

TALK OF THE TOWN

Art Work

On display in the Clark Memorial Library until mid-August.



The art work is by students in the 2nd and 4th grades at Clarkdale-Jerome School and art students at Mingus Union High School.

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

Tai Chi In The Park

with instructor Jamie Moffett.



Classes are Wednesdays starting at 7 a.m. in the Clarkdale Town Park.

The cost is \$5 per person per session.

Jamie Moffett has been a practitioner and teacher of Chinese martial arts, qigong (chigong), and tai chi for over 20 years. He is the author of *5 Elements Qigong: The 5-Minute Health and Harmony Exercise Instruction Book*.

The class is sponsored by the Clarkdale Parks and Recreation Department.

Free Concerts in the Clarkdale Park

Hank Levine
"Folk, Bluegrass"
Saturday, August 5th 6-8 pm

Johnny Lingo Trio
"Folk, Pop, Blues"
Saturday, September 9th 6-8 p.m.

Sentimental Journey
"Big Bands"
Saturday, September 16th 6-8 pm
Sponsored by Clarkdale/Jerome Lions



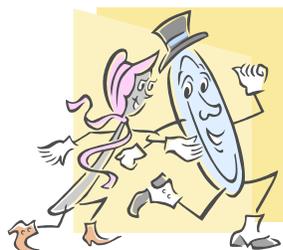
Major Lingo
"International Rock/Roll"
Saturday, October 14th 6-8 p.m.

Bring your family, friends, and lawn chair for an evening of entertainment. A 50/50 raffle will be held. Proceeds to benefit Parks and Recreation. No alcohol in the park.

Sponsors Still Needed.
Vendors wanted.



Storytelling by Marge Fallon



At Clark Memorial Library
All ages welcome

Thursdays at 11 a.m.
July 13, 20, 27,
& August 3, 2006

39 N. Ninth Street
Across from Town Hall in Clarkdale
634-9760

For the latest information on events, meetings and Town services go to:
www.clarkdale.az.us



Dances Featuring
Sentimental Journey
October 21 & November 18, 2006

7 p.m.
Clarkdale Clubhouse Auditorium
\$5.00 Admission
Refreshments available for purchase.
Sponsored by the Heritage Conservancy Board.



Verde Valley
Theater

Verde Valley Theater
(Old Town Players)
presents the production:

The Ransom of Red Chief

Based on the story by O. Henry
Adapted by Anne Coulter Martens

September 8 - 23, 2006
Clarkdale Clubhouse Auditorium

For more information or
to purchase tickets go to:
www.verdevalleytheater.com
or call: 639-0538
or email:
vvt@verdevalleytheater.com

Tickets will also be available at
Clarkdale Town Hall

Water System Valves

The Town is locating and testing all of the water valves and replacing any which need replacing. One hundred and ninety-six valves have been exercised and tested, with about 75 left to go. So far only two needed to be replaced.

**Wastewater Treatment
Plant Upgrades**

The first phase of upgrades to the existing wastewater plant have been completed. This phase included the installation of new pumps and a chlorination injection system which improved the quality of reclaimed water being produced.

The second phase consists of removing the discharge of reclaimed water from the mine tailings, located near Tuzigoot, to a new reuse area where it will be spray irrigated. Nine thousand feet of line has been installed from the treatment plant to the new reuse area and the first portion of pressure testing has been completed. A tank with a truck-fill station will be constructed at the reuse site so that the reclaimed water may be easily sold and transported for certain permissible applications in lieu of potable water. Irrigation lines are being installed in the reuse area and the tank is scheduled for installation soon.



Town of Clarkdale Drought and Water Shortage Preparedness Plan

Arizona has been in a drought during most of the last decade. No one knows whether that will ease in the near future or continue for decades. However, it is clear that this is not the last drought that will affect our area. Past experience has also taught us that water shortages can occur for a variety of other reasons.

The Town Council and town staff are working on a Drought and Water Shortage Preparedness Plan (DWSPP) to address those water issues. This plan provides residents with guidelines for appropriate water usage during times of drought and water shortage. It is also the first of many water related policies that will be adopted. It is one of the requirements for owners of a water company.

The DWSPP outlines four Demand Reduction Strategy Levels. Each of these levels includes measures to reduce the use of potable water in response to drought or a water shortage. Conservation measures may include voluntary or mandatory requirements depending on what level the town is operating in. Detailed information about the DWSPP and its Demand Reduction Strategy Levels will be sent to all Clarkdale residents once a plan is adopted.

The DWSPP defines stages of drought or water shortage and the expected responses of water users. It provides tools for town staff to determine at what point each strategy level should be implemented and how it will be implemented. It also identifies processes for communication to the public and coordination between the Town of Clarkdale and the City of Cottonwood.

The DWSPP enables residents to be active and informed about the town's water resource management policies. It is going to take the entire community working together to protect our most precious resource, now and for future generations.

The complete Drought and Water Shortage Preparedness Plan and conservation tips can be found on the town website at www.clarkdale.az.us/water_utility.htm.

By Janet Perry, Assistant to the Town Manager

Verde Valley Area Leadership Program



An exciting, new program has been developed to offer unique and innovative leadership training. The Verde Valley Area Leadership Program (VVAL) is based on the already established and successful nonprofit Prescott Area Leadership (PAL) program, which has been in existence since 1990.

VVAL is now accepting applications for the first class of this innovative and important effort to build leaders in our community.

The inaugural VVAL class for 2006-2007 will start with an overnight retreat on **September 15-16**. Skill enhancement or field trip days will follow at regular monthly intervals through July 2007.

The mission of VVAL is to develop and inspire individuals to contribute to the vitality and leadership in the Verde Valley communities. The program offers realistic and comprehensive skills development courses that will allow individuals to grow and pursue their own abilities as a vital part of our community.



If you would like to apply to this program, applications are available at the Town Hall front desk and the Clark Memorial Library. If you would like an application sent to you via email, please send your request to jfilarado@sedonaaz.gov or dbentlage@cableone.net. To find out more about the PAL program, our partner in creating VVAL, please go to their website at: www.prescottarealeadership.org.

**Applications must be submitted
by close of business on August 25, 2006.**

By Janet Perry, Assistant to the Town Manager

Get Involved In Forming Clarkdale's Future

The Town of Clarkdale will have several terms ending on numerous boards and commissions. Residents wishing to apply can pick up applications at Town Hall or online at www.clarkdale.az.us. Go to **Forms**, then to **Board and Commission Application**. Please submit completed applications to Town Hall by August 11, 2006. Each term of service is for two (2) years. The following boards and commissions will have openings this year, with terms beginning October 1st.

The **Design Review Board** has two terms expiring. They meet on the second Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. The board reviews the exterior of new buildings, and alterations to buildings. They also review major developments to assure they are compatible with the surrounding environment.

The **Heritage Conservancy Board** has three terms expiring. They meet on the third Wednesday of the month at 5:15 p.m. This board advises the Council and staff regarding the preservation, conservation, and promotion of natural, cultural and historical resources.

The **Library Advisory Board** has three terms expiring. They meet on the first Thursday of the month at 9:00 a.m. Members participate in two fundraising events; Fourth of July ice cream social and December book sale.

The **Parks and Recreation Commission** has two terms expiring. They meet on the first Monday of the month at 5:30 p.m. The commission advises the Council on park and recreation issues and development. Members also participate in the Forth of July, Halloween, Christmas and other events.

The **Planning Commission** has two terms expiring. They meet on the third Monday of the month at 6:00 p.m. The commission reviews all long-term plans for the Town, including the General Plan, specific plans and rezoning. It also reviews developments and applications for subdivision plats.

The **Board of Adjustment** has two terms expiring. They meet on the fourth Wednesday of the month at 6:00 p.m. The board is a judicial body with duties including: 1) To hear and decide appeals to administrative decisions; 2) To interpret the boundaries of zoning districts; 3) To hear and decide variances; 4) To permit the extension of nonconforming uses.

These boards and commissions may meet more often if needed. For more information, please contact Walt Good at Town Hall, 634-9591, waltg@clarkdale.az.us.



Baby, it's HOT outside!

Did you know....the skin is the body's largest organ?! Did you know....the skin of an average adult male weighs about 10 pounds?! While these are some "funny" facts, summertime in Arizona in nothing to laugh at. It is very easy to forget our skin when playing outside, watching a soccer game, or working in the yard. This season, please don't let yourself fall victim to two very common summer foes.

Heatstroke is the body's response to extreme heat. It's the result of excessive sweating, which depletes the body's salts. Signs to watch for: skin that is red, hot and dry; a high temperature; a pulse that is strong and rapid.

Heat exhaustion is a less severe condition in which a person becomes tired, dizzy or nauseated due to long exposure to heat.

In both cases, keeping cool, staying in a shaded area, and drinking fluids are great ways to beat the heat.

Remember to use sunscreen, wear a hat and try to stay inside during the hottest part of the day. Take care and you can have a fun summer



Employee News

We have a fresh face around the station - volunteer firefighter **Bill Green**. He is a familiar face around town though. Bill works at Clarkdale-Jerome Elementary School and we look forward to his help in our department. Welcome aboard, Bill!

By Fire Captain Bill Volk

National Night Out

The Clarkdale Police Department is an active participant in National Night Out (NNO) which promotes community interaction and neighborhood involvement in preventing crime. This year NNO will be held in four locations in Clarkdale. Each location will be for specific neighborhoods and will be organized by the Officers assigned to those neighborhoods.

Come out and meet your neighbors, meet your neighborhood Police Officers and have some fun!

National Night Out will be held on **August 1st from about 6 to 9 p.m.** at the following locations:

Mongini Park – for the residents of Patio Park, Lower Clarkdale, Palisades, Hollow Reed Road, Bent River, Tuzigoot Mesa and Park Road areas.

Clarkdale Park – for residents living in Upper Clarkdale, Mountain Gate, Verde Panorama, Lamplighter and the northern portion of the Mingus foothills area (Tavasci Road, Peaks View Road, Valley View Road, Old Jerome Highway north of Lanny Lane).



Centerville Park – for Centerville and Mingus Shadows residents.

Yavapai College – for residents living in Blackhills, Foothills Terrace, Mingus View Estates, Haskell Springs and the southern portion of the Mingus foothills area (Abbey Rd, Haskell Springs Rd, Mountain Rd, Selna Circle, Mescal Spur, Old Jerome Highway south of Lanny Lane).

The evening's activities may include a cookout, bounce house, waterslide and maybe even a band. Watch for flyers distributed in your neighborhood for more details, or contact your neighborhood officer:

Officer Florisi: Blackhills, Haskell Springs, Mingus View Estates

Officer Lozano: Palisades, Hollow Reed Road, Bent River Road and Tuzigoot Mesa

Officer Andre: Upper Clarkdale, Lanny Lane, northern portion of Mingus foothills area, Verde Panorama

Officer Nester: Patio Park, Lower Clarkdale

Officer Razo: Centerville, Mingus Shadows

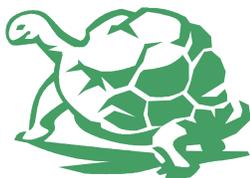
Officer Church: Foothills Terrace, Mingus View Estates, Lamplighter



We would like to take this opportunity to thank the Clarkdale Chamber of Commerce for their support of the Police Department and for their assistance in making the National Night Out events possible.

By Police Sergeant Chris Wylie

Clarkdale Fire Dept Rescues Tortoise



At 10:50 a.m. on Wednesday the 14th of June, the tones went off for a reptile rescue west of Yavapai Community College. Fire Engine 211 from Clarkdale responded to find a tortoise that was wedged between a wall and a large potted plant on the front patio area of a nearby home.

The tortoise appeared to be taking a midmorning nap after getting stuck. The tortoise was easily apprehended and taken back to the station. It was treated to watermelon, apples and carrots which were quickly eaten and then it went to the corner of our office and took another siesta.

This may be a lost pet tortoise that made a slow escape. If you have lost this tortoise please call the fire station at 639-4591. The guys at the station have named this reptile "Tortoise 211".

By Fire Captain Bill Volk

Water and Growth Forums

I want to thank all of our neighbors for coming to the three “Water and Growth” discussions the town held in June. The turnout was great and the discussions were lively and thought-provoking! I’ll recap some of the concerns that came up consistently.

Water Rates

We heard several questions about the new water rates. People want to know why their water bill has increased and what they can do to keep it down. Water bills have increased since we finished the purchase of Cottonwood Water Works, a purchase that was approved by Clarkdale voters and which took nearly six years to complete. Since the water company is now in public hands we are able to make some long overdue improvements to the system. We are also installing new federally-mandated arsenic-treatment equipment to the system. Fire hydrants and old lines are being replaced as quickly as we can get to them and the entire system is being modernized to meet the needs of an expanding population. These are expensive changes, and they are all necessary to serve our current and future citizens.

Water Company Purchase

Of course, one of the most expensive parts of the acquisition was paying the prior owners what they wanted for their company. It’s important to understand that this company was for sale at the time we bought it, so the price we paid was a “market price.” Other “suitors” included large multi-national water companies. The citizens of Clarkdale decided through their votes and through their council

representatives that it was absolutely essential that the company be in public (your and my) hands, rather than in the hands of a large corporation that specializes in water company acquisitions.

We also knew that if we were to make water one of our considerations in future planning for our town, we needed (by state law) to own the water company. I strongly believe that this was the right decision.

Purchase Bonds

In order to make the system improvements and begin the arsenic treatment (more than \$500,000), and pay the previous owners their purchase price we borrowed nearly 8 million dollars by selling bonds. This 30-year loan must be paid back. It is the cost of the loan payments and the higher costs of ongoing arsenic treatment that have caused the water rates to increase. While it’s painful to see our rates jump like they have, we must keep our eye on the prize and know that we have made an important investment in our future.

Water Conservation

What can we do to help keep our bills as low as possible? We’ll need to use less, to conserve water now so we’ll have it in the future. Are we conserving water now so newcomers can have some in the future? Yes, we are, but these newcomers are coming whether we conserve or not, so we should also see conservation of water as conservation for us, the current residents of Clarkdale. If we do not save water now, we may be faced with shortages that are unpleasant and perhaps dangerous for us all in the years to come.

Water-Saving Tips

There are some water-saving tips in Town Hall, so pick up those pamphlets next time you’re in. Other tips are on the Town website. What they all boil down to is two big items: Fix leaks and monitor your landscaping. Outdoor plants are taking about $\frac{3}{4}$ of the water we use in our homes, and much of that water is wasted by over watering, watering at the wrong times, and using plants that are ill-suited for our desert environment. For specific suggestions, or if you would like the town staff to help you track down higher than expected usage, call Public Works at 649-3538.

Arizona Water Rates

Finally, I’d like to make the point that, while our rates are high right now, most other small town utilities are catching up fast. The average water bill in Yavapai County in 2005 was over \$40 per month, and it ranged to over \$100 per month. You can see a rate comparison of all water companies in Arizona at <http://www.azwifa.gov/QuickLinks/2005WIFARateSurvey.pdf>. It’s important when you look at these to know two things. First, the rates are 2005 rates, before arsenic abatement was necessary (our rates already take arsenic treatment into account). Secondly, all rates are on the increase, so look at those charts knowing that most of the companies represented will also have substantial rate increases in the future.

**We’re all in this together,
and together I know we’ll do
what’s necessary to see that we
continue to have water
in our sinks and in our hydrants.**

By Mayor Doug Von Gausig

Library

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

Upcoming Books

July

Black Order	James Rollins
Break No Bones	Kathy Reichs
Crimes of Jordan Wise	Bill Pronzini
Crisis	Robin Cook
Dance Macabre	Laurell Hamilton
End in Tears	Ruth Rendell
Hit Parade	Lawrence Block
Insight: Psychic World	Sylvia Browne
Judge and Jury	James Patterson
Lights Out Tonight	Mary Jane Clark
Money in You: Financial Personality	Julie Stav
Pegasus Descending	James Lee Burke
Sleeping With Fear	Kay Hooper
Traitor	Stephen Coonts
Vanishing Point	Marcia Muller

August

Angels Fall	Nora Roberts
Armageddon's Children	Terry Brooks
Calder Storm	Janet Dailey
Can't Wait to Get to Heaven	Fannie Flagg
Copper Scroll	Joel Rosenberg
Dead Wrong	J. A. Jance
Edge of Darkness	Tim LaHaye
Expected One	Kathleen McGowan
Happiness Sold Separately	Lolly Winston
Into the Storm	Suzanne Brockmann
Overcoming Life's Disappointments	Harold Kushner
Rise and Shine	Anna Quindlen
Spy	Ted Bell
Wins, Losses and Lessons	Lou Holtz
Winter's Child	Margaret Maron
Without Precedent: 9/11 Commission	Thomas Kean



Online library catalog:

www.yavapailibrary.org/clark.htm

Town Council Meeting Location

Please note the Town Council will be meeting at Yavapai College in room M137 on the following dates:

- July 25
- August 8
- August 29



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 St.
- TH - Town Hall, Conference Room, 890 Main Street
- YC - Yavapai College, M137
- CJSL - Clarkdale-Jerome School Library
- CD - Community Development Conference Room, 39 N. Ninth

- Aug 1 **National Night Out**, 6 - 8 pm, Pool
- Aug 3 Library Advisory Board, 7 pm, CML
- Aug 5 **Hank Levine**, 6 - 8 pm, Concert in the Park
- Aug 7 Parks & Recreation Comm., 5:30 pm, TH
- Aug 8 Regular Council, 6 pm, YC
- Aug 9 Design Review Board, 6:30 pm, ML
- Aug 16 Heritage Conservancy, 5:15 pm, CML
- Aug 21 Planning Commission, 6 pm, ML
- Aug 29 Special Council, 6 pm, YC
- Aug 23 Board of Adjustment, 6 pm, ML

- Sept 4 Town offices closed, **Labor Day**
- Sept 5 Parks & Recreation Comm., 5:30 pm, TH
- Sept 7 Library Advisory Board, 7 pm, CML
- Sept 8 **Ransom of Red Chief** play opening, AUD
- Sept 9 **Johnny Lingo Trio**, 6 - 8 pm, Concert in the Park
- Sept 12 Regular Council, 6 pm, ML
- Sept 13 Design Review Board, 6:30 pm, ML
- Sept 16 **Sentimental Journey**, 6-8 pm, Concert in the Park
- Sept 18 Planning Commission, 6 pm, ML
- Sept 20 Heritage Conservancy, 5:15 pm, CML
- Sept 26 Special Council, 6 pm, ML
- Sept 27 Board of Adjustment, 6 pm, ML

- Oct 2 Parks & Recreation Comm., 5:30 pm, TH
- Oct 5 Library Advisory Board, 7 pm, CML
- Oct 10 Regular Council, 6 pm, ML
- Oct 11 Design Review Board, 6:30 pm, ML
- Oct 14 **Major Lingo**, 6-8 pm, Concert in the Park
- Oct 16 Planning Commission, 6 pm, ML
- Oct 18 Heritage Conservancy, 5:15 pm, CML
- Oct 21 Dance, **Sentimental Journey**, 7-10 pm, AUD
- Oct 24 Special Council, 6 pm, ML

Meeting dates and times are subject to change.

Important Numbers:

Fire Department, non-emergency: 639-4591
Police Dept., non-emergency: 634-7240 or 634-2921
Clark Memorial Library: 634-9760
Municipal Court: 634-1691
Cemetery Manager, Public Works and
Community Development: 649-3538
All other business: Town Hall: 634-9591
Fax: 634-0407, TTY: 1-800-367-8939



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Town of Clarkdale website: www.clarkdale.az.us

FIRE HAZARD ALERT

Due to the lack of moisture that we have had this past winter and the nice spring rains, we are anticipating high fire danger conditions this summer.

The dry grass and weeds will allow a fire to start easier and travel faster to the heavier fuels such as brush and trees, and therefore, creating an even greater threat to our homes and businesses.

Therefore, we are continuing our program to alert residents of the potential danger, and advise them how they can help reduce this threat to our Community



FIRE SAFETY CHECKLIST

- ◆ Mow lawns regularly
- ◆ Remove weeds and dry grass
- ◆ Prune trees and shrubs and maintain branches at least 10 feet from buildings
- ◆ Remove leaves and other debris from rain gutters and roofs
- ◆ Prevent weeds, debris and other combustibles from accumulating beneath decks, elevated porches and around mobile homes
- ◆ Store fire wood at least 10 feet from the house
- ◆ Maintain a fire safe perimeter of at least 30 feet around your home or other buildings
- ◆ Clear grass and brush at least 10 feet from propane tanks
- ◆ Secure vents and other attic openings with 1/8" wire mesh
- ◆ Follow local burning regulations
- ◆ Advise children of the danger of playing with matches
- ◆ The use of fireworks is prohibited by law
- ◆ Make sure Bar-B-Q's are covered when done
- ◆ Properly dispose of smoking materials
- ◆ Vacant lots may require "fuel breaks", contact the Fire Department
- ◆ Inspect your property regularly for potential fire hazards