

Show Low Monthly News



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Celebrate our nation's birthday!

As it does every year, July kicks off with a bang! Join your fellow frolickers for some summertime fun in the sun and relaxation under the stars.

A whole host of family-oriented activities will be featured on Wednesday, July 4. Start off with the Show Low Historical Society's annual *Biscuits and Gravy Breakfast* from 7 to 9 a.m. at Festival Marketplace, 1033 East Deuce of Clubs. Call 532-7115 for tickets (\$4 for adults, \$1.50 for children and \$15 per family).

Then find a seat for the Show Low Chamber of Commerce's annual *Fourth of July Parade* at 10 a.m. This year's theme is "Freedom—Past, Present and Future." The parade begins at Show Low City Park, travels east along the Deuce of Clubs and turns south on White Mountain Road to East Cooley. The Deuce of Clubs and side roads will be closed to traffic from 9:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. from Whipple to White Mountain Road. Like last year, there will be no wet zones so please respect parade participants and spectators.

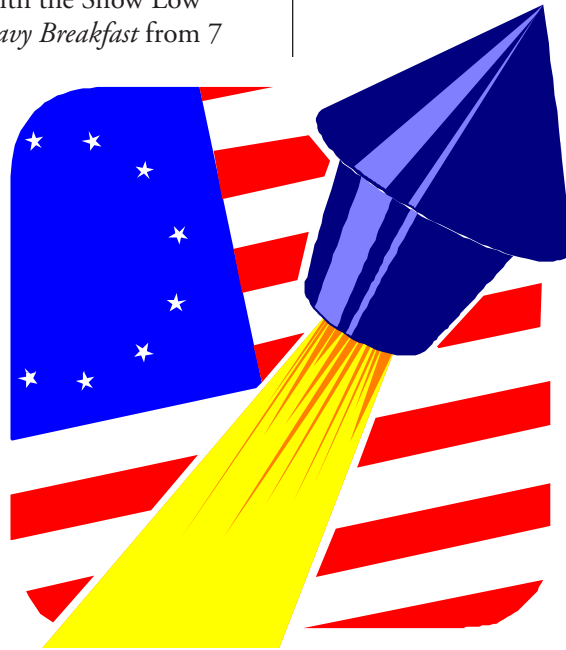
After the parade, you can select your lunch fare from two organizations hosting barbecues. One is the annual *VFW (Veterans of Foreign Wars) Barbecue* at 381 North Central Avenue. The other

is at Show Low City Park's Old Pavilion for a *Community Barbecue* from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., a fundraiser for Navapache Regional Medical Center's Disaster Response Team. Proceeds from both events support each organization's programs and services.

End the day with *Freedom Fest* events at Show Low High School, 500 West Old Linden Road. Gates open at 2 p.m. Visit vendor booths and enjoy other planned activities. The *Local Colgate Country Showdown Talent Search* begins at 3 p.m., with the evening concert at 7 p.m. showcasing Mike and T Band. The spectacular annual fireworks display begins at dusk. Admission is free.

The fun continues on Saturday, July 7, at the *Show Low Show Down Arm Wrestling Tournament* at the Festival Marketplace, 1033 East Deuce of Clubs. Contestants pay a \$20 entry fee and begin weighing in at 12:30 p.m.. Admission is free to the tournament, which begins at 2 p.m. Come cheer for your favorite arm wrestler!

There are activities and events all summer long to tickle the fancies of both young and old. Check our website at www.ci.show-low.az.us or our monthly newsletter for detailed information.



Funds available for thinning private property

Pivate property owners, protect your valuable investment and take advantage of the grant funds available to help you thin your property. Funds are reimbursed to private property owners based on the lot's size and the area thinned.

Since the program began in late 2003, over 1,900 acres of an estimated 5,700 acres of forested private property in Show Low have been thinned. All private property within Show Low's city limits are eligible. Each grant, however, has an expiration date. It is imperative to do the work soon to ensure reimbursement. The grant pipeline eventually will be rerouted to other areas hit by destructive wildfires.

To ensure your reimbursement, follow these steps:

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Join other seniors in non-competitive softball

Don't let old age, old injuries or a lack of ability stop you from joining in a game of Senior Softball. Every Thursday morning at 8 a.m., seniors (ages 50 and up) gather to have fun and play a less competitive version of softball at City Park, Ponderosa Field (the upper field). It's free. There's no commitment. Just come and play on the days you're available. Bad arms and legs are common. You may have a courtesy runner. Batting practice begins at 7:30 a.m. Call Mike Shuler at (602) 826-9471 (cell) for more information.



Calendar of Events

Family Aquatic Center & Recreation: 532-4140

Public Library: 532-4070

FREE Movie Day (every Friday during June and July), Public Library: **10 a.m.**, adults; **3 p.m.**, children

Family Storytime, Thursdays, 10 a.m., Public Library

07/03 City Council Regular Meeting – CANCELED

07/04 Fourth of July (City offices closed)

FOURTH OF JULY EVENTS:

7–9 a.m., Festival Marketplace

Historical Society's **Biscuits & Gravy Breakfast**

10 a.m., along the Deuce of Clubs

Annual Fourth of July Parade (Theme: "Freedom—Past, Present and Future")

11 a.m.–2 p.m., City Park, Old Pavilion

Community Barbecue (host: Navapache Reg. Med. Ctr.)

after parade, 381 North Central Avenue

VFW (Veterans of Foreign Wars) Barbecue

1–5 p.m., Aquatic Center

Open Swim (special holiday hours)

2–9 p.m., Show Low High School, 500 West Old Linden Road

Freedom Fest events (gates open at 2 p.m.):

3 p.m., **Colgate Country Showdown** (talent contest)

7 p.m., **Mike and T Band** concert

dusk, **Fireworks Show**

07/07 2 p.m., Festival Marketplace (weigh-ins at 12:30 p.m.)

Show Low Show Down Arm Wrestling Tournament

07/09 Swimming Lessons (Session 3), Aquatic Center

07/10 7 p.m., Council Chambers

Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting

07/11 1:30 p.m., Public Library

Book Discussion Group (Lazy B)

07/11 2 p.m., Aquatic Center

Tie Dye Day (bring your own t-shirt)

07/12 10 a.m., Public Library (public welcome)

Show Low Library Friends meeting

07/14 10 a.m., City Park, Senior Field

Itty Bitty Olympics (ages 0-6), \$5 fee

07/14 FREE Concert in the Park, City Park

5:30 p.m., opening act; **7 p.m.**, AZZ IZZ

07/16 Swimming Lessons (Session 4) registration begins

07/17 7 p.m., Council Chambers

City Council Regular Meeting

07/19 3:30–4:30 p.m., Public Library (favorite science fiction story) **Cool Kids Book Discussion Group** (ages 8+)

07/19 7 p.m., Public Library

Show Low Historical Society meeting ("Ed Miller Band" and "Early Arizona Ranching" by Pete Stock)

07/23 Swimming Lessons (Session 4), Aquatic Center

07/23 Women's Volleyball games begin (ages 15+)

07/23 5–9 p.m., Show Low Historical Society Museum

"Night at the Museum"

07/23- 6–9 p.m., Little League Field

07/27 Summer 2007 Baseball Camp

07/24 7 p.m., Council Chambers

Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting

07/27- 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., Show Low Historical Society Museum

07/28 White Mountains Roundup Art Show

07/27- Blue Ridge High School auditorium

07/29 2nd Annual White Mountains Roundup (cowboy poetry, music, art begins 5 p.m. Friday, main event is noon Saturday)

Grant funds for thinning property...continued from front page

- 1) Contact Program Grant Manager Jan Mathis at (928) 434-0577 (cell) or (928) 367-4588 (office) to make an appointment to determine your property's eligibility. Mathis is often in the field so leave a message with your contact information if you reach voice mail.
- 2) Mathis will visit your property to do an assessment. You will be given a list of forest health contractors, a checklist of suggestions when hiring a contractor and a copy of the thinning standards.
- 3) You may do the work yourself or hire someone to do it. Document the time you spend and any expenses you incur (equipment rental fees; chainsaw sharpening; gasoline, mixing oil and bar oil to operate the chainsaw, etc.). Keep all receipts.
- 4) After the work is done, Mathis will do a follow-up inspection to see that thinning was done to prescribed standards.
- 5) The grant reimbursement will be processed for payment.

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Airline service to/from Phoenix

The City of Show Low received notice from the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) that Great Lakes Airlines has been selected to provide another two years of airline service between Show Low and Phoenix. The DOT provides grant funding for airline service in rural areas. Great Lakes has been Show Low's provider since May 2005.

White Mountain residents can choose from four daily flights to and from Phoenix. Great Lakes has interline baggage agreements with all airlines except Southwest. It means that flyers can check their bags in Show Low, fly to Phoenix, connect to another airline, and their bags will meet them at their destination. Since 2005, Great Lakes has increased annual passenger ridership by 56%.

Check out Great Lakes Airlines the next time you need to be in Phoenix (flights each way take less than 45 minutes) or fly to another city. As an added value, vehicle parking at Show Low Regional Airport up to 14 days is free. For flight schedule information and reservations, call 800-554-5111 or go online at www.flygreatlakes.com. You might be pleasantly surprised at the ease, affordability and convenience of air travel.