The Town of Clarkdale is requesting applications for appointments to the Parks and Recreation Commission (to finish a term expiring June 30, 2005), the Design Review Board (to finish a term expiring June 30, 2005) and the Municipal Property Corporation (MPC). Applicants must reside within the Clarkdale Town Limits.



The Parks and Recreation Commission advises the Council on all aspects of park and trail development and recreation programs. Members participate in 4th of July, Halloween and Christmas events, as well as Concerts in the Park. The Commission regularly meets once a month. Other meetings may be scheduled as needed.

The Design Review Board reviews the exterior design of proposed new buildings, proposed alterations to buildings and major development or redevelopment projects to assure that they are compatible with the surrounding environment and to preserve and protect the integrity and character of the town. The Board meets on an as needed basis.

The MPC is a non-profit organization that is an “affiliate of the governmental unit”. Directors of the Board are appointed by the Town Council. The vacant term expires July 31, 2004. The MPC finances the cost of acquisition, construction and equipping of certain facilities for use by the Town of Clarkdale. The board, consisting of three Directors, usually meets once a year.

Applications are available at Clarkdale Town Hall, 890 Main Street, Clarkdale or may be downloaded at www.clarkdale.az.us/forms.html.

Tree Trimmings and Brush Pick-Up

Residents who wish to have brush or tree-trimmings removed should contact Town Hall at 634-9591 by Friday in order to be on the brush pick-up list for the following Monday’s collection.



The requirement for pick-ups are: Grass clippings or leaves must be bagged and tree trimmings or brush must be cut to 4 feet or less in length and bundled. A maximum of 2 bundles along with 4 bags of grass or leaves will be picked up from a residence at a time. These items are picked up by a person, so weight is a consideration when bagging or bundling. If you hire a commercial trimmer, they need to remove the

trimmings as a part of their contract.

As a courtesy, the Town Crew has been picking up brush whenever they saw it at the curb, even if the residence was not on the list. In order to keep costs down by providing the most efficient service, the town, on December 1st, started requiring persons to call Town Hall in order to have their brush collected. This was noted on the December trash bill. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause and appreciate your understanding with this change.

Call Allyson Waak, 634-9591, in the Public Works Department with questions and/or comments.

Recycling Reminder



Curbside recycling is every other week for trash customers. They will ONLY pick up these 4 items: **newspapers, tin, bottle form plastics, and aluminum.** If you place other items in your recycle bin, the entire contents will be left at your home, or, if by accident it is taken to the station, the entire truck load will be placed in the trash container to go to the land fill.

For **every ton** that the Town of Clarkdale recycles, funds are earned which benefit the Police Department, Fire Department, Library, Heritage Conservancy and Parks and Recreation. This is one way to put money back into the Town and not fill up the land fills. If you have any questions please call Town Hall at 634-9591.

2004 Elections

By Joyce Driscoll, Town Clerk



This is an election year for town council seats. The Primary election will be on March 9, 2004 and the General Election (if one is held) will be May 18th. A candidate is declared elected to office in the Primary election if that candidate receives more than half of the total number of ballots cast.

On the Primary ballot are two 4-year council seats, one two-year council seat and the mayoral seat. The deadline for candidates to file for their names to appear on the ballot was December 10th. The candidates who filed by that date were: Ellie Bauer and Doug Von Gausig running for Mayor, J.R. (Jerry) Wiley running unopposed for a two-year council seat, Thomas Groom running unopposed for a four-year council seat. No candidates have filed for the other four-year council seat.

Anyone who is interested in running for one of these seats still has time to become a write-in candidate by filing papers no later than 5:00 p.m. on January 29, 2004. More information may be obtained by contacting Town Clerk Joyce Driscoll at 634-9591. If the vacant seat is not filled in the election, the Town Council will make an appointment after the election.

These elections will be MAIL BALLOT ONLY. Ballots will be mailed to all registered voters beginning February 16th. The last day to register to vote in order to vote in the Primary election is February 9, 2004 and for the General election, April 19, 2004. If you believe you are a registered voter that resides in Clarkdale and you did not receive a ballot, please contact Town Clerk Joyce Driscoll at 634-9591. Voted ballots may be mailed to the Yavapai County Elections Office or may be dropped off at Clarkdale Town Hall. To be valid, the ballots must be received no later than 7:00 p.m. on the day of the election.

CENTER FOR CLARKDALE HISTORY



Things are beginning to take shape with the historical museum in Clarkdale. Articles of Incorporation have been filed and approved. Renovation on the museum building may begin in June, 2004. If that date holds firm, the museum is expected to open in late fall.

The museum needs volunteers to help paint the basement of the building, to serve on sub-committees of the Board of Directors for special programs and fund raising, and to work as docents in the museum (training will be provided).

Anyone who is interested in helping with museum projects or donating to the museum should call Pat Williams at 649-9672. Any and all help is greatly appreciated.

Spring Dances

Featuring

Sentimental Journey

January 31

March 27

7 p.m. in the Clarkdale Clubhouse

Library Notes

By Charlotte Hawken,
Library Manager

NEW BOOKS

JANUARY

Absolute Friends	John Le Carre
Amateur Marriage	Anne Tyler
Bet Me	Jennifer Cruise
Cat Who Talked Turkey	Lillian Jackson Braun
Crofton's Fire	Keith Coplin
Deader by the Lake	Doug M. Cummings
Divided in Death	Nora Roberts
Frumious Bandersnatch	Ed McBain
Grenadillo Box	Janet Gleeson
Lady and the Unicorn	Tracy Chevalier
Mr. Paradise	Leonard Elmore
Port Hazard	Loren Estleman
Privilege of Youth: A Teenager's Story	Dave Pelzer
Retreat Hell! A Corps Novel	W.E.B. Griffin
Second Chair	John Lescroart
Sight of the Stars	Belva Plain
Sunny Chandler's Return	Sandra Brown
Truth or Dare	Jayne Ann Krentz
Zero Game	Brad Meltzer

FEBRUARY

Forgotten Man	Robert Crais
High Country	Nevada Barr
Last Crossing	Guy Vanderhaeghe
Last Juror	John Grisham
Playing With Fire	Peter Robinson
Risk Worth Taking	Robin Pilcher
Sexy Years	Suzanne Somers

MARCH

Aloft	Chang-Rae Lee
Confessions of a Tax Collector	Richard Yancey
Hard Revolution	George Pelecanos

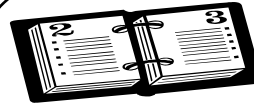
Online Catalog from your home
www.yavapailibrary.org/clark.htm



Library Hours

Mon & Wed 11:00 - 4:00
Tues 1:00 - 6:00
Thur, Fri. & Sat 1:00 - 4:00
Closed Sunday

Town Calendar



ML - Men's Lounge, Clark Clubhouse, 19 N. Ninth St.
AUD - Auditorium, Clark Clubhouse, 19 N. Ninth St.
CML - Clark Memorial Library, 39 N. Ninth Street
TH - Town Hall, Conference Room, 890 Main Street
LB - Library Basement, 39 N. Ninth Street

Jan 1 Town offices closed, *New Years Day*
Library Advisory Board, cancelled
Jan 10 Bike Registration, 10am-2pm, Elks Lodge
Bus Trip, Showboat
Jan 13 Regular Council, 6 pm, ML
Jan 14 Design Review Board, 9 am, ML
Jan 19 Town offices closed, *Civil Rights Day*
Jan 20 Parks & Recreation, 6 pm, LB
Jan 20 Planning Commission, 7 pm, ML
Jan 27 Special Council, 6 pm, ML
Jan 28 Heritage Conservancy, 5:15 pm, CML
Jan 31 Dance, Sentimental Journey, 7-9 pm, Aud
Feb 5 Library Advisory Board, 7 pm, CML
Feb 7 Relay for Life, Kick-Off, 11:30 am, Park
Feb 11 Design Review Board, 9 am, ML
Feb 10 Regular Council, 6 pm, ML
Feb 16 Town Offices Closed, *President's Day*
Feb 17 Parks & Recreation, 1 pm, LB
Feb 17 Planning Commission, 6 pm, ML
Feb 19 Play "Greater Tuna" Gala Opening
Feb 24 Special Council, 6 pm, ML
Feb 25 Heritage Conservancy, 5:15 pm, LB
Mar 4 Library Advisory Board, 7 pm, CML
Mar 9 Primary Election
Regular Council, 6 pm, ML
Mar 10 Design Review Board, 9 am, ML
Mar 15 Parks & Recreation, 1 pm, LB
Mar 15 Planning Commission, 6 pm, ML
Mar 20 Bus Trip, Annie Get Your Gun
Mar 23 Special Council, 6 pm, ML
Mar 24 Heritage Conservancy, 5:15 pm, CML
Mar 27 Dance, Sentimental Journey, 7-9 pm, Aud

Meeting dates and times are subject to change.

The Library needs the following volunteers:

People to organize and conduct preschool story hour programs (days and hours to be arranged).

Dog Tags

Dog tags expired December 31.

Please come in to Town Hall to
get your 2004 tags in January.



Everyone is invited to attend a citizens group which meets one Monday a month to discuss Clarkdale water issues. Contact the group at 634-9450 or at ebauer@commspeed.net.





Important Numbers:

Fire Department, non-emergency: 639-4591
 Police Dept., non-emergency: 634-7240 or 634-2921
 Cemetery Manager: 634-9591
 Clark Memorial Library: 634-9760
 Municipal Court: 634-1691
 All other business: Town Hall: 634-9591
 Fax: 634-0407, TTY: 1-800-367-8939

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CLARKDALE, AZ
86324-0308

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CLARKDALE, AZ 86324

E-Mail Addresses (Partial List)

Town Hall	
Michael Bluff	Mayor
Ellie Bauer	Vice Mayor
David Leibforth	Councilmember
Rex Williams	Councilmember
Tom Groom	Councilmember
Gayle Mabery	Town Manager
Joyce Driscoll	Town Clerk
Steven Brown	Planning Director
Pat Haynie	Police Chief
Chris Christensen	Police Records Clerk
Don Eberle	Acting Fire Chief
Charlotte Hawken	Library Manager
Coleen Gilboy	Finance Director
Maria Contreras	Court Clerk
Lisa Christensen	Grants Administrator
Allyson Waak	Public Works Assistant
Katie Cannon	Administrative Assistant

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 lisac@clarkdale.az.us
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New Staff Members

Georgia Sa
 Accounting Clerk

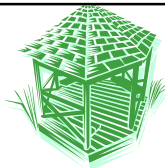
Katie Cannon
 Administrative Assistant

Tom Glynn
 Town Crew



Gazebo Project Update

By Joyce Driscoll



On December 2, 2003, the Town Council, the Heritage Conservancy Board and the Parks and Recreation Commission met in a joint worksession to discuss final plans for the refurbishment of the gazebo (bandstand) in the Town Park on Main Street. The consensus developed at that worksession led the Town Council to unanimously approve a scope of work for the refurbishment of the gazebo. In general, the scope of work retains as much as possible of the original structure (portions of the gazebo have previously been replaced through the years), and replaces the portions that cannot be salvaged, retaining its current size and overall appearance. The electrical system will be upgraded and a concrete slab will be poured as a foundation. The project will also involve the

abatement of lead based paint, both on the structure and in the surrounding soil. Now that the scope of work has been defined, funds need to be raised. The estimated cost of the work is \$25,000. Nearly half of this figure is the lead based paint abatement. The Clarkdale Foundation, a non-profit charitable organization, has already raised approximately \$12,000 for this project. The Foundation, and the Town of Clarkdale are seeking additional funds in order to complete the refurbishment of the gazebo as soon as possible. Persons interested in making contributions may send their gifts to: The Clarkdale Foundation, Post Office Box 345, Clarkdale, AZ 86324. Persons and businesses who are interested in donating materials to the project should contact Administrative Assistant, Katie Cannon at Clarkdale Town Hall at 634-9591 or by email to: parksandrec@clarkdale.az.us.