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City employees extend a helping hand



An annual tradition continues again this holiday season. For the sixth year, City of Show Low employees reached deep into their pockets to help families in need.

The City-sponsored Employee Relations Committee oversees a program whose success depends on employee generosity. Through the **Needy Family Program**, the committee chooses families facing financial difficulties and the prospect of a bleak Christmas. The families may be related to a City employee or residents of Show Low. Preference is given to families with young children. Ten families were selected this year.

Gifts over the years have included warm clothing, blankets and linens, food, firewood and toys for the kids. The program continues to evolve. A food drive

was launched in 2001. Nonperishable items donated by employees accompanied gifts for the chosen families.

In 2002, another facet of the program was introduced. After the families were chosen, Christmas trees were placed in four City facilities—City Hall, the Public Works yard, the Library and the Police Department. Gift tags were used as decorations. Each gift tag listed the age of one of the chosen children, an item of clothing (shoes, a jacket, pants, etc.) and the child's size. Employees randomly picked gift tags and purchased the items listed. To raise more money, raffles were held. Employees purchased tickets for items donated by fellow employees. All proceeds went to purchase items for the selected families.

In addition, the Show Low and Pinetop-Lakeside police departments sponsored

the annual **Shop with a Cop** program. Through the generosity of Wal-Mart Supercenter, 26 children were selected to receive up to \$100 for personal clothing, gifts and a few toys.

Members of the Show Low Police Department also adopted two families in need. They donated food baskets and purchased gifts to spread some Christmas cheer.

City employees serve the community as police officers, lifeguards at the pool, clerical workers and airport linemen. They plow the streets during snowstorms, accept your payments and answer your utility questions, check out your library books, teach your children crafts, maintain the parks and cemetery and fix your water or sewer problem. They also serve the larger community through their care, concern and generosity for those in need.

Chamber moves to new location

The Show Low Chamber of Commerce has moved into new quarters on the southeast corner of the Deuce of Clubs and Central Avenue. The Chamber is joined by Main Street, and both organizations will be headed by newly named Executive Director Barbara Bruce.

The corner building is undergoing minor renovations. New signs will be erected and the exterior repainted. The location provides both organizations a more visible presence in Show Low for tourists, residents and member businesses.



Plans for the building include a visitor center with tourist and recreational information, a members corner for businesses and a coffee bar with community information.

The Chamber

staff are excited about the new location. They look forward to taking a more active role in the community.

Please stop in and visit the new office or call 537-2326 for information.

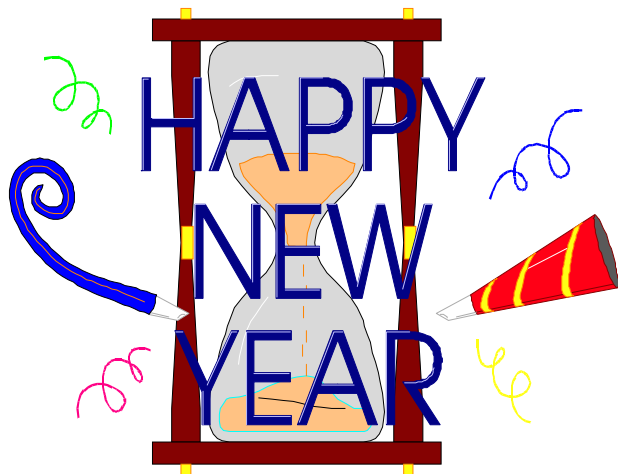
Landscaping beautifies Show Low

The City of Show Low acknowledges local businesses that have taken extra care in landscaping and beautification. Their hard work and dedication make Show Low more attractive.

Some of them have a history of maintaining beautiful landscaping. Kudos to Days Inn, Hatch Motors, Horne Auto Center, Licano's, Meadowview Plaza, Show Low Plaza and the Victorian (SR260 and the Deuce of Clubs).

Other businesses are new to the area. Check out the eye-catching designs in front of Terrace Landscaping on SR260 (Clark Road), the Chevron station across from the Victorian, Show Low Pontiac GMC Buick Nissan on the Deuce of Clubs, and Day and Sons (the concrete batch plant at the east end of town).

Thank you to every business owner who works to make Show Low more beautiful!



Calendar of Events

Family Aquatic Center: 532-4130

Public Library: 532-4070 ♦ Recreation: 532-4140

- 01/01** New Year's Day
(City offices closed)
- 01/04** **Youth Basketball League** registration deadline
Play begins 01/18 (open to boys & girls in grades 1-6)
- 01/04** 10 a.m., Public Library
Storytelling Group Meeting (public welcome)
- 01/06** 7 a.m., City Hall Conference Room
City Council Study Session
- 01/07** Council Chambers
5:30 p.m., **City Council Special Policy Meeting**
7 p.m., **City Council Regular Meeting**
- 01/12** Noon, R&R Pizza (new members welcome)
Show Low Library Friends Monthly Meeting
- 01/14** 7 p.m., Council Chambers
Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting
- 01/15** 1:30 p.m., Public Library
Book Discussion Group
- 01/18** **Men's Basketball League** registration ends
Play begins 01/28, Show Low Jr. High School (ages 16+)
- 01/20** 7 a.m., City Hall Conference Room
City Council Study Session
- 01/21** Council Chambers
5:30 p.m., **City Council Special Policy Meeting**
7 p.m., **City Council Regular Meeting**
- 01/22** 2:45 p.m., Recreation conference room
Winter Craft class (grades 2-6)
- 01/28** 7 p.m., Council Chambers
Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting

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City Council Profile: Virginia Evans

Her stylish good looks belie her rural upbringing, first in Iowa and then in the Black Hills of South Dakota.

Virginia Evans joined the Council as a newly elected member in June 2002. She and husband Clem moved back to the White Mountains in 1996, after his third try at retirement from the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

Clem's career as an Area Housing Officer began in Whiteriver in 1962. It took him, Virginia and their three children all across the country. Over a

period of 25 years, they lived on nine different Native American reservations in five states—Arizona, Utah, New Mexico, Nevada and Minnesota.

Maybe due to her humble beginnings or living so many years on reservations, Virginia has always emphathized with those less fortunate. She is especially concerned about the elderly after her mother's experience in a nursing home. She serves as a nursing home ombudsman for NACOG (Northern Arizona Council of Governments). In this voluntary role, she goes into area nursing homes to talk to patients and their families. If they have any needs that aren't being met, she serves as an advocate and communicates to NACOG. A NACOG representative then follows up with the nursing home administrator to resolve the issues.

Although quiet and soft-spoken, she brings this same zeal to her role as a Council member. She believes strongly in public service and getting involved in one's community. She was active in her children's activities while they were growing up. Now she can sit back and enjoy her four grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

You'd never know it to look at her but in some ways Virginia is a renegade. She met Clem in Tempe, where she worked as a waitress, when she was 18. It was love at first sight, but he was shy. It took about two months for Virginia's charm to win him over. They were married two years later. At the time, it was against the law in Arizona for whites to marry Native Americans. Fortunately, the little-known law wasn't enforced and they persisted despite stares and disparaging remarks. They are proof you can live happily ever after. Virginia and Clem will be celebrating their 48th wedding anniversary in February.



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