Aug 22, 78  PEOPLE VOTED TO RATIFY THE INCORPORATION OF THE TOWN:
A town was born on the mesa of Prescott Valley yesterday. At least 62 percent of the qualified voters turned out at the polls yesterday, and an overwhelming 60 percent majority ratified the incorporation proposition for Shadow Mountain Mobile Home Park, Lynx Lake Estates and the Prescott Valley subdivision. The Yavapai County Board of Supervisors will officially canvass the election results at its meeting on Monday, then appoint an interim seven-member council.

Aug 27,78  PV HEADS SELECTED BY COUNTY:
The Yavapai County Board of Supervisors yesterday appointed a seven-member interim council for the town of Prescott Valley, including real estate broker Ken Renken, a key figure in both the unsuccessful first attempt and the recent successful drive for incorporation. Also appointed to the council were Richard Addis, Howard Cramer, Lester Heiden, Marilyn Horne, Philip Maneely, Harold Phillips.

Sept 6,78  FIRST COUNCIL APPOINTS DICK ADDIS AS MAYOR:
At its first meeting, the Prescott Valley Town Council last night selected Dick Addis mayor and Marilyn Horne, vice mayor. The ballot vote came after Ken Renken, who was nominated for mayor by Councilman Phil Maneely, asked to have his name withdrawn from consideration.

Sept 15,78  PV COUNCIL GETS FLOOD OF SUBJECTS:
Sources of revenue, town manager and attorney positions, and groundwork towards zoning ordinances, a building code and a budget for the fiscal year 1979-80 were discussed by the Prescott Valley Town Council last night.

Sept 21,78  PV ANNOUNCES ITS TOWN MANAGER PICK:
The assistant town manager of Tempe’s neighbor, the town of Guadalupe, has the job of Prescott Valley town manager if he wants it. The PV town council voted unanimously last night to offer Fred Carpenter $20,000 to take the on the job, which acting city attorney Clair Lane described as a multi-hatted position.

Oct 13,78  PRESCOTT VALLEY GETS PENNY SALES TAX LEVY:
Pennies should start rolling into the town coffers of Prescott Valley in November, and according to what the designated town manager terms conservative estimates, the revenue should amount to $40,000 by July 1.

Oct 26,78  MR. CLAIR LANE, FORMERLY A TEMPE LAWYER APPOINTED AS THE TOWN ATTORNEY:
Tempe lawyer Clair Lane, retained by the Prescott Valley Community Association during the push for incorporation, and named interim town attorney at the council’s first meeting, last night offered his services as town attorney on a deferred-fee basis until June 30, next.

Nov 10,78  PV ROAD PAVING IS SEEN:
Prescott Valley Councilman Ken Renken last night proposed that the town initiate a joint project with Prescott Valley, Inc. to resurface a two-mile stretch of Robert Road.

Dec 1,78  PV TOLD FIRE AID CAN STAY;
The Prescott Valley Town Council last night received a legal opinion stating that the recent incorporation of the town has no bearing on the fire protection provided by the Central Yavapai Fire District. The opinion, researched by the Tempe law firm of Lane and Penrod, which represents the town, contradicts one written by Deputy County Attorney Carl Coad.

Dec 8,78  PV PLAN DRAFT HARD ON OUT-OF-ZONE USE:
Prescott Valley got its first look at groundwork being laid for a zoning ordinance that takes a hard line on non-conforming uses. Uses that would be contrary to zoning, but existing presently, would be “grandfathered in” as non-conforming uses and permitted to continue standard operating procedure in zoning ordinances.
Dec 28, 78

FIRST REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL SWORN IN:
It was a long time coming, but Prescott Valley achieved townhood this year. Since
incorporation, the appointed interim council has established a source of revenue, hired an
attorney and manager, started groundwork on the Prime issue of zoning and slated the first
election of the county’s newest town.

Jan 14, 79

PV STALLS DECISION ON HQ:
The Prescott Valley Town Council tabled the matter of renting space for temporary town offices
this week, after opposition was expressed to having the offices at a councilman’s place of
business. “Town Hall” has been located in a portion of Councilman Ken Renken’s’ realty office
for about three months. Renken offered the space rent-free, but put a 90-day limit on the
arrangement.

Jan 19, 79

PV COUNCIL WARNED OF ZONE LIMITS:
Town government lacks the jurisdictional means to block the proposed construction of three
geodesic domes that have aroused controversy on Prescott Valley, according to town attorney
Clair Lane. And, he told citizens attending last night’s town council meeting, the zoning code
currently being drafted should not impose an outright ban on non-conventional structures.

Jan 26, 79

PRESCOTT VALLEY CONSIDERING BUILDING SECOND LOCAL AIRPORT:
The Prescott Valley Town Council last night cautiously agreed to explore the possibility of
establishing a second airport in the Prescott area after Councilman Ken Renken said the town
was presented with an unusual opportunity. Citing the load the Embry-Riddle Aeronautical
University has put on the Prescott Municipal Airport. Renken said it is only a matter of time
before another area airport will be necessary.

Feb 8, 79

PV VOTES TO TRY FOR OWN AIRPORT:
The Prescott Valley Town Council voted 4-3 last night to go ahead with plans to apply for its
own airport. In making the move, the council picked the Phoenix engineering firm of
Johannessen and Girand to begin the first of three phases leading to final airport approval by the
Federal Aviation Administration.

Apr 13, 79

PV PLANNING LAWSUIT OVER THE FIRE TAX:
In an escalating battle over continued fire protection, the Prescott Valley Town Council last night
voted to file suit against the Yavapai County Board of Supervisors, the State Department of
Revenue and the county Treasurer’s office. According to Town Manager Fred Carpenter, the
council was caught by surprise at a move by the county to exclude the area from the Central
Yavapai Fire District’s 1979 tax rolls. A key, but as yet unresolved, element in the action
revolves around Mayor Dick Addis’ role in the decision and a possible conflict of interest. The
disagreement centers on who should pay CYFD for its service to the area and how. If approved
by the State Department of Revenue, the deletion would require PV to pay the fire district
directly for its service. The county, acting on an opinion by Deputy County Attorney Carl Coad,
maintains that Prescott Valley must set its own tax.

Apr 18, 79

PRESCOTT VALLEY’S POLICE COSTS PLACED AT $61,000:
It will cost Prescott Valley at least $61,000- next year just to maintain its present ‘minimum’
level of police protection, according to Yavapai County Sheriff Curley Moore. While Moore
said he realized the town has a “money problem”, he said his own costs, especially for gasoline,
has skyrocketed over the last year. YCSO deputies now cover the Prescott Valley area with two
patrol cars.

Apr 20, 79

STUDY PREDICTS LARGE 30-YEAR GROWTH:
Arizona will grow tremendously in the next 30 years, with its population nearly tripling, business
and tourism booming and water and pollution troubles solved, the Hudson Research Institute
says. In a comprehensive 2-year study of the state about to be released by the world-famous
institute, Arizona is seen with 6.2 million people, a decline in agriculture, continued traffic
congestion, and a strong Mexican-American political machine by the year 2012.

Apr 22, 79

PV TABLES TAX SUIT ON CYFD TAX:
Plans for a lawsuit against the Yavapai County Board of Supervisors by Prescott Valley were shelved Friday, after both sides reached a tentative agreement on the financing of continued fire protection for the town.

May 3, 79

**PV OK’S COP-CAR PURCHASE:**
Agreeing that the situation merited special action, the Prescott Valley Town Council last night gave the go-ahead for the purchase of two police cars, even though the money is not in this year’s budget. The town plans to buy used highway patrol cars at a state auction for less than the market value in keeping down its YCSO contract costs for police protection. While the money for the purchase is not in the current interim budget, it is in a town savings account and Town Attorney Clair Lane said the move was legal.

May 25, 79

**PRESCOTT VALLEY SEeks INFO ON SUIT’S IMPACT ON STREETS:**
Curious about how the outcome of a lawsuit will affect repair of the town’s roads, the Prescott Valley Town Council voted last night to invite the representatives of both sides to explain their positions. Prescott Valley Inc. and the Arizona Attorney General, along with the Yavapai County Attorney’s office, have sued each other over maintenance of the subdivision’s roads. State charges that the real estate company falsely advertised that all the subdivision’s roads would be built to minimum county standards and maintained by the developer until accepted by the county. In its countersuit, Prescott Valley Inc. claims that the county has wrongfully refuse to accept the roads for maintenance.

July 27, 79

**PV DECLINES ROAD SUIT DEAL:**
The Prescott Valley Town Council last night unanimously rejected an offer to settle a long-standing suit over the town’s dilapidated roads. Real estate development firm, Prescott Valley, Inc., had offered the town several pieces of road repair equipment and the right to take over a lease on a small lake if the town would assume all future responsibility for maintaining roads built by the firm.

Aug 24, 79

**PV MAKES OFFER TO SETTLE SUIT OVER ROADS:**
The Prescott Valley Town Council voted 4-2 last night to head off a protracted legal battle over who’s responsible for the area’s substandard roads by making an out-of-court “settlement” offer.

Aug 31, 79

**PV INC. ‘IN FAVOR’ OF SUIT SETTLEMENT:**
The development firm of Prescott Valley Inc. has agreed “in principal” to an out-of-court settlement with the Town of Prescott Valley over maintenance of area roads, according to Town Attorney Christopher Jensen.

Sept 5, 79

**$7 MILLION PLANT PLANNED IN PRESCOTT VALLEY:**
A 20-acre parcel in Prescott Valley has been selected as the site for a $7 million plant that will manufacture aluminum windows and doors. Robert M. Pavlich, president of Town and Country Properties in Prescott Valley, said Toronto-Indal ltd. Chose the site for construction of a 220,000-square-foot plant for Better-Bilt Aluminum Products (or) a subsidiary.

Sept 7, 79

**PRESCOTT VALLEY COUNCIL OKAYS SUIT SETTLEMENT:**
The Prescott Valley Town Council last night unanimously approved a settlement offer aimed at resolving a lawsuit that has tied up area road repair for years. As part of the out-of-court settlement with the development firm of Prescott Valley Inc. the town will ask the state attorney general’s office to drop its consumer fraud suit against the company.

Sept 14, 79

**PRESCOTT VALLEY TOWN COUNCIL ASKS ATTORNEY GENERAL TO DROP SUIT.**
Having reached a tentative out-of-court settlement with the development firm of Prescott Valley Inc., the Prescott Valley Town Council last night unanimously approved a resolution asking the state to drop its suit against the company.

Sept 23, 79

**STATE WATER HEARINGS WRAPPED UP:**
Despite sharp differences of opinion on how Arizona’s groundwater supply should be allocated, participants in yesterday’s Arizona Groundwater Management Study Commission hearing avoided the personal accusations which marked February’s Prescott hearing. However,
comments from the public and representatives of Prescott and Chino Valley reflected the disagreements which have split the commission since it began drafting a comprehensive water use program.

Oct 16 79  **PV PLANT IS APPROVED:**
The Yavapai County Board of Supervisors Monday unanimously approved a rezoning request for an industrial park, and a $6 million aluminum fabrication plant in Prescott Valley.

Oct 18, 79  **MA BELL CRITICIZED OVER SERVICE IN PV**
Long waits for new phone installation and poor quality service for existing lines were the major complaints voiced against Mountain Bell during a Prescott Valley Town Council study session last night.

Oct 25, 79  **PRESCOTT VALLEY TOWN COUNCIL VOTES TO ANNEX TO PROTECT WATER:**
In a surprise move last night, the Prescott Valley Town Council unveiled annexation plans intended to protect the town from possible future encroachment by the city of Prescott and other neighboring towns. The proposed annexation, as described by Town Manager Fred Carpenter, consisting of four sections of state land and a 10-foot-wide strip which form a perimeter around a 91-square mile area representing the most likely area of future growth for the town.

Nov 5, 79  **STRIP ANNEXATION GETS 1ST APPROVAL:**
In a scene reminiscent of the annexation battle between cities surrounding Phoenix, the Prescott City Council moved yesterday to annex a wide-ranging 50-foot-wide strip of property to protect the city’s future water supply. Kept under wraps until just before yesterday’s study session, the strip annexation won a 5-2 vote of approval from the council.

Nov 9, 79  **PETITIONS CIRCULATED OPPOSING PROPOSED CITY STRIP ANNEXATION:**
County residents upset with Prescott’s strip annexation plan are now circulating petitions to muster a ‘show of force’ against the idea.

Nov 14, 79  **LANDOWNERS CRITICIZE STRIP ANNEXATION PLAN:**
The Prescott City Council encountered a storm of protest last night over its proposed strip annexation plan. County residents whose land is either crossed by or within the 50-foot-wide strip turned up in vocal opposition to the plans which had been scheduled for a second of three readings.

Nov 26, 79  **ANEX FOES RALLY AGAINST PLAN:**
More than 90 county residents appeared before the Prescott City Council again last night to protest a proposed strip annexation which would leave many of them surrounded by a thin boundary of city property. Speaking for the residents, Mike Belshaw kicked off the forum on the annexation by presenting Mayor Jack Gillis with a petition signed by approximately 240 county and city residents opposing the action. Joining the residents in their stand against the city were Yavapai County Supervisors John Olsen and Bruce Evans and State Rep. Jerry Everall, R-Prescott.

Nov 27, 79  **P V COUNCIL OKAYS STRIP ANNEXATION:**
Reaffirming its commitment to planning for orderly growth, the Prescott Valley Town Council; unanimously passed its strip annexation proposal last night and decided to go ahead with the plans for bringing natural gas to town.

Dec 6, 79  **INFORMAL MEETINGS KEPT PV’S STRIP ANNEX MUM UNTIL PUBLIC VOTE:**
Informal, private discussions among Prescott Valley officials apparently allowed the town to keep its strip annexation ordinance under wraps until it came up for its first vote at the Oct.25 town council meeting. By contrast, the city of Prescott’s strip annexation plans were made public almost six weeks before it came up for its first vote on Nov. 5. The Courier publicized the plan on Sept. 24 after Councilman Gus Patrick leaked the contents of a Sept. 23 council executive session.

Dec 12, 79  **RESIDENTS ORGANIZE TO FIGHT STRIP-ANNEX PLANS:**

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Furious over the city of Prescott’s strip annexation plan, more than 120 Williamson Valley residents gathered last night to draft battle plans for what’s shaping up as a modern day range war.

Dec 18, 79

**FANTASY PARK OK’D**
The Yavapai County Board of Supervisors approved a conditional use permit for the construction of Welch’s Mountain Fantasy near Prescott Valley. The 25-acre recreational facility, located on the north side of Highway 69 between Prescott Valley and Prescott Country Club, will consist of a replica of the Old Faithful geyser, music museum, space museum, restaurant, miniature golf course and gift shops.

Dec 31, 79

**PRESCOTT VALLEY DISPUTE SETTLED:**
Consumer fraud litigation between the developer of Prescott Valley and the state attorney general’s office ended in December with an out-of-court settlement that substantially gave the town what it wanted: $30,000 for road repairs, deeds and leases to nearly 100-acres of land, and road grading equipment in good condition.

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**PHOTO IN ARCHIVES:**
The folks who ‘make it happen’ at the PV Town Hall to-wit: Helen Nowicki, clerk-typist; Les Clemmer, building inspector; Fred Carpenter, town manager; Linda Saucier, accounting clerk and secretary; Joel Shapiro, zoning and planning inspector; and Larry Lyon (not present) grader operator.

Jan 13, 80

**PV RESIDENTS OPPOSE PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH MINIMUM HOME SIZE:**
A Planning and Zoning Committee recommendation to require a minimum size for future dwellings in Prescott Valley met with strenuous objections at last night’s town council meeting. The town’s P&Z committee had recommended a minimum size of 1,200 square feet for a single family home and 720 square feet for a mobile home.

Jan 22, 80

**PV FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM USHERED IN:**
Ordinances required to bring Prescott Valley into the national flood insurance program were passed last night by the Prescott Valley Town Council. Before a municipality can participate in federally subsidized flood insurance, its city code must call for certain building regulations in flood-prone areas, according to Town Manager Fred Carpenter.

Feb 19, 80

**STRIP ANNEXATION BILL WOULD REQUIRE CITIES COMPLY WITHIN 1 YEAR:**
A proposed House bill to place stringent requirements on strip annexations by cities and towns would give non-conforming municipalities such as Prescott Valley and Prescott one year to alter their previous annexation to fall in line with the law. At last night’s Prescott Valley Town Council meeting, Town Attorney Christopher Jensen said State Rep. Jerry Everall (R-Prescott) was “either misquoted or in error” in telling the Prescott Valley Community Association Monday that H.B. 2062 was not retroactive. Vice Mayor Marilyn Horne said Everall told her before the PVCA meeting, which must still be passed by the Legislature, was not retroactive, but Prescott Valley would have a year to make its recent strip annexation conform. He was talking out of both sides of his mouth.

Feb 28, 80

**WELCH’S PARK, IS NEWEST PV ANNEXATION:**
Welch’s Mountain Fantasy became a part of the town of Prescott Valley last night after developer Rodney Welch agreed to annexation. He had first asked the town council to delay the move for up to four years to give him “time to get my feet on the ground” Jerry Beck of Prescott Valley’s planning and zoning commission expressed opposition to the delay because he said one of the conditions of granting Welch’s recent zoning change request was that the proposed amusement park would be annexed to the town. Welch’s 27-acre parcel on the north side of Highway 69 just east of the Prescott Valley town limits was given a 25-year conditional use permit.

Mar 7, 80

**PV DUMP COST IS TWICE ESTIMATE:**
Prescott Valley’s costs for using a county garbage dump may be nearly twice the originally budgeted amount. Town Manager Fred Carpenter told the town council during a study session
last night. Although the town did not sign a contract, Carpenter said County Engineer Joe Sarvis advised the council last year to budget $10,000 a year for Prescott Valley’s estimated 36 per cent share of using the landfill south of highway 69 at the Lake Valley School turnoff. The balance is paid by county taxes.

Mar 9,80  
**PV STREET NAME CHANGES PROPOSED:**  
For the sake of safety and faster location, vice-mayor Marilyn Horne and councilmen Charlie Robinson and Art King recommended changes of street names where two or more streets have the same name, if two street names sound similar even though they are spelled differently, if a street has excessive changes of direction or if the street has never had a name.

Mar 19,80  
**LONESOME VALLEY TO BOOM TOWN:**  
It’s still a buyer’s market in Prescott Valley. Accompanying photo shows bare land and bladed streets. A boost was given to the Prescott area about 10 years ago when Esquire magazine called Prescott one of the 10 most desirable cities in the United States. People who had never heard of the charming little town in the central Arizona mountains suddenly became actively interested in moving to the area. The two things that really gave a boost to the area’s growth were the town’s incorporation in August 1978 and the opening of the Safeway store. In the incorporation, residents of Lynx Lake Estates joined with the Prescott Valley subdivision to form the Town of Prescott Valley. Since then, annexation has added Shadow Mountain Mobile Home Park, four sections of state land and two parcels southeast of town on Highway 69. In addition, the town council last November adopted the first large-area strip annexation in Arizona, according to Town Manager Fred Carpenter.

Mar 19,80  
**THE BIGGEST PROBLEM IN PRESCOTT VALLEY:**  
Every one agrees, the biggest problem is the roads. The roads are now being graded regularly because the town hired a full-time heavy equipment operator. The installation of culverts at street intersections, begun last month, should make a difference in keeping the runoff where it belongs, in the ditches, not in the middle of the roads.

Mar 25,80  
**COOPERATION ASKED:**  
Prescott Valley Town Manager Fred Carpenter has asked all residents of the town to cooperate fully with the 1980 U.S. Census. It’s important to the town’s future”, he said. Because the amount of shared revenues from federal and state sources is determined by the population, the census could mean $150 per year per head for the town, Carpenter said.

Mar 30,80  
**FIRST STEP:**  
Photo showing Better-Built Aluminum Vice-President and General Manager Elmo Busby turning the first shovel of dirt marking the ground breaking for the firm’s new Prescott Valley Plant.

Apr 4,80  
**PV CODE CHANGES PROPOSED:**  
An uproar about a recent zoning change request for an in-home beauty shop in Prescott Valley was the catalyst for proposed Town Code changes presented to the council at last night’s session. The changes proposed by the Planning and Zoning Commission, involve two sign regulations and the definition of “home occupation.”

April 8,80  
**PV ROAD CONSULTANT NAMED:**  
Hook Engineering of Phoenix has been selected as road engineering consultant to the town of Prescott Valley.

Apr 18,80  
**PRESCOTT VALLEY’S COUNCIL HEARS PLAN FOR POLICE FORCE:**  
A proposal that would provide Prescott Valley with its own police force was presented to the town council during a study session last night. Marshall Horne, who said he will graduate from the Police Academy next month, offered to provide the protection of three officers for $68,157 for fiscal year 1980-81. Two officers would cost $48,607, he said. If the current contract with the Yavapai County Sheriff’s Office is renewed for fiscal year 1980-81 the cost for two deputies will be$40,947, and for three deputies, $56,170, according to Town Manager Fred Carpenter. The town now has two full-time deputies.
PV PANEL EXTENDS SHERIFF’S CONTRACT:
The Prescott Valley Town Council last night decided to extend its police protection contract with the Yavapai County Sheriff’s Office for another year. The contract will cost $40,947 for two deputies and $56,170 for three men for fiscal 1980-81.

COURT RULES IN FAVOR OF PV IN CYFD FIRE PROTECTION SUIT:
Prescott Valley’s suit against the Yavapai County Board of Supervisors to keep the fire protection services of the Central Yavapai Fire District has been settled in favor of the town by Mohave County Superior Court Judge Leonard Langford. Langford ruled that Prescott Valley is included in the Central Yavapai Fire District and ordered the county to levy the fire-protection tax on the town’s residents.

PV COUNCIL APPROVES PAVING:
After hearing the recommendations of Don Pierson of Hook Engineering Co. for materials to be used for Robert Road, the council voted 4/2 to apply eight inches of ABC with a chip and seal coat for the full length of the main thoroughfare through town.

PERMIT FEE INCREASE SEEN:
According to town Manager Mr. Fred Carpenter, the town is now using the Uniform Building Code’s 1976 valuation rate. He has recommended adoption of the 1979 rates.

PV COUNCIL MAY HAVE TO FIGHT TO PRESERVE LAKE:
Yavapai Lake, which holds about 28 acre-feet of water, gets water from a diversion ditch, which runs under Highway 69 just west of Yavapai road. In April, a hearing before a state water engineer determined that Prescott Valley, Inc is entitled to some of the runoff from Lynx Lake. The Maricopa County municipal water conservation District No. 1 protested the use of the water for that purpose, saying it had a vested right in all the runoff except that which was given to Bill Fain’s cattle company years ago. Town attorney Jensen said the Water Conservation District is appealing the state engineer’s decision, but that Prescott Valley Inc is not interested in pursuing the matter further. He recommended the council assume the place of PVI in further legal proceedings to keep the Lynx Lake runoff in Prescott Valley.

GROUNDWATER LAW REVISION OK’D.
Richard Wilks, a Phoenix attorney representing the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Tribe stated the “The bill has done nothing to stop pumping by 700 wells on the west side of the reservation”. Wilks said the tribe will “not wait two years, or even two months to put a stop to it.” Referring to a provision in the bill giving the proposed water resources director, who would have control over all water resources in the state, 2½ years to establish four active management areas. Those areas, all labeled as critically short in groundwater supplies, are Tucson, Phoenix, Prescott and Pinal County.

PV COUNCIL RETAIN 1% FOOD SALES TAX:
The Prescott Valley Town Council on Thursday evening quietly voted to retain the town’s 1 percent sales tax on food and to raise business license fees for on – and off-sale liquor establishments. The two controversial measures were approved by a unanimous council after the vocal opposition that had dominated previous council sessions failed to appear.

ROBERT ROAD:
Mayor Dick Addis expressed appreciation to all of the citizens who manned stations along Robert Road to keep traffic moving during the paving, which was completed Thursday.

PV LIBRARY NEEDS ASSISTANCE:
The Prescott Valley Library is in the process of expanding both its services and area. They will remain in the same location but will add on the room recently vacated by Seebold’s Gem Store in the Mini Mall on Frontage road.

PV COUNCIL OKAYS POLICE CONTRACT:
The Prescott Valley Town Council approved the town’s annual contract with the Yavapai County Sheriff’s Office at a special meeting Monday night. The contract calls for the town to
pay the sheriff’s office $57,422 for three officers. The town will receive 114 hours of officer coverage per week. This is the addition of one more officer.

July 3,80  **PV PANEL VOTES TO BACK LIBRARY:**
The Prescott Valley Town council has voted to assume responsibility for the town’s library after a one-man crusade by Charlie Robinson. He said that the Friends of The Library, a group of citizens involved in the fundraising, should not have to bear the sole financial burden. He said the library is enjoyed by everyone in town and should be treated as a town responsibility.

July 7,80  **CHINO VALLEY, PRESCOTT VALLEY DISPUTE CENSUS:**
The two largest towns near Prescott have taken exception to figures released by the U.S. Census Bureau and claim the government agency has miscounted their residents. The Prescott Valley Town Council voted Thursday evening to officially protest their preliminary census count of 2,052 persons. Town Manager Fred Carpenter said the town had estimated their population at 2,260 persons. Carpenter said that the preliminary count was not the final count and further canvassing of missed areas is being conducted. In Chino Valley, Town Clerk Mildred Hennessey, census officials contend the town contains 2,739 people, whereas the town contends the figure should be closer to 3,000.

July 18,80  **CODE WILL CURB URBAN SPRAWL:**
Passage of Arizona’s new groundwater code in June spells the end of unrestrained growth in the state, according to the chief water attorney for most of Arizona’s major cities.

July 18,80  **PV COUNCIL ERUPTS OVER PROPOSED REGULATION:**
A quiet study session of the Prescott Valley Council ended with a shouting match between a few councilmen and town citizens Thursday night over a proposed housing regulation and a suggestion that the town designate areas for low-cost homes. Resident Dave Vaughn started off the fireworks by suggesting the town institute construction standards to fend off “the rape of our town by certain individuals.” He said a contractor had begun buying up lots near his home and lower cost homes are being built there, which he referred to as “junk.”

July 30,80  **PV BUSINESS’ OPENING ALSO ITS CLOSING:**
It’s not every day a business has a grand opening and going out of business sale at the same time. But that is what’s happening at BJ’s Garden Ornaments at Highway 69 and Lynx Lake Road. The firm did not meet Prescott Valley zoning requirements and George Knapp, operator of BJ’s said he had decided that “Rather than fight it, we’d just move out.”

Aug 6,80  **2 MORE SCHOOLS NEEDED IN HUMBOLDT:**
The Humboldt School District will need to construct at least two new schools – an elementary school and a junior high – if it is to accommodate the growth expected in the area over the next five years. That recommendation is one of several contained in a detailed facilities study delivered to the district’s board last night by a team of consultants from Arizona State University.

Aug 13,80  **PV PANEL SETS CLOSED SESSION:**
The Prescott Valley Town council will hold a special executive session on a proposed controversial minimum square-footage of per occupancy ordinance before discussing the matter at their regular meeting.

Aug 22,80  **PV COUNCIL URGED TO SPEED UP ZONING CODE ACTION:**
At the urging of town residents, the Prescott Valley Town Council Thursday night decided to accelerate the adoption of a proposed ordinance that would amend the town zoning code to include a minimum house per lot size and aesthetic requirements. The most controversial changes are provisions that would mandate homes be built only on proportionally sized lots; requirements for landscaping and storage facilities; rules changing the appearance of clustered homes through color, roof lines and trim.

Aug 29,80  **PV DELAYS ZONING CODE VOTE:**
Prescott Valley residents and builders squared off Thursday night as a vote by the town council on proposed amendments to the existing zoning code was delayed a week on the advice of Town Attorney Chris Jensen.

Sept 5,80 **PV Oks CONTROVERSIAL CODE:**
Without comment from the audience, the Prescott Valley Town Council voted 6 to 1 last night to approve a controversial new zoning code that adds restrictions on storage space, a minimum house per lot size and aesthetic requirements and gave its approval to a seven-point scheme to determine contrasting appearances to town homes. Councilman Art King, the lone dissenter in the votes, had been against any new zoning changes, charging they were discriminatory. The anticlimactic vote came after nearly six weeks of heated debate between council members, town residents and area builders. Under the new code, lot owners will be required to keep their lots free of trash, debris and weeds. Houses must have a garage or storage space equal to 10 percent of the total square-footage of the home up to 100 square feet. Homes also must exhibit contrasting appearances to houses within 300 feet on either side. The scheme is based on 24 different categories that differentiate one house from another, including roof size and design, type of windows, color trim and type of siding. Each house within the 300-foot limit will be required to differ from each surrounding home by at least seven points.

Sept 9,80 **PRESCOTT VALLEY COUNCIL TAKES GLIMPSE AT COMPREHENSIVE PLAN:**
The Prescott Valley Town Council held the first public hearing Thursday night on the town’s comprehensive plan, an extensive document dealing with recommendations for growth and facilities in Prescott Valley developed by the Comprehensive Planning committee. Joe Hansen, committee chairman, introduced the plan with the help of vice chairman George Clapp, Carmelite Staker, Harold Phillips and Burton Cutler. He told the audience and council the group had put over a year of study into the document before coming up with their final recommendations.

Sept 9,80 **COUNTY SETS HEARING ON NUMBERING SYSTEM:**
A county planning commission hearing is scheduled Wednesday on a proposed five-digit address system for Yavapai County, the first attempt to establish a coordinated address system in the unincorporated areas of Yavapai County.

Sept 12,80 **PV COUNCIL BACKS $185,000 BOND VOTE:**
The Prescott Valley Town Council voted Thursday night to draft a resolution calling a $185,000 bond election in November to pay for street improvements. Vice Mayor Marilyn Horne, sitting in for absent Mayor Dick Addis, told the audience eight paving projects will be included with a total of $175,000 price tag. The remaining $10,000 is to be used to pay a bonding company and attorney to conduct the election.

Sept 15,80 **PV ELECTION SET FOR TUESDAY:**
Prescott Valley residents over 18 years of age are eligible to vote Tuesday, Sept. 16, on whether to accept or reject a Southern Union Gas Company franchise for the town. The Town Council recently voted to grant the company a 25-year lease on the approval of town voters.

Sept 17,80 **SUPERVISORS OKAY CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR MOBILE HOME FACILITY:**
A conditional use permit for a 77-unit mobile home park to replace some recreational vehicle rental spaces at Rafter Eleven RV Park, Prescott Country Club, was “grandfathered in” Monday on its third hearing.

Sept 17,80 **PV VOTERS OKAY GAS FRANCHISE:**
Registered voters in Prescott Valley overwhelmingly approved issuing a 25-year natural gas franchise Tuesday to southern Union Gas Company. Of 226 ballots cast, 211, about 93 percent, were for granting the franchise. Town Manager Fred Carpenter said about 21 percent of the over 1,100 registered voters voted in the election.

Sept 19,80 **PV COUNCIL PONDER SCHOOL ANNEXATION:**
The Prescott Valley Town Council appeared to agree Thursday night to accept a proposed annexation of the Lake Valley School area between Lynx Lake Estates and town boundaries to the east and north. Town Manager Fred Carpenter suggested the council go ahead with the annexation, explaining that Prescott Valley currently does not have a school within its boundaries. He also noted the council voted last week to accept responsibility for a natural gas line being constructed to feed the school.

Sept 26, 80

**PV COUNCIL OKAYS COMPREHENSIVE PLAN:**
The Prescott Valley Town Council sailed through four ordinances and four resolutions Thursday night, voting to accept the town’s comprehensive plan, annex the Lake Valley School area and hold a street improvement bond election for $210,000.

Oct 3, 80

**FANTASY PREPARATIONS:**
Photo in Courier showing Yavapai Rehabilitation Center Director Fred Newman staking out part of the course for tomorrow’s Mud Fantasy extravaganza set for Welch’s Mountain Fantasy on Highway 69. The 300-yard course is expected to attract four-wheel drive fans from all over the state. Proceeds will go to assist the Rehab Center’s building fund.

Oct 8, 80

**PV COUNCIL APPROVES COVERING 3 TOWN ROADS TO ELIMINATE DUST:**
With little opposition from a sparse crowd, the Prescott Valley Town council voted Tuesday night to cover two roads in Lynx Lake Estates to eliminate excessive dust, set the term of office for town committees and supported Yavapai County plans for a county-wide address system.

Oct 17, 80

**SEWER GETS NOD FROM PV COUNCIL:**
Bolstered by a variety of options presented Thursday night the Prescott Valley Town council agreed to go ahead with plans for installing a sewer system as soon as possible.

Oct 31, 80

**LARGEST TAX BILLINGS MAY GO TO PV HOME:**
Prescott Valley homeowners may have the dubious honor of living in the area of Yavapai County with the highest 1980 tax bill, according to a comparison figured out by the Yavapai County Treasurer’s office.

Nov 7, 80

**PV PANEL EVADES ZONING DEFINITION:**
After much ado about how to specifically define the term “storage area” for the town’s new zoning code, the Prescott Valley Town Council decided Thursday night to toss the ball back to the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Nov 14, 80

**PV PANEL APPROVES AMBULANCE FIRM’S SOLICITING REQUEST:**
The Prescott Valley Town Council gave a Prescott ambulance service the go-ahead to question residents about a possible subscription ambulance service at its regular meeting. Thursday night Butch Hampton of Life Line Ambulance Service outlined his proposal to the council, saying “I’m here for your support and not your money.” He said he would need at least 50-percent cooperation by residents to make the venture go.

NOV 21, 80

**MAYOR SAYS PV GOING TO DOGS:**
The Prescott Valley Town Council agreed with an angry member of the audience at a study session Thursday night that the town is going to the dogs. Al Stoks told the council he was riding his bike Wednesday for medical exercise and was knocked down by a loose Great Dane. His hand was bandaged, he said, because it had been broken in the fall. Mayor Dick Addis suggested the council look at employing a part-time dogcatcher.

Nov 23, 80

**PV STUDIES WANDERING CATTLE WOES:**
The Prescott Valley Town council studied two ordinances and a resolution at a study session Thursday night designed to curb the growing problem of cattle straying into the town’s subdivided areas.

Dec 9, 80

**PV URGED TO ADOPT SPRINKLER CODE:**
Chief Dean Filer and members of the Central Yavapai Fire District Board urged the Prescott Valley Town Council, to adopt a sprinkler ordinance for town buildings at a dinner meeting between the two agencies Monday night.

Dec 11, 80

**THIS THE SEASON:**
Approximately 300 Prescott Valley residents gathered around a 26-foot Christmas tree at the entrance to Robert Road from Highway 69 for the town’s first annual Christmas lighting ceremony Wednesday. Mayor Dick Addis told the crowd, “We’re going to do this every year because this is for the children.”

Dec 12,80  **PV PANEL ANGRY OVER PATROLLING:**
The Prescott Valley Town Council Thursday night directed the town attorney to send a letter of dissatisfaction to Yavapai County Sheriff Curly Moore over the performance of the town’s contracted sheriff’s deputies. Town attorney Chris Jensen advised the council it might wish to “think of other alternatives” to renewing the sheriff’s contract.

Jan 2,81  **BETTER-BILT IS SHOT IN ARM FOR PRESCOTT VALLEY;**
About 60 employees are already at work in the 227,000 sq. Ft. Better-Built Aluminum plant in Prescott Valley. Eventually, according to personnel director Dave (Doc) Gurner, staff employment numbers should read about 350 -- but this is probably a year or two away.

Jan 16,81  **PV PANEL MULLS OPTIONS FOR TOWN POLICE FORCE:**
The Prescott Valley Town Council reviewed several options, but took no action on funding a town police force during a discussion of the upcoming budget at a study session Thursday night. Town Manager Fred Carpenter presented the council with a total of 26 different options for police protection, including increasing staff under a separate department or continuing contract service with the Yavapai County Sheriff’s Office.

Jan 23,81  **PRESCOTT VALLEY MAYOR RESIGNS:**
At least one member of the Prescott Valley Town council was caught “flat footed” when Mayor Dick Addis announced his immediate resignation at the end of a regular meeting Thursday night. Addis, who will continue to serve on the Council, gave no indication of his decision during the preceding part of the meeting. Addis said his decision was based on the demands of his job with the Yavapai County Sheriff’s Office. The council voted to put the question of choosing a new mayor on the Feb. 5 regular meeting agenda. Until then, Vice Mayor Marilyn Horne will serve as acting mayor.

Jan 30,81  **PV COUNCIL JUGGLES POLICE FORCE OPTIONS:**
The Prescott Valley Town Council played a numbers game for nearly two hours Thursday night during a discussion over which plan to adopt for a proposed town police department. Town Manager Fred Carpenter presented the council with a total of 25 different options for police protection.

Feb 2,81  **PV GETS HIGH LIMIT FROM EEC:**
Prescott Valley’s rapid growth will allow the town to spend up to $817,460 during the upcoming budget year and still be within spending limitations passed last June by state voters, according to Town Manager Fred Carpenter. He told the council that PV’s population factor of 1.8224, used to help determine the town’s spending limitations, shows Prescott Valley is the fastest growing incorporated area in Arizona.

Feb 12,81  **MAYOR, POLICE DEPARTMENT UP FOR PV VOTE:**
The Prescott Valley Town council is scheduled to choose a new mayor to replace Dick Addis, who resigned Jan. 22, and vote on whether to establish a town police department at a regular meeting tonight. The council also is expected to vote on whether to accept a state spending limitation figure for the upcoming budget year and decide on construction of a building to temporarily house town offices on the town hall complex site.

Feb 13,81  **HORNE NAMED PV MAYOR:**
With a secret ballot and a congratulatory kiss from Dick Addis, Prescott Valley Vice Mayor Marilyn Horne was elected town mayor at a regular meeting Thursday night. The other mayor nominee, Councilman Ray Sandberg, will take over as vice mayor after a unanimous vote of the council.

Feb 13,81  **PV PANEL Oks STARTING 4-MAN POLICE FORCE:**
The ayes had it Thursday night as the Prescott Valley Town Council unanimously voted to create a town police department, staff it with a chief, sergeant and two patrolmen and pay starting salaries commensurate with the city of Prescott. The council also rejected a salary proposal, but were unanimous in accepting the takeover of the Community Center from the Prescott Valley Community Association.

Feb 20, 81  RETIREMENT PROGRAM OPTIONS FOR PV EMPLOYEES EXAMINED:
The Prescott Valley Town Council considered three retirement system options for town employees at a study session Thursday night, but did not reach a decision on any specific plan. Prompted by Council concerns over a retirement program for the newly-created police department, Town Manager Fred Carpenter presented options that could cover all town employees.

Feb 25, 81  WATER BILL NARROWLY PASSES SENATE PANEL:
A Senate bill that would exempt the Prescott Valley, Dewey and Humboldt areas from Prescott’s groundwater Active Management Area squeaked through the Senate natural Resources Committee Thursday. By a vote of 5 to 4, the committee approved changing the state’s new groundwater code to remove the areas from strict groundwater management over the objections of Wes Steiner, Director of the Department of Water resources.

Feb 27, 81  PV VOTES TO BUY SHAMROCK WATER:
The Prescott Valley Town council in a surprise move voted 6 to 1 Thursday night to condemn and purchase the Shamrock Water Co., which serves the Prescott Valley area. The water company, including the property, plant and equipment, was valued at $2,138,500 in a statement with the Arizona Corporation Commission by operator Bill Fain.

Mar 6, 81  PV COUNCIL CALLS FOR TOWN HALL BIDS:
At a special meeting of the town council Thursday night the council called for bids on construction of a town hall building and postpone most other business for warmer weather. Bids for the town hall building, to be built on the 11-acre town hall complex site, are due March 25 at noon.

Mar 13, 81  SENATE PASSES GROUNDWATER LAW:
Local reaction to the state Senate’s passage Thursday night of a bill to remove the Upper Aqua Fria Basin from the Prescott Active Management Area has been mixed with enthusiasm and a wait-and-see attitude. “Great,” said Prescott Valley Town Manager Fred Carpenter upon hearing of the Senate action. But Robert Mason, recently appointed director if the Prescott AMA, said today that if the Senate action becomes law, the AMA would be the only one in the state without the entire basins included.

Mar 20, 81  PV COUNCIL ANGRY OVER BIG REDUCTION IN CENSUS FIGURES:
The latest census figures leaked through the Northern Arizona Council of Governments show Prescott Valley has come out 468 persons less than a previous count and town officials are seeing red. In other matters the council reviewed recommendations by the Planning and Zoning Committee to give the go-ahead to a 32-acre commercial development along Highway 69 south of Robert Road, and to rezone the area accordingly.

Mar 27, 81  PV FIRM GETS CONTRACT TO BUILD TOWN HALL:
D and D Construction of Prescott Valley were awarded the construction contract for PV’s new town hall building at a PV town council meeting Thursday night. The construction company had the lowest of 8 bids, which ranged from $78,189.14 to one for $120,000 from H. E. Crain. The council also approved a preliminary plat for a 32-acre development located south of Robert Road, by RTW Investments.

Mar 31, 81  PV GROUNDWATER MEASURE APPARENTLY DEAD IN HOUSE:
A bill to exclude the Prescott Valley and Dewey areas from the Prescott groundwater Active Management Area has been stalled indefinitely in the state House of Representatives, according to Sen. Boyd Tenney. Tenney, who introduced the bill, said action by the House to move the
measure to the Commerce Committee from the Natural Resources Committee has put a sudden stall on the bill’s progress.

April 1,81

**VOTERS ELECT SANDBERG, STAKER TO PV COUNCIL:**

Prescott Valley’s incumbent Vice Mayor Ray Sandberg topped the balloting and candidate Carmelite Staker also came out a winner as 396 residents cast ballots Tuesday in the town’s second council election. Incumbent Councilman Jerry Beck and challenger George Clapp will face a run-off May 19 in the town’s general. Election after tying with 190 votes each.

April 1,81

**GROUND BREAKING:**

(Courier photo) Prescott Valley Councilman Charlie Robinson, Vice Mayor Ray Sandberg and Councilmen Dick Addis and Jerry Beck look on as Mayor Marilyn Horne turns the first patch of dirt on the site for a new town hall building.

April 2,81

**LIBRARIAN NAMED FOR LIBRARY:**

The Prescott Valley Library Board of Trustees is pleased to announce the appointment of Douglas Rudd as librarian.

Apr 26,81

**COUNTY’S HIGHEST TAX COULD BECOME HIGHER:**

The “old woman who lived in a shoe.” has nothing on the Humboldt Unified School District when it comes to children. Enrollment for all three schools - Lake Valley Elementary, Humboldt Junior High School and Bradshaw Mountain High School – is at capacity right now, with the elementary school exceeding that limit by six students. According to Superintendent Archie Stephens, enrollment jumped 17 percent this year. And since the district includes Prescott Valley, the state’s fastest growing town, there’s every reason to expect a similar increase next year. District voters go to the polls Tuesday, May 19, to decide whether or not they will accept a $4.2 million school bond issue as a solution for the school district’s dilemma.

April 10,81

**PV COUNCIL NAMES DEPUTY MCCOLLUM POLICE CHIEF:**

The Prescott Valley Town Council Thursday chose Yavapai County Sheriff’s Deputy Pat McCollum as the town’s new police Chief. McCollum was chosen from a field of 110 applicants by a secret ballot of the council. “It’s a real challenge.” McCollum said today. “It’s seldom that you get the chance to build a police department from the ground up.

April 10,81

**PV BOND SALE MAY NET ADDDED $40,000:**

The Prescott Town Council got the good news from its bond representative at a regular meeting Thursday that the upcoming street improvement bond sale could earn up to $40,000 more than expected. The Farmers Home Administration offered their assistance. They had previously denied a town request for financing and the town was preparing to place the bonds for sale on the conventional market.

May 3,81

**PRESCOTT VALLEY DROPS A LINE TO UNCLE SAM, PLEASE DELIVER:**

If Prescott Valley residents want house-to-house mail service in the near future, they’re going to have to write Uncle Sam a letter. That’s the word from U.S. Postal Service officials in Flagstaff, who have so far failed to deliver after residents were promised the service.

May 10,81

**PV COPS’ PAY EXCEEDS LOCAL COLLEAGUES’**:

Starting policemen in Prescott Valley will earn more than $3,800 a year – a higher salary than of starting sheriff’s deputies – or Prescott Police – the Town Council decided Saturday. The action was taken in a special session instead of at next Thursday’s regular meeting in order to give Police Chief Pat McCollum more time to advertise for officers.

May 17,81

**RADIO PLAN GIVEN OKAY BY COUNCIL:**

A proposed agreement between Prescott Valley and the Yavapai county sheriff’s Department concerning police patrols and dispatching duties drew unanimous approval from the Prescott Valley Town council Thursday night. The agreement would require PV police to patrol Castle Canyon Mesa and Northridge Park, currently the Sheriff’s responsibility. In return, the county agrees to accept phone calls from PV residents requesting service and dispatch the town’s police vehicles to the scene.

May 28,81

**PV LIBRARY FINDS NEW HOME:**
Come Monday, June 1, there will be room for both books and readers in the Prescott Valley Public Library. The small town library will have a home of its own in Prescott Valley's new Town Hall, located just off Yavapai Road.

**MAY 29, 1981**
**PV COUNCIL VOTES TO TAKE OVER LANDFILL:**
The Prescott Valley Town Council has made formal its intention to enter the garbage business. The council voted unanimously Thursday to seek operational control of a county-run landfill near the town in an effort to cut its share of the costs.

**June 5, 1981**
**PV PUBLIC OFFERS NO COMMENT ON NEW $5.4 MILLION BUDGET:**
Only a handful of residents turned out for Thursday night’s unveiling of Prescott Valley’s $5.4 million proposed 1981-82 budget. Town Manager Fred Carpenter told the council that the budget included more than $4.4 million for the acquisition of a water utility. He was quick to add that his $4 million price tag on the water company was an estimate. It could take years before the price is settled in court.

**June 11, 1981**
**PV TO SIMPLIFY STREET NUMBERING:**
The town of Prescott Valley will undergo a mass change of address July 1, part of an effort to create a less confusing and more uniform numbering system for homeowners and residents. Town Planner Joel Shapiro said Wednesday he has re-addressed the entire town, and the new numbers are scheduled to go out July 1, giving residents until Sept. 1 to comply with the plan. The system, which is designed to be compatible with the county’s long-range plan for a county-wide uniform street addressing grid, will clear up confusion that exists with PV’s current method of numbering by lot, Shapiro said.

**June 12, 1981**
**PV POLICE FORCE TAKES FORM:**
The Prescott Valley Police Department became a reality Thursday night when town officials announced hiring two Yavapai County Sheriff’s deputies and a former Department of Public Safety patrolman to the force. Another officer will be added in January, giving the town 24-hour, seven-day-a-week coverage.

**June 17, 1981**
**PV, SHAMROCK SQUARE OFF OVER CONDEMNATION:**
Attorneys for both Prescott Valley and Shamrock Water Co. are jockeying for position enroute to negotiations over the town’s efforts to purchase its own water utility.

**June 25, 1981**
**WORKS CHIEF MOVES:**
Prescott Valley’s Director of Public works says he will announce his resignation at tonight’s regular meeting of the Town council.

**June 25, 1981**
**PRESCOTT VALLEY POLICE FORCE READY TO ROLL JULY 1:**
Motorists in Prescott Valley will notice them first; the two-tone blue and white cars, waiting patiently on the side streets. The lead-footed few who fail to notice will have the honor of being the first ticketed by the Prescott Valley Police Department. Wednesday, July 1, is the official kick-off date for the town’s newly organized four-man police department, and Police Chief Pat McCollum says he’s “too smart” to expect everything to go smoothly.

**June 26, 1981**
**PV PUTS HEAT ON FOR HOME DELIVERY:**
Prescott Valley has stepped up efforts to convince the U.S. Postal Service the town needs house-to-house mail delivery. The Town Council Thursday adopted a resolution requesting the service and the construction of full service post office. A petition bearing 700 signatures was included in the resolution, which will be sent to Prescott and Flagstaff postal officials as well as U.S. Sen. Barry Goldwater, Sen. Dennis DeConcini and Rep. Bob Stump.

**July 1, 1981**
**PV MAY POSTPONE LANDFILL ACQUISITION:**
After weeks of study and tacit county approval, Prescott Valley officials say they may have to postpone plans to take over a nearby county landfill because it may not meet state health requirements.

**July 15, 1981**
**PV COUNCIL OKAYS ANNEXING STATE LAND:**
The Prescott Valley Town Council Thursday approved the annexation of nearly five square miles of state land, increasing the town’s acreage by approximately 50 percent. The land borders the town to the west, east and north, extending across Highway 89A.

Sept 16,81  ACCESS, REPAVING QUALITY TOP PV ADJUSTMENT:
Access to the rear of residential lots, quality of repaving streets after utility trenches are filled and which side of a wood fence should face the street are some of the items set Monday for the Prescott Valley Board of Adjustment.

Oct 9,81  PV COUNCIL GIVES APPROVAL TO OFF-ROAD-VEHICLE ORDINANCE:
An off-road-vehicle (ORV) ordinance was adopted at the regular Thursday night meeting of the Prescott Valley Town Council. According to Town Attorney Chris Jensen, the new ordinance would criminalize the use of ORVs operated off designated highways, roads and streets.

Oct 20,81  PV BUS SERVICE BEGINS:
Round trip bus service from Prescott Valley to Prescott has begun.

Nov 13,81  PV ADOPTS NEW FOOTING ORDINANCE OVER OBJECTIONS:
An emergency ordinance changing the footing requirements on wood-framed structures was adopted by the Prescott Valley Town Council Thursday night. The ordinance, an appeal of the 1979 Uniform Building Code, changes the footing size from 16 inches wide with eight inches of concrete foundation to 12 inches wide with 6 inches of concrete. The footing will only have to be dug 12 inches instead of 18 inches in native soil, but a 6 inch backfill will give the same protection and drainage protection, according to Terry Ford, PV Town building inspector.

Dec 1,81  PV LIBRARY GROWING BY LEAPS AND BOUNDS:
A library could be a dull room, filled with dusty books and a stuffy librarian shushing people in a quest for quiet. Or – in the case of the Prescott Valley Library – it could be a place where, with the encouragement of an enthusiastic librarian, mysteries, westerns and adventure tales come alive with the flick of a page. Six months now having passed since the library opened its doors in the town hall complex, and librarian Douglas Rudd measures its success in book circulation. In the Mini Mall, patrons checked out from 500 to 600 books a month. Now, activity reaches 1200 books monthly, he said.

Dec 3,81  FOUR FIRMS FILE LAWSUIT OVER PV BUILDING CODE:
Four construction firms filed lawsuit Wednesday against the town of Prescott Valley alleging they were forced to comply with unnecessary building code requirements which resulted in added labor and material costs.

Dec 4,81  PV’S FIRST MEDICAL CENTER FINALLY ON DRAWING BOARD:
Plans for Valley Medical Center are in the first stages of review by the town building department. Announcement of Town and country Developer’s plan was a surprise to council at the session’s start, as it was an unscheduled agenda item. Ironically, a presentation from Phoenix-based Samaritan Health Services was a regularly scheduled item.

Dec 10,81  GROUND BROKEN HERE FOR VALLEY MEDICAL CENTER:
Ground was broken Wednesday, December 9, by Town and Country Properties for the Valley Medical Center located at Windsong and Florentine Road in Prescott Valley.

Dec 27,81  COMPREHENSIVE PLAN IS UPDATED:
The Town of Prescott Valley Comprehensive Planning Committee now in the process of updating the plan, should have it completed by February, according to the town’s planner, Joel Shapiro

JAN 8,82  INDEPENDENT AUDIT SHOWS PV ACCOUNTING PROCEDURES IN ORDER:
Auditors gave the Town of Prescott Valley a pat on the back Thursday, saying the town’s accounting procedures were found to be in order. “Overall, the account department is running efficiently,” said Scott K. Helfinstine, a certified public accountant with the Prescott firm of Baker, Sigafoos and Co, the town’s independent auditors.

Jan 10,82  PV PONders POPULATION PROBLEMS:
Since incorporation nearly four years ago, the town of Prescott Valley’s population was recorded at the time of incorporation, July, 1978. By April of this year it is estimated to increase to 3,175.

Jan 17,82  NEW PV SYSTEM IGNORED:
Numerous Prescott Valley residents are not using the town’s new address system, a fact that worries town and fire department officials. “I’d say 50 to 70 percent of the people aren’t conforming to the town’s address system,” said Joel Shapiro, Prescott Valley town planner.

Jan 21,82  PRELIMINARY MASTER PLAN FOR 285-ACRE PV PROJECT GETS OK:
A preliminary master plan for a 285-acre development to include housing as well as commercial and industrial units has been approved by the Prescott Valley Planning and Zoning Commission.

Jan 21,82  MED-EVAC NOW SERVING THIS AREA:
The Med-Evac ambulance service is now available 24 hours around the clock for people in this area.

Jan 31,82  PV SPENDING LIMIT RAISED:
The Town of Prescott Valley will be allowed to spend a whopping 52 percent more money during the 1982-83 fiscal year than during the current fiscal year, according to tentative figures released by the Economic Estimates Commission. The increase, the largest given to any city or town in the state, represents a leap from $679,765 to $1,035,432. According to PV Town Manager Fred Carpenter, the allocation will not affect the increased spending cap because last year, 78 percent of the voters in Prescott Valley voted to allow the town to set its own spending limitation.

Feb 2,82  PV SLOPE, DRAINAGE STUDIED:
The Prescott Valley Building Department Advisory and Appeals Board Monday night appointed an ad hoc committee to further study the town’s site drainage and run-off sloping in an attempt to prevent homes from flooding.

Feb 5,82  CHAMBER REQUESTS FUNDS:
The Prescott Valley Town Council Thursday night proposed devising a policy regarding requests for town funding for private organizations after the Chamber of Commerce asked for a subsidy of $3,000 for the fiscal year 1982-83. In asking for town funds, Chamber Chairman Betty Arthur told the council the Chamber is “the arm of the town” – the first place people look for and write to when they need town information.

Feb 14,82  PV LOOSENS RESTRICTIONS ON CONTRAST REQUIREMENTS:
Prescott Valley has eased restrictions which require neighboring homes to have contrasting appearances. The Building Advisory and Appeals Board earlier this month adopted a new system for determining the contrast of homes within 300 feet of each other and the Town Council last week gave the action a vote of confidence.

Feb 17,82  CITY APPROVES TREE PROGRAM:
The Prescott Valley town council has decided to sponsor a tree-planting program. Residents are asked to sign up at city hall as soon as possible so that planners will know how many and which species of trees to order.

Feb 21,82  PVPD REQUESTS MANPOWER TO HANDLE CALLS AROUND THE CLOCK:
If Prescott Valley Police Chief Pat McCullum gets his wish, his police station will be manned 24 hours a day come July1. In the next fiscal year’s budget, McCullum is requesting another staff member for his department to allow all calls and dispatching to be placed through the Prescott Valley police station.

Mar 4,82  PV TOWN COUNCIL APPROVES PLATS FOR SUBDIVISION:
The Prescott Valley Town Council approved final plats for a 12-unit condominium subdivision. Approval for Quadroon Villas and Quadroon Villas II is contingent upon certification of assured water supply from the Arizona Resources of Water and approval of a sewage treatment plan by the Arizona Department of Water Resources. KYCA radio correspondent Cindy Campbell questioned the use of the word “quadroon” in the subdivision name, a word, which Campbell
said, had racial overtones. The only dictionary definition of the word is the offspring of a mulatto and a white, a person who has one negro grandparent. Peter Jorgensen, project engineer who presented the plat for approval was apparently unaware of any racial connotation, and indicated that the developer, Wildes and Moore, of Sedona was also unaware of it. He said the name had been chosen because the units are grouped in multiples of four.

Mar 5, 82  **PV HAS TWO YEARS TO PLAN ITS OWN LANDFILL SYSTEM:**
With only two years remaining before the Prescott Valley landfill is expected to reach capacity, the town must begin planning now for a new site, according to Town Manager Fred Carpenter.

Mar 11, 82  **$24 DEAL BLOCKS PV ROAD:**
This month, the town of Prescott Valley is finishing closing procedures on a $24 section of pie-shaped land needed for a road-straightening project. The slice of land has held the town up for nearly three months.

Mar 15, 82  **PV ADVISED TO ACQUIRE OLD RAIL EASEMENT:**
Prescott Valley should spend $500 to acquire right of way easements. The 50-foot recorded easements on each side of the town-owned right of way “interfere with the title of the right of way” Town Attorney Christopher Jensen told the council. The council voted to table the discussion for further study.

Mar 26, 82  **PV TO GET INSURANCE AGAINST ‘WRONGFUL ACTS’**:
Upon a recommendation from the town attorney, the Prescott Valley town council Thursday night approved the purchase of wrongful acts insurance. The coverage, up to July 1, 1983, will cost about $1,600.

April 11, 82  **PV BUILDING INSPECTOR QUITS:**
Mounting controversy surrounding the Prescott Valley building inspector led the Town Council to seek his resignation, which was submitted Friday. Building Inspector Terry Ford’s sole comment was “They (the council) did what they felt they had to do.”

April 26, 82  **GARDENING TIME:**
Prescott Valley Town Planner Joel Shapiro lends a hand trimming the weeds from the Town of Prescott Valley’s highway frontage area Friday as part of a town clean-up project. Shapiro said the task comes under the heading “performs other duties” in his job description (Courier photo by Ellen Spivack)

April 28, 82  **C OF C PROMOTES PRESCOTT VALLEY:**
Prescott Valley has become a town through the efforts of dedicated people, many of them volunteers. Among these volunteers are members of the Chamber of Commerce, working steadily to aid the progress of our business community.

May 4, 82  **PV POLICE GET COMPUTER:**
In a few weeks, Prescott Valley’s police station will have a new “jail” to house a very valuable prisoner. Under Lock and key will be the department’s very own computer – a teleprinter with a memory better than an elephant’s. And, according to Police Chief Pat McCullum, acquiring the machine “is a business opportunity we might not get another shot at.”

May 5, 82  **TOWN COUNCIL APPROVES REQUEST FROM CHAMBER:**
The Prescott Valley Town Council granted cost of living raises to the town’s classified personnel, and approved a $3,000 request from the Chamber of Commerce. Chamber Chairman Betty Arthur expressed her appreciation and said that this was the first step on the Chamber and Council actively working together.

May 26, 82  **HABITS ARE HARD TO BREAK:**
PV Progress (a local paper,) photo shows a driver heading the wrong direction at Frontage road and Cochise, a one-way street.

May 27, 82  **PV APPLYING FOR FUNDING FOR DRAINAGE:**
The town of Prescott Valley, with 72% of its population in the low and moderate-income brackets, meets the mandated requirements to compete with other municipalities for a share of
federal grant money. Should the town receive funding, the money will be used for engineering work, street grades, culverts and easements.

May 30, 82
**PV PONDERS DUMP, SHELTER FIGURES:**
The Prescott Valley Town council Thursday night approved preliminary 1982-83 budget figures for dump and animal control operations. The town budgeted $28,899.28 for its share of the cost of using the county dump in Prescott Valley. This year, the town will pay the county $25,280, according to Town Manager Fred Carpenter. Included in the budget is $2,106 earmarked for planning for a new dump site. The town voted to allocate $14,500 for its animal control program, up from the current year’s $10,000.

June 16, 82
**ROBERT ROAD STRAIGHTENED:**
Photo by PV Progress, our local paper, showing workmen putting the finishing touches to straightening Robert Road and a photo of Robert Road prior to straightening.

June 25, 82
**TENTATIVE PV BUDGET GETS OK:**
The Prescott Valley Town council Thursday night tentatively adopted a preliminary $7.7 Million budget for the 1982-83 fiscal year. Of that amount, $5.4 million has been allocated for the purchase of Shamrock Water Co.

July 7, 82
**NEW BUILDING INSPECTOR APPOINTED:**
A new building inspector is on duty in Prescott Valley. Jerry Koessler was introduced to council members and residents at last weeks town council meeting.

July 12, 82
**RECALL PETITIONS WILL BE FILED, PV GROUP SAYS:**
The chairman of the Concerned Citizens of Prescott Valley said the group intends to file recall petitions against members of the Prescott Valley Town Council by Friday’s deadline. “We were going to let it drop, but we decided to start it up again,” said Chairman Barbara Howe.

July 14, 82
**PV RESIDENTS AGAINST RECALL, CITIZENS SAY:**
Reaction has been heated to the announcement that members of the Prescott Valley Concerned Citizens Group plan to file recall petitions against Town Council members by Friday’s deadline, according to several Prescott Valley Citizens. Most residents interviewed declined to give their names, but said they thought the recall, which would be set for next January and could cost residents $1,300, would be a waste of money. Four council seats will be up for election next March.

July 16, 82
**LONG-TERM LEASE SOUGHT:**
The Prescott Valley Town council should act now to obtain a long-term lease on an 80-acre parcel of state land, council members agreed at a study session Thursday night. The town’s five-year lease on the 80 acres expires in 1985. The council has expressed interest in applying for a 25-year recreational lease, which would be in line with the town’s Comprehensive Plan’s designated park use.

July 16, 82
**PRESCOTT VALLEY GROUP KILLS COUNCIL RECALL:**
The Concerned Citizens group of Prescott Valley has dropped efforts to recall the mayor and five councilmen to save the town the $1,300 expense of holding a special election.

July 23, 82
**PV RESOLVES FATE OF LAND:**
The Prescott Valley Town Council Thursday night resolved a controversy over the fate of three parcels of land; the town’s 11 acres, an 80-acre state-leased park site and the town-owned Santa Fe Railroad right of way. Passing unanimously was a resolution proposed by councilman Art King which limits building on the 22 acres to municipal, county, state and federal structures.

July 25, 82
**LOBBY PV COUNCIL FOR CASA SITE:**
Recently the Central Arizona Seniors Association, Inc. requested a long-term lease of a parcel on the 11-acre Town Hall Complex of Prescott Valley. Casa proposed to build and maintain, at no cost to the town, a building that would serve the recreational social and informational needs of the senior citizens of the Prescott Valley area. The Town council proposes to offer a parcel on the 80 acres it leases from the state. There are many reasons why this is not feasible.

July 28, 82
**POLICIES DETERMINING LAND USE ESTABLISHED:**
The Prescott Valley Town council at the July 22 meeting determined uses for two of the three town-owned or leased properties. Policies determining use were established after two recent requests to lease land at the 11-acre town hall complex, one for a postal contacting facility and the other for a senior citizens center. Carried unanimously was a motion to reserve the 11-acre town hall complex for municipal, county, state, and federal governmental use.

**Aug 4,82**

**NEW FACILITY TO HOUSE PV POST OFFICE:**
According to Mr. and Mrs. Ken Renken, contractors for the Prescott Valley Post Office, a lease has been signed for the center buildings in the new complex Paradise Mall on Highway 69 East. The Renkens project August 16 as the opening date.

**Aug 11,82**

**PROVISIONS OF OPEN MEETING LAW AFFECT RESIDENTS:**
At last week’s study session town manager Fred Carpenter advised the council of changes in the open meeting law which took effect July 24. A major revision in the new law is that the council members may discuss and take action only on agenda items. This provision has a direct bearing on residents who wish to address the council. Previously, under the “call to the public” portion of a meeting, residents could speak to the council, the council could discuss the matter, and take action if necessary. Although a resident may still address the council on a non-agenda item, according to Carpenter, the council must refrain from any discussion or action on the matter, and place it on a future agenda.

**Aug 18,82**

**HUMBOLDT AGAIN BURSTING AT SEAMS:**
A steady trend in student enrollment once again has administrators warning that their bulging classrooms are about ready to burst.

**Sept 1,82**

**SITE FOR SENIOR CENTER APPROVED:**
The council approved the proposed two-plus acre site for a senior center at the 80-acre park, in the corner of Robert Road and Nace Lane.

**Sept 10,82**

**ANNEXING DIAMOND VALLEY IS NIXED:**
After reviewing a cost/benefit analysis that showed the town of Prescott Valley would incur a financial loss if it were to annex Diamond Valley, the PV Town Council Thursday night gave the proposal a hearty “thumbs down” for the present time.

**Sept 15,82**

**PRESCOTT VALLEY CONSTRUCTION IS ON UPSWING:**
Prescott Valley building activity skyrocketed in August, surpassing every month this year, and a Prescott Valley official says he expects September’s activity to be even higher.

**Sept 22,82**

**PV POLICE DEPT ACQUIRES TELEPRINTER:**
Keeping up with its counterparts in larger towns and cities, the Prescott Valley Police Department recently acquired a teleprinter. A teleprinter sends and receives messages to or from other law enforcement agencies throughout the United States.

**Oct 1,82**

**PV GETS DRAINAGE WORK GRANT:**
The Town of Prescott Valley has been awarded a grant of $44,700 to be used for drainage improvements. Town Manager Fred Carpenter announced at the Thursday night town council meeting.

**Oct 5,82**

**PV SENIORS GROUP TURNS DOWN LAND:**
The Central Arizona Seniors Association has turned down an offer of Prescott Valley land for a building site, according to Town Manager Fred Carpenter.

**Oct 8,82**

**IRATE COUNCIL REACTS TO LAND REFUSAL:**
After heated discussions, and the explanation from Casa President Barbara Howe that CASA could not arrange financing right now, the council informally tabled any discussion of the lease and refused to let Mrs. Howe have a copy of the lease at the meeting.

**Oct 14,82**

**PANEL BEGINS YEARLY UPDATE OF PV COMPREHENSIVE PLAN:**
It’s that time of year again: Time for a Prescott Valley committee to begin its annual update of the town’s Comprehensive Plan. “We’re one of the few communities in the state that has adopted a Comprehensive Plan and are keeping it updated,” Shapiro said.
Oct 30,82  **PV ZONING IMPROVING DESPITE NUMEROUS INHERITED PROBLEMS:**
Planning and zoning in Prescott Valley may have started off slowly, burdened by inherited problems, but now it is running smoothly, according to those employed to oversee that the town develops in a regulated fashion. “Planning and Zoning is working,” said town planner Joel Shapiro who has been with the department since the town incorporated.

Oct 31,82  **DRINK IT UP:**
A Prescott Courier photo showing John Fischer, a member of the Town of Prescott Valley road crew, watching as a pine tree soaks up water delivered by a tank mounted on a trailer behind one of the road crew’s tractors.

Nov 14,82  **PV ENGINEERS HELP SUPERVISE TOWN’S GROWTH:**
In a Prescott Courier interview, Tim Hopps, a principle in the firm of ABCOR Engineering, stated the reason the town needed consulting engineers was that the town is the 2nd fastest growing town in Arizona, and with the problems of drainage, streets, the type of roads here, and building, they need advice.

Dec 5,82  **PV FOOD BASKET DRIVE GETS UNDERWAY:**
Ms Wilma Clapp is behind the food basket drive for Christmas and hopes to substantially increase the baskets this year. The idea was started last year by Town council and promoted by Mayor Ray Sandberg. There is a committee of four persons, and they are operating out of a building offered at no charge by Mr. Wildes

Dec 10,82  **PV COUNCIL OK’S NEW FIRE STATION AND CYFD OFFICE:**
Prescott Valley will house the Central Yavapai Fire District’s new headquarters within two years, according to a 50-year lease approved by the town council Thursday.

Jan 2,83  **CREATION OF A PUBLIC LAND ZONING ON AGENDA:**
Creation of a Public Lands Zoning District, to properly zone public lands and facilities within Prescott Valley will be considered by the Prescott Valley Town Council at its regular meeting Thursday, January 27.

Jan 12,83  **WATER MEETING TOMORROW:**
A meeting to discuss the effect of groundwater service area rules proposed by the Arizona Department of Water Resources will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday, Jan.13, at the Planter Box Restaurant. The meeting is open to the public. City officials and councilmen from Chino Valley, Prescott Valley and Prescott, The Shamrock Water Co and other interested parties are expected to attend the meeting.

Jan 28,83  **ANNEXATION POLICY OK’D:**
The Prescott Valley Town Council Thursday night approved a policy that would stiffen requirements for proposed annexation to the council for consideration. Under state law, residents of an area requesting annexation must gather favorable signatures from people owning at least 50 percent of the area’s assessed valuation. The town’s new annexation policy adds the requirement that the council must be presented with favorable signatures representing at least 50 percent of the households in a developed area.

Feb 1,83  **NEW VALUATION SYSTEM PUTS PV IN BETTER LIGHT:**
Prescott Valley’s new valuation system, which more accurately reflects building activity in the community, could indirectly influence lending institutions to look at the town in “a more favorable light,” according to Building Inspector Jerry Koessler. Koessler recently revamped the department’s record-keeping system to become consistent with a national valuation schedule reported by “98 percent of the towns in the nation.” Prescott Valley’s old valuation figure was based only on the building’s framing and did not include electrical, mechanical and plumbing costs, Koessler said.

Feb 2,83  **NEW DISPATCHING SYSTEM APPROVED:**
The new system, according to Chief Pat McCullom, will allow residents needing an officer to speak directly with a local officer and is another step towards making the local police department
an independent department. Dispatching is presently being done by the Yavapai County Sheriff’s Department.

Feb 2,83

12-MONTH SCHOOLS A MUST, STEPHENS SAYS:
Humboldt School Superintendent Archie Stephens said Tuesday night a bond issue would not be a cure-all for the district, and students would have to attend school 12 months a year for at least the next two years even if a bond were passed.

Feb 2,83

CARPENTER TO LEAVE POST:
Prescott Valley Town Manager Fred Carpenter this morning announced he will be leaving Prescott Valley to take the position of town manager of Buckeye beginning March 7.

Feb 27,83

COUNCIL DENIES PV MAN BUILDING CODE VARIANCE:
The Prescott Valley Town Council Thursday night denied a variance which would have allowed a man to move into a home with bedroom windows smaller than those prescribed by the Uniform Building code.

Feb 28,83

PV SENIORS’ GROUP ‘ALIVE AND KICKING’:
The Central Arizona Seniors Association, a Prescott Valley based senior citizens’ group, is alive and kicking despite rumors that it had disbanded, according to its president. Newly regrouped with a fresh set of officers, CASA also has begun to shuck the image its former officers had earned for it during a feud with the Prescott Valley Town Council over the location of land for a building site, according to President Larry Potter.

Mar 1,83

TOWN COUNCIL BUSINESS:
The appointment of Joellen Ewing as Town Clerk of Prescott Valley was made by the members of the Council at the February 22 meeting. She will replace Fred Carpenter and her position became effective March 1. Jerry Beck was appointed as an additional check signer during the interim period when there is no one filling the position of town manager. Mayor Ray Sandburg was authorized as banking agent, a duty that will be returned to the new town manager. Police Chief Pat McCullom was chosen to aid in the exercise of budgetary and personnel authority during this interim period.

Mar 20,83

PV BUILDING INSPECTOR SAYS HE WAS FORCED TO RESIGN:
Saying he was forced to quit, Prescott Valley Building Inspector Gerald Koessler Friday submitted his resignation to Mayor Ray Sandberg. Hired last June, Koessler became the town’s third building inspector in the five years since Prescott Valley’s incorporation. In his resignation, the 41-year old Koessler said one of his reasons for quitting is that the council has refused to grant him additional qualified help. “Construction activity has skyrocketed” Koessler wrote. “The work load is much more than a one-man operation can handle.”

Mar 3,83

IN PV TOWN COUNCIL RACE:
Horne, McMann, Gonzales, Bechtold elected, all with more than a 50% majority of voters, so there will not be a general election.

Mar 9,83

YEAR-ROUND SCHOOL PROGRAM FAVORED AT TOWNHALL:
District officials and school board members heard a group of residents of the Humboldt School District say they favored implementing a year-round school program to ease overcrowding and that they would actively support a bond issue for more buildings at a school, this feeling was expressed at a school sponsored town hall meeting Saturday, March 5.

Mar 23,83

PRESCOTT VALLEY HIRES NEW BUILDING INSPECTOR:
Gary Northup is the new building inspector for Prescott Valley. He began his duties March 22. He has 27 years experience as a building contractor. Northrup has just returned from San Diego where he completed courses in building construction and inspection.

Apr 3,83

PRESCOTT VALLEY; AFFORDABLE ALTERNATIVE:
Growth and the Town of Prescott Valley are synonymous for two reasons: Land and housing are affordable at a time when lots in the city of Prescott - less than 10 miles away - sell for $20,000 and up. Since incorporation in 1978, the town’s population has doubled, increasing from 1,521 to 3,410 residents by November 1982.
Apr 6, 83  
**BOARD OKS 12-MONTH SCHOOL SCHEDULE:**
A 12-month school year using three separate calendars will be initiated this summer in the Humboldt Unified School District to help alleviate overcrowding in the district’s classrooms.

Apr 22, 83  
**PRESCOTT VALLEY HIRES NEW MANAGER:**
Harold Branch, former manager of El Mirage, has been named Prescott Valley town manager, replacing Fred Carpenter, who resigned in February.

May 12, 83  
**PARK BOUND BY ZONING ORDERS, PANELS DECIDE:**
The Town and Country Industrial Park outside Prescott Valley must comply with zoning stipulations that require landscaping and lighting at the park, according to the Yavapai County and Prescott Valley planning and zoning commissions. The Prescott Valley panel asked the county commission to continue upholding the stipulations.

May 18, 83  
**HUMBOLDT VOTERS DEFEAT PROPOSED $4.75 MILLION BOND BY 2-1 MARGIN:**
A $4.75 Million bond issue, designed to counter explosive growth in the Humboldt Unified School District, was defeated resoundingly Tuesday by almost a 2-1 margin. The bond passed by a two-vote margin, 369 to 367, in Prescott Valley, but the Humboldt-Prescott Country club precinct totals - 105 yes and 480 no - killed any chances of the bond passing.

May 27, 83  
**NEW PV COUNCIL SWORN IN, ELECTS STAKER MAYOR:**
Pledging to work together for the community, three new members and one incumbent were sworn in to the Prescott Valley Town council Thursday night. Mrs. Staker, a Yavapai Community Hospital nurse, said she hopes to “continue with the work we’ve been doing.. it’s been successful so far.”

July 5, 83  
**HIGHWAY 69 WILL BE WIDENED:**
The State will widen nine miles of Highway 69 from two to four lanes during a three-year period beginning in the 1984-85 fiscal year, according to Arizona Transportation Board Member Sondra Eisberg. The first phase will be from Welch’s Mountain Fantasy through Prescott Valley. The second portion will go from the junction of Highway 69 and U.S. 89 toward Prescott Valley and will be done during the 1985-86 fiscal year. The last portion will connect the first two phases during the 1986-87 budget year, she said.

July 13, 83  
**COUNCIL APPROVES BUDGET:**
Prescott Valley Council members approved an $8 million dollar budget for fiscal year 1983-84 for the Town.

Aug 18, 83  
**HOSPITAL ADVISORY BOARD FORMED IN PRESCOTT VALLEY:**
The organizational meeting of the Yavapai Community Hospital Advisory Board for Prescott Valley met at 7:30 p.m., August 10th, at the Prescott Valley Town Hall. Initial members were persons recommended to the YCH Community Relations Office as community leaders and concerned citizens of Prescott Valley.

Sept 2, 83  
**PV COUNCIL TO ENCOURAGE YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE:**
Lack of adequate activities and a desire to promote better community relations has prompted the Prescott Valley Town Council to support a proposed Youth Advisory committee.

Sept 22, 83  
**ANIMAL CONTROL DRAWS RESPONSE:**
Animal control in Prescott Valley was the main topic of concern at the September 15th meeting of the Town Council. Gretchen Scanlan offered her services As a consultant on a volunteer basis and made an appeal to the Council for a Humane Animal Control Research Committee. Following her remarks much interest was shown by residents present.

Oct 7, 83  
**SELECTION OF NEW PV CHIEF INVALID:**
The appointment of a new police chief in Prescott Valley apparently has been invalidated because the current chief has yet to formally resign.

Oct 9, 83  
**PV CHIEF MAY NOT RESIGN:**
Prescott Valley’s chief of police says the turn of events at Thursday night’s Town Council meeting caused him to change his mind about retiring. “I’m going to wait until the 31st of
October to make up my mind,” said Pat McCullom. “I’ll go on vacation until the 30th. The council left me in a quandary.”

Oct 10, 83  
**70 ASK FOR HELP AS DISASTER CENTER OPENS:**
Approximately 70 people sought financial help from various state and federal agencies Tuesday as the disaster assistance center opened for business in the wake of severe storms that made a mess of people’s lives and property. “I’m thinking of buying a boat and tying it up to my house,” said Sharon Wells of Williamson Valley, who was concerned that after two storms in one week, heavy weather might become a common occurrence. She said 11 inches of rainfall in three hours hit her area.

Oct 14, 83  
**PV COUNCIL APPPOINTS ADDIS TO FILL VACANCY:**
Controversy arising from last week’s secret ballot appointment of Dick Addis to the Prescott Valley Town Council was laid to rest Thursday night when council members voted unanimously to name Addis to the seat vacated by Jerry Beck.

Oct 17, 83  
**50% RATE HIKE NEEDED TO TURN PV WATER FIRM AROUND, OWNER SAYS:**
Much like Daniel entering the lion’s den, Shamrock water Co. President Bill Fain faced about 150 Prescott Valley residents Saturday to explain why a 50-percent rate increase is needed to turn the company’s operating losses into a profit.

Oct 21, 83  
**WHAT’S AN ABANDONED VEHICLE? DON’T ASK PV TOWN COUNCIL—YET:**
One person’s trash may be another’s treasure, but in Prescott Valley, the Town Council might dictate whether or not residents can have old cars on their property. Town Manager Branch said he would ask Jensen for a legal opinion on the matter.

Oct 24, 83  
**PV WATER USERS TO INTERVENE IN HEARING:**
Prescott Valley resident L.L. Daby will represent a group of local citizens at an Arizona Corporation Commission hearing on a Shamrock Water Co. rate hike request Nov. 4.

Nov 11, 83  
**PV COUNCIL TO ADVERTISE FOR NEW CHIEF DESPITE AUDIENCE CRITICISM:**
The Prescott Valley Town Council has decided to advertise for a new chief of police - despite rousing response from a audience of about 60 people at Thursday night’s council meeting who vocally supported PV chief investigator Homer Heintzelman for the job.

Nov 11, 83  
**PV COUNCILMAN JOHN BECHTOLD RESIGNS THURSDAY:**
Prescott Valley Town Council Member John Bechtold has resigned, becoming the second PV council member to vacate the office in two months.

Nov 16, 83  
**OFFICIALS, CUSTOMERS ARGUE SHAMROCK WATER RATE HIKE:**
Improvements and maintenance costs – and the absence of a rate increase in the last eight years – are good reasons for the Arizona Corporation commission to grant a 50 percent hike to Shamrock Water Co., according to vice president Bill Fain. Al Statlin, the Corporation Commission’s chief auditor, agreed the rate hike was warranted, saying, “It would not be out of line, in my opinion.” But Prescott Valley resident L. L. Daby argued that such a large increase should not be approved because the company provides poor service to its customers.

Nov 20, 83  
**PV ROAD FOREMAN TOUTS DUST-CONTROLLING PRODUCT:**
Residents of Prescott Valley should realize that an experimental road product, Weslig, is a dust control device and not a substitute for pavement, according to the town’s road department. Speaking at Thursday night’s Town Council meeting, road foreman Larry Tow said, “It acts as a dust preventative, but it’s not a real road material, in the same sense as asphalt paving.”

Dec 16, 83  
**PVADOPTS FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE POLICY:**
In a unanimous vote at Thursday night’s meeting, the Prescott Valley Town Council adopted a financial disclosure policy that puts local government in the same bracket as those in Phoenix, Scottsdale, Mesa and other Arizona cities - despite the fact that no PV council members are paid for serving. “It’s very detailed, and goes into a lot of definitions,” Said PV Mayor Carmelite Staker. It tells us what we must disclose and what will be exempt.”

Jan 1, 84  
**GAPS IN PV POLICE PROTECTION CATCH COUNCIL TRIO BY SURPRISE:**
A question of semantics in Prescott Valley had at least three council members and the town manager in the dark until this week, believing the town had around-the-clock police patrol. But a car accident last Sunday night brought to light the fact that officers patrol only during certain hours due to a lack of manpower, according to the acting police chief.

Jan 1, 84  
**PV FACES UNIQUE ZONING PROBLEMS:**
In major Arizona population centers like Phoenix, Tucson and Yuma, the biggest problem facing planning departments is coming up with zoning that will please residents, developers and local governments. It’s not quite the same in Prescott Valley. “Probably the major complaints we get are relating to litter on private property,” said Joel Shapiro, planning and zoning director for Prescott Valley.

Jan 8, 84  
**PV COUNCIL NAMES VETERAN TO HEAD POLICE DEPARTMENT:**
The Prescott Valley Town council, on Saturday unanimously selected Charles Edward Seder, an Apache Junction police captain with 12 years of law enforcement experience, as Chief of the Prescott Valley Police Department. Seder, a patrol division captain in Apache Junction, will fill the spot vacated by former PV chief Pat McCollum by Feb 1. His starting salary will be $22,514.

Jan 25, 84  
**WATER IS AREA’S TOP PROBLEM, OFFICIALS AGREE:**
The problem of identifying - and saving - an adequate future water supply for five local governments dwarf all other problems, according to representatives who met Tuesday at Yavapai College to discuss the area’s resource.

Mar 9, 84  
**PV STUDIES SALES TAX ON REAL ESTATE:**
In a unique attempt to boost revenues, the Prescott Valley Town Council is considering an ordinance that would enact a 1 percent sales tax on most real estate transactions. Under provisions of the proposed code, the minimum fee for such transactions would be $50 and the maximum assessment would be $100.

Mar 23, 84  
**SANDBERG QUITS, CRITICIZES PV COUNCIL:**
Citing a "lack of cohesion" among his fellow members, Prescott Valley Councilman Ray Sandberg formally resigned at Thursday night’s meeting after reading a statement that was openly critical of the council. Sandberg’s remarks came just moments after the formal resignation of Vice Mayor Dick Addis, who signed off with a brief and congenial message thanking the town’s residents.

Mar 23, 84  
**PV TABLES REAL ESTATE TAX PLAN:**
The decision on whether to assess a one percent real estate sales tax was postponed by the Prescott Valley Town Council Thursday night because the council needs to select two new members.

Apr 6, 84  
**2 PERSONS NAMED TO PV COUNCIL:**
The appointments of Harvey Skoog and Earl Neville Jr. to a pair of vacancies has put the Prescott Valley Town Council at full force once more.

Apr 13, 84  
**PRESCOTT VALLEY COUNCIL PLANS TO RAISE SALES TAX RATE TO 2%:**
In an attempt to raise revenues, the Prescott Valley Town Council Thursday night instructed Town Manager Harold Branch to draft a resolution calling for a 1 percent increase in the town’s sales tax.

Apr 20, 84  
**2% TAX WILL HURT BUSINESS, PV MERCHANTS SAY:**
An additional 1% sales tax could mean big trouble for small business in Prescott Valley, according to some local merchants. But the PV town manager says the added revenue will help out, not hurt, the area consumer market.

May 4, 84  
**PV COUNCIL AGAIN STUDIES SALES TAX AFTER LOT FEE NIXED:**
A possible lot assessment in Prescott Valley has been ruled out, moving the town one step closer to a sales tax increase of 1 per cent. Town Managers Harold Branch told the PV Town Council and an audience of 25 at Thursday night’s meeting, “There are no provisions for taxing lots
across the board.” “The state tells you how to go about taxing,” Branch said. “And in the case
of lots, the state bases its (tax) on the assessed valuation.

May 11,84  **PV TOWN ATTORNEY RESIGNS:**
A bomb was dropped on the Prescott Valley Town Council Thursday night when Town Attorney
Chris Jensen announced he will step down June 30.

May 11,84  **PRESCOTT VALLEY COUNCIL OKS ADDITIONAL 1 CENT SALES TAX:**
Consumers in Prescott Valley will begin paying a sales tax of 7 cents on the dollar July 1, after
the Town Council approved a 1 per cent increase at Thursday night’s meeting. In a 4-3 vote, the
council passed an ordinance calling for the PV sales tax to increase from 1 cent to 2 cents on the
dollar. That amount is added to the 5 percent Arizona sales tax on purchases in PV.

May 14,84  **PV BUILDING PERMIT FEES SETS RECORD:**
Building permit fees hit an all-time record $8,325 for May in Prescott Valley, a town official
said.

May 20,84  **PANEL MOVES MAGISTRATE COURT CLOSER TO REALITY AT PV LIBRARY:**
A magistrate court in Prescott Valley moved one step closer to reality Thursday night when the
PV Town Council unanimously approved the establishment of a court to be located in the soon-
to-be vacated library. “The way the court system is set up now is far from efficient,” said
council member Randy McMann. He added that the system is ”overburdened,” and that Prescott
Valley police officers must travel to Prescott for court appearances. At present, the town
contracts with Prescott Judge Robert Kuebler for magistrate services.

May 21,84  **PV COUNCIL HEARS LITTLE COMMENT ON SHAMROCK WATER
ACQUISITION:**
A first-ever public discussion of Prescott Valley’s attempted acquisition of Shamrock Water Co.
elicted little response from some 25 audience members at Thursday night’s PV Town Council
meeting. “We’re looking at the future of Prescott Valley,” said Mayor Carmelite Staker.
“Without water, there’s no growth. This is a big decision. Mrs. Staker said the town must either
negotiate a deal with the company, go to court over the matter or drop condemnation proceedings
that were started about three years ago.

May 31,84  **DELAY IN PV TAX HIKE APPEARS SUCCESSFUL:**
Sufficient signatures apparently have been obtained on a referendum petition to ensure that a 1
percent sales tax increase in Prescott Valley will not take effect July as expected. To be
successful, 49 PV registered voters must sign the petition, a number representing 10 percent of
the votes cast in the last town election. Dan Dannen, owner of Dannen Construction Co., and
initiator of the petition, said about 80 townspeople had signed the petition as of Wednesday. He
said he expected to file the document with the PV Town Hall today.

June 1,84  **PRESCOTT VALLEY CHAMBER SUFFERS GROWING PAINS:**
Much like the town it represents, the Prescott Valley Chamber of Commerce is experiencing
severe growing pains. Wilma Clapp, office manager of the chamber, said that six months after
moving from a stationery shop to its present location at 3043 N. Cochise, the chamber, which has
52 members, already needs more room.

June 13,84  **CABLE COMPANY FINE TUNES SERVICE FOR PV RESIDENTS:**
Aztec Cablevision Inc., a company that provides cable television service to about 3,000 homes in
Prescott Valley and its surrounding areas, has improved its services, the assistant manager for the
company said this week.

June 25,84  **PV CAN’T WAIT FOR STREET STUDY:**
According to a recent article appearing in the Courier, the Prescott Valley Town Council has
approved establishing a citizens committee to tell them how bad the roads are, with a two-year
period to submit its recommendations. This is a bit ridiculous.

July 27,84  **PV COUNCIL VOTES TO NOT PAY COUNTY LANDFILL CHARGES:**
In a surprise move, the Prescott Valley Town Council decided Thursday not to pay Yavapai
County about $26,000 for the use of a county-owned sanitary landfill, just west of town.
PV COUNCIL OKAYS AIRSPACE NEEDED FOR FUTURE AIRPORT:
The Prescott Valley Town Council Thursday night took a major step toward establishing a
privately owned, public-use airport that would be located just east of Prescott Valley town limits
and north of the PV Business Park.

COUNCIL OVERLOOKS MEETING REQUIREMENT:
The Prescott Valley Town Council apparently has violated on several occasions a town
ordinance concerning steps that must be taken before special Council meetings may be held.

PV STUDIES MAYORAL ELECTIONS:
Prescott Valley residents may have an opportunity in the near future to vote for candidates for
mayor, instead of having the Town Council choose one of its members to fill that position.
During a Thursday study session, the council discussed steps that must be taken before PV voters
could decide how they want to elect the town’s mayor.

RECENT RAINS WON’T DELAY SEPT. 4 START OF ROBERT ROAD
RESURFACING:
Despite being slowed by recent monsoon rains, a project to resurface about 2.5 miles of Robert
Road in Prescott Valley is scheduled to begin on schedule Sept. 4, according to PV town officials.

PV SEWAGE PLANT VIOLATES HEALTH RULES, OFFICIALS SAY:
A wastewater treatment plant that services several businesses on the south side of Highway 69 in
Prescott Valley is operating in violation of health department regulations, according to two
members of that department. In addition, a proposal to increase the plant’s treatment capacity
failed to meet Arizona Department of Health Services requirements. However, the president of
Town and Country Properties Inc., which operates the sewage treatment plant, said they are
trying to meet health department rules.

PV GETS OVERNIGHT HOLDING CELL:
The Prescott Valley Police Department has a new overnight holding facility temporarily house
prisoners who have committed misdemeanor offenses in the town.

ROBERT ROAD IMPROVEMENTS GET UNDER WAY IN P.V.
A project to widen and re-surface about 2.5 miles of Robert Road in Prescott Valley began on
schedule Sept. 4.

PV VOTERS TO DECIDE HOW MAYOR SELECTED:
By a 3-2 vote, the Prescott Valley Town Council passed an ordinance Thursday that calls for a
special election to be held Nov 6 to allow PV residents to decide how the town’s mayor will be
chosen in the future.

SWARING IN:
Philip N. Dunham, Prescott Valley’s new town magistrate, is sworn into office by Prescott
Justice of the Peace and City Magistrate Robert W. Kuebler Wednesday. Kuebler has acted as
Prescott Valley’s magistrate since the town first incorporated.

PV DECLARES EMERGENCY AS DAM THREATENS TO COLLAPSE:
The Town of Prescott Valley Wednesday declared a state of emergency after an earthen dam
threatened to collapse following erosion in its center caused by recent rains.

PV OFFICIAL CITES POVERTY PROBLEM, ASKS NACOG FOR POINT SYSTEM
REAPPRAISAL:
Nearly half of Prescott Valley’s population is in the low to moderate income level and the
poverty problem is greater than 1980 census figures indicated. Town Manager Harold Branch
said Thursday.

POST OFFICE DEBUT VIOLATED PV CODE:
Prescott Valley’s new contract post office at 9350 E. Valley Road opened for business Oct. 1 in
violation of the town code, according to members of the town staff. Prescott Valley building
official Bill Hart said last week the station violated the code because the building never passed
final inspection by a building inspector before it was occupied.

PRESCOTT VALLEY NOW REQUIRES PERMITS FOR WOOD STOVES:
A properly installed wood stove provides an economical means of heating a home. But the same stove improperly installed poses a serious fire threat, according to Prescott Valley Building Inspector Bill Hart. Residents must obtain a permit to install such a stove, he said. Once installed, the stove must be inspected by a building official.

Nov 29, 84

A BANNER DAY FOR COMMUNITY:
Thursday, November 15th, 1984 was a banner day in the progress and development of Prescott Valley, Arizona. At approximately 10:30 A.M. the official dedication and ribbon cutting of the new Prescott Valley Business Park took place with Mayor Carm Staker cutting the ceremonial ribbon across Valley Drive. The ceremony was attended by many local dignitaries.

Dec 2, 84

PV ROAD CRUMBLES AFTER RESURFACING:
The surface of Prescott Valley’s Robert Road already is breaking in several areas a little more than a month after completion of a resurfacing project on the south half of the road. Neither the town nor the company that resurfaced the road would claim responsibility for the problem, but Prescott Valley officials hired an independent laboratory this week to determine why the surface began crumbling.

Dec 7, 84

PV COUNCIL OKS PUBLIC WORKS POST:
After some parliamentary maneuvering, the Prescott Valley Town council voted 4-3 Thursday to create the position of public works director to oversee management of the town’s water company, road, parks and public buildings.

Dec 14, 84

PV IS UPDATING TOWN COMPREHENSIVE PLAN:
Because of Prescott Valley’s phenomenal growth rate, each year at this time a group of residents meets to update the town’s comprehensive plan - a course of action for accomplishing goals of the town.

Dec 30, 84

PV’S NO HARD SELL FOR NEW CHAMBER CHIEF:
Prescott Valley’s new manager of the Chamber of Commerce thinks the town is not hard to sell. “We tell our good points because we feel we have so many,” Joyce C. Craig said. Craig took over her new job as Chamber office manager Dec. 5, after moving from Phoenix, her home of 20 years, to Prescott last summer. Here husband, Harry, had just started working as Prescott Valley’s town attorney.

Jan 25, 85

HITTING THE ROADS - ADOT TO GIVE HWY. 69 FOUR-LANE LOOK THIS SUMMER:
Construction will begin in mid-June to widen Highway 69 from south of Prescott Valley to Prescott, an official with the Arizona Department of Transportation said Thursday.

Feb 1, 85

TOWN COUNCIL REFUSES TO SIGN COUNTY’S PRISONER CONTRACT:
The town of Prescott Valley will not sign a prisoner housing contract with the Yavapai County jail, the Town Council decided Thursday night.

Mar 12, 85

SUBSIDIZED HOUSING NEARS COMPLETION FOR SOME PV FAMILIES:
Middle-to-low-income families will have a chance to live in new apartment buildings being built here with the help of the Department of Agriculture. A 26-unit, subsidized-rent apartment complex is nearing completion on Yavapai Drive East between Majesty Drive and Constance Road that may one-day house up to 80 people. The housing project, designed for lower-middle and middle-income people, will be called Lynx Creek Apartments.

Mar 13, 85

CURB-SIDE MAIL DELIVERY UNDER WAY IN PV:
New mailbox stands are popping up around Prescott Valley as the curbside delivery program began recently. With the home delivery, residents desiring the new service are required to meet the “Town of Prescott Valley Installation Standards for Mailboxes in Town Right of Ways” guidelines as developed by the Town Council.

Mar 13, 85

AMBULANCE SERVICE TO BEGIN IN PV:
Life Line Ambulance Service will begin offering 24-hour emergency medical coverage here when it opens its new station April 1.

April 14, 85

FIGURES SHOW DOUBLE PV POPULATION:
Special census figures Monday show Prescott Valley’s population has more than doubled since 1980. The town has 5465 residents, according to figures reported by Cleo Reynolds, the special census supervisor in charge of the town’s enumeration.

April 10, 85  MAILBOX WARNINGS SET:
Beginning April 22, mailboxes that are in the right-of-way ---that do not meet specifications will be “red tagged”, and unless the boxes are brought up to standard within ten days they will be removed by the town.

June 12, 85  BARELY COMPATIBLE: MOBILE HOME ORDINANCE SQUEAKS BY COUNCIL:
An ordinance which permits mobile homes in areas where they were previously excluded squeaked by the Prescott Valley Town Council Thursday. The ordinance which takes effect in 30 days allows mobile home (manufactured home) owners to make additions such as garages, and exterior siding modifications in order to make their homes compatible with surrounding conventionally built homes.

June 12, 85  COUNCIL AGREES TO PAY FEE, SEEKS WAY TO RECOUP FUNDS:
Prescott Valley agreed to pay Yavapai County a $26,000 landfill-use fee last week, but the Town Council will continue to look for ways to recover the money it pays the county.

July 17, 85  PRATT BEATS CEDERBERG; VOTERS KEEP McMANN:
In a rare recall election victory, John R. Pratt defeated Richard Cederberg Tuesday while council member Randy McMann kept his seat after a challenge by John R. Coats.

July 19, 85  PV ADOPTS $1.2 MILLION BUDGET:
The Town Council adopted its official $1.2 million budget for 1985-86 Thursday and set spending limitations for the coming fiscal year.

July 25, 85  PV PLANNING OFFICE AT NEW LOCATION:
The Planning and Zoning and Building Departments here have moved from the town hall complex to new offices near Arizona Highway 69.

Aug 14, 85  PV SETS BUILDING PERMIT RECORD:
Town Manager Harold Branch informed the council and the group of onlookers in attendance that the permit fees collected in July was the highest since the town was first incorporated. More than $60,000 in building permits was granted this month.

Aug 30, 85  PV WON’T WAIVE FEES FOR CONSTRUCTION:
The Prescott Valley Town council rejected Thursday night a request from the Humboldt Unified School District to waive building permit fees for construction in the town.

Sept 4, 85  PRESCOTT VALLEY PLANNING NOTES:
The Building and Zoning Departments have finally settled into their new home at 8456 E. Highway 69, next door to 1st Federal Savings & Loan. The new phone number is 775-5512. In order to keep up with the rapidly expanding growth in Prescott Valley, we have employed some new people to help form the new departments. We welcome: Patricia Inman, office manager, Woody Lewis, building inspector, and Gene Taylor, zoning investigator. Lewis is presently being field trained by Chief Inspector Pat Ewert and will be attending code classes at Yavapai College to obtain International Conference of Building Officials Certification.

Sept 18, 85  LAKE VALLEY GETS TOO OVER CROWDED:
A dramatic increase in enrollment at the lake Valley Elementary School during the last six years has caused severe overcrowding in many of the classrooms, according to the principle of the school. John Leffue said the Humboldt Unified School District’s governing board recommended last fall that grades first through third should not have more than 20 students in a classroom. Leffue estimates that during the past six years the enrollment at his school has increased by 115%.

Sept 25, 85  PHASE 1 OF ROBERT ROAD COMPLETED:
The asphalt paving of 2.5 miles of Robert Road in Prescott Valley from Highway 69 north to Manley Drive is expected to be completed today.

Oct 2, 85  HUSD DECIDES ON WEST SIDE SITE:
The five-member governing Board of Humboldt Unified School District (HUSD) voted three to two on September 24 in favor of a motion to purchase a 40 acre parcel of property from Town and Country Developers, owned by the Fain family. This 40 acres is the new location of the new high school. The property faces Bison Lane in the Lynx Lake area.

Oct 9,85

**PRESCOTT VALLEY, A TOWN ON THE MOVE:**
Incorporated in 1978, with a population of 1,521 persons, Prescott Valley has grown tremendously in a very short time and now has a population of 5,600. Rapid growth, along with an abundance of vacant land, has contributed to Prescott Valley’s growing pains. Because of the growth, the community has a strong awareness of the need for good planning, especially in the area of circulation, public facilities and recreation. A comprehensive planning committee of 25 town residents was appointed by the town council. In 1980, the committee’s long-range plan that addressed the needs of the community was adopted by the council.

Oct 15,85

**PLANNING / ZONING LETTER:**
The building department wishes to advise that permits are required to install a wood-burning stove. The cost is $8. A permit is also required to install a gas or propane tank and associated piping; it generally costs $8 too, depending on the number of outlets. A pressure test is required on outside gas yard lines before covering up, to be witnessed by an inspector. An average size propane tank of about 250 gallons is required to be set a minimum of 10 feet from a residence or property line. Larger tanks require greater distances.

Oct 25,85

**PV MANAGER RESIGNS POST:**
Stating a desire to return to college study, Harold G. Branch resigned as Prescott Valley town manager Thursday night. “All seven of the council support me 100 percent in my decision,” he said.

Oct 31,85

**FEDS CLOSE PV POST OFFICE; OPERATOR OUT:**
The operator of the Postal Service contract station here has been removed after an audit Tuesday by U.S. postal inspectors closed the Prescott Valley outlet. Ken Renken no longer holds the PV contract and G. R. Tomasson, Prescott postmaster, said Renken’s contract was revoked. “You might say I quit. It had nothing to do with Tuesday’s audit. Well, it was really a mutual situation that I quit between me Tomasson and the Postal Service,” Renken said.

Nov 8,85

**PV PARKS ROAD FUNDS, SHELVES LIBRARY REQUEST:**
The Prescott Valley Town council set aside $4,000 for the road department to hire a part-time truck driver Thursday night, but shelved an identical amount to the town’s library. The council voted unanimously to approve funds to hire a road department driver for a period of 90 days at $7 an hour. In a similar request for funding, the council voted 5-1 to cut back on a $4,000 request from the Prescott Valley Library Board, instead allocating $2,000.

Nov 15,85

**TO BE OR NOT TO BE? THAT’S THE QUESTION TO FACE PV VOTERS:**
Voters here will have the opportunity to decide if the town should incorporate into a city after the Town Council ordered its staff to draw up a resolution calling for an election on the issue.

Nov 22,85

**PRESCOTT VALLEY HIRES NEW MANAGER:**
The Prescott Valley Common Council met in executive session Monday evening to discuss the final four applicants for the job of town manager and came up with a winner. Steve Thompson, the 38-year-old former town manager of Cottonwood, was offered the job of town manager Tuesday at approximately noon and accepted. He is tentatively scheduled to start work December 23.

Dec 6,85

**PV COUNCIL APPROVES PRAYER BEFORE MEETINGS:**
Although the Prescott Valley Town council was unable to make a decision about the purchase of Shamrock Water company Thursday night, the members were able to approve a motion to pray. In a 4-2 decision, the council voted in favor of offering an open invitation to anyone wishing to conduct the prayer before each meeting as a way to “bless the council in decision-making.”

Dec 13,85

**PV COUNCIL AGREES TO BUY SHAMROCK WATER FIRM:**
After more than five years of negotiations, the Prescott Valley Town Council agreed to purchase Shamrock water Company Thursday night.

**PV GROUP FORMS TO HELP DIRECT TOWN:**
A new civic group will hold its first meeting here next week in an effort to help “stabilize” town government in Prescott Valley, according to the organization’s chairman. Several members of the group, which is tentatively being called the Prescott Valley Voter Association, have met in each other’s homes and have formed the steering committee of the organization, Krause said.

**PV COUPLE SUES OVER RIGHT TO LIVE IN THEIR OWN HOME:**
A Prescott Valley couple who claim they have been deprived of the use of their property have filed suit in Yavapai County Superior Court. Margaret and Les Bryan have asked for more than $50,000 in damages in the suit, which named the town, Planning and Zoning Official Joel Shapiro, Building Official Bill Hart and former Town Manager Harold Branch. The suit states that the Bryans obtained a building permit from the town Sept. 30, 1983, for installation of a manufactured home on a lot zoned R1L, single-family dwelling. Building Inspector Gary Northup allegedly reviewed the plans for the unit and Shapiro and Administrative Assistant Scott Lind agreed the home qualified as a modular home. Later a stop-work order was issued as it was thought this was a mobile home. The stop-work order was lifted when the Bryans agreed to bring certain aspects of the home into compliance with the uniform building code. One week later, a second stop-work order was issued on instructions from Branch, who testified at a hearing that he believed the structure was a mobile home and could not allow it to remain in a single-family zoned area.

**ABANDONED VEHICLES TO BE DISCUSSED:**
Discussion and a first reading of proposed Ordinance No. 126, which would regulate abandoned vehicles in the Town, heads the agenda for the regular meeting of the Prescott Valley Town council scheduled for this week.

**IS PV TOO TIGHT FOR EMPLOYEES?**
A recent survey of salaries and fringe benefits paid by Arizona cities and towns shows Prescott Valley among the lowest paying for its size in the state. The 1986 Local Government Salary and Fringe Benefit Survey sponsored by the League of Arizona Cities and Towns and the Arizona Association of Counties shows Prescott Valley, with a population of 5,471 in the 1985 special census, the lowest in most categories of “benchmark positions” among municipalities with populations of 5,000 to 9,999. According to Prescott Valley Town Manager Steve Thompson, the low salaries have caused some problems with the town. “The problem is in getting and retaining good municipal employees,” Thompson said. “People just can’t afford to stay here and work for these low wages.” “What happens is that people come to work here, gain the training and experience they need, and then go on to higher paying job somewhere else.”

**PANEL PONDERS ROAD CONNECTING PV AND CHINO:**
A new road connecting Arizona Highway 69 and U.S. Highway 89-A between Prescott Valley and Chino Valley was given high priority Wednesday night by members of the Central Yavapai Intergovernmental Resources Commission. General agreement was reached that the eventual need for such a road, possibly from Highway 69 north to U.S. Highway 89-A and east of the City of Prescott’s airport complex and to Chino Valley, will be critical in the next decade.

**PV DECIDES TO SPRUCE UP TOWN WITH ART:**
A taste of culture may be coming to town after the council decided Thursday to apply for a state grant to create a public work of art. Scott Lind, town administrative assistant, said if the application to the Arizona Commission on the Arts is approved, the money will fund the formation of a citizen’s steering committee to design an art piece, decide on a location and choose an artist.

**PLAN UPDATE GIVEN TO COUNCIL:**
Recommendations for the up date of the Prescott Valley comprehensive Plan were presented to the town council last week, along with suggestions that the plan be followed. The plan, adopted
in 1980 and updated each year, went through the 22-person Comprehensive Planning Committee’s discussion process during the last three months.

Apr 23,86 **PRESCOTT VALLEY HIRES NEW TOWN CLERK:**

Richard T. Penman has joined the Prescott Valley town staff as town clerk. He replaces JoEllen Ewing, who is moving to Phoenix to live. Ewing will stay on the job for a while to help train her replacement. She has worked for the Town of Prescott Valley for approximately six years, and has been town clerk for a little more than a year.

Apr 25,86 **PV FINDS MYSTERY CONTRACT:**

The surprise bag was opened again Thursday night when the Town Council here learned that another purchase agreement entered into by its ex-road consultant was a mystery to the town. Town Manager Steve Thompson said former road consultant Guy Reid had apparently entered into an agreement to rent a screening plant and had issued a check for $4,800 to cover its payment through March. Although members knew of the rental agreement, members did not realize it turned into a purchase agreement with $37,000 due April 1.

Apr 30,86 **TOWN SALARIES TO GET MAJOR REVISION?**

A major revision of the town’s salary structure and approximately $175,000 in proposed capital improvements to Prescott Valley’s roads are the major features of the proposed 1986-1987 budget presented to the Prescott Valley Town council last Friday.

May 1, 86 **PV SEL ects Site FOR NEW POST OFFICE:**

A site on Florence Road between Yavapai and Robert Roads has been selected as the new location for the Postal Service Station here. Contactor Barbara Hunter said groundbreaking for the new building could occur within the next few weeks.

May 2,86 **BID RECEIVED FOR SENIOR CENTER:**

A low bid of $208,200 has been received for construction of the new senior center here. Terry B. Wiggins Construction, a Prescott firm that built the Valley National Bank in Prescott Valley, offered the lowest of eight bids for construction of the new center. Bids ranged from Wiggins’ low to a high bid of $291,208.

May 2,86 **RESIDENT’S IDEA BLOSSOMS INTO FIRM PLAN FOR PV PARK:**

In a town where parks are a rarity, four residents are working to bring some color to the land. With shovels, rakes, hoes and a measuring tape in hand, Al Clausen, Helen Horkey, Ray Bruner and Gene Lothrup make up the core of a group that wants to beautify the town and give neighborhood children a place to play. “We want to make the park a pleasant place and plant shrubs and flowers to provide some color,” Clausen said.

May 23,86 **PV COUNCIL VOTES 4-1 TO LEAVE HORSE CORRALS AT MOUNTAIN VALLEY :**

Concern over cruelty to animals prompted Vice Mayor Marilyn Horne to cast the only dissenting vote Thursday in a 4-1 approval of the 1985 comprehensive Plan update. Horne stood alone in rejecting the plan that will leave horse corrals at the present location near Mountain Valley Park – a site Horne believes is inadequate for housing the animals.

May 28,86 **MONEY FOR ROAD REPAIRS TOPS PV BUDGET LIST:**

Finding more money to pump into road improvements topped a list of concerns as the Town council looked at a $1.9 million preliminary 1986-1987 budget Tuesday. “The primary focus of this budget is to save what (roads) we’ve got” said Councilman Adam Walloch. “I think we should show a commitment to doing it. I think the people in town deserve it.”

June 17,86 **PV COUNCIL PONDER S SALE S TAX HIKE:**

The Town Council here moved closer to setting an upper budget limit Monday amidst talk of a possible sales tax hike to raise money for road work. “The people in this community will back us up,” said Councilman John Pratt, who added if the tax were earmarked for roads, citizens would be in favor of an increase.

June 29,86 **LANDFILL OFFICIALS MAKE PEACE, SET SIGHTS ON PROPOSED OPTION:**

Peacemaking was the order of the day last week when governmental delegates from Prescott Valley, Chino Valley, Prescott and Yavapai County met to get a proposed regional landfill back
on track. Chris McCann, county solid waste engineer, said Thursday the committee’s efforts have been refocused, a budget considered too high has been slashed and geotechnical data gathering on the group’s No. 1 site will begin in July in deference to committee members’ wishes. The group has spent nearly a year considering criteria for establishing a regional landfill to serve all four entities and many members thought their efforts had been circumvented recently by one politician. After rating five possible sites north and east of Prescott, the group Wednesday unanimously chose the square-mile section 32 north of U.S. Highway 89A, about two miles east of its junction with U.S. Highway 89.

July 11, 86

PV HOME OWNERS WANT DEAD ENDS:
The Prescott Valley Town Council decided Thursday night to consider making nine streets near a new high school here dead ends to help keep traffic out of a residential neighborhood. The council heard a request from a group of residents in the Lynx Lake Estates subdivision asking that roads be blocked so construction equipment cannot drive up the streets they live on and so that high school students cannot drive on those streets once the building is open sometime in 1987.

July 25, 86

COUNCIL KILLS MOVE TO DEAD-END ROADS:
A request to the Town Council by some residents here to make their streets dead ends to control traffic died Thursday night. After a long discussion, when a motion was made by Councilman Mike Petrus to make the streets dead ends, no one on the council seconded the move and the matter died.

Aug 1, 86

SALES TAX INCREASE FOR PV DEFEATED BY 5-2 VOTE:
A proposal to increase the sales tax here was soundly defeated Thursday night by the Town Council in a vote that came as no surprise. A councilman also suggested a set of temporary laws that he said would help solve a problem in Lynx Lake Estates by routing construction traffic away from homes near a high school site. The council defeated the sales tax hike 5-2, with council members Marilyn Horne and John Pratt supporting the measure while Mayor Philip Beeson and councilmen Jim Black, Tim Hopps, Mike Petrus and Adam Walloch voting against the increase.

Aug 15, 86

PV CONVERTS 3 ROADS INTO ONE-WAY STREETS:
Residents of Lynx Lake Estates won’t have to wonder any longer what route construction vehicles will take through their subdivision. The Town Council voted unanimously Thursday to approve an ordinance that will convert two streets and portion of a third road in the subdivision to one-way travel. Under the ordinance, vehicles only will be allowed to travel north along Valley View Drive to Bison Lane and south from Bison Lane along Pleasant View Drive to the frontage road. Bison Lane will be converted to one-way travel in an easterly direction from Valley View Drive to Pleasant View Drive.

Sept 11, 86

LOCAL PANEL SCOUTS NEW LANDFILL SITE:
The regional landfill-siting committee once again is scouting around for land – this time in the private sector. Last week, representatives from the State Land Department announced that the department would deny a special use permit to enable essential preliminary investigation of a site chosen in the Prescott Valley area. With the chosen site eliminated by the state’s announcement – which has not been received in writing as yet – the land search has had to be re-opened, Yavapai County Solid Waste Engineer Chris McCann has said.

Oct 10, 86

CONSTRUCTION BIDS, PAVING CONTRACT TOP PV AGENDA:
Construction bids for the senior center and a paving contract for long Mesa Road are expected to be awarded at Thursday night’s Prescott Valley Town Council meeting. The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. in the Prescott Valley Community Center.

Oct 17, 86

RECALL BEGINS:
A recall petition has been mounted against Prescott Valley Mayor Philip Beeson, in the wake of a controversial meeting of the town council Oct. 9. With petitions making the rounds beginning Oct 16, recall supporters have until Feb 12 to collect the required number of signatures.
Oct 28, 86  **FINANCIAL RECORDS FOUND IN TURMOIL:**
Based on documents and memos obtained at the Prescott Valley Town Hall, it appears that the charges and concerns of Bill Douglas have some merit. Town manager Steve Thompson and Acting Town Clerk Nancy Jensen appear to have inherited a number of serious problems in the town’s financial tracking system. According to a memo from Jensen to Thompson, dated Oct. 9, Jensen outlines some of her discoveries in her first month on the job—July. She noted that the position did not have any policies or procedures manual, nor was there anyone on the staff who knew the specifics about the position. During her first month, she discovered a list of at least 20 problems, including no record of where the town had active bank accounts.

Nov 11, 86  **MOVE TO HOLD PV CULVERTS TOO LITTLE, TOO LATE:**
A suggestion to hold installation permits on four culverts along Florentine Road apparently came just a little too late last Thursday. The culverts were installed Friday. Among the directions given to Town Manager Steve Thompson at Thursday’s special planning session was to prepare specifications for widening and repairing Florentine Road from Robert Road to 129 feet past Yavapai Road. Councilman Timothy Hopps suggested the town hold the installation permits on four culverts within that section of Florentine to save the town money in the future. Thompson said Monday that when he drove past the area Friday afternoon, the culverts already had been installed.

Nov 12, 86  **IRRIGATION OFFER TOPS PV TALKS:**
The reassignment of an irrigation easement to the town from the Fain Land and Cattle Company is scheduled to be discussed and possibly enacted upon by the council Thursday night. Officials from the company have offered to reassign the irrigation easement, which runs south from the Lynx Lake Estates area past the Rafter Eleven Mobile Home Park and empties into Lynx Creek, to the town. Bill Fain, President of Fain Land and Cattle Company, said the easement is being offered to the town to use in its drainage system rather than being abandoned by the company.

Nov 18, 86  **FLAGS WAVE HIGH IN P.V.:**
You can see them on national holidays—a bright row of red, white and blue, spread along Arizona Highway 69 in Prescott Valley. United States flags, sponsored by businesses, individuals and service organizations line the Frontage Road, creating a corridor of flags.

Nov 18, 86  **PV CLEARS AIR OVER FINANCIAL SYSTEM:**
Confusion in the use of a new town financial system may have arisen from an interpretation of a state law that prohibits a town from increasing the amount of expenditure items from the amount approved for a fiscal year. The new system increased the number of line, or budgeted, items in the town council’s monthly reports by 235 from the amount of line items approved in the town’s budget for fiscal 1986-87. The present financial recording system lists 406 line items for expenditure during a fiscal year. When the council approved the present budget July 24, it also approved line items for 171b expenditure accounts. According to the Arizona Revised Statues, no expenditures can be made for a purpose that is not included in a municipality’s fiscal year budget. While the amount of line items has increased, the actual number of line items for which expenditures were allotted in the town’s budget has not grown.

Nov 20, 86  **FIRING, CENSURE TOP SPECIAL PV MEET:**
A special meeting of the Town council has been called for tonight to consider removing the town manager and possibly censuring the mayor for comments made about the manager and his performance. Due to the refusal of the audience to leave the community Center, the Council moved its meeting to the Court Room in the Town Hall and after about three hours, returned to the Community Center and the meeting proceeded. The vote of the Town Council was to retain the town manager, and Mr. Hopps succeeded in censuring Mayor Beeson.

Nov 25, 86  **GROWTH MARCHES ON IN PV:**
Joel Shapiro, Planning Director for the Town of Prescott Valley, presented a cumulative building activity report to the council two weeks ago. The report covers data from fiscal years 1979-80 thru 1985-86. Prescott Valley has enjoyed a relatively steady rise in growth. Currently, the town
estimates its population as 6,450 - a vast increase over the not-so-long-ago days when Prescott Valley was known as Jackass Flats. Since 1979-80, the Town has issued 2,888 permits, and total revenues have been $381,883, while the average number of permits issued per year is 413. Average percentage of building activity growth per year is 8.5 percent, according to Shapiro’s figures.

Dec 4,86  **CROWD CONTROL TOPS PV COUNCIL AGENDA:**
Controlling crowd disturbance during public meetings will be discussed at a special planning session tonight, two weeks after another special meeting that was interrupted several times by outbursts from the audience. The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. in the Prescott Valley Public Library. During a special meeting at the community center Nov. 20, the council was forced to move to Town Hall when more than 100 members of the public refused to leave the building after the Council voted to go into executive session.

Dec 19,86  **STATE ERROR NETS PV TIDY WINDFALL:**
An error in the population figures recorded for the town by the Arizona Department of Revenue has resulted in the receipt of $68,834.96 in retroactive funds by town officials. Town Manager Steve Thompson told the mayor and council Thursday night the money, which was received Dec 16, had been allocated in the budget but the monthly payments to the town had been less than half of the amount officials expected to receive. Thompson said he became aware of the error in population figures after his office received a report from the state that showed the population totals for towns and cities across the state.

Dec 21,86  **RECALL - PRESCOTT VALLEY’S FIRST ELECTED MAYOR FACES CONFIDENCE VOTE APRIL 7:**
After determining that a resolution calling for a recall election for Mayor Phillip Beeson could not be switched to coincide with a March primary, town officials gave a final approval Thursday night to an April 7 election date. Town residents, therefore, will travel to the polls twice within a three-week period to elect four council members and to cast ballots in the recall election of the first elected mayor for Prescott Valley.

Dec 23,86  **PV TOWN ATTORNEY REFUTES DOUBTS CAST ON CONTRACT:**
Town Attorney Harry Craig said today that questions raised regarding the extension of his contract were unjust because the renewed agreement with the town was done legally. Craig’s contract with the town was renewed Nov. 12 for a two-year period. Craig said the terms of his contract – and of Town Manager Steve Thompson – state the employee agrees to remain in the exclusive employment of the town for a two-year period from the date of the contract. Either the employee or officers of the town have a 90-day period before the contract’s termination date to end the obligation. If neither party wishes to terminate the contract, it then is extended for an additional two-year period.

Jan 1,87  **LAWYER FOR PV OFFICIAL SEES NO INTEREST CONFLICT:**
Councilman Timothy Hopps informed town officials Monday he would participate in the selection of the town clerk after being advised by his attorney no conflict of interest existed between Hopps and the town.

Jan 9,87  **PV COUNCIL FIRES TOWN MANAGER:**
A three-month battle over the fate of the town manager ended in a crowded community center Thursday night as the council voted 4-3 to fire Steve Thompson. Thompson’s removal from his office was effective immediately although the former manager could have another hearing at his request before the council within 30 days.

Jan 13,87  **PV MAKES DO WITH INTERIM MANAGERS:**
Faced with the possibility of being the acting town manager for as long as three months, Chuck Youngman said Monday he hoped to solidify his staff quickly to help carry the town through until a permanent manager is hired.

Jan 13,87  **PV SEEKS PROBE OF DATA LOSS:**
Assistant Town Clerk Lyn Newton told the council Thursday night she discovered the town’s computer had been entered and accounts altered sometime between the first of the year and Feb., 7.

Jan 22, 87
**DPS AGREES TO PROBE PV TAMPERING CASE:**
Officials from the Department of Public Safety said they will investigate the alteration of financial records that reportedly has affected more than 50 percent of the town’s accounts.

Jan 22, 87
**COVER UP ALLEGED IN PV COMPUTER TAMPERING:**
Mayoral candidate William Douglass claimed Friday the recently discovered loss of data in the town’s computer was caused by human error and accused officials of attempting to cover up the mistake by labeling it “sabotage.”

Mar 1, 87
**CHEMICAL CLOUD SPURS PV EVACUATION:**
Fire officials evacuated portions of a Prescott Valley Industrial area Friday after chemical reactions at a gold processing shop sent nitric acid fumes billowing into the air. Twelve people were treated by paramedics for breathing problems and throat, nose, mouth and eye irritations but no one was hospitalized, according to authorities. Bob Siegfried, owner of Specific Products Development, admitted to police he did not have a business license, according to Sgt. Alan Baile, of the Prescott Valley Police Department. Siegfried later was cited by PV police for operating without a business license, code violations and not having proper state permits.

Mar 13, 87
**RECORDS KEEP PV OFF BALANCE:**
Council members have gone a second month without knowing the financial standing of the community as the town clerk told officials Thursday night the town’s computer balance did not match bank statements. Thorson recommended the town invest in a new computer and financial recording program. She said the present system is slow and does not automatically transfer fund credits and debits.

Mar 16, 87
**FUNDS SLOWING PV’S CLEANUP OF JUNK CARS:**
Town officials are beginning to review options to remove junk cars from property as a lack of budgeted funds has hampered efforts to enforce a town ordinance. Gloria Cox, zoning enforcement officer for the town, said town officials discovered the problem with the car-removal ordinance after she had cited about 34 residents for more than 70 vehicles in July, 1986.

Mar 18, 87
**THE VOTES ARE IN:**
2 incumbents, 2 newcomers get clear margin for PV council seats; voters will not be headed for the polls again in May to select council members because four candidates were automatically elected to the Town Council by a majority vote. Candidates Harvey Skoog, Timothy Hopps, Bill Howeth and John Pratt will begin serving their four-year terms in May as each candidate received a majority vote.

Mar 20, 87
**PV READS PRICE TAG FOR PLANT:**
Town officials learned Thursday night the price of progress could have a $14-million sales tag as a representative from a Phoenix engineering firm said that figure was the rough estimate for a town sewer system. Tim Bodell, a representative of Wilson & Company Engineers & Architects in Phoenix, said the town should begin to look toward installing a sewer system now before residential septic tanks affect groundwater quality in the area. Based on installation costs for a system capable of serving 25,000 residences, Bodel estimated the town would need to spend $4 million to $6 million on a collection system and $5 million to $8 million for a treatment plant. Councilman Timothy Hopps said he supported the idea of a treatment plant to serve the town, Prescott and Chino Valley with a shared cost for the plant.

Mar 22, 87
**PV TOWN ATTORNEY DENIES ACCEPTING WICKENBURG OFFER:**
Wickenburg officials say they have hired a new town attorney, but the man they say has accepted the position - Prescott Valley Town Attorney Harry Craig - denies the report. Ben Nardelli, town manager for Wickenburg, said Friday he had offered the position to Craig, who accepted the offer. He said Craig would begin working for the town April 6.

Mar 27, 87
**PV ATTORNEY RESIGNS, BLAMES 3 MEMBERS, COMMUNITY:**
Town Attorney Harry Craig asked the council to accept his resignation Thursday night, saying that certain members of the council and community have prevented him from properly carrying out his responsibilities. Last night Craig said he would consider accepting the position in Wickenburg if the council approves his resignation, even without severance pay, and “certain negotiations take place in Wickenburg.”

Apr 8, 87  **PV VOTERS OUST BEESON IN RECALL:**
Claiming he was just a “wounded soldier” with battles left to fight, Philip Beeson conceded Tuesday night to William Douglass in the mayoral recall election.

Apr 9, 87  **ADMINISTRATIVE AIDE JOINS PV TOWN STAFF:**
Town Manager Chuck Youngman soon will have some help on the job, but not from an assistant town manager. Janna Benjamin will officially begin her duties as administrative assistant Saturday, but her face is already a familiar one around town hall.

Apr 28, 87  **COUNCIL CLEARS PATH FOR HUSD:**
Pending final state approval, Humboldt Unified School District now has a site for a proposed elementary school in the middle of Prescott Valley - thanks to action taken last Thursday night by the Prescott Valley Town Council. By unanimous action, the Council approved an application document which requests the state to assign 11.1 acres of the Mountain View Park to the school district.

Apr 21, 87  **PV COUNCIL TACKLES DRAINAGE:**
A discussion of water easements and a drainage ordinance followed the swearing-in ceremony of Prescott Valley Mayor William Douglass and Councilman Harvey Skoog at a study session of the Town Council Thursday night.

Apr 28, 87  **PRINTPAK HOLDS UP PV PLANT:**
Citing industrial and industry-wide factors, Printpak, Inc. officials announced Monday they will not build a plant in Prescott Valley for at least three years.

May 15, 87  **PV AGREES TO HELP COUNTY BUILD NEW LANDFILL:**
The Town Council gave its permission Thursday night for the town to spend more than $36,000 to help the county acquire a new landfill. In an unanimous vote, council members agreed to pay $36,295 over an eight-year period to purchase a 40-acre parcel, which would be the first phase in a landfill that would eventually spread over 100 acres.

June 6, 87  **PV WELCOMES NEW LIBRARIAN:**
In a town experiencing a population such as Prescott Valley, it isn’t unusual to see new faces showing up in town. This time, the face belongs to Stuart Mattson, the new librarian for Prescott Valley Library. This time, you have to look up to the towering librarian. He stands about 6′4″.

June 12, 87  **PV COUNCIL TABLES ACTION FOR TOWN TO JOIN STATEWIDE INSURANCE POOL:**
Council members voted to table a motion that would have placed the town in an insurance pool with other towns and cities throughout the state. Council members tabled the motion in order to further study the provisions of the Arizona Municipal Risk Retention Pool that might provide the town with liability protection at a premium lower than the town could obtain on its own.

June 17, 87  **BUDGET HITS $10 MILLION:**
A tentative budget has been approved by the Prescott Valley Town Council - one which provides a .2 percent increase over last year’s budget and $7,575,000 for the possible acquisition of the Shamrock Water Company.

June 24, 87  **COUNCIL HIRES HILDEBRAND:**
The Prescott Valley town council met Friday in a special meeting to select a town attorney from four top finalists. By unanimous vote, the council selected Michael J. Hildebrand, city attorney of Denison, Kansas.

June 24, 87  **PV POLICE CHIEF WANTS MORE PERSONNEL:**
Members of the Prescott Valley Town council are scheduled to approve the 1987-88 budget on June 30th. Included in the budget is a request from Police Chief Ed Seder for three more officers.
There are currently 9 officers on the force, Seder said. “Since the town formed its own police force in 1981, the population has increased by 545 percent,” Seder said. In that same time period the size of the police force has grown only 80 percent.

June 30, 87

**PV ORDERS NEW GUIDES FOR ZONING:**
The Planning and Zoning commission asked P&Z Director Joel Shapiro to draft new guidelines Monday pertaining to home occupations and screening requirements in order to end confusion about regulations. After adjourning as the P&Z Commission, members reconvened as the Board of Adjustment and unanimously voted to deny a variance by a resident who is building a new house.

July 1, 87

**TOWN TO BUY NEW COMPUTER SYSTEM:**
A motion to spend a total of $52,250 over a three year period on a new computer system for the town of Prescott Valley was unanimously approved Thursday night in a 6-0 vote. Councilman Jim Black was absent. Mayor Douglass voted on the motion. Councilman Harvey Skoog said the new computer system would cost the town less money in accumulated hours during the Town audit. The balancing of the town books is now done manually. The new computer will enable the staff to keep a running balance.

July 7, 87

**PV BEGINS NEW FISCAL YEAR WITH OUT BUDGET:**
The bank account has run dry, but the doors of Town Hall are still open. The new fiscal year began July 1 and technically, town government is operating without funds. “Legally we can’t expend money from the budget but also legally we don’t have to approve the budget until July 21.” Town Manager Chuck Youngman said.

July 10, 87

**PV PUT SALES TAX TO 2%, APPROVES FISCAL BUDGET:**
The Town council unanimously approved a sales-tax increase Thursday after hearing only one complaint from a resident who said the hike could ruin commerce. The sales tax, which was raised to 2 percent, will take effect immediately.

July 16, 87

**PROBE FINDS PV COMPUTER ERRORS DELIBERATE:**
An Arizona Department of Public Safety investigation has determined that certain financial records stored in the town’s computer system were deliberately tampered with, but was inconclusive as to who was responsible. The Yavapai County Attorney’s office has declined to prosecute the case.

July 17, 87

**PV CONTRACTORS WIN FEE CONCESSIONS:**
Local contractors wrangled concessions from the Town council Thursday which place moratoriums on some building fee increases and give merchants a 180 day respite from the recent sales tax increase. This was the second time the contractors approached counsel to protest a proposed sales tax increase and an increase from $22 to $32 per square foot of valuation charged to contractors when they build homes, and creation of a plan check fee equal to 50-percent of the building permit fee, charged by the building department to review residential construction plans. This fee was scrapped by council. By a 6-0 vote, the council amended the tax ordinance so the increase will take effect July 20, and by a 5-1 vote gave all merchants 180 days to clear up accounts with contracts made through July 19.

July 17, 87

**PV RESIDENTS SWITCH FIRMS IN ROAD STUDY:**
To avoid “any appearance of a conflict of interest,” Unit 19 residents have asked another engineering firm to complete improvement district studies, one different from a company with which a Town Councilman is associated. Raymond Wymore told the council during a special meeting Thursday that 191 residents have requested the Prescott engineering firm Dusenberry Jason Associates to complete feasibility studies for the possible creation of road improvement and sewer improvement districts within unit 19.

July 22, 87

**P.V. BUSTED FOR DUST:**
On July 14th, the Arizona Department of Health Services’ Bureau of Air Quality Control dropped the hammer on Prescott Valley. The town has been officially cited by the State for having excessive dust, produced on major unpaved roads. The Notice of Violation was served on Town
Manager Chuck Youngman, “Actually,” said Youngman, “this is the first ticket I’ve ever received that will help me. I don’t view it as bad news, in that it reinforces my contention that we have a serious dust problem in Prescott Valley. This violation does the town a favor by defining our situation as an official emergency. It moves us to the head of the line in applying for help.”

July 22, 87  
**PRESCOTT VALLEY ENJOYING SHARP GROWTH RATES:**  
From fiscal year 1979/80 to 1985/86, Prescott Valley has enjoyed and struggled with sharp growth rates, making it one of the fastest growing communities in Arizona. Based on data supplied by Joel Shapiro of Planning and Zoning, there has been steady growth in building permits with two exceptions-1980/81 and 1984/85. In the past eight years, Prescott Valley has issued 3,480 permits-since the opening of the Planning and Zoning office. The average number of permits per year is 435. Prescott Valley has seen an average growth rate of nine percent per year, according to Shapiro.

July 24, 87  
**PV LIMITS TOWN, COUNCIL BUSINESS DEALS:**  
Town Council members will be prohibited from supplying more than $1,000 in materials or services to the town this year according to a resolution approved by the council at a meeting Thursday. The council voted 7-0 to adopt a resolution that allows the town to purchase supplies, material and equipment from the mayor and council without using competitive bidding procedures as long as any single transaction does not exceed $300. Also, during fiscal year 1987-88, no member of the council may earn more than $1,000 by providing supplies, materials or equipment to the town. The resolution must be approved every year.

July 27, 87  
**PV POLICE CHIEF STRUGGLES WITH STAFF SIZE, POSITIONS:**  
A statewide comparison among towns with similar populations indicates Prescott Valley has the smallest police force, and Chief Ed Seder said a search to fill the two new positions is moving slowly. A League of Arizona Cities and Towns comparison of towns with populations of 5,000 to 7,000 reveals Prescott Valley, with a police force of 10, is the smallest in the state. Lt. Roger Larm was hired July 1 to fill one position but the department is still trying to fill the other two. Larm, a 19-year police veteran, will be “my right arm,” Seder said.

Aug 6, 87  
**MOST PV BUSINESSES CARRY IMPROPER LICENSES:**  
A summer long effort to update the town’s business license records indicates that at least 250 businesses operated without the proper Licensing, costing the town as much as $5,000 in revenue. A license to operate a business costs anywhere from $20 for a general business to $200 to sell liquor. The licenses must be renewed annually.

Aug 11, 87  
**PV ENLISTS STATE, FEDERAL AID ON FLOOD PLAINS:**  
Town planners are taking a firmer grasp on the future with the help of state and federal agencies that are conducting floodplain studies at little or no cost to the town. Planning and Zoning Department director Joel Shapiro said Monday the Federal Emergency Management Agency is preparing studies on a 100-year floodplain that cuts though a large portion of the town, from Long Look Drive up through Ranger road. Shapiro said the Long Look Drive study is considered to be the most important to the town.

Aug 17, 87  
**PV TOWN CONSIDERS ORDINANCE BANNING PIT BULLS:**  
The town may distinguish itself as the first Arizona community to ban pit bulls if an ordinance defining dangerous animals is approved by the Town council. The first public reading of ordinance No. 160, banning pit bulls and dangerous animals, took place at last week’s council meeting. A second reading of the text must take place before the council may take any action. A grandfather clause built into the ordinance would allow any pit bulls licensed with the town on the date of the publication of the ordinance to remain within town limits.

Aug 28, 87  
**PV COUNCIL TABLES ACTION ON ANIMAL REGULATION LAW:**  
The Town Council tabled action on a dangerous animal ordinance that targeted pit bulls Thursday, but council sentiment and strong public opinion make it apparent the ordinance will not be enacted in its present form. A standing room only crowd turned out at the community
center, which holds 100, to hear the council elaborate proposed Ordinance 160 which defines dangerous animals, and prohibits them from being harbored within town limits. The council discussed the ordinance for about two hours, and watched taped excerpts from talk shows that featured the topic of pit bulls.

Aug 28, 87

**PV JOINS TRI-CITY ECONOMIC PANEL:**
The Town council unanimously approved a $5,000 contribution Thursday to a newly formed corporation that plans to attract new industry to the tri-city area. The contribution initiates the town into membership of the Prescott Area Economic Development corporation, a non-profit group formed this summer. PAEDC chairman Robert Roecker told the council, “Our purposes is to attract new industry to the area so we can broaden our economic base.

Sept 3, 87

**PV HIKES PERMIT FEES FOR HOME CONSTRUCTION:**
An increase in building permit fees could cost home builders $200 more to construct a house, but the chief inspector for the town’s building department said Wednesday the increase is needed to continue its self-supporting status. Where the fee for various permits to build a $50,000 home used to cost $315 to $320, it now could cost $510, Pat Ewert, chief building inspector, said. The Prescott Valley Contractor’s Association provided input to help the department raise fees to keep itself self supporting without placing too great a burden on local builders, Ewert said.

Sept 13, 87

**PV COUNCIL REJECTS HOME VARIANCE PLEA:**
The Town Council reviewed a Board of Adjustment decision for more than two hours Thursday before unanimously voting to uphold the decision denying a resident’s variance request. The council’s decision upholds action taken by the Board of Adjustment in August denying a variance request of not more than 5 ½ feet from Tony Grill, 4500 Saddleback Road. Attorney David Lange stated Grill already had invested $20,000 in the home and could not complete construction without the variance. The Board gave no reason for the decision to deny the variance.

Sept 17, 87

**PV HIRES FIRST FEMALE OFFICER:**
The Prescott Valley Police Department has hired its first female officer, and has filled two newly created positions with former FBI officers. Laura Molinaro and Robert Ziegler will begin training for their Arizona certification Dept. 21 at the Arizona Law Enforcement Training Academy in Tucson, Lt. Roger Larm, PVPD, said this morning. Both Molinaro and Ziegler were assigned to the FBI bureau in New York City. Molinaro worked as an FBI investigator for two years, and Ziegler was assigned to the bureau for 4½ years as an agent, Lam said.

Sept 18, 87

**ASPHALT OVERRUN OK'D BY PV TOWN COUNCIL:**
The Town council unanimously approved Thursday payment of a 46-percent cost overrun to Asphalt Paving and Supply for work completed on Robert Road. The council had previously given permission for Town Manager Chuck Youngman to pay up to a 30-percent overrun to Asphalt Paving and Supply for completing a paving project along Robert Road From Manley Drive to U.S. Highway 89-A.

Sept 22, 87

**CASH FLOW WOES PLAGUE PV OFFICIALS:**
Town Manager Chuck Youngman announced Monday all department heads will be required to immediately tighten the reins on the budgets they oversee to help the town weather a cash flow problem. Youngman stated the cash flow problem is a result of some “big ticket items”: purchased at the beginning of the fiscal year.

Sept 22, 87

**PV FIRES TOWN ATTORNEY:**
The services of Town Attorney Michael Hildebrand were terminated Monday after he failed a three-month job review conducted by the Town Council. Hildebrand will remain in the employ of the town until the end of September. Hildebrand said this morning the decision came as a “total surprise.”

Sept 23, 87

**BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT PLANS FINALIZED FOR 69:**
At a recent meeting with representatives from the Arizona department of Transportation (ADOT) plans were finalized for the planting of trees, bushes and wild flowers along Highway 69. In the
near future, water lines will be installed and trees planted so that they will take root before the
cold weather arrives.

**Sept 29, 87**
**PRESCOTT VALLEY BOARD SET TO HEAR APPEALS MONDAY:**
The Board of Adjustment will consider an appeal by two residents Monday to reverse a decision
made by Planning and Zoning Director Joel Shapiro that allows a resident to build a storage shed
on his property. Henry and Eleanor Zawistowski 4389 Cypress Circle, are expected to request
the board rescind Shapiro’s, decision which granted a building permit in July to Harry Phillips
for the purpose of constructing a storage building on a lot at 4301 N. Ridge circle. The storage
building measures 8-feet by 40-feet The Zawistowski’s are appealing approval of the building
permit on the basis that it allegedly violates the purpose of an R1L district, and section 13.6.2A
1.a of the building code, which states detached dwellings will not exceed 100 square feet in size.

**Sept. 29, 87**
**PV MAN ALLOWED TO KEEP DISPUTED STORAGE BUILDING:**
A resident will be allowed to keep an 8-foot by 40-foot portable storage container on his property
after the Board of Adjustment voted Monday to deny an appeal to rescind a decision by Planning
and Zoning Director Joel Shapiro that gave the resident a permit for the container. (Ed note)
Later, Council took action to rescind the order, and ordered the container moved.

**Oct 1, 87**
**LANDFILL FUELS WATER FEARS:**
The first official public meeting on the county’s site for a regional landfill packed the Prescott
Valley Community Center with landfill opponents principally voicing concerns about
groundwater contamination. Although groundwater near the sites being considered is said to run
in a southwesterly direction, Tim Hopps, Prescott Valley town councilman, said the town’s main
aquifers are closest to a site that no longer is under consideration for the landfill site. The focus
of the study to site the landfill then shifted to an area northeast of Prescott Valley where three
sites are being explored.

**Oct 30, 87**
**LANDFILL CHOICE PANNED:**
The town council met strong opposition from residents Thursday night over a proposed county
landfill site northwest of the town, near Coyote Creek. More than 100 people attended
Thursday’s work-study meeting and the majority of those attending were present to protest the
proposed landfill. Vice mayor John Pratt limited the time allowed for speaking before council to
three minutes per person.

**Nov 18, 87**
**TOWN COUNCIL OPPOSES LANDFILL SITES:**
The town council in a 7-0 vote turned down the proposed county landfill site northwest of the town, near Coyote Creek. More than 100 people attended Thursday’s work-study meeting and the majority of those attending were present to protest the proposed landfill. Vice mayor John Pratt limited the time allowed for speaking before council to three minutes per person.

**Nov 23, 87**
**NACOG TO DISCUSS WASTEWATER AGENCY:**
The Northern Arizona Council of Governments will conduct a hearing Jan.21 to discuss an
amendment which will designate Prescott Valley as a management agency for a publicly owned
waste treatment works. The Prescott Valley Town Council passed resolution No. 266 during
their Nov. 12 meeting in support of becoming a wastewater management designee. Their
resolution requested the governor of Arizona to certify Prescott Valley as a management agency.

**Nov 25, 87**
**TESTING TO BEGIN ON NEW LANDFILL SITE ON CONLIN LAND:**
It was a “go” to make an offer, as well as begin testing, on a new site on Conlan Property for a
county sanitary landfill. This new site is one half mile north of Hwy 89A in Prescott Valley.
Members of the Landfill Siting Committee gave approval to Director of Public Works Angelo
Manero to make an offer to Robert Conlan for 280 acres at $2,000 an acre when they met on
Friday. However, the offer is conditional on allowing entry for testing, establishing monitoring
and the property meeting all standards of Arizona’s new Environmental Quality Act (EQA), one
of the strictest in the nation, and Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) approval.

**Dec 13, 87**
**TOYS FOR TOTS DONATIONS ‘MOUNTAINOUS’ IN PV:**
Children without toys on Christmas Morning is very sad. But in Prescott Valley the Toys for tots
program is working to spread joy among under-privileged children during the holiday season.
According to Carol Walker, Toys for Tots coordinator, Prescott Valley Police Department and Central Yavapai Fire District are sponsoring the program. The citizens of Prescott Valley are making the program possible by their generous donations, she said.

Dec 20,87

**PV COPS WORK WITH YOUTHS ON DRUG ABUSE:**

Today’s police officers not only chase the bad guys, they also work hard at preventing today’s children from becoming tomorrow’s bad guys. At least that is what two of Prescott Valley’s finest are trying to do with a school program. Sgt. A.R. Baile and Officer Dave Kuns of the Prescott Valley Police Department are carrying the “just say no” message to the area schools, kindergarten through high school. “The whole drug problem can’t be solved with (law) enforcement,” Baile said.

Dec 7,87

**LANDFILL COMMITTEE APPOINTED:**

The request of Arizonans for Better Living Environment (ABLE) was met almost before it was asked Wednesday at a special meeting of the Yavapai County Board of Supervisors. ABLE, a group that was formed to oppose the proposed landfill site was told by Chairman Gladys Gardner that the board would appoint a nine-member Advisory Committee for Alternate Disposal of Solid Waste to research alternate methods for the disposal of solid waste and bring the board its recommendations, including explicit detail, at the regular meeting Feb.22.

Jan 13,88

**PV LITTLE LEAGUE TO FOLD WITHOUT SUPPORT:**

The President and Secretary of the Prescott Valley Little League said this week that they will be forced to fold the team unless they receive more support from the community. “If we don’t get new people, we can’t continue,” PV Little League President G.G. Lee said. “It can’t be run well with only five people on the board, and it isn’t fair to the kids.”

Jan 27,88

**RV PARK TARGETED FOR PRESCOTT VALLEY:**

A sixty-acre park for recreational vehicles which will be located south of Prescott Valley was approved Tuesday by the Yavapai County Board of Supervisors, Planning and Zoning spokesman Rich Parker said yesterday.

Jan 28,88

**HUMBOLDT STUDENTS BASK IN WARMTH OF BOND ISSUES:**

The Humboldt Unified School District has made great strides toward expanding its facilities to handle its swelling student population. “We are fairly proud of what the community people have allowed us to do,” Jim Dodd, superintendent of schools said Wednesday. “They’ve passed two big bond issues.” Dodd said the student population has grown from 1,462 students in the 1984-85 school year to 2,200 for this 1987-88 school year, a whopping 66 percent in three years.

Jan 29,88

**PRESCOTT VALLEY CITIZENS SPEAK OUT AT MEETING:**

“If you open up Cattle Track drive, it will just shatter our neighborhood,” aid one woman in Thursday’s town council meeting who spoke against building a connector from Winchester and Cattle Track drives to Hwy 89A. According to a recent memorandum from Town Manager Chuck Youngman, the main reason for the connectors is to allow emergency access to Unit 17 in case of an accident at Robert Road and Hwy 89A. Calling objections to the connector “ridiculous,” Mayor William Douglass explained that when Unit 17 is fully developed, residents will need all the access they can get.

Feb 3,88

**PRESCOTT VALLEY’S DRUG PROBLEM:**

“People are kidding themselves if they think we don’t have a problem.” Prescott Valley Police Chief Ed Seder said Monday during an interview on drugs in Prescott Valley. Chief Seder said that a wide variety of drugs are available in Prescott, Prescott Valley, and Chino Valley, but that the problem is not one of supply, but demand. If you eliminate the demand, you take the profit out of it, and the supply will be eliminated. That is why we believe education is so important.

Feb 24,88

**PRESCOTT VALLEY STAFF PERFORMING WELL, SURVEY:**

According to recent survey distributed by Prescott Valley Town Manager Chuck Youngman, most contractors believe the town departments are doing a good job. “We had some complaints that we don’t have a building department head, but that position would cost us from $25,000 to $30,000 - and we don’t have that kind of money. Planning and Zoning needs to improve in the
area of public relations, according to Shapiro. “It is one of the most difficult things to do,” he said.

Mar 2, 88  **PRESCOTT VALLEY WILL SET UP MDC:**
The establishment of a municipal development corporation (MDC) to finance a new town hall has moved one step closer to reality; The Prescott Valley Town council agreed in a regular session Thursday to hire the law firm of O’Connor, Cavanaugh, experts in bond law, to set up the MDC.

Mar 8, 88  **BUSINESSES FIND IT BETTER IN PRESCOTT VALLEY:**
High rents and a lack of commercial business places have driven some Prescott businesses to Prescott Valley, say some Prescott Valley business people.

Mar 11, 88  **PV COUNCIL APPOINTS NEW BOARD:**
The Prescott Valley town council Thursday appointed five people to the board of directors for the town’s new municipal development corporation (MDC). Since the town has never had an MDC, town officials, the council and the new board members, indicated they know little about what is expected of them. The purpose of the newly formed-corporation will be to fund a new town hall for Prescott Valley.

Mar 18, 88  **OLSEN PROPOSES PV TAKE PARTIAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR FLORENTINE:**
County supervisor John Olsen proposed to the town council Thursday that the Town of Prescott Valley assume responsibility for a portion of Florentine Road. The portion of Florentine Road under consideration is between Yavapai Road and Pine View Drive. “We would like to get it in its proper jurisdiction,” Olsen said, “We think that’s Prescott Valley.” The county would repair the road to the satisfaction of the town engineer of Prescott Valley before the transfer would take place.

Mar 28, 88  **PARKS PROJECT OUTLINED BY STATE RECREATION OFFICIALS:**
Representatives of the Arizona Parks and Recreation Association, Inc. Outlined to town council Thursday how the town will participate in the Arizona Rural Recreation Project. The town was recently selected for participation in the program, which is designed to meet the recreational needs of communities that do not have recreation services. The goal of APRA is to help communities develop their own permanent recreational services.

Mar 23, 88  **NATURAL GAS CAPACITY TO BE EXPANDED IN VALLEY:**
Southern Union Gas Company will be expanding natural gas utilities in Prescott Valley, according to area spokesman Allan Bounds. “I’ve been here two years, and it’s been one of my top priorities to get gas into Prescott Valley so that it’s readily available instead of just on the outskirts,” Bounds said Tuesday.

Mar 25, 88  **PV ROADS MAY BE IMPROVED SOON:**
Prescott Valley residents are closer to having their streets improved by means of improvement districts. The town council approved a policy Thursday. The policy outlines the number of landowner votes required to give the go-ahead for a street improvement district, the method of assessment and the road costs which will be paid by the town.

Mar 25, 88  **BOARD OF DIRECTORS SELECTED IN PV MUNICIPAL CORPORATION:**
The town’s municipal property corporation (MPC) board of directors chose its officers Thursday and recommended the corporation’s articles of incorporation and bylaws.

Apr 8, 88  **PV OKS APPLICATION:**
By formally requesting status as a wastewater management agency from the Northern Arizona Council of Governments (NACOG) in a special session Thursday night, the town moved closer to having its own water treatment facilities. “This is step number one...to help us get cracking a little earlier on a sewage treatment study,” Mayor William Douglas said.

Pr 15, 88  **PV COUNCIL CURBS OPEN-AIR IMBIBING:**
There will not be any further consumption of the bubbly in Prescott Valley’s parks or property without the town’s permission. The Prescott Valley Town Council passed on first reading Thursday night an ordinance that prohibits the “consumption of spirituous liquor” in public parks.
or on public property owned by the town without a council-approved permit. The term spirituous liquor includes any type of beverage with an alcoholic content of more than .5 percent.

Apr 20, 88  
**PRESCOTT VALLEY COUNCILMAN RESIGNS:**
Town Councilman Tim Hopps resigned his post Monday amid conflict of interest claims by several residents. Rather than allowing a storm of protest to build around his efforts to see a street improvement district started in unit 19, he resigned, Hopps said.

Apr 27, 88  
**PROPERTY TAX VOTE WILL DECIDE FUTURE, MAYOR SAYS:**
Prescott Valley voters will vote May 17 on a property tax sufficient to raise $460,000 annually in additional revenues for the town, and Mayor Douglass responded during a press conference yesterday to critics who say that it isn’t necessary. Mayor Douglass stated that good towns don’t just happen. They are built with sacrifice and great effort.

Apr 29, 88  
**PV COUNCIL REPEALS RENTAL INCOME TAX:**
Renters can breathe a sigh of relief now that landlords will not be “passing the buck” to them. Town Council repealed part of the town tax code Thursday, lightening the tax burden many residents carry. The section of the town tax code which was changed required owners of residential or commercial property to pay a tax on income derived from the renting, leasing or licensing of the property.

May 10, 88  
**PV RECALL DRIVE FACES DELAY:**
Petitioners attempting to recall the mayor and four members of town council faced a delay in receiving the recall petition Monday. Town Clerk, Linda Thorson is requesting legal advice before she releases the recall petition. “That is the proper thing to do, because you don’t want top give out wrong information,” said Yavapai County elections Director Tom Oppelt.

May 18, 88  
**PV VOTES NO ON PROPERTY TAX:**
The Prescott Valley community voted the property tax down by a two-to-one margin last night, following a bitter campaign that has sparked a recall movement and pitted citizens and council members against each other. Town Manager Chuck Youngman said the property tax would be proposed again next year.

June 1, 88  
**DOUGLASS LAMBASTS GROUP AS HE LEAVES PV MAYOR POSITION:**
In a parting shot, Mayor William Douglass named several persons he accused of appointing themselves as “the guardian(s) of all the people” during a special council meeting Tuesday night. “They have embarked on a campaign to sow discord and distrust between the residents of the town and their elected officials. They seek to do this through misinformation, disruption of the governmental process, harassment of the town staff and political blackmail of members of the council.” Douglas said.

June 21, 88  
**MONEY IS FOUND TO HELP AREA PARKS:**
The Arizona Rural Recreation Development Project, designed to help small communities like Prescott Valley and Chino Valley start their own parks and recreation programs, is under way. Sponsored by Mountain Bell Telephone, the town received $10,000 for the summer project.

June 29, 88  
**PV CHAMBER GETS A NEW EXEC DIRECTOR:**
On June 15th Chamber of Commerce received an experienced and enthusiastic new executive director, Vera Foss. One of her main goals is to increase the membership from the present 152 members to 200 members by the end of the year. “I will try to help Prescott Valley establish its own identity from Prescott. It’s different than Prescott.”

July 11, 88  
**LUCKY SEVEN TRANSFER BUILDING WEIGH SCALES IN PRESCOTT VALLEY:**
Workers broke ground Thursday on the construction of the only certified truck scale in the tri-city area at a local transfer and storage company. The scale, located at Lucky Seven Transfer and Storage Company, 8600 Long Mesa, should be completed in about two weeks, company owner Steve Rutherford said. Rutherford recently moved Lucky Seven Transfer and its $350,000 payroll to Prescott Valley. The company was in Prescott for about 50 years.

July 13, 88  
**PV COUNCIL SIGNS LEASE AGREEMENT:**
A long awaited lease agreement between the town and the Central Arizona Seniors Association was signed Tuesday, after about 18 months of negotiations. Prescott Valley Mayor Ed Smith and CASA President Larry Potter signed the agreement during a luncheon meeting at the CASA building, located at 8201 Loos Drive.

**July 17, 88**

**NEW PROGRAM WILL ALLOW PV EMPLOYEES TO SUGGEST IMPROVEMENTS:**
Town department heads recently attended a “kick off” meeting for an “I recommend” program to reward employees for good, usable recommendations that save the town money or make employee’s work safer and easier. The program was initiated by Mayor Ed Smith. By definition, the name of the program, “I recommend”, is better than “I suggest.” Smith said. “We can create a better environment, I believe, for both the town and the people who work for the town,” Smith said.

**July 18, 88**

**PV BUILDING PERMITS UP:**
The building department issued a marked increase in the number of building permits in June that it issued in May. All permits for June amounted to 112 as compared to 64 permits issued in May. The increased volume of building permits as continued its upward trend for seven of the past nine years. There were 715 total permits issued for fiscal year 1987-1988 from 592 permits issued in 1986-87.

**July 19, 88**

**PRESCOTT VALLEY BUDGET COMPLETE:**
The Town Council passed the town’s final budget of nearly $4 million in a special council meeting Monday night in a unanimous vote of 5-0. Councilman Bill Howeth was absent. The total annual budget is $4,491,139. But by subtracting $1,682,900 in anticipated grants and revenues, the “working budget” totals $2,868,239 according to figures provided by Town Manager Chuck Youngman.

**Aug 3, 88**

**DRUG ENFORCEMENT PAYS OFF FOR PRESCOTT VALLEY POLICE:**
Prescott Valley has a drug problem, but recently increased law enforcement efforts are paying off. Tuesday an alert citizens tipped off police to a suspicious vehicle, and Prescott Valley officers arrested a man for allegedly selling drugs to a minor. “We’re located between two major highways, U.S. 89 and U.S. 17, we have a large amount of national forest and very few deputies or forest people to cover them. I don’t think that for a town our size we have such a monstrous problem, but by the same token, we need to keep a lid on this problem.” Baile said.

**Aug 12, 88**

**PV MAYOR RAILS RECALL INITIATIVE LEADER PIZUTTO:**
Mayor Ed Smith blasted resident Tony Pizutto during Thursday night’s council meeting for his alleged efforts to mislead the residents of the town with budget figures and public accusations of misconduct on the part of the town council. Point by point, Smith refuted most of the claims Pizutto had made as he responded to a circular Pizutto had distributed around the town. “Is this your way of blowing smoke, Mr. Pizutto, or are you just lying,” Smith said. Smith again told Pizutto to “get the facts straight.”

**Aug 16, 88**

**PIZZUTO SAYS HE WILL NOT GIVE UP RECALL IN SPITE OF ATTACKS, THREATS:**
Recall backer Tony Pizzuto said he will not give up his fight against the town council, even though he has been verbally attacked by the mayor and threatened with being “run out of the town” by one of its citizens. “I think you should be recalled, Mr. Pizzuto,” Smith said. Members of the audience then cheered and one man said Pizzuto should be run “out of town on a rail.”

**Aug 16, 88**

**PRIVATE COMPANY OFFERS TO TAKE NEW LANDFILL:**
The county landfill siting committee heard presentations Wednesday for a private company to take over the operation and financing of the proposed new landfill. The committee also recommended to the county Supervisors that the siting process be taken out of the hands of local government employees and put into an outside engineering firm. Joe Vetch, a promoter and agent for the Lundell Company, told the committee that he and an ecology company, Natural Resources Recovery Corporation, could take over total operation of the separation and recycling
part of the landfill. County supervisor John Olsen and committee members agreed that a outside firm is necessary to speed the process.

Aug 17,88  **PREScott valley’s mayor denounces accusations, refuses to resign:**

The scenario played out at the end of the Prescott Valley Town Council meeting on Thursday, August 17th sparked the otherwise routine agenda. Mayor Ed Smith made a dramatic speech that brought forth spontaneous applause and a standing ovation. Mayor Smith made it very clear that he nor Council Members Pratt, Howeth, and Skoog intend to resign. Mayor Smith’s remarks were directed straight toward Tony Pizzuto, a Prescott Valley business man, who is leading a recall effort against the Mayor and council members Pratt, Howeth and Skoog.

Aug 19,88  **Mobile pet clinic told to hit the road in PV:**

A mobile pet vaccination business claims it has been meeting unseen opposition in the Prescott Valley area after trying to operate a weekend clinic here. Mobile Pet Vaccination (AMPV), of Glendale, planned a vaccination clinic for Saturday, Aug. 13, at the Pet Place, located at 8552 E. Highway 69. Owner of the Pet Place, Margaret Hartman, said she received several anonymous “harassing” phone calls, possibly from local veterinarians. The Prescott Valley Planning and Zoning Department contacted her and said AMPV had to obtain a special use permit and find another location for the clinic. Otherwise, the Pet Place and AMP would be in violation of the town code.

Aug 21,88  **Political turmoil marks the history of Prescott Valley:**

The Town of Prescott Valley has gone through dozens of mayors and councilmen in its short 10-year history. There have been three mayors and 13 councilmen the last three years alone - less than one term of office. One council seat has been unfilled for the past three months. Many of the citizens of Prescott Valley are concerned about the high turnover. Some claim the town has brought its problem upon itself. Others say the council has been badgered by a few disgruntled people and should be left alone to do its job.

Aug 24,88  **PV celebrates ten years:**

The town Hall will be the center of much of the activity during the tenth anniversary of the town’s incorporation on Sunday, August 28 from 2 to 5 p.m..

Aug 26,88  **1st phase is finished for PV connector road:**

The first leg of a road that will stretch near Prescott Valley from Highway 69 to 89A has been completed, and plans are underway to complete the remaining portion, hopefully within the next five years. The completed phase, which cost $305,542, provides access from Florentine Road to Humboldt High School near Prescott Valley. Olsen said the road was constructed with financial assistance from the Humboldt Unified School district. He also said the major transportation link could ultimately extend to the Prescott airport area or to Chino Valley.

Aug 26,88  **Fagelman filling vacancy:**

The Town Council elected home contractor Jay Fagelman to fill the council seat which has been empty for two months during a regular meeting Thursday night.

Aug 31,88  **PREScott valley receives $100,000:**

The announcement by Town Manager Charles Youngman at the August 25 Council meeting that Prescott Valley was receiving $100,000 for road improvements from the State Department of Commerce Urgent Needs Fund, met with a round of applause. That amount is allocated for the full length or Lone Cactus Drive, Long Look, and part of Superstition Drive. It cannot be used for any other purpose.

Sept 4,88  **Recall petitions in, out, lost, found:**

Tony Pizzuto submitted, then withdrew, recall petitions to oust four members of the council Friday, and also announced his candidacy for mayor of the town. Pizzuto submitted about 300 signatures at about 12:30 p.m. Friday to Town Clerk Linda Thorson. He then withdrew them when several pages of signatures could not be found. Extra pages were found later by Pizzuto. When he withdrew his petitions, he didn’t know if he would be allowed to submit them the day
after the holiday, Tuesday, Sept. 6. “Tuesday will be on time,” said Rhonda Repp, attorney for the Town of Prescott Valley. Pizzuto also announced he would run for mayor against incumbent Smith.

Sept 13,88
**PRESCOTT VALLEY STAFF WORK ON THEIR WISH LIST:**
The most common wish on the wish list for the Town of Prescott Valley is a little more space. The town recently outlined the town’s needs and a proposed plan for action at a daylong planning session at the Sheraton Resort and Conference Center. Although most of the departments are calling for better communication among themselves and Town Manager Chuck Youngman, the bottom line is capital improvements and the efficiency that is expected to result from them.

Sept 14,88
**SEN. HAYS OPPOSES PV WATER TRANSFER:**
The Town of Prescott Valley, on August 25, sent a resolution opposing replacement of water from Yavapai County to Valley cities, to the Director of Arizona Department of Water resources, the Town of Chino Valley, the City of Prescott, the Yavapai County Board of Supervisors, the two District 1 representatives, and the state senator. The resolution “opposes the replacement of water for the valley cities, lost due to the deletion of Cliff Dam, with groundwater from the surrounding Prescott area of Yavapai County and concurring with the position of Senator John Hays”. The situation came about because, according to the resolution, the Bureau of Reclamation was directed to draw up a list of options for valley cities to replace approximately 30,000 acre feet of water lost thereby, and the list included an option using groundwater from lands near Prescott. As it turns out, Senator Hays had discussed the option with C. Laurence Linser, acting director of the Arizona Department of Water Resources in July, and received confirmation of Hays’ position in a letter from Linser, dated August 23.

Sept 14,88
**ANIMAL CONTROL BECOMES PRIORITY AT COUNCIL MEETING:**
Concerns over the out of control animal control took precedent at the September 8th meeting of the Prescott Valley Town Council. Bonnie Keith, an experienced pet owner and officer of the Kennel Club, addressed the group and asked for input from the residents of Prescott Valley and the surrounding area. She pointed out that there were many hazards in the present system and many animals that would make excellent pets were being euthanized needlessly.

Sept 15,88
**RUMOR CONTROL OCCUPIES TIME OF PV OFFICIALS:**
The town manager and police chief are now spending time quelling rumors about the part they play in town management. Town Manager Chuck Youngman and Police Chief Ed Seder spent about half an hour refuting rumors and answering questions at the Central Arizona Senior Association Tuesday. “I do not have 26 police officers working for me,” Seder said. He said he has 10 officers, not including himself or the special drug enforcement officer, who are so busy they often go from one call to the next. Even so, they have an average response time of about four minutes, Seder said. Youngman said the claim that the town is planning to build a new town hall for $2 million is “absolutely untrue.” We are looking at about $200,000 for a town hall, and that’s only a projection.” Another rumor said he illegally waived building fees for the Humboldt Unified School District’s new elementary school, which is under construction in the town.

Sept 20,88
**PV COPS SAY THEY NEED MORE ELBOW ROOM:**
Police department personnel are saying they are so cramped on office space that the situation is “an accident waiting to happen” Police Chief Ed Seder said the department operates in about 700 square feet. Officers often have to write reports and question prisoners and victims in the same room—at the same time. “We’ve been real lucky back there,” said Town Manager Chuck Youngman, referring to the potential for accidents, lawsuits and the safety of officers and citizens alike.

Sept 28,88
**NORTHRIDGE RESIDENTS PROTEST ZONING CHANGE:**
A proposed zoning change concerning property bordering Northridge Park, a mobile home park located in Yavapai county across the Highway from Prescott Valley, brought over 100 residents
to the meeting of the Prescott Valley Planning and Zoning Commission on Wednesday, September 21 at the Prescott Valley Community Center. Residents of Shadow Mountain Park which is located near Northridge also attended the meeting. Residents signed a petition protesting any change that might allow heavy industry development close to their homes. They brought their concerns to the Planning and Zoning Commission and were heard at the Wednesday night meeting. Residents expressed their concerns and Realtor Jerry White of the Prescott Valley Joint Venture Developers withdrew the request for general industrial which involved a parcel, identified as the middle parcel of three parcels. The 410.3 acres of land to be developed includes three parcels as he showed on the map he exhibited to the audience. The parcels are located on the south side of Highway 69 extending back behind the old Safeway Shopping Center and extending even farther to the back, the middle parcel bordering the Northridge property.

Sept 30, 88 PV COUNCIL AWARDS ROAD CONTRACT:
In a council meeting comprised largely of “housekeeping” duties, the town council awarded a bid for road construction worth about $45,000. Council awarded Asphalt Paving Company a contract for the paving of Valley Road, from Truwood Drive to the Prescott Valley Industrial Park, and a portion of Truwood Drive.

Oct 12, 88 PUBLIC RECEIVES INFORMATION ABOUT PRESCOTT VALLEY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE:
The Prescott Valley Chamber of Commerce sponsored a public meeting on Friday, October 7, at the Prescott Valley Community Center. Vera Foss, executive secretary and Dorothy Richardson, assistant, hosted the meeting. The operation of the Chamber was explained by the two representatives from the Chamber.

Oct 14, 88 PV HAS CLEAN AUDIT:
The Town received a clean bill of health in its annual audit from representatives of the Arthur Anderson and Company accounting firm during Thursday night’s council meeting. The town has made “excellent progress in its financial record keeping practices since we started last year,” said Tom Doxon of Arthur Anderson and Company. Mayor Ed Smith also praised the staff, saying this year is the first time the town has been on time with an annual audit.

Nov 2, 88 PV TOWN COUNCIL APPROVES PAVING OF WINDSONG ROAD:
The Prescott Valley Town council accepted a proposal to transfer monies from non-departmental to road department for the purpose of paving Windsong Road. This will be a very appropriate time before the winter weather begins.

Nov 3, 88 PRESCOTT VALLEY RECALL EFFORT DEAD:
The effort to recall several members of the town council, has fallen short. The town will not have to hold a recall election involving councilmen: Vice-mayor John Pratt, and councilmen Harvey Skoog and Bill Howeth. According to Town Clerk Linda Thorson, the recall effort headed by Tony Pizzuto failed to provide enough valid petition signatures after the verification processes of Yavapai County and the Town of Prescott Valley to force a recall election.

Nov 7, 88 PIZZUTO: HE’LL TAKE P.V. TO COURT:
After coming up short of valid petition signatures, recall organizer Toy Pizzuto said he may be taking the town to court. “I’m afraid I’m going to have to go to court. It depends on whether I can get cooperation from the state attorney general’s office.” Pizzuto said. He said the town and county have incorrectly interpreted the election laws pertaining to the recall because they invalidated many of the signatures he submitted and allowed signers to withdraw their names from recall petitions after the submittal deadline. “I’ll do whatever the Attorney General says, I don’t want to change the law, but I think the town is in error.” Pizzuto said

Nov 16, 88 PV TOWN COUNCIL INVITES PUBLIC TO OPEN FORUM ON NOVEMBER 22:
The Prescott Valley Town council opened the November 10 meeting with a presenting of the colors by the American Legion Auxiliary members of Post 108. Honoring Veterans Day, the meeting was called to order after the flag ceremony and the Pledge of Allegiance followed by the
invocation. Announcements included an invitation to all residents of Prescott Valley to attend the Open Forum which will be held at the PV Community Center on November 22, beginning at 7 p.m. All residents are urged to attend and give their input and exchange ideas and ask questions from the audience. The forum will be taped by Channel 28.

Nov 18,88  
**HER DREAMS FOR PRESCOTT VALLEY INCLUDE NO LANDFILL:**  
Peggy Wrobleski states emphatically she has not been alone in the fight, but she has distinguished herself as one ready to do battle to keep a landfill out of her neighborhood. If public opinion is the deciding factor, she may have garnered enough on her side to win and ultimately stop a landfill from being put in Prescott Valley. She has lived there just over five years, is a homeowner for the first time since moving from eastern apartment living and she chose to live in Prescott Valley, she says, for positive reasons. “My dreams for Prescott Valley do not include a landfill,” she said.

Nov 18,88  
**FRUSTRATION BREAKS OUT AT LANDFILL MEETING:**  
Frustrated with public opposition to potential landfill site selections, Chino Valley Mayor Herb Voss angrily told dissatisfied area residents at a meeting Wednesday that “someone is going to have to give in and face reality.” Voss made the comment at a meeting of the Landfill Siting Committee after disgruntled residents in attendance suggested incompetence among county supervisors and staff in getting the landfill problem resolved. After warning residents to limit their remarks to “constructive criticism,” Voss reminded them that the county and cities involved in establishing a regional landfill have hired a private engineering firm, Deuel and Associates, to select sites for the facility, because the firm is not influenced by political interests. He said that by the time Deuel completes sits work, it will have spent $50,000 of taxpayer money. “At that point in time,” he asserted, “we had better be ready to accept their recommendation”

Nov 20,88  
**PV BUILDING IS UP 16%:**  
Overall October building permits increased about 16 percent above September’s figures, even though applications for single-family residential building permits dipped slightly. Total building permits rose from 60 to 70, fees were up from $13,064.01 to $15,187.82 and valuations of construction projects moved sharply from $1,096,346 to $1,567,208.

Nov 23,88  
**TOUR OF TOWN HALL REVEALS CROWDED CONDITIONS:**  
The Town Hall is cramped and overcrowded and employees have very little room to carry on their duties. Especially evident in the Prescott Valley Police Department in the rear of the Town Hall Building. There are ventilation problems throughout the building and structural damage is apparent in many areas which could be hazardous.

Nov 30,88  
**PRESCOTT VALLEY OBSERVES MEMORIAL TREE LIGHTING:**  
The annual Sandberg Memorial Christmas Tree Lighting is Friday, December 2 at 6 p.m. on Frontage Road across from Circle K at Robert Road. The Prescott Valley Chamber of Commerce sponsors the tree lighting and the program will include President of the Chamber Scott Sandberg and speaker for the event will be Prescott Valley Mayor Ed Smith.

Nov 30,88  
**FORUM OPENS DOORS OF COMMUNICATION:**  
The Open Forum drew a large number of Prescott Valley residents on Tuesday, November 22 at the PV Community Center. The public meeting, sponsored by the Prescott Valley’s Comprehensive Planning Committee, served its purpose well, the response was most gratifying. There were questions, concerns, and opinions expressed and before the meeting adjourned, a decision was made to hold an annual meeting of this kind. Road improvements topped the list of what people in Prescott Valley want most, then the question of a sewer system and when would it become a reality?

Dec 6,88  
**PRESCOTT LOSES ANOTHER BUSINESS TO PRESCOTT VALLEY:**  
Another company has moved from Prescott to Prescott Valley. McWhite’s’ North American Van Lines started moving its operations to its new facility in Prescott Valley two weeks ago after an unfruitful search for a suitable site in Prescott. Sales and Marketing Manager Tim Brice said
the company owners, Jerry and Mary McCabe, wanted to keep the business in Prescott, but the price for land and construction is too expensive. The move was made to allow business expansion and provide larger warehousing capabilities.

**PV CITIZENS INVESTING IN POLICE:**
Residents are taking police matters into their own hands. Because of the high rate of police officer shootings in Arizona, some Prescott Valley people are concerned for the safety of their officers and have begun to do something about it. Three of Prescott Valley’s Evening Lions - George Andersen, Sid Mesibov and Allen McGuire - set up an account at Valley National Bank to gather enough money to buy bullet-proof vests for all the officers in the town who patrol the streets. “A couple of us were talking with an officer who showed us his vest. He said he wished all of the officers could have one,” Mesibov said. Police Chief Ed Seder said only two of his officers have their own vests, leaving another 10 unprotected. Vests cost from $350 to $400 each, a lot of money for many police officers to handle, Seder said.

**PV-HUSD WILL SHARE PAVING PROJECT:**
The cost of Loos Paving Project Will be shared by the town of Prescott Valley and the Humboldt Union School District. The School District has offered $45,000 to pave the school area of Loos where the Mountain View Elementary School is located. The Town voted to accept the offer at the December 8 Council Meeting. Prescott Valley’s share of the paving costs will be $48,325. This will be accomplished by entering into a governmental agreement with HUSD.

**LEGAL CHALLENGES PROVIDING ‘FUN’ FOR CITY ATTORNEY:**
The Town’s new attorney, Deanie Reh, is excited about the variety of legal tasks she now faces. “The first day there were five to seven legal questions for me to answer. There have been legislative questions, drainage questions, improvement district questions. To me it’s a lot of fun,” Mrs. Reh said. As the Town Attorney for Prescott Valley, she is responsible for civil and criminal duties, providing legal opinions to the town manager, town council and department heads as requested and drafts ordinances.

**COUNTY CONSIDERING A MODULAR HOME TRACT IN PRESCOTT VALLEY AREA:**
The Villages of Prescott Valley, a project for 93 modular home lots and four tracts near Prescott Country Club, is asking for a zoning map change and approval of a final site plan and preliminary plat Wednesday at the regular meeting of the Yavapai County Planning and Zoning Commission. The Villages at Prescott Valley is located on the east side of Highway 69 about one-half mile south of Fain Road. On Dec. 7 the commission held the developer’s requests in abeyance to allow time for the applicant to develop a master plan that would delineate future necessary rights-of-way, treatment of the Lynx Creek Channel and potential surrounding land use.

**LANDFILL SITING PROGRESSES TO ANOTHER STAGE**
Prescott and Prescott Valley are off the hook - for the time being anyway - as possibilities for location of the county’s proposed new regional sanitary landfill. Three sites were selected for further geotechnical study Monday in action by the county board of supervisors that pushes the project to find a new landfill site into its second phase.

**HIGHWAY ACCESS TURNED DOWN FOR RV STORAGE YARD:**
A request from a proposed recreational vehicle storage facility in Prescott Valley for direct access onto Highway 69 was turned down Wednesday by the Yavapai County Planning and Zoning Commission. Commission members and staff expressed clear concern, despite reported Arizona Department of Transportation approval, about allowing another access onto that particular highway in view of its accident history. The request was brought to the commission by planners of Trethan Secured RV and Boat Storage who have received a use permit to build on the north side of Highway 69 at Bald Mountain Drive and Great Western Drive. Their original request was for an amendment to their use permit that would allow access from the facility
directly to the highway via Great Western Drive. The frontage road does not currently extend along this portion of the highway. The Planning and Zoning Commission staff reviewed the access plan and noted serious concerns about its safety over the prospect of recreational vehicles—perhaps pulling boats—turning left onto the highway.

Jan 15,89  BUILDING UP 21% IN PV:
Building activity here for fiscal year 1987-88 hit an all-time high at 715 permits, 21 percent more than the year before. Statistics provided by the town building department show 17 percent of all building activity in the past ten years took place last fiscal year. Last year was the third straight year the number of building permits issued has increased at a rate of 12 percent or more. Building activity grew at an average annual rate of 10.5 percent per year since fiscal year 1979-80.

Jan 16,89  COPS HAVE VESTED INTEREST:
Up until now, Prescott Valley police officers have for the most part gone protected from assailant’s bullets, but that is all in the past, thanks to citizen contributors. Donations to the Vest-ed Police Fund to buy bulletproof vests for town police officers have passed the halfway mark. About $5,000 is needed to outfit 12 officers with a vest, said George Andersen, who helped set up the fund. The fund was started by the Prescott Valley Boosters Club about three weeks ago.

Jan 25,89  PLANNING GROUP SAYS PV NEEDS IMPROVEMENTS:
The town needs improvement and development according to the newest comprehensive planning update, but it’s going to cost money. A crowd of more than 60 people listened as Frank Bosh and John Bechtold, co-chairmen of the Comprehensive Planning Committee, read recommendations for the town during Thursday night’s Town Council meeting. Bechtold cautioned the crowd, “Remember, everything you want is going to cost you money.” Bosh said the town must act now to prepare for future growth. He said the town is currently growing at an annual rate of 18.1 percent and is expected to have a population of more than 10,000 by 1990. By the year 2000 the town’s population may be as high as 20,000.

Jan 28,89  WATER PLAN COULD HINDER PRESCOTT VALLEY GROWTH:
A proposed groundwater conservation plan by the state’s Department of Water Resources could slash future residential, industrial and commercial growth in Prescott Valley, according to Shamrock water officials. And, newly appointed Mayor Ed Smith said the town would oppose the regulations. “If this restriction were to be triggered at any time prior to the growth of that (Prescott Valley) service area internally without any new outside development, it is quite possible that we would not have the capacity to meet any new obligation other than by reducing the per capita consumption by two-thirds,” said Shamrock Water Company president Bill Fain.

Jan 25,89  PV VOTER’S ASSOCIATION MEETS FEBRUARY 1:
The public is invited to attend the first general meeting of the Prescott Valley Voter’s Association to be held at 7 p.m. on February 1 at the Prescott Valley Community Center. Council and mayoral candidates have been invited to appear. Time for questions is on the schedule. Reports will be made on the status of local issues, including Prescott Valley roads, Prescott Valley Comprehensive Plan and the landfill. The business meeting will follow.

Feb 9,89  LIBRARY SHIVERS GONE:
Children used to get the shivers when they went to the library here. Nothing scary, just cold air seeping through the slump block walls. Now all that has changed. The Children’s Library was completely insulated against the cold recently at a cost of $3,000. “Air was coming through and I didn’t want the kids getting cold,” said Librarian Stuart Mattson. New Children’s Librarian Joann Smith has about 260 children each month attending three story hours, a afternoon movie and a Saturday entertainment program, Mattson said.

Feb 10,89  PRESCOTT VALLEY POLICE SEEKING NEW QUARTERS:
The Prescott Valley Police Department may be moving to a larger facility because of space limitations at the town hall. In a special meeting Thursday night; the council voted to move the
police station to a rented building, subject to the lease agreement. The entire police department is now housed in about 900 square feet of space, although actual working space is about 750 square feet, said Police Chief Ed Seder. The new building has about 3,000 square feet of available space and is located at 9350 E. Valley Road.

Feb 17,89

**PV ROADS DEPARTMENT SHAPES UP:**

“My guys are not a bunch of bureaucrats anymore,” said new Road Department Manager Charlie Gabbard. When he took over last month, Gabbard said he was amazed at the poor shape of the department. The shop was a safety hazard and had not been cleaned in a long time, a road grader had been run without oil for three months, and the last dip stick test revealed metal shavings in the oil pan, maintenance on other vehicles was neglected, and personnel were taking much too long to finish projects, he said. “We’re not slave drivers, but we expect pride of workmanship. If they don’t want to work, they won’t be here,” Gabbard said. Gabbard is quick to praise his men, however, saying they are good workers and able to do high quality work. “We’re going to get maximum effort out of them and (the department’s) going to pay for itself,” Gabbard said.

Feb 20,89

**A PLAN WHOSE TIME HAS COME**

After receiving up-dated comprehensive town plans for 10 years, past Town councils have never implemented one. “I’ve been here nine years and heard the complaints (about the town’s problems) and no one has been able to bite the bullet and implement the comprehensive plan,” said Councilman Jim Black. The present council said it is not going to let the newest comprehensive plan sit on the shelf. They agreed, however, they may have to make some unpopular decisions to benefit the majority, even though a “vocal minority” may protest.

Feb 22,89

**NEW APARTMENT COMPLEX OPENS IN PRESCOTT VALLEY:**

Yavapai Village Apartments is becoming home to residents as new tenants move in each day. There are 23 apartments in the complex. The new managers are Everett and Arlene Thomas and Arlene have already put out a newsletter for the occupants, making everyone feel at home and providing information. Frank C. Kurz, area property manager for Campbell - Hughes & Associates said there are five of the apartment complexes in Arizona with one now under construction in Bullhead City. Built through the FHA, the tenants pay according to income.

Mar 21,89

**PV CITIZENS RALLY FOR PARK:**

Since the town doesn’t have the money or manpower to finish building parks on its own, many Prescott Valley citizens have decided to take matters into their own hands. The Town of Prescott Valley, the Prescott Valley Rotary Club, the Prescott Valley Chamber of Commerce have been raising money through grants and donations for trees and landscaping for Tonto Park north. Resident Helen Horkey drew up plans for landscaping with Merle Reeser, head of the Parks Department. Tony Pizzuto drew up plans for restrooms and is soliciting labor and materials to build them and install a drinking fountain at the park. He said he is relying heavily on help from the Prescott Valley Contractors’ Association for help. Cub Scouts and Rotarians are also volunteering labor for the landscaping part of the project.

Mar 22,89

**PV PICKS COUNCIL:**

Three candidates appear to have won council seats outright and the Home Rule Option has passed by a 2-1 margin in Tuesday’s primary election. Mayor Ed Smith and councilman Jay Fagelman retained their seats on the council, and newcomer Eunice Conner won the second council position. The Home Rule Option allows the town to set its own annual budget limitations rather than submitting to the lower state-imposed. The measure affects the town’s financial future for the next four years.

Mar 29,89

**REBUILDING ROADS UNDERWAY SHORTLY:**

The Town of Prescott Valley will begin a 5-phase reconstruction of Yavapai and Florentine Roads with bids set for April 4. According to a memo addressed to the Mayor and Town Council of Prescott Valley from Peter Jorgenson of Dava and Associates, Inc., Town Engineers, it is hoped that the project can be completed within 60 days of the Notice to Proceed to the winning bidders, making the completion date approximately June 11, 1989.
Valley to Get Yellow Front Store:
Prescott Valley will add a Yellow Front Store to the list of new businesses flooding the town. According to Cindy Frobenius, with Yellow Front Public Relations in Phoenix, Yellow Front is working on cost projections and real estate concerns for the new Prescott Valley store.

Town Clerk Thorson is Honored:
Prescott Valley Town Clerk and Finance Director Linda Thorson have been recognized by an international organization for achieving a high standard of education, experience and service to her profession. Thorson has been awarded the designation of “Certified Municipal Clerk’’ by the International Organization of Municipal Clerks. To achieve this designation Thorson had to meet the requirements of a recognized career development institute, have responsible experience in local government, and participate in conferences, meetings and educational seminars. Thorson has been the Town Clerk/Finance Director of Prescott Valley since 1987.

Camp Says No Dump Will Go in Dewey Area:
Most fears that a landfill would be put in Dewey vanished Tuesday night when Carlton Camp, Dist. 3 county supervisor, said, “We’re not going to put it there.” Camp, who is chairman of the board, made the proclamation midway through a meeting of the Citizens Opposed to a Landfill in Dewey that drew a crowd of nearly 100 people into the American Legion hall in Humboldt.

County Road Department Will Try Again on Florentine:
If at first you don’t succeed, then try, try again. The Yavapai County Road Department is preparing one mile of Florentine Road in Prescott Valley for resurfacing because last summer’s job fell apart. Assistant County Engineer Karl Rockwell said bids for the project will be opened April 10 and construction is expected to be completed by May 5 on one mile of Florentine Road, between Pine View and Yavapai roads. Last summer the county road department resurfaced the road using a low-cost, double chip-seal process which Rockwell said has been used successfully before by the county. But the road began falling apart. Town officials said they wouldn’t take responsibility for the road until it was repaired properly. “We’ll take it back when it is fixed to our specifications,” said Town Manager Chuck Youngman.

Council Signs Pact for Sewage Studies:
Members of the Prescott Valley Town Council have signed a contract with Consulting Engineers Donohue-Royden of Phoenix to prepare a facilities plan for waste water collection, treatment and sewage disposal. The study, which by contract must be done before July 7th, according to Town Manager Chuck Youngman, will advise the town on the best location for the sewage treatment plant and collector system. The study will include interviews with local and area officials, evaluation of soils and maps for the planning area, a field survey of existing conditions and preparation of a report defining future sewage needs according to population growth and commercial needs. The company will also develop estimates of the capital cost, and operation and maintenance expenses. The cost analysis will include information on probable construction costs, land and easement acquisition costs, administrative and legal expenses, as well as planning, design, exploration and testing, and annual operation and maintenance expenses.

Landfill Fees to Kick in April 17:
Trash disposal will be a costlier proposition for Prescott Valley residents starting April 17. Yavapai County will implement its new fee schedule for dumping at county at date, according to Chris McCann, County Solid Waste Engineer. The fees for Prescott Valley residents will be $25 per ton for commercial carriers, $1 per car or van load, or $3 for a truck or single axle trailer load. There will be an additional charge of .50 cents per tire, and $3 for major appliances disposed of in the landfill.

April is Valley Cleanup and Improvement Time:
April showers bring May flowers, and hopefully newly planted trees, freshly painted homes, and spruced up yards, according to Helen Horkey, a member of the Image Enhancement committee of the Prescott Valley Chamber of Commerce. April is Prescott Valley Cleanup and Improvement Month, and also brings the National Arbor Day Holiday. To celebrate the Cleanup
and Improvement Month, and join in the festivities of Arbor Day, the Prescott Valley Chamber of Commerce is promoting two programs to help beautify the Valley. The Chamber’s Adopt a Tree program encourages everyone to donate their time and resources to “The greening of Prescott Valley” Horkey said. Horkey said there is a county wide move to encourage the planting of trees.

**Apr 12,89**

**TREE PLANTING PARK PARTY PLANNED:**
From 25-30 volunteers are expected for a shrub and tree-planting party at Tonto Park North Saturday. Tonto Park North is built up and readied for full public use by town volunteers. Landscaping materials, trees are ready for use, and the septic system for the restrooms has been installed. Tonto Park is a two-acre parcel between Scout Way and Tonto Way in northern Unit 19. It is one of Prescott Valley’s five designated parks.

**Apr 12,89**

**MAYORS SAY LANDFILL FRUSTRATING PROPOSAL:**
Two area mayors welcomed participants to the opening of the National Solid Waste Symposium Monday night at the Sheraton Resort and Conference Center in Prescott, with speeches that outlined the political and environmental problems the Tri-City area is experiencing with waste management and choice of a new landfill site. Prescott Mayor Ken Shafer and Prescott Valley Mayor Ed Smith were the first speakers at the symposium, which will feature waste management specialists from several fields during the week. Shafer expressed his frustration at the lack of support offered by environmental and regulatory agencies dealing with waste management. Shafer said the technology is available to put a clean and technically sound landfill on any reasonable site, but the whole thing “boils down to politics.” “Politicians are afraid to swim upstream too far.” He said, “Our political careers are at stake.” Prescott Valley Mayor Ed Smith reiterated Shafer’s frustration with the current landfill problems, particularly in the political area, adding that water contamination is a big concern, as well. “When we talk about waste management, we have to talk about water,” Smith said. “With more and more regulations about contaminants added every year, we must be very careful. The purpose of this symposium is to see what we can do as ordinary citizens.” “We have to identify the problems and prioritize efforts,” he said. “We have to stop reinventing the wheel.”

**Apr 19,89**

**YOUNGMAN RESIGNS; COUNCIL ACCEPTS:**
The Prescott Valley Town Council accepted the resignation of Town Manager Chuck Youngman Tuesday night “with regrets”. In a letter to the Town Council, Youngman cited several reasons for his resignation, which were not discussed during the special council session because they had been discussed in a previous executive session. A major reason for his resignation, he said in the letter, was recommendation from two doctors that he not renew his contract for health reasons. A motion was made to accept Youngman’s resignation, with “regret and recognition of outstanding service.”

**Apr 26,89**

**LANDFILL MEET HATCHES PLAN:**
Tri-City town and county government heads met in an attempt to hash out the landfill issue again in a “meeting of the minds” Thursday morning in Prescott. Representatives from Chino Valley Town Council, Prescott City Council, County Supervisors, and Prescott Valley Town government were present. The need for immediate action was agreed upon by all present. The group of government officials, after much discussion, agreed to focus current efforts in two directions. The current landfill sited at Sundog Ranch Road is a target for expansion. The Zonia Mine site, 28 miles south of Prescott, is still under consideration. Prescott City Councilman Ken Bennett termed the site an “ace in the hole”. The county Board of Supervisors approved a motion by Supervisor Bill Feldmeier to further explore the Bunker Sawmill expansion option, and then meet back in a month with reports on feasibility of the sites.

**May 3,89**

**ROAD CREW WELL AHEAD OF SCHEDULE:**
Town road crews will complete their portion of the Yavapai/Florentine Roads Project this week, with a saving of more than $30,000 over the original bid price, according to Charlie Gabbard,
Roads Supervisor. Gabbard said time estimations for the town job were 45 days, but the crew will complete it within 2 weeks, barring weather problems.

May 17,89  
**HUMBOLDT OPEN CAMPUS GETTING TRIAL RUN:**
Before students of Bradshaw Mountain High School will be allowed to have an open campus lunch, they must first prove to the district they can handle the privilege. The Humboldt Board of Education Tuesday approved the student council’s request for open campus lunches but only on a trial basis, with some changes in eligibility conditions.

May 21,89  
**WELCOME TO THE BOOM TOWN:**
When people think of Prescott Valley, they generally think of two things, dust and high growth. In contrast to the town’s dust connection, the town is currently growing at a rate of about 18 percent per year, one of the highest population growth rates in the state. In 1980 the town had about 2,200 residents. Town staff estimate that number could top 10,000 by the time the 1990 census is taken. Planning and Zoning Director Joel Shapiro estimates the town’s 11,300 lots will be developed by the year 2000. This year’s town council is the first to attempt to implement the town plan for orderly and prioritized development of the town. Typically, the annual town plan update was shelved, Mayor Ed Smith said. A five-year capital improvements plan for the town as also proposed and may be utilized.

May 24,89  
**PV COUNCIL CONSIDERING POOL CRUNCH:**
Summer swimmers who are used to spending an entire day at the Prescott Valley swimming pool may be asked to leave the pool as a way to give others a chance to swim. But those who are asked to leave, will not have to repay to enter the pool, if a recommendation by the Prescott Valley Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission is passed by the town council Thursday. If the recommendation passes, there will be a break in the pool day at which time swimmers who have been in the pool the longest will be asked to leave. The commission recommends a stamp system be devised to allow the person to re-enter the pool when space permits.

May 25,89  
**NEW P.V. PARK IS ENDORSED:**
Prescott Valley will not grow without Parks and trees if local residents have their way. Residents who are not going to let fast growth rates in Prescott Valley leave the town without parks and recreation to accommodate the growing number of people moving to the area, are offering their services to build a new park. A group, working with the Chamber of Commerce and the Rotary Club, are offering their services and money to constructing a park site off Superstition and Magma streets.

May 25,89  
**MAYOR SMITH QUITS AS INTERIM P.V. MANAGER:**
Fear of getting wrapped up in lawsuits has prompted Prescott Valley Mayor Ed Smith to step down from his position as the acting town manager and personnel director. In a memo to the staff and council, Mayor Ed Smith stated, “It has become quite clear to me many decisions made by the town manager could be challenged in Court.” Smith said. “I have absolutely no desire or intentions of being named or involved in any legal action that may betaken regarding the town.”

May 26,89  
**TOWN CLERK TO MANAGE PRESCOTT VALLEY:**
Town Clerk Linda Thorson was appointed by the town council Thursday to be the new interim town manager of Prescott Valley.

July 13,89  
**NEW SIGN ALLOWED FOR P.V. SCHOOL:**
The Prescott Valley Board of Adjustment was singing a new tune Wednesday night. After voting 4-0 at a previous hearing not to allow the Lake Valley School to put up a new school sign, the board voted unanimously Wednesday to grant the variance for the sign. The school requested the larger sign for increased readability, as well as having the school name on it and a bulletin board to announce upcoming events, including accomplishments of the students and the school, so would serve to identify the school and would provide information to the entire community.

July 26,89  
**ADEQUATE SEWER SYSTEM ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY FOR TOWN:**
A Phoenix engineering firm told the town Council and interested residents last week that a centralized sewage collection and treatment plant can be built in stages to reduce the initial cost
to about $10 million. Donohue-Royden, Inc., hired last February to prepare a feasibility study, reports that unless a sewer system is installed in the near future, serious problems involving groundwater contamination are certainly in the forecast.

July 29, 89  
P.V. ROAD MAN READY FOR JOB:  
The new Prescott Valley Road Supervisor said he is looking forward to the challenge of dealing with the difficult road problems the town is facing. “There are a lot of complaints, but that’s what will make the town interesting and a challenge,” Larry Tarkowski said.

Aug 8, 89  
PRESCOTT VALLEY SEWER COSTS PROJECTED:  
Prescott Valley is bursting at the seams with high growth rates and its septic tanks may do the same if the town doesn’t put in a sewer system. Those are the feelings of Donohue-Royden, Inc., a Phoenix engineering and architectural firm chosen last February to study the alternatives and feasibility of putting a sewer system in Prescott Valley. According to its report, the key issue in determining the need for a sewer system in Prescott Valley is the possibility of groundwater contamination due to the high number of septic tanks in densely populated areas. The solution, according to the plan, is to construct a centralized sewage collection and treatment facility. The cost - $23.7 million.

Aug 10, 89  
PRESCOTT VALLEY COUNCIL CAUTIONED ABOUT OPEN MEETING LAWS:  
Recent advice from the Prescott Valley Town Attorney has some councilmen and members of subcommittees up in arms. Town Attorney Deanie Reh sent a memorandum warning all elected officials and members of subcommittees that meeting in groups of two or more people to discuss town business may be a violation of the Arizona Open Meeting Law. Although Mrs. Reh said she got the opinion from the AG’s office, Assistant Attorney General Rene Rebilott, who also sits on an open meeting law enforcement team, said she is unaware of any AG opinion regarding meeting in groups of less than a quorum. She also said she can’t think of any cases which have specifically addressed this issue.

Aug 14, 89  
PRESCOTT VALLEY COUNCIL APPROVES 16 MILES OF CHIP SEALING:  
Prescott Valley is paving its way into a successful year of road projects. It was what council called a “landmark” decision Thursday night when council, road department and comprehensive planning committee all agreed on the path to take in mending what has been years of road problems in the town. Plans the town originally had for work on Spouse, Navajo, Yavapai, and Loos are costing nearly $41,000 less than projected, so the town has decided to spend the extra money chip sealing 16 miles of additional roads.

Aug 17, 89  
CABINET FIRM Chooses PV FOR NEW PLANT:  
Prescott Valley has landed a major nationwide cabinetmaker. The Yavapai County Industrial Development Authority approved Wednesday an “inducement resolution” tentatively approving $3.4 million in bonds for the Los Angeles Company. Grand Rapids-Zimmerla Corporation, a manufacturer of custom cabinets and display cases built for major department stores, has committed to relocation in Prescott Valley, according to Bob Riley, Prescott Area Economic Development Corporation Executive Director.

Aug 25, 89  
PV MAY TAKE OVER FIRE CODE:  
“Inconsistencies” homeowners and builders are facing in Prescott Valley regarding standards and procedures for meeting fire inspections has forced the town into considering taking over fire code responsibilities. Council gave the go-ahead at last week’s council meeting to a committee which is studying the issue of relieving Central Yavapai Fire District from its duties of enforcing fire codes within the town.

Aug 30, 89  
DEVELOPER PROPOSES 7,000 ACRE COMMUNITY:  
The Prescott Valley Town Council was confronted with a difficult annexation decision in a special council meeting Monday night. Representatives from Desert Bay Realty, Inc. presented the council with their plans for a huge 7,000-acre community development to the Northeast of Prescott Valley, and asked the council to consider annexing a large part of that acreage that lies within the town’s annexation strip. Matthew Stegner, spokesman for the project’s engineering
firm, Bovay/McGinty, said the firm is also in negotiation to purchase Vista Montana Estates, bringing the final total acreage of the development to a possible 14,800 acres. Stegner said the group is looking for an influx of 18,000 - 20,000 people into the development over 15 - 20 years.

Sept 12,89  P.V. HIRES NEW TOWN MANAGER:
Four months after the resignation or former Town manager Chuck Youngman, the Town of Prescott Valley has hired a new town manager. After months of searching and weeding through candidates, the town hired Ken Rittmer of Burlington, Iowa to become the new full-time town manager of Prescott Valley. Council interviewed Rittmer Friday and officially hired him Monday after he accepted the offer. Before his work as the deputy city manager, he was the City attorney for 2-1/2 years and the assistant city Attorney 3-½ years before that.

Sept 15,89  PV MOUNTAIN VIEW IS ALREADY CROWDED:
Some Prescott Valley children, who were eager to start school this year at the new elementary school, were quickly disappointed when they found out they would be bussed to the old school instead. The new $2.6 million Mountain View Elementary School is already overcrowded, and students are being bussed back to Lake Valley.

Oct 3,89  PROJECT REMAINS ALIVE:
Developers of a 7,000-acre, multi-million dollar project proposed for Prescott Valley have not given up hope. But, skepticism from the county and town planning and zoning commissions may keep the project from becoming reality. Although the group is expressing “urgency” in getting the industrial portion of the project zoned, there have only been informal discussions with the county and town.

Oct 10,89  HOUSEBOAT ON FINAL VOYAGE:
Almost everyone who has driven by the corner of Yavapai and Florentine Roads has seen and perhaps commented on the “houseboat house.” The dilapidated structure located just behind the carwash has been a Prescott Valley conversation piece for sixteen years. Paul Lassila, owner of the car wash, purchased the property recently, and has been tearing it down. “People complained about this being an eyesore for years,” said Paul, “but now that I’m tearing it down, people stop right in the street and complain about losing it.”

Oct 14,89  COUNCIL SAYS NO TO TWO-YEAR TERMS:
The Prescott Valley Town Council voted down a two-year term last week while instructing staff to look into the legal aspects of providing pay for council members in the future. Town Clerk Linda Thorson said that if the council votes in a pay scale as suggested, then it would benefit the next council, but have no effect on the current council.

Oct 18,89  COUNCIL APPROVES SEWER SITE:
Prescott Valley Town Council has tentatively approved a secondary site for a proposed sewage treatment plant for the town, after a public hearing last week in which the second site was discussed. While the sewering project itself was largely accepted at a previous meeting, the location of the treatment plant came under attack, especially from Unit 20 homeowners worried about the property values and possible smells from the facility. Mayor Ed Smith, Pete Jorgensen, City Engineer, and a group of about 50 citizens met with deHaii, Project Manager with Donohue-Royden, the engineering firm the town has hired to plan the wastewater facilities plant. They discussed and toured the recommended site and two alternative sites. After the tour, the general recommendation was to locate the treatment plant along the abandoned railroad right of way along the Aqua Fria River, nearly a mile from the original proposed site.

Oct 18,89  BUILDING AND ZONING OFFICES HAVE MOVED:
The Town of Prescott Valley Building and Planning/Zoning Departments have relocated their offices as of October 2. The new location is 8296 E. Valley Road. New office and inspection hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Oct 22,89  BOARD GIVES FINAL APPROVAL ON $500,000 BOND EXPENDITURE:
Moving quickly to prepare for an overwhelming student enrollment next year at Bradshaw Mountain High School in Prescott Valley, the Humboldt Unified School District Board of
Education voted unanimously at the October 17 meeting to begin proceedings to issue $500,000 in reserved bonds.

Nov 15,89  TOWN LOOKS AT NEW SEWER SITE:
According to Town Manager Ken Rittmer, Prescott Valley has no choice but to reconsider some elements of its plans for a wastewater treatment facility. In a special study session Thursday night, council members heard that the grant process for the facility is nearly at a standstill until the town agrees on a firm site. The council is looking at a fourth site now, back on Fain land, that is not close to the town, but will better serve the industrial park that “is on the verge of booming” according to Rittmer. Rittmer stressed that Prescott Valley voters must approve any action to fund the new plant.

Nov 17,89  FINANCES IN ORDER FINALLY:
Town finances are finally in good order, after a computer sabotage several years ago nearly made that an impossibility. Town Finance Director Linda Thorson said Monday that the Town has completed its second clean audit since the incident. Mrs. Thorson took over the job after a computer sabotage was discovered following an employee turnover in 1987. “Basically we had to rebuild the whole financial system,” she said.

Nov 18,89  PV TO INCREASE ACREAGE:
Town Council, members Thursday night gave the tentative go-ahead to increase Prescott Valley’s acreage. After addressing several options for expansion, The Prescott Valley Town Council decided to move in favor of a request to annex a portion of Section 21 for a mobile home subdivision. An attorney for Mike Klein of Yavapai Hills Development requested that the town de-annex section 21 so Prescott could annex it instead. The council said they were reluctant to break the highway strip of annexation, because it is the greatest source of revenue in the town.

Nov 18,89  APS TO OPEN OFFICE IN PV:
Arizona public Service Co will open a full-service customer office in Prescott Valley in late January. “We’re excited about the new office which will make it much easier to serve our customers’ needs in the growing Prescott Valley area,” Keith Hollingsworth, APS Prescott-Prescott Valley area supervisor said.

Nov 24,89  CHOICE OF SCULPTURE ‘LIMITLESS’ LEAVES US NOT ENTHUSIASTIC:
On the East edge of our town there now rests a piece of sculpture, labeled “Limitless”. “Ed note” Although this sculpture is not liked by everyone, and is the subject of much criticism, it is the belief of many in the town that this does in fact represent our town. There is no limit to what this town can and will do in the future. Art is in the eyes of the beholder, and not all see the same message.

Dec 3,89  FAIN DONATES 20 ACRES FOR PV DOWNTOWN:
A long-time area rancher and businessman is offering the Town of Prescott Valley 20-acres of land which could amount to a $500,000. gift. Bill Fain and his family, who have spent three generations in the Prescott and Verde area, are giving the town 20 acres of land to build a new town hall complex. “We have benefited a great deal from the community, and we would like to do something that’s beneficial to the town,” Fain told the Prescott Courier.

Dec 7,89  PV DECLARES BEAR’S WEEK:
The Bradshaw Mountain High School football team and coaches were proclaimed “Prescott Valley Champions,” by the town council Thursday night. The Prescott Valley Town Council showed its support and gratification to the football team with a proclamation declaring Dec.4-8 as Bradshaw Mountain Bears Week. The Bears ended the season as A-West Champions, and helped unite the entire community in this year’s “Red Ribbon Campaign” for the fight against drugs.

Dec 8,89  PV COUNCIL BACKS LANDFILL SITE:
The Sundog Ranch Road proposed landfill site has been approved by the Prescott Valley Town Council. The council voted unanimously Thursday night to pass a resolution giving support of continued investigation of the proposed regional landfill site off Sundog Ranch Road.

Dec 10,89  
‘THINK TANK’ GROUP SEES RAPID GROWTH, PRESCOTT VALLEY WILL LEAD THE EXPLOSION:
“Explosive growth” is being projected for the Chino Valley area within the next 10 years. Businessmen, educators, municipal planners, and economic development professionals all met at Yavapai Community College Friday for a look into their crystal balls on area growth. The indications are that Prescott will remain the service industry center for the area while continuing to attract high numbers of retirees. They all agreed Prescott Valley is the growth “hot spot,” especially for new industry, and will retain its lead growth position for around five years.

Dec 11,89  
COYOTE SPRINGS ROAD IMPROVEMENT GROUP IN JAM:
Residents of Coyote Springs who would like to improve their main road are up against a dead end. This community is directly north of Highway 89A and Prescott Valley. Its major thoroughfare, Coyote Springs Road, crumbled almost as soon as the developer left town some years ago. In May, 1989, residents formed the Coyote Springs Road Improvement Association with hopes of putting together a county special improvement district to pay for bringing the road to county engineering standards. But, to everyone’s chagrin, it was discovered about three months ago that the Town of Prescott Valley has a 10-foot wide annexation strip across the Coyote Springs community. The logjam is, according to Deputy County Attorney Randy Schurr, that existing state law forbids a county improvement district to include territory that lies within an incorporated city or town.

Dec 13,89  
EVERYONE AGREES OUR TOWN IS HEADING FOR EXPLOSIVE GROWTH:
At a “mini-think tank” gathering in Prescott last week, it was a near unanimous consensus of the business and civic leaders attending that the number one growth area for this part of Yavapai County will be Prescott Valley. The attendees discussed various aspects of the area economy and all indications are that we are on the right tracks and should benefit tremendously in the foreseeable future from new industry and new citizens locating in our town.

Dec 14,89  
HIGHWAY 69 WIDENING WILL EXTEND TO DEWEY:
An $8.2 million contract to widen six miles of Highway 69 between Dewey and Prescott Valley was expected to be approved at noon today by the State Transportation Board. Yavapai County Engineer Jerry Mumford said the Dewey-Prescott Valley highway is the county’s “most Critical” road improvement need.

Dec 15,89  
PRESCOTT VALLEY ACCEPTS ACRES, BUT WITH FEW STRINGS ATTACHED:
The Prescott Valley Town Council agreed Thursday to accept 20 acres of land for development of a town administrative business center. The gift, however, arrived with a string or two attached “I’m willing to give you this land, if you use it to benefit the community,” said Bill Fain, a long-time Prescott Valley resident, rancher and businessman, whose family was instrumental in the creation of Prescott Valley. “But I don’t want it to become the object of future land speculation,” Fain said.

Dec 89  
NEEDY CHILDREN TREATED TO NEW CLOTHES, PARTY, TOYS:
Some needy Prescott Valley children received a treat Sunday when Santa and the Shriners showed up to deck the kids out in new clothes and give them a party. Prescott Valley businessmen and the Prescott Valley Contractor’s Association joined in to help the Bradshaw Mountain Shrine Club in their annual Clothe-A-Child program.

Dec. 89  
MERRY CHRISTMAS P.V.!! TOWN TO RENEW OLD TRADITION WITH ‘BURN’:
If your Christmas tree looks more like a refugee from the enchanted forest gone bad than a tree anymore, there is an easy way to dispose of it, and have some fun, too. The Prescott Valley Chamber of Commerce and the Recreation Department are bringing back an old P.V. tradition, a Yule Tide Burn. The burn will be near the P.V. Town Hall at 6 p.m. on Friday, January 12.

Jan 3,90  
NEIGHBORHOOD FIXES OWN ROAD:
The Prescott Valley neighborhood that rallied together to help finish the park in their part of town has now banded together to do something about the dust situation. Homeowners on Sunflower Lane banded together and approached the P.V. Road Department about chip sealing their road, and paying for it themselves. They were able to work out the logistics with the Town, and now are enjoying a dust-free road.

Jan 10, 90
FRUSTRATED PARENTS HAVE OUTLET, AGAIN:
Parenting is a job without preparation or a job description. To help flustered parents, Parents Anonymous, a non-profit organization, is re-forming a parent support group in Prescott Valley. Jody Moher, 26, of Prescott Valley, has three children. She said one of the reasons she joined the group was to know she wasn’t alone.

Jan 30, 90
DESIRE TO SERVE, NOT PAY MOVES COUNCILMEN:
The decision made last week by the Prescott Valley Town Council to give salaries to future council members will not affect their work, council members said. Council member Harvey Skoog said the salary will not make better council members or make them more willing to give their personal time. “I think everyone who runs for the seat genuinely wants to run,” Skoog said.

Jan 20, 90
BUM BOWL 1990:
The 1st Annual PV Bum Bowl is history, with the Road Department, coached by BMHS football hero Steve Moran, prevailing over the Police Department, 20 - 13. Police Dept. Coach Carl Fisher said, “The only reason they won is they had more points than us!” Fans are looking forward to more action in the next year’s Bum Bowl. Donations of $1.00 admission were solicited and donated to the Prescott Valley Early Morning Lions Club to help the hearing and sight impaired.

Feb 16, 90
CYFD, PRESCOTT VALLEY AGREE TO WORK TOGETHER:
Agreement to work out differences was reached Thursday night in a joint meeting of the Central Yavapai Fire District Fire Board and the Prescott Valley Town Council. The meeting was prompted by the town’s desire to adopt its own fire code and hire a fire inspector, despite the fact these duties are being carried out by the fire district.

Feb 28, 90
GETTING RID OF THE DUST BOWL IMAGE IS INDEED A STEP FORWARD:
The days of hearing folks refer to Prescott Valley as the Dust Bowl of Yavapai County are slowly but surely dwindling. At the start of 1989, only a year ago, the town could boast of 8.2 miles of chip sealed or paved streets. At the end of this summer, you can boost that number to 34.6 miles and there is a good chance it will all be accomplished by the end of June.

Mar 8, 90
PRESCOTT VALLEY LOVES ‘CRABBY MAN’:
George “Crabby” Andersen has lived in Prescott Valley for 14 years. He is one of those people who retired but never quite understood the meaning of relaxation. This is obvious to the Prescott Valley Town Hall because officials there have nominated Andersen for the Yavapai County Humanitarian Award. Andersen is more than a list of achievements and activities. Anyone with a nickname like “Crabby George” has to have something to make people sit up and take notice. And people have noticed. Plaques cover his den wall. He has scrapbooks filled with information about his volunteer activities. When Andersen shows his display, he seems proud, yet modest. It is obvious that he enjoys what he does and wants to share it.

Mar 14, 90
PV LIBRARY ONE PART OF TOWN VIRTUALLY EXPLODING IN GROWTH:
The Prescott Valley Public Library is one area of the town that is experiencing phenomenal growth. The current Building was built in 1984 with a grant, and money donated from the Friends of the Prescott Valley Library. The town matched the Friends’ money to make enough to obtain the grant.

Mar 14, 90
YAVAPAI HILLS ANNEXATION BATTLEGROUND:
Prescott and Prescott Valley are at loggerheads about which governmental body is going to annex a 400-acre tract in Yavapai Hills. Prescott Valley is already in the process of annexing that 400 acres, and 800 more, in a major western expansion of the city limits. In a prior
agreement with the Yavapai Hills development, the City of Prescott agreed to provide the entire development, including the 400-acre tract, with water service. That 400 acres is currently undeveloped.

Mar 16, 90  
**TOWN RECEIVES GRANT TO STUDY PV LAKE SITE:**  
Prescott Valley has been awarded a grant to study the possibility of putting a lake in Mountain Valley Park. The site for the lake is already selected at the park, and was in the original plans, but has never been developed. Earlier this summer, former Recreation Director Janet Petrell began to put in motion a plan to complete the lake for public use. The State Lake Improvement Fund has granted the town $10,000 for a geological investigation to determine whether the site is suitable for the town’s plans.

Mar 20, 90  
**TOWN GOALS SET BY P.V.:**  
A property tax, sewers, streets and new town facilities are among the top goals over the next two to three years for Prescott Valley Town Hall. Council member Eunice Conner said most of the list is related to economics. The town’s growth does not come cheap. Among the town’s goal is establishing a property tax. Conner said “Yes, we have to face it (a property tax).” The town needs to establish its own tax basis, Conner said. However, establishing a property tax is not the most important issue at hand, she said. “The very top one would be roads. Without roads you’re not going to have the business,” Conner said.

Mar 23, 90  
**P.V. TREATMENT PLANT LOAN COMES UP SHORT:**  
The town’s proposed wastewater treatment facility hit a funding snag at Thursday’s council meeting. Town officials received a jolt when Farmers Home Administration officials disclosed that Prescott Valley is eligible for a maximum of $.2 million from a FmHA loan for the facility, half of what the town expected. Dan Riggs of the FmHA said even though the town is eligible for $4.2 million, “whether or not we have the money is the next question.” The total cost of the project is estimated at $16,157,800. A loan from FmHA would have paid for $8.1

April 24, 90  
**PRESCOTT VALLEY: NO MONEY FOR LANDFILL:**  
When the Yavapai County/Prescott Valley Landfill fills up, the town will have some decisions to make. Chris McCann, Yavapai County solid waste engineer, said the landfill may close within a year and Prescott Valley is indicating it cannot afford to spend money to participate in a new one. “They want to close the landfill as soon as we can,” he said. “At that time we will let the private sector decide what to do.” One of Prescott Valley’s goals over the next three to five years, as selected by the town council, is to provide for a landfill. However, a town landfill may not come into existence if the town finds other alternatives, Town Manager Ken Rittmer said.

April 24, 90  
**SCHOOLS SEE GROWTH OF 1000 PERCENT IN 18 YEARS**  
The Humboldt Unified School District had an enrollment of 243 students in kindergarten through eighth grade in the fall of 1971. By the 1989-90 school year, 2601 students in kindergarten through twelfth grade were enrolled in the district, accounting for more than 1,000 percent increase in just 18 years. Enrollment projections for the district indicate that 4008 students will register for kindergarten through twelfth grades by the 1994-95 school year.

Apr 25, 90  
**ROAD DEPARTMENT BEGINS ROAD WORK; ANNOUNCES CLOSURES FOR PAVING PROJECT:**  
The Prescott Valley Road Department has announced the first road closures for the beginning of the spring chip seal and paving projects. According to Public Works Director Larry Tarkowski, the department will try to keep roads as open as possible. The closures for this week are to enable crews to begin to lay base material before paving crews come in. All projects are scheduled to be completed by July 1.

May 9, 90  
**TOWN LOOKS AT TWO OPTIONS FOR SEWER FUNDING:**  
The Town of Prescott Valley was offered two options last week for possible funding of a sewer treatment system. Al DeHaii and Ronald Roecker, both of Donahue and Royden, the engineering firm hired by the town to research the system, came back to talk to the council after the town found out last month that they could only expect half the farm Home Administration
funds hoped for to fund the project. Roecker, who is the Government Liaison Manager for the company, told the town the two men were there to “try to get a feeling about the cost, try to get a perspective,” from the town’s viewpoint. “We forced the issue with FmHA, and made them put down some numbers,” Roecker said. “We took a look at two options.” Option number one, Roecker said, was the cost of building the system without any financial assistance to the town. Option two reviewed the impact of FmHA’s current assistance offer on residents.

May 10,90

**NEW PV REC DIRECTOR ‘ROLLING UP SLEEVES’**

The new recreation director is rolling up her sleeves to delve into the town’s recreational needs. Mindy Meyers, 26, comes to Prescott Valley from the City of Flagstaff recreation department, where she spent five years supervising athletics and special events. Her first day in Prescott Valley was Monday. Janet Petrell, the town’s first recreation director, left in February for a job in California.

June 18,90

**COUNCIL ACCEPTS ATTORNEY’S RESIGNATION:**

The Town council accepted Town Attorney Deanne Reh’s resignation “with regrets” during an executive session Thursday evening. “On behalf of Council, I would like to wish her all the luck in the world,” Mayor Ed Smith said.

June 21,90

**TOWN ENGINEER FOCUSES EFFORTS ON SEWER, WATER, WASTE, ROADS:**

Some people tease the Prescott Valley Staff Engineer, Jack Richardson and call him “Mr. Sewer.” But that does not bother the 34-year old Richardson, who began his job in March. Most of his time is spent developing plans for the town’s proposed sewer. He also works on water problems, solid waste and inspects the recent paving and chip-seal projects.

July 10,90

**14 PRESCOTT VALLEY CORRALS OFFER FREE HORSE BOARDING FOR RESIDENTS:**

Even if the town horse corrals began as a developer’s ploy, they offer residents a place to board their horses for free. The 14 corrals are located near Mountain Valley Park, off of Robert Road. Prescott Valley does not have areas zoned for horses, according to Kim McKnight, corral supervisor. The developer wanted as many lots as possible for homes, she said.

July 12,90

**PRESCOTT VALLEY DAYS EVENT COMES UP A FINANCIAL LOSER:**

The Prescott Valley Chamber of Commerce lost money on the 1990 Prescott Valley Days. The 33 events that spanned 10 days in June suffered from low turnouts in some events, said Stan Hall, Chamber executive director. However, Hall said he does not know the exact amount of money the chamber lost on P.V. DAYS.

July 90

**PRESCOTT VALLEY Okks NEW BUDGET:**

After several weeks of studying, the town council approved a tentative $5.5 million budget for the fiscal year 1990-91 at a special council meeting Thursday. Town Council said the budget is “tight.” The $3,295,792 operating budget is almost identical to last year’s $3,340,783. The estimated sales tax for the current fiscal year fell about $180,000 below expectations, which helped cause the current situation.

July 17,90

**PRESCOTT VALLEY TO HOLD OFF ON RENTAL TAX...AT LEAST FOR NOW:**

The town will not impose a rental tax for at least one year because it could hurt low-income renters, said Town Manager Ken Rittmer. The 2 percent rental tax could have increased the town’s budget by $80,000, Rittmer said. There are about 600 apartments and 90 commercial rentals, he said.

July 20,90

**PARK IS PART OF PRESCOTT VALLEY’S BLOCK GRANT DEAL:**

Children and adults in units 17 and 18 may soon have a place to play. The Prescott Valley Town Council gave a thumbs up to a neighborhood park in Unit 17 during a special council meeting Thursday evening. The money will come from Community Development Block Grant funds, which the town will apply for in August.

July 25,90

**FEDERAL EMERGENCY FUNDS SOUGHT FOR FLOOD-DAMAGED STREETS IN PV:**
Streets damaged by a recent flood that swept through the town may be repaired using emergency federal funds. The Yavapai County Board of Supervisors declared a state of emergency Tuesday afternoon because of the recent flooding. The Prescott Valley Town Council declared a local emergency and authorized the county to apply for emergency funds.

Aug 1,90  
**NEW PV CODES NO CAUSE FOR ALARM:**
Homeowners and commercial buyers need not worry about proposed changes to the Prescott Valley Building code. Even though the town is revamping the code, the cost difference could be negligible, said Scott Dannon, president of the Prescott Valley Contractor’s Association. The town is proposing to adopt the 1988 Uniform Building Code as part of its building code, said Prescott Valley Building Director Woody Lewis. Adoption of the codes could happen by the end of the month, he said. Basically, the town staff sought to streamline the building code, Lewis said. The code changes may make building easier for contractors because codes will be consistent with Yavapai County and Prescott, Dannon said.

Aug 7,90  
**ACE HARDWARE CENTER SET IN PRESCOTT VALLEY, TO BREAK GROUND SOON:**
Ace Hardware corporation announced today plans to build a 412,000-square-foot distribution center in Prescott Valley. The center will be built on a 45-acre site adjacent to the Prescott Valley Business Park. The building and related equipment are estimated to cost approximately $10 million. Ace Hardware plans to employ about 125 people when it is fully operational. More than $2 million in annual salaries, fringe benefits and taxes are expected to impact the area.

Aug 8,90  
**BUILDING INSPECTORS ARE KEPT ON RUN:**
Paul Janssen and Don Johnson are the two building inspectors for the Town of Prescott Valley, working out of the Planning and Building Department. In the fiscal year from July 1, 1989 to June 30, 1990, the two men made 5,286 inspections. The inspections were accomplished in 250 and ½ working days, so each man does an average of 10 to 11 inspections each day. Total miles driven within town limits for the inspections were 16,015.

Aug 90  
**PRINTPACK READIES FUTURE HOMESITE:**
The Prescott area beat out more than 100 other locations across the Southwest to become the home of Printpak, Inc.’s newest plant. With dark skies and frequent lightning over the Bradshaw Mountains providing the background, Printpak, state and tri-city area officials ceremonially broke ground for the plant. Printpak Dennis Love told the crowd his company was looking for a location that was “good for the employees, has good schools, good recreation opportunities and good people. In short, A good place to raise a family.”

Aug 24,90  
**TOWN ATTORNEY IS SELECTED BY PRESCOTT VALLEY:**
After more than a month without a town attorney, the Prescott Valley Town Council Thursday selected an Idaho man for the position. J. Ivan Legler is currently the city attorney of Pocatello, Idaho, according to Ken Rittmer. Legler is a member of the Arizona, Idaho and Utah state bar associations, and a law graduate from Brigham Young University, Utah.

Sept 2,90  
**VOLUNTEERS MAN PV LITERACY PROGRAM:**
The Prescott Valley literacy program grew from two tutors in February to its current 23 tutors, said Dorothy Score, program coordinator. The program uses the proven Laubach method of instruction, which has been developed over the past 50 years, she said. The need for the program becomes apparent when the numbers are tallied. The number of Arizonans who lack basic reading and writing skills is about 11 percent to 12 percent, said Dawne Spangler, literacy coordinator at Yavapai Community College. Prescott Valley’s population is 8,791, according to recent census figures. When state averages are applied, more than 1000 residents are functionally illiterate.

Sept 90  
**COUNCIL APPROVES NORTHRIDGE REQUEST FOR ANNEXATION INTO TOWN:**
Residents of Northridge Park on Highway 69 will soon be members of the Town of Prescott Valley. Town council members voted Thursday to begin annexation procedures for the park at the request of 60 percent of the homeowners in the area.
Sept 90  P.V. BUYS BUILDING FOR PUBLIC WORKS:
The department should move by Nov.1 to 5431 E. Long Mesa from 5751 N. Robert Road, said
town manager Ken Rittmer. The town is buying the new facility for $317,000 from builder Jim
Black. Prescott Valley rents the building at the present location.

Sept 90  TOWN CLERK IS NAMED MEMBER OF ACADEMY:
Town Clerk/Finance Director Linda Thorson has been accepted as a member of the International
Institute of Municipal Clerks Academy for Advanced Education. The academy is the
professional body of municipal clerks who have continued their high level of educational
achievement beyond the attainment of the prestigious Certified Municipal Clerk award.

Sept 90  HIGHER DEVELOPMENT FEES RECOMMENDED FOR PV TOWN:
The town is planning to raise its planning and zoning fees to bring them in line with other
communities and to increase revenue, town officials say. “The actual fees are spread all over the
place,” said Joel Shapiro, town planning and zoning director. The current fee schedule has not
been updated in more than 10 years, he added.

Oct 90  YRMC OPENS NEW PRESCOTT VALLEY CLINIC:
The health and fitness craze of the ‘90s is not what it used to be. These days, less than 20
percent of the U.S. Adult population get enough exercise to impose a cardiovascular benefit,
according to the National Institute on Aging. The clinic, located at 7880 E Florentine Road
behind the Safeway in Prescott Valley, is a satellite facility of the YRMC Cardiac Rehab and
Adult Fitness department, which specializes in designing supervised exercise programs tailored
to fit individual health needs. “Our emphasis is on preventing risk factors that have been proven
to lead to diseases of all kinds,” said Ken Allen, Ph.D. Director of preventive medicine at
YRMC.

Nov 7,90  PRESCOTT VALLEY VOTERS APPROVE TOWN SEWERS:
The town will finally have a sewer system. Unofficial results show 1,781 voters approved the
$28.6 million sewer and street project with 1,438 voting against it. Also, on the second part of
the sewer election 1,649 people approved the issuance of revenue bonds and 1,430 voted against.
About 3,123 buildings can look forward to using the system by October 1992.

Nov 90  PRESCOTT VALLEY OPTS TO RETAIN STATUS AS ‘TOWN’:
The town will remain a town at least for a little longer. The Prescott Valley town council looked
at the possibility of changing the Town of Prescott Valley to the City of Prescott Valley during
Thursday’s work study session. “Superficially, there’s very little difference between being a city
or a town,” said town attorney Ivan Legler. “It’s really not a major change.” If the council
decided to change Prescott Valley’s title, then the town’s registered voters would approve or
disapprove it in an election. The major benefit of becoming a city is that the town could become
a charter city and establish home rule, Legler said.

Dec 90  PV’s ‘CRABBY GEORGE’ HAS PARK NAMED FOR HIM:
The Prescott Valley town Council Thursday night renamed the undeveloped Superstition Park
after “Crabby George” Andersen. “I just wish we had more of George Andersen as residents of
Prescott Valley,” said Jack Gale who is a member of the town parks and recreation commission,
which recommended that a park be named after Andersen.

Feb 91  TOWN WILL POST ‘NO HUNTING’ SIGNS:
Those who love to watch Prescott Valley’s antelope got a boost Thursday night when town
council members approved the posting of “no hunting” signs within certain town limits, while
opening other town limits not in close proximity to residences to bow and arrow hunting.

Feb 91  FIGURES POINT TO GROWTH IN PV:
Seemingly simple items, such as court filings, library books and street improvements can serve
as benchmarks of the town’s rapid growth. Town Hall recently released an onslaught of annual
reports from its departments. Hidden in the dry numbers are signs of expansion. Prescott Valley
jumped from 2,284 residents, according to the 1980 census, to 8,858 in the 1990 count, which
Feb 91  **LIBRARIAN RECOGNIZED FOR CENSORSHIP FIGHT IN PRESCOTT VALLEY:**
Flames, representing censorship, engulf the U.S. Constitution. That image appears on a poster in the office of Neva Thompson, who for the past two years has been the librarian for all three elementary schools in the Humboldt Unified School District. Thompson is the only Arizona school librarian nominated for the American Association of School Librarian’s Intellectual Freedom Award, according to David Gunckel, chair of the Intellectual Freedom Committee. Thompson was nominated for the award because of her fight for against censorship waged when some parents wanted to pull four books off of library shelves, according to a letter written by Merrilyn S. Ridgeway, president of the Arizona Library Association. None of the four books were pulled from the shelves.

Feb 91  **PRESCOTT VALLEY POSTS SIGNS LIMITING ANTELOPE HUNTING:**
Those who love to watch Prescott Valley's antelope got a boost Thursday when town council members approved the posting of “no hunting” signs within the town limits, while opening other town limits not in close proximity to homes to bow and arrow hunters. The action was precipitated when complaints were brought to the council that bow and arrow hunters were stalking prey in the town near residences and schools, where the nearly tame antelope congregate.

Feb 91  **PV POLICE CARS TO GET CAMERAS:**
Prescott Valley police officers will have a little more pull in court and a little more protection in the street after video cameras are installed in several PVPD cars this week. The video cameras were provided to the department by the Yavapai County Traffic Safety Survival School, said Chief Ed Seder.

Feb 17,91  **HIGHWAY 69 WIDENING SCHEDULE UNDECIDED:**
Yavapai County officials made their point Friday in Phoenix, but whether it was sharp enough to deflate Arizona Department of Transportation plans to put off two crucial widening projects on Highway 69 will not be known for several months. The officials are trying to prevent ADOT from putting off widening Highway 69 between Cordes Junction and Mayer and between Humboldt and State Route 69.

Feb 20,91  **COUNCIL: ANNEXATION PLANS FOR NORTHRIDGE PARK WILL GO FORWARD:**
Town council members decided after a public hearing Thursday to continue the annexation process for Northridge Park.

Feb 27,91  **TOWN TO GET MONEY FOR REIMBURSEMENT AFTER SUMMER FLOODS:**
Prescott Valley is in line for nearly $200,000 of federal flood control money after three 1990 summer storms. The storms in the summer of 1990; July 15, 21, and August 4, washed out several newly chip sealed roads, filled up drainage ditches town wide and damaged several culverts, according to Public Works Supervisor Larry Tarkowski.

Mar 6,91  **PV POLICE STOP DRUNK DRIVERS:**
Prescott Valley police arrested five people for driving under the influence between Friday and Monday. All were booked into the Yavapai County Sheriff’s jail.

Mar 13,91  **SUPERVISOR SAYS FRAUD ‘NEARLY IMPOSSIBLE’ IN SEWER ELECTION:**
A general election in November, 1990 decided whether Prescott Valley would have a sewer system. Or did it? Prescott Valley resident Duane Stockton raised a question about the time it took for the ballots to reach election headquarters after the polls closed. Stockton also said he and a friend polled 309 people from a random list of Republicans, and said only six people he talked to said they voted for the system. Linda Thorson, the Town Clerk, who will be in charge of next week’s council elections, said the town of Prescott Valley had nothing to do with the sewer election. Because it was a general election, she said, the town contracted with the county to place the measure on the general election ballot.

Mar 20,91  **COUNCIL INCUMBENTS ARE RE-ELECTED:**
Snowy weather may have accounted for a dismal 10 percent voter turnout Tuesday that saw incumbent candidates for Prescott Valley town council re-elected for another term.

**Apr 12, 91**

**40 ACRES REZONED FOR RV-PARK IN PV:**
Despite concerns from neighbors of a proposed recreational vehicle and mobile home park, the Prescott Valley Town Council rezoned the area at Thursday’s council meeting. The rezoning from residential to a RV park is conditional upon meeting traffic safety standard, town manager Ken Rittmer stressed. Traffic is the major concern.

**Apr 12, 91**

**MODULAR HOME MELEE IN PV:**
About this time last year, irate neighbors demanded action from the Prescott Valley Town Council about stopping a modular home from coming into their neighborhood. The modular home in question stands today off Robert Road south of Loos Drive. A similar situation occurred at Thursday’s council meeting, only about a different modular home and different neighbors on Pinto Drive. A modular home is built in a factory and meets Uniform Building Code standards. UBC is also the town-adopted building code. Mobile homes meet housing of Urban Development standards and can be regulated as to specifically zoned areas. “There is no Arizona case law on the issue,” said town attorney Ivan Legler about restricting modular homes in single-family residential areas. “Basically, the case law says that we cannot,” Legler said.

**April 17, 91**

**DEVELOPERS LOOK FOR NOD FOR RVs:**
Amidst some protests from area residents Thursday night, the Prescott Valley Town Council heard the first reading of a zoning change ordinance that would allow a recreational vehicle park to be built on land adjacent to Diamond Valley.

**April 24, 91**

**PRESCOTT VALLEY POLICE WILL TAKE PART IN SPECIAL OLYMPICS RUN:**
The sixth annual Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics (LETRSO) will be held in Arizona on April 29 through May 3, 1991. Over 1500 city, county, state and federal law enforcement officers will be involved in running 1500 miles through nearly every community in the state, including Prescott Valley and Prescott, to Arizona State University. On May 3, they will pass the torch to a Special Olympian who will light the Olympic cauldron signifying the opening of the 1991 Summer Games. Special Olympics helps bring all persons with mental retardation into the larger society under conditions where they are accepted, respected and given the chance to become useful and productive citizens.

**May 10, 91**

**PV DELAYS ITS RV PARK PLAN:**
In response to resident’s concerns about traffic safety, the Prescott Valley Town council Thursday unanimously sent a proposed recreational vehicle resort plan back for more study. The town council directed that it wants officials from the Arizona Department of Transportation, Yavapai County, Prescott Valley and the project developers to meet and discuss the development. The project’s largest hindrance appears to be RV’s and senior citizen drivers.

**May 15, 91**

**REZONING REQUEST FOR RV PARK IS TABLED:**
A request for rezoning of an area near Diamond Valley for a recreational vehicle park has been tabled by Prescott Valley’s Town Council until Highway 69 access problems can be resolved.

**May 29, 91**

**ENGINEERS TAKE FIRST STEPS FOR PV SEWER LINE:**
Instead of simply hearing about the town’s sewer project, residents can witness some of its first steps this week as engineers go door-to-door about sewer easements. The voter-approved $28.6 million sewer/street project will service 80 percent of the town. About 3100 lots will connect to the system in 1993. Individual lot easements for service lines is one of the first steps, said staff engineer Jack Richardson. Service lines will connect to main lines in the street.

**June 6, 91**

**COUNTY POLICY FORCES VICE-MAYOR’S RESIGNATION:**
Prescott Valley is faced with losing a long-time public servant because of a new ordinance that was originally passed to make it easier for those who serve. Vice Mayor John Pratt, who is employed as a Deputy Zoning Inspector for Yavapai County, was informed in May that the $100 stipend approved for council to help cover expenses would be considered salary. According to
county personnel policy, no county employee can accept a salaried political position, and Pratt
has been forced to resign as of June 10, although not willingly.

June 14, 91  **PV LAW WOULD LIMIT DOGS:**
The town dog problem is rearing its head again but this time a new ordinance has teeth in it. The
Prescott Valley Town Council Thursday approved the first reading of an ordinance that would
limit four dogs to each residence. Residents who currently own more than four dogs would-be
grandfathered and allowed to keep their pets.

June 19, 91  **UNIT 17 PARK GETS $173,000 IN GRANT FUNDS:**
A park project that had to overcome four other projects before application was made for funding
has received the nod for $173,000 of Community Development Block Grant funds.

July 3, 91  **DOG ORDINANCE PASSES; LIMITS NUMBERS, BARKING:**
A new daytime nuisance barking ordinance may put the muzzle on habitual yappers in the town,
to the delight of many residents that have had to listen in on a regular basis. The ordinance,
passed by council Thursday night, and scheduled to go into effect at the end of July, allows for
fines as high as $200 for third offense violations for continued barking.

July 17, 91  **TOWN LOOKS TO FUTURE WITH TRAFFIC ROUTE:**
A designated loop road would create an east-west corridor. In an effort to plan for future traffic
growth and flow in the Prescott Valley area, town council has approved a long-term plan for a
high-speed, low access road corridor on the outskirts of town. Larry Tarkowski, Public Works
Director, told the council the town has no good arterial streets. The new arterial, he said, would
be routed around the outside of town along the Santa Fe right of-way, starting at Castle Canyon
Mesa, running north of town by 89A, and finishing up at the light at Fain Road, by Prescott
Country Club.

July 24, 91  **DAYS INN WELCOME ADDITION TO COMMERCIAL SECTOR OF TOWN:**
Economic development is measured in various ways. The Ace Hardware and Printpak plants are
examples of Prescott Valley’s efforts to attract blue chip industries and both will add
tremendously to the overall economic picture. Another private enterprise can be added to the
list. The Days Inn motel has opened and the need for such a first-class facility was seen when all
rooms were filled the very first day. It is a locally owned franchise and gives our town another
fantastic asset.

Aug 7, 91  **PHILLIPS APPOINTED TO FILL PV VACANCY:**
Four year town resident Harry L. Phillips was appointed Tuesday to a vacancy on the Prescott
Valley Town Council. Five finalists, from a field of 15 applicants for the position, left vacant
by the resignation of John Pratt last month, were interviewed by the town council Tuesday
afternoon.

Sept 15, 91  **PV COUNCIL CLEARS PARKING SPACE FOR RVs:**
Recreational vehicle drivers may soon have a place in town to park. The Prescott Valley Town
Council unanimously approved Thursday the rezoning of the 40-acre parcel from residential to a
commercial planned area development. The proposed park is located in a hollow about one-
quarter mile west of Peddler’s Pass, south of Highway 69.

Oct 16, 91  **NEW SECTION OF CONNECTOR ROAD OPENED TO TRAFFIC:**
A new connector road between Florentine Road and Highway 69 was officially opened to traffic
Tuesday night. Public Works Director Larry Tarkowski said town officials expect the new leg of
the eventual cross-town connector to be one of the most heavily traveled roads in the town within
30 days. The connector is the second leg of what will be a continuous road from highway 69 to
Highway 89A, taking a load off Robert Road.

OCT 30, 91  **SUMMARY OF ’90 CENSUS: MAKEUP OF PV COMMUNITY:**
Prescott Valley has reached the 10,000 mark in population, according to a 1990 census summary
and information compiled by town officials. Town Manager Ken Rittmer said with 343 housing
units added since the 1990 census was completed, and the addition of 131 homes in Northridge
Park, town population has recently hit the predicted 10,000. According to a final census
summary and an attached report distributed by Rittmer this week, Prescott Valley is the second largest of the eight incorporated municipalities in Yavapai county.

Nov 4, 91  PRINTPACK PLANT DEDICATED:
About 250 people from the tri-city area, Georgia and several other states joined the associates of Printpak Inc. at the dedication ceremony for the company’s new building in Prescott Valley. The Atlanta-based company makes flexible packaging for various products, including snack foods, pet foods and pharmaceuticals. The Prescott Valley plant is the only one in the Western states.

Nov 11, 91  PV AN ENTERTAINMENT MECCA?
Prescott Valley will be getting two recreational/entertainment centers by springtime, according to the owners and developers of each project. Pat Mahoney, of Mahoney Properties in Phoenix, owns a 40-acre parcel of land near Kings Highway off Highway 69 with Troy Gillenwater, a Scottsdale realtor. Tim Eastman of California also intends to build an entertainment center by the same deadline. “I’ll guarantee you, I’ll be open by May 1, without a doubt.”

Nov 13, 91  MEMO OUTLINES SEWER ASSESSMENTS:
Prescott Valley town Manager Ken Rittmer outlined sewer/street assessment information last week in a memorandum released in a Thursday council meeting. Rittmer said single-family residential lot assessments for the town’s sewer/wastewater treatment project are currently estimated to fall in the range of approximately $2,350 to $2,580. The assessments, if paid “up front,” will fall due about June or July of 1992, he said.

Nov 13, 91  GRANT TO ENABLE PARK LAND PURCHASE:
Town administration has been working for some time to acquire the land at Mountain Valley Park, which is now owned by the State of Arizona. Some of the land can now be acquired with a grant from the Arizona State Park’s Heritage Fund. The recently announced $100,000 grant will allow the town to acquire the most improved area of the Park, Cox said, which is the ball field complex and surrounding area, some 26.4 acres.

Nov 22, 91  ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS FIRST FOR PV COUNCIL;
Hoping to avoid environmental surprises, the Prescott Valley Town Council has hired a Prescott firm to make an environmental assessment before the town purchases land. Prescott Valley needs to buy state and Santa Fe railroad land for the trunk line right-of-way of its sewer plant. But before the town acquires the land, it needs to ensure that no toxins lurk beneath the site on the southeast side of town, staff engineer Jack Richardson said.

Dec 13, 91  SEWER TIE-IN REGULATED AT PV COUNCIL MEETING:
Future homebuilders must have their septic tanks placed where it will be easy to make the transfer from septic to sewer lines, the Town Council decided Thursday evening. The council fears future homebuilders may place their septic tanks where it will be difficult to connect to sewer lines, complicating the sewer tie-in.

Dec 25, 91  CONSTRUCTION OF PV KMART BEGINS:
Construction on the Kmart in Prescott Valley has begun, the contractor for the prototype store says. “We’ve started,” Jim Manship, President of Manship Construction said Monday morning. “Excavation is in progress.”

Dec 26, 91  TOWN MAY RE-SITE WASTEWATER PLANT:
A Dewey man has vowed to fight if the Town of Prescott Valley elects to place its wastewater treatment plant within 1,000 feet of his home and business. The conflict arose last week when the town officials found they needed a waiver from William Knipp, owner of All Auto Parts and Salvage, on Fain road, to site the sewer plant. When they approached Knipp, he refused to grant the waiver, citing family health reasons.

Jan 24, 92  PRESCOTT VALLEY LOOKS TO HAVE OWN FIRE CORPS:
In a few years town residents may have a fire department to call their own. Currently, Central Yavapai Fire District provides fire protection for Prescott Valley. But in July 1994 or 1995 it will be financially possible for the town to provide its own, town manager Ken Rittmer said at Thursday’s town council meeting. However, this does not mean the town must do so, he said.
Prescott Valley could contract with CYFD for existing services. Town residents would benefit by a Prescott Valley Fire Department because they would not be taxed by an outside entity, Rittmer said. CYFD receives some of its funding from a property tax assessed by Yavapai County.

Feb 26, 92
**SEWER PLANT MOVED, PROJECT MOVES AHEAD:**
All systems are go again for the Prescott Valley sewer project after the town and a resident ironed out a location problem with the wastewater treatment plant. A controversy arose after William Knipp, owner of All Auto Parts and Salvage on Fain Road, refused to sign a waiver allowing the town to site the sewer treatment plant within 3,000 feet of his home and business, due to health reasons. The problem came to a happy conclusion last week, however, after Bill Fain, owner of the land the sewer plant will be built on, and the town came to an agreement to move the plant some 4,000 feet to the North of the original site. Town Engineer Jack Richardson said the relocation will not cost the town $300,000 as was originally feared.

Mar 2, 92
**PV KENNEL CLUB BATTLES DOG LAW:**
This town’s misfortune is Chino Valley’s benefit, says one town resident, as the Prescott Kennel Club will move its annual dog show because of a Prescott Valley regulation on dogs. “My point is this, that we need less government, not more government,” Conway said. Council members Rick Killingsworth and Jay Fagelman say the ordinance was passed because residents overwhelmingly favored a limit on the number of dogs per household.

Mar 4, 92
**GAS SERVICE EXPANSION A POSSIBILITY FOR PV:**
While studying its newly acquired natural gas operation in northern Arizona, the Citizens Utilities company will also be examining the possibility of expanding gas service to Prescott Valley, according to the division’s district manager. And the company has an opportunity to save about $10 million in installation costs by laying gas lines while the town’s streets are ripped up for sewer lines, beginning this fall, Dale Edwards said.

Mar 12, 92
**LOW INTEREST LOANS GIVEN IN PV:**
Applications will be available next week for “very low income” homeowners to defer or pay with low interest loans the town’s sewer assessments, tentatively planned to begin this fall. The Farmers Home Administration (FMHA) is providing $65,750 for loans, payable over 20 years, and $20,000 available for grants, which do not have to be repaid unless the home is sold within three years.

Mar 18, 92
**MORE ROAD IMPROVEMENTS PART OF TOWN SEWER PROJECT:**
Ways to get better road surfaces and add more lots to the initial phase of the town’s sewer project were reviewed during a meeting of Town Council and staff Thursday night. Department of Public Works officials told the council it was possible to eliminate two planned steps in the proposed chip-seal scheduled in conjunction with installation of sewer trunk lines and get a longer lasting road surface.

Apr. 1, 92
**PLANS GO FORWARD FOR NEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL:**
Humboldt Unified School District Administration hopes to see groundbreaking for a new Prescott Valley elementary school approximately August 1. The school will be built with funds approved in a March 10 bond election in the district. An elementary school was the approved choice by parents polled about how they wanted the grades configured in the district.

Apr 14, 92
**KMART ANNOUNCES NEW PV STORE:**
Kmart Corporation announced Monday that a new 107,806 square foot Kmart discount department store will be located in Prescott Valley. The store will be located at Lake Valley Road and Highway 69. A grand opening is scheduled for July 2 beginning at 8:30 a.m., with a ribbon cutting ceremony.

Apr 15, 92
**TOWN LOOKS FOR VOLUNTEERS TO HELP DEVELOP NEW COMPREHENSIVE PLAN:**
Prescott Valley town staff hopes to establish a clearer identity for the area with a new comprehensive plan. Joel Shapiro, Town Planning and Building Supervisor, said the town is
looking for interested citizens who would like to be involved in putting together a brand new plan for the town. The plan will focus on the evolving character of the town, what people want it to look like, and feel like, Shapiro said.

Apr 22, 92

**PROPOSED WATER RULES COULD STUNT PV GROWTH:**
Prescott Valley officials have taken exception to proposed state assured Water Supply Program rules which could stunt the town’s growth by creating a paper water shortage where there is not a real one. Town Manager Ken Rittmer said officials have rejected the plan because it does not apply to the Prescott Active Management Area’s water supplies or concerns. “What they have done,” Rittmer said, “is make proposed rules based on the assumption that all active management areas have a declining water table. It’s true that there is a problem in the Phoenix and Tucson areas. However, Rittmer said, the tri-city area water tables are not declining, and rules based on valley problems could hurt growth and planning in Prescott Valley.

June 10, 92

**CITIZENS’ TO ADD 60 MILES OF GAS LINE ALONG WITH SEWER PROJECT:**
Thanks to successful negotiations with the Town of Prescott Valley, a local utility company will add some 60 miles of natural gas lines to the town in conjunction with phase 22 of the town’s sewer project. Town manager Ken Rittmer said the town provided the utility with sewer plans so they could make the decision for their own installation. While the installation of gas lines in conjunction with sewer construction could cost each lot assessed an added $7 to $10 per year, or $100 of capital interest, Rittmer said he felt residents would want the service. In a previous meeting, Rittmer said “My feeling is that the desire in the community is very strong for natural gas, and that they will consider this a minor cost to get it.”

June 19, 92

**CASTLE FUN SITE OPENS—PLANS BOWLING, RACING:**
A new recreation center, the Castle Golf Family Entertainment Center, opened during the Prescott Valley Days celebration and has a grand opening scheduled July 4. While areas of the $3 million recreation park are still under construction, visitors were able to enjoy a miniature golf course and video game-arcade. The main building houses the arcade, which will eventually offer 86 video games, a pizza parlor and party center. Still under construction are a full-size golf ball driving range, an “Indy Car” racing course, and baseball batting cages.

July 1, 92

**HOUSING STARTS HIT RECORD HIGH IN TOWN:**
Housing starts in Prescott Valley are at a record high this month, despite thoughts that the pending sewer project in the town would slow construction. Prescott Valley town staff planned for some slowdown in building while the sewer was constructed because homeowners would have to install a septic system and then two years later hook up to the sewer. This requires those building new homes in the area to pay for the septic system plus the $2,600 assessment for the sewer system.

July 3, 92

**EPA APPROVES PV SEWAGE PLANT:**
Prescott Valley engineer Jack Richardson said the proposed sewage treatment plant and site assessment on the banks of the Agua Fria river east of Prescott Valley has gone through the governor’s office and the Environmental Protection Agency in Washington, D.C. and has come back approved. Richardson stated that even though this was a much more involved assessment, it was not an environmental impact statement which was not required for this project.

July 10, 92

**RANCH SEEKS ANNEXATION:**
Developers of what is termed a “premiere” subdivision have made overtures to the Town of Prescott Valley about future annexation. Bill Howard, developer of Lynx Ranch, gave a presentation about the proposed 3,000-unit subdivision during Thursday’s Prescott Valley town council meeting. The presentation and a request to work with the town on an annexation agreement was met favorably by the council.

July 23, 92

**PV SEEKS ADVICE ON MANUFACTURED HOMES:**
The town of Prescott Valley is seeking legal council in an attempt to stave off as many problems as possible stemming from what some local manufactured home dealer have referred to as a “test case” situation. The town was threatened with possible litigation after staff advised council
members that some residents living in an R1-L zoned area, which has traditionally been filed with site-built single family dwelling, were upset by a manufactured home moving into their neighborhood. Manufactured home dealers, however, have said their homes can meet all specifications and are the same quality of the site-built homes. Ivan Legler, Town Attorney said while the ordinance is still before the commission pending their recommendations, the town invited early participation from legal counsel because of the strong possibility of a lawsuit. The town’s insurance carrier provided William E. Farrell, a Scottsdale attorney who has had many years experience in planning and zoning litigation.
state law required him to resign his position in order to seek election. The ten-year resident was appointed vice mayor in June 1991 after being appointed to council in April 1984 and elected twice, in April 1987 and March 1991. Smith announced he will not seek reelection, citing personal and business interests that are taking up more of his time.

Dec 30,92

**SEWER CONSTRUCTION SAFETY IS CONCERN:**

Construction on Prescott Valley’s major sewer project is about to begin, and officials are gearing up to insure the safety of citizens, particularly small children, while the infrastructure is installed. Town of Prescott Valley and the project’s builders, Johansen Construction, Inc. staff are working to formulate a plan that will instruct children about the safety hazards connected with the construction.

Feb 3,1993

**DICK PADGETT APPOINTED TO COUNCIL:**

Richard “Dick” Padgett has been appointed by the Prescott Valley town council to fill the seat vacated by Vice Mayor Harvey Skoog, who resigned to run for Mayor of the town.

Feb 10,93

**PV COUNCIL TO CONSIDER RURAL LAND ANNEXATION:**

The state’s fastest growing rural community will soon grow larger if the town council approves the annexation of the Town and Country Industrial Park and the Betterbilt plant on the south side of Highway 69.

Mar 17,93

**SKOOG NEW PRESCOTT VALLEY MAYOR:**

Even though voter turnout was light, it still meant victory for unopposed mayoral candidate Harvey Skoog and council incumbents Eunice Connor and Jay Fagelman. Proposition 400 -- renewing home rule for the town—also passed.

Mar 17,93

**PV TAKES A CLOSER LOOK AT ANNEXATION OF CASTLE CANYON:**

After several years of nibbling at the possibility of annexing Castle Canyon Mesa, the Town of Prescott Valley now seems ready to swallow the hook. Castle Canyon Mesa (CCM) is a subdivision just west of Prescott Valley which is home to nearly 3,000 people. The area has remained in the county, even though it is inside the town. “Obviously they’re part of the community, even though they are not in the town limits.” Annexation would also allow town enforcement of zoning policies, particularly cleanup of junk cars, weeds and trash.

Mar 18,93

**BOOM! PRESCOTT VALLEY GROWS:**

Driving through town and seeing new buildings on both sides of Highway 69, one might be excused for thinking a booklet is under way here. But that wouldn’t be the half of it. “Prescott Valley has been a boom town for the past four years,” said J. R. Johnson, Prescott Valley Chamber of Commerce office manager. At least one family moves into a new, single family dwelling every day in Prescott Valley, according to those in the know about the area’s growth. And, that doesn’t include duplexes, quads, apartments, mobile and manufactured homes, they add.

June 9,93

**WESTERN BUYS BUILDING IN PRESCOTT VALLEY PLAZA:**

Western Newspapers, Inc., parent company of Prescott newspapers which publishes the Prescott Valley Tribune, The Prescott Courier and the Chino Valley Review, has finalized purchase of the old Safeway store building in the Prescott Valley Plans. Prescott Newspaper publisher Bob Gilliland said extensive remodeling will take place in the 29,000 square foot building, which will then house the company’s commercial print facilities, and new offices of the Tribune.

June 15,93

**PRESCOTT VALLEY ZONING CHANGES ARE PROPOSED:**

Planning and Zoning commissioners on Monday forwarded two proposals to the town council that would expand allowed commercial use. One of the proposed changed would affect the southwest corner of First Street and Castle View Drive in the Town and Country Industrial Park. The other proposal would change a commercial zoning classification allowing neighborhood-based sales and service-type businesses to general commercial zoning in the area of Palo Verde Street and Addis Road.

June 23,93

**NEW PRESCOTT VALLEY MAYOR SWORN IN:**
The “changing of the guard” proceeded without a hitch as Prescott Valley magistrate Judge Philip Dunham accepted the oath of office last week from the town’s Mayor-elect Harvey Skoog. Former Mayor Ed Smith expressed words of encouragement to Skoog and warned him of the challenge that is ahead with the growth of Prescott Valley.

June 23,93 NEW HABITAT HOME UNDER CONSTRUCTION:
A new Habitat home is under construction in Prescott Valley. The new home will belong to Debbie Taylor and her family. Habitat is a tri-city organization that helps low-income families build and own their own homes. Families who qualify for the homes must put in 500 hours of their own work either on their own home or another Habitat home.

July 7,93 PRESCOTT VALLEY RESTRICTS PARKING ON TWO ROADS:
Prescott Valley is starting to “fill in” and this is creating problems with street parking, according to Larry Tarkowski, public works director. For the first time the Prescott Valley Town Council has taken action to ban or restrict parking. A 24-hour parking ban was approved for Bison Lane and 6 a.m. to 5 p.m. no-parking restriction was approved for Cattletrack Road. The ban was proposed as a safety measure. Both streets are used as access to public schools. Children walk to school along the streets and the streets are also used by school buses.

July 14,93 VICTORIAN ESTATES GETS DEVELOPMENT NOD FROM PV:
The Prescott Development Group received final approval for its proposed Victoria Estates development from the Prescott Valley Town Council. The council also adopted a developmental agreement between the town, Town and Country Properties and the Prescott Development Group to provide waste water collection and treatment services for Victoria Estates.

July 22,93 PV TOWN COUNCIL MAY GIVE JUNKERS HEAVE-HO:
Proposed amendments to a law forcing town residents to remove junk cars, or at least to hide them from public view, may be heading for approval tonight. When the town council meets at 7 p.m. at the Prescott Valley Community Center, it will consider the changes, which were passed on a first reading July 8.

July 23,93 RECYCLING COORDINATOR GETS PRESCOTT VALLEY OK:
A part-time recycling coordinator for Prescott Valley was approved by the town council Thursday. Larry Tarkowski, town public works director, recommended that the contract be awarded to Ellis Baker. The council approved that recommendation.

July 25,93 SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT ON SCHEDULE:
Town officials ventured about a mile and a half out a dirt road to tour the construction site of the town’s wastewater treatment facility. The construction of the plant is progressing on schedule, said Jack Richards, town engineer. “The contract finish date is this Thanksgiving,” Richards said.

July 27,93 P.V. COUNCILWOMAN TO BE HONORED FOR SERVICE:
A town councilwoman will be one of only four Americans to receive the same honor at a conference July 30, in Indianapolis, Ind. Eunice Conner will receive her award at the annual meeting of the White House Conference on Library and Information Services Task Force. One of only four people in the nation selected to receive the organization’s Local Elected official Award for 1993, Conner was chosen in recognition of her public support for the library as a Prescott Valley Town Council member and her personal dedication to the library that included writing its newsletter.

Aug 13,93 PV COUNCIL EXPRESSES NO OPPOSITION TO PLAN FOR OFF-TRACK BETTING PARLOR:
An off-track betting operation for dog racing proposed for a Valley Road bar met no apparent opposition from the town council Thursday night. By state law, the council must approve an off-track betting establishment before the Arizona Racing Commission will license it.

Aug 15,93 PV POST OFFICE TO BECOME PART OF U.S. SERVICE:
Several jobs are expected to be lost at a former contract post office that was taken over by the U.S. Postal Service, according to Prescott’s postmaster. Prescott Postmaster Russ Paluszcyk
closed out the contract on the Prescott Valley Post Office June 7. Now, it is under his control, but the contractor’s seven employees remain on the job temporarily. The private contractor, Melvin Porter, gave 60-days notice to vacate the contract.

Aug 27,93  
**SALOON GIVEN COUNCIL OK FOR DOG WAGERING:**
The town council gave a proposed off-track betting operation for dog racing a green light to open, but with no support from the mayor and one council member. Mayor Harvey Skoog and Council member Eunice Conner voted against the proposal, while vice mayor Rick Killingsworth and council members Harry Phillips and Bill Howeth supported it. Two council members were absent—Jay Fagelman and Dick Padgett. The pari-mutuel establishment is proposed to open in the Fritz, a Valley Road bar owned by Fred “Fritz” Hendrix.

Sept 8,93  
**LOT SPLIT? NOTIFY TOWN OFFICIALS FIRST:**
Property owners within the Town of Prescott Valley must now check with building officials before they split a parcel of land. A town ordinance went into effect in August which requires that property owners wishing to split a lot or separate a previously combined parcel advise the Planning and Building Dept. of their intentions seven days prior to recording the division. Joel Shapiro, Community Development Director, said the ordinance was put into place in the town to insure that all lot splits provide a legal building site.

Sept 8,93  
**THREE HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS BEGIN IN PRESCOTT VALLEY AREA:**
The current building boom in the Prescott Valley area lends itself to daily speculation about where the next subdivisions or development will emerge. Currently, however, three developments are permitted and in progress in the area. One such development is Victorian Estates, a planned adult community located south of highway 69 near Diamond Valley. Another development in the process is the Lynx Ranch subdivision, located south of Highway 69 in the Old Black Canyon Highway area. The third development is located in Castle Canyon Mesa, between Prescott East Highway and Jester Circle. Yavapai County officials said the development was permitted about 16 years ago, but has not been built until now.

Sept 10,93  
**CASTLE CANYON MESA SURVEY OK’D BY COUNCIL:**
The proposed annexation of Castle Canyon Mesa into the town moved a step forward with the approval of a survey by a Prescott engineering firm. The Prescott Valley Town Council voted to hire Dava and Associates for a survey of Castle Canyon Mesa property owners Thursday night.

Sept 15,93  
**TOWN WILL RECLAIM RIGHT OF WAY ON NAVAJO DRIVE:**
Property owners along Navajo Drive may lose some landscaping if the Town of Prescott Valley reclaims their right-of-way to widen the road. Navajo Drive was originally platted in the town as a major arterial street, said Public Works Director Larry Tarkowski in a Thursday, Sept 9 council meeting. While the traffic increases are pushing the widening of Navajo, the town’s sewer project put the final necessity in the town reclaiming their right-of-way.

Sept 15,93  
**BUSINESS AIRPORT IS PROPOSED FOR TOWN:**
A Prescott Valley developer has filed a “landing area proposal:” with the Federal Aviation Administration in an effort to build an airport here. The proposed Prescott Valley Airport would be located south of Unit 20 near the Prescott Valley Business Park, according to a notice of the proposal sent to U.S. Dept. Of Transportation officials. The runway of the facility, which will cater to business and small aircraft traffic, will run southwest to northeast.

Sept 29,93  
**OFFICIALS LOOK TO BREAK COMBO OF KIDS, GUNS:**
The Town of Prescott Valley want to limit the access of children to guns. Town Council approved the first reading last week of the same gun ordinance adopted by the state of Arizona last year. The ordinance will restrict the use and possession of guns by minors (children under 18) to hunting, shooting events and gun safety classes by those children over 14.

Oct 1,93  
**WHAT RESIDENTS WOULD LIKE FOR THEIR COMMUNITY:**
Transportation, parks and recreation, economic development and community services were identified as key issues to the town’s future Thursday during a community work-shop held to discuss the 20-year plan.
Oct 6, 93  **1,000 ACRES OF LAND SPARKS CONFLICT:**
What started as an attempt by the city of Prescott to annex more than 1,000 acres of land northeast of the municipal airport could turn into a turf conflict between Prescott and Prescott Valley. While the city of Prescott recently started the process to annex two sections of state land into its corporate limits, officials with the town of Prescott Valley claim they also have staked out that property for future expansion of their community. Neither community meets the legal requirements for annexation, however, and both could deal with private property owners to meet those requirements.

Oct 14, 93  **PRESCOTT VALLEY DIRECTOR FIRED:**
Town manager Ken Rittmer confirmed Wednesday that he fired Joel Shapiro, the town’s community development director since 1979. While no reason was given for Shapiro’s termination, a staff source, requesting anonymity, said Rittmer was dissatisfied with how the department is serving the community - an assessment the source called unfair because of a lack of staffing. “All I can do is confirm that he has been separated from employment,” said Rittmer, the town’s manager since 1989.

Oct 19, 93  **PRESCOTT VALLEY OFFICIALS HIRE CAL FIRM TO CONSULT:**
Prescott Valley has retained Wildan Associates, a California-based firm, to help run the community development office, town manager Ken Rittmer said. In a facsimile sent to all general contractors and developers operating in the Prescott Valley area, Rittmer said the move was necessitated by the current drop in departmental staff. Gloria Cox, a former office manager at the department, and planner Scott Albright, resigned earlier this month. “That some turmoil and uncertainties are temporarily resulting from them (the changes in the department) is inevitable but regrettable, and your tolerance is requested as these issues and problems are worked through,” the facsimile read.

Oct 20, 93  **TOWN WANTS LAND APPROVAL RESCINDED:**
The Town of Prescott Valley wants two parcels of land recently approved for annexation by the City of Prescott returned to “status quo.” The land in question is located northwest of Prescott Valley about a mile from the Prescott Airport. Both parcels border Prescott Valley land on a corner each. Prescott Valley Town Attorney said the town has filed three motions with the State Land Dept. - an appeal of the approval process, a re-hearing of the process, and a motion to rescind the approval. He said the town is now waiting to hear from that department.

Oct 20, 93  **PARK LEASE BURNED:**
Parks and Recreation and town officials recently celebrated the completed purchase of Mountain Valley Park by the town by holding a lease burning ceremony. The park now boasts four ball fields and six available soccer fields, as well as a one-mile walking trail. A community pool and amphitheatre are in the future plans for the facility.

Nov 3, 93  **COUNCIL SUPPORTS TOWN MANAGER IN P&Z FIRING:**
Prescott Valley Town Council; upheld the recent decision of the Town Manager to fire Planning and Zoning Director Joel Shapiro last week. Council members said they would stand behind Town Manager Ken Rittmer’s decision after a public hearing Wednesday night. About 70 people attended the meeting at the Prescott Valley Community Center, many speaking in support of Shapiro. Vice Mayor Rick Killingsworth said he highly supports Rittmer’s action. “Sometimes things have to be done, a lot of us don’t like, including those of us on the council I feel Joel had enough chances to change, and we did not see those changes. We hire a town manager and he takes policy directed by the council and implements it.”

Nov 19, 93  **PV COUNCIL DROPS BID TO ANNEX:**
The Prescott Valley Town Council voted unanimously Thursday to halt efforts to annex Castle Canyon Mesa after weeks of angry opposition from vocal area residents. Results from a survey announced at the town council meeting indicated that of the 40 percent of area property owners responding, 65 percent opposed annexation.

Nov 24, 93  **WASTEWATER FLOWS TO NEW TREATMENT PLANT:**
After nearly four years of planning and construction, the first raw sewage flowed into Prescott Valley’s new treatment plant facility Friday, putting into operation the largest district project in the state. Valves to septic tanks in approximately 300 Unit 17 homes were switched to the new sewer lines to send the first waste through the systems Friday. The waste will travel a 2 ½ miles to 3 miles distance to the treatment plant.

Nov 24, 93.

CASTLE CANYON SAYS RESOUNDING ‘NO’ TO ANNEXATION:
The Castle Canyon Mesa area will remain a part of Yavapai County, for now. After the negative results of a survey of property owners in Castle Canyon were revealed in a Thursday council meeting, town officials said they would not further pursue annexation of the area for the time being.

Dec 29, 93

NEW INTERSECTION MARKS MAY EASE TRAFFIC FLOW:
Traffic at the Robert Road and State Route 69 intersection may be a little less congested soon. Public works Supt. Larry Tarkowski said Arizona Dept. of Transportation officials are in the process of helping the town redesign the intersection to help traffic flow. “It will be a three-lane intersection, so it will have turning motions marked out, instead of people having to guess,” Tarkowski said. “The change will ease movement to the post office and the shopping center. We’ll be starting to work on it, and hopefully the change will be in place in the next 30 days.

Jan 4, 94

PRESCOTT VALLEY TO BE SITE OF NEW BUILDING COMPLEX FOR BUSINESSES:
A new 7,500-square foot business center, the Navajo Plaza, is set to open in April on the corner of Navajo Drive and Florentine Road in Prescott Valley. The building, parking and landscaping will take up almost one acre of land and cost about $500,000 with the land included, said Peggy Steinforth, a co-owner of the project. The other owners are Mr. and Mrs. Jack Tibbits, who have residences in Prescott Valley and New York.

Jan 5, 94

PV MAYOR SUFFERS HEART ATTACK:
Prescott Valley Mayor Harvey Skoog is in good condition after suffering a heart attack on New Year’s Eve. Skoog was in Scottsdale visiting family when the heart attack occurred, said Tom Johnson, a business partner at Skoog and Associates, Skoog’s local accounting firm. Skoog went with family to Scottsdale Memorial Hospital, where he was admitted, and underwent multiple by-pass surgery on Sunday.

Jan 5, 94

GROWTH REFLECTED IN PV POLICE CALLS:
A 25-percent increase in calls for service to the Prescott Valley Police Department in 1993 is being chalked up to the town’s continued growth. “It shows that we’re growing like everyone knows,” said Sgt. Dennis Baile. The total calls for service, or those calls on which an officer is dispatched, came to 8,199 in 1993. That number represents a 25.5 percent increase, which Baile attributed to the population, now at about 13,000.

Jan 6, 94

REHABILITATION CENTER TO BUILD IN P.V.:
The Yavapai Rehabilitation Center in Prescott is expanding its facilities to Prescott Valley. A new training building will be constructed next to Better-built Aluminum on Highway 69. It will serve as a center to employ and train physically disadvantaged people for various types of manual employment, said Brad Newman, director of the rehabilitation center in Prescott.

Jan 12, 94

HIGHER SEWER ASSESSMENTS ARE CONCERN TO SOME:
Prescott Valley is ready to start on Phase II of its sewer/wastewater project, but the higher cost of individual assessments has some property owners upset. Assessments for Phase 1 of the project came in at $2,100, including hookup, shutdown of current septic tanks, and road improvements. Phase II assessments are expected to cost approximately $2,900. Inflation and larger lot sizes in Phase II have contributed to the higher cost, town officials said, because larger lots mean less density and less people to bear the assessments.

Jan 19, 94

TOWN WILL SEEK GRANT TO BUILD PED/BIKE PATHS:
Prescott Valley will seek a $398,333 grant, which will, if awarded, enable the town to construct a network of pedestrian-bicycle paths. But at least one resident said he feels the necessary
matching funds to secure the grant could be better spent. Jon Conway, member of the Parks and Recreation Commission, said the matching funds for this grant and another proposed grant application for planting trees near the new Town Hall site could be used to install needed signal lights at Highway 69. Town council approved seeking the State of Arizona Transportation Enhancement Fund Grant at its Jan. 13 regular session.

Jan 20,94

**PRESCOTT, PV LAND DISPUTE COOLS:**
Annexation of land near Ernest A. Love Field may be a long way off, said a landowner in the wake of the recent apparent settlement of a land dispute between Prescott and Prescott Valley. “I think you’re looking at 15, 20 years before anything would happen out there,” said Jay Wilkinson, who owns property in the disputed area. Area landowners feel annexation is not necessary at this time, Wilkinson added. We have no intentions of (developing) at this time.” Prescott Valley withdrew two motions this week after the State Land Department officials clarified their Sept. 1 decision that allowed Prescott to proceed with annexation of the land north and east of Prescott Airport, said town attorney Ivan Legler.

Jan 31,94

**PRESCOTT VALLEY PLOTS ITS FUTURE DEVELOPMENT:**
The town’s new general plan is the most specific and ambitious to date, said Prescott Valley officials optimistic about the future. “They deserve a lot of credit,” Town Manager Ken Rittmer said of the general plan committee, which was composed of about 35 concerned residents. “They took the plan to a new level that was really necessary,” he said. “This new plan opens up the future to what’s really happening here.” The town council on Thursday approved the plan, which covers eight areas: the plan’s development; vision and image; location, background and trends; community services and facilities, parks, recreation and community buildings; economic development; transportation systems; and land use patterns.

Feb 11,94

**PV COUNCIL AWARDS CONTRACT FOR POOL:**
Town council members, hoping for the first splash by August, formally awarded the bid Thursday to Shasta Pools of Phoenix to construct the town’s new municipal pool. “It tickles me to have an organization like Shasta build our pool,” said Larry Tarkowski, public works superintendent, estimating that “aggressive scheduling” fixes the pool’s completion by August.

Mar 18,94

**LAW MAY BE WILBUR’S SWINE SONG:**
If one little pig goes to market, and one little pig stays home, while one little pig has roast beef—Whose hooves should 60-pound Wilbur of Prescott Valley follow? His owner, Rosemary Armstrong, says he should stay at home. At least until she moves to Chino Valley in a few months. But town officials say he must go. It’s the law. According to Prescott Valley attorney Ivan Legler, zoning ordinances prohibiting ownership of swine were adopted when the town was incorporated in 1978. They were patterned after Yavapai County’s codes.

Mar 29,94

**PV RECREATION PLANS FEATURE NEW ACTIVITIES:**
Upward and forward is the direction of Prescott Valley Recreation Department, and residents can expect interesting future events, said recreation director Mindy Meyers. The new community pool at Mountain Valley Park will open this summer and will bring with it many activities, she said. “We are wanting to offer a lot more for the community and this pool is really the first step,” she said.

Mar 30,94

**TOWN WILL GET 3 TRAFFIC SIGNALS BY YEAR END:**
Three heavily-traveled intersections in Prescott Valley will have signal lights by year end, thanks to an Arizona Department of Transportation special fund, ADOT officials said Monday. Jim Dorre, District Engineer for the tri-city area, said about $150,000 from a “partnering” fund would be spent to match Town of Prescott Valley money and install signals at the Highway 69 intersections of Navajo, Windsong and Lake Valley. Although all three intersections meet warrants for signals, because of lack of funding, the signals were not originally scheduled for completion for two to three more years.

Mar 30,94

**‘MOUNTAIN VALLEY SPLASH’ NAME FOR AQUATIC CENTER:**
The new Prescott Valley Municipal swimming pool has officially been named Mountain Valley splash. The Town is offering many unique and fun features at the “Splash”

PV’s NAVAJO DRIVE MEDIAN STAYS ON COURSE:
The town council Thursday faced a packed room of residents concerned about the future of Navajo Drive, a street experiencing a major facelift. Ed Nettleton told the council Thursday that he had 50 signatures of residents who are opposed to constructing a landscaped median. The council decided to continue with the construction of the 20-foot landscaped median. Town officials say it promotes an aesthetically pleasing design to Prescott Valley, something recommended in the town’s general plan.

2 COMPANIES UNVEIL PLANS FOR PV CENTER:
Albertson’s Food Center and Bank of America will be among the first occupants of the Prescott Valley Regional Commercial Center, company officials say. The center comprises almost 90 acres of property between Highway 69 and Florentine Road. It extends west to Pine View Drive and east to Windsong Road.

PV - AREA WATER APPEARS ABUNDANT:
Shamrock Water Co. Recently drilled a well that would double the company’s water supply and should be in production within 30 days, company officials say. The well, about one mile north of Castle Canyon Mesa, was tested for productivity in December of 1993 and registered at 3,000 gallons per minute. Bill Fain, company president, said it takes the company’s five upper wells to pump the same amount of water the new well will produce.

FOUR DEVELOPERS SEEK ANNEXATION INTO TOWN:
Growth in Prescott Valley continues as annexation is completed for one new development, and is in the works for three others. Proposals for the developments include plans for hundreds of new home sites, a Johnny Miller designed golf course, and luxury manufactured homes. Lynx Creek Ranch developer Bill Howard is expected to file a plan for approval by the town council that will consist of 199 home sites on 150 acres of the newly-annexed land. Sal Iadicicco, developer for Sun Country Estates proposes a plan for 217 single-family residence lots on a 154 acre parcel of land south of highway 69. The annexation process began two weeks ago for Jerry White’s Eagle Springs development, which lies between Prescott Valley and Prescott Country Club. The fourth proposed development, a project of developer Mary Catherine Ball of New Horizon Homes, was on the agenda for discussion at the town council meeting May 26. The land up for annexation, is on the north side of 89A where it meets Robert Road. Of the 800 acres to be included in the annexation, a master plan is under way for an initial subdivision of 196 acres, to be called “The Viewpoint.”

PV Ponders NEW-HOME IMPACT FEE:
About five months from today, it may cost as much as $350 more to obtain a building permit to construct a home in Prescott Valley. Town officials are proposing the imposition of an impact fee in their budget for fiscal year 1994-95. An impact fee is something typically paid by new residents to assist in the payment of facilities needed as a result of growth. Prescott Valley’s proposed impact fee would be used strictly for recreational purposes, according to town manager Ken Rittmer.

PRESCOTT VALLEY TO BUY A MID-DECade CENSUS TO TALLY GROWTH:
Officials have decided that the town of Prescott Valley will pay $47,500 for a special mid-decade census. At its special council meeting Thursday the town council unanimously accepted the proposal to have the census done early next year. It will be paid through a one-time refund out of the trust fund account. The last census was done in 1990. Updating the census, Rittmer said, could result in an increase in the state shared revenue base by $750,000 because the town’s population has increased considerably.

PV BUDGET BOOSTED TO $32.7 MILLION;
Town of Prescott Valley expenditures for fiscal year 1994-95 are expected to exceed the previous year’s actual expenditures by more than $10 million. The bulk of expenses will result
from an extensive capital improvement program planned for the upcoming fiscal year. Town manager Ken Rittmer said this includes phase II of the sewer and roads project, construction of the new police headquarters, and about seven new signal lights in town.

**RESIDENTS COMPLAIN OF NOISE:**
July 18, 94
Pounding Hammer, backhoe vehicles and powered saws all are construction tools some Prescott Valley residents don’t want to hear. Especially at 5 a.m. or as late as 11 p.m. This includes loud radios. Town attorney Ivan Legler said there was a noise code adopted in 1988 that may still be in effect, yet he has been unable to locate it. “We can just adopt another one,” Legler said. Town manager Ken Rittmer said town officials first will review samples of noise ordinances implemented by other municipalities.

**LAKE SHORE DRIVE TO EASE TRAFFIC IN PV:**
July 20, 94
More than three miles of roadway cutting through town will be converted into Prescott Valley’s newest addition: Lake Shore Drive. Included as part of the town’s new road is more than one mile of the northern portion of Navajo Drive, and all of Warren Road. Both roads will be connected and called Lake Shore Drive by early October.

**PRESCOTT VALLEY’S EMPLOYMENT BASE FORETELLS THRIVING FUTURE:**
July 28, 94
Some of Prescott Valley’s largest companies are providing an employment base for many of the town’s residents, according to company officials. The Prescott Valley Chamber of Commerce cites Ace Retail Support Center, Betterbilt Aluminum, Kmart and Printpak, Inc. as the major employers in town. A 1990 survey of “virtually all” Prescott Valley businesses reveals 69 percent of employees reside in Prescott Valley. The survey was sponsored by the Prescott Valley Chamber of commerce.

**NEW SUBDIVISION SET TO BREAK GROUND:**
Aug 2, 94
Full-scale construction will begin by mid-September for the 2,200-acre Prescott Ridge development that has been almost 10 years in planning. Prescott Ridge is located north of Highway 89A, on the slope of Mingus Mountain. It is four miles east of Robert Road. The development will consist of 40-acre ranches, totaling 54 parcels. It will be developed in four phases, with the first phase totaling 19 parcels.

**NAVAJO MEDIAN PLANTING COMPLETE:**
Aug 3, 94
Tree planting along Navajo Drive’s new median, the first of its kind in town is complete, and chip sealing of the road is underway. Ten varieties of trees on the median include three kinds of ash, two types of maples, mimosa (a pink flowering tree), locust and purple leaf plum. Prescott Valley Growers supplied and planted the trees.

**TOWN COULD HAVE SECOND GROCERY STORE BY NEXT YEAR:**
Aug 3, 94
Prescott Valley will probably have its long-awaited second supermarket by next summer, according to Mike Reuling, executive vice-president of Albertsons’, Inc. in Boise, Idaho. Plans are underway to construct a 41,100 square foot Albertson’s Food Center at the northwest corner of Highway 69 and Lake Valley Road. The business expects to hire more than 100 part-and full-time employees for the Prescott Valley Store.

**NEARLY 300 NEW BUSINESS LICENSES AWARDED:**
Aug 9, 94
Since Jan. 1, the town of Prescott Valley has awarded almost 300 business licenses, vastly increasing the amount of small businesses here. Town manager Ken Rittmer said the majority of the licenses are distributed to small businesses.

**PV COUNCIL PLANS EQUITY:**
Aug 26, 94
Prescott Valley officials are seeking fairness. Fairness for those who develop after the sewer assessments in phases 1A, 1, and II have been levied - and fairness for those who will pay an assessment before new developments. This was some of discussion topics during the work study session preceding the town council meeting Thursday. “It’s a question of timing and who was there first,” said town manager Ken Rittmer. To remedy the situation, officials proposed that new developers eventually pay a connection fee similar in cost to the assessments that were levied in the improvement district.
**Aug 31, 94**

**PRESSCOTT VALLEY CONSIDERS RAISING NAVAJO SPEED LIMIT:**

Now that Navajo Drive is a four-lane road, many locals consider the 25 mph speed limit unreasonable. And if someone drives 25 mph, it is not unlikely that cars will tailgate, unless a driver finds an open spot to jockey around - traveling at least 35 mph. The increased speed of cars has been noticed by the Prescott Valley police. “We can see it ourselves,” said Chief Ed Seder. “My motor officer noticed an increase in the speed. He said as a result, he will join other town officials in reviewing speed limits on various roads in Prescott Valley.

**Sept 2, 94**

**ONE PRESCOTT VALLEY PROJECT GETS GREEN LIGHT, SECOND ON HOLD:**

In just one minute, the town of Prescott Valley increased in size by almost 800 acres. At its special meeting Thursday, the town council approved the first reading of an ordinance that annexes the proposed the Viewpoint subdivision property. The annexation of 2400 acres for the development of Eagle Springs subdivision also was scheduled for consideration at the special meeting. However, developers had not obtained the 50 percent plus one signatures of property owners within the annexation, one of the requirements necessary before approval is granted.

**Sept 9, 94**

**EAGLE RIDGE ANNEXED INTO PRESCOTT VALLEY:**

At its Thursday meeting, the town council approved the largest annexation in its history. The annexation - which could add 2,400 acres located south of Highway 69. It is near the Prescott Country Club. The P.W. Management company of Prescott will develop Eagle Springs subdivision on the land parcel. Eagle Springs will have about 3,500 housing units and an 18-hole golf course designed by golf legend Johnny Miller.

**Sept 18, 94**

**PV COUNCIL APPLAUDS MANAGER:**

Town manager Ken Rittmer, described by the mayor as doing an “outstanding” job, was granted a two-year extension of his employment contract by the town council. “The big praise is that he is a very budget-oriented town manager,” said Mayor Harvey Skoog. “He is tight-fisted, and we need that.” “He pulled us through a difficult time with the incredible growth here, and he works well with other department heads.”

**Sept 18, 94**

**OFFICIALS WILL CITE DUMPERS:**

Because of unprecedented construction here, town officials are concerned about where workers are dumping their debris after a project is complete. Building official Charlie Voos said sometimes the dumping is done on private lots. And an area on Laredo Drive has been a frequent site. “Our town code prohibits dumping of trash or refuse on public or private property,” said town attorney Ivan Legler. As a result of continuous illegal dumping, town officials will erect a sign on the Laredo Drive site that prohibits dumping of non-inert materials on any property that is not owned by the individual.

**Sept 23, 94**

**ZONING-FEE CAP OK’d BY COUNCIL:**

Other officials considered the issue, but it was up to the town council to decide if a change in zoning fees would mean a loss in town revenue, or a deterrence to development. The issue was brought before town officials when developers of the proposed Lynx Creek Ranch subdivision asked them to reconsider current zoning fees. The developers recently paid $19,000 in fees for the subdivision. Most council members were interested in how the zoning fees would affect development in the town. “I think we want to be able to attract and control people along our boarders,” said Vice-Mayor Rick Killingsworth. The last thing we want to do is scare them away.” After much discussion, the town council voted in favor of a $12,000 cap on zoning fees.

**Sept 28, 94**

**PRESSCOTT VALLEY’s GENERAL PLAN IS TOPS:**

It took more than a dozen meetings and hours of volunteer time, but now the general plan committee can reap the rewards of its “unique” project. The 1944 Prescott Valley General Plan and Implementation Guide won the 1994 Arizona Planning Association’s best General Plan award at the association’s annual conference last week. According to Ellie Bauer, the association’s awards chairperson, “there were a number of participants” in the competition. She said award recipients were chosen by an award selection committee consisting of citizen, public, and private planners across the state of Arizona. “Prescott Valley was selected because it in fact
was such a community-driven general plan—it spoke to Prescott Valley—the minute you read it, it said, “This is Prescott Valley,” Bauer said.

**Sept 29, 1994.**

**RECREATION CENTER ON PV AGENDA:**

Construction of a $3 million recreation center is under consideration by town officials, who hope to gather public input on the proposal. So far, there “has not been much conceptual planning” on the project, said town Manager Ken Rittmer. Yet, he added, there is an interest in the project on the part of the parks and recreation department and town council. A location for the proposed recreation center has been identified at the Mountain Valley Park, between the community pool called Mountain Valley Splash and the amphitheater, both currently under construction.

**Oct 5, 1994**

**PV TO GET URGENT CARE MEDICAL CENTER:**

An urgent care medical facility is scheduled to open soon in Prescott Valley in answer to a growing need for expanded medical services in the area. Prescott Valley community Urgent Care, to be directed by local physician, Mary Moyer, MD., is scheduled to open its doors November 22, at Highway 60 and Windsong Road, next door to Central Arizona Eye Clinic.

**Oct 11, 1994**

**FINISHING TOUCHES PUT ON PV SEWER PROJECT;**

What has been called the largest improvement district in Arizona is coming to a close. The last touches are being completed on phase I of Prescott Valley’s sewer and roads project, which affected 7,000 lots. And now is the time for residents to make town officials aware of any unresolved issues or complaints. A public hearing will be held at 7 p.m. Oct 24 at Bradshaw Mountain High School auditorium for all residents included in phase I.

**Oct 13, 1994**

**PV GROWTH RATE AT FAST PACE:**

In one decade, the population increased here by nearly 300 percent. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, Prescott Valley grew from 2,284 persons in 1980, to 8,858 in 1990. During that same period, the city of Prescott grew at a rate of 33.2 percent. Because of this marked difference in growth rates, town officials say that someday, Prescott Valley could actually have larger town boundaries and a larger population than Prescott.

**Nov 8, 1994**

**PRESCOTT VALLEY GROWS, NOT JUST IN POPULATION:**

Once called Jackass Flats, this town could be shaking any ghosts of that name. With more than 500 trees planted here in the past three years, Prescott Valley is making some shade and changing its terrain. Town officials recently received two $10,000 grants to apply toward tree planting. The town must match the amount with its funds and in-kind contributions. About 80 trees were planted on Navajo Drive, and trees will be planted on the new Lake Valley Road median. Trees also were planted in Prescott Valley parks, including Antelope, Tonto South, George Andersen, and Mountain Valley. “Trees belong in parks and are an important part of any landscape, so we are planting trees in parks that didn’t have them,” said public works superintendent, Larry Tarkowski.

**Nov 9, 1994**

**GRAPHIC ARTIST CHOSEN TO DESIGN NEW TOWN LOGO:**

The Prescott Valley logo committee has chosen a graphic artist to begin work on the town’s new identifying symbol. Logo committee chair Allison Flannery said this week that James McShea, owner of Monochrome Design in Prescott and working through Dava and Associates, the town’s engineers, will soon begin work on the new logo. The town decided to pursue a new logo design this year to update the community’s image. The old logo, a scene of antelope and mountains divided with a line through the middle, has a negative impact to some, Flannery said. “It looks like the universal ‘no’ sign. People ask “what is this, no antelope? No sheep? The antelope come out so small (when the logo is reproduced) you can’t tell what they are,” she said. The image residents in Prescott Valley want to project for the future will be the essence of the new logo.

**Nov 24, 1994**

**PV TARGETS TOWN’S RECREATION NEEDS:**

Officials have determined recreational priorities to be paid through the town’s first proposed impact fee. Because the proposed impact fees would be used for recreation, the parks and recreation commission recently reviewed the town’s needs and determined what the fees should
Recreation Director Mindy Meyers made a presentation on the commission’s recommendation at the town council’s Thursday meeting.

**UNIFORM ASSESSMENTS OK’D BY PV COUNCIL:**
The town council Thursday approved a resolution that attempts to establish equity in the amount paid for sewer system connection in all three improvement districts. The charge of $3,300 - a recommendation by the town manager - is for properties connecting to the sewer system for which an improvement district assessment or similar charge has not been paid, or is inadequate for connection. This may apply to owners of multiple lots who decide to split lots to sell or develop, and need a sewer connection for that lot.

**PV OFFICIALS SKEPTICAL ABOUT TRANSIT PLAN:**
Efforts toward establishing a tri-city public transit system have brought some $125,000 in grants and $21,551 from local governments. Yet many officials in Prescott Valley are expressing a concern as to how much money project representatives will ask for in the future. Moreover, town officials say when the promoting agency, called the Four County Conference on Developmental Disabilities first asked them for funding, a public transit system was not part of the equation. “That’s what we didn’t understand - that there would be a fixed route with public access,” said town manager Ken Rittmer. “We didn’t understand there would be a fixed route at all.” Yet that is exactly what John Richeson, transportation coordinator for the Four County Conference, is proposing. He said when he first asked local governments for funding, the proposal was to coordinate transportation for the handicapped, elderly and the schools through local social service agencies’ vehicles.

**PRESCOTT VALLEY ONE OF VICTORS IN GRANT AWARDS:**
It seems Prescott Valley’s proposed amphitheater took funding priority over Prescott’s proposed Pioneer Park paving project. Last week officials were informed of the town’s receipt of a State Parks Arizona Heritage Fund matching grant in the amount of $178,125. Town officials applied for the grant in late June. Heritage Fund grants are monitored by the Arizona State Parks Board and the Arizona Outdoor Recreation Coordination Commission (AORCC) through lottery monies. Heritage Fund applicants included 42 municipalities with about 16 applicants denied - including the city of Prescott.

**PV SAYS CHECKS ARE ON THE WAY:**
With the savings the town realized in the phase I sewer and roads improvement district, town employees are working hard to get property owner’s refunds. And with 1,000 refund checks mailed out last week, many are getting the extra cash just in time for Christmas. “A lot of people called and asked if they would have them by Christmas,” said Linda Thorson, administrative services director. “I said that would be nice - and we basically did, which is nice.”

**NATURAL GAS COMES TO PRESCOTT VALLEY:**
Phase II sewer and roads project residents will receive an extra benefit of the improvement district when Citizen’s Utilities Corp. brings them natural gas. Dale Edwards, Yavapai County district manager of Citizen’s Utilities Corp. said Wednesday natural gas line installation in the phase II sewer and roads project recently was approved as part of the company’s 1995 budget. “Basically, we looked into the growth rate of Prescott Valley and the predictions the town had for growth,” Edwards said. “We feel the growth will continue as predicted.”

**EAGLE SPRINGS GETS OK FROM PV PANEL**
Developers of the proposed Eagle Springs subdivision received a rezoning recommendation of almost 400 acres for a golf course, home sites, and commercial area. At its Monday meeting, the Prescott Valley Planning and Zoning Commission made this recommendation, with various conditions. The town council will have the final consideration of the rezoning.

**RESIDENTS GET CHANCE TO AIR OPINIONS:**
Residents are being asked for their input on a town logo. The logo subcommittee of the general plan committee, has narrowed logo choices to three, and the subcommittee is urging Prescott Valley residents to give their input as to which logo they think best represents Prescott Valley.
SIGNAL LIGHTS, TRANSPORT STUDY HEAD ‘95 PROJECTS:
Plans for several new traffic control lights and a transportation study head the roster of projects for the public works department in 1995. Signal lights are slated to go in at three locations along Highway 69: at Navajo Drive, Windsong, and Lake Valley Road, according to public works director Larry Tarkowski. A signal light will also be installed at Lake Valley Road and Florentine Road. Lake shore Drive thoroughfare is expected to become a main corridor, Tarkowski said. Besides adding signal lights, Prescott Valley will participate in a tri-city transportation study that will address traffic problems that affect the entire area. “Prescott Valley doesn’t live in a vacuum,” Tarkowski stated. “We need to start thinking regionally.”

VANDALS TRASH MV PARK FACILITIES:
Vandals started the new year with a vengeance by destroying restrooms and the concession area at Mountain Valley Park. Police were notified about 3 a.m. on New Year’s Day when a caller noticed a fire in a trash can in the park. When police arrived, they discovered that vandals had used an axe to shatter porcelain fixtures in the park’s restrooms and to gain entry through a metal door to the concession stand. “Every piece of porcelain in there was broken,” said PV recreation director Mindy Meyers, who was called out to assess the damage. Meyers and police estimate the damages at $3,000 to $4,000.

SAFEGUARDS TAKE BITE OUT OF CRIME:
With an increase in Prescott Valley crimes in recent years, officials say residents can take various measures to prevent themselves from becoming victims. Prescott Valley Police Sgt., Dennis Baile suggests possibly joining a Block Watch program. There are more than 700 persons involved in the Prescott Valley Block Watch program, according to Prescott Valley officer Harold Kelly. The Block Watch program is where a neighborhood works with the Prescott Valley police to reduce crime in the area. “The neighborhood is the eyes and ears of the Community,” Kelly said. “They report suspicious activities.”

PV COUNCIL APPROVES ZONING:
One resident voiced his concerns about “unbridled” growth in Prescott Valley at the Thursday town council meeting when officials considered rezoning a proposed subdivision. The resident said with new subdivisions, the population could grow too fast for the town to get the proper manpower to balance it. Also, he said local roads, such as Highway 89A, cannot handle the increased number of vehicles once the subdivision is complete. Public works superintendent Larry Tarkowski explained at the meeting that developers are required to have traffic studies performed to determine “how the roads they plan to access (will be) impacted.” “We do not allow the developer to over-tax existing facilities,” Tarkowski said. Despite the protest, council members voted in favor of rezoning about 600 acres for the development of The Viewpoint, which is described as an “affordable” subdivision of site-built and manufactured homes.

PV AUDITOR PRAISES FISCAL OPERATIONS:
A recent town audit reveals understaffing in some areas and the need for more written employee policies and procedures. And, the auditor says, the town is healthy financially and conservatively run. An annual audit is required by Arizona state law and the town of Prescott Valley, according to Town Manager Ken Rittmer. The audit determines if funds are spent correctly and verified town record-keeping.

DARK PV SKIES APPEAL TO RESIDENTS, BUT SOME STREET LIGHTS ARE COMING:
With a limited number of street lights in town, Prescott Valley’s dark night appeal to many who have fled bright city skies. Yet, some residents have requested town officials consider erecting lights because of issues of traffic safety and personal security. This has sparked officials about preserving the night sky—to consider guidelines for street light erection, particularly for proposed subdivisions. Officials say now is a crucial time to establish street light standards so the cost could be absorbed by developers. A dark sky ordinance adopted in May 1992 by town
council still will be effective. The ordinance regulated the types of outdoor electrically-powered illuminating devices that can be installed.

Feb 10,95  
**PV COUNCIL PUTS BIG DEVELOPMENT ON HOLD:**
A 2,400-acre subdivision has been held up due to lack of details on the development, such as a complete traffic study. Town council members voted to table a measure to rezone a portion of the Eagle Spring subdivision at its Thursday meeting. Town staff members say what is needed is a more concise concept report than what has been provided.

Feb 10,95  
**PV POPULATION NEARLY 16,000:**
Preliminary mid-decade census figures for Prescott Valley show population here has nearly doubled in size in five years, and that could mean a $750,000 boost in state-shared revenues for the town. The census, completed this week, counted a population of 15,983, with 6,848 housing units. By comparison, in 1990 the population count was 8,858, with total housing units counted at 3,913.

Feb 10,95  
**THE VIEWPOINT GETS TOWN OK:**
A development agreement between Prescott Valley and The Viewpoint subdivision developers was approved by the town council. The developers, Poquito Valley Partnership, own approximately 637 acres of property north of Highway 89A, near Robert Road. The town annexed the property into Prescott Valley Oct. 9. The Viewpoint will consist of site-built and manufactured housing. There will be 1,470 single family residential units and 1,144 multi-family and cluster units, or mobile home park dwelling units.

Feb 15,95  
**NEW FIRE STATION TO HANDLE NORTH PV:**
A new fire station in north Prescott Valley will handle increased emergency calls, which have grown about 13 percent annually. The station will be on Robert Road at Addis Street, and is proposed to be complete by late 1996. Officials say half of the six employees needed to operate the station already have been hired.

Feb 15,95  
**PV RESTRICTS PARKING:**
Before parking a vehicle on one of the town’s collector streets, you may want to consider the cost. A no parking resolution for certain collector streets recently was approved by the town council. Those found in violation will be subject to fines not to exceed those established for petty offenses. Fines are subject to litigation at the discretion of the Magistrate Court.

Feb 20,95  
**FEDERAL EXPRESS TO BUILD PV CENTER:**
A customer-service Federal Express Distribution Center—the first of its kind in the tri-city area—will open here this summer. Ground-breaking on the 10,000-square-foot facility likely will begin this week, officials say. It will be located at the Valley Tech Center, at Highway 69, owned by Town & Country Properties.

Feb 26,95  
**COURIER READIES FOR MOVE TO NEW PLANT:**
After 20 years in the same location at the corner of Cortez and Willis streets, The Daily Courier is bursting at the seams. To create more room, the printing presses will be moved in the next few weeks to a new facility in Prescott Valley, production manager Louis Toth said. “We will expand the production area from the current 5,300 square feet to 23,000 square feet which will provide us room for more equipment and more storage,” Toth said. The new plant is located next to the Prescott Valley Tribune office on Highway 69.

Feb 27,95  
**PV LOGO GETS FINAL COUNCIL OK:**
After six months of planning and designing an “exciting” logo for the town, a final decision has been made. The town council voted to approve a sun-and-mountain design as the new Prescott Valley logo. Council member Eunice Conner dissented, and council member Bill Howeth was absent. “We feel this logo is a compromise,” said logo subcommittee chair Allison Flannery. “It’s a compromise between a pictorial logo and a symbolic logo. We tried to depict an exciting logo to show what an exciting town this is.”

Mar 1,95  
**TOWN’S MAJOR INTERSECTIONS STUDIED FOR SIGNALS:**
Prescott Valley may have its first traffic signals within the town in the near future. Two intersections on Robert Road, the town’s connector between highway 69 and 89A, meet warrants for traffic signals. Town council agreed Thursday to combine engineering for two more signals, a move that could save $34,000 on the final bill for signals for the four intersections.

**Mar 9,95**

**BOARD RECOMMENDS CHANGE:**

Victorian Estates, a “modular home” master-planned subdivision in the southwest part of town, was recently scrutinized by the town planning and zoning commission. At a special meeting Monday, the commission recommended rezoning of the subdivision to bring it into compliance with what already has been built there. Initiated by the town staff, the rezoning request was to change the classification for the development from a residential and single family mobile/manufactured homes and commercial planned area development(PAD), to a single family limited district. The new zoning would allow for both site-built and modular homes. The former zoning only allowed for manufactured units.

**Mar 19,95**

**PV OFFICIALS LOOK TO PRIVATIZATION TO HANDLE GROWTH:**

Officials say privatizing is the key to Prescott Valley’s successful growth as it undergoes major facelifts, such as the Robert Road widening and a phase II improvement district. As one of the fastest-growing towns in the state of Arizona, officials maintain it is optional for Prescott Valley to encourage the private sector to work with the public works department, rather than “build a municipal bureaucracy with town staff.”

**Mar 22,95**

**NEW RECREATION OFFICE OPEN; POOL GETS FINISHING TOUCHES THIS WEEK:**

Shasta Pools workers were busy during some warm weather this week, putting the finishing touches on the town’s new swimming pool facility and water slide at Mountain Valley Park. A new recreation office is also open at the park now. Workers will seal the pool this week, a final step that was postponed in the fall because a better seal can be achieved in warm weather, said Mindy Meyers, town recreation director. Meyers said the town plans to open the pool for some “sneak preview” swims in early May. “We need to get a high volume in there to test the pumps and filters,” she said.

**Mar 22,95**

**‘RANGERS’ TO KEEP EYE ON PARKS:**

Volunteer “rangers” will soon be patrolling Prescott Valley Parks. PV Public Works Supervisor Larry Tarkowski said the town will start the program, similar to a neighborhood block watch, in an attempt to squash growing incidences of vandalism in the town’s parks.

**Mar 23,95**

**PV LOOKING TO PLANT TREES:**

Your green can help shade the community the same color. That’s the bottom line of a public works department project for which its creators are seeking town council support. Called the Urban Forestry Project, its purpose is to get 300 trees planted in the area between Mountain View Elementary, and Lakeshore Drive, near the town’s two lakes. Residents can help make some shade by donating a tree and $50, which will pay for the irrigation system and brass dedication piece - to identify donors - for each tree. The town would create a master plan for the area, install the irrigation system, and plant the trees.

**Mar 24,95**

**PV DEPARTMENT RECENTLY AWARDED:**

The Prescott Valley Public works Department received “Public works Project of the Year” 1994 for the phase 1 sewer and road improvement project. It was given by the Northern Arizona chapter of the Arizona Public Works Association. To be nominated, a project is required to be a significant public work infrastructure improvement project with a significant value to the citizens it serves.

**Apr 5,95**

**LIBRARY HAS GROWN TO CIRCULATION OF 7,000:**

“How did it all start? “Where were the first book shelves?” “How many times did it move to expand” are all questions asked by patrons of Prescott Valley’s growing public library. The first books in the Prescott Valley Library were collected and maintained by the real estate company, Prescott Valley, Inc., now doing business as the Prescott Valley Originators on Robert Road.
The books were shelved in the first Post Office, a tack house moved from the old town stable area to the spot where the Robert Road Circle K is now located. The Post Office started Feb 69, with Shirley Sellers the first postmistress. Sellers acted as librarian for the books collected. The tack house/library is still standing, but has been moved to 3031 Valley Road.

Apr 21,95

**PLENTY OF PEOPLE LINE UP TO BELONG TO ZORC:**
A high number of persons applied to be a part of the group who will revise the town’s “inconsistent” zoning code. Seven people were selected to be included in the zoning ordinance review committee (ZORC) -- a volunteer group consisting of the planning and zoning commission, and the board of adjustment. “I think a lot of people are interested in the outcome of this,” said town planner Jim Padgett, who will oversee the project. “Contractors and property owners have an interest in any new or changed requirement.” The zoning code, adopted in 1978, is a version of Yavapai County’s code. Some portions have been amended as needed. Padgett said two main issues created the need for a revision: It is a goal outlined in the 1994 general plan. Inconsistencies in the current code resulted in numerous development concerns.

Apr 21,95

**PV’s GOODWILL SPLASHES INTO CHINO VALLEY:**
The town is reaching out its philanthropic hand to Chino Valley. In an effort to help the Chino Valley Recreation Foundation raise money toward a community pool, Prescott Valley officials want to donate one day’s use of its new Mountain Valley Splash. Chino Valley will pay for necessary staffing.

Apr 26,95

**PRESCOTT VALLEY GOES AFTER ITS NICHE:**
Recreation is the area that will help make a name for this small town. And officials believe the possibility of bringing big-name artists—such as Alabama—to the town’s proposed amphitheater may make Prescott Valley easier to find on the map. The under-construction amphitheater is adjacent to Mountain Valley Park. The multi-purpose facility, with two softball-baseball fields and a soccer-football field, will open in the spring of 1996.

Apr 28,95

**PV APPROVES IMPACT FEE:**
In three months it will take some extra cash to build a home here. The reason: At its Thursday meeting, the town council approved the establishment of a $300 recreational impact fee, which will be paid at the issuance of the first building or zoning permit. The fee will be effective July 26. Establishing the town’s first impact fee involved months of discussion and consideration. The fees were considered to provide additional recreational equipment and services to residents. The fee will pay for the completion of the town amphitheater along Lakeshore Drive, ball field lighting at Mountain Valley Park, a new ball field complex, and a community recreation center estimated to cost between $3- and $5- million.

May 15,95

**PV BUILDING AGENCY MAKES CHANGES:**
The focus in the Building and Zoning Department, since contractors aired numerous grievances at an April Town Council meeting, has been a change in attitude. “When people come in, there will not be any preset dispositions. We are giving first-rate customer service,” said Charlie Voos, chief building official. It was at an April 13 meeting that about a dozen contractors said problems existed, including a “lack of leadership,” “favoritism to contractors,” delay in obtaining permits, deterioration of service, and inconsistent code enforcement.

May 19,95

**CHANGE FOR DEVELOPMENT GETS APPROVAL:**
In the planning stages is a 22-acre subdivision called Trethan View that is proposed to be developed adjacent to Castle Golf Family Fun Park. Property for the 71-lot development was annexed by the town in 1990 Developers propose the average lot size to be 10,600 square feet. Site access will be gained through an extension of Great Western Drive. At its Monday meeting, the planning and zoning commission approved a recommendation for rezoning of the subdivision site from single family and manufactured housing, to single-family residential with a planned area development overlay. The commission also approved recommendation of the preliminary subdivision plat. In other planning and zoning business: The commission approved for recommendation a zoning map change for property where the proposed Antelope Lanes bowling
center is under construction. The commission approved for recommendation the preliminary subdivision plat for the first phase of The Viewpoint subdivision, north of Highway 89A at Robert Road.

May 23,95  FINAL CENSUS FIGURES PUT TOWN AT OVER 16,000:  
Prescott Valley’s population has exceeded 16,000, according to final figures released this week by the U.S. Census Bureau. In fact, the community’s residents could number more than 16,000 after adding in new growth to date, said Planning and Building officials. While the town still does not have final state-shared revenue figures, previous estimates, or projections by the Arizona League of Cities and Towns revealed that added population could mean as much as $750,000 in added revenue here.

June 21,95  PV POLICE STAFF SIZE IS BELOW STANDARDS:  
Two officers per shift puts the Prescott Valley Police Department below federal standards for staffing. In terms of population, it means one officer for every 8,000 residents, when national guidelines call for 2.5 officers per 1,000 persons. And a lack of officers, due to budgetary constraints, concerns Chief Ed Seder, who said police need more support because of an increase in intensity of domestic incidences.

June 28,95  SUDDEN HEART ATTACK TAKES BOB PAVLICH:  
Longtime Dewey resident Robert Nick Pavlich, instrumental in Prescott Valley’s economic development for nearly three decades, died while vacationing near Athens, Greece. Pavlich and his wife, B.J., Mountain View Elementary School principal, were preparing Monday to board a cruise ship after a short stop in Sentovini, Greece, when he suffered a sudden heart attack. Bob Pavlich had just turned 64 on May 21.

Aug 15,95  250 JOBS POSSIBLE IN PV, SAYS FAI N:  
The town’s largest commercial development company, Town & Country Properties, is in discussions with two major employers that could bring almost 250 jobs here. Town and Country general partner Bill Fain said he is unable to disclose company names, yet maintains “we’re in the running.”

Sept 13,95  STUDY FAILS TO ADDRESS TOWN NEEDS, PV SAYS:  
Officials say they aren’t entirely pleased with the almost-complete Yavapai County transportation study that places “too much emphasis on the city of Prescott.” Also because Prescott Valley grows about 18 percent each year, the Central Yavapai Transportation Study does not adequately address Prescott Valley’s needs, officials say. Projections and recommendations in the $110,000 study are based on Yavapai County’s overall growth rate of about 5 percent. “There is nothing (in the study) based on priorities of towns with the most growth,” said Council Member Rick Killingsworth.

Oct 18,95  PV WANTS TO HONOR HOLIDAY ITS OWN WAY:  
No longer will local residents have to make the trek to Prescott, or further, to enjoy a traditional Fourth of July fireworks display. Prescott Valley officials are working to bring the bang here. According to public works superintendent Larry Tarkowski, it would cost about $7,500 to have the type of hearty display the town desires. He said he is set against a show that cracks a firework every minute. Tarkowski said because the second phase of the sewer improvement district will be complete by July 4, the town will have plenty to celebrate. This will be a home-grown celebration. Nothing exotic, but something that celebrates the occasion.”

Oct 25,95  PV POLICE ABLE TO COPE WITH CRIME, CHIEF SAYS:  
Although Police Chief Ed Seder said the town is behind the curve in police protection, he has no doubts his department can handle increased crime—a partner of growth. Like most police departments, Seder said Prescott Valley Police Department hires officers as needed, when resources are available. As a result, he is forced to be reactionary, hiring when growth occurs. “We hire officers when there is growth, so in actuality, we are always a step behind growth,” he said. “But that does not mean we are not prepared and not able to provide adequate protection.”

Nov 12,95  COUNCIL SAYS NO TO RACETRACK HERE:
The Prescott Valley Town Council has voiced a resounding “no” to a proposed racetrack here. More than 350 people attended a public hearing Thursday night at Bradshaw Mountain High School to give their input on the raceway, proposed by local business owner Karol Vanzant. The council will not decide whether the raceway may be placed at the site, but will give its recommendation as requests by Yavapai County officials. Vanzant wants to build the raceway on county property adjacent to Prescott Valley’s sewer plant and the town’s police firing range.

Nov 12, 95
BUILDING DEPT. PRAISED:
Humboldt school district officials praise town employees for help they received during the new high school construction process, including an $8,000 break in permit fees. Also, he said the busy department has not held back the construction process because it has expediently reviewed plans.

Nov 19, 95
PV WANTS INPATIENT HOSPITAL IN TOWN:
After some prompting from officials here, Yavapai Regional Medical Center will reconsider the addition of acute care services to its proposed Prescott Valley hospital. In October, the center announced it would construct a $3.5 million out patient hospital here. In its first phase—a 30,000 square-foot, two-story building—the hospital will offer diagnostic treatment and wellness services, including cardiac and industrial rehabilitation, a clinical laboratory, and physical therapy. Prescott Valley officials were not completely satisfied and asked the hospital’s personnel why an inpatient center, with much-needed services such as a maternity ward, could not be established. “This is not a competition issue with Prescott as much as it is a goal to get services closer to our citizens,” Rittmer continued.

Nov 22, 95
DOG BITE INCIDENTS KEEP PV OFFICERS BUSY:
It seems excessive barking is not the entire bone of canine incidents here. A high number of dog bites also has kept the town’s animal control officers busy. There have been about 70 dog bite incidents in town to date this year, according to animal control officer Robin Petrovsky. One bite was reported Monday by a Prescott Valley grandmother whose grandson was bit by a neighbor dog. Now the pooch is impounded because his owner did not have current rabies vaccination records. According to police Sgt. Laura Molinaro, all dogs must have current rabies vaccination records. These records are tracked down when any canine bites someone. If no records are found, a citation is issued to the owner and the dog is impounded for 10 days for rabies observation. If there are not signs, it must be vaccinated before being released.

Nov 26, 95
WEEDS THORNY SIGHT TO SOME PV RESIDENTS:
With 1,000 complaints recorded this year, it is clear some residents are not pleased with one natural aspect of this town: weeds. The building, planning, and zoning department is overwhelmed by the number of grievances it receives about the unattractive plant that flourishes in and around Prescott Valley. Targets usually are vacant lots. What makes the situation even more difficult for officials is that addressing every complaint is a “time-consuming,” “paper-intensive,” and “costly” process.

Dec 6, 95
TOWN GIVEN OVER $1 MILLION IN LAND:
Prescott Valley has received an early Christmas gift - a $1 million donation of land. The present is a 100-acre parcel west of town in the canyon behind the Peddler’s Pass Swap Meet and Printpak, Inc., an area that a Prescott committee has been interested in turning into a state park for several years. The site, larger than Mountain Valley Park by 20 acres, includes the historical Barlow-Massicks Victorian home, a 2 ½ acre lake, and an Indian ruin. Dewey’s Fain family, original owners of the land Prescott Valley now inhabits, offered the parcel, which has been listed in the National Register of Historic Places since 1978, to the Arizona State Parks Board in 1993.

Dec 6, 95
PV MAKING ANNEXATION PLANS FOR SUBDIVISION:
Town officials and local developers are moving ahead with the process of adding 295 acres to town for a new subdivision called Mingus West. The annexation process is at a halfway point. All that is needed is for the town planner to gain approval of more than 50 percent of land
owners in the annexation area, north of State Route 89A at Fain Road. Signatures from landowners who represent more than 50 percent of the property value also must be gathered. Also, the town council must approve an ordinance for annexation.

Dec 13,95

BUILDERS: PROPOSED LANDSCAPE ORDINANCE COULD KILL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT HERE:
Contractors and builders filed a Prescott Valley Planning and Zoning meeting Monday night to protest a proposed ordinance that would require 30 percent of all new commercial Building lots to be landscaped. The meeting, held at the municipal court building, was a public hearing to discuss proposed changes to portions of the town’s zoning ordinance site development standards - both to enhance the town’s image and to help future development adhere to the community’s 20-year general plan. The zoning changes were suggested by the Zoning ordinance Review Committee (ZORC), a group including members of the Planning Commission, the Board of Adjustment, and members of the community.

Dec 27,95

UNWIELDY TOWN CODE GETS TIMELY COMPUTER UPDATE:
What’s permissible in Prescott Valley? The answer should be easier to find in updated town codes. After many hours and several months, an updated version of town ordinances is complete and a computer program is being implemented to facilitate changes as they occur. The town code has been a source of some confusion and frustration as the town has grown and many ordinances have been adopted, because an efficient method for updated the code was not being used. The solution to the problem actually came into existence six years ago when previous Town Attorney Deanie Reh purchased the software program Code Master, designed to simplify the updating process. However, the change promised to be a labor intensive and time-consuming process that didn’t get underway until last summer.

Dec 29,95

PV PAVES THE WAY FOR HEALTH CENTERS:
About $70,000 of town funds will be spent to ensure adequate construction of two health care facilities officials say are vital to the community. Prescott Samaritan Village will begin construction of an 80-bed elderly health center in two months. It will include a special care unit for Alzheimer’s patients also. Yavapai Regional Medical center will begin construction next year of its hospital expansion. Both will be built on the north-west side of Windsong and Florentine Road. What has aided Prescott Samaritan Village in its plans for a health center here is the town’s receipt of $376,000 in Community Development Block Grants, which provide money for housing and community development in rural Arizona. “The fact that these projects are happening concurrently created concerns on the town’s part that these two major facilities would be on a dead-end road.” Rittmer said. Council members decided to pave the road to Lakeshore Drive at $222,270. It has not yet been decided who will pay for the curbs and sidewalk on the road - a total cost of about $59,000. Along with the additional $10,000 the town must pay for road paving, it also will spend $70,000 for sewer line extension, of which about $40,000 will be recovered in connection fees when the two facilities hook up to the sewer lines, Rittmer said.

Jan 4,96

PRESCOTT VALLEY READIES FOR DRUG, ALCOHOL TESTS:
A new policy to test some transportation employees for drug and alcohol use could broaden in scope to other personnel, officials say. A federal mandate requires municipalities to ensure drug- and alcohol-free work environments through random and pre-employment testing of transportation employees. The purpose is to reduce accidents and fatalities. Prescott Valley will test employees who hold a commercial driver’s license to operate vehicles during work hours.

Jan 17,96

COSTLY CANINE?:
Until dogs can be taught the importance of a dollar, it will be up to pet owners to avoid the fines caused by canines that run loose or bark excessively in Prescott Valley. These infractions are Class 3 misdemeanors, said PV Judge Philip Dunham, and convictions carry mandatory fines that he is obligated by law to collect.

Jan 24,96

GRASS ROOTS:
Please walk in the grass - and run, jump and play ball. Prescott Valley’s ball field and park turf is intended for such activities, and it’s proving to be well worth the cost in development and upkeep. In fact, PV’s ball fields at Mountain Valley Park have become a significant source of revenue for the town, says Larry Tarkowski, Public Works Superintendent. “We are getting a reputation - and a well-deserved reputation - for having some of the best municipal turf areas in the state,” said Tarkowski. “We have a lot of out-of-town recreation users of our turf for soccer and softball tournaments.”

Jan 31,96  **LACK OF ZONING ENFORCEMENT RECURRING ISSUE:**
Town staff received a mandate from council Thursday night - find a way to improve enforcement of existing zoning codes before trying to improve them. The mandate came after some suggestions of the town’s volunteer Zoning and Ordinance Review Committee (ZORC), a group working to update town zoning codes, came under fire in recent public hearings.

Feb 7,96  **BOARD NAMES NEW MIDDLE SCHOOL IN PV ‘GLASSFORD HILL’:**
Prescott Valley Middle School is the name the community preferred for Humboldt school district’s upcoming facility. However, the governing board thought differently. The Board Tuesday accepted the name Glassford Hill. “By calling it Prescott Valley, we’re going to divide the community and we don’t want to do that,” said board member Theresa Summers.

Feb 14,96  **PV TO ‘THROW THE BOOK’ AT LIBRARY SCOFFLAWS:**
Library patrons who have an excess number of non-returned books could face penalties of up to three days in jail or a $500 fine. This new town ordinance is part of a way for the Prescott Valley library to recover hundreds of non-returned books that, with overdue fines, have racked up a total bill of $12,400 for all offenders. “We are not as concerned about the money for the overdue amount as we are in getting the materials back,” said Library director Stuart Mattson. He said the legal recourse will be for “big offenders.”

Mar 19,96  **TOWN OF PV STUDIES SOLID FENCING ISSUE:**
Would a requirement that all new homes have solid fencing erase zoning-related complaints? It could, according to town officials. This is one of the issues that arose after town employees were directed to seek ways to improve zoning code enforcement. Chief building inspector, Charlie Voos stated he and planning and building department employees will await input from the volunteer ZORC committee before any motions are made in this regard.

Mar 25,96  **PRESCOTT VALLEY ANNEXES 474-PARCEL PROJECT:**
Property for a proposed large-lot subdivision north of State Route 89A recently was annexed into the town. The 300-acre subdivision, called Mingus West, will have 474 units with 18,000-square foot lots. The minimum size lot for the town is 10,000 square feet. Town limits are now 26 square miles, a significant change since the town’s incorporation on August 28, 1978, when Prescott Valley was seven square miles.

Apr 17,96  **DEL WEBB EYES PV FOR FUTURE DEVELOPMENT:**
Prescott Valley’s population could take another hefty jump if two proposed housing developments are approved. The Phoenix-based Del Webb Development Corporation has undertaken a preliminary study of the P.V. area. Ken Plonski, Del Webb director of public relations said “No definitive decision has been made at this time.”

Apr 17,96  **LAKE VALLEY ANTELOPE HERD TO STAY PUT:**
On April 6, the Arizona Game and Fish Department, along with the help of over 250 volunteers, drove 14 antelope from their home, the Lake Valley are of Prescott Valley. Unfortunately, since then, all but one of the adult antelope have returned, and two fawns have been recruited into this herd. What does the future hold for the Lake Valley herd? At the time of writing, there still was no measurable precipitation here, and the herd seemed content to live primarily on the green forage and water provided by the sprinklers at the police station.

May 17,96  **PV EXPLORES DEVELOPMENT FUNDING:**
An impact fee and a bed tax are two proposed funding mechanisms town representatives say could front commercial and industrial development here. If this happens, the town’s current $300
impact fee could more than double. A decision on how to pay economic development personnel and fund any future plan must be made before a new economic development director is hired. The volunteer group met Thursday with the town council to share its economic development proposal. Prescott Valley Future members, who first organized in November of 1995, suggested a $350 impact fee and a 2 percent bed tax to fund its proposed $184,889 economic development plan. Prescott Valley Future suggests a separate entity, called the Prescott Valley Economic Development, Inc., be established to oversee the new economic director.

May 22,96

NEW PARK HAS MUCH TO OFFER GROWING TOWN:
Prescott Valley residents may soon be swimming in gold. Not as much as Midas, though, because most of the metal has been mined out of Lynx Creek, which flows through the town’s newest park. Excitement about the park addition was evident Thursday as over 100 people gathered for a lecture and tour of the site, sponsored by the Friends of the PV Library. Listeners got a taste of the past as Public Works Director Larry Tarkowski outlined the history of the $1 million parcel of land located just south of Highway 69 in the canyon behind Peddler’s Pass Swap Meet. The land, which includes the Historic Barlow-Massicks Victorian house, an Indian ruin, and a nearly three-acre lake, was donated to the town in 1995 by the Fain family, early Prescott Valley landowners.

June 19,96

PV TO GET OWN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OPERATION:
Prescott Valley has decided to put its economic future into the hands of a community group and a hired development director. Council voted Thursday to stand behind the forming of an economic development board consisting of members of the development group Prescott Valley Future, the council, and other community representatives. The move came after Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Rudy Szewczak’s contract was terminated in April by a chamber board that said it wanted its leader to return to a more traditional role - business retention and promotion of tourism. Aggressive economic development is one of the most pressing issues the town faces in the coming several years, according to Mayor Harvey Skoog.

June 19,96

ROAD COUNT REPORTS SHOW MAJOR INCREASES:
Anyone driving the roads of Prescott Valley over the past few years is aware that traffic has increased significantly, and a recent traffic count conducted by the town’s roads department demonstrates the increase dramatically. For the past three months a department employee has spent two hours a day, four days a week on the count. Tarkowski said that although his department now conducts the studies in the earlier days of the town’s development they were done by volunteers.

June 25,96

ZONING CODE VIOLATIONS SOMETIMES OCCUR DUE TO LACK OF INFORMATION:
Violations of certain town zoning ordinances put people at risk, devalue neighborhoods, and compromise the aesthetics of the town. It is the job of the town’s zoning and building department to enforce the ordinances. Much of the task falls to the town’s code enforcement officer, Melinda Roberts, who believes that many violations could be avoided if residents were better informed. “Sometimes I get calls from people who have never even talked with their neighbor,” said Melinda Roberts. Upon investigating complaints Roberts sometimes finds elderly or ill persons without the resources to hire help with yard work. Roberts invites youth and church groups, clubs, individuals and service organizations to volunteer to help with this problem.

June 26,96

PRESCOTT VALLEY TO GET 8 NEW POLICE OFFICERS:
A portion of Federal crime-fighting money has found its way into Prescott Valley in the form of grants for hiring additional police officers. Utilizing those funds, together with town moneys a total of eight new officers may be added to the PV police force this year.

June 26,96

GLASSFORD CONNECTOR TO OPEN AT 3 P.M. FRIDAY:
It’s been a long time coming, but on Friday, drivers in Prescott Valley will have another route from Highway 69 to Highway 89A. PV Public Works director Larry Tarkowski said the new
road will open after a ribbon-cutting ceremony at 3 p.m. on Friday. If you can’t wait until 3 p.m., just take your bike or your walking shoes, and tour the site. Tarkowski said the road will be open at sunrise until 3 p.m. for non-motorized traffic like bikes, pedestrians joggers and walkers.

July 3, 96

**PV TO HAVE FIRST ‘OLD TYME’ FOURTH:**
Not only will Prescott Valley be one of the only sites in Northern Arizona to have a fireworks display this Fourth of July, but a host of other events are planned for the community’s enjoyment. All events will be held at the Mountain Valley Park.

Aug 7, 96

**POLICE ACADEMY TO OPEN IN PRESCOTT VALLEY:**
Northern Arizona police departments will no longer have to send their recruits to the desert for training, thanks to a new law enforcement academy opening in Prescott Valley in August. The decision to implement an academy here was made after the Arizona Law Enforcement Training Academy (ALETA) in Tucson shut down, said PV police chief Ed Seder. The new academy will be open to any police agency in the state, and will be housed at the PV Yavapai College campus in cooperation with YC, Seder said. Police training in Arizona is paid through a state fund.

Aug 26, 96

**PATIENTS FLOCK TO HEALTH CARE CENTER:**
Since its opening less than two years ago, the town’s only urgent care facility has more than doubled its daily patient intake and now is expanding to Prescott. The center’s innovative model, offering a trio of services—primary care, emergency care, and industrial medicine -- has proved popular and effective in the Prescott Valley area.

Sept 11, 96

**RANGER ROAD TO BE EXTENDED BETWEEN LONG MESA AND LAREDO DRIVES:**
PV is in the process of obtaining easement from the State Land Department to extend Ranger Road between Long Mesa Drive and Laredo Drive, according to roads department head Larry Tarkowski.

Sept 11, 96

**PLAN STUDIES PV’s ECONOMIC STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES:**
Economic strengths and weaknesses of Prescott Valley are revealed in a just-released study and strategy draft. The report examines elements that are likely to affect the town’s economy and recommends strategies for future development. The draft is the result of a process that began late last year when town council decided to enter into the Arizona Public Service-sponsored program called A Focused Future. The program is directed toward rural communities to help strengthen the state’s economy.

Sept 13, 96

**PV COUNCIL OKs YOUTH POST FUNDS:**
A request to help fund a youth coordinator position, projected to be “one of the most important jobs in Yavapai County,” met with swift approval by the town council. The coordinator, a position recommended by the Tri-city Gang Prevention Task Force, will be a part of the proposed central Yavapai County Youth Program, and organize youth projects in the area.

Sept 24, 96

**BUILDING MANAGER RESIGNS POSITION:**
Two years after he was hired to lead the town’s building department, Charlie Voos resigned, citing lack of recognition as part of the reason for his departure. Voos submitted his resignation last week, said town manager Ken Rittmer, who added, “It was a mutual understanding that he decided to resign.” Rittmer declined to elaborate on his comment.

Sept 24, 96

**PV AMPHITHEATER HONORED BY STATE:**
Officials have long maintained that recreation is this town’s calling. Honored by the Arizona Parks and Recreation Association for having the best recreational facility in the state this year, the town is proving its forte is recreation. Recreation director Mindy Meyers accepted the award Sept. 19, given to the town for its new amphitheater. “I was ecstatic,” Meyers said. According to APRA awards committee chair Cindy Knowlton, there were 9 homes competing for the award, including facilities in Phoenix, Show Low, Scottsdale and Chandler.

Sept 25, 96

**NEW BRADSHAW HIGH SCHOOL NEARLY FINISHED:**
After two weeks of classes at Prescott Valley’s brand new Bradshaw Mountain High School, principal Willie Bean says everything is “just about up and running.” “The kids have been great. They’re all in class – everyone has a desk under them,” Bean says.

**Sept 25,96**

**NEW SAMARITAN CENTER UNDERWAY IN COMMUNITY:**

Seniors here could have 224-hour care available at the PV Samaritan Center by mid-May, 1997, according to regional director for the Evangelical Lutheran Good Samaritan Society, Wayne Olson. The added rainbow to the senior care center will be the 80 jobs PV Samaritan will add to the community, as well as work provided for contractors during construction.

**Oct 1,96**

**PV COUNCIL TO AMEND ZONING CODE NIXING BILLBOARDS:**

At a special meeting Monday, the town council was quick to say it made a mistake by not cleaning up a zoning code that allows billboards in town. But officials made it clear it was not too late to amend that. Advertising company 3M-Media applied Aug 29 for a permit to construct three billboards along State Route 69 at Prescott Valley’s west entrance. It is zoned as a performance manufacturing (PM) district, the only district in town that allows billboards. The town’s north industrial area also is zoned PM. The building and zoning department granted a permit to erect billboards the same day an application was submitted. However, it revoked the permit Sept 27 - a day after a meeting in which the town council first considered the dilemma - because the applicant submitted an inadequate site plan” and the proposal was “incompatible with the zoning.” The town will not reissue a permit to 3M-Media.

**Oct 8,96**

**SIDEWALKS, TRAILS AT ISSUE:**

Trails and pedestrian pathways here are a much-needed amenity to protect resident’s safety, officials say. However, their establishment weighs heavily on whether the town receives outside funding. If the town is successful in securing the $398,933 grant, it will hold public meetings to gather input on where residents would prefer the system. “We need to have (pathways) in lieu of improvement districts that would put sidewalks in town,” said public works superintendent Larry Tarkowski. “If this (grant) does not happen, we will continue to pursue outside funding.”

**Oct 11,96**

**PV COUNCIL SETS DEADLINE TO HIRE ECONOMIC CHIEF:**

Without a coach, the town could be losing major players to add to its team of businesses. At its Thursday meeting, the town council voiced this issue and wanted to know when a professional would come on board and take the ball in economic development. “We have an unknown time frame,” said council member Jay Fagelman. “To me, every second we let some type of development escape Prescott Valley, we’re the losers.” The town has been without an economic developer for seven months, since former Prescott Valley Chamber of Commerce director Rudy Szewczak was terminated without cause by the chamber’s board of directors. Soon after his termination, the Prescott Valley Economic Development Foundation (PVEDF) -- a group of volunteer residents—formed and the town council approved its proposal to hire the economic development director. PVEDF, the council agreed, should hire an economic developer no later than Jan. 1 of 1997.

**Oct 16,96**

**LANDSCAPE, ECONOMY ARE TOWN’S PRIORITIES:**

After putting Prescott Valley’s community development plan under the microscope, residents found two bugs to quash. First, they said the town is -crawling in efforts to improve its appearance along State Route 69. Commercial establishments and business parks, they say, should be improved with adequate landscaping. Second, the town needs to spin a Valley leaders put out their feelers for three hours Monday night to find out if the town is following its January 1994 General Plan. The plan outlines goals and policies for Prescott Valley’s development.

**Oct 25,96**

**PV GETS THREE MORE OFFICERS THROUGH FEDERAL COPS GRANT:**

The Prescott Valley police department has added four more officers in the last two years, thanks to a Federal COPS Universal Hiring grant. Officer Brad Penner was added to the force in May, 1995, as part of a Federal government plan to add officers to police departments nationwide. At that time, three more officers requested through the grant were denied. In May of this year,
however, police Chief Ed Seder was notified by the U.S. Dept. Of Justice that the additional three officers had been approved. According to the terms of the COPS grant, the government will pay the town $75,000 per officer over a period of three years, for a total grant of $225,000. Seder said the money covers the majority of the wage and training expenses of the officers for the first year, about 50 percent in the second, and 25 percent in the third. After the third year, the town picks up the entire cost of the officers.

**Nov 13,96**

**PV TO BEGIN CASTLE CANYON ANNEXATION:**

Prescott Valley began the formal process to bring its neighbor, Castle Canyon Mesa, into its limits - but not without protest from residents there who say they can’t afford it. The town council agreed at its Thursday meeting to pay Sunrise Engineering $42,000 to locate Castle Canyon Mesa property owners, then circulate petitions asking for signatures of those who favor annexation.

**Nov 27,96**

**STANDING UP FOR YOUTH:**

When a group of adults convened to seek positive outlets and a direction for local youth they realized something was missing: the youngsters themselves. The Yavapai County Youth Program steering committee decided to include youths on the panel to give their input and perspectives. “We realized we have a bunch of adults sitting around telling youth what to do when we realized we needed youths on the committee,” said town recreation director Mindy Meyers, who recently was appointed by the Prescott Valley town council to serve on the steering committee. When Meyers circulated fliers at Bradshaw Mountain High School, seeking a youth representative for the town, she had one respondent. A motivated and serious youngster, Stephani Munoz already is a sophomore class representative for the school’s student council, a member of Students for Christ and Students Against Driving Drunk(SADD), a school newspaper’s staff member, a Prescott Samaritan Village volunteer, and an avid softball and soccer player. Her interests also include astrology, politics and business.

**Dec 4,96**

**TOWN ADDS NEW PUBLIC WORKS OPERATIONS DIRECTOR:**

There’s a new face around the Prescott Valley Public Works Department these days. Nils Gustavson has joined the town as Public Works Operations Supervisor, reporting to Public Works Director Larry Tarkowski. Gustavson will supervise more of the day-to-day operations of the public works department, which oversees town roads, parks, municipal facilities and sewers.

**Dec 4,96**

**TOWN’S POOL SUBSIDY DROPS TO 4% IN 1996:**

The facts-and-figures of Mountain Valley Splash’s highly successful summer season were recently released in a Parks and Recreation Department report. The community pool nearly paid for its operation costs in its second season, thing that is practically unheard of, according to Parks and Rec Director Mindy Meyers. “As city pools go generally, most don’t come close to breaking even,” she said.

**Dec 15,96**

**PV RECEIVES HERITAGE FUND GRANT FOR NEW PARK:**

As the recipient of a $149,525 Arizona Heritage Fund grant, the town is well on its way to developing its new Lynx Creek Heritage Park site. Officials were informed last week that Prescott Valley is one of 19 Arizona counties, cities and towns that will receive grant funding, Arizona Heritage Fund grants, monitored by the Arizona State Parks Board and the Arizona Outdoor Recreation Coordination Commission are possible through state lottery money.

**Dec 22,96**

**PRESCOTT VALLEY’S COFFERS SHOW HEALTHY BALANCE:**

The town experienced a financially healthy fiscal year in 1995-1996, with a $2.1 million increase from last year in its general fund, a recent audit reveals. What continues to be lacking, however, is a more complete listing of the town’s fixed assets, said auditor Donna Fagan.

**Jan 1,97**

**PV GROWTH DESCRIBED AS HEALTHY:**

Town planner Jim Padgett said the wave of building activity this year is in commercial construction. “We went through a big residential push two years ago. Now we’ve reached a cycle where people are living here and need the goods and services, so that, in turn, is generating a need for more businesses.” Residential construction in the current fiscal year parallels the
previous year’s activity, he said. Figures for the year reveal an average of 29.5 single-family residence permits were issued each month. One of the areas top residential developers, Chris Read, agrees. “From what I see, it’s not booming, but it’s not dead. I think it’s growing at a good rate.”

Jan 10,97  **PRESCOTT VALLEY COUNCIL GIVES ITSELF A PAY RAISE:**
The town council gave itself a raise at its Thursday meeting, a motion condemned by two council members who say their service is a donation to Prescott Valley. The mayor’s monthly salary will increase from $400 to $700, while each council member’s monthly pay will be raised from $200 to $400. Raises are effective immediately following the May 20 general election. Dick Padgett and Chuck Ables dissented. I don’t think we need an increase at this time, “Padgett said. “If we’re going to start getting paid for things we do in town, at what point do we draw the line?” “I’m in agreement with Dick”, Ables said.

Jan 14,97  **POLICE WILL NOTIFY CITIZENS ABOUT OFFENDERS:**
Residents now will find out if high-risk sex offenders move into their neighborhood as police follow a new state law urging agencies to notify the community about such criminals. The new Arizona law, effective June 1, 1996, strongly recommends law enforcement agencies to inform the public if the sex offender meets the following conditions: is 18 or older; is a registered sex offender; was sentenced to probation without jail time. The law does not mandate departments to inform the public, but “strongly recommends” action, said Prescott Valley Police Department Sgt. Laura Molinaro. “Prescott Valley chose to follow the law because we feel that we have a responsibility to the citizens of the community,” Molinaro said.

Jan 29,97  **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION, CHAMBER TO PARTNER IN PV BUSINESS EXPANSION AND RETENTION:**
A dual effort to enhance Prescott Valley’s existing businesses and attract new ones is now underway. The Prescott Valley Economic Development Foundation and the PV Chamber of Commerce will work in a partnership to accomplish goals originally set forth in the community’s General Plan. Jim Bricker, a member of the Foundation, explained the roles of the two entities. The foundation’s business is to bring new business - retail, recreation, light industry. The Chamber’s role is to retain and assist existing businesses, he said.

Jan 29,97  **NEW COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR RICHARD PARKER EXCITED ABOUT POTENTIAL OF PRESCOTT VALLEY:**
“There’s a big difference between character and image. Image is something you project to others; Character is something you are ... that you represent.” So states Richard Parker, newly appointed Director of Prescott Valley’s Community Development Department. “It’s going to be a pleasure to help the community define its character and work toward complimenting that character,” he says. It is Parker’s job to help residents implement the town’s vision statement which was created by Focus Future, a collaborative effort between community volunteers, council representatives, and Arizona Public Service.

Fed 12,97  **RECREATION GOALS OUTLINED FOR PRESCOTT VALLEY:**
Authorities say one day Prescott Valley’s premiere swimming pool, Mountain Valley Splash, will be an indoor facility. Although appealing and essential, officials say a timeline has not been set to accomplish this objective. “We have so many projects and so many things we want to sink funds into, it’s hard to say when that would happen,” said recreation director Mindy Meyers. She said the town’s parks and recreation commission recently reviewed and established goals and objectives for 1997, intended to give the recreation department direction.

Feb 13,97  **PROJECT KEYS ON TOWN’S FUTURE:**
Volunteers are wrapping up an extensive economic development strategic plan, a project that complements the town’s current business growth efforts and has been in the works for one year. A focused Future action team of volunteers has been collaborating since March 1996 to write the strategic plan, a more than 50-page document meant to give officials direction on economic development and related issues. The document complements the Dec.20,1996 agreement entered
by the town council with the Prescott Valley Economic Development Foundation, Inc. (PVEDF) to jump-start business growth efforts and hire an economic developer.

Feb 16, 97

SEWAGE RISES TO THE TOP IN CCM ANNEXATION ISSUE:
When Arizona Department of Environmental Quality officials speak of the potential harms of septic tanks, they point to Bullhead City as an example. A private water company in that Colorado River city was forced to abandon a production well, taking a $500,000 hit, because contaminants from septic systems were found in high amounts, said ADEQ ombudsman Jack Baile. Baile, and experts like him, say it is wise for communities such as Castle Canyon Mesa to hook up to a readily available sewer system to avoid a similar scenario. It’s more feasible, economically and functionally, to make a change now before there are serious threats to groundwater, said Bill Fain, president of Shamrock Water Company, which services Castle Canyon Mesa.

Feb 16, 97

PV LAKE TO GET STOCK OF TROUT:
The town is up to something fishy. It just entered an agreement with the Arizona Game and Fish Department to stock the town’s new Fain Park lake with trout as early as May. Once it is stocked, it will be the tri-city area’s second trout-filled pool—and Prescott Valley’s first fishing lake.

Feb 19, 97

PV HOPES TO CLEAN UP:
The town’s community development department recently revealed its commitment to rid itself of the “excess baggage”—including outstanding zoning code violations—it has carried for years, officials say. As part of its efforts the department will develop building design guidelines for the State Route 69 corridor through town, intended to improve Prescott Valley’s image. “The Highway 69 corridor issue is going to get uglier,” P&Z Commissioner Kenneth Spedding said in a meeting last week. “We’re going to have to bite the bullet. People might think if (building appearance) is this bad on the highway, it’s probably worse past the Frontage Road.”

Mar 5, 97

PV GETS HEAVY, WET WINTER SNOW:
A wet winter storm swept through Prescott Valley Thursday, keeping road crews busy throughout the night, and canceling school and many other events. PV received about 10 inches of snow in the storm, which started Thursday morning and escalated throughout the afternoon. Snowfall was heavy and wet, compacting quickly, but not making roads a problem until late afternoon.

Mar 6, 97

SOME PV CRIME NUMBERS DOWN IN ’96:
Criminal activity is on the decline here for most offenses, with only one arson and no murders during 1996. Only two categories—robbery and assault experienced an increase, although light. Robberies rose from two to four offenses from 1995 to 1996, while assaults increased by 12 offenses to 230 between the same years.

Mar 12, 97

SKOOG RETAINS MAYORAL SEAT:
Mayor Harvey Skoog swept the polls in Tuesday’s election with 88 percent of the vote, extinguishing opponent and former fire fighter Walter Bassett from the mayoral race. “The apprehension and anticipation is behind me now,” Skoog said. “The community gave me a clear message that they want the town to be progressive.”

Mar 14, 97

PV HIRES ECONOMIC DEVELOPER:
After a nationwide search, town officials announced Thursday they hired New York’s former economic developer to head business development here. At the town council’s meeting, Prescott Valley Economic Development Foundations, Inc. (PVEDF) introduced new economic developer Joseph Brett. He begins work Monday, March 17.

Mar 21, 97

PV’S OWN THUMB BUTTE:
Prescott Valley wants to turn its Glassford Hill into a Thumb Butte. While Prescott’s landmark is well known among both locals and tourists, officials say Glassford Hill carries the same weight for Prescott Valley and should be saved from potential development or “Antenna farms.” Because it is a significant feature, Prescott Valley should lead efforts to preserve the bald hill on
the town’s west side, Tarkowski said. Tarkowski introduced the idea of partnering with Yavapai County and Prescott to preserve Glassford Hill as a “Regional open space site” at the town’s planning and zoning commission meeting this week.

Mar 28, 97

**OCCUPANCY PERMITS TOP PV JOINT GROUP’S PRIORITIES:**
When the community development department said it wanted to clean up, the town council quickly picked up the broom of direction. In a first-ever joint meeting, the town’s council convened with the community development department head Richard Parker and the planning and zoning commission to set priorities for 1997. One issue that will be swept up: The 900 temporary occupancy permits that haven’t been finalized since 1995. When someone wants to occupy an incomplete building, a temporary conditional occupancy permit (TO) must be obtained. When remaining improvements are finished, town officials inspect the structure or finalize it, to approve permanent occupancy.

Mar 30, 97

**NEIGHBORS SAY CARE HOME WILL AFFECT AREA;**
A proposed elderly home has one neighborhood up in arms about the high density” development they say could open the doors for similar structures on their street. Long Look, near Glassford Hill Road, designated by the town as a collector street. Development has continued west along Long Look, with two established churches, an operating charter school, and an alternative high school under construction. Yet just west of those buildings, Thomas Development Co. Of Boise, Idaho is proposing a 39-unit senior assisted living home on four acres. It’s the developers’ initial application for rezoning to R2-2 -- multifamily residential - that has raised the hairs of residents. R2-2 permits 24 units per acre if not constrained by a specific site plan. Eventually, developer Tom Mannschrek wants to expand to 48 units in one single-story building, and 20 duplex units. This would yield 17 units per acre.

April 16, 97

**TOWN LOOKS TOWARD PURCHASE OF SHAMROCK WATER:**
The Town of Prescott Valley is looking to control its water future with negotiations to purchase Shamrock Water Company. Town Council approved a $28,220 agreement with the CH2M Hill Company to evaluate Shamrock with the intent of assisting the town in its efforts to purchase the water company. “The town has an interest in addressing its future water supply,” said PV Town Manager Ken Rittmer. We are at the stage in discussions (with Shamrock owners, the Fain family) to start negotiations. To do this, we need a sense of what the system is worth.

Apr 25, 97

**PV CHAMBER PITCHES TOWN FOR MORE MONEY:**
Daily, the town’s chamber of commerce expends inexhaustible energy selling itself to businesses and visitors. Thursday, that energy was directed to a different consumer: the town council. The sale price: $75,000 yearly. double the amount the town of Prescott Valley had subsidized the chamber in the past. Also, it’s about 40 percent of the chamber’s annual budget. “We need you to step up with us and invest in a business organization that represents 400 businesses, which mathematically speaking equated to about 12,000 local residents,” said chamber president Ed Lepordo. The increased amount, Lepordo said, is due to the town’s tremendous growth—about 80 percent in the past five years.

Apr 29, 97

**PV EVENTS COORDINATOR STEPS DOWN:**
The town’s first amphitheater events coordinator ended his contract with Prescott Valley just three months after it began, prompting officials to look elsewhere for services. Former events coordinator Max Pais submitted a resignation letter March 23. His employment with the town ended April 23. At its meeting last week, the town council entered into a new agreement with Miriam Davis, radio station representative for KPPV radio station. Mindy Meyers, Recreation Director, recommended Davis because she has proven to be a great public relations professional,” who Meyers has worked with on various other town projects, such as Prescott Valley Days.

May 7, 97

**APS HELPS PV ‘URBAN FOREST’:**
In conjunction with the Arizona Clean & Beautiful program, Arizona Public Service recently donated a tree to the Urban Forest on Lakeshore Drive. APS and its employees are committed to
keeping their communities clean and beautiful. APS provided all trash bags as well as several hundred t-shirts for “Team Up to Clean Up” Day, May 3.

May 7,97  
**MOUNTAIN VALLEY PARK PAVILION UNDERWAY:**
Town of Prescott Valley and Chamber of Commerce officials and business members were on hand recently at a groundbreaking for the long-awaited Mountain Valley Park Pavilion. The Pavilion is expected to be ready for use by Prescott Valley Days in late June, and then will be available for other park events and private rentals.

May 11,97  
**PREScott Valley Cleanup Days Worked for Couple:**
We had the opportunity to make use of Prescott Valley’s free dump/clean up day. In the past we have made use of the county free dump day and have driven to Mayer to dump our “junk.” I would like to thank and congratulate the town of Prescott Valley for this fine service and help rendered to us, Carol and Harold Graves.

May 28,97  
**Bradshaw Boasts 5 Valedictorians:**
Bradshaw Mountain High School boasts five valedictorians among its graduating class this year, the highest number at the school in at least 10 years, officials say. Valedictorians include Nicole Bean, Ryan Davis, Darcy O’Brien, Russell Stooks, and Sarah Young. The school’s single salutatorian is Carrie Lane.

May 28,97  
**Management Area’s Goal to Assure Responsible ‘Banking’ of Water Supply:**
When Prescott Valley residents turn on the tap and get fresh, clear water, they are using a resource carefully measured and managed in the tri-cities area. The Arizona Department of Water Resources’ Prescott Active Management Area is one of four AMA’s established by the Groundwater Act of 1980. The AMA’s are areas in which extensive groundwater management is required to address the impacts on groundwater supplies due to extensive groundwater withdrawal.

May 30,97  
**ADOT: Relocation of Three Area Highways Needed:**
Department of Transportation suggests relocating highways 69, 89, and 89A due to increased traffic and increased limited access along those routes. Relocations would necessitate existing state routes to be vacated by the state Transportation Board in accordance with Arizona law, ADOT officials say. Moreover, new state routes would be designated in accordance with the law.

June 4,97  
**Plans for Groundwater Recharge Include Two ‘Lakes,’ Water Feature at Mountain Valley Park:**
Prescott Valley has been planning for use of its effluent water ever since its wastewater treatment plant began operation in November, 1993. Now, over three years later, some of those plans are helping to lay groundwork for preservation of the area’s groundwater supply. Millions of gallons of groundwater is being used for irrigation, not the best use of this resource in the high desert area of Northern Arizona. Within the next several years, according to Arizona Department of Water Resources Prescott Active Management Area Director Phil Foster, could declare that the Prescott AMA is in a water mining situation.

June 8,97  
**Thanks You, Roy!**
In the post-game huddle, the victorious team shouts, “Thank you, Roy!” To hear the ceremonial chant, one might scratch his head in confusion. But Bradshaw Mountain High’s girls varsity team knows why they’re grateful aside from supportive family, Roy Blockinger has been their most dedicated fan for several years. And on June 21, Roy will get the recognition the team says he deserves when he’s honored as the Arizona High School All Star Game’s dedicatee for girl’s softball.

June 11,97  
**Prescott Valley Police to Start Explorers Program:**
Prescott Valley Police Department is sponsoring new program for youth ‘aged 14-18, who are interested in a possible career in law enforcement. The first orientation for PVPD’s Explorer Post is scheduled for June 16 at 6 P.M. at the police station. For registration information, call
A former Explorer Scout, P.J. Janik, said the program gives the participants experience in law enforcement, as they get to ride along with officers, and is a great resume-builder.

June 11, 1997

**TOWN’S NEGOTIATIONS FOR WATER COMPANY PURCHASE DATE BACK NEARLY 20 YEARS:**
This April, the Town of Prescott Valley approved a $28,000 study by CHM2Hill Co. To assess the condition of Shamrock Water Company property prior to purchase negotiations. The move was the latest in efforts to purchase Shamrock that date back to one year after the town’s 1978 incorporation. The Town has now received copies of CH2MHill’s completed study, outlining the condition of the Shamrock system and needed upgrades to continue to supply quality water service to the Town of PV and surrounding service areas.

June 15, 1997

**PUBLIC INPUT NEEDED ON PROPOSED PARK:**
The public is invited to help plan the town’s proposed 320-acre park, to be developed in the northwest portion of town. The park doesn’t have an official name, yet leaders are calling it Agua Fria Park because it lies in the Agua Fria flood plain, off Glassford Hill Road near highway 89A. Land currently is owned by the state of Arizona. A public meeting will be held 7 p.m. Tuesday at the police station, 7601 Civic Circle to gather input as to what amenities the park should have. “We will have a couple of these meetings and from that, we will generate the park’s master plan,” said public works director Larry Tarkowski.

June 15, 1997

**PV JOINS WITH OTHER'S NEW CURFEW:**
The town was one of the last entities to approve Yavapai county’s new uniform juvenile curfew, a law the police chief said is less stringent for youth. Prescott Valley’s old curfew - on the books since 1979, long before nearby municipalities established theirs - required youngsters under 18 to be indoors between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m. The new curfew requires youth under 16 to be indoors between 10 p.m. and 5 a.m., and youngsters 16 to 18 to be inside between midnight and 5 a.m.

June 18, 1997

**DEL WEBB SIGNS AGREEMENT FOR TWO AREA DEVELOPMENTS:**
The Del Webb Corporation announced this week that it has entered into a purchase agreement with Fain Land and Cattle Company for two separate parcels of land. The agreement includes a time period in which the company will determine the feasibility of the proposed developments with planning reviews, engineering and design studies, additional market analysis and entitlement work, which involves meeting requirements of local and state government agencies pertaining to the project.

June 19, 1997

**OFFICIALS AGREE PV WATER RATES WILL HAVE TO GO UP:**
Who will pay for the $21 million in infrastructure improvements officials suggest for Shamrock Water Company’s system? Shamrock’s customers, officials reluctantly admit. “There’s no bones about it. Rates are going to go up enough that it’s not going to be appreciated by a lot of people,” said Prescott Valley Mayor Harvey Skoog. The town of Prescott Valley, in pursuing acquisition of Shamrock Water Co., also paid $25,000 for consultant Leonard Dueker to analyze - in a separate study - existing water supplies for Prescott Valley proper. It’s a particularly important undertaking considering the town’s explosive growth, Skoog said. Studies cannot be released, Town Manager Ken Rittmer said, because they’re being considered by Shamrock.

June 25, 1997

**NORWEST PRONGHORN BALLOON CLASSIC A FAVORITE, YEAR AFTER YEAR:**
A perennial favorite of Prescott Valley Days participants is the Norwest longhorn Balloon Classic. This year will be no exception, as 19 hot air balloons will be launched at 6 a.m. On Saturday and Sunday morning, June 27 and 28. The public is invited to come out and enjoy this spectacular event. If you have a yen to be a little more involved than the average spectator, call the Chamber of Commerce at 772-8857, or show up at the balloon check-in site at the park at 5 a.m. and Saturday or Sunday and offer to be a part of a balloon “crew”. You’ll assist in setting up, participate in the exciting “chase”. and tear down of these huge balloons, and enjoy the camaraderie of your new flying friends.
June 25,97

SHAMROCK OFFICIALS: TOWN OF PV BEST SUITED TO RUN WATER SYSTEM, DEAL WITH GROWTH:
Shamrock Water Company president Bill Fain said the CH2M Hill firm hired by the Town of Prescott Valley to study the water system is a responsible company, but he doesn’t agree with its preliminary findings that Shamrock needs $21 million in upgrades over the next 10 years. “We haven’t had the opportunity to review the complete report, and what CH2M Hill is using to substantiate (the figures),” he said, adding that some of the points on which the company disagrees are significant, and others aren’t. One thing Shamrock and the Town do agree on is that Prescott Valley is in a better position to run Shamrock Water in a manner that meets needs precipitated by the community’s future growth.

June 26,97

PV ADDS BICYCLE PATROL:
Prescott Valley Police Department is adding a new mode of transportation and it’s of the two-wheeled variety. Come August, the department will incorporate daytime bicycle patrol in its high-crime neighborhoods. So far, Chief Seder is looking to a one-square mile central section of town, just north of and including Mountain Valley Park, with patrol sites expanding if the bicycle force grows. Bike patrol makes officers more accessible to people and jump-starts the community policing program Prescott Valley is implementing.

June 27,97

DESTINATION PRESCOTT VALLEY:
“Prescott Valley is becoming a town to go to, not drive through.” With this, and various other messages about how the Chamber of Commerce is improving its services, the town council Thursday approved a proposal to double the amount it subsidizes the town’s tourist and business promotion entity. The town of Prescott Valley, in the 1997-98 fiscal year, will give the Prescott Valley Chamber of Commerce $75,000. For the past four years, Prescott Valley appropriated $38,000 annually, yet that contract will expire in a few days.

July 2,97

NEW PV BROCHURE PUBLISHED:
PV Chamber of Commerce Director Lew Rees is a great “fan” of the Chamber’s colorful new Prescott Valley brochures. The Chamber had 20,000 copies of the promotional literature printed. Rees encourages Chamber members to pick up copies and hand them out to potential residents and business people.

July 2,97

LONGTIME PV POLICE SERGEANT PROMOTED TO DEPARTMENT LIEUTENANT:
Prescott Valley has not had a police lieutenant since the last one resigned in 1988. Since then, the town and the police department have tripled in size, and the need for a second-in-command has been evident for some time. Though Prescott Valley could have hired from outside the community, the Police Department has several qualified and capable people deserving of promotion and increased responsibility; the person selected by the Town Council to fill the post is Laura Molinaro.

July 13,97

PRESCOTT VALLEY COUNCIL OK’s LARGEST BUDGET EVER:
The Prescott Valley Town Council approved its largest budget in history Thursday, with total expenditures in excess of $57 million for the fiscal year 1997-98. Included in the proposed budget is a contingency of $9,350,000 for the possible Phase 3 Castle Canyon Mesa sewer and road project, should that area be annexed. An additional $14 million is earmarked for the purchase of Shamrock Water Company. “This is the largest budget you will ever have adopted,” Town Manager Ken Rittmer told the council.

July 13,97

STUDENTS QUESTION SHUTTLE COMMANDER:
Composure paid off for Mountain View Elementary students who have waited through anticipation and disappointment to finally contact the commander of the space shuttle Columbia. At approximately 8:40 a.m. Tuesday, the students talked with and asked questions of James Halsell, Jr. of the Columbia. The conversation was about eight minutes long and the six students got to ask some of the questions that the student body of Mountain View formulated. The event attracted state and local media.
MORMON VOLUNTEERS IMPROVE FAIN PARK TRAIL IN COMMUNITY PROJECT:
The sounds of picks, shovels, and chain saws resounded from the rocky faces along Lynx Creek Saturday morning as 132 volunteers from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints Aqua Fria Ward worked at improving the Fain Park trail Under the direction of Prescott Valley Public Works Director Larry Tarkowski, families pitched in to define the trail, remove weeds, and clear brush from the lake edge.

SAMARITAN CENTER SAYS HELLO TO PV:
The town’s new skilled-nursing facility isn’t just due, it’s overdue. Ron Kilgore, administrator of the Prescott Valley Samaritan Center, is overwhelmed by the response to the facility, scheduled to open Aug. 11. More than 400 people attended an open house Wednesday night at the center, located at 3380 N. Windsong Drive. Kilgore expects to quickly fill the 80-bed center, which features 20-bed Alzheimer’s and 16-bed behavioral-health wings. To his knowledge, the closest specifically designed Alzheimer’s unit is in Northeast Yavapai County, at the Kachina Pointe Health Center in the Village of Oak Creek.

PURPLE PIPE DESIGNED FOR WASTEWATER USE:
In the town’s current wave of construction madness, white PVC pipe is everywhere. And town residents have become used to green sewer pipes lying in bundles around town over the past three to four years. But purple pipe? Not just common purple, but fluorescent fuschia pipe? The designer-colored pipe is just another town project starting, explained public works director Larry Tarkowski. When put into place from the water treatment plant to the town’s centrally located lakes, the pipes will carry treated water to continually replenish the lakes, he said. The lakes will slowly filter water back into the groundwater system, a “recharge” so to speak for the water the town is pumping out for drinking water, he said. By pumping water back, the town acquires recharge credits from the state, and can pump more water to meet the needs of the growing community, he said.

TOWN PLAYS HOST TO WATER FORUMS:
If you find a paper door hanger attached to your knob in the coming weeks, don’t be alarmed. Your utilities probably are still connected. It’s your invitation to the town of Prescott Valley to attend a forum regarding the town’s proposed purchase of Shamrock Water Co. Public Works Director Larry Tarkowski said the dates and places for the forums are final, and soon, town officials will come to your neighborhood. They will present the reasons why the town wants to purchase Shamrock Water and take comments from residents. “We would like people to come to the forum scheduled for their area,” Tarkowski said.

CYFD OPENS STATION:
The town’s growth is exploding, specifically on the north end. And to make sure those residents are served expeditiously with fire and emergency medical services, the Central Yavapai Fire District has open a new fire station on North Robert Road, just off State Route 89A.

PV PRESSES FOR AN ATTRACTIVE 69 CORRIDOR:
Planning and Zoning commissioners gave the town’s planners the unanimous message Monday that they want the community’s gateway area to be attractive and appropriate. During the commission’s regular work session, town planners proposed rezoning the area between Copper Hill Drive and the Frontage Road. The other choice, Principal Planner Richard Padgett said, would be to leave the zoning and require businesses to come into compliance. Commissioner Kenneth Speeding responded that the general plan targets the commercial strip of State Route 69 as a gateway area for the town. It would go against the plan’s goal to intensify the commercial use, he said.

GOLD FEVER STRIKES PV:
This Saturday, local residents can strike it rich at Fain Park. The town is celebrating the 100-acre facility’s opening with Gold Fever Day. Try your hand at panning gold with lessons on the hour. The left-overs from the area’s gold-mining days still trickle down into the lake, and it’s
finder’s keepers for any flakes or nuggets that turn up. Or, if panning isn’t your style, maybe your strike will turn up at the end of a fishing line. Highlights of the day will include the official opening of the park at noon. Tours of the park will start from the historical society booth at 12:30, 2:30 and 4:30 p.m.

Aug 24,97  **DOWNTOWN PV NOT FAR AWAY:**
There’s no downtown in town—yet. But soon, Prescott Valley officials hope an office and retail area will grow around the developing town center just off Lakeshore Drive, near the current police operations building. Based on the public’s input in the general plan, the planning staff has drafted a conceptual master plan for all of section 14. This area is bounded generally by State Route 69 to the south, Long Look Drive to the north and Glassford Hill Road and Windsong Drive to the west and east. Community development director Richard Parker explained Chapter 8 of the town’s general plan speaks to the proposed downtown area. Specifically, he said, the conceptual plan includes an enclosed mall, support retail space, and office and business areas. The draft also includes civic, cultural, recreational, and health and emergency-care facilities.

Aug 28,97  **MAJORITY OF SURVEY RESPONDENTS FAVOR PV WATER PURCHASE:**
A huge majority of those attending water forums in the neighborhoods all over town approve of the town’s plans to buy Shamrock Water Co. That’s according to surveys filled out by those attending the forums.

Aug 31,97  **TRAFFIC CONCERN RAISED, DENSITY OVERLOOKED:**
About 25 residents hardly made an echo in the cavernous Bradshaw Mountain High School cafeteria Thursday, but the echoes from their decisions could affect the town’s development forever. The residents gathered to consider the so-called Section 14 plan, better known as the town’s concept plan for downtown. The proposal came out of the recent general plan discussions. It creates a zoning overlay for an area now mostly open space, but expected to develop rapidly. Most of the land is owned privately, with the bulk held by Fain Land and Cattle Co., said Community Development Director Richard Parker. Planner Jim Padgett told the audience the community just finished the Economic Focused Future Study, which was adopted by the council. “One of the negatives (in that study) was the lack of a downtown, the lack of a focus,” he said.

Sept 10,97  **TOWN OF PV DONATES TO RESTORE WWII MEMORIAL:**
A county memorial honoring World War II veterans is a little closer to restoration thanks to a donation from the Town of Prescott Valley. Veterans and committee members received the $2,000 donation during a Thursday council meeting from Mayor Harvey Skoog. The memorial to be restored is located next to the courthouse fountain on the Cortez St. side of the Yavapai County Court House. The memorial was erected in 1946, and contained the names of all veterans from Yavapai County who served in WWII.

Sept 15,97  **HIGHLY ENERGIZED P.J. JANIK MAKES A DIFFERENCE WITH YOUTH:**
P.J. Janik came to the town’s police force in August 1996, looking for a place to wind down as he finished his career. Two years until retirement, Janik never expected that his move to Prescott Valley would so energize him about police work that he would reconsider retiring. Hired for the community/school liaison unit post just over a year ago, Janik’s schedule has become more, not less, hectic. His most public role is as Drug Abuse Resistance Education and Gang Resistance Education and Training Officer in the Prescott Valley Schools.

Sept 21,97  **PV WORKING TO AVERT PROBLEMS OF EL NINO:**
If the wet or snowy winter predicted from El Nino does come to Arizona, this town wants to be prepared. So town officials are preparing facilities and even offering town support to local residents wanting advice to prepare their homes for severe storms.

Sept 23,97  **PV POLICE OFFICERS PEDAL THROUGH PAIN:**
Mayor Harvey Skoog officially put Prescott Valley Police Officers Brandon Bonney and Scott Stebbins on the street Friday afternoon, to patrol the town’s Section 5, surrounding Mountain Valley Park. The bike patrol is just a part of the town’s community-based policing and public
service philosophy. The goal is to make government and specifically police officers, more accessible, Skoog said.

Oct 2, 97

**PRESCOTT VALLEY MAKES PITCH FOR DOWNS:**
Yavapai County Fair Association board members met Tuesday night to listen to another presentation for relocating Prescott Downs, this time from a Prescott Valley group. The proposed site is northeast of Prescott Valley’s town limits at the intersection of Highway 89A and the proposed Fain Road realignment. Fair board members originally discussed and visited the privately owned site earlier this year. Tuesday, fair board members heard from Joe Brett, executive director of the Prescott Valley Economic Development Foundation; Ron Fain, of the Fain Land and cattle Co, the land’s owners and Harvey Skoog, Prescott Valley Mayor.

Oct 13, 97

**PV AWARDS CONTRACT FOR TOWN HALL:**
After months of excavation, town residents finally will see construction start at its town hall/library site. The town council awarded a contract for $8.07 million last Thursday to Cohen Contracting to build the new town complex.

Oct 15, 97

**TOWN, SHAMROCK WATER OFFICIALS REACH PURCHASE AGREEMENT:**
Prescott Valley may soon be running its own water company as well as its waste water operations. Representatives of the Town of Prescott Valley and the shareholders of Shamrock Water Company have announced an “agreement-in-principle” for the Town’s purchase of the Company for a total price of $14.7 million. The agreement is subject to final negotiation and approval of a formal purchase agreement by the Town Council and the Company’s shareholders, and will require the formation of a Community Facilities District (CFD) to acquire the stock of the Company and operate the water system.

Nov 7, 97

**PV WORKS TO ANNEX OTHER AREAS:**
Castle Canyon Mesa may be the town’s most publicized annexation effort and the one affecting the most people, but it’s not the only property the town is annexing. Prescott Valley officials are working on seven different annexations, most of them at the town or property owner’s request. The only remaining project started in 1996 is a group of three state land parcels south of Highway 69, according to Community Development Director Richard Parker. Two of the parcels are adjacent to Prescott Country Club, with the other near Victorian Estates. State lands also comprise one of the annexation efforts in 1997, a group of seven state parcels east of Prescott Valley. The parcels are near Fain Road and around the proposed Del Webb development, Parker noted. Another tiny parcel east of Prescott Valley includes the property around Granite Mountain Design, Parker said. West of Prescott Valley, town officials are working to annex the parcel on which Humboldt Unified School District is building its new elementary school, Parker said. And to the far west, the town looks to annex the eastern half of the Glassford Hill area, to protect the landmark as open space, he noted.

Nov 5, 97

**PV WORKS TO AVOID BIG TAX BITE ON SHAMROCK WATER PURCHASE:**
The Town of Prescott Valley is looking to establish a Community Facilities District to avoid a possible tax pitfall in the purchase of Shamrock Water Company. Although an agreement has been reached with Shamrock, the acquisition of the water company will still entail some legal maneuvers in order to please both the Internal Revenue Service and the Arizona Corporation Commission, according to Town Attorney Ivan Legler. “The acquisition of Shamrock Water Company has been agreed to in principal,” Legler said in a recent interview. “Now we need the IRS and ACC stamp of approval so that we can get the financing.”

Nov 9, 97

**PV HIRES TOWER CONSULTANT:**
The tri-county area doesn’t have many communication towers cluttering its landscape today, but its governments are trying to assure that it stays that way. All three of the tri-city communities and Yavapai County have inked an agreement to cooperatively plan for wireless communications tower sites. Thursday, Prescott Valley, which has taken the lead agency role, hired the consultant to create the tri-city’s tower site master plan.

Nov 13, 97

**PV COMMUNITY GROUP TACKLES GOALS, MOVES ON:**
The Community Development Department has accomplished a fair number of its annual goals, and is ready to move onto bigger and better things. That’s the message from Richard Parker, community development director, to the Prescott Valley Planning and Zoning commission. The commission, which met Monday, is preparing for a joint sessions with the council, Thursday, Nov. 20 to set new priorities.

Nov 23, 97

RESIDENTS URGE PV COUNCIL TO TAKE STAND ON GRAVEL PIT:
About 20 residents sat through a lengthy town council meeting Thursday trying to persuade the council to speak out on the proposed open-pit mine. All seven people who talked to the council during the open forum, opposed the idea of allowing Guzman Construction Co. To build a construction materials site on state trust land and private land northeast of Prescott Valley. While council members are not able to respond directly to comments, both Vice Mayor Rick Killingsworth and Council Member Dick Padgett asked the staff to research the issue and place it on a future agenda, for possible action.

Nov 25, 97

TOWN FOCUSES ON 69 CORRIDOR STUDY:
Amid talk of residential developments shifting to the fast track, the planning and zoning commission and town council agreed Prescott Valley needs to place an equal priority on its main retail area. Especially in light of the town’s goal of attracting a regional shopping center, the two groups, meeting in joint session, agreed the staff should place greater emphasis on the Highway 69 Corridor study.

Dec 3, 97

SUPERVISORS SUPPORT CCM ANNEXATION:
The Yavapai county Board of Supervisors decided Monday to encourage homeowners who belong to a Castle Canyon Mesa area package sewer district to sign petitions in favor of annexation to Prescott Valley. A draft of the letter states that it will be more cost effective for these property owners to annex into Prescott Valley and hook up to the town’s sewer system than to repair or replace the existing plant.

Dec 4, 97

TOWN COUNCIL WILL FOCUS ON GRAVEL MINE:
They aren’t sure what effect they will have, but town council members will conduct a meeting Dec 18, to gather information prior to taking a position on a proposed gravel mine northeast of Prescott Valley. Town officials have moved their regular council meeting for Dec 18 at 7 p.m. to the Bradshaw Mountain High School cafeteria to handle the number of people they believe will attend.

Dec 7, 97

PRESCOTT VALLEY HIRES WATER SUPPLY LOBBYIST:
Town officials and council members have raised the ante in the battle over the regional water supply. The town council authorized spending as much as $10,000 for legal and legislative lobbying efforts, said Town Manager Ken Rittmer. A month ago the town hired Sandy Price, an independent attorney with considerable experience.

Dec 10, 97

GROUNDWATER MINING ISSUE QUICKENS PV DEVELOPMENT:
Monday the Prescott Valley Planning and Zoning Commission approved the Viewpoint’s preliminary plat for the 408 acres remaining in its 2,600 home subdivision north of Highway 89A. Mary Catherine Ball, one of the Viewpoint’s developers, reviewed the reasons for bringing up the preliminary plat now, as she told the town council in November. Without other issues, the commission wouldn’t have seen this plat for another few years, she said. However, the timetable sped up when Arizona Department of Water Resources officials said they expect to declare groundwater mining at the end of 1997. A declaration of groundwater mining follows three years of this activity. If a developer waited until the declaration was in force, he couldn’t use groundwater as the development’s assured water supply.

Dec 10, 97

RITTMER: WATER MINING THREAT AFFECTS ALL CITIES:
A development shut-down because of water concerns would be ‘devastating’ for the entire tri-city area, not just Prescott Valley. That was the exhortation Prescott Valley Town Manager Ken Rittmer gave the Prescott City Council. this week. Rittmer filled in the council Tuesday on
Prescott Valley’s recent decision to hire a water lobbyist, as well as the study that the Shamrock Water Company has commissioned.

Dec 31,97

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION WANTS MARKET STUDY:**
The Prescott Valley Economic Development Foundation will take the lead in asking tri-city governments to participate in a marketing study to help the area find its business and retail “niche” and to best site a much-debated regional mall.

Jan 4,98

**COMMISSION BEGINS WEBB DISCUSSIONS:**
The Prescott Valley Planning and Zoning Commission will start the new year next week with the first discussion of two proposed Del Webb Corporation projects. Del Webb officials filed the specific area plans for the two projects on Dec. 1, projects which together encompass 5,313 acres and as many as 14,500 housing units.

Jan 11,98

**DEL WEBB PLANS DON’T OVERWHELM PV TOWN OFFICIALS:**
Two proposed Del Webb Corporation developments on more than 5,400 acres surrounding Prescott Valley likely will quicken the town’s fast growth to an explosive pace. However, town officials, discussing the development for the first time during Monday night’s planning commission meeting, are hesitating, even though the proposed 14,500 units could double the town’s nearly 20,000 population. Richard Parker, the town’s community development director, said the gates are open. No one with development savvy would claim the town could halt growth, he said. “It’s going to happen,” Parker said. “There is considerable benefit, in my mind, to planning for the growth.”

Jan 11,98

**PRESCOTT VALLEY RANKS THIRD IN STATE POPULATION GROWTH:**
The community’s population nearly doubled between 1990 and 1996, making it the third-fastest growing town in Arizona. The Census Bureau looked only at towns with populations of at least 10,000 in its rankings. Yavapai County had the second-highest growth rate in Arizona. Its population increased 9.4 percent during those six years, from 107,714 to 139,368. Only Mohave County grew more.

Jan 11,98

**CASTLE CANYON MESA ANNEXATION ATTEMPT DIES:**
While town officials won’t write the official death certificate until Friday, they have buried an attempt to annex the four Castle Canyon Mesa units bordering Highway 69 and the town’s west side. Town officials expressed disappointment in the annexation’s failure, but not bitterness.

Jan 14,98

**TOWN NOT ENTIRELY SATISFIED WITH INITIAL DEL WEBB PROPOSALS:**
Prescott Valley’s Community Director said this week he would like to see the Town handle two proposed Del Webb developments as separate projects because they present such different water and General Plan issues. Water continues to be a major concern, and may ultimately axe the Fain Road project, according to Parker. For that and other reasons, Parker intends the Town to handle the Glassford Hill and Fain Road projects as separate issues, though the developer wants them considered as a single proposal.

Jan 14,98

**LONG LOOK ISSUES FLARE UP AGAIN IN PV:**
Long Look Drive: Prescott Valley’s version of the Mason-Dixon Line. To the streets south side lies the town’s business and service district, while most homes are to the north. The Prescott Valley Planning and Zoning Commission straddled the line Monday and tabled action on a proposed expansion of Excel School.

Jan 21,98

**MAYOR TO RESIGN, RUN FOR LYNCH’S STATE REP POSITION:**
Prescott Valley Mayor Harvey Skoog will announce his resignation at Thursday’s regular Town Council meeting to seek nomination for Rep. Sue Lynch’s seat in the state legislature this year.

Jan 28,98

**TOWN CONTINUES TO STUDY DEL WEBB PLANS:**
Prescott Valley Town Staff continues to closely examine Del Webb Corporation Proposals to build large developments on annexed properties along Glassford Hill and Fain Roads. Their diligence is paying off in revealing problems with the developer’s engineering figures and assumptions, and inconsistencies with existing Town Codes.

Feb 4,98

**KILLINGSWORTH APPOINTED MAYOR:**
Rick Killingsworth was the Prescott Valley Town Council’s unanimous choice to succeed Harvey Skoog as the town’s mayor last week. Killingsworth, however, didn’t have that same support from the audience. Before the former vice Mayor took his oath of office, two people told the council if he were named mayor, he would be a recall target. Killingsworth challenged the group to take its best shot, because he won’t step aside. He encouraged people to talk to him about issues, and more importantly, act as adults to solve them.

Feb 6,98  **GUZMAN STILL PURSUING PV GRAVEL SITE:**
Although a Globe construction firm is evaluating sites other than the state and private sections northeast of town for a materials quarry, it has not pulled its application for two sections of state trust land. A Guzman Construction Co. Official said Thursday the company is looking at sites in the tri-city area besides the controversial one just off Highway 89A near Fain Road.

Feb 6,98  **WEST YAVAPAI GUIDANCE CLINIC ANNOUNCES PLANS FOR PV CENTER:**
By summer 1999, the West Yavapai Guidance clinic hopes to break ground on a branch site to serve residents in Prescott Valley and the 69 Corridor communities. Not only is the population in that area increasing rapidly, but the need for mental-health services also is skyrocketing, said Laura Norman, guidance clinic community relations coordinator, at a meeting of the Regional Association of Local Governments.

Feb 11,98  **TOWN GETS FINE FOR SEWER SPILL:**
Management International, Inc. (OMI), the company the Town of Prescott Valley employs to manage its wastewater treatment plant, will pay $20,000 in penalties levied against the Town by the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality for a 1996 sewer spill. ADEQ fined the Town after a series of malfunctions at its wastewater treatment plant caused a spill. Half of the $20,000 penalty must be paid to the State of Arizona. The other half must be used to conduct a “supplemental environmental project.”

Feb 15,98  **THE SPOTLIGHT IS ON INDUSTRY:**
Highway 69 communities work toward common goal; With the support of Prescott Valley officials, the fledgling industrial Council of that community is moving ever closer to forming an identity. The area has experienced considerable growth in the industrial field in recent years and is helping manufacturers to work together. Wednesday, the Council of Industrial and Manufacturing Business Owners met with the Economic Development Foundation’s executive director, Joe Brett, for the third time. “We wanted to provide a forum where industrial leaders can be in contact with political and educational leaders,” Brett said. “There is strength in numbers.”

Feb 18,98  **DEL WEBB, FAIN JOIN WITH TOWN TO PAY FOR MARKETING STUDY:**
Fain Land and Cattle Co. and Del Webb Corporation have pitched in to help the Prescott Valley Economic Development Foundation complete a marketing study aimed at finding the area’s economic “niche.” The marketing study is the first portion of a PVDEF strategy to hone Prescott Valley’s 20-year General Plan, which spans 1990 through 2010. Brett said the study will identify for Prescott Valley and surrounding areas its comparative economic strengths and weaknesses.

Feb 24,98  **TRI-CITIES RUSH TO AMEND WATER BILL:**
Tri-city government officials and water company owners on Monday dismissed an idea to make existing residents of the Prescott Active Management Area pay water fees. They concluded instead that new developments should pay the fees to a new water augmentation district proposed in a bill before the state Legislature. The bill already as written has new users paying the fee, not existing users.

Feb 25,98  **GUZMAN WITHDRAWS APPLICATION TO MINE AT FAIN ROAD SITE:**
The company that planned to mine gravel and build a concrete and asphalt “batch plant” on State Trust land near the intersection of Highway 89A and Fain Road has apparently abandoned the project. Guzman Construction is not saying whether those operations will now move to adjacent
private land. “We have withdrawn our application for a minerals material lease,” said Rich Lundin, local representative for Guzman in Globe, Arizona, which had applied to mine the site.

Feb 25 98  
**PRESCOTT VALLEY HAS 13 PERCENT DROP IN CRIME IN 1997:**
Prescott Valley Police Chief Ed Seder is happy about a 13 percent drop in the Town’s crime rate in 1997, and a nearly 24 percent decline since 1995, but he doesn’t plan to sit back and enjoy his department’s success. The drop in crime comes despite an eight percent increase in Prescott Valley’s population in 1997. Seder cautioned his department “We now need to guard against complacency. We must continue hiring officers and provide them with state-of-the art equipment and training. We need to continue to work together to be sure that we keep a cap on crime.”

Mar 4, 98  
**TRI-CITIES AGREE ON AMENDMENTS TO GROUNDWATER BILL:**
Governments and a water company in the Prescott Active Management Area signed off on amendments to a water bill at the 11th hour Friday, despite some tense last moments wondering if the water company would refuse. State Sen. Carol Springer, R - Prescott, made the list of groups that had to sign off on the amendments before she would agree to continue with the bill, local officials said. It includes Prescott, Prescott Valley, Chino Valley, Yavapai County, the Yavapai-Prescott Indian Tribe and Shamrock Water Co., a major provider in the Prescott Valley area.

Mar 13, 98  
**MUSIC HIGHLIGHTS AMPHITHEATER SEASON:**
If the organizers had to boil this year’s Prescott Valley Amphitheater plans down to a phrase, it might be “quality, not quantity.” Or perhaps “fill ‘er up.” Parks and Recreation and chamber of commerce staff planning this summer’s amphitheater calendar are reducing the number of events, but making fully two-thirds of them free. The challenge, said Mindy Meyers, Parks and Recreation director, is getting people there, filling the venue for the six performances. “The goal is to get people in there, to see what the amphitheater has to offer,” Meyers said.

Mar 23, 98  
**PV RELIES ON RESIDENTS TO HELP PLAN FUTURE:**
A community’s capital improvements should go beyond roads, sewers and equipment, but in some towns that’s as far as the money goes. By planning wisely and including citizens’ comments, the town of Prescott Valley is trying to balance the town’s future capital purchases. Thursday night, a group of about 30 local residents joined assorted community leaders for their first meeting at Glassford Hill Middle School to develop a long-term capital improvement plan.

Mar 27, 98  
**PV OFFICIALS KEEP MUM ABOUT DEVELOPMENT:**
Town officials still aren’t talking about their reaction to Del Webb corporation’s announcement Tuesday of plans to delay the Glassford Hill and Fain Road tract development process. The announcement from Del Webb representatives said the town and region have to resolve water issues and other development concerns before the corporation would continue its plans for two large housing developments.

Apr 1, 98  
**PV OFFICIALS ‘PUZZLED’ OVER DEL WEBB DELAY:**
Town of Prescott Valley officials say they are puzzled by the Del Webb Corporation’s withdrawal from its planned Glassford Hill Road development project. Del Webb announced last week that the corporation, for the time being, would not seek any further permits to begin development on a proposed approximately 11,500 dwelling parcel on 4,000 acres off Fain Road and a 3,300 dwelling, 1200 acre parcel off Glassford Hill.

Apr 1, 98  
**PRESCOTT VALLEY OFFICIALS EYE OPEN VIEW OF GLASSFORD HILL:**
Trying to preserve open space has become a popular goal in Arizona, and a local effort to preserve one of the region’s most central view sites has become bogged down in bureaucracy. Prescott Valley Community Development Director Richard Parker said it’s been about a year since the town of Prescott Valley and city of Prescott began the formal joint petition process to have Glassford Hill designated as protected open space under the Arizona Preserve Initiative. This local effort stemmed from a few statements by each town’s leaders that Glassford Hill shouldn’t become a hillside subdivision or a communications antenna jungle, but rather remain as open space for posterity.
WATER BILL WILL GIVE PRESCOTT VALLEY P&Z MISSION AN ADDED BURDEN:

Town Manager Ken Rittmer and Community Development Director Richard Parker set aside Monday’s Planning & Zoning work session to discuss the water legislation’s status and how it will affect the commission’s role in the coming months. Rittmer said the water legislation passed the House Rules Committee and caucus Monday. Should the legislation pass, a declaration of groundwater mining will occur at the legislation’s effective date, Rittmer said, probably this summer. Rittmer said at the time of declaration, the town’s pool of platted lots will determine how much water it is entitled to. In between, a number of developers may bring the town plans, hoping to get in before the declaration. He said the commission shouldn’t accept plats that are too nebulous. However, they may allow staff to work out a few details and get the plats on file. “The key is for developers to bring us something realistic, not perfect, but something we can work with,” he said.

PRESCOTT VALLEY SETS PLAN TO RECHARGE TOWN’S OWN AQUIFER:

Around the clock, seven days a week, Prescott Valley pours out a stream of clear water into the Aqua Fria riverbed east of town, adjacent to the wastewater treatment plant. Treated with three separate processes, the effluent water is as clean as a creek. The town pumps out 1.3 million to 1.4 million gallons of treated effluent each day, said Jack Richardson, the town’s civil engineer. That will change before summer, Richardson said. The town expects to begin its pilot recharge process in May using ponds and an injection well at Mountain Valley Park. All of the water pumped into the injection well will count toward the DWR’s recharge credit process. But the town must subtract a percentage for evaporation and a bit more for trees uptake in the ponds’ recharge calculation, Richardson said.

ROTARY, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OFFICIALS GREET RUSSIAN VISITORS:

Ten Russian construction specialists are spending nearly a month in Arizona to study American construction concepts and technologies. The ten, along with two interpreters, are visiting Prescott Valley, Prescott and Dewey this week following a week each in Sun Lakes and Tucson. The Russian Delegation Exchange Program is part of U.S. foreign policy to help democratize the former Soviet Union. Local sponsors include four rotary clubs - Prescott Valley (project leader), Prescott, Prescott Sunup and Prescott Frontier, the Yavapai Contractors Association, ACE Retail Store in PV, APS, American Fence Co of PV and private contributors.

PRESCOTT VALLEY PRIORITIZES LIST OF WANTS, NEEDS:

Participants in the Prescott Valley capital improvement plan development played their cards Thursday night, shuffling the various projects to get the best deal for the town’s limited capital dollars. Consultant Richard Counts of CSC/Counts of Phoenix explained that the subcommittees should come out of the nights meeting with a realistic picture. “Some projects may be very desirable,” Counts said, “but you may not be able to accomplish them immediately.”

COUNTY BACKS STATE’S VERSION OF GROWTH CONTROL:

The Yavapai County Board of Supervisors took an official stance Thursday favoring a state government-backed growth management ballot issue. The supervisors in turn said they oppose another initiative called the Citizens Growth Management Act, which the Sierra Club supports. The Citizens for Growth Management committee needs to gather at least 112,000 signatures to get its initiative on the November ballot, while the Legislature just needs to enact a bill to get Growing Smarter on the ballot.

STUDENTS ADD TO PV’s GROWING ‘URBAN FOREST’:

Glassford Hill Middle School students made a difference for the town during an Earth Day/Arbor Day celebration Wednesday. Members of the Tropics team, one of the subgroups of Glassford Hill eighth-graders, gathered between the two developing lakes near Mountain Valley Park Wednesday morning ready to plant five trees. The eighth-graders raised the money to buy the trees, explained teacher Sue Nixon. This is the second year the group has added trees in the same location.
May 11, 1998

**TRI-CITY WATER MANAGEMENT TOPIC OF 2020 CITIZENS’ FORUM:**

Until recently in the tri-city area, people thought water existed in a bottomless basin. The past year, however, has laid that theory to rest. But do people understand the tri-cities’ water situation? Members of the Prescott Area 2020 Steering Committee don’t believe so. That’s why this year’s Citizens’ Forum will feature various officials’ perspectives on regional water management. Each of the tri-city governments will have a speaker to give a community perspective to the water issue.

May 20, 1998

**SUPPORTERS TELL TOWN, ‘PRESERVE GLASSFORD’:**

Picture Glassford Hill in its natural form, where antelope roam along its base and cattle graze along its slopes. It’s a picture many tri-city residents have no problem envisioning, because they’ve come to take it for granted. But Monday, local, municipal leaders and about 30 citizens met in Prescott Valley to help preserve that view for generations. Three Arizona State Land Department officials visited Prescott Valley Monday morning to conduct a public hearing on the joint Prescott/Prescott Valley preserve application. The application seeks to preserve 1,973 acres on the summit and in surrounding lands. Each community already holds some of the property and officials are discussing how to divide and annex the rest of that land.

May 20, 1998

**TOWN LOOKS FOR BEST OPTIONS TO RECOVER GROUNDWATER:**

Prescott Valley could recover 1,500 acre-feet, or over 488 million gallons of water each year if it could recharge the water it now treats daily at its wastewater plant. The Arizona Department of Water Resources will allow the Town credits for a portion of the water that it can show it puts back, or recharges, into the Prescott Active Management Area. According to DWR figures, a town can recover as much as 70 percent of the water it uses. If the water is properly recharged, the Town can “save up” credits, and later use or sell them if DWR disallows further use of groundwater to prove water supplies. The Town is in the midst of two pilot programs now to determine the best way to recycle the 1.4 million gallons of treated water it releases daily into the Aqua Fria river below the plant.

June 2, 1998

**STUDY: PV NEEDS MORE STORES, RESTAURANTS:**

Economic Development Foundation Executive Director Joe Brett said the numbers are in from the town’s original marketing study. And the news is pretty exciting. While the mall Westcor Partners is planning for Prescott’s east side will take care of regional mall shopping for the area, the study shows Prescott Valley needs more shopping opportunities for its population, Brett said. “Not all of people’s money goes to a regional mall,” he said. “The area’s immediate needs include more neighborhood shopping.”

June 2, 1998

**PV ORGANIZATIONS SPONSOR FIRST ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FORUM:**

The town of Prescott Valley, Prescott Valley Economic Foundation, the Prescott Valley Chamber of Commerce and Arizona Public Service are sponsoring the town’s first economic development forum from 1 to 4 p.m. Tuesday at the Glassford Hill Middle School auditorium.

June 5, 1998

**PV CONTRACTORS ORGANIZING TO OPPOSE FEE:**

About 50 contractors, subcontractors and construction-related business people gathered in a garage Thursday noon for a strategy session, trying to decide the best way to fight a proposed $7,250 town development impact fee plan that they say would have serious implications for their businesses. While contractors agreed they would fight the fee plan, they reached a second conclusion, Prescott Valley builders need to organize to have a voice in local government issues.

June 10, 1998

**PV FEES GET MIXED REVIEWS:**

Not everyone who attended Tuesday night’s Capital Improvement Plan committee meeting arrived over-joyed nor left happy over the town’s proposed development fees of $7,250 per home. However, the group of 30 residents joining staff and committee members for the study session never grew loud or abusive, instead giving town staff and consultant Rich Counts some food for thought for finishing the process.

June 10, 1998

**WATER ISSUE BRINGS PROJECTS OUT:**
Monday night, town officials considered the first wave of development in response to the impending declaration of groundwater mining. Developers and staff gave two presentations to the Prescott Valley Planning and Zoning Commission that, if platted before legislation takes effect in August, will add another potential 4,000 homes and apartments to the town. Planning staff told the commission that, if platted before legislation takes effect in August, will add another potential 4,000 homes and apartments to the town.

June 11, 98

**TOWN MANAGER: IMPACT FEE PROCESS JUST BEGINNING:**

Preliminary impact fees will likely not be as high as a consultant for the town has suggested, and the process could take as long as six months, said PV Town Manager Ken Rittmer this week. Rick Counts, of CSC Counts, the firm that steered a citizen’s committee through a town capital improvement process during April and May, brought a first draft of possible impact fee to the town council during a May 28 meeting. Those total fees could reach $7,250, Counts said. Count emphasized that the CIP citizen committee had not yet seen the proposed fees. The committee was scheduled to meet Tuesday night at the Community Center to discuss the fees.

June 16, 98

**PLANNING STAFF GOES ‘OVER AND ABOVE’ TO HANDLE CODE VIOLATIONS, CLOSE TCOs:**

Prescott Valley Community Development Director Richard Parker admits he didn’t expect to bring such a positive report to the town council during the joint Town Council/Planning and Zoning Commission work session Thursday. Parker said he sets high standards for his staff, but in two areas, the department has gone “over and above” those expectations, in clearing up zoning code violations and temporary conditional occupancies. About six months ago the department had 247 zoning code violations on the books. This list covers everything from inoperative vehicles in yards and people living in travel trailers to businesses operating in inappropriate zoning. Whittling down that list was one of the department’s priorities. And they used several strategies to work on the goal, Parker said. Senior Code Enforcement Officer, Al Sengstock commandeered a force from within and without side the department to make personal visits to the violators. Sengstock said they took care of 227 of the 247 violations. The department filed the 20 cases not cleared through the department’s procedures with the hearing officer, and the first of those cases will occur this month.

July 15, 98

**BRADSHAW MTN. PUTS THE KIBOSH ON BAGGY CLOTHES:**

While some school officials and parents may not have liked youngsters’ ongoing fashion of wearing oversized and sagging clothing, now they have a new reason to tell the students to dress appropriately - school safety. Tuesday night, Humboldt Unified School District board members approved Bradshaw Mountain High School’s revised dress code. One that specifically forbids “sagging” and “bagging.” The board also is planning an October district-wide board forum on school safety.

Aug 3, 98

**PV POST OFFICE EMPLOYEES HELP OUT A COLLEAGUE:**

Patricia Morris still has her land, eight dogs, six pigs, four parakeets, two cockatoos and a goat in Paulden, but her home and belongings now sit in neat piles on the acreage - one pile for wood, one for wire and another for junk. Gusty winds demolished Morris’ mobile home where she, her son, Vernon, and 10-year-old granddaughter, Carol, lived. Friends from the post office in Prescott Valley where Morris works part time, helped her clean up the yard, which was a big job, she said. They are also collecting money for the family, especially to help them get into another home.

Aug 6, 98

**GROUP EFFORT SEEKS GRANT:**

Yavapai Food Bank and 13 other affiliated western Yavapai County food banks are pursuing a private corporate produce distribution grant that could supplement their ability to provide fresh produce to the needy and homeless in the area.

Aug 9, 98

**PV COMMISSION TO CONSIDER 7,000 LOTS:**

The Prescott Valley Planning and Zoning Commission will consider nearly 7,000 lots in one session during Monday’s commission study session at 5:30 p.m. and the regular meeting at 6:30.
Playing a game of “Beat the Clock,” two major developers and several smaller groups have put their plans on the table this summer. They hope to gain commission approval of the preliminary subdivision plats before the legislative rules restricting ground water use lock in Aug. 21.

FAIN FAMILY’S LEADERSHIP ROLE FULL CIRCLE AS NEW CHAMBER PRESIDENT:
The Midwestern family who crossed into the Verde Valley around 1876 barely owned a horse. Dan Fain, the second generation of Arizona family members, began managing different ranches around the county in the late 1880s and early 1900s. By 1920, the family had moved into the tri-city area, taking over the Rafter 11 ranching operation, which later became Fain land and Cattle. And in 1998, leading the way into the next century, a fifth-generation Fain Family member has stepped into another leadership role, as president of the Prescott Valley Chamber of Commerce.” A lot of people broke trail before me, “ Fain said, laying the foundation for Prescott Valley in the 1990s. “My goal is to continue that, bringing the chamber into the 21st century.”

ADWR TELLS PV IT WON’T GET ALL THE WATER IT WANTS:
It was good news/bad news at the Monday meeting of the Prescott Valley Planning and Zoning Commission. The bad news was the Arizona Department of Water Resources (ADWR) told the town it won’t get the full water allocation it requested. But good news came when a recognized national consulting firm that has reviewed a Shamrock Water Co. Study supported its findings. The study says the area has greater groundwater reserves than the ADWR estimates.

COMPANY APPLIES FOR CELL TOWER ON GLASSFORD HILL:
The town of Prescott Valley has tackled two important visual issues in the past year: the protection of Glassford Hill as an open space and the ordinance dealing with wireless communications towers. And as the town is finishing up the issues, along comes a threat to both - a proposal to place a 100-foot cellular tower on Glassford Hill. Thursday, during the council’s 5:45 p.m. study session and 7 p.m. regular session, the council will consider authorizing the mayor to write letters to various agencies, protesting the placement of the Motorola tower on Glassford Hill.

WATER ALLOTMENT CONFUSES PV, SHAMROCK:
With just eight days remaining before ADWR can start putting into effect a declaration of groundwater mining, Prescott Valley and Shamrock Water officials are confused, disappointed and frustrated by the department’s allotment of just 6,372 acre-feet per year to serve the current and future needs of the Prescott Valley area. “We’re not really happy with the Department of Water Resources,” said Prescott Valley Mayor Rick Killingsworth about Monday’s announcement. “It’s frustrating.” he said, “And if nothing else, it’s time for the local officials to work together to changed the way our active Management Area is governed.”

SOUTH MOUNTAIN NORTH?:
Prescott Valley officials might well have opened the discussion Thursday on a proposed tower on Glassford Hill with the familiar alert and warning, “This is a test...” That’s because Motorola’s proposed 100-foot wireless communications tower on Glassford Hill is just that: A test of the tri-city’s new Wireless Communication Plan, and Prescott Valley and Prescott’s joint application to preserve Glassford Hill as protected open space. The Prescott Valley Town Council on Thursday unanimously supported a resolution and sending letters to Yavapai County and State Land Department Officials, objecting to the tower. Prescott Valley Public Works Director Larry Tarkowski said if the state Land Department allows Motorola to build a 100-foot wireless communications tower on Glassford Hill, it will open the door to other towers. Then we may as well rename it South Mountain North,” he said.

HUSD, TOWN WORK TO SHARE MORE SPACES:
In a time when Prescott Valley and Humboldt Unified School District officials long for more buildings, more program space and more meeting rooms, many of the existing public spaces remain empty most evenings, weekends and school-vacation periods. Town and school officials say the relationship between the two entities has improved since the late ‘80s, when the town
first established its recreation department. Before then what was the town’s was the town’s, what was the schools’ was the schools’ and ne’er the twain shall meet. But Public Works Director Larry Tarkowski said the arrangement isn’t as open as he wishes it would be. “The goal is to erase those boundaries,” he said. “It’s tax dollars either way. HUSD Athletic Director Mike Misner said the final straw was the school district’s recent request to use Mountain Valley Splash in the fall to start an interscholastic swimming program. The town of Prescott Valley doesn’t keep Splash open into the fall, but instead ends the season around Labor Day. Misner said the town was willing to consider keeping the pool open for the season free of charge, if the school would consider sharing all of its building and grounds. Misner said the school board has asked him to form a committee with the town to work out an inter-governmental agreement.

Aug 19,98

**PV GROUP RENEWS PUSH FOR BOYS & GIRLS CLUB:**
A Boys and Girls Club is another step closer to reality for Prescott Valley, and is the light at the end of a long tunnel for resident John Conway, who said he first envisioned a club here 10 years ago. According to a January 1992 Prescott Valley Tribune article, Conway tried to get a steering committee together after determining the town had a need in accordance with Boys and Girls Club bylaws and constitution. “We’re ready to go, incorporated and everything,” he said at the time. And that’s as far as it got. Conway literally shelved the idea after support fell away. Late last year, Conway approached the Tribune to help get the word out that it’s time to try again. Today, Conway has found support from the Town of Prescott Valley, a local manufacturer, several civic leaders, and the United Way.

Aug 19,98

**PRESCOTT EAST SANITARY DISTRICT FACES PROBLEMS:**
Yavapai County officials will meet with state officials next week to try to discover the next steps for the Prescott East Sanitary District. The Arizona Department of Environmental Quality, which over sees the quality of the state’s natural resources, sent a letter to the district, through the Yavapai County Special Districts Department pointing out some possible violation

Aug 20,98

**PV, DEVELOPERS, WATER COMPANY NEAR TREATY:**
By 5 p.m. today, four entities expect to reach an agreement that will protect 2,495 acre-feet of groundwater annually for future developments in the Prescott Valley area. And while the four parties review the legal language that should allow the StoneRidge and Glassford Hill projects to take form, all the entities involved are frustrated with what they perceive as a political move by the Arizona Department of Water Resources, forcing them into a corner at the 11th hour. But in the end, under the pressure of losing the remaining 2,495 acre-feet of water the two developers could claim, The town agreed to basically what the ADWR officials suggested.

Aug 21,98

**PV SEEKS TO REPLACE REC LEADER:**
It’s been three weeks since Mindy Meyers left her post as Prescott Valley’s recreation director, and town officials will spend at least three more weeks, looking for just the right candidate to replace her. And after some consideration of alternatives, Town Manager Ken Rittmer decided Myers’ replacement basically will have the same responsibilities and opportunities as Meyers did.

Aug 26,98

**HUSD COPIES WITH BOOMING ENROLLMENT:**
Humboldt Unified School district officials were hoping for a few more no-shows this year. Although hard to plan for, no-shows - students who either don’t come back from the previous year or register and then don’t appear, without notice - can leave some extra space when the district stops counting them. Instead, the district lost only about 140 students after going to more realistic counts Friday, leaving the district still ahead by about 360 students from 1997-1998 end-of-the-year figures. And district officials expect to gain more students between now and the week after Labor Day, an annual trend.

Aug 27,98

**OFFICIALS FINISHING DESIGN STUDY FOR HIGHWAY 89A:**
A two-lane road between two new four lane sections is a bottleneck waiting to happen. That’s why county officials are trying to stay ahead of potential problems and design the four-lane upgrade for Highway 89A through Prescott Valley. Tuesday, citizens and county officials met to
discuss the recommended alignment and potential right-of-way needs. The engineering firm will incorporate the public’s comments into the design concept for the four-mile section. That section will connect the new Airport Connector with the new Fain Road, both four-lane projects that the county is already designing. However, county officials believe they need to move forward on the 89A widening project because of those roads, said Richard Straub, Yavapai County’s public works director. “As soon as we finish this report, we will be sitting down with ADOT to try to convince them make this a priority,” Straub said.

Aug 27,98  COUNTY, ADEQ MEET ON PRESCOTT EAST PROBLEMS:
After Monday’s meeting with an Arizona Department of Environmental Quality representative., Yavapai County will take action to fix a handful of minor problems with the Prescott East Sanitary District wastewater treatment plant. However, county officials believe the best long-range goal for the plant is to find a good alternative to repairing the plant at all. District 2 Supervisor Bill Feldmeier said the county is handling the immediate needs, but it has to look to the future, too. Feldmeier said the best long-term solution for that entire, quickly urbanizing area of Castle Canyon Mesa is to hook the entire area into Prescott Valley’s regional treatment facility.

Aug 28,98  FIRM DELIVERS PLAN FOR AGUA FRIA PARK TO PV LEADERSHIP:
To some people, Prescott Valley already has enough parks. That idea doesn’t ring true to leaders of community youth athletic programs, who are beginning to see the limits of available field space as the community booms with young families. If the town can solve its cash flow problems, it already holds the answer - the master plan for the proposed 320-acre regional park in the Agua Fria flood plain. Public Works Director Larry Tarkowski said town officials have been discussing the proposed park area for about a year and a half. More than a year ago, the town sponsored public hearing on the concept, and then commissioned Sunrise Engineering to create a master plan.

Aug 30,98  PRESCOTT VALLEY TOWN COUNCIL GIVES OK TO JOINT-USE PACT:
The Prescott Valley Town Council gave its staff a unanimous thumbs-up the idea of sharing buildings and grounds with the Humboldt Unified School District. Thursday, Acting Recreation Director Debbie Spedding told the town council about a meeting with school board members and district staff the week before. All those attending agreed to the concept of sharing their own buildings and grounds. “Follow through is the key,” Spedding said. “It’s never been followed through.”

Jan 6,99  WATER BILLS WILL NOW COME FROM, PV:
Nearly nineteen years of on again-off again negotiations with Shamrock Water Company will finally culminate in the Prescott Valley Water District assuming municipal ownership of Shamrock later this month. Beginning Jan 21, when the Town expects Prescott Valley’s purchase of Shamrock Water Company to be completed, responsibility for water service will switch from the company to the Prescott Valley Water District. A new company in town will take over system maintenance and rate increase will go into effect that day. By law, the Water District Board of Directors must be the Town Council. The Water District has contracted with the Town for billing and account services. The Town, In turn, has contracted with Earth Tech, an international environmental firm, to perform meter reading and maintenance of the water system.

Jan 14,99  PRESCOTT VALLEY PLANNING TO HIT THE TRAILS:
People with strong ideas about trails and greenbelts may hike on over to the Prescott Valley municipal courtroom on Civic Circle Saturday to tell town Parks and Recreation officials all about them. The Prescott Valley Parks and Recreation officials will sponsor a public hearing at 12:30 p.m. Saturday to present and hear comments about its master trails plan design.

Jan 20,99  COUNCIL APPROVES PROJECT TO BENEFIT SENIORS, TEENS:
A combination project approved by Town Council last week will benefit both Prescott Valley youth and seniors. The Town is in line for a Federal Development Block Grant of $347,000. The money is not automatic - the Town must present a qualifying project to be eligible. That
wasn’t a problem for Prescott Valley. Several groups had good ideas about how to spend the windfall, but a combination senior/teen project won out in Thursday’s Council session. The project will move the current Central Arizona Senior Association (CASA) from its location at Robert and Loos to the Prescott Valley community Center on Manzanita Circle. The CASA building, with some remodeling, will be open for predominantly youth and other recreational activities. The Town will expand the Community Center and add a kitchen and dining area large enough to accommodate the nearly 300 meals the center serves daily through Meals on Wheels and Senior Nutrition programs.

Jan 20,99

COMMUNITY MEMBERS GIVE INPUT ON TRAILS PLAN:
Nearly 40 community members gave their input last Saturday into a proposed trails system for Prescott Valley. The network of multi-modal trails will circle the town and connect all areas in the new Civic Center. “Our goal is to provide a means to transverse the community without competing against vehicles,” said new Prescott Valley Parks and Recreation Director John Sefton. The participants raised a variety of valid questions, concerns and comments on the proposed trail system. Many voiced congratulations to the Trails Commission for a job well done.

Jan 28,99

SANITARY DISTRICT NEARLY READY TO ANNEX:
The Prescott East Sanitary District may be just days away from finishing a petition drive to annex into the town of Prescott Valley. Prescott Valley Community development Director Richard Parker said Tuesday that once he has six more petitions in hand, he will schedule an annexation ordinance for an upcoming town council meeting. As of Tuesday, Parker said he had received 59 petitions of the 65 he needs to annex the area.

Jan 28,99

PRESCOTT VALLEY P&Z RECEIVES FOUR MONTH’S WORTH OF BUILDING PERMITS:
As it had five months earlier, the Prescott Valley Planning and Zoning Department received a stack of applications to beat a water deadline. However, instead of beating the state’s declaration of groundwater mining deadline on Aug.21,1998, these home builders and owners were filing permits in stacks, to beat the town’s capacity charge deadline. Richard Parker, community development director, explained that the town’s $1,650 capacity charge took effect Friday, Jan.22, when the town began operating Shamrock Water Co. The capacity charge is a new fee, charged to each new home to hook into the Prescott Valley Water System. The money helps the town provide sufficient capacity to serve both new and existing customers.

Jan 27,99

FAIN GROUP SEEKS ZONING FOR GLASSFORD DEVELOPMENT:
The Fain Signature Group may accomplish in Prescott Valley development what Del Webb Corporation failed to bring to fruition only a year ago. A group of about 40 area residents and Town of PV officials joined a tour of a proposed Glassford Hill Road subdivision Saturday. Project Manager Joe Contadino led the tour and then answered questions for those attending. Fain Signature Group is asking the Town for residential and limited neighborhood-commercial zoning for a 1,243-acre parcel on both sides of Glassford Hill Road, with boundaries near Highway 89A on the North and near Prescott East Highway on the south. At build out, the subdivision could have a maximum of 3,400 units, but Contadino and the Fain group stressed that the most optimistic completion date is 10 years.

Jan 29,99

PV TALKS ABOUT WATER STUDIES, ALTERNATIVE WATER RESOURCES:
Thursday, the Prescott Valley Town Council took steps to support and appoint a representative to the Yavapai County Water Advisory Committee and to discuss Gov. Jane Hull’s plans to spend money to study rural groundwater supplies. The council also directed staff to gather proposals to increase the town’s recharge of treated wastewater and to explore using surface water from Lynx Creek and the Agua Fria River. The council appointed Town Manager Ken Rittmer to sit on the county advisory committee.

Feb 9,99

RESIDENTS QUESTION GLASSFORD HILL PROJECT:
It will be at least another month before the Prescott Valley Planning and Zoning Commission recommends a zoning change on the Glassford Hill Road master planned community property. The commission deferred action on the rezoning after listening to questions about water supply, lot sizes, buffer zones, road alignments and others on the 1,243-acre property east and west of Glassford Hill Road, north of Long Look Drive. About 40 residents most of them from the adjacent Lone Cactus Road area talked to the commission for more than an hour about their concerns.

Feb 11,99 FAIRGROUNDS RELOCATION NOT ‘DONE DEAL’ AFTER ALL:
The Yavapai County Fair Association Board of Directors unanimously directed its staff Tuesday to consider all options for relocating the fairgrounds. Essentially, the directive reopens the search, giving the board more options than a former top pick near the Prescott Airport, said Jim Grundy, the Fair’s general manager. The fair board is taking a close look at a piece of property on Highway 89A in Prescott Valley, at the intersection with the new Fain Road, where it could choose how much space it needs. The property covers several hundred acres, with room to grow. The site has both accessibility and ability to expand, and that’s a primary advantage now, he said.

Feb 12,99 INCENTIVES ARE DEAL CLOSERS, NOT DEAL-MAKERS:
Don’t give in to ultimatums when dealing with developers, an economic development professional told the town of Prescott Valley Thursday. “Incentives are not decision-makers,” said Jim Devine, president of the American Economic Development Council and director of economic development in Glendale. “If somebody comes here and says’ Give me this or we won’t come here,’ you don’t want them,” Devine said. The first thing the town needs to do is concentrate on business retention. Eighty percent of a community’s new jobs come from existing businesses, Devine said. “If you can’t take care of business that’s here, you have no business to bring in somebody else,” he said.” The bottom line— incentives are good, but they should be used judiciously,” he said.

Feb 14,99 PRESCOTT VALLEY TABLES ENGINEERING STUDY TO WIDEN GLASSFORD HILL ROAD:
It wasn’t traffic, but diverse bid proposals that caused a bottleneck in Prescott Valley Thursday night. The Prescott Valley Town Council decided to table awarding a contract for engineering services for widening Glassford Hill Road together additional information about the proposals. The low proposal, from Sunrise Engineering came in at about $82,000, the next offer was about $50,000 higher, and the final proposal, another $50,000. Only the bid packet from the low bidder was in the council’s packet, so they wanted to study other documents and see if they could understand why the disparity.

Feb 15,99 DEAD SILENCE AGAIN PRECEDES FEE ADOPTION:
There’s likely to be a rush on home and commercial building permits by March 12. Thursday, the Prescott Valley Town council created that deadline by adopting the town’s new development impact fees. As it did at a public hearing two weeks ago, the town council asked for public comment on the fees. And once again, the council didn’t get a single person who wanted to speak to the issue. The town previously had only a $300 recreation impact fee. The new fees include: $1,200 for circulation/roads, $600 for parks and recreation, $400 for civic/cultural and $300 for police facilities. The committee agreed to phase in the impact fees over three years.

Feb 16,99 MUSEUM AIMS FOR ADDITION, NEW BRANCH:
Expansion of the Sharlot Hall Museum and a branch museum at Prescott Valley’s Fain park could occur within a couple of years under a bill pending in the Arizona Legislature. Senate Bill 1283 would appropriate $6 million to the Prescott Historical Society, $3 million in expansion for Sharlot Hall museum and $3 million to develop a museum to preserve the history of native cultures and mining along Lynx Creek, at Fain Park. Dist 1 Sen. Ken Bennett is sponsoring the bill.

Feb 17,99 P&Z DELAYS ZONING CHANGE ON GLASSFORD HILL DEVELOPMENT:
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Feb 17,99  
**GLASSFORD HILL REZONE ON MAY 16 BALLOT:**  
Prescott Valley voters will decide whether the town can rezone the Glassford Hill property for a 3,300-home master-planned community at a special election May 16. Town officials received word Wednesday from the Yavapai County Recorder’s Office that the referendum will be on the ballot. Thorson said the election will cost the town about $10,000, no matter how they conduct it. So, on Feb 24 she will propose a resolution to the council to mail ballots to all registered voters.

Mar 11,99  
**COMMERCIAL, INDUSTRIAL PROJECT ON HORIZON FOR PRESCOTT VALLEY:**  
Tonight, the Prescott Valley Town Council will take its recent course in economic development incentives beyond textbook examples. The council will discuss a proposed development agreement tonight with two companies that want to jointly develop a 34-acre business and industrial park site south of Highway 69, between Navajo and Truwood drives.

Mar 11,99  
**P&Z TABLES PV SPORTS BAR, EATERY.**  
The Prescott Valley Planning and Zoning Commission on Monday tabled a rezoning for a restaurant, sports bar and retail project. The commissioners heard from a variety of neighbors, who warned them that the project didn’t mix with the residential neighborhood with three nearby churches. Dan Schisel, agent for the project, talked about the proposed establishment. It would include a 7,000-square-foot restaurant and a 3,300-square-foot business. The commissioners tabled the project, pending refinement of the proposal.

Mar 11,99  
**UNKNOWNs DELAY PV ELECTION PLANNING:**  
Prescott Valley officials involved with Tuesday’s town council elections are frustrated with what they see as a lack of service from the Yavapai County Elections Office. At the same time, they are trying to find out how to make the general election Tuesday, May 18, run more smoothly than the primary. As of today, Prescott Valley officials and their candidates still are in the dark about the outcome of the primary. And the town can’t prepare for the general election until it has final primary results. Tuesday town officials called Elections Director Sharon Keene-Wright and asked her whether they should bring over the last stack of 152 mail-in ballots right away, or whether Elections Officials wanted to come and get them. Deputy Town Clerk Edie Hoover said she told them to do neither; just to bring them in that evening and Elections would handle them. But that night, Keene-Wright told them her staff wouldn’t be doing anything with them, probably for several days.

Mar 14,99  
**PV LOOKS TO SELL, LEASE, TRADE CURRENT MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS:**  
The Prescott Valley Town Council faces two major decisions regarding its current town buildings, now that a move in the new Civic Center is nearing. First, does the town want to sell or keep the old buildings? And if they want to sell them, who will get them? Town Attorney Ivan Legler put out the council’s choices. It can sell the buildings outright, for instance, through an auction. But that would take a vote of the people, since both the old town hall/library property and the community development building are valued at more than $100,000. The town could lease the property to an organization or agency, thus becoming a landlord, Legler said. Or the option the council has been looking at seriously; a trade for property owned by another government agency.

Mar 24,99  
**PV WILL DOUBLE NUMBER OF HYDRANTS IN WATER DISTRICT:**  
Central Yavapai Fire District has maintained a good insurance rating for many years, despite the fact that many of the areas it serves have few or no fire hydrants. Now, in Prescott Valley,
firefighters will find it easier to douse blazes. Prescott Valley Town Council recently approved the installation of enough fire hydrants to double the number already in the community. Currently the system, which encompasses Prescott Valley, Prescott Country Club, and the villages of Lynx Creek, has 130 hydrants. The town will place hydrants first in older community areas and multi-family dwellings such as apartment houses, because those areas may constitute the largest property loss in the event of fire, said CYFD Fire Chief Dave Curtis.

Mar 28, 99  
**PRESCOTT VALLEY BUYS PHONE SYSTEM TO AVERT Y2K PROBLEM:**  
Being prepared for the year 2000 is forcing the town of Prescott Valley to buy a new phone system. With the final touches going into the new Prescott Valley Civic Center, it’s time to hook up the phones and get ready to move. As town officials started into that move, they received unexpected news. The phones they bought more than a year ago to place in the new office aren’t Y2K-(year 2000) compliant. When the town bought them, town officials believed they were in compliance. Town Manager Ken Rittmer said the state of New York is suing the company that made the current phone system for similar reasons. Rittmer asked the council to make an emergency purchase of a Y2K-compliant phone system. The phone system costs nearly $28,000, almost twice the amount for which the town normally would use sealed bids, he said. But under the time restraints, the town can’t advertise a bid purchase, to approve it and have the contractor install the equipment.

Mar 31, 99  
**PV: ‘NO’ ON BMX PROPOSAL:**  
The Prescott Valley Town Council has for now declined a cost-free opportunity to provide youth with a BMX bicycle racing track at its premier sports location, Mountain Valley Park. In turning down the proposal, the council and recreation commission cited concerns about the aesthetics of locating the track at the park, and instead suggested that a spot at Antelope Park, or at the as-yet-non-existent Agua Fria Park would be more appropriate.

April 2, 99  
**PRESCOTT VALLEY COMMITS ATTRACTING FAIR, RACE RACK:**  
The Prescott Valley Town Council directed its staff to continue working with the Yavapai County Fair Association to secure the $30 million fairgrounds and horse-racing track in Prescott Valley. Meeting in special session Thursday, the council agreed by consensus to allow staff members to do what it takes to move the fairgrounds to a 150-acre site north of the interchange between Highway 89A and the future realignment of Fain Road.

April 13, 99  
**TEAM UP TO CLEAN UP IN PV ON MAY 1:**  
It’s that time of year again, time for spring cleaning. And once again, the town of Prescott Valley and the Prescott Valley Chamber of Commerce are working together to help Prescott Valley residents and business owners get rid of that accumulated debris, during the third annual Team Up To Clean Up, Saturday, May 1. Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Lew Rees said the event has a number of pay offs. It’s good for people to see their town clean. It’s equally good for people and prospective businesses to have a clean town.

April 14, 99  
**PV P&Z BOOSTS CHARTER MIDDLE SCHOOL PROPOSAL:**  
Park View Middle School received an encouraging push forward as the Prescott Valley Planning and Zoning Commission gave its OK to a required site action Monday night. Dave and Ann Groenig are organizing the public charter middle school, which they plan to locate on Dana Drive, just south of Mountain Valley Park. They expect to open the school with 88 students in grades 6, 7 and 8 this fall.

April 14, 99  
**ANOTHER 1,440-HOME SITES IN PRESCOTT VALLEY AREA:**  
Within the next month, Prescott Valley Planning and Zoning Commissioners will visit another master-planned community site on Highway 89A. Ben Snyder, developer of Antelope Village, brought commissioners the plans for the 640-acre site as an information item at Monday’s regular meeting. The plan calls for 1,440 units, with 1,184 single-family homes and 256 apartments and condominium units. The site is just east of the Viewpoint, another large subdivision on Prescott Valley’s northern edge.

April 14, 99  
**PV COUNCIL TO VIEW GLASSFORD HILL ROAD PROJECT:**
Prescott Valley Town Council members will take a field trip Thursday night, looking over a large-scale residential development. The council, meeting in special session and starting at 5:30 p.m. in the Magistrate Courtroom on Civic Circle, will go over the Fain Glassford Hill master-planned community, before visiting the 1,243-acre site.

**April 14, 1999**

**BOARD DECIDES TO MOVE FAIR TO PV LOCATION:**
The Yavapai County Fair Association Board of Directors voted Tuesday night to choose Prescott Valley as the future sight of the County Fairgrounds and the Prescott Downs horse racetrack. That decision came just hours after the Prescott City Council discussed the matter and appeared to lean toward reaffirming its commitment to give $2 million to the fairgrounds, if it located at a site near the Prescott Airport, which the city could annex. Fair General Manager Jim Grundy said it wasn’t an easy decision to choose between the Prescott and Prescott Valley sites, and the association kept politics out of its decision. “The main reason is because we don’t want to be boxed in,” Grundy said.

**April 18, 1999**

**PV SAYS RECENT FLOOD OF PROJECTS NO COINCIDENCE:**
For local residents reading the news from Prescott Valley, it’s become a challenge to keep up with the changing times. In that vein, Community Development Director Richard Parker said that the major subdivisions and the large commercial projects all have involved months of work behind the scenes for town officials, chamber of commerce representatives and the economic development foundation. Take, for instance, the major subdivisions, Parker said. The town’s planning staff and Planning and Zoning Commission have been working with these for six months in public sessions, and even longer behind the scenes. While many of them came to light in July and August, right before the temporary groundwater mining regulations started, the town had worked on them for months before that. It really does require a lot of behind the scenes work, he said.

**April 19, 1999**

**PV COUNCIL WARNS CONTRACTORS TO SERVE ONLY CRITICAL NEEDS:**
After contending for nearly a year over water rights, and for a decade to buy Shamrock Water, the Prescott Valley Town Council on Thursday discussed whether they want people trucking that precious commodity outside the water district. The council, acting as the Prescott Valley Water District Board of Directors, eventually decided to allow the contractors to continue providing water service to some outlying areas. The discussion started over the town’s water policy on hydrant meters. Usually, a hydrant meter allows someone to attach a meter to a hydrant for a temporary use. The meter operator then pays for the water he has taken from the hydrant.

**April 28, 1999**

**FAIR/RACETRACK COULD HAVE $9 MILLION ANNUAL ECONOMIC IMPACT, REPORT SAYS:**
The Yavapai County Fair Association’s April 13 decision to move its fairgrounds and horse racing track to Prescott Valley could mean a total annual economic impact of nearly $9 million for the area. The Fair Association released the preliminary draft of an economic impact report last week that it commissioned from Terry J. Lovell, business professor at Yavapai College. While Lovell focused on the impact of the YCFA track and fair leaving Prescott, his report outlines the benefits to Prescott Valley of having the track and fair here.

**May 2, 1999**

**PRESCOTT VALLEY PLANNING COMMISSION VISITS SITE WEDNESDAY:**
The Prescott Valley Planning and Zoning Commission will look over two major development sites on a special field visit Wednesday evening. The commission will visit the 80-acre Glassford Regional Shopping Center on Highway 69 west of Great Western Drive near Castle Golf, and the 1,440 home Antelope Village subdivision north of Highway 89A and east of the Viewpoint.

**May 19, 1999**

**SCHUMACHER WINS PV RACE:**
For Fran Schumacher, it was the second time, not the third time, that turned out to be the charm for her political victory. Schumacher, the current chair woman of the Prescott Valley Planning and Zoning commission, edged incumbent Chuck Ables in Tuesday’s town council race to win one of three open seats. Voters gave her 1,012 votes, for 21.38 percent of the votes cast in
unofficial results. Ables and Marilyn Rabideau will claim the other two open seats on the council.

May 21,99  
**TOWN HOSTS DEDICATION, OPEN HOUSE TO SHOW OFF CIVIC CENTER:**  
Prescott Valley town officials have worked for four weeks in the new civic center, and after polishing almost all of the post-construction details, they’re ready to throw a party. Saturday, beginning at noon, the town will open its doors for the official dedication ceremony for the new building, the center of all town services, located at 7501 E. Civic Circle. Actually, the day will feature two openings in one: the official civic center dedication at noon, and the library’s opening at 1 p.m.

May 26,99  
**PV COUNCIL GETS FIRST LOOK AT STONERIDGE:**  
It’s a lovely day in the neighborhood. Make that neighborhoods—all seven of them. And Thursday, the Prescott Valley Town Council will look at these future neighborhoods, as it visits the site of the proposed StoneRidge master-planned community. StoneRidge, a joint project by several local property owners send SunCor Development Co., will encompass 1,800 acres about a half-mile south of Highway 69, just south of Lynx Creek. The development, as proposed, will avoid the most severe topography, clustering about 3,000 homes into seven neighborhoods, and leaving the hillsides, summits and arroyos in their natural state.

June 6,99  
**SORRY, WRONG NUMBER:**  
The town of Prescott Valley has been in its civic center six weeks, and finally, its phone system is approaching the sophistication of the new building. The past six weeks have been frustrating ones for the staff and customers alike; the phone system has crashed repeatedly. The glitches often cut the civic center from the outside world, with customers reaching wrong extensions or phones that rang endlessly. Irate customers either came to the civic center, wondering why the staff wouldn’t answer their calls, or contacted other communities or agencies, asking them for help.

June 13,99  
**COUNCIL STARTS HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE; AUTHORIZES PORTRAIT GALLERY:**  
Thursday night the town decided to start formally displaying some history of the town by hanging the town’s mayoral portraits in the civic center. The council agreed to move forward with the mayoral gallery Thursday night. The Prescott Valley Historical Society first proposed a wall of mayors’ portraits this spring, before the town moved into the civic center. Historical society representative Joyce Irwin brought in an album with the prints of all the mayors. Pending the council’s approval, the Historical Society will mat and frame the prints and hang them. The group also will keep a framed portrait of the seated council in the display.

June 16,99  
**PRESCOTT VALLEY CONTINUES TO NEGOTIATE USE OF OLD TOWN HALL, LIBRARY BUILDINGS:**  
Three town buildings in Prescott Valley remain empty as town leaders continue to explore what will become of them. Thursday, the town council made no decision about the former town hall, library and community development buildings, deciding to let staff work with three organizations still in the running for the spaces. Still interested in the buildings are the Family Advocacy Center, the American Legion and the Prescott Valley Art Guild.

June 23,99  
**CITIZENS LEARN POLICE OPERATIONS AT PRESCOTT VALLEY PD’s ACADEMY:**  
If you want to learn what the local police really do, how they do it, and why they do it that way, don’t go to your TV. Go to school. Specifically, attend the Prescott Valley Police Department’s Citizen’s Police Academy next year. In a ceremony conducted in the new Civic Center courtroom, PVPD recently graduated 20 residents who participated in the 1999 Citizens police Academy.

July 9,99  
**PRESCOTT VALLEY COUNCIL OKS DEVELOPMENTS:**  
Prescott Valley officials and citizens faced off on a tricky policy question Thursday. Is a potential loss of projects, with serious economic ramifications, enough of a reason to invoke the
emergency clause on a development agreement? Town officials believe so, and used the
emergency clause in approving the Yavapai Hills and Glassford Regional Shopping Center
development agreements. The Glassford center is an 80-acre commercial project, which includes
Tim’s Buick and Toyota, adjacent to Castle Golf. The Yavapai Hills project is a mixed
residential and commercial project north and south of Highway 69 west of the Glassford
shopping center project. The council’s unanimous approvals followed a contentious public
comment period, during which three citizens argued the legality of the emergency clause.

July 11,99  PV TAKES ANOTHER STEP TO PRESERVE GLASSFORD HILL; WORKS TO
ANNEX PART OF SUMMIT:
The town is working to control a considerable piece of Glassford Hill, but its citizens will have
to plan and pay for it to preserve it as open space forever. The Prescott Valley Town Council
held a public hearing Thursday regarding annexing about 320 acres, the east half of Section 17,
the east portion of the summit of Glassford Hill. The area is a portion of the more than 1,800
acres that the Arizona Land Commission has set a side as suitable for open space preservation.

July 12,99  PV P&Z CONSIDERS ANOTHER COMMERCIAL PLAN FOR WEST END:
Commercial growth on the far west end of Prescott Valley on Highway 69 is booming. Monday
night, the Prescott Valley Planning and Zoning Commission will consider amending a
preliminary development plan from 1997 to allow a four-business commercial center on a site
just southeast of Great Western and Copper Hill drives.

July 18,99  WALLS GOING UP QUICKLY IN PV:
People rushed to beat fees, but permits continue to come in. 1999 has been a year of bumps and
dips for the residential construction industry in Prescott Valley. In January, the rush was on to
file permit applications to beat the $1,650 water capacity charge and increased costs for water
meters. Then permits settled back in until late April, when residents and home builders hurried
to beat the start of development impact fees. The community development department is still
tumbling in the wake of the last wave of permit applications. The office’s usual load is about
300 building permits in the works at a time. Right now, the department has 730 active permits,
said Richard Parker, community development director. For comparison, the past three years the
town has issued between 375 and 450 residential permits a year. As of June, the town had issued
273 single-family home permits. At that pace, Prescott Valley could top 500 by year’s end,
something it hasn’t seen since the building boom of 1994.

July 28,99  ZONING OFFICIALS SAY 69 FACELIFT NECESSARY FOR TOWN’S FUTURE
APPEAL:
In an effort to improve the face of Prescott Valley along the Highway 69 corridor, the Town may
soon enter into the first development agreements ever made with small property owners here.
“The town wants to develop a unified appearance along the highway, a general balanced
architectural theme, and eliminate the ‘strip mall’ appearance,” said Senior Code Enforcement
Officer Al Sengstock. “We want to look like a town, instead of like an afterthought.”

July 28,99  PV NEARS COMPLETION OF ‘FAST TRACK’ WATER SYSTEM FIXES:
When the Town of Prescott Valley purchased the Shamrock Water Company, it built in $7
million for some critical improvements. Now, contractors have nearly completed the most
urgent of these. The new 1,200- foot-deep Fat Chance well proved BIG FAT BONJS FOR THE
town, pumping over 3,000 gallons-per-minute with relatively little drawdown during the testing.
The Town officially put the well on-line during peak demand in July, said Public Works Director
Larry Tarkowski. The Town put the well on a “fast track” construction schedule because
increased demand would have caused water shortages this summer without it. The shortages
aren’t because water is not available, but because the Town did not have the pumping and
storage capacity to keep up with the population. Contractors are putting the finishing touches on
a new three-million gallon water storage tank north of Castle Canyon Mesa. Completion of that
tank will bring the Town’s water storage capacity to 48 hours, the industry average, Tarkowski
Another “fast track” item that is now underway in the town is the installation of 100 new fire hydrants in various locations.

**Aug 15, 99**  
**PV LOOKS ‘LONG’ AT FUTURE, BUYS LOT FOR CONNECTOR:**  
Even though Prescott Valley had not budgeted for it, Thursday’s council purchase of a Long Mesa lot was too good of an opportunity to pass up. Public Works Director Larry Tarkowski explained that the lot went up for auction recently and was on the market. The lot, at 8730 Long Mesa Drive, is exactly the lot that the town needs when it extends Robert Road north, to connect with Highway 89A.

**Aug 18, 99**  
**OFFICIALS: PRESCOTT VALLEY FULL OF ECONOMIC COMMUNITY POTENTIAL:**  
Gary Marks, executive director of the Prescott Valley Economic Development Foundation, said the Oklahoma community he most recently served would have done almost anything for the opportunities Prescott Valley has. Prescott Valley, he said, has had more economic development activity in a month and a half than the Guthrie, Okla., area had in six months.

**Aug 25, 99**  
**PV’S OLDEST HOUSE GETS NEW ROOF:**  
If Thomas Gibson Barlow-Massicks could step forward in time and land in the front yard of his 1890s Victorian-style home in Fain Park, things might look just about the same. Excepting, perhaps, those guys crawling around on the roof. M&M Roofing of Prescott began replacing the roof of the Barlow-Massicks house on Monday, courtesy of a grant from the State Historic Preservation office.

**Aug 25, 99**  
**POPULATION INCREASE WILL BRING INCREASED MEDICAL SERVICES:**  
When the population and need are there, the medical services will be there, too. That’s what Yavapai Regional Medical Center Board Member Dave Curtis told a small audience at a recent Prescott Valley Town Council meeting. Curtis responded to comments from an audience member that the 3,300 home Stoneridge subdivision shouldn’t go forward without hospital services to serve this growing community. Exactly the opposite is true, Curtis said. A growing population will bring services to Prescott Valley that some residents believe have been needed for years, he said.

**Aug 27, 99**  
**HISTORY IN THE MAKING:**  
While the Town is gaining new access to Fain Park – the crown jewel of its park system – Prescott Valley residents and others visiting the park soon will see an exceptional facet at the crown’s peak. Prescott Valley Town Council members accepted a land swap Thursday that will start the construction of a meditation chapel above Fain Lake, featuring historic stained glass windows from the region’s early history. Henry Brooks, Johnie Lee Fain and Sue Fain are partnering on a project to display the stained glass windows from Prescott’s former Mercy Hospital in a building that overlooks the park, the lake and the nearby Fitzmaurice ruin.

**Aug 29, 99**  
**NEIGHBORS ASK COUNCIL TO VETO BUILDING PROJECT:**  
In a perfect world, a neat buffer zone would border every residential neighborhood then blend in to a commercial zone. Unfortunately, that perfect world doesn’t extend to Prescott Valley, where residential areas abut commercial zones in several areas around town. And there was no buffer zone at the Prescott Valley Town Council meeting Thursday, either, as Castle Canyon Mesa residents tried unsuccessfully to prevent the council from adding a new commercial area across already busy Copperhill Drive from their homes.

**Sept 1, 99**  
**PV GROUP WANTS TO TAKE FAIRGROUNDS, RACE TRACK TO VOTE:**  
Prescott Valley residents may be going to the polls in a year or two for their first-ever referendum vote. Last week, town officials issued a set of referendum state statutes, forms and petitions to a group calling itself Citizens against the Race Track (CART). The group opposes town resolution 909, a preliminary development agreement the council approved earlier this month, which allows the Yavapai County Fair Association to be reimbursed for paying for a larger sewer line for the Mingus West subdivision. This is the line that the fairgrounds will eventually use for its wastewater system. The reason for the preliminary development agreement
was that Mingus West is putting in its sewer lines now. Putting the larger line in now will cost
significantly less than retrofitting it during the fairground’s construction, according to Public
Works Director Larry Tarkowski.

Sept 1,99  
**PV COUNCIL: WHAT TO DO WITH OLD TOWN BUILDINGS?:**
The Prescott Valley Town Council will consider how best to use its former town offices at its
work study session at 5:45 p.m. Thursday. The council will consider a single recommendation
from Town Manager Ken Rittmer for the old town hall and library building – to lease the
building to the Yavapai Family Advocacy Center. In a memo to the council, Rittmer explains
that the advocacy center is in the best position, financially and organizationally, to rent the entire
site.

Sept 13,99  
**PRESCOTT VALLEY’S GEM:**
For nearly two years, Town of Prescott Valley officials have been saying that the 100-acre Fain
Park on Lynx Creek is its “Diamond in the rough.” That’s changed in the past year. There’s a
smoothness and a flow to the park that sets off its new polish. And the gleam is starting to show
on the other side. Public Works Director Larry Tarkowski, who coined the phrase “diamond in the
rough” for the park in its early days, doesn’t say that much anymore. Instead, he calls it a
“gem.”

Sept 15,99  
**PRESCOTT VALLEY POLICE, PANT OFFICERS RAID NEIGHBORHOOD METH
LAB:**
Prescott Area Narcotics Task Force, with the assistance of Prescott Valley Police Department,
shut down a Prescott Valley meth lab and arrested two people for manufacturing
methamphetamine following a Sunday morning raid on their Prescott Valley residence. “We
found all the chemicals necessary to manufacture methamphetamine, and the paraphernalia for
“cooking” it, said PANT Sergeant Pete Hodap. “We also found a salable quantity of ‘product’,
about an eighth ounce..” Hodap said the eighth of an ounce of meth represents about 28 dosages
of the drug.

Sept 15,99  
**VIOLENT WEATHER CREATES TORNADOES, HAIL, FLOODING IN AREA:**
Yavapai County had at least one tornado touch down near Paulden Tuesday and spotters reported
two other funnels, one near Paulden and another near Black Canyon City. The National Weather
Service issued a tornado warning for Jerome, then Black Canyon City later in the afternoon.
Luckily, the tornadoes didn’t strike any communities; no one had reported any injuries or
serious damage as of Wednesday morning. Wave after wave of violent thunder storms swept
through the county Tuesday, producing large hail in many areas and flooding streets and arroyos.

Sept 28,99  
**REPAIR COMPANIES STEM DAMAGE IN WAKE OF STORM:**
Two weeks after major hailstorms hit the tri-city area, signs of recovery are unmistakable. Hail
damage repair signs dot street corners and existing auto body repair shops. Where tarps covered
smashed skylights earlier, now roofers are out, repairing, stripping, and reshingling. Tents pop
up here and there, as temporary shelters for crews of damage estimators. But the signs say it all:
Disaster service center.

Dec 16,99  
**RE-ROOFING JOBS BOOST TOWN’S WORKLOAD, STAFF:**
Hail damage from a severe storm Sept. 15 didn’t just boost the workload of local roofers and
auto body shops. Stop off at the Prescott Valley Community Development Department any day
and listen for the constant jangle of phones and the rumble of incoming faxes. Almost as soon as
the insurance adjusters arrived in town, the office’s phones began ringing, said Community
Development Department Director Richard Parker. “We expect that we’ll do between 4,000 and
5,000 permits before it’s all over” he said. During the first four and a half months of fiscal 1999-
2000, the department issued 1,917 building permits of which 1,100 were for general
improvements. In November, Parker approached the council for more temporary staff. With the
council’s blessing, he added two additional building inspectors and two additional administrative
assistants.
Dec 17, 99  **PV COUNCIL GIVES FIRST OK TO SUBDIVISION:**
Universal Homes could be breaking ground as early as spring 2000 on the Glassford Hill subdivision if Arizona Department of Water Resources approves and final plat steps proceed smoothly. Thursday, the Prescott Valley Town Council approved the first reading of the reasoning for the property, as well as the project’s development agreement. The vote on each was 6-1, with Council Member Chuck Ables opposing each. The project will include 3,400 units, which works out to 2.73 units to the acre, on average, across the project.

Dec 30, 99  **PV’s DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEES INCREASE:**
Want an after-Christmas bargain tip that will save you $250 or more? If so, you better hurry. If you’re in the market to start construction on a new home or business in Prescott Valley, pull the permit today. Offices are closed for the holiday Friday. When the Prescott Valley Town Council adopted development impact fees in March, they did so with built-in discounts for the first three years. The impact fees will be $2500 per home in 2002, with comparable square footage rates for new commercial construction, but until then, people building new homes and businesses will get a break. Richard Parker, Community Development Department director, explained that the town council knew many people in town planned to start construction on their homes in the next few years. So, they created a three-year phase-in schedule.

Jan 1, 00  **PV’s NEW ‘LOOK’ UP FOR PUBLIC VIEWING:**
The public and town officials will view the latest stage in the evolution of Prescott Valley’s downtown during a special session Monday, Jan 10. The Prescott Valley Planning and zoning and Parks and Recreation commissions will meet in a joint work study session at 5:30 p.m. that evening in the first floor council chamber of the civic center, 7501 E. Civic Circle. The meeting is the first time that a board has viewed the downtown plan formally. The Fain Signature Group has shared the plan with a variety of business and community groups, but hasn’t presented it formally to the council or any commission.

Jan 12, 00  **COUNCILMAN OUTLINES NEED FOR PV TO DEFINE ITS ‘OPEN SPACE’:**
One Town Council member says Prescott Valley is in danger of losing its character, and he will not approve any further large developments until the Town defines the meaning of the term “open Space:” in the General Plan. “I’m not opposed to growth, but I’m opposed to growth without careful thought given to the open space issue “ Town Council member Chuck Ables said. “Open space is important because it’s the character and charm of Prescott Valley. It’s one of the things that attracts people to this area. It’s the biggest factor regarding quality of life in the Town’s General Plan.”

Jan 25, 00  **BATTLE BEGINS:**
For the second time in Prescott Valley’s history, a citizen has pulled referendum petitions, trying to bring an action of the council to a public vote. The Town of Prescott Valley faces a potential referendum on the rezoning of the Glassford Hill property, a 1,243-acre property north of Glassford Hill Road. The council unanimously approved the rezoning at its Jan. 13 meeting. The 3,000-home project, a joint effort between developer Universal Homes and property owners the Fain family, has been on the table for nearly 18 months. Town Clerk and Acting Town Manager Linda Thorson said that after the Jan 13 council meeting, Joanne Finch came into the office at 8:01 a.m. Jan 14 to request petitions. Finch, who has criticized the project since its inception, pulled referendum petitions on behalf of SOOS, Save Our Open Space.

Jan 25, 00  **TOWN, NEW MANAGER AGREE ON CONTRACT:**
It looks like Prescott Valley has found itself a new town manager. The council plans to vote Thursday on formal approval of a contract with Tony Mortillaro of Blaine, Wash. But Monday, Acting Town Manager Linda Thorson said Mortillaro is ready to come to Prescott Valley.
Look Drive, east and west of Glassford Hill Road. The council unanimously approved the rezoning at its Jan.13 meeting. The 3,000-home project, a joint effort between developer Universal Homes and property owners the Fain family, has been on the table for nearly 18 months.

Feb 27,00  **PV TAPS ITS WATER AS MIGHTY TASTY:**
When you think bottled water, names such as Arrowhead, Crystal and Perrier come to mind. Local officials wouldn’t mind one more: Prescott Valley. Thursday, the Prescott Valley Town council, acting as the Prescott Valley Water District Board, agreed to buy labeled sport bottles to sell or hand out at local events, touting their own water supply. Public Works Director Larry Tarkowski said testing the town has done since buying Shamrock Water in January 1999 shows the water to be free of contaminants. And not only is it healthful, it is good tasting.

Feb 27,00  **HARKINS MAKES SPLASHY ARRIVAL:**
“Let’s go, on with the show.” Patti Bell of the Arizona Jamboree belted out the words that couldn’t have captured the desires of Prescott Valley residents any better at Friday’s groundbreaking for the Harkins Theatres complex in Prescott Valley. Chamber President Ron Fain said it has taken Prescott Valley 20 years to get to Friday’s celebration, which was as much a groundbreaking for Harkins as it was an opening ceremony for Prescott Valley’s new Town Center Project. The project, when built out 10 to 20 years down the road, will create a unique downtown for the town that now focuses on its Highway 69 frontage. Ron Fain then deferred to his father, Bill Fain, president of Fain Signature Group, to present the vision for the downtown, one that drew Harkins Theatres to Prescott Valley.

Feb 27,00  **PV TO CONDUCT REFERENDUM BY MAIL:**
Prescott Valley voters, watch your mailboxes. Pending final approval from other agencies, the Prescott Valley Town Council Thursday agreed to mail its May 16 special election ballots to all registered voters, rather than having election day polling places. Administrative Services Director, Linda Thorson said more and more communities are going to mail ballots. For the town, the cost is about the same for mailing ballots or staffing polling places, although the mailing will be a little cheaper because the town won’t have to print early absentee ballots and regular ballots. The election will cost about $10,000 either way.

Mar 5,00  **RANCHER, BUSINESSMAN NORMAN FAIN DIES:**
“A man of common sense to an uncommon degree” A pioneer of business, ranching, agriculture, finances and politics in Arizona, Norman William Fain, 93, died Thursday at his home in Dewey. Mr. Fain’s roots ran deep in Arizona soil. He descended from one of the state’s oldest and most prominent cattle-raising families. For his innumerable contributions in so many areas during his lifetime, Mr. Fain was awarded an honorary doctorate of Humane Letters from Arizona State University in December 1998.

Mar 10,00  **PV PROCLAIMS SATURDAY AS NORMAN FAIN DAY:**
While people quietly gather to remember Norman Fain on Saturday, the community he loved will memorialize his contributions throughout the town, region, and state by recognizing Saturday as Norman William Fain Day.

Mar 10,00  **VICTORS WORK TO DIVIDE SPOILS OF GLASSFORD HILL:**
After years of committees, meetings and numerous personal agendas, in 1998 the State Land Department designated Glassford Hill as suitable for conservation purposes. The final decision on how to manage the preserve isn’t in yet, however. Many parties in both Prescott and Prescott Valley have vested interests in the future of this 6,117-foot volcanic sky island. Entrusted with developing the use and development of the new preserve, the committee will work in partnership with the National Park Service.

Mar 14,00  **MORTILLARO LIKES PRESCOTT VALLEY’S POSSIBILITIES:**
It’s clear that Anthony Mortillaro hasn’t had more than a moment’s rest since coming on board Wednesday. The new Prescott Valley town manager is acutely aware that even though he’s the ranking staff member, every one of his employees knows more about the town than he does.
And he’s taking advantage of that knowledge with transition meetings and a variety of briefings with his staff. The learning curve at the top, especially the fourth floor in Prescott Valley is steep. “What attracted me was the fact that this is a progressive community, one that is growing, so that presents a lot of opportunities, and a community that, from all people I have spoke to, has a good, solid reputation,” he said.

Mar 15,00
16-YEAR PV POLICE CHIEF ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT:
The man responsible for keeping the community’s crime under control despite explosive growth is leaving the helm of the Prescott Valley Police Department after more than 16 years. PV Police Chief Ed Seder announced his retirement this week, effective April 30. “Retiring was a very difficult decision. I had some officers come and talk to me, and it got emotional with a few. It won’t stop until I leave. I hired all the people in the department, and even though they are my employees, I also consider them my friends. I am concerned about them, and that concern makes it difficult to walk away after 16 years.”

Mar 15,00
BOARD BEGINS SEARCH FOR NEW SCHOOL SITES:
The Humboldt Unified School District Board of Education officially accepted $11.8 million from the state School Facilities Board for construction of a new high school. The action follows a special public forum held by the school district on Feb. 22 to discuss options for expanding the present high school, or building a new one. “I’ve received no phone calls about it, and we only heard one negative comment at the public forum,” Kunow said. The district will now seek a parcel of approximately 50 acres near sewer, water, and gas infrastructures for the new high school.

Mar 22,00
ROTARY CHOOSES POLICE CHIEF SEDER PROFESSIONAL PERSON OF THE YEAR:
The Rotary Club of Prescott Valley has chosen Prescott Valley Police Chief Ed Seder to receive its prestigious Business/Professional Person of the year Award for 2000. Rotary awarded the honor to Seder at a recent breakfast. Many people attended the breakfast banquet and thanked Seder for his years of service and excellent job performance. Speakers lauded Seder as a leader who not only works hard at his vocation, but who has also earned the respect of the community, the people he represents and the officers in his department.

Mar 22,00
PV POLICE DEPARTMENT HONORS OFFICERS OF THE YEAR:
Prescott Valley police officers received special recognition at an awards banquet held at the Elks lodge last Thursday evening. Guest speaker Rod Covey, an assistant Director from the Department of Public Safety, opened the awards ceremony with comments on the high personal standards required of police officers. “It takes a lot of courage to do the right thing every day,” Covey told the assembled police officers. “Everyone understands the high expectations the public has for us; but not everyone understands the high expectations we have for ourselves.” Integrity is an absolutely critical aspect of this job. PVPD Chief Ed Seder added that integrity doesn’t necessarily mean always being right, but it does require admitting when you’re wrong. Seder reminded the officers that Prescott Valley Police Department is committed to high ethical standards, and he first read several letters of appreciation from the public to the department before making the award presentations.

Mar 23,00
AZ’s OPEN SPACE RETOOLING MAKES PV REVISE 5-YEAR BUDGET PLAN:
Every year, the Prescott Valley Parks and Recreation commission re-establishes priorities in the spring, updating its goals and the budget numbers that support them. This year, that process will continue for several months, as the commission totally revises the underlying assumptions in the five-year budget plan. Parks and Recreation Director John Sefton gave the commission an overview of the budget and some food for thought Tuesday. Next year, the commission was preparing to ask the council for about a quarter-million dollars to buy state land to begin the Agua Fria park site north of Manley Drive. Sefton explained that state policies regarding buying state trust land are in flux now. The state is retooling the way it distributes state land to cities and towns. The town will make its budget reach as far as possible. To go further, the town’s
residents will have to invest their own labor in the town’s parks and recreation land and programs.

Mar 29, 00

‘JACKASS FLATS’ EARN MORE RESPECT DAILY:
Prescott Valley once merely the infant child of one of Arizona’s most historic and noted communities, has grown from crawling to unsure steps to a dead run in its transformation into adulthood. For the longest time, Prescott Valley has been the flat, windy area seven miles from Prescott, a town most people identified with as a long haphazard strip of mom-and-pop stores they drove past to get to the county seat. Some have, and still do, unceremoniously refer to the thriving community as ‘Jackass Flats.’ Prescott Valley officials and business owners in the “Old Town” section of the windy town have big plans in store, plans which indeed will improve the appearance of Prescott Valley, as well as enhance the merchants’ ability to draw customers to their doors. The Town Council has approved a preliminary commercial redevelopment plan for the area between Highway 69 and Florentine Road, and Windsong Drive and Robert Road. It is one of the oldest commercial sections of the town, and definitely needs some cosmetics. Prescott Valley is no longer a step-child to its big brother in the mountains, and soon, this community will surpass Prescott in population. It is good to see city officials and business owners taking steps to improve the first impression that travelers have as they come up the hill into town.

Apr 6, 00

LONG, LONG WAIT IS OVER:
After more than 40 years of talking, fairgrounds turns dirt for new home. Forty-four years ago, the Yavapai County Fair Association first talked about moving from its Prescott home. It took 44 years, but the Fair Association broke ground at a new 200-acre site Wednesday. Considering all that waiting, the groundbreaking ceremony at the new site Wednesday was euphoric for the Fair Association board members, especially those who have served for 20 and 30 years. Prescott Valley Mayor Rick Killingsworth said he’s been thrilled about the plans to place the fairgrounds on a regional site that the town soon will annex. During the ceremony, Killingsworth said this move isn’t about Prescott Valley. “This is the region’s, this is the county. This belongs to everybody,” he said.

Apr 26, 00

HOMES ON THE RANGE:
Stop the music. The buffalo are long gone. Now the discouraging words are flying back and forth between rival camps in Lonesome Valley, today’s Prescott Valley, where Universal Homes has planned a 3,400-home subdivision. On one side of a line in the high desert stand the developer, real estate agents, many business owners, economic development and chamber of commerce supporters and others who want more homes. On the other side stand environmentalists, no-growth advocates and some citizens who think Prescott Valley’s boom needs to bust. In addition, they challenge the idea that the Glassford Hill subdivision is sustainable development, and believe it will drain the community economically. The heated words reached an apex in February when Joanne Finch, chairman of Save Our Open Spaces, filed 300 signatures on a referendum, asking the town’s voters to reverse a Prescott Valley Town Council decision to rezone the 1,243 acres east and west of Glassford Hill Road, north of Long Look Drive.

Apr 26, 00

EXCEPTIONAL EMPLOYEES WORK WITH EXCEPTIONAL PRODUCT - PV WATER:
“The next time you reach for a bottle of cold drinking water, consider using one you have filled and chilled yourself...for the best tasting drinking water just fill and chill, Prescott Valley Water Company Tap Water.” How many towns in America would dare advertise their drinking water this way? The Town of Prescott Valley and Earth Tech will distribute approximately 4,000 empty 16.9 oz, water bottles at planned events sponsored by the Prescott Valley Recreation Department. Bottles will also be available at Town Hall to be filled by PV residents - from their kitchen tap!! “Prescott Valley water is a quality product,” said Matthew Anderson, project manager for Earth Tech, which is partnering with the Town of Prescott Valley in this venture.
Earth Tech donated the money to buy the bottles and labels. The Town of Prescott Valley is paying for the labor. Earth Tech, which contracts to operate the Prescott Valley Water Company for the Town, monitors all wells for over 100 contaminants, such as metals, herbicides, pesticides, radon, MTBE and bacteria in compliance with the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality. Prescott Valley water is well below acceptable levels in all.

May 17,00  Prescott Valley Approves Universal Home Rezoning:
The vote is in, all but the final fraction of ballots are counted, and the Universal Homes subdivision is one step closer to becoming a reality along Prescott Valley’s western edge. With only about 60 votes remaining for Yavapai County Voter Registration to verify and Elections to count, voters approved the Proposition 400 referendum on rezoning the 1.243-acre property by slightly more than 400 votes, 2,647 to 2,221 in unofficial voting numbers. More than 55 percent of Prescott Valley’s 8,876 registered Voters cast ballots in the all-mail ballot process.

May 25,00  PV Puttin’ on Color for Valley of Lights:
With a towering 50-foot-tall Christmas tree, light-up “Tonka Toy” construction equipment and a hometown holiday celebration that features local talent and caroling, Prescott Valley has been a town that loves its holidays. But nothing the tri-city area has assembled thus far will match this year’s holiday season in Prescott Valley. In short, sponsors say, just watch, cause you ain’t seen nothing yet.’ Lest anyone thinks May is a little early to be thinking about Christmas, Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Lew Rees and Mayor Rick Killingsworth said the 2000 inaugural Valley of Lights event has been two years in the making.

May 25,00  PV Begins Update of General Plan:
“The year 2010 will open with a scene of prosperity for residents of Prescott Valley...”while the original Prescott Valley town site in-filled, primarily with residential uses, neighborhood parks and a centralized community park were developed to augment the growing numbers of new residents. Almost simultaneously, annexed areas began to develop into high-quality residential neighborhoods and business parks.” If those words sound like something Prescott Valley staff members dreamed up in view of this year’s business announcements and subdivisions’ progress, you’re about seven years and several dozen people off. The words actually come from the Visions and Image chapter of the town’s General Plan, a document citizens wrote seven years ago. And starting in July, citizens will gather again for another glance into Prescott Valley’s crystal ball, looking at what the future will bring and what they want to happen in their community. Community Development Director Richard Parker said the town is preparing to start its General Plan update. The town already has a $20,000 grant from the Arizona Department of Commerce to help with the planning.

Jun 2,00  Swayze Walks From PV Landing:
No stranger to cinematic excitement, actor Patrick Swayze found himself in the midst of some real-life danger Thursday when a problem with his 1978 twin-engine Cessna aircraft forced him to make an emergency landing in a subdivision on the eastern outskirts of Prescott Valley. Swayze brought the plane down in a field of undeveloped lots in the Mingus West subdivision, coming to rest after losing about four feet of his right wing when he struck a streetlight and a stop sign at the intersection of Buckshot and Palomino streets.

Jun 14,00  Police Charge False Reporting in Swayze Crash Case:
Police have charged three local men for false reporting after actor Patrick Swayze made an alleged emergency landing in Prescott Valley last week. National Transportation Safety Board is actively investigating Swayze’s landing on a Prescott Valley subdivision street June 1. According to the PV police report of the incident, witnesses whom police say at first lied to them, later said that Swayze was apparently intoxicated at the time. Swayze was gone from the scene when the police arrived. A construction worker told Officer Del Miller the pilot was Actor Patrick Swayze, and that he had hitched a ride from a motorist on Highway 89. Asked if the pilot appeared injured or impaired, the worker said, “no.” By Tuesday, June 6, PVPD had received several anonymous tips that construction workers at the scene of the landing had lied to
police about witnessing Swayze’s landing. The three construction workers witnessing the accident were charged with misdemeanor counts of providing false information to a police officer.

Jun 21,00

TWO WELLS DOWN, BUT WATER DISTRICT TAKES IT IN STRIDE:
A year ago, the combination of drought and Prescott Valley’s under-equipped water system would have turned the loss of two wells to mechanical failure into a crisis. This year, the PV Water District is taking just such a situation in stride. Last year, the town put its new 3,000 gallon-per-minute Fat Chance well on line. About three weeks ago, water district personnel noticed it wasn’t pumping like it should, said Public Works Director Larry Tarkowski. Since the other two wells in the same field, Elephant Eye and Santa Fe are producing normally, officials looked at mechanical failure. The two wells are pumping a half million gallons of water per day, Tarkowski said. The repairs should take about a week. “If there is a manufacturer’s defect in the pump, it’ll be under warranty,” he said. “If it’s debris, it may have caused us to lose a pump’s impeller. The other well that is down is a small, 250-g.p.m. well in central Prescott Valley.

Jun 25,00

PV POLICE TAKE FRUSTRATION TO COUNCIL:
Frustration boiled over from the guys on the beat Thursday night, as members of the Prescott Valley police Department asked the council to step in and take a hard look at what happened during the first round of hiring a police chief. Four representatives said those participating in the process believed they had selected a top-notch professional, only to have him shot down buy the personal decision of the town manager. The officers railed against the town’s salaries, under staffing, and use of solely compensatory time instead of paid overtime. And they asked the council not to spend another $31,000 for an executive search firm to start the process over.

Jun 28,00

EXEMPT WELLS ARE UNDER-SCRUTINIZED PORTION OF WATER MANAGEMENT PUZZLE:
Members of the Dewey Humboldt Community Association gathered last week to discuss and cuss the dropping water levels in wells in their area. Many homeowners who have never had problems pumping enough water have noticed declining levels this summer. One man gets a miserly pint per minute from his well. Another homeowner with two wells is not able to water her trees because the levels are so low. The news to be concerned about, however, is the number of exempt wells that the Prescott AMA permits each year - some 800, according to Water Specialist Jim Holt. Unlike developers who divide and sell more than six lots per subdivision, those who dig exempt wells do not have to prove an assured water supply. They can buy an acre or two, six, and sink a well.

Jun 28,00

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL WILL SERVE AS HUSD ATHLETIC DIRECTOR:
With the resignation of former Athletic Director Mike Misner, the Humboldt Unified School District school board has cautiously decided to save the $71,000 salary by assigning the athletic director duties to those of the BMHS Assistant Principal. “I’m not sure if this is the time to do away with the athletic director’s position,” school board member Theresa Summers said during discussions of the matter at last Tuesday’s public meeting.

Jun 29,00

PRESCOTT VALLEY READY TO LIGHT FIREWORKS SHOW:
Every year Prescott Valley tries to allow people as close to the fireworks show as possible, but still keep them safe. This year, The town is moving its launching site to give people more grass-covered seating at the park. Parks and Recreation Director John Sefton said that in the past, the entire west end of Mountain Valley Park, Robert Road and Nace Lane was off-limits to viewers. The only accessible area was the pavilion and the neighboring soccer field. This year, the contractor, Reyman Pyrotechnics, will be shooting off the dazzling displays from the east side of the amphitheater. That means the upper soccer field will be open, along with two other fields. “People still can sit on the slopes at the amphitheater, but it opens up baseball fields 1 and 2 for people to sit on the grass,” Sefton said.

Jun 29,00

AFTER TWO YEARS, FAINE STEPS DOWN AS PV CHAMBER CHIEF:
The guard is changing at the Prescott Valley Chamber of Commerce. After two years of service, Ron Fain is stepping down as president, to move into the past president role. And 1999-2000 Vice President Jean Knight is stepping in to take his spot. “Big shoes to fill,” Knight said emphatically, thinking back on everything Fain and the Prescott Valley Chamber have accomplished over the last two years. Knight said one of the themes for the chamber is “The Beat Goes On.” And that’s what she sees doing—enabling the chamber’s pounding beat to go on.

Jul 4,00

PV POLICE SEEK BANK ROBBER:
Prescott Valley police - with the aid of the FBI - are investigating the robbery of a Wells Fargo Bank branch on Lake Valley Road Monday morning. PVPD detective Ed Bills said the suspect, a Caucasian man about 5-feet 11 inches tall and weighing between 230 and 250 pounds, made off with an undisclosed amount of money in the 11 a.m. heist.

Jul 21,00

AIRPORT CONNECTOR ROAD UNDER WAY:
With a Caterpillar D-9 earth mover as a backdrop government officials sponsored a groundbreaking ceremony for the long-anticipated Airport Connector Road Thursday. Accolades abounded for the many people involved in the road Partnership. The Arizona Department of Transportation is the lead agency, but Yavapai County has taken a more active role than counties normally take in state road projects, helping with the design, right-of-way acquisition and cost. The City of Prescott, Yavapai-Prescott Tribe, Town of Prescott Valley and Town of Chino Valley also have supported the project. All are members of the Central Yavapai Transportation Planning organization(CYTPO), which identified the need for a high-speed, controlled-access road. Between Prescott and Prescott Valley. Unlike Highway 69, no stop lights will slow traffic on the new road.

Jul 26,00

CHAMBER ANNOUNCES ANNUAL COMMUNITY SERVICE HONORS:
Some 300 Chamber of Commerce members and guests gathered Saturday night to honor some of Prescott Valley’s most respected citizens. The annual banquet at the Prescott Resort is the place each July for the announcement of the PV Chamber’s Community Service Awards. The 600-member Chamber Honors Community members and organizations, whether Chamber members or not, for their outstanding contributions to their community. Nominations for the awards come from the community, and a selection committee made up of a town council member, a school board member, the PV Chamber president, a clergy member and a community member at large chooses the honorees.

Jul 27,00

DIAMOND VALLEY WATER PROBLEMS;
Kathy Parker isn’t the kind of woman to come running to a newspaper with an issue, such as the water problems happening in Diamond Valley. But these days, she’s at once confused, frustrated and as of Wednesday, angry. Parker, a 15 year resident of Diamond Valley, has seen the ups and downs with the water company. She has regularly paid her bill over the years, until about a year ago. That’s when things began not adding up. And despite many attempts to get the bills straightened out, her billing statement still says she owes Diamond Valley Water Co. about $500. While that prompted her to call and file with the Arizona Corporation Commission in May, she still wouldn’t have called the newspaper, except for a letter she received in the mail Wednesday. And now, after this letter, she worries about losing water to her home. She wonders what will happen to her water, and that of her neighbors and friends.

Jul 31,00

COMMISSION TO HEAR DIAMOND VALLEY WATER WOES:
Citizens concerned with the billing methods of the Diamond Valley Water Users’ Corporation can speak up to officials of the Arizona Corporation Commission Thursday in Phoenix. The Corporation Commission has set a public hearing for 10 a.m. that day in its office at 1200 W. Washington, Phoenix. Anyone who would like to put their comments before the commission has to travel to Phoenix Thursday. Diamond Valley Water Users’ Corporation owner Guy Emminger maintains that the problems stem from the year 2000 computer changeover and electrical problems that damaged his computer’s billing and records files. He says the portrayal
of the problem as a crisis is a “fictitious fallacy”, advanced be a few people who aren’t paying their bills. Meanwhile, Prescott Valley officials say their estimates of Diamond Valley’s payments due the town were about half what the company actually owes. After town officials checked with Yavapai County Thursday, they discovered that at least 22 people have built homes in the Diamond Valley Water Users’ Corporation service area since the Prescott Valley Water District closed the purchase of Shamrock Water in 1999. The town’s contract with the company requires a $1,200 one-time fee for each property as a water capacity charge, then a $2.25 fee per customer each month. Thorson said Emminger still says he has the same 320 customers as he did originally. Those 22 new homes would add $26,400 to Diamond Valley’s bill, bringing the debt to more than $50,000.

Aug 2, 2000

**PRESCOTT VALLEY SENIOR CENTER SCRAMBLES FOR HELP WITH PLANS:**

The Prescott Valley Senior Center is two strikes down and batting at the box to make it to October, when the Senior Center will be ready to open its new buildings on Manzanita Circle. The Central Arizona Senior Association, or CASA, is the organization that operated the Prescott Valley Senior Center. And its president, Harvey Skoog, said CASA is appealing for help from the community, contractors, or anyone who wants to help. About a year ago, CASA officials received word that they might never see about $18,000 in seed money they had built up for the remodeling project. The association had invested that money in the Baptist Foundation of Arizona, which went bankrupt, freezing those assets, Skoog said.

Aug 2, 2000

**COMMISSION MOVES AGAINST WATER COMPANY:**

With billing problems becoming more prevalent, the Arizona Corporation Commission accepted its staff’s recommendation Tuesday for action against the Diamond Valley Water Users’ Corporation. The order to show cause sets in motion a hearing process before an administrative law judge, to determine what penalties and remedies are appropriate to resolve issues between Diamond Valley Water and its customers. Meeting in a regular open session, Commission Chairman Carl Kunasek and Commissioner William Mundell, with Commissioner Jim Irvin absent, voted to take the process to the next step. After the hearings, the final action on the remedies will come back to the commission.

Aug 2, 2000

**PV POLICE OFFICERS CITE STAFFING, LOW PAY: JOIN UNION:**

Friday’s announcement from the Prescott Valley police Department that most of its officers have joined a union came as an unwelcome surprise to PV Mayor Rick Killingsworth and Town Manager Anthony Mortillaro. About 25 police officers, their families, and Arizona Conference of Police and Sheriffs representatives assembled on the steps of Town Hall last Friday morning to publicly announce the Prescott Valley Police Officers Association (PVPOA) inclusion into AZCOPS local 7077, a police union affiliate with the AFL-CIO. Neither the town manager nor the mayor were pleased when they learned of the announcement. Mortillaro said the Town has no formal position on the matter of the police officers joining the union. “We want to discuss this with the town council so they’re fully informed,” he said. “I’m waiting to see if AZCOPS will contact me, at least as an introduction, to see who they are.”

Aug 2, 2000

**PV POLICE STARTING SALARY HIGHER THAN AVERAGE:**

Entry-level salary for PVPD officers is $30,862 to $41,418. By comparison, US Department of Justice Bureau of Justice Statistics lists the average starting base salary for entry-level officers in towns with populations from 10,000 to 21,499 was $26,400. Also according to BJS, towns that size had 37 police department employees, on the average. According to Town figures, as far back as fiscal year 1993-94 PVPD had a staff of 27 officers, dispatchers and office workers for a town population of 11,440. That force today is at 58, with a town population of 23,390.

Aug 10, 2000

**GET OUTA TOWN! PV TAKES MAJOR CULTURAL STEP FRIDAY:**

Head on over to the plaza this weekend for music of any style, visual arts booths, hands-on art. Hold on, check that location again. New World Arts Festival Friday, Saturday and Sunday is not at the courthouse plaza, but on the civic plaza in Prescott Valley. A few years ago, to mention Prescott Valley arts and culture would have been akin to Mahatma Ghandi’s response of “I think
it would be a good idea” when asked what he thought of Western civilization. Cultural awareness was just not on the top of the priority list of the infant community as it tried to establish the basics, such as paved roads and a centralized wastewater system. But times have changed. This weekend, Prescott Valley’s civic plaza—with a small grass amphitheater and numerous concrete patio seating and viewing areas—will vibrate with the sounds of the CG Coasters, Henry Turner Jr. And Flavor, the Javon Jackson Quartet and Nick Brignola and the Joe Bonner Trio. Whether it’s oldies rock ‘n’ roll, country, reggae, Tex-Mex or Jazz that gets your toes tappin’, it’s probably on stage during the event from 3 to 10 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday, and noon to 8 p.m. Sunday. And midway through, the town will rededicate the modern art piece “Limitless” on its new location at the plaza, a much better location than the highway corner of Truwood and Highway 69 it has occupied for four years.

Aug 11,00  **FAIN LAKE’S WATER LOSS WORRIES PRESCOTT VALLEY:**
Early in the morning, Prescott Valley’s Fain Park normally hums with activity. Anglers jockey for position on the dock, the shoreline and even the floating bridge, hike or gaze off the scenic overlook. Friday morning, Fain Park’s parking lot was nearly empty, and the only hum was that of workers above and below the dam, and the roar of water rushing out of the drainage outlet at the bottom of the dam. The fish are still wet, but some natural or man-made misfortune has allowed a great deal of Fain Lake’s water to drain at a rapid pace. Town officials are making emergency repairs, and hope they will come in time to keep the rainbow trout and catfish healthy in the lake on Lynx Creek.

Aug 22,00  ** PRESCOTT TAKES BARBS OVER WATER GROUP:**
Yavapai County Board of Supervisors Chairman Chip Davis took his turn criticizing Prescott Monday. County Water Advisory Committee members, including elected city and town officials from around the county, criticized the Prescott City Council last week for making special demands on the committee’s operations. The council has proposed a list of five conditions before it signs an intergovernmental agreement about how the committee operates, and before it makes it’s $50,000 annual contribution to the committee’s operations The county government as well as all other towns and cities represented on the committee already signed the intergovernmental agreement and made their annual contributions.

Aug 23,00  **PV BANK ONE ROBBERY A REPLAY OF JULY INCIDENT:**
Prescott Valley Police believed the man who robbed Bank One last Friday is the same suspect who robbed the Wells Fargo bank a block away on July 3. “There are too many coincidences,” said PVPD Detective Wayne Nelson. The suspects in the bank photos have a similar appearance. Their methods of demanding money, and the amounts demanded in both robberies, is identical.” At 12:25 Friday afternoon, a stocky 5’6-5’8 tall man approached a Bank One teller asking for an undisclosed sum of cash. The suspect entered the building alone and left on foot, police said.

Aug 23,00  **PV TO CONSOLIDATE WATER, SEWER BILLS:**
Most Prescott Valley residents get their monthly sewer bills near the beginning of the month - but starting a month from now, that will change. The Town of Prescott Valley will start to consolidate water and sewer bills beginning next week, so customers will begin getting the postcard bill instead of two on a different schedule. Lori Robinson, Prescott Valley’s utilities supervisor, said the changes will not affect customers north of Highway 89A. And the only changes Prescott Water District customers not on the sewer system will see is a different looking postcard billing. Both bills will come together on weekly cycles determined by a resident’s location in town.

Aug 23,00  **PARENTS GRATEFUL TO POLICE FOR QUICK RETURN OF ‘LOST’ CHILD:**
Grateful parents tearfully welcome their eight-year-old home one evening last week after the child came up missing after school. That Sabrina Sweeney was not abducted, and was only visiting a friend is beside the point, said her father, Thomas Sweeney. Four hours is an eternity to a parent. What Sweeney is grateful for is the way police officers, detective, neighbors and friends banded together to find the girl neighbors noticed was missing minutes after she stepped
off the bus onto her Whipsaw street. Sweeney called the police, who he said arrived on the scene within 10 minutes and began to comb the area. Neighbors reported the suspicious activities of a slow-moving maroon mini-van driving through the neighborhood. “Police found the people, but they did not find Sabrina.” Sweeney expressed regret that police and residents suspected innocent people, but remains grateful to the people who pulled together to conduct such extensive search operations. “I do apologize to those people with the mini-van,” he said. “But the response time of the police department was amazing.”

Aug 23, 00  **CYFD FIREFIGHTERS FLIP - PANCAKES, THAT IS - AT ANNUAL BREAKFAST FUND RAISER:**
This Saturday the firefighters and the ‘flippin’ Women of CYFD are getting those griddles good and hot for the 6th annual Firefighters’ Pancake Breakfast. Proceeds from this event will benefit a Bradshaw Mountain High School Student. “Depending on the amount of money generated,” said Diane Rich, a dispatcher at CYFD, “CYFD will give a scholarship to one BMHS student for two semesters at college or two students for one semester.”

Aug 23, 00  **AREA STEPS FORWARD TO GIVE CASA HOPE WITH NEW BUILDING:**
It’s not $18,000, but it’s a good start. Generous offers have been coming in from all corners since July 30, when the Central Arizona Senior Association made a public appeal for help to open it’s new buildings on Manzanita Circle. And Casa President Harvey Skoog said the seniors will move out of their cramped quarters in a month, into the new and remodeled buildings just off the east end of spouse Drive.

Aug 23, 00  **PRESCOTT VALLEY COUNCIL TO CONSIDER EXPANDING INDUSTRIAL PARK COMPLEX:**
The Prescott Valley Town Council will consider expanding the town’s industrial properties Thursday with the addition of the Big Sky Industrial Park. The industrial park, consisting of more 200 acres, lies between the existing Prescott Valley Business Park on the east side of town, and the Ace Regional Distribution Center on Valley Road. The park will create a new transportation route out of the businesses and industrial area.

Aug 24, 00  **COUNTY P&Z COMMISSION OPPOSES FAINE TOWER EAST OF PRESCOTT VALLEY:**
A proposal for a 195-foot communications tower along Highway 89A didn’t sit well with the Yavapai County Planning and Zoning Commission. The commission turned down the application Wednesday, going along with staff’s recommendation. The site is located within two miles of the Prescott Ridge and Mingus West subdivisions, on Fain Land and Cattle Co. Property east of Prescott Valley. County planner Andy Jochums said the applicant didn’t contact people in those subdivisions about the proposal, even though county staff suggested it. Residents of those subdivisions already are upset about another project on Fain land, a gravel pit leased to Meadow Valley Construction Co., County Planning Director Mike Rozycki said. County staff concluded that the tower doesn’t meet most of the points in the county’s ordinance governing cellular and digital towers.

Aug 25, 00  **FOR THE FAMILIES:**
Kathy McLaughlin, director of the Yavapai Family Advocacy Center, received a $10,000 check from Mike Johnson, community relations director of the Arizona Public Service Foundation. McLaughlin said she will use the donation for renovation work at the Prescott Valley center, which serves victims of family violence throughout the county.

Aug 25, 00  **PRESCOTT VALLEY COUNCIL SUPPORTS VOUCHER PLAN FOR TRANSIT MONEY:**
Yet another entity has jumped on the bus to provide transportation help to people who have a difficult time getting around the area. On Thursday, the Prescott Valley Town Council directed staff to apply for $68,691.50 in local transportation assistance money to help low-income, disabled and elderly people get to services they need. Town Manager Anthony Mortillaro explained that in the past, Prescott Valley could use these transportation assistance dollars for a
variety of projects to enhance transportation, including pathways around town. State legislation forbids the town from using this money on anything but transit assistance now, he said.

Aug 28,00  
**TOWN PLANS TO COMPLETE URBAN FOREST BY JUNE 2001:**  
Prescott Valley is getting ready to put the finishing touches on its Urban Forest project. Town officials are pleased with the tree-lined park that accompanies the lakes project on Lakeshore Drive, east of Robert Road, but the venue isn’t finished yet. John Sefton, Parks and Recreation Director, told the Prescott Valley Town Council Thursday that some parts of the park are finished. Others will happen within a year.

Aug 28,00  
**PRESCOTT VALLEY ACQUIRES RIGHT OF WAY ON HWY. 69:**  
Soon the Town of Prescott Valley will own most of the Highway 69 frontage in town and will work with the Arizona Department of Transportation on a larger, safer, Glassford Hill Road intersection. During Thursday’s council meeting, staff and the town’s civil engineering firm explained some plans for the intersection and right of way. Pete Jorgensen of Dava and Associates the town’s engineering firm, said that when the intersection project began, the town asked ADOT for a small piece of frontage on the southwest corner of the intersection. Instead, ADOT officials made a better offer - why doesn’t the town just take the entire piece, a 100-foot strip from Glassford Hill Road to the Prescott East Highway. Jorgensen said the exchange allows the town to control most of the frontage area, except for a small piece near the Prescott East Highway that is county, not town, property.

Aug 30,00  
**PV FLORIST TO SPREAD GOOD WILL (AND FREE ROSES) FOR SECOND YEAR:**  
Flowers touch the heart, and area residents will have the opportunity next Wednesday to show neighbors, loved ones, teachers and friends they care by giving out roses or carnations. Kim and Mark Jensen, owners of Prescott Valley Florist and the Chino Flower Corral are sponsoring the 2nd annual Good Neighbor Day on Sept. 6. Beginning at 8 a.m., the Jensens and volunteers will be handing out bouquets of roses and carnations to be distributed through town the area. “We will start with handing out one dozen flowers to each person.” Kim said, “and then depending on the response, we may change to a half dozen flowers to give more people the chance to be a good neighbor. “You keep one flower for yourself, then give the remaining flowers to other people.”

Aug 30,00  
**FAMILY CENTER REALIZES DREAM OF ‘ONE STOP HELP’ FOR KIDS:**  
A scared, abused child sits for hours in a cold waiting room while a stream of adults come and go, asking endless questions, poking, prodding, and prying. This scenario will soon be extinct in Yavapai County, not because abuse itself will be extinct, but because the new Yavapai Family Advocacy Center in Prescott Valley will bring together agencies to aid abuse victims. Yavapai Family Advocacy center is a project of Prevent Child Abuse, Inc. A private, non-profit organization dedicated to the healthy development and safety of all children.

Aug 30,00  
**PV TO HOST CHAMBER AMBASSADORS CONFERENCE:**  
More than 100 ambassadors won’t need diplomatic immunity when they arrive in Prescott Valley on Sept 23. These are Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors and they’re coming for the Fifth Annual Arizona Northern Regional Ambassadors Conference. The Prescott Valley Chamber is hosting the conference for the first time and plans to do the town proud by providing a bus tour encompassing the area from the new fairgrounds to Fain Park. PV Mayor Rick Killingsworth will greet the group on the steps of the Civic Center and Chamber President Ron Fain will give a short history of the town at the Fain Park stop.

Aug 31,00  
**STORM SWAMPS PRESCOTT VALLEY:**  
Prescott Valley residents awoke to a clear dawn this morning, a calm that belied the strength of a brief storm that dumped about two inches of rain and turned some major thoroughfares into temporary rivers. “We have not had a storm event like this in the 11 years that I’ve been here,” said the town’s public works director, Larry Tarkowski. “The velocity of the water on Lakeshore Drive was strong enough that it floated a three-quarter-ton pickup - mine - and moved it across the road. Robert Road was closed for about an hour Wednesday and three roads that feed onto Lakeshore Drive remained closed this morning because of wash-out problems. Tarkowski said.
his department was still receiving damage reports and would not have an estimate on how much
trouble the storm caused until at least later today. He said there were several reports of water in
garages and basements, and fewer incidents of water that had actually breached the living areas
of homes, primarily in the eastern part of town.

Sept 1,00

ROBBER HITS PV BANK BRANCH:
Prescott Valley police, with the aid of the FBI, are working to determine if a man who robbed a
Wells Fargo Bank branch on Highway 69 Thursday is the same fellow who made off with cash from a Bank One branch Aug. 18. Just after 2 p.m. yesterday, a heavy-set medium-height Caucasian man in his 30’s or 40’ entered the bank and gave a teller a note demanding money. He did not display a weapon. The teller complied and the suspect left the bank. The suspect was wearing a light gray T-shirt with the words “Route 66” in the middle, a white cap and sunglasses. Police warn that citizens should consider this man dangerous.

Sept 1,00

DIAMOND VALLEY RESIDENTS HEAR OPTIONS:
If resounding claps are any indication, the nearly 200 people who attended a meeting about
Diamond Valley subdivision water woes Thursday night don’t want annexation into Prescott or
Prescott Valley to be the solution. The county government sponsored the meeting so residents
could hear about their options for improving their water system and having more control over
their now-erratic billing cycle. Current water system owner Guy Emminger often waits months
to send bills, then bills some of the residents thousands of dollars, residents have complained.
County officials invited Prescott and Prescott Valley officials to the meeting to talk about
Annexation as an option, since the subdivision is smack in between the two cities. But those city
officials made it clear that annexation wouldn’t be cheap. Diamond Valley residents would have
to commit to upgrade their water, sewer and road systems to meet city standards those city
officials said.

Sept 6,00

END OF AN ERA:
Horses and jockeys leave the gate during the final race at Prescott Downs Tuesday afternoon.
Race fans such as Joe Santilli and Mel Lernerr of Prescott, far left, will now have to head to the
new Yavapai Downs at Prescott Valley to see live racing beginning in May 2001. Long-time
Prescott resident Jim Anderson reminisces in the grandstands after the end of racing Tuesday.
Anderson has watched racing at Prescott Downs for 28 years.

Sept 6,00

DOMINO’S REZONING ON PV COUNCIL PLATE:
Make that a thin-crust, pepperoni, sausage and onion pizza with a zoning change on it for
delivery to Robert Road near Spouse Drive. Thursday, the Prescott Valley Town Council will
consider a first reading on a rezoning ordinance to bring a Domino’s Pizza and several office
suites to three Robert Road lots south of Spouse Drive.. The project has been on the table for
about a year now. In August 1999, Sierra Sonara Enterprises applied to rezone three lots south
of Dusty’s convenience mart and the adjacent car wash. In October, 1999, the Planning and
Zoning Commission voted to recommend denying the rezoning, because of concerns over access,
traffic and effects on adjacent homes. The applicant decided to pull the application before the
council meeting in order to improve the plan.

Sept 6,00

SUPES SHOOT DOWN 89A TOWER:
Yavapai County Supervisors followed their planning commission’s lead Tuesday and
unanimously denied a 195-foot cellular tower along Highway 89A northeast of Prescott Valley.
Prescott Ridge subdivision residents, some of whom live within two miles of the proposed tower
site, signed petitions against the special use permit. The tower would mar a beautiful place, and
it’s zoned residential, Prescott Ridge resident Cathy Esser said. The site is located at the base of
the Mingus Mountain Scenic Road on Fain Land & Cattle Co. property.

Sept 6,00

POLICE NAB BANK ROBBER AFTER THIRD HIT ON THURSDAY:
The man whom police believe robbed two Prescott Valley Banks on July 3 and Aug. 10 finally
got to the penalty box after performing a hat trick in returning for a third robbery last week. On
Thursday, Aug. 30 the thief allegedly returned to the Wells Fargo bank on Lake Valley Drive to
rob it a second time, according to police. Police arrested the suspect, identified as 47-year old Prescott resident James Randall Davis, outside a Prescott Restaurant without further incident that evening, and booked him into Yavapai County jail. Davis’s choice of headgear in the latest robbery was his undoing. The suspect in all three robberies has been consistent in wearing sunglasses inside the bank buildings, and wearing some type of headgear. In the third, he chose to wear a helmet. “Our evidence technician, John Riley, thought the goofy-looking helmet might be a lead,” said PVPD Sergeant Wayne Nelson. Following Riley’s suggestion, PVPD Sgt. Joe Capelli went to a local motorcycle shop with a bank security camera photo of the thief later Thursday afternoon. Nelson said two shop employees independently identified the man in the photo as a customer, Randy Davis.

Sept 7, 00  
**HUSD GETS WORD THAT ITS NEXT ELEMENTARY MAY COME IN PHASES:**
Maybe half a school in 2003, half on the layaway plan. That’s the news the Humboldt Unified School District received Tuesday from district administrators. Because of growth statewide and its resulting drain on Students First money, the state School Facilities Board is considering not only phasing construction of the second high school but also the district’s next elementary school. Superintendent Ron Maughan said the state board members shared that they are going through money faster than they anticipated, because of growth in districts across the state, and the need to provide improved buildings. Because of that, the latest state plan, for the next six to eight years, shows the new HUSD elementary school on two phases - the first for 325 students and a second phase a year later for another 325 students.

Sept 10, 00  
**BRADSHAW ‘BEARS DOWN’ IN SEASON-OPENING ROUT:**
It took just one night for Bradshaw Mountain to take one giant step toward answering the one question that seems to follow them: Are the Bears a one-man show?” The answer was an unequivocal “no” in Friday’s season opener at Bob Pavlich Field in Prescott Valley where John Rodriguez’ squad unloaded some unknown weaponry on Cactus Shadows in a 44-14 walloping that wasn’t as close as the final score indicated. The Bears’ main man, tailback Tony Gray, did his thing with 80 yards rushing, 80 receiving and five touchdowns.

Sept 11, 00  
**COLLEGE BREAKS GROUND FOR FIRE, POLICE ADDITION:**
Local government and emergency services officials gathered Friday morning to ceremonially start construction of a new Yavapai College building. The new building, containing about 12,000 square feet, will help the college expand its offerings in police and fire science and emergency medical training, to more people across Yavapai college and all over Arizona.

Sept 11, 00  
**PRESCOTT VALLEY COUNCIL APPROVES TRAFFIC SIGNAL CONTRACTS, STUDIES:**
With growth comes stoplights! The Prescott Valley Town Council agreed to design or installation contracts for three more intersection sets of traffic signals Thursday, in response to new subdivisions and commercial areas of town. The town already has a traffic signal in the works for the intersection of Glassford Hill Road and Highway 89A. The bid of $138,140 also will allow the company to improve the signals at the intersections of Glassford Hill Road with Long Look Drive and Florentine Road with left-turn arrows. Public Works Director Larry Tarkowski said the town has to prepare for the traffic that will accompany the Harkins opening.

Sept 12, 00  
**PV CHAMBER STARTS DRIVE FOR VALLEY OF LIGHTS:**
Before Prescott Valley can light up Fain Park and the neighboring streets this holiday season, it has to light up the phones this week. Friday, Prescott Valley Chamber of Commerce staff members were creating a “Christmas in September” atmosphere at the chamber board room for this week’s telephone drive for the Valley of Lights display that premieres Thanksgiving night, Nov. 23. Chamber Executive Director Lew Rees explained that teams of local businesses will staff the phones from morning to late afternoon throughout the week, asking for contributions for a holiday attraction such as Arizona has never seen. Valley of Lights will be a huge tourist attraction for the entire tri-city area. Beginning Thursday night, a toy soldier, a nine-foot tall moving toy soldier, will guide visitors to the displays from highway 69.
OPENING DAY IS SEPT. 25:
PV Senior Center prepares for moving day after 15 years in old Robert Road building. Linda Breen is overwhelmed when she walks through the doors of the new Prescott Valley Senior Center on Manzanita Circle - and the nutrition manager’s enthusiasm to start using the new space bubbles over. The Central Arizona Senior Center and its partner in providing meals for the elderly, the Yavapai Senior Nutrition Program, is two weeks from occupying the new space. The center, at the east end of Spouse Drive, includes the new 6,000-square-foot building that Prescott Valley’s Community Development Block Grant money financed. It connects to the existing 3,000-square-foot Community Center that Central Arizona Seniors Association (CASA) soon will remodel for offices.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE LOOKS AT EXPANDED GUN SAFETY TRAINING:
Although Humboldt Unified School District’s youngest students receive basic gun safety instruction, the district Safety Committee has asked the school board whether gun safety should expand to include more students. The Safety Committee submitted to the school board on Sept.5 lists of short term and long term safety goals. The committee asked the board members to select three items from each list that they would like the committee to address. The short term goals suggested by the committee include school safety workshops, metal detectors, video surveillance systems and gun safety and reality training.

CHAMBER PRESENTS CHECK TO SPECIAL OLYMPICS:
Bradshaw Mountain Special Olympics recently accepted a check from the PV Chamber. The PV Day 5K run raised the $900 for Special Olympics which will apply 100% of the money to the local program for equipment and uniforms for athletes.

A SOLDIER AT ANY AGE:
Jack Stover was 14 years old in 1918 when he presented himself to a U.S. Navy recruiter in Pennsylvania and said he could cook and bake. The Navy signed him up, and he went to work on a coal stove on a U.S.-sponsored hospital ship. He wasn’t the only underage sailor on the ship. “There were eight men on that ship younger than me,” he said. “But remember, in 1918 we were at war, and the Navy only had 60,000 men. Now there are 2.5 million people in service with the Navy.” The hospital ship in which he served was neutral. Stover remembers ,”it had no numbers on it and it was painted white.” But when the ship started crossing the Atlantic to pick up soldiers who had been gassed, it was still flying the American flag. By that time, Stover and the ships commander had become fast friends, so the 96-year old veteran wasn’t shy about telling the ship’s commander to take down the American flag and put up a white one. Sure enough, the Admiral concurred, and a white sheet soon flew from the mast.

GRAVEL PIT WATER USE AT ISSUE:
Mine digs forward in face of protests. The battle for the scenic hillside on Highway 89A continues to rage, but this time the crux of that battle is underground. Prescott Ridge Residents and the Town of Prescott Valley are challenging Meadow Valley Contractors’ application for four wells to supply more than 22 millions gallons of water annually for cleaning and dust control at their sand and gravel mining operation at the Fain Pit. Cathy Esser, a Prescott Ridge resident who continues to challenge the mining operation, its applications for cement and asphalt batch plants and its water use, said this application to the Arizona Department of Water Resources nearly blind-sided her and her neighbors. The public notice ran twice in the Daily Courier, once on Aug.7 and again on Aug.31. It’s the latter notice that sets up the final date for objections to the application, which are due at Arizona Department of Water Resource’s office by 5 p.m. Friday. If it hadn’t been for the sharp eyes of one of her friends, they would have missed the legal notices from Meadow Valley and the ADWR entirely.

LEST THEY BE FORGOTTEN:
VA, ERAU join nation in remembering POW’s, MIA’s. The nation remembered almost 50,000 surviving former prisoners of war Friday on POW/MIA Recognition Day. At Prescott’s VA Medical Center, the recognition ceremony was a tribute to prisoners from seven wars: World
World War II, Korea, Vietnam, the Gulf War, Somalia and Kosovo. Young people in the community presented the Prescott tribute. Cassi Gibson of Bagdad was master of ceremonies, Robin Lee and Cathy Hall of Girl Scout Troop 964 posted of the colors. Johnny Sanchez and Britney Brooks led the pledge of allegiance; and Liz Berthold, a senior at Chino Valley High School, was the guest speaker. Dr. Gary Melvin, acting chief executive officer of the VA, welcomed guests to the recognition ceremony, and the Prescott High School “Highlights” sang a musical salute. Embry---Riddle Aeronautical University sponsored a flag retreat and a fly-over in recognition of the national POW/MIA Day.

Sept 20,00

**PV CONSIDERS SURVEYING RESIDENTS ON LOCAL ISSUES:**
The Prescott Valley Town Council on Thursday will consider hiring a consultant to find out what town residents think about important current issues. Town Manager Anthony Mortillaro is recommending that the council award a $9,000 contract to West Group Research, to interview 250 Prescott Valley residents on their current perceptions of the town and decisions the town might make.

Sept 20,00

**COUNTY FAIR OPENS FOR THE FINAL TIME IN CITY OF PRESCOTT:**
More than 80 years of county fairs in Prescott will come to an end this weekend. The historic site in the heart of the county seat will host the fair Thursday through Sunday. Then next year, it move to its new home northeast of Prescott Valley, now under construction alongside the new Yavapai Downs horse racetrack. “It’s kind of an emotional thing for everybody, kind of a bittersweet thing,” said Yavapai County Fair Association General Manager Jim Grundy. “Hopefully, we can still keep the down-home atmosphere.”

Sept 21,00

**WAYWARD DIGGER CUTS OFF 100 PHONES:**
An overzealous hole-digger accidentally cut telephone service to roughly 100 Qwest customers Tuesday. “It looks like a resident was digging in his backyard, and he cut one of our phone cables,” said Qwest spokes- person Audrey Mautner. The man was digging a hole for a fence post, she added. Even though Qwest began receiving calls from customers without service about 6 p.m. Tuesday evening, workers did not start repair work on the damaged cable until Wednesday morning. “We actually did repair this as quickly as possible,” Mautner said, however, the company waited until daylight to begin the repairs “for safety reasons.” A water supply line runs near the phone cable, she explained, and Qwest didn’t want to risk the possibility that its workers might accidentally damage the water line while working on the phone line in the dark.

Sept 24,00

**PRESCOTT VALLEY OFFICIALS WANT CITIZENS TO VOTE:**
The primary is over, and the general election is just around the corner, but Prescott Valley town officials have their minds on another primary and General election - the town’s spring council votes. Council members unanimously agreed to continue down the road they began in May by mailing the Town’s spring 2001 primary and if necessary, general election ballots. Administrative Services Director Linda Thorson said she had both pros and cons of mail ballots. Some people don’t like them because it robs them of the chance to get out and cast a vote - something they consider their right. The results aren’t as timely and candidates would have to begin campaigning earlier, since ballots are out as much as 30 days before the election date. But Thorson said two advantages outweigh those disadvantages. The first is cost. And the most important question is what gets people to vote. In May, nearly 57 percent of voters mailed in ballots on the referendum question, as compared with a voter turnout of 17.28 percent at the general election in May, 1999.

Sept 25,00

**OPENING THE DOORS:**
Nothing imaginable can truly ease the pain that victims of sexual crime or domestic violence suffer. The new Yavapai Family Advocacy Center in Prescott Valley, though, will lessen the chance that investigation and prosecution of those crimes’ pain will aggravate the suffering. Before the advent of the new center, which Director Kathy McLaughlin calls a “one-stop shop” for police, prosecutors and medical personnel, those professions worked together, but only from
a distance. Prevent Child Abuse came up with the idea for the center, which it envisioned as similar to a highly-successful one in Mesa, and quickly enlisted the support of Yavapai County Attorney Chick Hastings, who helped acquire money from racketeering seizures and grants. But the final shape of the center is a result of almost-unheard-of cooperation. All 12 county law enforcement agencies have been a part of the planning and development.

**Sept 25, 2001**

**TRI-CITY SCHOOL DISTRICTS DISCUSS JOINT VOCATIONAL EDUCATION DISTRICT PLAN:**

When it comes to school districts, keeping up with the Joneses,” is a luxury districts just can’t afford. If school “A” has an excellent agriculture program, school “B” can no longer afford to spend its budget trying to outdo it, and the same is true for every program, especially expensive vocational programs. So, if you can’t beat ‘em, join em’ local school officials say. Humboldt Unified School District Superintendent Ron Maughan gave an overview of the discussions between Humboldt, Prescott and Chino Valley school districts, as they concern forming a joint vocational district. “The long and short of it is, this has led the three districts to talk about the situation of sharing vocational programs,” Maughan said.

**OCT 25, 2001**

**HUSD OFFICIALS GET FIRST LOOK AT SECOND HIGH SCHOOL PLANS:**

The start of construction on Humboldt Unified School District’s new high school is just around the corner, and HUSD Governing Board members recently received an advance look at the draft plan. Mark Yarish, of the Orcutt-Winslow Partnership, gave the board an overview of the initial plan for the school, which will be just east of the existing Coyote Springs Elementary on Highway 89A. The State Land Department is working to provide the 50 acres of state trust land, and at the same time, free up adjoining property for the town’s extension of Robert Road, which the high school will use as its primary access.

**Sept 27, 2001**

**DEBT MANAGEMENT COMPANY SEEKS EMPLOYEE FORCE IN PRESCOTT VALLEY:**

An eager work force is the next step in an Illinois-based company’s decision to bring 450 new jobs to Prescott Valley. The Prescott Valley Economic Development Foundation announced Monday that Afni, Inc. A provider of accounts receivable management and outsourced customer care solutions, is considering the community for one of its customer bases. Since the company will employ 450 persons full and part-time, it needs to know that the workforce is available here before making the final decision to locate in Prescott Valley, said PVEDF Director Gary Marks. Afni will host a job fair at the Yavapai College Business Extension in Prescott Valley on Thursday, Oct. 5, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. in an effort to make contact with those prospective employees, he said.

**Sept 28, 2001**

**CITY,TOWN OFFICIALS DEBATE INTERNET TAX:**

Should governments be able to tax internet sales? That question dominated a legislative issues workshop Wednesday at the League of Arizona Cities and Towns annual conference in Prescott. Cameron Whitman, director of policy and federal relations for the National League of Cities, told the audience how her group and others are trying to keep Congress from extending the current moratorium on internet sales taxes. The moratorium ends in October 2001. Some city officials in the audience said they aren’t so sure the tax is a good thing, however. The tax would hurt small businesses that buy supplies over the Internet, and local governments don’t provide services to those internet companies anyway, they said. The ban on Internet taxes also saves rural residents money. Rebecca Hill, legislative coordinator for the League of Arizona Cities and Towns, briefly mentioned several issues that the League will list for the next legislative session, and the Internet tax will probably be among them.

**Sept 28, 2001**

**MAJOR ‘LEAGUE’ IN TOWN:**

It was Prescott’s largest conference ever, and the state meeting of the League of Arizona Cities and Towns ended up breaking records for the League as well. Nearly 1,000 delegates packed the Prescott Resort Wednesday morning for the kick-off of the annual conference of the League of
Arizona Cities and Towns. The assembly, which attracts city and town council members and municipal staff members from around the state, will continue through Friday morning.

**COMPANY CONSIDERS PV FOR 450-JOB OPERATION:**
A customer-contact company is considering Prescott Valley for a 450-employee call center. And to see if the area has enough skilled employees to staff this kind of business, Afni, Inc. is having a job fair from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. this Thursday at Yavapai College’s Prescott Valley Business and Career Center campus at Glassford Hill Road and Panther Path. If the company locates in Prescott Valley area, it will hire about 450 full- and part-time employees. Wages will begin at $7.50 per hour with the potential for an additional $1 per hour in bonuses and incentives. Benefits include medical and dental insurance. A paid time-off plan and a 401(k) program. Gary Marks, Prescott Valley Economic Development Foundation executive director, said those are good starting wages for the area with benefits included.

**BANDS, OTHERS LOSE SLEEP TO RAISE BIG BUCKS FOR BOYS, GIRLS CLUB:**
How will you Make a Difference in Arizona on the 10th annual Make A Difference Day, Saturday, Oct. 28? How about joining the Boys and Girls Club of Central Yavapai at the Prescott Valley Civic Center for 28 hours, during the Second Annual Make a Difference Day Telethon? The event begins at 1 p.m. Friday, Oct 27, and continues through the night, wrapping up at 5 p.m. Saturday, Oct 28.

**PV NARROWS POLICE CHIEF SEARCH:**
Prescott Valley may have a new police chief before the year is out. Application for the position closed on Sept. 18. “Our search firm received 91 applications,” said PV Town Manager Tony Mortillaro. “As 12 of those were from people who applied the first time, we had 79 new applications. That is a very good response, both in quantity, and in quality of the applicants.” Mortillaro said the search firm will “whittle that down to 20 applicants” before conducting preliminary reviews to further reduce that number to an even dozen. “Then they’ll conduct extensive interviews, including background investigations,” he said. “I will review those results with the firm to get that down to five or seven candidates. I anticipate interviews towards the latter part of October.

**OUT-OF-CONTROL PICKUP PLOWS VAN THROUGH HOTEL:**
At least a half dozen people miraculously escaped serious injury in a bizarre accident involving four vehicles, a motel, and a gas station early Friday morning. “We are extremely thankful and fortunate to have only a few scratches and bruises.” said Dave Fogerson, who awoke to find a pickup truck had smashed into his motel room. “The Lord looked over us.” The truck, in fact, damaged the bed in which he and his wife, Marjorie, had chosen not to sleep. Police later arrested on felony charges a man whom they said fled the scene after causing the accident. The driver lost control of the pickup, struck another eastbound vehicle, then rocketed through the gas pump area at Woody’s Exxon. The pickup continued into the Day’s Inn parking lot where it rear-ended a minivan, smashing it forward into the motel wall. The minivan came to rest in room 107; the pickup truck in room 106.

**PV COUNTS DOWN TO ‘VALLEY OF LIGHTS’:**
It’s October and the “enlightened trio” - Wade Crandell, Randal Gossman, and Ben Filer are out and about. No, they are not Halloween goblins. The three C Marshall & Associates Realtors are pounding the pavement, encouraging Highway 69 corridor businesses to light up their establishments in conjunction with the new Valley of Lights. The Chamber of Commerce sponsored Valley of Lights is a stay-in-your-car-and-drive-through holiday event at Fain Park, beginning Thanksgiving night and running until New Year’s. Chamber Director Lew Rees said "We’re hoping the display will attract people from the tri-city area as well as from around the state. We’re not taking away from Prescott, Arizona’s Christmas City, we’re adding to the experience, by providing a major gateway to other activities.”

**PVPD FILLS RANKS, BUT OFFICERS SAY RETENTION IS STILL A PROBLEM:**
Prescott Valley Police Department will field additional officers before the year is out, filling all the billets designated by the Town Council except for the police Chief’s position. “We are completely staffed, except for a police chief” said PVPD Lt. Laura Molinaro. “Thirty nine of 40 sworn positions are filled, though two new patrol officers are still in the academy.” Since the two officers are already certified, they should complete their training much sooner than the rookies coming from the academy.

Oct 5,00

**PV PARKS & REC DIRECTOR RESIGNS:**
John Sefton, Prescott Valley Parks and Recreation director for two years, has resigned his post to take a job at Del Webb’s Anthem community north of Phoenix. Sefton’s last day will be Oct.20. Sefton started working for PV in November 1998 as the recreation director. He took on the parks duties in July 1999. “I’ve enjoyed the time I’ve spent in Prescott Valley,” he said. “This new opportunity presents a great challenge that I feel will afford further professional growth and personal development for me, as well as security for my family.” Prescott Valley Town Manager Anthony Mortillaro said the town has benefited from Sefton’s work.

Oct 5,00

**GENERAL ELECTION EARLY VOTING STARTS:**
Early voting in the general election begins today. Yavapai County registered voters can cast their ballots at two locations through Nov. 3: the county administration building at 1015 Fair St. in Prescott, and the 6th and Mingus streets in Cottonwood. The offices are open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The regular election here is Nov. 7, when voters can cast ballots at their precinct polling places. People who want the county to mail general ballots to their homes can call the Registrar of Voters through Oct. 27 at 771-3248 (in the Verde, call 639-8100 and ask for extension 3248).

Oct 8,00

**MARKING A MILESTONE:**
Father-son team Bill and Ron Fain, of the Dewey-based Fain Signature Group, are pushing full steam ahead on their 700-acre Prescott Valley Town Center. The Fains say that the massive mixed-use Town Center will create an old-fashioned “Main Street-centered” downtown that gives Prescott Valley a sense of place. “We’re pretty excited about what’s happening out here,” Bill Fain said. “We’ve really found strong community support in building an identity for downtown Prescott Valley that’s pedestrian-friendly. With help from Berkeley, California-based planners Peter Calthorpe & architects Beilman-Browning, the Fains have designed the project in the vein of a “new urbanist Main Street” concept, Ron Fain explained.

Oct 9,00

**BRADSHAW MOUNTAIN STUDENTS CELEBRATING 25TH YEAR:**
East to West, which class is best? Only time will tell during Bradshaw Mountain’s silver anniversary home-coming week, today through Saturday. The school, in its 25th year, has selected “Cities Around the World” as its homecoming theme. The five weekdays leading up to the game and Saturday’s dance will get the Bears into the right spirit for the festivities.

Oct 9,00

**NOV. 5 DINNER BENEFITS LIBRARY:**
The Friends of the Prescott Valley Library will provide its fall “Dinner in the Stacks” on Sunday, Nov 5. The dinner, which benefits the Prescott Valley public library, will be 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the third floor of the Civic Center, 7501 E. Civic Circle. Music will accompany dinner.

Oct 9,00

**PV RECEIVES HERITAGE FUND GRANT FOR BALLFIELD LIGHTS:**
One year ago, Prescott Valley didn’t make the cut on a Heritage Fund grant through Arizona State Parks to light the ball field complex at Mountain Valley Park. This year, the project made the short list and received $265,000 from the Heritage Fund, a grant program the Arizona Lottery finances. Some people might attribute the change to a different year and a new pool of projects. But Prescott Valley Parks and Recreation Director John Sefton believes that the community support of more than $7,200 in cash and in kind commitments made all the difference. “That’s the main reason, in my mind,” Sefton said. “Community support is key to the Heritage Grants. It was fairly obvious from the point totals that the community support was the deciding factor.”

Oct 10,00

**PUSHED TO THE WALL? :**
Every Saturday and Sunday, residents from throughout the area meet at the edge of Prescott Valley, some to sell their crafts, wholesale merchandise and some used household goods as well.
But Peddler’s Pass swap meet co-owner Suzy Arnold fears the 14 years of her business might be in jeopardy again, as Prescott Valley officials tighten the screws against her and her husband Gary. Peddler’s Pass was a big business for Prescott Valley when it started in 1986. And it continues to be one of the best operated “park and swap” venues in the state, earning the Best of the Rep award for swap meets statewide in 1999. But the Arnolds, and before them, Suzy’s parents Bob and Mary Scott, have shouldered the increasing pressure from the county, then the town, for improvements to the business. Peddler’s Pass leases it property from the Fain family, and has 16 years remaining on its 30-year lease. But now the Arnolds are concerned that the town has focused the efforts of the planning and zoning, public works and administrative services departments against their business. In short, the pair believe the town wants them out of the way of development that’s now surrounding them.

Oct 11,00

Another staffing study for Town of Prescott Valley?

Decision about PV call center nears. Afni Inc.’s decision about opening a 450-employee customer service center in Prescott Valley will come quickly. Company officials weren’t overwhelmed with numbers, but had a steady stream of people all day at their job fair at Yavapai College’s Prescott Valley Business and Career Center campus one week ago. “They were very pleased with the quality of the applicants,” said Gary Marks, executive director of Prescott Valley’s Economic Development Foundation. “They were there about ‘til 7 o’clock, and there were people there until right at the end, filling out applications. The job fair is Afni’s final determining factor about which of four Arizona communities has the best work force for its call center. The call center will hire employees to do customer service work for companies in the communications, energy and financial-services industries.

Oct 13,00

Local communities just waiting for census figures to start MPO:

Nearly every day, some community official will refer to a tri-city or town as rural Arizona. A year from now, those officials may still say that, but officially, the three central Arizona communities are making the big switch -- becoming a metropolitan area. In 1973, federal officials started requiring urban area to begin comprehensive transportation planning. Now, 17 years later, the Prescott-Prescott Valley-Chino Valley urban area qualifies as a metropolitan, with a combined population of more than 50,000. So, in 1996, members of the Central Yavapai Transportation Planning Organization started discussing the transition. Already having the transportation planning organization was a huge advantage, said Yavapai County Public Works Director Richard Straub. This group will transform naturally into the metropolitan planning organization (MPO) board and technical advisory group, he said.

Oct 13,00

PV swaps goodwill with Peddler’s Pass:

PV town officials, flea market agree to compromise. With about 45 Peddler’s Pass business people and their vendors in the audience, Prescott Valley officials decided to offer the best deal of the week; a compromise on a sales-tax ordinance. After a presentation by Peddler’s Pass attorney John Mull, showing where the proposed ordinance far outdistances what’s required under the Arizona Department of Revenue regulation, town officials agreed they could retool the document. Suzy Arnold, who operates Peddler’s Pass with her husband, Gary, said she was happy with the meeting.

Oct 16,00

Prescott Valley Council approves Civic Center sign package concept:

Ever since the day it opened, people have complained about not knowing how to find their destination in the four-story Prescott Valley Civic Center. Eighteen months later, the Prescott Valley Town Council is doing something about it. Thursday the council agreed to go to bid on a signage package recommended by a committee of three staff members: Community Development Director Richard Parker, Mail room clerk Moira Huss, and management administrative assistant Brenda Rosa. The trio work on three of the floors of the civic center. And Huss, more than anyone else, has to find people all over the building. That job hasn’t been easy for her. But it’s been even more difficult for people who don’t work in the building every
The signs include color coding, such as black for directories and green for signs directing people to the ramps and elevators. The signs also blend with the colors of the civic center. The town also needs two concrete monumental signs, one for the civic center and one for the police operations building.

GOD'S HAND EXTENDED FOOD BANK OPENS IN PV:
Volunteers from God’s Hand Extended held their first food drive at Oil Can Henry’s in Prescott Valley last Saturday, October 14. God’s Hand is a new food and clothing bank located at 8169 E. Florentine Road in Prescott Valley. God’s Hand Extended is a Christ-centered ministry whose desire is to help meet the food and clothing needs of residents of Prescott Valley and surrounding areas.

PV COUNCIL: NO POLICE UNION NEGOTIATIONS.
Prescott Valley Town Council declared Thursday it will not bargain with a union over police officer wages and benefits. At its October 12 meeting, Council said it will treat police department employees the same as the employees of other Town departments. “We recognize the right of the officers to join a union,” Mayor Rick Killingsworth said at the meeting. “They just recognize our right to not recognize their union, and that we will never do.” The council unanimously rejected collective bargaining with the police officer’s union, Arizona Conference of Police and Sheriffs (AZCOPS), which most of PVPD’s officers joined in July this year as the Prescott Valley Police Officers Association chapter. The council’s decision came after Town Manager Tony Mortillaro met with PVPOA and AZCOPS twice in August. According to Mortillaro, the union delivered an ultimatum that the Town must enter into collective bargaining with the union on behalf of the police, or the union would begin a voter initiative process to force the Town to do so. PVPOA drew an initiative packet from Prescott Valley last month to bring the issue to ballot.

EUROPEAN BUSINESSES SPARKED IDEA FOR PV’S COMPUTER MAGIC CAFE:
Tucked away on the north side of the Frontage road off Hwy. 69 (south of the Circle K), you will find an unusual newcomer to the Prescott Valley business community. The computer Magic Cafe blends with fun and offers a variety of classes, tutoring and products for sale. Owners Bob and Denise Olive opened the Cafe the first week in September. This very innovative Cafe has an atmosphere all its own. Bob Olive, who speaks fluent French, has traveled extensively. Similar computer cafes in Europe sparked the idea for the Computer Magic Cafe.

OLSEN ASSURES SKULL VALLEY RESIDENTS THAT PRESCOTT AREA WON’T TAKE THEIR WATER:
Yavapai County Supervisor John Olsen assured about 15 Skull Valley residents Wednesday that the Prescott Active Management Area isn’t out to get their water. Skull Valley residents showed up in force at a county meeting Wednesday, to make it clear they don’t want the Prescott AMA to take water from their adjacent Bill Williams River Basin. At last month’s committee meeting, co-chair Larry Tarkowski said the committee would talk Wednesday about a Prescott AMA task force’s recommendation for the state to consider allowing the AMA to import water from other river basins. State law doesn’t allow importation now. Their recommendation went to a governor’s task force that is looking at changes to the state’s Groundwater Management Act. Olsen chairs the Prescott AMA task force that made the recommendation to the state. “I think you folks from Skull Valley ought to be re-assured this is not an effort to take water from your watershed,” Olsen said. “Regardless of what happened in the past, my position now is, we shouldn’t consider importation from other basins” Olsen said Thursday.

ALL-NIGHTER TO BENEFIT BOYS, GIRLS CLUB:
More than a dozen entertainers will pluck and strum this weekend to raise money for the Boys and Girls Club of Central Yavapai at Telethon 2000. The telethon is part of the second annual Make a Difference Day and kicked off at 1 p.m. today. It continues through the night and concludes at 5 p.m. Saturday, all inside or out (depending on the weather) at the Prescott Valley Civic Center, 7501 E. Civic Circle. Entertaining - for free, but to encourage donations - and the
music will continue Saturday until closing at 5 p.m. Volunteers from businesses, community groups, even kids and parents will man the phones during ten lengthy telethon, educating the community on what the Boys and Girls club has to offer. And entertainers perform nearly non-stop throughout the show, including doing a late-night jam session, in which all musicians are invited to participate.

**Oct 29,00**

**RAIN, SNOW RIP THROUGH YAVAPAI COUNTY:**
A freaky storm system that passed through the area this past week brought buckets of rain to Prescott and Prescott Valley Friday and scattered snow in the area. People were reporting snow flurries at the upper end of Copper Basin in Prescott, and some in Skull Valley, Walker and Prescott Valley Friday afternoon. But rain seemed to be the order of the day closer to home. Larry Tarkowski, Prescott Valley Public Works director, said rain was so intense Friday night that it washed three 48-inch culverts out from under the roads at Lakeshore and Tonopah drives.

**Oct 29,00**

**PV FINE-TUNES PHONE SURVEY QUESTIONNAIRE:**
Coming soon to a phone near you: Prescott Valley’s community survey. Thursday, the Prescott Valley Town Council reviewed questions and made last-minute adjustments to the telephone survey, designed to show what a sampling of town residents think of current services, and what they wish to see in the future. Along the way, council members challenged questions that weren’t specific enough, or reflected on private industry services. Westgroup Research of Phoenix will phone residents and ask questions about what town services residents use, how frequently, and what kind of service they get.

**Nov 1,00**

**TOWN COUNCIL CONTINUES SPLIT OVER ZONING:**
Divisiveness is not a hallmark of the Prescott Valley Town Council. But Thursday, the council continued its split over rezoning plans for three lots on Robert Road with a 5-2 vote in support of the plan. If the council repeats that vote at Thursday’s meeting, it will pave the way for a Domino’s Pizza restaurant and an office complex on the lots west of Robert Road, south of Spouse Drive. Community Development Director Richard Parker explained that the developer, Sierra-Sonora Enterprises, responded to all of the council’s concerns at the September meeting.

**Nov 1,00**

**PV COUNCIL TO DISCUSS WAIVING VICTIM FEES FOR POLICE REPORTS:**
Victims of violent crimes would have one less thing to worry about if the Prescott Valley Town council decides to waive fees for victim’s copies of police reports. Thursday, the Prescott Valley Town council will consider in work study session a request from “Voice for Crime Victims,” a national advocacy group. The request is to waive the fees for victims of crimes to get copies of their own police reports. Interim Police Chief Laura Molinaro explained in a memo to the council that the organization believes that victimization shouldn’t be a “a revenue stream” for towns.

**Nov 1,00**

**PV SOROPTIMISTS GIVE YOUTH AWARD:**
Soroptimist International of Prescott Valley is offering its Youth Citizenship Award to any junior high school student, male or female. The Soroptimists give this award to recognize outstanding contributions young people have made to home, school and community. The club judges applicants based on community service, rather than strictly academics.

**Nov 1,00**

**PRESCOTT VALLEY POLICE ENJOY APPRECIATION RECEPTION:**
“A very positive experience,” is how PVPD Lt.. Laura Molinaro described the Oct 23 Police Appreciation Day. The brainchild of resident Maryanne VanGalio, who elicited donations of food and other items from local businesses for the event.

**Nov 2,00**

**UNIVERSAL HOMES CLEARS FINAL HURDLES:**
With a grading permit in hand, Joe Contadino is half tempted to hop on a quad and trench in the first road himself. Instead, the President of Universal Homes is going to relax today or Friday, as his contractors cut the swath that will one day be the Santa Fe Loop, the main east-west connector through the 1,243 acre master-planned community. It was exactly one month ago that Contadino received the Arizona Department of Water Resources Certificate of Assured Water Supply for the project, the final roadblock for the community. Contadino has been searching for
just the right name for the property. And the name popped out at him while reading the history of
the community and its founding family, The Fains of Lonesome Valley. William and Cary Fain
moved from Missouri in 1874 to Camp Verde. In 1879, Cary delivered her sixth child and
named him Granville. For some reason, the family didn’t use the name, and Granville went
through life as “Dan” Fain, grandfather of current patriarch Bill Fain.

Nov 2,00
‘TALKIN’ PRESCOTT VALLEY:
Remember morning announcements in high school? The principal would come on the intercom
and drone on about the exploits of the Future Homemakers Club, list the deadline for SAT
registration, etc. Welcome to reality. “It’s Tuesday, we’re at Famous Sam’s and we’re talkin’
Prescott Valley!” shouts Prescott Valley Chamber Executive Director Lew Rees, and the dining
room at Famous Sam’s erupts in applause. Tuesdays at noon, the restaurant’s dining room
transforms into a mini radio and television production center.

Nov 2,00
BRADSHAW MOUNTAIN TO RETIRE Diggins’ NUMBER AT HALFTIME:
Former Bradshaw Mountain High Baseball star Ben Diggins will have his uniform No. 9 retired
at half-time of the Bears’ football game Friday night against the Greenway Demons. Diggins,
who played four years of varsity baseball at BMHS and later at the University of Arizona and is
currently in the Los Angeles Dodgers organization. Joining Diggins in Friday’s ceremony will
be Jim Jones, who coached Diggins before retiring from the program at the end of last season.

Nov 3,00
ALLIANCE LOOKS TO CONNECT RESERVES:
Tuesday, when voters go to the polls, they will decide the fate of Proposition 100, which could
help pay land costs for two regional landmarks, Glassford Hill; and Badger “P” Mountain. But
local space advocates are looking well beyond those two spaces, which the State Land
Department already has set aside as suitable for conservation. The Open Space Alliance of
Central Yavapai County is considering a proposal that would set aside the available state lands
between the two landmarks as additional open space, creating a greenbelt between the two
reserves.

Nov 3,00
GLASSFORD HILL PLAN NEARLY READY FOR REVIEW:
After months of discussion, subcommittee work, and reports, the coordination plan for the
Glassford Hill land reserve is nearly ready for its road trip - viewing and comments by the
citizens and elected officials in Prescott Valley and Prescott. The coordination plan, a citizen-
driven management plan for the open space, includes sections on how the area will use the nearly
1,900 acre area set aside almost two years ago as suitable for conservation. That plan includes
recreational aspects, ranching, commercial uses already in effect, and what’s most important,
how the area will manage the costs of acquiring the land. Prescott Valley Community
Development Director Richard Parker was one of the key staff people on that committee of 21
local people from various interests, ranching, trails, commercial ventures, and elected officials.

Nov 3,00
YRMC STEPS UP PLANS FOR PRESCOTT VALLEY HOSPITAL:
The Prescott Valley Planning and Zoning Commission will consider a recommendation to rezone
more than 24 acres in the Prescott Valley Town Center as public land, to accommodate a full-
service, inpatient hospital. The public hearing and action item for the Commission comes as part
of the Planning and Zoning’s meeting Nov 13, and from there, will go before the town council.

Nov 6,00
ROUGH ROADS IN PV:
Drivers, a word of caution; construction and winter in the high country don’t equal smooth roads.
And Prescott Valley officials warn drivers to slow down and weather the construction on
Lakeshore Drive and Florentine Road with tolerance. Public Works Director Larry Tarkowski
explained that the town can’t chip seal roads at this time of year. Chip-sealing requires a
temperature above 50 degrees, with nighttime temperatures above 40 degrees. That won’t happen
consistently now until spring, he said.

Nov 7,00
2ND SEARCH FOR PV’s CHIEF DOWN TO FOUR:
Prescott Valley could have a new police chief next month, or by early January at the latest, if one
of four potential finalists makes the grade during interviews today. Jerry Oldani of The Oldani
Group, a Washington-based executive search firm, presented four candidates for the position to an informal gathering of council members, town officials, chamber and economic development board members, and media Monday night.

Nov 9,00  PROPOSAL WOULD PIPE WATER TO PRESCOTT - AS WELL AS CHINO, PV:
The Prescott City Council unveiled a plan this week that could bring a whole new approach to water service in the tri-city area. Along with providing water to about 4,000 new homes in Chino Valley, the city appears poised to set off negotiations for a pipeline that would bring water from the Big Chino Basin in Paulden to the tri-cities area. According to the direction of the council Tuesday, that pipeline may service not only the Prescott area, but Chino Valley and Prescott Valley as well.

Nov 9,00  STATE HAS RESERVATIONS ABOUT NEW HIGH SCHOOL SITE IN PRESCOTT VALLEY:
After months of looking at alternatives, choosing a site, and planning for that site, Humboldt Unified School District officials might have to rethink their choice for a second high school. However, several HUSD representatives aren’t ready to give up on the site adjacent to Coyote Springs Elementary, and will send a packet of letters and documents supporting the site to the State Land Department early in the week. The planning office of the State Land Department has expressed some concerns that the best use for the site on Highway 89A might not be as a high school, but as commercial property.

Nov 10,00  FAMILY LEARNING CENTER OPENS IN PRESCOTT VALLEY:
You’re new to town, - how do you find out about the different family opportunities available in the Prescott Valley Area? Or you’ve just hit a wall in deciding what the best alternatives are for your special needs or gifted child. Where do you turn? For several years, Prescott families have found that special help at the Dexter Family Resource Center. Now Prescott Valley area families have the same kind of a space, provided by a non-profit organization, the new Family learning center. For directions, registration of information, call the Family Learning Center at 759-0760.

Nov 10,00  PV HIRES LAPD COMMANDER AS ITS NEW TOP COP
The Prescott Valley Police Department, operating with interim officials since late April, will have a permanent chief by mid-December. Dan Schatz, a 31-year veteran with the Los Angeles Police Department, will start his duties as Prescott Valley police chief within 30 days. Schatz currently serves as a commander with the 10,000-officer agency, and is the assistant commanding officer of the headquarters bureau. Schatz has a background in such diverse areas as personnel, community policing, labor relations and internal affairs. He said he is looking forward to working in Prescott Valley, and getting to know the community and his department.

Nov 10,00  CAUSE FOR A CROSSWALK:
Agreeing that a responsible government protects its citizens, especially its young ones, the Prescott Valley Town Council encouraged its staff to keep working on a proposal to put a school crossing on Robert Road, near the Park View Middle School on Dana Drive. The project started Oct. 26 when a seventh-grader, Curt Merritt, was involved in a bike-car accident on Robert Road, near the school. Merritt’s bike was twisted, but fortunately, the impact threw him from the bike, and he suffered only cuts and bruises. After the incident, Park View Administrator Ann Groenig mentioned it to students. A safer crossing for Robert Road would be helpful. It was the eighth graders, a year removed from Merritt, who took up the challenge. On Thursday, Nov 2, more than half of them, with parents and staff, attended the Prescott Valley Town Council meeting. Eighth-grader Chad Rose spoke for the group, explaining how Park View needs a safer school crossing zone.

Nov 14,00  COMMISSION APPROVES STATE TRUST LAND PLAN:
The Prescott Valley Planning and Zoning Commission unanimously approved setting aside acreage between Glassford Hill and Badger (“P”) Mountain as suitable for conservation. The commission recommendation will go to the Prescott Valley Town Council for its final action, probably Dec. 7, as well as to the other jurisdictions governing some of the property: Yavapai
County and the City of Prescott. Elizabeth Ruffner, president of the Open Space Alliance of Central Yavapai County, said the alliance has been working on these sections, the "Yavapai Strip", for years.

**COUNTY GROUP MAY TAKE POSITION ON PRESCOTT'S BIG CHINO PUMPING PLAN:**

The Yavapai County Water Advisory Committee will revisit a sore spot Wednesday: The Big Chino aquifer. Some Verde Valley members of the committee are not happy with the city of Prescott’s potential plan to build a pipeline from the city to the Big Chino aquifer as soon as possible. The committee may take a position on Prescott’s proposal at Wednesday’s meeting, said co-chair Tony Gioia, who also is a Camp Verde Town Council member.

**PRESCOTT VALLEY TRIO LOOKS TO STAY ON TOWN COUNCIL A BIT LONGER:**

They tease each other about how they never expected to hit double-digit terms on the council, but three Prescott Valley council members are ready to make another run for their offices, to finish what they’ve started. Mayor Rick Killingsworth, Vice Mayor Jay Fagleman and Council Member Eunice Conner stopped by the Prescott Valley Civic Center Tuesday morning to pick up their nominating forms, and talk about why they want to return to the council.

**TOWN COUNCIL TO CONSIDER NEW TECHNOLOGY FOR SUBDIVISIONS:**

At least one of the new subdivisions in Prescott Valley will receive state-of-the-art technology. The Prescott Valley Town Council will discuss the new Open Video Service technology and how to make the system available to older areas of Prescott Valley as well, during its regular council meeting Thursday. Open Video Service is a new technology that provides video service over telephone lines. It’s usually bundled with telephone and high-speed data service. Three of the towns concerns have been that TESS Communication - the company that wants to provide OVS service to the Stoneridge subdivision - not exclude other areas of town, not exclude other telecommunications service through developer agreements, and pay reasonable franchise or licensing fees to the town.

**WATER GROUP EARNS TOP GOVERNOR AWARD:**

The Yavapai County Water Advisory committee has received the governor’s top leadership award for its efforts. County Supervisors created the committee to foster water-planning cooperation between tri city and Verde Valley communities. The committee has been successful at compiling local, state and federal money for studies to learn more about the Verde River system that both sides of the mountain depend upon.

**RULING WILL IMPACT WELL USERS:**

A recent Arizona Supreme Court ruling will have far-reaching impacts on Arizona wells near rivers and streams. In Yavapai County, the Verde Valley will be most affected, because so many wells are near the Verde River there. Basically, the ruling will require wells near streams to submit to the state’s surface water laws. Some Yavapai County Water Advisory Committee members estimated that half or even all of the 6,600 Verde Valley wells could be affected by the court ruling, depending on how the Arizona Department of Water Resources implements the ruling.

**PV GETTING TWO TRAFFIC SIGNALS:**

The intersection of Robert Road and Highway 89A is a traffic jam most weekday mornings. Traffic from the northern portion of Prescott Valley backs up to the first curve on Robert Road as drivers wait to ease between 55-mph traffic on Highway 89A. And with more and more traffic in both directions, the lines are getting longer. While that situation will continue for now, an end is in sight. Thursday night the Prescott Valley Town Council inked an agreement with the Arizona Department of Transportation to add traffic signals at the intersection of Robert Road and Highway 89A. Council members wanted to know about the progress of other planned signals in town. Public Works Director Larry Tarkowski said the foundations are poured for the
signals at Glassford Hill Road and Highway 89A, as well as at Glassford Hill Road and Centre Court.

Nov 19,00 WALGREENS TO BE NEXT STORE IN PV TOWN CENTER:
This community’s new downtown, the Prescott Valley Town Center, is getting its next piece. With the Harkins Theater concrete already up and expecting to open this spring, the Prescott Valley Town Council approved its neighbor, a 15,000-square foot Walgreens drugstore. The Walgreen’s will locate on the southwest corner of Pav Way and Centre Court, at Highway 69. That fills three of that intersection’s corners with a Famous Sam’s., Harkins and Walgreens.

Nov 20,00 PV LIBRARY FRIENDS SET FUND-RAISER:
A silent auction of a variety of items will be the Friends of the Prescott Valley Public Library’s fund-raiser this month. The items range from a pair of gourd hangings with designs from the north African nation of Mali to two autographed framed pictures of Phoenix Suns players Rex Chapman and Randy Livingston. All the items are on display in the front window of the Prescott Valley Public Library, on the third floor of the Prescott Valley Civic Center.

Nov 22,00 VALLEY OF LIGHTS:
The general public will get its first look at Valley of Lights Thursday night. But sponsors and others who helped turn Prescott Valley’s new holiday display from a dream to reality earned an early “sneak peek” Sunday. Larry Tarkowski, Prescott Valley Public Works Director, recalled the display has been just talk for about four years, since Lew Rees started as executive director of the Prescott Valley Chamber of Commerce. Mayor Rick Killingsworth said it didn’t take him long for Rees to sell him on the idea. But he’s a dreamer and a little bit of a child at heart. So he worked on it, and pressed for it, and when the time was right, the council went for the Valley of Lights, too.

Nov 22,00 SAFE PUBLIC WORKS EMPLOYEES EARN KUDOS:
If the Prescott Valley Public Works Department had a person in charge of doctor visits and first aid supplies, he or she would be as lonely as the proverbial Maytag repairman. The Town recognized 20 Public Works employees at the Nov. 16 council meeting for milestones in safe working practices. “It’s an annual program to recognize employees for no lost time days to accidents,” said Larry Tarkowski. “We’ve been doing it for 11 years now, and injury loss time has dramatically declined.”

Nov 26,00 PV COUNCIL HOPEFUL LIST GROWS TO FIVE:
The list of potential Prescott Valley Town Council candidates has grown to five. Last week, the three incumbents - Mayor Rick Killingworth, Vice Mayor Jay Fagelman and Council member Eunice Conner announced their intention to return to their seats. Soon after, two more potential council members picked up packets for council seats. Robert L. Edwards is a 10-year Yavapai County resident who has lived in Prescott Valley a little over a year and a half. Jon Conway is a 17-year Prescott Valley Resident. Conway believes he has a broad base of knowledge to carry on the work of the present council. He supports their direction for the town.

Nov 28,00 TAPP REACHES OUT TO AREA HIGH SCHOOLS:
The Teenage Pregnancy Program (TAPP) is expanding from Prescott High School to include Chino Valley and Prescott Valley high schools. TAPP programming has focused on Prescott, and the city’s teen birth rate for 1999 was the lowest since 1992. The Arizona Department of Health Services reports that Prescott has a 33.76 birth rate per 1,000 (ages 15-19). Chino Valley’s teen birth rate is 91.04 births per 1,000, and Prescott Valley has a birth rate of 78.87 per 1,000. Every day in Arizona, 34 teen-age girls become pregnant.

Nov 29,00 PRESCOTT POLICE INVESTIGATE PRESCOTT VALLEY MAN’S MURDER:
Prescott police have no suspects in the Wednesday, Nov. 21 murder of a Prescott Valley man at Granite Creek Park in Prescott. Mark Anthony, age 36, died at a Phoenix hospital on Nov. 22 after being assaulted in the restroom at the park sometime between 3:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. the previous evening. An autopsy showed he died of a blunt force trauma to the head.

Nov 29,00 VALLEY OF LIGHTS POPULAR STOP:
Prescott Valley’s newest attraction, the Valley of Lights at Fain Park, is open throughout the holiday season for your enjoyment. Last week, thousands of visitors made their way through the one-mile display.

**Nov 29, 00**

**PV CHAMBER OF COMMERCE HEATING UP FOR ANNUAL FOOD DRIVE:**
Right now, Yavapai Food Bank volunteers are taking in donations and food for the busiest time of the year, as they try to give every needy person around the area holiday meals and gifts. But like the proverbial Old Mother Hubbard, they know that means empty cupboards in the days after Christmas. And hunger doesn’t take a holiday. That’s why the Prescott Valley Chamber of Commerce and friends are preparing for the fourth annual “Burning Desire to Feed the Hungry” food drive Dec 14-15 at Albertson’s in Prescott Valley, Highway 69 and Lake Valley Road.

**Nov 30, 00**

**TOWN OFFICIALS PUT FINISHING TOUCHES ON FRIDAY’S PV CIVIC CENTER LIGHTING:**
It’s supposed to be a surprise, but the only way to check holiday lighting is to light it up and give it the once-over. So if you were lucky enough to pass by the Prescott Valley Civic Center about 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, you received a sneak peek at the town’s 2000 civic lighting display at its elegant best.

**Dec 3, 00**

**TRI-CITY COALITION ON PIPELINE IS TOPIC OF COUNCIL DISCUSSIONS:**
For weeks, local officials have alluded to a possible alliance between the tri-cities on a pipeline that would bring water to the Prescott area from the Big Chino Basin north of Chino Valley. Now officials appear ready to begin the work that could lead to such an agreement. The Prescott City Council members will discuss the matter during their study session at 3 p.m. Tuesday. And at least one preliminary discussion already has taken place between staff members of the three municipalities. “This is a forerunner of a tri-city water deal.” City Councilman Robert Behnke said of the discussions, “But it is in its early stages.” City manager Larry Asaro, who participated in a preliminary discussion with Prescott Valley and Chino Valley officials agreed.

**Dec 3, 00**

**CONNOR IS FIRST TO TURN IN PETITION:**
The Town of Prescott Valley now has one official candidate for Town Council. Eunice Conner, a three-term council veteran, has returned her nominating packet with the appropriate signatures. That makes her first of the five people who have shown interest in the council by taking out a packet to make it official.

**Dec 4, 00**

**CREW STARTS REWORKING VALLEY’S MANY PARKS:**
It’s long last Little League season, or well before it, depending on your point of view. Yet, Little League and Babe Ruth and adult softball leagues, are on the top of the parks maintenance staff’s minds these days in Prescott Valley. You see, Parks Supervisor Ed Grossenheider assessed the town’s parks in October. “Anything safety-related, I’m going to try to make a priority,” he said. So these days, he and the parks maintenance staff are removing dirt and putting it back on. Not the same dirt, mind you. Scraping down three or four inches in the infield, the restoring height with premium sand a high-quality infield mix. Leveling and compacting, measuring and sodding.

**Dec 5, 00**

**LEGION’S AUXILIARY HELPS VETERANS WITH HOLIDAY GIFT-GIVING:**
How does a hospitalized veteran handle Christmas shopping and wrapping and mailing chores? Without the American Legion Auxiliary, the task would be almost impossible. For more than 40 years auxiliary members have worked year-round to raise money and buy new gifts that hospitalized veterans can choose for themselves and their families. There is no charge to hospitalized veterans.

**Dec 5, 00**

**‘VALLEY OF LIGHTS’ CAN TOUCH ANY SCROOGE:**
The older people get, and the more commercialized Christmas becomes, the less we are likely to see anything that brings back to us the magic of the season we used to see as children. Enter the Prescott Valley Chamber of Commerce’s “Valley of Lights”. This beautiful, creative set of lighted Christmas symbols in Fain Park brings back some of that childlike fascination as well as the spirituality which should be the heart of the celebration anyway. The brainchild of chamber
of commerce manager Lew Rees, the light show emulates one he was involved with during a previous job in Branson, Mo. He sold the chamber and the Town of Prescott Valley on the idea and got local businesses to underwrite the cost.

Dec 6,00

SCHOOL DISTRICT COULD TAP HIGH SCHOOL GRADS AS SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS:
Would you believe your high school diploma might be enough to qualify you as a substitute teacher? The Humboldt School District is working to find enough substitutes to meet its needs, and that may mean tapping those who hold only a high school diploma.

Dec 6,00

NEW FACES APLENTE WILL STRIVE TO SERVE PRESCOTT VALLEY:
The Prescott Valley Civic Center contains a lot of new faces in the past few months. Some of them are newcomers, taking over from people who have moved on. Still others have taken on new positions that the town added this budget year. This list includes some key new staff members, as well as two employees who changed positions with the town. Jason Brown, geographical information services manager. Kathleen Finlayson, recreation coordinator, may look somewhat more familiar than some new faces. Ed Grossenheider, parks supervisor, oversaw 22 sports centers and an aquatics center during his tenure with the Pima County Parks and Recreation Department. Chris O’Brien, community relations coordinator, comes to Prescott Valley from Iowa, by way of Phoenix. Gwen Rowitsch, senior code enforcement officer, also comes from Chino Valley. Nils Gustavson became capital projects coordinator this fall after four years in the public works department. Neil Wadsworth, joined the town staff as assistant town engineer two years ago, before moving into the utility services manager position this fall.

Dec 6,00

GARY A. KUNOW GYMNASIUM:
Board members made it clear that their honor doesn’t match the significance of the man. However, the members of the Humboldt Unified School District unanimously agreed that their action to name Bradshaw Mountain High School’s gymnasium after Gary A. Kunow will ensure that his efforts remain a part of the district, and the campus at which he mentored and coached will permanently honor his memory.

Dec 6,00

FISCHER: IT DOESN’T SEEM LIKE 20 YEARS WITH TOWN:
In every organization one person serves as the institutional memory, the guy with all the stories who can tell you what it was really like so many years ago. For Prescott Valley, John Fischer is that person. Fischer, an operator 2 in the Public Works Department, likes to remain quietly in the background, more comfortable behind the controls of a backhoe. But last month Prescott Valley Town Officials and his family surprised him at a council meeting with a cake and several gifts, to recognize him as the town’s first 20-year employee.

Dec 7,00

SHOPPING SPREE WINNER MAKES DENT IN INVENTORY:
If you ever get the chance to go on television’s “The Price is Right,” don’t take along Clyde Neville. Neville’s wife, Linda, was the lucky winner of an Albertson’s five-minute shopping spree, a Prescott Valley Chamber of Commerce promotion. As the time was running out, someone asked how much he thought she had in two shopping carts. “Oh, about $500 or $600,” he said, but, “but she had a good time.” The total of just one cart, which included specialty coffees and Cure 81 hams, was more than $550. A cheer went up from the crown as she received the final tally; $1,110.36. “This is one time I’m glad to be wrong,” he said.

Dec 8,00

PV VOTES TO DENY PERMIT FOR HELLS ANGELS EVENT:
The Prescott Valley Town council, reacting to a huge public outcry of opposition, voted 4-3 Thursday to recommend denying a permit to extend Club Amazona’s premises for Saturday’s Hell’s Angels gathering.

Dec 8,00

PV COPS PROMOTE BARGAINING ORDINANCE:
Prescott Valley voters are now square in the middle of a dispute between town leaders and police employees on the issue of collective bargaining. The Prescott Valley Police Officers’ Association, a recently formed chapter of the Arizona Conference of Police and Sheriffs
(AXCOPS), has turned in petitions with enough signatures to secure a place on the town’s March 13 ballot for their proposed Meet and Confer Ordinance, a proposal that would insert mediators and arbitrators into bargaining process the town says is already well under control.

Dec 10, 00  
**PV, PRESCOTT RIDGE LOSE APPEAL, BUT PLAN TO CHALLENGE DECISION:**  
The Yavapai County Board of Adjustments and Appeals unanimously upheld a staff recommendation that Meadow Valley Contractors can operate concrete and asphalt batch plants at its location at Highway 89A and Fain Road. And now the matter appears headed for Yavapai County Superior Court.

Dec 11, 00  
**WEDNESDAY IS DEADLINE FOR PV COUNCIL NOMINATIONS:**  
Time is running short to qualify for the Prescott Valley Town Council race this spring. Administrative Services Director Linda Thorson said 5 p.m. Wednesday is the deadline for people to turn in their nominating petitions for mayor or council posts.

Dec 11, 00  
**HEAD-ON COLLISION KILLS 2 IN PRESCOTT VALLEY:**  
Two people died in this collision, on Highway 69 near Castle Golf, Sunday afternoon. The driver of the Cadillac, David Tope, apparently crossed the centerline and struck the Ford pickup head-on.

Dec 12, 00  
**PV AGREES TO NEGOTIATE WATER PIPE LINE:**  
All three of the tri-city area municipal governments have weighed in on the Big Chino water pipeline issue. Thursday, the Prescott Valley Town Council, meeting after a work study and executive session on the issue, unanimously agreed to continue negotiating with the City of Prescott and Town of Chino Valley in the intergovernmental agreement to form a regional water district. The intergovernmental water from the Big Chino Basin, an area north of Chino Valley, outside the Prescott Active Management Area.

Dec 13, 00  
**SCHATZ NOW WEARS BADGE # 1 IN PV:**  
After an eight-month search and two separate selection and interview processes, Prescott Valley welcomed a new police chief. Daniel R. Schatz received his Prescott Valley Chief of Police badge – badge #1 – Monday morning from the Town Manager Tony Mortillaro in front of an assembly of about two dozen PVPD officers and staff. Mortillaro also recognized Lt. Laura Molinaro and Sgt. Joe Cappelli for leading the police department during the extended hunt for the right man for the job.

Dec 13, 00  
**POLICE; ‘NO MAJOR ISSUES’ IN SATURDAY BIKE GANG PARTY:**  
Hells Angels motorcycle gang congregated at Club Amazona at the invitation of the bar owners last Saturday night in a “breakout” to celebrate a new gang chapter in Skull Valley. “It went off without any major issues for us to deal with,” said Prescott Valley Police Department spokesman Sergeant P. J. Janik. “We had some contingency plans in the event that things got out of hand.”

Dec 13, 00  
**BRADSHAW MOUNTAIN SHRINERS CLOTHE 100 CHILDREN AT ANNUAL ‘PARTY’:**  
The clothes “candy store”: opened again this year at K-Mart, thanks to the Bradshaw Mountain Shriners. School nurses chose close to 100 grade school children from the Prescott Valley and Corridor area to benefit from a little extra help in Clothe a Child program. Shriners members in their tall sparkly hats, and Santa chatted with the delighted youngsters and made sure they all received a candy cane.

Dec 14, 00  
**3 INCUMBENTS, 1 CHALLENGER IN RACE FOR PV COUNCIL:**  
A challenger will join three incumbents on the Prescott Valley primary election ballot in March. Voters also will consider extending the town’s home rule option, allowing the town to determine its own budget, rather than having to comply with state formula that does not benefit rapidly growing towns.

Dec 17, 00  
**GRAVEL PIT, ASPHALT PLANT FOES VOW TO FIGHT:**  
On Dec. 7, members of the Yavapai County Board of Adjustment and Appeals firmly placed their collective heads in the sand, and denied the appeal filed by the Town of Prescott Valley and the property owners of Prescott Ridge regarding the construction of asphalt and concrete batch
plants in a residential area. The County Board of Adjustment and Appeals said it had no jurisdiction. It was powerless to regulate the so-called mines (read asphalt and concrete batch plants) through the zoning process.

Dec 17, 00
SHOP WITH A COP; POLICE, KIDS DESCEND ON PV K-Mart:
About 70 police cars and trucks – lights flashing and sirens blaring – made a dramatic display along Highway 69 Saturday morning. But they weren’t chasing bad guys. Instead, they were participating in the third annual “Shop with a Cop” program which teams local law enforcement officers up with local children for a fun-filled morning of Christmas shopping and fellowship.

Dec 17, 00
CHINO VALLEY JUMPS ON PIPELINE BANDWAGON:
Chino Valley has joined Prescott and Prescott Valley in a project to import water from the Big Chino aquifer near Paulden. At Thursday’s town meeting, council members directed staff to continue negotiation with the two municipalities about construction of a pipeline from Big Chino to Prescott’s Dugan Well.

Dec 18, 00
FOOD DRIVE, DONATIONS TURN THINGS AROUND FOR FOOD BANK:
In the middle of the night, in the chill of December, as a fire lights their faces, people can’t help but reminisce. And Thursday night, Lew Rees and Gary Hershey couldn’t help but remember back four years, when the “Burning Desire to Feed the Hungry” food drive began. Hershey, who since has moved from the area, returned Thursday for the cause – to feed the hungry at the holidays, and make sure the food bank stays stocked even after the people pack away their holiday goodwill.

Dec 19, 00
TECHNOLOGY INCUBATOR GIVES NEW BUSINESSES A FIGHTING CHANCE:
Sometimes a child comes into this world too fragile to make it on its own. That’s where an incubator plays a crucial role, keeping the child warm and monitoring it, giving it a better chance to grow and thrive. Prescott Valley has opened a technology incubator not to provide warmth, but management advice, shared services and other things that foster start-up businesses. Gary Marks, Director of the Prescott Valley Economic Development Foundation, believes in the concept. Creating new businesses is an important facet of building Prescott Valley’s economy, he said.

Dec 19, 00
PV EARN 4TH ECONOMIC STRENGTH GRANT AWARD:
Prescott Valley’s economy and the Yavapai County Fair Association’s move just received a financial shot in the arm. The Arizona Department of Transportation, meeting in Wickenburg on Friday, awarded the Town of Prescott Valley and the Prescott Valley Economic Development Foundation a $166,485 economic strength grant. The money will allow the project partners to widen Highway 89A, build turn lanes and make other improvements to create a better access into the new Yavapai County Fairgrounds and Yavapai Downs at Prescott Valley horse racing track.

Dec 19, 00
WATER SHOWDOWN TOMORROW:
It’s just a coincidence that the Yavapai County Water Advisory committee will meet at the Prescott Valley Police Department Wednesday. Although some members expect fireworks between the Verde Valley and Prescott Active Management Area (AMA) members of the committee, the group chose the location to make sure there’s room for everyone, not for police protection. Against violence, PV Public Works Director Larry Tarkowski said. Tarkowski and Vamp Verde Town Council Member Tony Gioia are co-chairs of the committee and they take turns hosting the committee’s monthly meetings on each side of Mingus Mountain.

Dec 20, 00
RESIDENTS CONSIDER FORMING WATERSHED GROUP:
Bill Williams and upper Hassayampa watershed residents have an invitation to a meeting about water issues Thursday. Skull Valley residents will sponsor the meeting at 7 p.m. in their community center, located next to the school in this small unincorporated community southwest of Prescott. Thursday’s meeting will be an opportunity for residents to educate themselves about potential water issues, meeting organizer Bob Burges said.

Dec 21, 00
USGS REPORT CREATES WAVES OVER VERDE SOURCE:
The Verde River, winding sinuously out of Chino Valley, seems to keep its main source as secret as the Fountain of Youth. Professionals and laymen alike debate the hydrologic facts. One man’s data is another man’s speculation. Is it the Big Chino Aquifer or Black Mesa groundwater that feeds the Verde? And why is it such a big deal? Verde Valley residents do not want their river depleted, for one thing and no one is getting younger as this dispute rages on. With Prescott threatening to pump groundwater out of the Big Chino, a U.S./Geological Survey report released this fall added fuel to the drawn-out, emotional debate. The Arizona Department of Water Resources quarrels with most of the conclusions in the report. The report finds that the Big Chino basin is more likely than Big Black Mesa groundwater to be the source of the Verde base flow. The ADWR remains firm in its stand that officials cannot dismiss Big Black Mesa as the main source.

Dec 21,00

GROUP AGREES TO STAY TOGETHER DESPITE DEVISIVE PUMPING ISSUE:
A potentially divisive discussion about the Big Chino aquifer pumping drew dozens of political onlookers Wednesday to the Yavapai County Water Advisory committee meeting. State Sen. Ken Bennett and former committee member Lucy Mason came to urge the committee not to let the Big Chino pumping issue divide the group the same way their communities are divided by the Mingus Mountain. Others are sidetracking the committee, Mason said, in an obvious reference to Prescott Mayor Sam Steiger and Davis, whose district covers the Verde Valley. “You’ve got a fella on one side of the hill using his acid wit as a seek and destroy missile, and you’ve got a fellow on the other side of the hill using fear,” said Mason, who resigned from her Prescott City Council position last year to run for the State Legislature. Everyone appeared calm during the 50-minute discussion – calmer than the previous two committee meetings, when Verde officials had just heard that Steiger, and then the entire Prescott City Council, wanted to move ahead on the pumping plan. The Verde Valley communities, led by committee Co-Chair Tony Gioia, presented a position paper that asks the AMA to wait. The city and councils of all those communities approved a resolution that says the same thing. Co-Chair Larry Tarkowski, the Prescott Valley Public Works director, presented an opposing position paper for the committee to consider. However, he said he’s not suggesting the committee take a position.

Dec 21,00

DON’T LOOK AWAY LONG; PRESCOTT VALLEY GROWS:
You have to pay attention in Prescott Valley these days. Everywhere you look, things are changing. A theater complex and a new supermarket are going in near Glassford Hill Road. Houses continue to spring up everywhere and east of town the new Yavapai County Fairgrounds and racetrack complex is sprouting out of the plain east of Prescott Valley.

Dec 24,00

TRAILS GRANTS PUSH PV OVER $1.7M MARK IN 4-DAY PERIOD THIS WEEK:
It doesn’t exactly qualify as Christmas music, but this past week, “Happy Trails” could have substituted for the holiday carols in the Prescott Valley Public Works Department. During the State Transportation Board meeting of Friday Dec. 15, the board approved two transportation Enhancement Act for the 21st Century grants for paved pathways covering two east-west routes in Prescott Valley. Santa Claus has come early to Prescott Valley,” said Public Works Director Larry Tarkowski. The surprises also included a $166,485 state economic strength grant for the Yavapai County Fairgrounds access roads, and a $120,000 pledge by the Yavapai County Board of Supervisors to help move the water line to The Viewpoint subdivision to widen Highway 89A.

Dec 25,00

MARKETING ESSENTIAL TO RISE OF PRESCOTT VALLEY CHAMBER:
Lew Rees, executive director of the Prescott Valley Chamber of Commerce, speaks highly of pulling together as a team, people who don’t mind working for the community. He keeps a list of events before the public, seemingly like a juggler with too many balls in the air at once. Rees pointed to the “Star of Northern Arizona” video, a chamber sends to interested business prospects. The video earned one of four national finalist honors in the non-broadcast division of the 2000 Vision Awards.

Dec 25,00

RESIDENTS FILL THE FOOD BANK:
Judy Stewart knows she has a long way to go before the people of Yavapai County provide what needy people must have year-round. However, right now, the Yavapai Food Bank executive director is warm and fuzzy inside about the people who did come through once again this holiday to feed thousands of needy people. “We feel loved and blessed by this community,” she said.

Dec 27,00  
**COUNCIL: PRESCOTT VALLEY DOESN’T UNDERPAY WORKERS:**

Even with the caveat that the plan still was a draft, Prescott Valley Town Council members were less than thrilled with the results of a three-month town classification and compensation study. After hearing the presentation from David Lookingbill of Public sector Personnel Consultants, council members questioned why metropolitan cities were considered comparable, and whether the study classified employee positions correctly according to the skills required. The council decided to sit down with town Manager Anthony Mortillaro, personnel staff and the consultant and work with the study data to arrive at appropriate, comparable salary ranges. That process will begin in early January.

Dec 28,00  
**NARTA GRADUATES 30 OFFICERS, 19 FOR LOCAL AGENCIES:**

Thirty students graduated from the Northern Arizona Regional Training Academy (NARTA) recently. Located at Yavapai College’s Prescott Valley Center, NARTA is comprehensive training facility that prepares officers for the mental, physical and emotional rigors of law enforcement. It meets all Arizona standards for law enforcement training. The 17-week program culminated with a graduation ceremony on Friday, Dec. 15, in the assembly hall of Glassford Hill Middle School.

Dec 28,00  
**PV TO HOST SKATE PARK MEETING AT CIVIC CENTER JAN. 3:**

The Town of Prescott Valley has committed $80,000 in this year’s budget to build local youth a skate park. But before town officials start looking for a contractor, they believe a little investigation work is in order. Namely, who will use it, when will it be open, where and how much of a park can they build for the money they have. And for those answers, the town is sponsoring a skate park meeting at 4 p.m. Wednesday in the third-floor community room of the Prescott Valley Civic Center, 7501 E. Civic Circle.

Dec 31,00  
**PV P&Z COMMISSION DISCUSS DEVELOPMENTS:**

The Town’s development project map already features a rainbow of commercial and subdivision properties from edge to edge. Community Development officials will have to find a way to squeeze more colored parcels onto the map in January, as two 20-acre commercial developments begin the planning process. The Prescott Valley Planning and Zoning Commission will get its first look at the Santa Fe Centre and Mountain Shadows Centre at its Monday, Jan. 8, work study session.

Jan 2, 01  
**PV LIBRARY USE CLIMBS AFTER CIVIC CENTER MOVE:**

If ever the town had believers in the saying “Build it and they will come,” it would be the Prescott Valley Library Director Stuart Mattson, his staff and members of the library board of trustees. In the nineteen months since the town moved its scattered, small offices into the spacious, open Prescott Valley Civic Center, the building has truly become a one-stop shop for town services. In December, library board president Tracy Foundas presented the library’s annual report to the council. The report, which compared the last three years of library circulation, traffic and other statistics, showed that library use took a sharp upswing in fiscal year 1999-2000.

Jan 3, 01  
**BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB OPENS DOORS AT FORMER CASA BUILDING:**

Boys and Girls club of Central Yavapai finally has a place to call home. The club moved into the former CASA building adjacent to Mountain Valley Park on Dec. 22, and opened its doors to youth that same day. “It’s nice to finally get the doors open,” said B&G Club Program Director Stacy Ross. “Now kids have a place to call their own.”

Jan 3,01  
**COYOTE SPRINGS ROAD IMPROVEMENT PLAN IS DONE DEAL:**

Coyote Springs subdivision residents are now committed to paying for the $2.4 million project to pave their washboard-riddled main access road. The Yavapai County Board of Supervisors
acting as the Coyote Springs Road Improvement District Board of Directors, voted Tuesday to order improvements on the road, which is located just north of Prescott Valley.

Jan 3, 01

**PV WILL CONTRACT WITH PRESCOTT FOR CENTRALIZED ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES:**
Starting in the new year, Prescott Valley will start taking stray animals to a new place: Prescott Animal Control. The Prescott Valley Town Council unanimously approved the new arrangement Thursday. Its former provider, Kachina Animal Hospital and Prescott Valley Pet Clinic of Dewey, notified town officials earlier this month it will end its euthanasia and adoption service as of Dec. 31. “Due to the personal moral objections to the euthanasia of Healthy pets as well as the bad public image it generates, it is becoming increasingly difficult to find staff members who are willing to participate in this process,” stated veterinarian John R. Underwood, Jr.

Jan 4, 01

**NIXON BECOMES DIRECTOR OF PV PARKS AND REC:**
Prescott Valley’s new Parks and Recreation Director won’t have to learn the community, the key people or the ropes before starting his job. John Nixon, who has lived in Prescott Valley for nearly a decade and has been a central player in many local youth programs, will hit the ground running Jan 22. Nixon would have celebrated his 10th year as recreation superintendent with the City of Prescott in February. However, he’s looking forward to the challenges in a community where parks and recreation are evolving rapidly.

Jan 4, 01

**SKATERS ‘JACKED’ OVER PV PARK:**
In the film “Field of Dreams”, Kevin Costner’s character builds a baseball park in the middle of cornfields. Build it and they will come,” a voice tells him. In Prescott Valley, the town only had to mention building a skate park, and they came. More than 60 people, mostly teens, packed the civic center’s community room Wednesday afternoon to hear about the town’s plans. Ed Grossenheider, the town’s parks supervisor, brought a basic set of plans for a skate park to the meeting. No longer is a skate park a commandeered parking lot with a bunch of homemade wooden ramps thrown about, he said. Wooden ramps deteriorate quickly. Instead, the proposed park will have a poured concrete base with the metal obstacles bolted to it.

Jan 5, 01

**CHANGE ON HORIZON FOR LOVE FIELD:**
Every year, Ernest A. Love Field handles about 350,000 take-offs and landings – a figure that puts Prescott’s airport in the top tier of busy airports round the country. Certainly, that level of activity makes the local field unique among small-town airports. But even more unusual for an airport that is the 32nd-busiest overall in the nation is the lack of a radar system to help guide the thousands of planes that regularly fly in and out. Last year, Prescott ranked eighth-busi est among general aviation airports in the nation (excluding those airports that handle major commercial air line traffic). Of the airports in the top 10, Prescott was the only one that did not have a radar system. But that is likely to change in a little more than a year. The Prescott City Council endorsed a resolution that asked the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to install a radar system at the Prescott Airport. By September, the city had an answer back from the FAA, Steven J. Brown, acting associate administrator for the FAA’s Air Traffic Services, informed Mayor Sam Steiger that the first phase of the radar system should be in place at the Prescott Airport by late 2001 or early 2002.

Jan 9, 01

**PV LEADERS TALK ABOUT FUTURE AT CHAMBER BREAKFAST ON JAN. 16:**
It’s time for Prescott Valley leaders to dust off their crystal balls and make a few predictions, not just for 2001, but for the years to come. Three of the town’s economic leaders will tell business people and other residents the answer to the question “Where do we go from here?” during the Prescott Valley Chamber of Commerce’s quarterly breakfast at 7 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 16.

Jan 9, 01

**PV P&Z VIEWS NEW DOWNTOWN:**
The specific plan for the Prescott Valley Town Center, the town’s new downtown area, will be a part of the upcoming General Plan. After making adjustments to the plan for more than a year, the Fain family is ready to pursue annexation for the largely Yavapai County property and put the residential, commercial, education and medical centers into a formal, plan. Planning and
Zoning commissioners received a look at the current revision Monday night in a scheduled work study session. Fain Signature Group’s Joe Brett and Architect Chris Browning presented the plans.

Jan 9,01  
**TECHNOLOGY GIVES HUSD CAMPUSES NEW NUMBERS:**  
Within two weeks, Humboldt Unified School District Technology Director Tony Korwin will have finished his spring cleaning, really early. And the payoff will come for the district, employees and the community, when the district changes to all-digital phone lines and a new numbering system. Several years ago, the district applied for a federal E-Rate grant. The E-Rate grants allowed the district to contract to wire and connect the existing campuses and district office. The Humboldt Unified School District now has a sequence of numbers beginning with 758-4000. And that number will be the new district office number very soon. All of the campus numbers will end in “00”, with inside lines also in sequence.

Jan 10,01  
**TIP VOLUNTEERS EASE TRAUMA FOR ‘SECONDARY’ VICTIMS OF ACCIDENTS, DEATHS:**  
You’ve just been involved in a car accident, or lost a loved one to a sudden illness. The paramedics have come and gone, and you’re alone. Where do you turn? Central Yavapai Fire District wants to make sure you have someone to turn to. That’s why they have started the Central Yavapai Chapter of the Trauma Intervention Program (TIP). If you are looking for a challenging volunteers position – one that will make a difference in peoples lives – TIP could be the one for you. According to information provided by the new chapter, TIP volunteers are “modern day good Samaritans, caring people willing to be a part of a team of citizen volunteers trained to provide emotional and practical support to victims of traumatic events.”

Jan 10,01  
**CYFD GETS LADDER TRUCK TO SERVE EXPANDING AREA:**  
How would you feel; if you could boast that your new fire engine red car was top-of-the-line, fully loaded, created to your own specifications, and would probably be instrumental in saving lives and buildings during its lifetime. Central Yavapai can say all those things about its new $625,000 ladder truck, delivered by Central States Co. just in time for the new year. Chief mechanic Dale Wagner, Mechanic Roy Murrietta, and Fire Marshall Charlie Cook, along with other firefighters, parked the shiny new truck at Station 3 in Prescott Valley last Tuesday for a run-through of its many functions. Cook said “We have to have it, with the size of buildings being developed in the area – The Civic Center, and now the fairgrounds, the Prescott Resort and Print pack,” he said.

Jan 10,01  
**PV LOOKS AT PAY STUDY, CITIZEN SURVEY:**  
Prescott Valley Town Council members will take a second look at the results of the town’s compensation and classification study Thursday. The council listened to a report from the consultant in December and questioned a number of its premises. Specifically, the council members disagreed with grouping Prescott Valley with the state’s metropolitan area. They also challenged whether the study correctly classified employee positions according to the skills the jobs require.

Jan 12,01  
**GATEWAY MALL, PV TOWN CENTER VOW TO PULL IN CROWDS:**  
As two regional retail projects gain momentum, the local rumor mill is spinning into overdrive as everyone tries to figure which companies will go where. “Everybody wants to make announcements,” said Ron Fain of the Fain Signature Group. Tracey Gotsis, vice president of marketing for Westcor, agreed. “We’re dying to announce developers.” She said.

Jan 14,01  
**SURVEY SAYS!!:**  
Prescott Valley residents want curbside recycling, neighborhood street improvements and a community center, and appear to be willing to pay for them. Those were some findings from Prescott Valley’s community survey, which WestGroup Research conducted in November. The town commissioned the phone poll of 252 residents in October, as a way to get a read on what its citizens think about the key town issues.

Jan 14,01  
**PV RESIDENTS APPEAL RULING:**
The Town of Prescott Valley and the Prescott Ridge property Owners Association are appealing a decision allowing Meadow Valley to place asphalt and concrete batch plants at its Fain pit at Highway 89A and Fain Road. In addition, the two groups have asked the Arizona Department of Water Resources to deny Meadow Valley an application of four wells on the site, wells that could pump as much as 22 million gallons of water for 20 years.

Jan 14, 01  
**PRESCOTT VALLEY EMPLOYEES RECEIVE PAY INCREASES, THANKS TO COUNCIL:**
Some Prescott Valley employees will get a belated Christmas present on their next paycheck: a raise. The Prescott Valley Town Council approved the town’s classification and compensation study Thursday, with a change to the consultant’s original recommendation. When three council members met with staff and the consultant from Public Sector Personnel Consultants earlier this month, they resolved a number of questions.

Jan 16, 01  
**BIG CHINO PIPELINE RESURFACES ON COUNTY AGENDA:**
The Yavapai County Water Advisory Committee (WAC) on Wednesday will revisit the Prescott area’s controversial proposal to build a pipeline north to the Big Chino aquifer. Also at Wednesday’s meeting, WAC may give the go-ahead to the first year of a new three-year study about the Verde River and its groundwater sources. That’s one of the studies that the Verde Valley governments want conducted before the BIG Chino pumping. WAC will consider asking Yavapai County Board of Supervisors Chairman Gheral Brownlow to send a letter to Congressman Bob Stump, asking him to make sure the impacts of the proposed Yavapai Ranch land exchange on the Verde Valley’s water resources are evaluated before the land exchange goes on.

Jan 18, 01  
**PV COUNCIL TO MEET WITH LEGISLATORS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION:**
Prescott Valley Town Council members will provide their ideas for economic development and talk to local legislators in special meetings tonight and Friday. Mayor Rick Killingsworth said he expects that the economic development board, which just finished a planning retreat, will present its plans. Then Town Council members will have time for questions and to add their ideas. Killingsworth said the meeting will assure that the economic development foundation board and council are on the same page with their goals for the town. Then at 5 p.m. Friday, the council will be back in its chambers for a meeting with District 1 legislators: Sen. Ken Bennett, R-Prescott; Rep. Linda Binder, R-lake Havasu City and Rep Henry Camarot, D-Prescott.

Jan 18, 01  
**TRI-CITIES, VERDE AGREE TO DISAGREE:**
It was no surprise to anyone. The Yavapai County Water Advisory Committee (WAC) didn’t reach a consensus Wednesday on whether the Prescott Active Management Area (AMA) communities should wait on pumping water from the neighboring Big Chino aquifer until WAC-sponsored studies are complete. The studies are supposed to help shed light on how pumping around Paulden would affect the flow of the Verde River downstream through the Verde Valley and below. Verde Valley communities on the WAC want the AMA to wait: the tri-cities in the AMA don’t want to wait., The two sides have been talking about the issue at their past three monthly WAC meetings.

Jan 18, 01  
**REGION TRIES TO PRESERVE ITS AIR QUALITY:**
The Prescott Valley Town council heard a report on regional steps to maintain clean air and took a step to help provide accessible transportation through a voucher program. The council, during Thursday’s regular session, listened to a report from Lima and Associates, a consultant group that has been guiding the Central Yavapai Transportation Planning Organization to form Air Aware, a pilot air quality organization. In a separate transportation issue, the council agreed to participate in a voucher program that would provide transportation vouchers for seniors, youths, low-income and disabled individuals who need transportation assistance.

Jan 22, 01  
**HARKINS ROLLING TOWARD APRIL OPENING:**
When entering the new Harkins movie theater, the first thing you realize is that it is BIG. So big, in fact, that its 14 full-sized auditoriums will accommodate about 2800 people – at one time. Similar to other movie theater chains, the Scottsdale-based Harkins Theaters want customers to view coming to their movie house as an event to remember. Wayne Kullander, Harkins’ executive vice-president, says that “We try to accommodate everybody,” adding that the entire theater will meet all Americans with Disability Act (ADA) standards. Although Harkins, and its Phoenix-based general contractor – Double A Builders – still have plenty of work ahead of them, they intend to open the 75,000-square foot theater complex on April 13, Kullander said.

Jan 23, 2001

THEY’RE TAKIN’ OVER!!:

Adults often say our youth are the leaders of tomorrow. In Prescott Valley, tomorrow comes Thursday, Feb. 22. The town is planning its first Youth in Government Day in cooperation with the Prescott Valley Chamber of Commerce and Bradshaw Mountain High School. Town Manager, Tony Mortillaro, said he headed a Youth in Government Day for six years in Blaine, Wash, where he previously served as city manager. “It’s a great program,” he said “it introduces high school students, gives them a snapshot of local government. It gives them an opportunity to run the town for the day”

Jan 24, 2001

EC DEV FOUNDATION & TOWN DISCUSS PRIORITIES:

Quality jobs with better wages, affordable health care, and a properly trained work force are three things the Prescott Valley Economic Development Foundation says are critical to boost and preserve the quality of life in the community. The items were part of the PVEDF board and Director Gary Marks’ strategic plan presentation to the Prescott Valley town council in a Thursday night special session. Because the town provides part of the PVEDF budget, the two entities meet annually to discuss the goals and desires of each.

Jan 24, 2001

TOWN TO LEGISLATORS: CONCERNS ARE WATER, REVENUE:

For the Prescott Valley Town Council, watching and monitoring issues they believed shouldn’t change is just as important a task for their legislators as approving new legislation. The council met with Dist.1. Legislators Sen. Ken Bennett, R-Prescott: Rep. Linda Binder, R-Lake Havasu City: and Henry Camarot, D-Prescott, Friday to share their goals for the 2001 legislative session. Staff and council members presented issues of town and community-wide concern. And, no surprise to anyone, revenue and water were at the top of the list. Camarot said the town needs to schedule a second meeting about a month before the Legislature adjourns, so the town can find out what bills are advancing, and which ones they believe their lawmakers need to push.

Jan 24, 2001

BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB OPENS IN PV:

A maintenance worker measures the dimensions of the office floor, walls show signs of recent caulking, and two men carry in a couch. At the Boys and Girls Club in Prescott Valley, everything is new or under development. That’s not surprising: The club opened for business les than a month ago. The slightly unfinished look has no impact, however, on the centerpiece of the club – the boys and girls. The kids have already called the place home, and they hardly seem to notice that work still needs doing in the building. What matters to the 60 or 70 children who gravitate to the Boys and Girls Club each afternoon is that there are things to do here, and other people to do them with.

Jan 26, 2001

CHASE ENDS IN TRIPLE FATALITY:

Three people perished in a fiery crash in downtown Prescott early this morning when a stolen car Prescott Valley police were chasing T-boned into a pickup at Gurley and Montezuma streets. The chase began with the theft of a Nissan Pathfinder in the Prescott Country club. A short time later a Prescott Valley police officer shot and wounded the primary suspect in the case. Police have not released his name. The suspect, who suffered critical injuries in the crash, is now at John C. Lincoln Hospital in Phoenix. Prescott Valley Police Chief Dan Schatz said his officers already had received word of a stolen SUV when they spotted it in the parking lot at the Circle K store at Robert Road and Highway 69 at about 12:45 a.m. When officers approached the vehicle
at the convenience store, Schatz said, the suspect reacted violently. “He tried to run down and eventually did strike one of our officers with the car,” Schatz said.

Jan 29, 01  
**PV ENDS TALK ON EMPLOYEE POLITICAL ACTION:**
More significant than the action the Prescott Valley Town Council took last Thursday was the action it didn’t take. After a work study, council members turned down a staff recommendation to place employee political practice changes on a future agenda. Then soon after, the council declined Club Amazona’s owners and other citizens’ requests to pull the bar and restaurant patio extension permits off the consent agenda, and summarily denied them. Neither action was a unanimous one. The council spent nearly 30 minutes arguing the pros and cons of changing town code, personnel policies and the police general orders as they relate to employees’ involvement in issue-oriented election activity.

Jan 29, 01  
**PV POLICE CALL CHASE JUSTIFIED:**
In the wake of widespread public criticism over a Friday morning pursuit that resulted in the death of three people in downtown Prescott, Prescott Valley police officials are defending the actions of their officers. “The $64,000 question, which I think had been answered overwhelmingly, is, when you have a violent, fleeing suspect, can you just let him walk away?” said PVPD spokesman Sgt. P.V. Janik. “This is a case where someone tried to kill one of our officers.”

Jan 29, 01  
**PV’S TASKS FOR 2001 MAY FOCUS ON FUTURE:**
The Town of Prescott Valley could be working on its General Plan and updating its Focused Future Economic Development planning document, all at the same time this year. Arizona Public Service officials worked with more than 20 communities in recent years to create Focused Future studies. These documents, which municipal officials and their citizens created, give a road map to the community’s future priorities.

Jan 31, 01  
**PV OFFICERS GO BACK TO HIGH SCHOOL – THIS TIME TO MENTOR, SAFEGUARD YOUTH:**
Bradshaw Mountain High School is benefiting from professionals who are “moonlighting” at the campus on their days off – Prescott Valley police officers. “My priority is to provide students a safe and secure place to come to school,” said BMHS Principal Dr. Cynthia Wood. “Thankfully, we’ve never had no major issues here. But I don’t want to wait until we have an issue to have security.” Lacking a grant to pay the salary of a full time School Resource Officer, the high school instead pays the off-duty police officers a per-day wage for working on the high school campus.

Feb 1, 01  
**LAW ENFORCEMENT, LOCAL CELEBS CHILL OUT FOR TRI-CITY GANG PREVENTION TASK FORCE:**
When someone told Lew Rees to go jump in a lake, he didn’t get upset. He took it as a challenge. A challenge lies around every corner for Rees, executive director of the Prescott Valley Chamber of Commerce. And since Prescott Valley doesn’t have many lakes, the site was easy. Finding a reason, a bit more difficult. Participants will jump in Fain Lake at 10 a.m. Saturday. Until that time, participants are taking pledges for every second they can remain in the icy water. All pledges and any dollars tossed in the donation boxes at Fain Lake Saturday morning will support the Tri-City Gang Prevention Task Force’s work.

Feb 1, 01  
**PV CHAMBER BELIEVES ‘THE SKY’S THE LIMIT’:**
Most chambers of commerce are happy to grow steadily. As long as they retain most of their members and add a dozen or so new ones every year, they’re satisfied. Every Chamber, however, isn’t the Prescott Valley Chamber of Commerce. In three days, from Monday through Wednesday, the Prescott Valley Chamber of Commerce plans to add 100 new members, bringing its total membership to more than 700.

Feb 4, 01  
**PV LEADERS RETREAT TO DEFINE TOWN’S MISSION:**
Town Manager Tony Mortillaro understands the importance of vision. Mortillaro planned a two-day Council/Staff Leadership Workshop and set aside the money necessary from the town’s
budget with hopes of creating Prescott Valley’s first mission statement. In addition the workshop, conducted Friday and Saturday provided the tools necessary for maintaining and creating the town’s five-year leadership goals regaining leadership decisions, policy formulation, resource allocation and work/program planning.

Feb 6,01 **PV PLANNERS WANT PUBLIC INVOLVED:**
The Planning and Zoning Commission unanimously agreed that public participation would prove beneficial in creating the town’s general plan. During Monday night’s special session commission members considered the benefits of a proposed series of immersion meetings.

Feb 7,01 **GARY STREETER POST AND AUXILIARY REMEMBER ‘FOUR CHAPLIN’S’ IN SERVICE:**
Gary Streeter Post 108 and Auxiliary of Prescott Valley met in a special memorial service yesterday at the United Methodists Church to honor the “Four Chaplains” who gave their lives on the cruise ship turned warship, SS Dorchester, during World War II.

Feb 7,01 **TOWN OF PV HAS NEW CUSTOMER SPECIALIST:**
Call the Town of Prescott Valley at 772-9207, and what will you get? A live voice. Previously, callers were connected to an automated attendant that offered a menu of phone numbers from which to choose. Town Staff determined its customers needed more personal interaction, and so a new position was created: customer service specialist. Linda Stamatakis is the new customer service professional, whose desk is located in the lobby of the third floor of the Civic Center.

Feb 7,01 **PRESCOTT VALLEY TO GET FIRST CHAPTER OF JUNIOR CHAMBER OF COMMERCE:**
Prescott Valley is coming into its own, in size and sophistication. The formation of a local Jaycees is a tell-tale sign. The National Jaycees was born in the early 1920s and the time for a chapter in the “valley” has arrived. The Jaycees is a progressive organization that reaches out to the community. Jaycees develop new friendships, and serve the community in business and community service. The Prescott Valley club has an enthusiastic beginning with 30 members. Those members have already set similar goals at their first two meetings.

Feb 7,01 **NIXON BRINGS WEALTH OF RECREATION EXPERIENCE BACK TO HOMETOWN:**
Prescott Valley resident John Nixon has been involved in the town’s activities for a decade, so it’s no surprise he should desire the reins of the PV Parks and Recreation Department when the job opened. Nixon left his position as superintendent of recreation for Prescott Parks and Rec just two weeks shy of 10 years and moved into his new corner office in the PV Civic Center last week. His priority is to upgrade everything in Prescott Valley parks – turf, ball fields, armadas, even fences – and then maintain a standard. He plans to work closely with new Parks Supervisor Ed Grossenheider to get the parks in shape.

Feb 8,01 **HUSD TO CREATE DISTRICT EDUCATION FOUNDATION:**
Now that a community member has named the Humboldt Unified School District as a beneficiary of an estate, the district needs to create an endowment fund to manage it properly. By doing so, the district hopes to attract similar gifts, and put away some of its own technological payoffs. Superintendent Ron Maughan said a community member named the district as one of five beneficiaries of her estate. “We’re thankful that people would think so much of us that they would mention us in their estate,” he said. “That started us thinking, If we got it, what would we do with it?” A foundation would manage the principal and use the interest to improve the district’s programs.

Feb 9,01 **OSCO WANTS A NEW DRUG STORE:**
In its search for a suitable site to build a new free-standing store, Osco Drug eyes landed on the north-east corner of Highway 69 and Windsong Drive. The problem is, that corner is already taken – most noticeably by the Prescott Valley Urgent Care center. Jeff Hardman, Osco’s real estate manager for Arizona, confirmed this past week that the drugstore chain is negotiating a deal with Paul Browning, who owns the corner and its two existing buildings.
PV TOWN COUNCIL APPROVES NEXT STEP FOR THE GENERAL PLAN UPDATE:
Thursday evening, Town Council members approved the rules for public participation in the general plan update. The Planning and Zoning Commission already reviewed the plan during a Feb. 5 special session. This plan marks “the most important endeavor this community will undertake this decade,” said Community Development Director Richard Parker. He explained that under the new Growing Smarter Act, adapting general plan guidelines requires a community vote – it’s not just the council’s decision.

PV ADDS PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT TO PARK:
Not only is the Community Center Park loaded with amenities such as three covered pavilions, new barbecue grills, a walking trail and an open area for playing soccer, now the Prescott Valley Parks and Recreation department has added something extra. Beginning at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, speakers from the community will formally dedicate the addition of new playground equipment for the park, complete with a ribbon-cutting ceremony.

89A MEETING IS WEDNESDAY:
Arizona Department of Transportation officials are preparing to tell the community what improvements to Highway 89A might look like, and they want residents to help with those decisions. ADOT is conducting a public scoping meeting for proposed improvements to Highway 89A in Prescott Valley, between the Airport Connector under construction and the Future new Fain Road alignment. Members of the public can bring their views on improving the 4.9 mile segment during Wednesdays meeting from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Prescott Valley Senior Center, 9360 Manzanita Road.

PV CHAMBER CLOSES IN ON 700-MEMBER TARGET FIGURE:
It’s a quarter to five Friday afternoon, and a single airborne turquoise balloon and a radio station banner are the only trappings that show anything out of the ordinary happened at the Prescott Valley Chamber of Commerce in the past three days. But Administrative Assistant Bev Olson labors over the keyboard, putting in the final entries to the membership list, which grew by 54 members in three days, and will continue to grow for the next month.

PARTNERSHIPS, NEW PROGRAMS IN FUTURE FOR PAL:
The only constant in life is change, and for an organization such as Prescott Area Leadership, leadership means staying ahead of those changes. This past week during its monthly board meeting, Prescott Area Leadership voted to change its name to Partners for Active Leadership. Two words may not make much of a change, but it reflects considerable transition in PAL. Officials say the change reflects the evolution of the organization since its inception in 1991.

At that time, Prescott Valley and Chino Valley were small, ‘outlying’ communities, and they focused on Prescott “issues”, explained board member John Coomer. “Today, the two-year long leadership program takes on an expanded agenda that includes issues affecting the entire county, not just the tri-city area.” And this year, PAL has gone from not just one, but two people of the year, with Man of the Year and Woman of the Year awards. Lew Rees and Barbara Polk will receive their honors in a ceremony Tuesday, March 27, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the Goldwater Ballroom of the Prescott Resort.

BIG CHINO AQUIFER ISSUES DOMINATE WAC AGENDA:
Big Chino aquifer issues will dominate the Yavapai County Water Advisory Committee this afternoon. The controversial tri-city plan to pump water from the Big Chino aquifer south into the Prescott Active Management Area (AMA) will be on the agenda for an unprecedented fifth meeting in a row.

CASA HONORS TARKOWSKI:
Central Arizona Seniors Association (CASA) President Barbara Myers laughs with Public Works Director Larry Tarkowski Sunday as the group named him its Man of The Year, and then went a step further and crowned him Mardi Gras King during its annual celebration.

POLICE UNION ISSUE IN HANDS OF VOTERS NOW:
Voters will decide whether the Town should negotiate with a union over police wages and benefits. Proposition 400, initiated by Prescott Valley Police Department patrol officers, will force the Town into collective bargaining with “Tucson-based AFL-CIO affiliate Arizona Conference of Police and Sheriffs (AZCOPS). Police officers successfully garnered enough petition signatures to bring the initiative to ballot.

Feb 22,01
**WAC SIGNS OFF ON BIG CHINO STUDY CONTRACT:**
It was somewhat ironic that during the same meeting that they quarreled over the Big Chino pumping issue, Yavapai County Water Advisory Committee members also forged ahead with their biggest-ever Big Chino Study. The Water Advisory Committee (WAC) signed off Wednesday on a $149,300 contract for the first year of a four-year U.S. Geological Survey study. The federal agency also is contributing $30,000. “This is a quantum leap forward in the discovery of the total water resource,” WAC Co-Chair Larry Tarkowski said. The WAC also approved a bid document for airplane flights that will soon gather aeromagnetic data for the Geological Survey study. In all, WAC members (the county government and its cities and towns) as well as the state will contribute $290,300 to the first year of the study.

Feb 25,01
**BMHS STUDENTS LEARN GOVERNMENT FROM THE PROS:**
Thursday marked a milestone event between the Bradshaw Mountain High School students and town staff and officials. The first ever Youth in Government Day introduced young observers to a “behind the scenes” look at how local government works. Seventeen seniors learned about the council/manager form of government, town budgeting, services and departments. In the evening, the teams attended a council work study session, a water district meeting and a council meeting. “This is a nice cooperative effort between the school and the town of Prescott Valley,” said BMHS principal Dr. Cynthia Wood.

Feb 25, 01
**PV COUNCIL LOOKS TO ANNEX GLASSFORD AREA:**
During Thursday night’s Town Council work study session, two items headlined the agenda. In a discussion-only forum, the council considered a proposed annexation of land and a proposed coordination plan for the preservation of Glassford Hills as open space. Community Development Director Richard Parker explained that this plan fits under Gov. Jane Hull’s Growing Smarter initiative.

Feb 25,01
**PRESCOTT AMA BILL NEVER TO SEE LIGHT OF DAY:**
A bill to change a Prescott Active Management Area law is dead in the water. While it is a small amendment that would grant a Prescott-area developer a maximum of 10 acre-feet of water annually for 25 homes, Arizona Department of Water Resources (ADWR) officials worry that it could set a precedent. The Yavapai County Water Advisory Committee agreed Wednesday, effectively tolling the death knoll. “It’s dead without that local community support or endorsement,” Sen. Ken Bennett, R -Prescott, said Thursday. “Yavapai County should be making decisions about Yavapai County’s water.”

Feb 26,01
**MOUNTAIN VALLEY BALL FIELD LIGHTS ON TAP:**
Mayor Richard Killingworth likes Musco lights. Mountain Valley park needs field lights and the Town Council recently approved awarding the ball field lighting project to SPE Systems of Prescott Valley for the bid amount of $381,543. The bid stems from an approved grant for a project that would light all four ball fields in the four-plex at Mountain Valley Park. Killingsworth mentioned during a recent council meeting that he made a careful review of different lighting system with Parks and Recreation Commission Member Mike Hough; they both deemed Musco the best quality light for sport participation. After all, Little League lighting standards accepts no substitute for perfection.

Mar 1,01
**TOWN ASKS VOTERS TO OK HOME RULE OPTION:**
Among the items going before voters on this year’s ballot is one allowing for an alternative expenditure limitation, or Home Rule Option. The town of Prescott Valley seeks voter approval in adopting Proposition 401, or the Home Rule Option, for the next four years beginning in 2001-02. If voters agree, the town estimates an expenditure allowance of some $30.7 million in
2001-02. If voters do not opt for Home Rule, a state-imposed expenditure limitation will apply to the town.

Mar 2,01  **BRADSHAW MOUNTAIN TEAMS READY TO PROSECUTE, DEFEND ‘DR. JENKINS’:**
At 6 p.m., attorneys for the prosecution and defense made their opening statements. By 8:30 p.m., the case was over. But Judge Robert Brutinel, who presided over the bench trial of State vs. Dr. Chris Jenkins Wednesday night, never made a call. Instead, he broke from form and started handing out tips and tactics – and the lawyers and witnesses became students once again. Wednesday was the ultimate test preparation session for Bradshaw Mountain High School’s mock trial teams – a face-off before Brutinel in Yavapai County Superior Court Division 2. The two teams, Bradshaw Elite and Bradshaw Gold, will wake before dawn Saturday to travel to Flagstaff, to compete in the regional contest – at the Coconino County Superior Court. Their performances will determine if one of the BMHS teams winds up at state this year.

Mar 2,01  **BILL WOULD HELP PRESERVE AZ’S FARMS, RANCHES:**
Things seem to be falling in place for Young’s Farm’s efforts to keep the farm forever. The 55-year old farm at the corner of highways 69 and 169 in Dewey attracts thousands of visitors every year for events such as a pumpkin festival. In an effort to adapt to the world today while still keeping the farm, Youngs also have a country store and restaurant open year-round. The farm already got a reprieve from the Legislature last year, when lawmakers took away some of the pressure to sell with a bill that puts a moratorium on the annually declining sale value of Prescott Active Management Area irrigation rights. Now, the state legislators have introduced a bill that would help. The newest bill is called the Arizona Agricultural Heritage Act, Senate Bill 1389. It would create a commission and fund to help buy conservation easements on farms in danger of development.

Mar 6,01  **VERDE STUDY GETS FINAL GO-AHEAD:**
Yavapai County Supervisors put the final stamp of approval Monday on a huge study of the groundwater system that supplies the upper and middle Verde River. “This stuff is so exciting,” Supervisor Chip Davis said, noting that new technology will allow the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) to create three-dimensional maps of underground geology, helping scientists figure out where groundwater comes from and where it goes.

Mar 8,01  **HUSD OFFICE GETS GOOD GRADE, BUT BUSINESS MANAGER RESIGNS:**
A hired consultant found no illegal actions and only minor problems in a review of the school district’s business office practices. Humboldt Unified School District released the consultant’s findings during the Feb. 20 public school board meeting. “There are no significant deficiencies,” consultant Craig Trbovich told the board. “That’s a good thing.” The board asked consultants Cromstrom/Trbovich in December to review the business office practices. The board made that decision in the same emergency meeting in which it placed district Business Services Manager Kathy Sysak-Keeler on paid administrative leave. Sysak-Keeler immediately tendered a resignation letter effective at the end of June 2001, but the board took no action on it.

Mar 8,01  **AMA BILL LIVES – OR DOES IT?:**
Some people thought the bill to change a law governing the Prescott Active Management Area was dead after local officials unanimously opposed it. But, as freshmen legislators quickly learn, bills really never die in the Arizona Legislature until “sine die,” when the gavel signals the end of the session. Some call them “Lazarus” bills, the ones that rise from the dead through what lawmakers call a “strike-everything amendment. Suddenly, all the language disappears from one bill, and the language from a once-dead bill replaces it. That’s what happened this week with Senate bill 1124.

Mar 9,01  **PV VOTERS CAN GIVE POLICE RIGHT TO ‘MEET AND CONFER’ ON ISSUES:**
On next week’s Primary Election ballet sits Proposition 400 – also known as the Meet and Confer Ordinance. This item allows for a police officers association to submit proposals regarding wages, hours and working conditions to the town of Prescott Valley. The town and
the Prescott Valley Police Officers Association (PVPOA) would meet and confer on various proposals to reach agreement on a Memorandum of Understanding. According to the Primary Election publicity pamphlet, the mayor and Town Council may freely accept, reject or modify all submitted proposals on the memorandum. This ordinance forbids, strikes, work stoppages, and slowdowns.

Mar 11,01 **PV COUNCIL APPROVES SKATE PARK DESIGN:**
Roller blade fanatics, skateboarders, and scooter tooters may soon roll around at the new Mountain Valley Skate Park. During Thursday’s town council meeting, council members approved the design, bid and construction for the proposed park.

Mar 14,01 **PV ROTARY NAMES MELCHER ITS PROFESSIONAL PERSON OF THE YEAR:**
Someone once helped a down-and-out Prescott Valley man, and he now finds it a joy to give back something to his community. Prescott Valley Rotary International named Dennis Melcher of Melcher Printing its 2001 Professional Person of the year at a breakfast last week.

Mar 14,01 **PV POLICE WILL SERVE LOBSTER FOR SPECIAL OLYMPICS:**
Prescott Valley police officers will be strapping on the aprons again for the annual Cops and Lobsters fundraiser for Special Olympics. On Friday, March 16 officers will greet diners at Red Lobster in Prescott, serve drinks, and bus tables to bring attention to Special Olympics. “It’s a part of the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics,” said PVPD Lt. Laura Molinaro. “Officers are paired with servers and talk to patrons about Special Olympics. They provide diners with an envelope for a donation to Special Olympics, which is above and beyond the usual tip for the server.”

Mar 14,01 **DISTRICT HAS SUCCESSFUL MEET WITH STATE LAND DEPARTMENT:**
HUSD Superintendent Ron Maughan said the School Facilities Board met successfully with State Lands Department early last week. As reported in the Tribune last week, Maughan asked for the meeting in an effort to speed up the district’s acquisition of State Trust Land for the new high school campus. The meeting resulted in SLD permitting the school district and SFB to request an immediate appraisal of the property while the district’s application for the property continues to wend its way through a plethora of state offices.

Mar 14,01 **PRESCOTT VALLEY PLUS PUERTO PENASCO = COMPADRE CITIES:**
PV+PP=4C. Translated, that means Prescott Valley and Puerto Penasco are now Compadre Cities through their respective Chambers of Commerce. “It’s not a government-run program, but simply a partnership between Puerto Penasco and Prescott Valley,” said PV Chamber of Commerce director Lew Rees. “Whatever ideas we can share, we’re just going to do it.” Area businessman Marlin Kuykendall suggested the partnership to the Prescott Valley Chamber or commerce when he noticed the number of Arizona residents and tourists alike who took vacations in Puerto Penasco – commonly knows as Rocky Point – in Sonora, Mexico.

Mar 15,01 **ADOT PLANS MORE LIGHTS FOR HWY. 69:**
Commuters love to complain about traffic lights on Highway 69. Get ready to complain about more. Recent traffic counts prompted the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) to plan two more lights this year on the 34-mile-long highway between Prescott and Cordes Junction. Next year could see four more, all in fast-growing Prescott Valley, where six already rest. The increasing number of lights, spurred by population growth, further underscores the need for the high-speed expressway that tri-county planners envision between Prescott and Prescott Valley, ADOT District Engineer Tom Foster and Yavapai County Public Works Director Richard Straub said.

Mar 15,01 **CONNER, FAGELMAN WIN PV ELECTION:**
Town Council members Eunice Conner and Jay Fagelman won the primary election over challenger Robert Edwards. Both met the 50 percent-plus-one requirement each needed to retain their positions on the council. Proposition 400 (Meet and Confer – Police) passed by a whopping 62.37% of votes cast. Proposition 401 (Home Rule) also passed with a resounding 83.42% of votes cast.
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**NEW ‘DIGS’ BODE WELL:**
Since it moved into its new home a couple of months ago, the Yavapai College Small Business Development Center is able to man its operations more efficiently and present itself in a more professional light. To celebrate its move into the new offices at Suite 4 of the former National Bank building at 115 S. McCormick St., the SBDC had an open house this past week.

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**COUNTY REORGANIZES SEVERAL DEPARTMENTS:**
Yavapai County supervisors agreed on a major restructuring of departments Friday. The Supervisors created a new Development Service Department and hired Yavapai County Flood Control District Director Ken Speeding as its first director. The Planning and Building, Environmental Services and Flood Control departments will no longer be departments. They all will be among the potential divisions of the Development Service Department. “The entire intent is to improve how we do business,” said Supervisor Chip Davis, who first proposed the restructuring idea Monday. “This is one of the biggest changes to happen in to the county in a long time.”

Mar 21, 01

**PV’S NEWEST BUSINESS HAS WORLDWIDE IMPACT:**
As an eager young college student at Berkeley in the late 60’s, Art Loya designed an electronic ladybug that kids could summon with the beam of a flashlight. The major company he approached with his innovation turned him down, but now, instead of entertaining people, his designs save their lives. Loya, who has worked and traveled throughout the world primarily in the weather station industry for other companies, will soon bring his own developing company, Orion, to Prescott Valley. Orion is part of the Economic Development Foundation’s business incubator project. While the company will be the first to occupy the incubator in the town’s former Planning and Zoning building, others will join it in the future.

Mar 21, 01

**LOCAL MEDICAL PRACTICE BUYS PARENT COMPANY; FIRMS UP PLANS TO MOVE:**
A trio of local doctors and their administrator have bought their practice to keep it open. Dieter Krantz, the administrator for Prescott Valley Urgent Care, and three of its doctors – Frank Nagy, James Hurley and James McCarver – closed on a deal last week to buy the local practice from Fort Worth, Texas-based ProMedCo for an undisclosed price. They will assume ownership effective April 1, when they will change its name to Prescott Valley Primary & Urgent Care Clinic.

Mar 22, 01

**SAY BYE TO PANNIN’ FOR GOLD IN PV:**
“Nip it. Nip it in the bud!” Barney Fife said this, and now the Prescott Valley Parks and Recreation Commission might take that same advice. The commission recently recommended the elimination of all recreational gold panning and mining in the Fain Park area. Because of gold mining excavation activities, some area along the park trails seem unstable, said Parks and Recreation Director John Nixon. “This is not going away. It’s getting worse,” said Nixon regarding the apparent damage excessive mining has caused. He suggested that the Parks Department fix those damaged areas by filling in the “mini Grand Canyons” prospectors have created. However, this solution could prove only temporary if people continue mining in that area, said Nixon.

Mar 22, 01

**‘AFTER SCHOOL’ GRANT WOULD AID YOUTH PROGRAMS:**
The Prescott Valley Parks and Recreation Commission on Tuesday approved a three-year grant application that will allow local school districts access to educational programs during out of school times. The programs, which the U.S. Department of Education would pay for, target, middle-school-age children and concentrate on before-school, after-school and summer activities. They will provide the much-needed programs such as academic clubs featuring homework and math assistance, art, music and choral activities and basic recreation. Above all, explained Yavapai County Youth Coordinator Carl Brown, who presented the commission with the proposal for the $500,000 federal grant, the programs will help provide children with a safe, supervised place for healthy activities when school is out.
Mar 23,01  **BOARD SAYS METERS ON WELLS MAY BE COMING:**
The Yavapai County Water Advisory Committee decided Wednesday to move slowly on a proposal to require meters on non-residential wells throughout Arizona. The committee considered seeking a state law change, but decided to slow down and first seek public comment. Its technical advisory group will come up with recommendations on how to gather public comment. Several committee members feared that Arizona residents will think the wells next to their homes will be next in line for meters – something the committee made clear it has no plans to propose.

Mar 25,01  **PV SEEKS GRANT FROM HIGHWAY SAFETY OFFICE:**
Everyone knows about Prescott Valley’s growth. Especially the local police department. On Thursday, the Prescott Valley Town Council approved the submittal of a grant to the Governor’s office of Highway Safety from the local police department. This grant, for more than $43,000, would allow the purchase of one fully equipped traffic vehicle as a DUI enforcement tool. In addition, the grant money allows for the purchase of a portable radio, four radio units and seven portable breath testers for DUI detection. This latest step by the department falls in stride with plans for hiring another officer. “The department has been contemplating the position of a dedicated DUI traffic officer for several years,” says the Prescott Valley Police Department proposal.

Mar 26,01  **AREA WATER GROUPS HOPE TO EASE CONFLICT:**
Yavapai County Water Advisory Committee members made some procedural changes last week to reduce conflicts between the two sides of the mountain in the future. The Verde Valley leaders oppose a plan by the three Prescott Active Management Area (AMA) communities to build a pipeline north to the Big Chino Aquifer, to supplement their water supplies. The issue has been a hot topic of discussion at Water Advisory Committee meetings. On Wednesday, the committee accepted its technical advisory group that letters of interest to the committee will be placed in a file for public viewing, and only under two conditions: if the letter writer requests it, or if Committee Coordinator John Munderloh contacts the author for permission to file the letter.

Apr 26,01  **PV LANDFILL GETS COUNTY COMMISSION GREEN LIGHT:**
A proposed landfill surrounded by Prescott Valley produced no controversy at the Yavapai County Planning and Zoning Commission hearing Wednesday. Ray Hill is proposing the landfill on Fain family land, an unincorporated parcel surrounded by the Town of Prescott Valley. It would accept only construction, demolition and inert debris.

Mar 27,01  **MACK’S BACK:**
He starred as a player at Prescott High School then coached across town at Chino Valley. And after assistant coaching one year in the state of Washington, about the last thing Mike McMahon figured was to return to the area so quickly, and do so at Bradshaw Mountain. But that’s just where McMahon is heading after the Humboldt Unified School District Governing Board unanimously approved the selection of BMHS Athletic Director Jim Dean who submitted McMahon’s name on Monday night.

Mar 28,01  **ROBERT ROAD WILL SOON GO STRAIGHTER:**
On March 22, the Prescott Valley Town council approved buying two lots for the Public Works Department’s project of re-aligning a busy Prescott Valley road. “The purpose of this re-alignment is to eliminate the curvilinear Robert Road,” said Public Works Director Larry Tarkowski. On the north side of town there are three very sharp, close to 90-degree, turns in this road” “We’re working with the State Land Department to straighten this out,” he said. Tarkowski said his department began this project“ in earnest, about a year and a half ago.

Mar 28,01  **LARGE CROWD TURNS OUT TO HONOR PAL’S MAN AND WOMAN OF THE YEAR:**
Calling them “tireless workers” for the community, the Partners for Active Leadership presented Lew Rees and Barbara Polk with the Man and Woman of the Year Awards Tuesday night at the
Prescott Resort. About 160 people from throughout the region filled the Goldwater Ballroom to honor two people whose lives and careers define the organization’s call for servant leadership.

NEW WATER/SEWER BILLING REGULATIONS WILL HELP LANDLORDS WHOSE RENTERS LEAVE THEM HIGH AND DRY:
Prescott Valley landlords enjoyed a modest victory during Thursday night’s Town Council meeting. Instead of landlords assuming all responsibility for a tenant’s unpaid and delinquent water and sewer bills, the town Utilities Division Department will step up to the plate and accept some of the burden. At Thursday’s meeting, council suggested several changes to the water district’s current policy.

COMMUNITY OVERWELMS THEFT VICTIM WITH TOOLS, ASSISTANCE:
The community of Prescott Valley responded in a big way to help a resident who lost his livelihood with the theft of his tools. Following a report in the Tribune three weeks ago, readers immediately came forward with offers of tools, money, and job offers for the theft victim, George Rogers. “I wasn’t expecting this. I only wanted to get my tools back.” Rogers said in an interview last Wednesday. “I had countless people give me tools. I’ve got enough now to open a warehouse.” “I’m not looking to press charges against anybody,” he said at the time. “I just need my tools back.” Beginning the day of the story of Rogers’ misfortune ran in the Tribune, the newspaper received calls from residents wanting to assist Rogers with donations of tools, money, and groceries. Given Roger’s telephone number, callers inundated him with offers of assistance.

WE MUST PUMP THE BIG CHINO:
Prescott Active Management Area Director Jim Holt joined Prescott Mayor Sam Steiger Wednesday in stressing that the Prescott AMA needs water from the neighboring Big Chino aquifer. Without that water, the Prescott AMA will never achieve its state-mandated goal to have the same amount of water going into its basin as is going out by the year 2025, Holt said.

PRESCOTT VALLEY GENERAL PLAN STUDY IS OFF TO A STRONG START:
Last week, Prescott Valley citizens and town officials participated in a frenzy of activities revolving around the general plan update process. State law requires towns and cities to create and use plans, development/land use plans, population trends and projections of current and future needs. Prescott Valley town officials use the current plan – which dates from 1994 – every day, explained Community Development Director Richard Parker.

CASAA NEEDS DONATIONS, VAN FOR NEW LOCATION:
Central Arizona Senior Association (CASA) members truly enjoy their new Prescott Valley building. Since September, volunteers and seniors alike have worked and socialized in the new 9,000-square-foot building that features a kitchen, large offices, dining room, bandstand, thrift store and card room. Town officials donated office furniture to the center before moving into the new Civic Center.

STRIC TER CODE IN PV BRINGS SUBSTANDARD WOODSTOVES UNDER FIRE:
On Jan 11, a representative of the Central Yavapai “Air Aware” campaign presented the Town council with a model ordinance providing guidelines to regulate particulates and carbon monoxide emissions from fireplaces, woodstoves and other solid fuel-burning devices. Solid fuel includes wood, coal or non-liquid fuels. The Planning and Zoning Commission approved the amendment last month, and December 2001 marks the effective date for the stricter ordinance.

BIG PLANS PROMISE HOMES, JOBS FOR GROWING PV:
By now it’s no secret that the Universal Homes subdivision, also known as the future Granville residential community, plans to start pushing its 3,400-home site on Glassford Hill Road. Despite last year’s tug of war between citizens opposing a housing boom in the Glassford Hill area and those supporting more homes, plans moved forward. Construction is to begin on Universal’s first phase at the end of June.

PV COUNCIL TO MULL SPEED LIMITS, HOST OF OTHER ITEMS ON THURSDAY:
Speed limit changes for Robert Road and Glassford Hill roads, the realignment of Robert Road and the wastewater treatment plant improvement project top the list for Thursday night’s Prescott Valley Town Council agenda.

**Apr 11,01**

**COUNTY CONSIDERS EXPANDING HEALTH SERVICES IN PRESCOTT VALLEY:**
The Yavapai County Health Department may join the Yavapai Regional Medical Center in constructing a new building at Prescott Valley. The Health Department has a $500,000 grant to expand its space for the Community Health Center of West Yavapai, a program that offers primary health care services for low income residents of western Yavapai County. Right now it is only in Prescott fulltime, and one day a week in Chino Valley. But the greatest need is in Prescott Valley, Health Department Director Marcia Jacobson said. And, right now, the space the Health Department rents in Prescott Valley has no room for the Community Health Center services.

**Apr 11,01**

‘EASY ON THE EYES’ NEWEST PROJECT AT PRESCOTT VALLEY LIBRARY:
During National Library Week (April 1–7) the Prescott Valley Library kicked off Easy on the Eyes, a new community large print outreach program. A growing collection of large print books (most have 16-point type) can be found on the Library shelves, with an expanded variety of titles. Josephine Becker, who coordinates the program with library board member Doris Becker, said she just placed a large standing order for books. Each month new mysteries, westerns, adventure books, women’s fiction, and best sellers will be automatically sent to the library. Through the Outreach program, volunteers deliver books regularly to nursing homes, retirement homes, adult care centers and assisting living centers.

**Apr 11,01**

POLICE, SCHOOL SAY VIOLENT ASSAULT ‘IS NO GANG PROBLEM’:
The parents of a Prescott Valley teen say bystanders did nothing to help as three self-styled gang members viciously beat their teenage son at a local gas station. While not diminishing the seriousness of the assault, both the police and school administrators said there is no gang involved. Matt Bailey, a 16-year-old Bradshaw Mountain High School sophomore, suffered multiple fractures to his jaw in the assault Monday, April 2, at about 8:30 p.m.

**Apr 13,01**

PANEL URGES HANDS-OFF STANCE ON YAVAPAI STRIP:
Prescott Planning and Zoning Commissioners took a hands-off stand on the Yavapai Strip this week, and they urged the Prescott City Council to do likewise. By a unanimous vote on Thursday, the Planning and Zoning Commission agreed not to make a recommendation on the application of conservation status for hundreds of acres of Arizona State Trust land that runs between Glassford Hill and Badger “P” Mountain.

**Apr 13,01**

PV COUNCIL APPOINTS NEW ARTS COMMISSION MEMBERS:
The Prescott Valley Town Council approved the appointments of seven members to the Arts and Culture Commission Thursday night. “We’re really excited about this because we haven’t had Arts and Culture Commission for years” said Community Relations Coordinator Chris O’Brien. The purpose of this commission is to make recommendations to and advise the council on the visual and performing arts in addition to popular cultural events.

**Apr 15,01**

COUNTY FORGES AHEAD ON WATERSHED STUDIES:
The county and its municipalities are getting a better deal, than they expected on a Verde Watershed aerial survey. The Yavapai County Water Advisory Committee budgeted $141,000 for the survey, which will use to gain a better understanding of the river system. The low bid for the survey came in at $131,640, so the committee is recommending adding another 330 line miles to the north side of the survey area. That would bring the total cost to $135,440. The rest of the survey area includes the Middle Verde Basin, Williamson Valley, Little Chino Valley, Upper Big Chino Valley and Black Hills (just southwest of the Verde Valley).

**Apr 15,01**

HARKINS OPENS:
The interior, above, (photo) of the new Harkins 14 Theaters in Prescott Valley is a sight in itself. The preview screen above the concessions and all the dazzle of the lights present a show business approach to the lobby.
Apr 15,01  TOWN OF PV, MEADOW VALLEY STILL AT ODDS OVER WELLS AND WATER USE:  
The battle continues between the town of Prescott Valley and Meadow Valley Contractors, Inc.  
Instead of dueling banjos, it’s a case of dueling statutes as one side seeks groundwater rights and  
the other defends them. Meadow Valley Contractors filed a new application for a permit for four  
wells to withdraw groundwater for its mineral extraction and metallurgical extraction processing  
plant at Highway 89A and Fain Road.

Apr 17,01  BIG BROTHERS/BIG SISTERS CONTINUES POSITIVE MENTORING FOR YOUTH:  
Benjamin Filer’s life changed when he heard about the Yavapai Big Brothers/Big Sisters  
organization. This organization enhances the lives of children through adult relationships,  
according to its mission statement. All services are free. The positive influence of the Big  
Brother/Big Sister program continues.

Apr 17,01  GLASSFORD HILL PRESERVATION PLAN GETS PRESCOTT P&Z REVIEW:  
The coordination plan for Glassford Hill, the tri-city area’s first Arizona Preserve Initiative  
effort, is now in its review stages. About a year ago, a 22-member committee began charting the  
future for the 1,893 acre Glassford Hill Preserve, which includes the massive, rounded Glassford  
Hill, as well as some of the land surrounding it. The communities of Prescott and Prescott  
Valley worked together on the preservation effort by submitting an application to the Arizona  
State Land Department to seek preservation status for the land. The application was successful,  
and the State Land Department gave the communities five years to come up with a plan for  
managing the preserve, as well as a method to pay for the land. The five-year period runs until  
2003. After more than six months of work, the Glassford Hill Citizens Advisory Committee  
came up with a plan.

Apr 18,01  BRADSHAW SHORT STOP STEPS UP TO THE MOUND; STRIKES OUT 13:  
Bradshaw coach Randy Clifford nearly ran out of adjectives to describe Josh Holden’s pitching  
at Buckeye April 10. He used “big stuff, outstanding, spectacular, a dominating factor” – and all  
for a pitcher not even in the rotation. Holden recorded 13 strikeouts in the 17-2 five inning  
Bradshaw blowout. That left only two outs for his fielders to provide during the entire game.  
The senior hurler, who normally plays infield, gave up just three hits. Buckeye’s two runs were  
unearned. The coach had no idea Holden could play defense all by himself.

Apr 18,01  ANGRY HUSD TEACHERS ‘INSULTED’ BY 16-CENT PAY RAISE:  
More than a hundred angry teachers packed the Bradshaw Mountain High School library  
Tuesday night to tell the school board how they felt about the district office recommending they  
receive a $250 pay increase this year. The emotional demonstration by the teachers follows  
years of miniscule pay raises that have repeatedly failed to approach the salaries of teachers in  
larger Arizona school districts.

Apr 20,01  HUSD STILL SEEKS WAYS TO PAY TEACHERS:  
The Humboldt Unified School District school board tabled a decision on Proposition 301 money  
dissemination and pay raises for teachers and classified staff at Tuesday nights Board meeting,  
but the delay holds high promise to deliver teachers much of the pay raise they are seeking.  
“We’re not done with the numbers yet,” board President Craig Sorenson told the full house of  
HUSD employees at the meeting. “We intend to make a decision to place us head and shoulders  
above everybody in the immediate area.” The announcement received resounding applause from  
the district employees who, in a repeat of last week’s board meeting, again filled the BMHS  
library with a show of solidarity.

Apr 22,01  BOARD SAYS FAIR PARK MINING CAN CONTINUE:  
Tuesday evening the Parks and Recreation Commission agreed that recreational gold mining in  
Fain Park should continue, but under the U.S. forest Service rules. The commission recommended  
that the Town Council adopt and apply the USFS rules for gold digging activities in Fain Park.  
Those rules require individuals to use a pick and shovel only and no motorized or  
battery-operated mining methods. Also, individuals must fill in all holes they dig.
HOW TO PRESERVE A PRECIOUS COMMODITY:
The Prescott Valley Water District went through 13 billion gallons of water last year or about 3.6 million gallons per day, according to Utility Services Manager Neil Wadsworth. The Town Of Prescott Valley is participating in a water conservation program, titled “:Water, Use it Wisely.” This program focuses on providing tips for helping citizens conserve water and decrease their water bills. “This water conservation effort is important for the town,” said Community Relations Coordinator Chris O’Brien.

PROGRAM GETS CREDIT FOR FINDING GIRL’S HEART PROBLEM:
Bobbie Cordoza-Smith thought her daughter’s heart beat was healthy because it sounded so loud and strong. She had no idea that her little girl was born with a large hole in her heart. “The hole was very, very large,” Cordoza-Smith said. Through some support groups in her children’s school district, Family Services Coordinator Sylva DuCharme referred the family to the Partners for Healthy Students Program – a free service for parents who don’t have health insurance or can’t meet their high insurance deductibles. During the well-child exams, which included a medical history and physical assessment, nurse practitioner and program director Mary Ellen Heintzelman discovered a heart murmur in 3-year old Chelsea Jan. She sent the child immediately to Dr. Jim Mick, a Prescott Valley pediatrician and the medical director for the Yavapai Regional Medical Center Partners for Healthy Students Program. Mick ordered the child to a pediatric cardiologist in Phoenix. She had an atrial septal defect, a hole in the upper chambers of the heart between the right and left atrium, according to information provided by the YRMC development department. Chelsea Jan had corrective open heart surgery.

PV SKATERS SHARE IDEAS FOR SKATE PARK: Skaters and BMX bicyclists of all ages, girls and boys, attended last night’s skate park meeting, and actively participated in designing the new Mountain Valley Skate Park. Before the meeting began a steady flow of young people took their seats. Some brought their boards. Some brought their parents. They all brought their wisdom and experience. Two representatives from Lawrence R. Moss and Associates gathered information from the Prescott Valley young enthusiasts. The skaters formed groups and sketched out their interpretations of the new skate park. Park architects Jeff Hutchins and Charles Strawter listened as the five groups presented their ideas and plans. A second workshop is scheduled for May 21, at 5:30 p.m. in the Mountain View Elementary School gymnasium.

ANNEXATION DISPUTE HEATS UP:
A boundary dispute between Prescott and Prescott Valley came to a head Tuesday, when Prescott City Council officials went on the defensive over a large-scale annexation that Prescott plans. Last week, Prescott City officials announced their intention to annex into the city limits about 11.5 square miles of ranch land that lies northeast of Prescott, near the airport. This week, the council conducted a hearing to allow members of the public to voice their views about the move. But it was mostly the council members who ended up speaking the hearing. And they had plenty to say – especially in response to comments that Prescott Valley officials have made about the city’s annexation plans. After Prescott made its announcement last Tuesday, Prescott Valley officials maintained that Prescott’s plans for annexation so close to their own borders blindsided them. They said they were unaware of the city’s plans for annexation. Prescott City Council members maintained that such was not the case, however, and they offered their own version of how things transpired Prescott Valley’s community development director, Richard Parker – the only member of the public to speak at the hearing – pointed out, however; that Prescott Valley shares Prescott’s concerns about the future of the airport. And, he said, Prescott Valley also has an interest in how the area develops, because a portion of it is adjacent to a new Prescott Valley subdivision.

TOWN SEeks COMMENT ON 69 REDEVELOPMENT:
They keep asking for it, and hopefully, they’ll keep getting it. “It” is the opinion and comments of citizens, about important community issues. “They” are Prescott Valley town council and staff. The latest plea for public comment comes after the town released a request for proposals to
seek professional services to assist in redeveloping the highway 69 business corridor through Prescott Valley. The redevelopment could take somewhat the same tack as that of Old Town PV, the frontage road area the town has been working to rejuvenate and tie into the new downtown. The ultimate purpose of the redevelopment, said Community Development Director Richard Parker, is to improve the look of the corridor as Prescott Valley is enjoying the advent of its new downtown. One is crucial to the other, Parker said, because not only does the town want to support its existing businesses along the corridor, but it wants to draw travelers off the highway and into the downtown area.

**POLICE UNION PROPOSAL INCLUDES BENEFITS, CONDITIONS, COMPENSATION:**
Prescott Valley Police officers succeeded in convincing voters to force the Town to the negotiating table with the police union. But the Labor agreements between the Town and the union proposed by Prescott Valley Police officers Association does not address the main selling points the officers and union brought to voters: staffing levels and base pay. AZCOPS President Charles Foy said the point, however, is that there is a proposed agreement at all. “Nobody was listening to the police officers before,” he said. “The union formed to address problems, and some of those have been addressed (in the proposed agreement).” “The proposal raises a number of issues regarding benefits, working conditions, and compensation,” said Town Manager Tony Mortillaro. “It has staffing and fiscal implications as well. We haven’t been able to put a full value on their demands at this point. The proposed agreement is a Memorandum of Understanding from the Prescott Valley Police Officers Association in the Town of Prescott Valley. AZCOPS is PVOA’s lead negotiator.

**SOUND OF MUSIC AT HIGH SCHOOL:**
The Bradshaw Mountain High School Theatrical Troupe presents the musical classic, “The Sound of Music,” this Friday and Saturday at Glassford Hill Middle School Auditorium. Doors open at 6:45 p.m. Curtain time at 7:30 p.m.

**MORE THAN 1,000 SKIP SCHOOL ON COLUMBINE DATE:**
Stirred by media reports focusing on the second “anniversary” of the Columbine High School tragedy and by students’ rumors of potential violence, hundreds of fearful parents kept their children home from school on Friday, April 20. Concerns prompted HUSD school officials and police to increase security at some schools, which resulted in a juvenile arrest for a concealed weapon at Bradshaw Mountain High School. “The high school was over-whelmed this week with calls from parents asking if we can guarantee their child’s safety on Friday,” the anniversary of the Columbine shootings, School board president Craig Sorenson said Thursday.

**BRADSHAW STUDENT IS VOCATIONAL EDUCATION SUCCESS STORY:**
Bradshaw Mountain High School will graduate a remarkable student who overcame language barriers to leave school with highly remarkable photography skills. Maria Nevarez leaves HUSD after “rising through the ranks” since elementary school here, to split her time between college and work. “Maria is the perfect story of how a student can succeed against obstacles,” said her teacher Christine Scott. “She demonstrates that Vocational Education classes are an incredibly important part of school because they give every kid a place to fit in. Maria is a perfect example of how these programs are successful.

**VOLUNTEERS BRIGHTEN LIVES OF STAFF, CLIENTS AT ADULT DAY CARE:**
The Center Adult Day Care in Prescott Valley has a trained, caring staff who do their best to give quality care to those who come through their doors. But activity Director and volunteer Coordinator Jill Hildebrand says the volunteers who give of themselves and their time at the Center brighten the lives of staff and clients. The Center Adult Day Care provides health, recreational and social services for adults who need care, assistance or supervision. Dedicated volunteers add the little perks that make such a difference in the lives of those they help.

**BIG CHINO WATER REMAINS A WELLSPRING OF CONTENTION:**
Officials from the Prescott and Verde Valley areas joined last week for a tour of the source of a long-standing controversy: the Big Chino aquifer. Verde Valley officials worry that Prescott’s plan to pump Big Chino water south to the Prescott Active Management Area (AMA) will reduce the flow of the Verde River through their down-stream communities. Prescott AMA communities say they need water from the adjoining Big Chino basin so they can stop depleting their own Little Chino groundwater supply.

**Apr 27,01**

**BIG CHINO USERS LOOK FOR ACCORD:**

Directly after last week’s Big Chino aquifer tour, Prescott-area officials once again reiterated their strong desire to use Big Chino water. Chino Valley Town Manager Carl Tenney led the pitch to the Yavapai County Water Advisory Committee during its monthly meeting. The Arizona Department of Water Resources has set a goal for this active management areas to balance its groundwater use by 2025. The state calls that “safe yield”, or taking out the same amount of water that goes back into the aquifer. “Importation is an essential step in meeting our goal,” Tenney told the committee at the April 18 meeting in the Chino Community Center. If the Prescott Area Management Area (AMA) communities do import Big Chino water, they will have two guiding principles, he said; protect downstream water rights and preserve the flow of the Verde river.

**Apr 27,01**

**PV COUNCIL APPROVES HIRING, REPAIRS, SPEED LIMIT CHANGES:**

The Prescott Valley Public Works Department needs two more employees. More specifically, the department needs another inspector and an engineering technician. Last year the town placed a hold on hiring for the positions because of the pending StoneRidge, Pronghorn and Universal Homes (Granville) development projects. Now the department’s staff feels the impact of Prescott Valley’s tremendous growth even more as developments within the town increase, according to information provided by the Public Works Department. Thursday evening, the Town Council approved the money to pay for those positions. In addition, council adopted the resolution changing the current speed limits on Robert Road and Glassford Hill Roads. Council also approved the reallocation of its capital project funds from recreation and aquatics in the amount of $6,000 in combination with its contingency funds of $9,000 to finance the Mountain Valley Splash pool repairs.

**May 2,01**

**BRADSHAW STEPS UP TO CHALLENGE IN CROSSTOWN BATTLE:**

Taped to the wall of the Bradshaw Mountain dugout Tuesday was a cutout from the Daily Courier displaying Prescott Head Coach Roger Alexander’s comments the previous day about his team’s edge over the Bears. But the Bears hardly noticed it by the end of the game. They were on the field celebrating. Others, like Bradshaw Mountain head coach Randy Clifford, had to compose their emotions when taking in the Bears’ 7-4 victory before a packed house in Round One of the Desert Sky Region Tournament at BMHS.

**May 2,01**

**GLASSFORD SPEEDS UP, ROBERT ROAD SLOWS:**

Drivers may now travel a bit faster on one PV road, but must slow down on another. The Town is changing the speed limits on the two roads that access Highway 89A in Prescott Valley, Glassford Hill Road and Robert Road. Those changes went into effect Monday April 30.

**May 2,01**

**PV TO MARK NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER:**

Thursday marks the 50th consecutive national Day of Prayer. Millions of Americans will gather across the nation at town squares, state capitols, stadiums, parks, churches, synagogues and other public places to pray for the nation, its leaders, local and state officials, personnel and American families. In Prescott Valley, people from surrounding churches will gather at 7 p.m. Thursday at the Prescott Valley Church of the Nazarene, 3741 N. Conakte Drive, to observe the day.

**May 2,01**

**CHAMBER SLATES ANNUAL ‘TEAM UP TO CLEANUP’:**

If your closets, shed and garage are overflowing with needless junk, it must be time for Prescott Valley’s fifth annual Team Up to Clean Up. As a matter of community pride, the Prescott Valley Chamber of Commerce and the Town of Prescott Valley designate the first Saturday in May as
clean up day for the entire town. Teams of volunteers swarm our fair – and soon to be fairer -berg, picking up trash and hauling away junk, while home owners spruce up their home yards and ditches. Dozens of sponsors provide food and services for the effort. Chairperson Betty Robinson said of this year’s event, “We’re out to beat last year’s removal of trash! Through our continuing efforts and awareness campaigns, we fully intend to make Prescott Valley the cleanest community in Arizona.” Because Clean Up should involve more than just one day, community organizations will sponsor the Team Up “Bring it Home” Conference on Thursday, May 12 at Lake Valley Elementary School.

May 2, 01
SPECIAL OLYMPICS:
Prescott Valley Police Lt. Laura Molinaro helps Special Olympians from the Kingman and Bradshaw teams get in place for the 200m race Saturday during the Special Olympics Track and Field Spring Games at Bradshaw Mountain High School. Molinaro, along with members of the Prescott Valley Police Dept. have helped coach Special Olympics athletes for more than a decade. Athletes have competed Saturday for qualifying scores for state competition this summer.

May 8, 01
TEAMING UP TO CLEAN UP:
Michael Davis., above, of Prescott Valley, picks up trash along a fence line off of Lake Valley Road in Prescott Valley on Saturday. Davis was one of hundreds of volunteers participating in the annual Team Up to Clean Up Day, which the town and the Prescott Valley Chamber of Commerce sponsored.

May 9, 01
ANNEXATION BOUNDARIES MAY BE ISSUE FOR COURTS TO DECIDE:
Although they weren’t saying much after a Tuesday Executive session to discuss the Prescott Valley’s proposed annexation, Prescott city officials hinted at the possibility of a lawsuit to resolve the boundary dispute between the two communities.

May 9, 01
TOWN MULLS WASTEWATER IRRIGATION FOR NEW PROJECTS:
Water remains a top priority as the Town of Prescott Valley continues using its treated wastewater for beneficial purposes. Already it uses this wastewater, or effluent, to recharge wells in Mountain Valley Park. In addition, it built a pipeline as part of the delivery system to both the Granville and StoneRidge golf courses. The irrigation of Mountain Valley Park, with reclaimed wastewater, will be one of the main topics for discussion during Thursdays 7 p.m. Town Council Meeting at the Civic Center, 7501 E. Civic Circle.

May 9, 01
WOOD WILL REPLACE MAUGHAN IN HUDS SUPERINTENDENT’S SEAT:
The Humboldt Unified School District school board finally put rumors to rest Tuesday, May 1 when it voted unanimously to install Bradshaw Mountain High School principal, Dr. Cynthia Wood as the Superintendent of the district beginning June 4 this year.

May 9, 01
SCHATZ: CRITICISM OF PVPD IS HYPOCRISY IN LIGHT OF SUNDAY PURSUIT:
Prescott Valley Police Chief Daniel Schatz said the Sunday, May 6 police pursuit of suspect through crowded downtown Prescott makes a hypocrisy of statements leveled against PVPD by Prescott politicians for its Jan. 26 pursuit of a felony suspect into Prescott that resulted in a triple fatality.” My issue is, Prescott Mayor Sam Steiger just eviscerated us in public for the January chase, and he said his police don’t pursue in Prescott,” Schatz said. “He called us a bad police department for that, and now he’s chasing someone in Prescott.”

May 9, 01
PRESCOTT VALLEY FILES ANNEXATION PETITIONS:
On Friday morning the town of Prescott Valley filed annexation petitions with the Yavapai County Recorder’s office. This action starts the legal process of annexing areas west of the town limits. Two alternative annexation areas were proposed according to the town’s news release. Of those two proposals, one of them covered lands immediately adjacent to Prescott Valley that the City of Prescott recently announced it intends to annex.

May 9, 01
HUDS’S NEVEAU IS YAVAPAI COUNTY TEACHER OF YEAR:
When her mother Geneva insisted she take a keypunch class one summer vacation, Coyote Springs teacher Dawn Neveau had no idea it would instill in her a lifelong interest in technology.
Neveau stepped up Friday night to receive Yavapai County Teacher of the Year honors for 2001. Neveau is the fourth Humboldt School District teacher in five years to receive the award.

**May 13,01 PV COUNCIL VOTES TO IMPROVE POLICE DISPATCH:**

New furniture, new equipment and better working conditions are top priorities for the Prescott Valley Police Department. The Town Council made a dent in that wish list Thursday, earmarking money from the Capital Improvements Fund for the purchase of a Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) system, and the upgrading of the existing center. As talks of a regional dispatch system continue, town officials and police department employees agreed they must upgrade the current police communications area before installing a new CAD system. “We had anticipated purchasing a CAD system this year,” Town Manager Anthony Mortillaro said, adding that the town must consider other priorities before purchasing the new system.

**May 14,01 GET THE MESSAGE?:**

Some young people might say that drinking and getting behind the wheel of a vehicle isn’t that big a deal. Friday Glassford Hill Middle School seventh and eighth graders got the chance to see what it’s really like driving impaired. Some of those students realized that it’s a bigger deal than they thought. GHMS teacher Shelley Fitzgerald explained that the school received a donation from the Prescott Hensley & Co., Anheiser-Busch Corporation, toward the education of not drinking and driving. The Prescott Valley Police Department brought over two pair of “drunk goggles” and two three-wheel bicycles for an underage drinking and driving demonstration. Students maneuvered the bikes, while wearing the goggles, around an obstacle course of cones. Attached to those cones were pictures of children. “If you hit the cone, you hit the kid,” said Prescott Valley School Resource Officer Brandon Bonney. “Drinking throws off the equilibrium,” Bonney said. Each and every driver “ran over” at least one child. One student admitted that she felt uncomfortable with the idea of drunk drivers on the road.

**May 15,01 ‘REALITY’ CHECK:**

Bradshaw Mountain High’s students got a wake-up call from a “dead” body when they attended a mock accident last Friday at the school’s track area. Area emergency service agencies, BMHS Drama III students and the PV Tribune combined to stage the drunk driving crash scenario the day before Prom.

**May 15,01 PRESCOTT TO TALK ABOUT BIG CHINO PUMPING:**

The Yavapai County Water Advisory Committee will hear Wednesday how Prescott plans to mitigate any negative effects from pumping water out of the Big Chino Aquifer. Verde Valley members of the committee worry that the plan to pump water from the Big Chino south to the Prescott Active Management Area will reduce the flow of the Verde River through their communities. The Salt River Project also has expressed concerns about the pumping affecting its supply for the Phoenix area.

**May 16,01 BUDWEISER CLYDESDALES HITCH UP WITH YAVAPAII FOOD BANK:**

The world famous Budweiser Clydesdales are hitching up with the Prescott Valley Chamber of Commerce to replenish Yavapai Food Bank’s bare shelves and fight hunger around the county. The eight-horse hitch arrives at the new Yavapai Downs at Prescott Valley next Wednesday, May 23, to prepare for Friday’s 3 p.m. parade from store to store, picking up canned goods. The Clydesdales will begin the May 25 parade at the Harkins Theatre around 2:30 p.m.

**May 16,01 PURSUIT LAWSUITS NOW UP TO $110M:**

The second parent of one of the men killed Jan. 26 when a fleeing suspect in a stolen SUV slammed into the vehicle he was riding in has filed a notice of claim against the Town of Prescott Valley. Roger Kamholz is demanding $5 million.

**May 16,01 TORCH RUN FOR OLYMPICS:**

Prescott Valley Police Department officers Brandon Bonney (with torch, front), Scott Stebbins (left) and Sgt. P.J. Janik bring the torch up Highway 69 during the Special Olympics Torch Run last week. The officers got the relay from DPS runners at Young’s farm, then handed off to Chino Valley Police Department representatives at Hwy 89A.
PATRIOTIC TEACHER:
Veterans of Foreign Wars Mingus Mountain Post 10227 and the Ladies Auxiliary recognized Lake Valley Elementary School music teacher Judy Clothier last week for teaching patriotism and devotion to America. VFW Senior Vice Commander and Auxiliary Deloris Bomba presented Clothier with VFW’s National Citizenship Education Teacher Award at a Lake Valley Spirit and Pride Assembly Friday, May 11.

NEW ERA OF RACING 6 DAYS AWAY:
The political. Posturing is history. The hammers and nails will soon be laid to rest. And 87 years of horse racing in Prescott is officially in the rear view mirror. “Yavapai Downs at Prescott Valley” is a mouthful. But beginning Saturday in front of an anticipated on-track throng of about 5,000, the Downs’ 12-horse chute will swing in a much-anticipated new era of horse racing. With Off Track Betting now serving as the industry’s life-blood, Yavapai Downs becomes the nation’s first new race track of the new millennium. That’s a fact that is not lost on ESPN, which will film the opening day for its weekly horse racing show on Wednesdays. And a fact not lost on Jim Grundy, General Manager if the Yavapai County Fair Association. ‘We have people buying season tables who have never been to horse racing before,” Grundy said.

DIAMOND TOUCH:
Local firm makes big business recycling saws. For the past five years, Diamond Touch Technologies has quietly been revolutionizing an industry that touches nearly every facet of an increasingly high-tech world. The small, Prescott Valley-based firm’s primary business is building and refurbishing high-precision dicing saws that other companies use to create a wide variety of products, including high-speed fiber-optic switches, laser and ultrasound crystals, ceramic capacitors, ink-jet printer heads and silicon computer chips. The nickel and diamond-imbedded saw blades are as thin as one-half of one-thousandths of an inch thick. Spindles rotating on air bearings spin the saw blades at more than 40,000 revolutions per minute, and the saws are capable of cutting items to about one-quarter of one micron. A human red blood cell, on the other hand, is about one micron.

THE MAN WITH THE PLAN:
When it comes to race tracks, Yavapai Downs architect Gordon Gong has been there, done that. Gordon Gong recalls with a laugh the first time that he discussed money with officials from the Yavapai County Fair Assoc. “My first estimate was over $30 million,” said the Los Angeles-based architect. “They never called me back. It kind of fell off the chair.” Whether the “it” that Gong refers to was the prospective deal, or a fall taken by shocked members of the Fair Association is up for debate. But with opening day of horse racing at Yavapai Downs at Prescott Valley just five days away, “it” has become nothing short of a love fest, with benefits waiting to be reaped by all.

PRESCOTT VALLEY CHIP SEAL PROJECT ALSO UNDERWAY:
Prescott Valley’s annual chip seal project started Monday as International Surfacing Systems of Chandler was awarded the $250,000 contract. The work began on the frontage road of Highway 69 west of Glassford Hill Road, and the chip seal project will take two weeks to complete. Chip seal is a tar on the road surface and gravel applied on top of the tar, to repair and resurface roadways.

‘SILVER HAIR’ AND READY FOR ACTION”
In a manner of speaking, Arizonans have another legislature fighting for them, a group who studies the state’s issues and considers its direction. And each year, the group meets, drafts legislation, sends its work to committee and decides what issues will succeed. While the group works on issues that concern all Arizonans, this legislature is senior by design. The Arizona Silver Haired Legislature is a group of state residents 60 years and older, that works with state legislators to promote the issues it selects each year.

PRESCOTT DOWNS BECOMES YAVAPAI DOWNS:
More than 60 years of memories moved to Prescott Valley this month when a caravan of moving vans hauled the last evidence of Prescott Downs – office supplies, furnishings and files – to a new home at Yavapai Downs at Prescott Valley. Memorial Day weekend will mark the grand opening of Yavapai Downs, which features a state-of-the art Mile-long oval track, a 50-000-square-foot equestrian center and jockey amenities that may be the nation’s finest. The new location is more than just a racing venue, explained Prescott Economic Development Director Greg Fister. “They’re (Prescott Valley) getting more than (horse) races, with the car shows, special events and arts and crafts shows,” he said.

May 23, 01

GEORGE CROCKETT REMEMBERS:
Sixty years will soon have passed since George last saw his friends who never returned from a war in the air, but he has not forgotten them. “I watched airplanes go down, some with friends of mine” he said. “But I always thought it would never be me. It was always the other guy. George was a gunner and radio-man in B17 bombers flying out of England to attack the enemy in Europe. Bomber crews were required to fly a minimum of 25 combat missions at a time when they weren’t expected to complete them before being shot down. George finished the war with 30 combat missions. Having had his fill of flying, he instead elected to ride home on a troopship trailed by German U-boat eager to surrender

May 23, 01

BMHS BASEBALL TEAM MEMBERS EARN ALL REGION HONORS:
Photo showing 2001 team members and coach Randy Clifford. (No story accompanies photo)

May 23, 01

FAIR TRANSITION ISN’T AN EASY ONE FOR “WORLD’S OLDEST RODEO”:
The county fairgrounds transition from its old site hasn’t exactly gone smoothly, but those involved are determined to make it work in the end. The Yavapai County Fair Association’s decision to move its horse racetrack and the county fairgrounds a year earlier than it originally planned has led to some scrambling on the part of the Association, Prescott Frontier Days and the Yavapai County government.

May 25, 01

OFF-TRACK BETTING WILL TAKE YAVAPAII DOWNS WORLD-WIDE:
Years ago, wagering Phoenix residents drove the distance to Prescott Downs for a chance to win big on the ponies. When off-track betting entered the scene several years ago, wagering became much easier and more convenient for lovers of the sport of kings. Beginning with Saturday’s races, race fans can bet on the Downs in South America, Mexico, the Caribbean and parts of Europe, in addition to virtually every U.S. city that offers pari-mutuel wagering.

May 25, 01

PRESCOTT LOSING TAXES AT THE TRACK:
For years, Prescott Downs entertained the public and brought in big dollars for Prescott during the horse racing season. Now that the track has moved to Prescott Valley, the City of Prescott could face a loss of as much as $400 million in taxable sales over the next 50 years, according to an economic impact study that Terry J. Lovell, PH.D. a professor of business at Yavapai College, prepared for the Yavapai County Fair Association. “From the big picture, this (move) will have an impact” said Prescott Economic Development Director Greg Fister.

May 25, 01

PV GETS LOOK AT PROPOSED NEW SKATE PARK DESIGNS:
As the final lap of Mountain Valley Skate Park’s designing process approaches, Prescott Valley Citizens can expect a totally different experience from any other run-of-the-mill skate park designs. On Monday, Prescott Valley citizens chose features from two of the ‘best’ designs, which came from discussions in a previous meeting. Even though the town hasn’t yet firmsed up a set budget for the park, the design process continues ahead at full force.

May 25, 01

WELCOME TO YAVAPAII DOWNS:
For 87 years, horse racing and the Yavapai County Fairgrounds have been undeniably linked with Prescott. A key thoroughfare in Prescott is Fair Street. The horse track itself was Prescott Downs. Prescott’s growth over the years closed around the 50-acre horseracing track and fairgrounds. Currently in the county, the site’s annexation to Prescott Valley is in the works. And the Arizona Department of Transportation and Yavapai County soon will improve access to
the new Yavapai Downs at Prescott Valley with a new Fain Road and widened and straighten
Highway 89A.

May 25, 01
**PRESCOTT COUNCIL VOTES FOR GLASSFORD HILL PRESERVATION:**
The draft Glassford Hill Coordination Plan now has the official endorsement of the Prescott City
Council. With little discussion this week, the council members unanimously approved the plan,
which prepares for permanent preservation of a 1,900 acre parcel of land at and surrounding
Glassford Hill. The preservation effort is a cooperative move by the City of Prescott and the
Town of Prescott Valley.

May 28, 01
**MOVE OF FAIR, DOWNS SHOWS SHIFTING BALANCE:**
We have seen the future, and its name is Prescott Valley. Milling with the celebrants in the
stands at the grand opening of the new Yavapai County Fairgrounds and Yavapai Downs on
Saturday, hearing their unabashed utterances of awe, it became apparent that PV has landed a big
one. As Kurt Vonnegut said of Billy Pilgrim in his classic, “Slaughterhouse Five,” you never
know who’s going to get one. Thousands of people came up Interstate 17 from the Phoenix area
Saturday and, for perhaps the first time ever, didn’t even consider driving the final 10 miles of
Highway 69 into Prescott. Oh, there were plenty of people in “Everybody’s Hometown.” But
while Prescott hawked the attractions of an histories home tour and an annual art show, Prescott
Valley was all about the future, about the crazy-painted Harkins Theatre, about an immaculately
planned Civic Center and downtown entertainment mall, about a community whose best days,
perhaps unlike Prescott’s lie ahead. (Editorial by Mark Duncan in the Prescott Courier)

May 28, 01
**RE-LIVING THE INFAMY:**
(Photo in Courier) These Pearl Harbor survivors viewed the premiere of the movie “Pearl
Harbor”, Friday in Prescott Valley. They are, from the left, Lester Mannweiler, Frank Murphy,
Clarence Rudd, Louie Barrow and Lester Ange. The veterans, all between the ages of 82 and 89,
each said they enjoyed the movie.

May 29, 01
**MARY TOPERO KNOWS ALL ABOUT CHANGES:**
She recently moved to Prescott Valley from Minnesota, left a 24-year marriage, and is now
running her own cooperative venture. Topero, along with her twin sister, Martha Myers, created
a non-profit foundation called the Family Learning Center. The Center is supported by the
Family Learning Foundation whose mission “improves the quality of life for children and
families across the life span,” according to Foundation literature.

May 30, 01
**WELLS TO TAKE HELM AT HIGH SCHOOL:**
Bradshaw Mountain High School Assistant Principal Jim Wells will drop the “Assistant” from
his title to take over the lead position at the high school. The HUSD school board named Wells
to fill the vacancy left by Principal Dr. Cynthia Wood when she becomes district Superintendent
early next month.

May 31, 01
**GIRL SCOUT GOES FOR THE ‘GOLD’ WITH TILES:**
Those smooth saltillo earth-toned tiles aren’t just for the kitchen floor anymore. At least not in
Prescott Valley. By summer’s end the Far East wall of the town’s Civic Center, separating the
center from the police station, will become a partition of living memory. Colleen Morris, a local
17-year-old, plans to create a one-of-a-kind saltillo tile representation of Prescott Valley’s past.

June 1, 01
**PRESCOTT VALLEY WON’T BACK DOWN:**
Despite the City of Prescott’s legal action Thursday afternoon against its sister town to the east,
the Prescott Valley Town Council went about its business as usual during a special meeting
Thursday evening. The first item on the list, by chance, happened to concern the annexation in
question. Richard Parker, a Prescott Valley community planner, explained the proposed
annexation and highlighted it borders on an overhead projector, then the council opened the floor
for public comment. Before launching into his presentation, Parker notified council members
that he received a letter from Prescott Mayor Sam Steiger earlier in the day, and wanted it
entered into the public record. However, as a matter of course, Parker presented two different
plans – one that includes portions of the land that that the City of Prescott says belongs within its borders, and another plan that does not contain any of the disputed portions.

**June 1, 01**

**PRESCOTT FILES SUIT OVER DISPUTED ACREAGE:**
The annexation dispute between Prescott and Prescott Valley is now in the hands of a Superior Court judge. In the most recent annexation volley between the two communities, the City of Prescott filed a complaint in Yavapai County Superior Court Thursday afternoon against the Town of Prescott Valley, challenging the validity of the annexation petition the town filed in early May. The Prescott suit asks the court to enjoin, or prohibit, the Town of Prescott Valley from continuing with its annexation of land that the city had earlier filed an annexation petition for.

**June 1, 01**

**LOCALS CALL SUIT OVER BIG CHINO AQUIFER PUMPING MERITLESS:**
It’s too early to sue anyone over the Big Chino pipeline, say the host of governments that the Center for Biological Diversity is putting on notice. The CBD, based in Tucson, sent a notice of intent to sue to Prescott, Prescott Valley, Chino Valley, the U.S. Forest Service and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Local officials received the notice late last month.

**June 3, 01**

**SATURDAY PV FIRE SPARES PEOPLE, KILLS PETS:**
A single-family residence fire in Prescott Valley did not injure any people but claimed the lives of a number of snakes and at least one dog and a cat early Saturday morning. Central Yavapai Fire District personnel responded to a house fire in the 3400 block of Tani Road at about 9:30 a.m. said Rod Lopez, CYFD fire safety specialist. A smoke alarm awoke the father of the house, who in turn got his son out, Lopez said. The mother and daughter were not at home. The fire department had the fire knocked down in quick order, about 15 minutes, Lopez said.

**June 6, 01**

**SEPTIC TANKS & ANNEXATION:**
To annex or not to annex – that is the possibility many Prescott Country Club (PCC) residents denounced during a neighborhood meeting last week. Several years ago, because of a handful of septic tank failures in that area, Prescott Valley officials laid out an alternative to those waste systems. Because of the eventuality of more failures, the town offered the PCC a chance at annexing into the town and hooking up to the town’s sewer system. “The reason I was at the last meeting is the same reason I’ve come down to this one – it appears that every two years the town is approached by your neighbors asking the town to provide wastewater services to the country club.” “This is not something that the town has initiated,” Tarkowski said. “This is your community. I wish people would take that to heart. We’re not advocating anything,” Tarkowski said, adding that he does not know how much it would cost if the PCC chose to share the town’s wastewater system.

**June 6, 01**

**FAIN ROAD WILL BE FREEWAY:**
Construction will start within the year on the final piece of a new road network between Prescott and Prescott Valley. And that system officially will be a freeway, after action by the Yavapai County Board of Supervisors Monday. The supervisor’s plan shows connections with highways 89A and 69, along with interchanges at Lakeshore Drive and the Santa Fe Loop Road. Later on, the participating agencies may add an interchange south of Lakeshore Drive at Superstition Road.

**June 6, 01**

**PV, PRESCOTT WRANGLE OVER ANNEXATION:**
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**June 6, 01**

**PV SAYS THERE’S ROOM TO TALK:**
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Thursday evening. The first item on its list, by chance, happened to concern the annexation in question. Richard Parker, a Prescott Valley community planner, explained the proposed annexation and highlighted its borders on an overhead projector, and then the council opened the floor for public comment. Prescott Valley officials downplayed the importance of Prescott’s complaint in interviews with the Daily Courier after the special meeting.

June 10,01 **TOWN SEES BUDGET INCREASE OF NEARLY 29%:**
The Town of Prescott Valley is organizing its fiscal year 20001-02 budget whereby the Town Council will conduct a public hearing and adopt the final budget in July 12 of this year. Currently the total proposed budget for the FY 2001-02 rests at $36,738,170 and is divided into three components. Those three pieces include the following: The operating budget – the town’s day-to-day finances – totals $16,761,159. The capital improvement project budget, which pays for construction of the town’s buildings and other infrastructure, totals $16,595,191. The debt-service budget – for repaying money the town borrows – total is $3,381,820. “The largest increase in that budget area is in capital projects,” said Prescott Valley Town Manager Anthony Mortillaro.

June 10,01 **PRESCOTT AMA WELL LEVELS CONTINUE ANNUAL DECLINE:**
The latest annual state report on the Prescott Active Management Area’s water use shows continuing declines in well water levels. The water levels have dropped in 89 percent of the 92 Prescott Active Management Area (AMA) wells that the state measures, the Arizona Department of Water Resources report says. The department released the report Friday, and took the latest well measurements in March and April.

June 13,01 **TOWN CAUTIOUSLY AGGRESSIVE WITH 2001-2002 BUDGET:**
While increased population, diversity of businesses, and more recreation attractions have boosted Prescott Valley’s income, the town still grapples with a revenue stream that is heavily dependent on the health of the national economy. Town officials said that trend continues as they presented the proposed 2001-2002 annual budget to council last week. However, Prescott Valley’s growing population, need for services, and increasing infrastructure demands dictated a 28.6 percent increase in proposed expenditures, for the upcoming year.

June 13,01 **TOWN, POLICE UNION CONTINUE TALKS:**
Negotiations between the Town of Prescott Valley and the police union, Prescott Valley Police Officers Association, continue behind closed doors. Negotiations are ongoing and progressing, and once we reach a point where we can speak about it, we’ll have a press conference,” Town Manager Tony Mortillaro said.

June 13,01 **10 DAYS FOR TRIPLE FATALITY DUE:**
Yavapai County Superior Judge William T. Kiger handed down a sentence last week in the January 31, 1999 triple fatality accident on highway 89A in Prescott Valley. Shawn Easter, who pleaded guilty to DUI and possession of marijuana in the incident, will spend 10 days in jail and 5 years on probation.

June 13, 01 **HUMBOLDT SCHOOL BOARD MAY RAISE PROPERTY TAX:**
The HUSD school board may raise local property taxes to stretch state construction dollars for the new high school a little further. By invoking the Adjacent Ways tax assessment law, the board is considering passing from $711,000 to $1 million dollars in new school construction costs onto local property owners. The Board must vote on the matter no later than the July 24 scheduled public meeting.

June 13,01 **PV COUNCIL TO CONSIDER MINING, LAND PURCHASES AND THE BUDGET:**
In the past, Lynx Creek has drawn large numbers of people to its banks for the recreational sports of gold panning and metal detecting. In 1997, the Town of Prescott Valley obtained title to the area now known as Fain Park; the creek runs through the area. The existing town code prohibits gold mining activities at Lynx Lake. In recent months this code created some conflict among mining enthusiasts. On April 17, the Parks and Recreation Commission voted to recommend that the Town Council amend the town’s code to provide a limited exception for Fain Park,
thereby allowing specific types of gold mining. In addition, the amendment would allow continuation of the historical mining demonstrations during the town’s Gold Fever Days.

June 14,01  **PV DOWNTOWN LIGHTING PLAN COMING TOGETHER:**
The town of Prescott Valley is mulling over lighting fixture designs and features for its downtown area, including Main Street. Not unlike choosing an outfit that will complement the hand bag and accessories, the town must commit to a suitable lighting standard to complement existing and future building in the downtown area while staying in compliance with its Dark Sky Ordinance.

June 15,01  **STONERIDGE PLOWS AHEAD:**
After nearly three years of planning, SunCor Golf’s StoneRidge community is finally beginning to take shape. Workers recently finished rough grading the project’s 18-hole golf course, as well as about 75 percent of the grading for its first residential phase. The new, 1,840-acre master-planned community, located south of Highway 69 in the foothills of the Bradshaw Mountains, will eventually be home to more than 7,000 people. By its anticipated build-out in 10 to 12 years, the project will boast about 3,000-single and multi-family homes in eight different phases.

June 15,01  **PV SAFEWAY GETTING EXTENSIVE FACELIFT:**
Construction continues at the Prescott Valley Safeway Shopping Center, and for those brave shoppers, making their way through the current obstacle course of debris, the completion date probably can’t arrive soon enough. Even though this location is losing a small portion of its revenues, because of this inconvenience store manager Mark Logan knows it is only temporary. “By August we’re shooting for the grand opening of the re-opening of this store,” Logan said.

June 17,01  **PRESCOTT VALLEY BIKE COPS GET NEW WHEELS – COURTESY OF MERCEDES-BENZ:**
Mercedes-Benz donated a new patrol vehicle to the Prescott Valley Police Department, but it didn’t have four wheels or a stick shift. The company donated a state-of-the-art bicycle. The Prescott Valley Police Department got the new Mercedes-Benz bike after Sgt. P.J. Janik wrote to the company and asked for it. Six weeks later, on March 17, the bike arrived. He said the company is very willing to send the $2,500 sample to the department. The bike is designed specifically as a police bike, and Janik’s membership in the International Police Mountain Bike Association ensured Mercedes-Benz that the department would use the bike legitimately.

June 17,01  **TOWN APPROVES DEAL FOR INDUSTRIAL WATER:**
A number of Grapevine Industrial Park business owners recently approached Prescott Valley Water District officials requesting an extension of water services for that area. Town Council approved a development agreement between the district, and those owners, that would up-size a water transmission line to provide water service.

June 17,01  **GUIDANCE CLINIC HOSTS ‘SECOND CAREER’ FAIR:**
West Yavapai Guidance Clinic (WYGC) is sponsoring a “Second Career Fair” for tri-city area residents who are 50-plus years old. The clinic is looking for full-time and part-time people of all ages to work as case managers and case manager assistants with seriously ill citizens.

June 17,01  **BOGUS BILLS LEAD TO ARREST OF DEWEY PAIR:**
Prescott Valley police arrested two Dewey residents Friday on several charges, including forgery, after a bank in Prescott Valley reported an influx in the appearance of counterfeit $20 bills, according to Prescott Valley officials.

June 18,01  **PV POLICE: ROAD ARGUMENT MAY HAVE CAUSED GUNFIRE:**
Two Prescott Valley residents suffered bullet wounds as a man tried to run over them Saturday evening, according to Prescott Valley police officials. Prescott Valley police Sgt. P.J. Janik said the incident involved four people, whose names officers have not released. It occurred after the people involved got into an argument. “The incident could be the result of a traffic related altercation,” Janik said.

June 19,01  **WATER GROUP: PRESCOTT’S BIG CHINO PLAN TOO CONCEPTUAL TO ANALYZE:**
Prescott’s mitigation plan for its Big Chino groundwater use is too conceptual right now to review for its technical feasibility, the Yavapai County Water Advisory Committee’s technical group says. The Water Advisory committee will talk about the technical group’s comments during its regular monthly meeting at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the Prescott Valley Police Station.

**June 19,01**

**ANNUAL PRESCOTT VALLEY DAYS STARTS WEDNESDAY:**
The annual Prescott Valley Days, in existence for almost 20 years, features entertainment for the entire family Wednesday through Saturday. The event includes stage, entertainment, an aircraft show, and plenty of food vendors.

**June 20,01**

**PCC OWNERS TO FORM SEPTIC COMMITTEE:**
Maybe it was the newsletter sent to all Prescott Country Club (PCC) Owners’ Association Members that angered several of that area’s citizens. Or maybe it was the thought of possible clandestine meetings between some of the Prescott Owners’ Association (POA) board members. The binding tie between the above concerns is the possibility of the PCC annexing into the town of Prescott Valley and connecting to its sewer system. Tuesday night, however, the POA board approved the formation of a steering committee, made up of members expressing diverse opinions, addressing all concerns related to sewers and septic tanks.

**June 20,01**

**ADWR DRILLS ITS OWN TEST WELL IN PRESCOTT AMA:**
Arizona Department of Water Resources is drilling its very first well in the Prescott Active Management Area. The well will provide important information on both the nature of the Aquifer and on how the town’s annual 4,000 acre-feet of groundwater withdrawal is affecting the water level. “One well is not going to answer all our questions,” said ADWR Senior Hydrologist Bill Remick, who is supervising the drilling. “But it will give us a better picture of what’s going on down there.”

**June 20,01**

**TEST WELLS SHOW DECLINE IN WATER AQUIFER LEVEL:**
An Arizona Department of Water Resources annual report shows the Prescott Valley area continues to draw more groundwater from its aquifer than returns to it either naturally or as treated waste water. Test wells in the Prescott Valley area showed water levels dropping between 17 to 21 feet the past year, according to the ADWR report, the greatest drop in the entire Prescott Active Management Area. Though not disputing the ADWR conclusion drawn from test well data, the Town of Prescott Valley prefers to view the glass as half full, rather than half empty.

**June 20,01**

**BATTERY OF UMPIRES RE-ENERGIZES PRESCOTT VALLEY LITTLE LEAGUE:**
Prescott Valley Little League added the final ingredient necessary for a top-notch baseball program this season – dedicated umpires. “You really don’t have a program unless you have an umpire, in my opinion,” said PVLL Chief Umpire, Mike Picard. “Otherwise what you basically have is just a backyard league.”

**June 20,01**

**GOT THE ‘SUMMERTIME BLUES?’ NOT AT THE BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB:**
Got the summertime blues? There’s less chance of that if you are a member of the Central Yavapai Boys and Girls Club. A cacophony of noise greets you as you walk into the Club on Loos Dr. Busy kids and even busier staff are in constant motion, either playing games and creating crafts at the Club or enroute to several other destinations for summer fun. “We rotate the kids from here to the Mountain View Gym, Mountain Valley Splash pool to swim, or to the park for field games,” said Stacy Ross, program director for the Club. “We’re really busy,” said the Club’s Executive Director Vaughn Morris. “We have over 300 members already,” Vaughn said that the Boys and Girls Club finished last year with 426 members.

**June 22,01**

**WATER BOARD SHOOTS BOGEY AT GOLF COURSES:**
Yavapai County could become the first county in the state to outlaw the use of groundwater on rural golf courses. The county’s Water Advisory Committee recommended Wednesday that the Board of Supervisors shouldn’t allow future golf course developers to use any groundwater in the unincorporated parts of the county. “That is a very strong position this group has taken, and a
stronger position than any other (county) in Arizona,” said Water Advisory Co-Chair Larry Tarkowski, Prescott Valley’s public works director.

**June 22, 01**

**BOARD RECOMMENDS METERS FOR NEW HOUSING, INDUSTRIAL AND GOLF COURSE WELLS:**

The Yavapai County Water Advisory committee put its support Wednesday behind requiring new subdivisions, industrial users and golf courses to meter their wells. The committee followed its technical group’s recommendation to ask the county, its communities and Indian tribes to require the meters and to report to their local governments about annual water use. The whole point here is to get good data” about how much ground water major county wells are using, said Greg Kornrumpf of the Salt River Project.

**June 24, 01**

**COMMISSION TO OVERSEE 'RENAISSANCE ERA' IN PV:**

It took a while, but Prescott Valley has finally entered into its own Renaissance period by way of the recently revitalized Arts and Culture Commission. A seven-member panel of advisers now presides over the town’s emergence into enlightenment, and residents of the town stand to benefit from many culture-driven projects Prescott Valley has a long-standing ordinance regarding the arts, in which the town takes responsibility for “expanding experience with the visual arts in public places and other forms of cultural enrichment”

**June 24, 01**

**WELLS ARE DROPPING, BUT PV WATER IS OK FOR NOW:**

It’s good news to Prescott Valley that town residents appreciate the merits of saving the town’s precious resource -water. At the same though, a recent Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) report shows that water levels are dropping faster in the vicinity than anywhere else in the Prescott Active Management Area (AMA) All municipalities are receiving some pressure from the state and federal governments “to show initiative and leadership in the area of water conservation,” according to the towns newsletter, which credits Prescott Valley residents for being “some of the most thrifty waters users in the state.”

**June 24, 01**

**A DRIVING FORCE: AUTO DEALER PICKS PV:**

There’s a new automobile dealer in town, and its name is Mitsubishi. To his knowledge, it will be the town’s first new-vehicle dealership, said Town Manager Anthony Mortillaro. Dana Moore, who owns two new-vehicle lots in the Valley, recently sealed a deal with the town to build a 15-acre lot in the Glassford Hill Marketplace mixed use development, just behind the Castle Golf Funhouse on Highway 69.

**June 25, 01**

**BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB:**

The Boy and Girls Club of Central Yavapai celebrated Saturday the grand opening of its new building, which is at Robert Road and Loos Drive in Prescott Valley. It was formerly the senior center for Prescott Valley. The club has been in the building since December, and remodeling is still underway to add a library, tutoring center and technology center, club officials said. There are 310 area youths in the club’s summer program, which is in its second year.

**June 25, 01**

**REPORT RECOMMENDS WELL WATER RESTRICTIONS:**

A state commission’s preliminary report recommends stricter water-use limits on residential wells. The Governor’s water Management Commission released its interim report last week. The report offers preliminary recommendations about how to help the state’s five active management areas reach their groundwater use goals. The report includes one idea put forth by a Prescott AMA task force that preceded the commission to legalize regional water authorities or districts that could enable projects such as recharging the aquifer with recycled wastewater, and such as the tri-city plan to pump water from the Big Chino aquifer near Paulden south to the water-strapped Prescott AMA.

**June 26, 01**

**PV LIBRARY NOW OFFERS BOOKS – ELECTRONIC BOOKS, THAT IS:**

The Prescott Valley Public Library now offers e-books – a book accessible via the Internet – to the community and is one of the first libraries in the county to do so. Library patrons can choose from about 324 e-books and download their choices from home. Currently this service is available to citizens who do not carry a library card.
June 27, 01  SCHOOL DISTRICT WILL MOVE BUSINESS OFFICES TO PV:
In the interests of efficiency and cohesiveness, the Humboldt Unified School District has purchased the former Oak Leaf Furniture building in Prescott Valley to house district offices. Nearly 40 district personnel are currently scattered in several buildings throughout Dewey and Prescott Valley.

July 1, 01  PRESCOTT VALLEY GETS GRANT TO HELP IMPROVE CORRIDOR IMAGE:
In planning for the re-development for the Highway 69 and Prescott Valley Corridor, the Prescott Valley Town Council asked town officials to get help from Urban Design Studios, Inc., (UDA) a subsidiary of the RBF Consulting firm, which is already working with the town in its general plan update process. The town has learned that it will receive a $50,000 grant from the Greater Arizona Development Authority (GADA) to help with corridor planning, the request says.

July 1, 01  PV COUNCIL APPROVES CONSTRUCTION COST INCREASE, PLANNING PACKAGE:
As plans for the Prescott Valley Entertainment Center, adjacent to the Harkins Theatre, near completion, Town Council approved a change order to Fann Contracting for construction of that center Thursday evening during its regular session.

July 3, 01  PRESCOTT JUDGE DIES IN MONTANA WRECK:
Yavapai County’s legal community lost an innovative and energetic mainstay Monday afternoon when Judge Robert W Kuebler Jr. 53, died in a car accident while vacationing in Montana with his family. Kuebler was the Prescott city magistrate, Yavapai County justice of the peace and Yavapai- Prescott tribal judge. Yavapai Superior Court Judge Howard Hinson Jr. was also a close friend of Kuebler. “I don’t know how the justice system and the city is going to operate without him,” Hinson said. “There’s not going to be another like him.”

July 3, 01  PRESCOTT, PRESCOTT VALLEY REACH TENTATIVE ACCORD IN DISPUTE OVER ANNEXATION:
For the past several weeks officials from the Town of Prescott Valley and the City of Prescott have been negotiating to end an annexation dispute over thousands of acres of land. The annexation settlement agreement calls for both communities to withdraw their annexation petitions and re-file new petitions with the agreed-upon boundaries.

July 4, 01  PRESCOTT VALLEY SET FOR BIG FIREWORKS DISPLAY TONIGHT:
Prescott Valley skies will light up Wednesday as its Fourth of July fireworks begin at 9 p.m. at Mountain Valley Park. The cost of this year’s show is around $10,000, and the town general fund is providing the money. Nixon said between those watching from the park and those from their own homes, he expects more than 10,000 people will view the display.

July 5, 01  ADJACENT WAYS TAX TO PAY FOR NEW HUSD SCHOOL:
It’s called a revenue opportunity. And that opportunity could help build roadways and sidewalks leading to the Humboldt Unified School District’s new high school. The State School Facilities Board has authorized the district to build a new $11 million high school. Under the assessment law, the board could approve as much as $1 million in new school construction costs on to local property owners. That means taxpayers could expect to pay approximately $34 in additional taxes, for one year, on a home valued at $100,000.

July 8, 01  ADOT TO USE TRIBE’S PROPOSED CONNECTOR TO HALT DANGEROUS TURNS:
For the Arizona Department of Transportation, creating a safe way to get drivers from southbound Highway 89 to eastbound Highway 69 has been a major struggle. In the years of planning the new 69/89 interchange, this turning movement has been the sticking point. Often ADOT officials have wished they could eliminate left turns through the convoluted road connection. Now it appears they’ve succeeded. And, ADOT’s new partners on the job will be the Yavapai Prescott Indian Tribe and Yavapai County.

July 8, 01  ‘CASTLE ON THE CREEK’ HOLDS HISTORY, MYSTERY:
A three story history lesson in architecture and pioneer living sits in Fain Park along Lynx Creek. Barely visible through the tall trees that surround the house, the “Castle on the Creek,” otherwise known as the Barlow-Massicks home, once stood all alone. An air of mystery still pervades the historic home where an Englishman once shot cattle outside his window for sport. Written historical accounts say Thomas Gibson Barlow-Massicks set up a dredge operation on the banks of the creek where he built his home. He also established the town of Massicks that included a general store and post office that his sister, Maud, managed. The remains of that town are now part of Fain Park.

**July 10, 01**  
**NEW CANCER GUIDANCE CLINIC COMING TO PV:**  
The ground-breaking for a Prescott Valley cancer support center could take place by mid-September of this year. On Monday, the Prescott Valley Planning and Zoning Commission approved the construction plans for Gilda’s Club, a non-profit organization that actor Gene Wilder founded in New York in 1985. Wilder started Gilda’s club after his wife, comedienne Gilda Radner, died of ovarian cancer. Radner’s dream was “that no one should have to face cancer alone.” This center is the only one like it on the West Coast besides one affiliate club in Seattle, Wash. Yavapai County Gilda’s Club founder Wally Prysmyc explained that this center is not in competition with the medical profession.

**July 11, 01**  
**HIGHLANDS CENTER FOR NATURAL HISTORY MOVES CLOSER TO PV:**  
A 30-year-old educational organization is bringing new learning opportunities to Prescott Valley residents and students as it moves from Prescott to a Prescott National Forest site near Lynx Lake. The Highland Center for Natural History breaks ground later this month to begin construction of a $1.2 million “nature campus” where people will learn about the unique geological diversity of our area. We are science-based organization teaching the natural history of our highlands," said Center Executive Director Nichole Trushell. “We're not an environmental group, and we do not get involved in political environmental issues.

**July 11, 01**  
**HATCHERY CONTINUES TO STOCK FAIN LAKE:**  
Lynx Lake is in the Page Springs Hatchery schedule for 3,150 rainbow trout this week. You may notice the lake level is dropping, a precursor to some work on the dam that Arizona Game and Fish Department will perform some time in August. The water is being drained slowly to prevent erosion and other bad things from happening down stream from a too-rapid release of water.

**July 11, 01**  
**PRESCOTT COUNCIL OKS BOUNDARY LINE PACT:**  
The ball is in Prescott Valley’s court now. Tuesday, the Prescott City Council unanimously approved an intergovernmental agreement that would end months of strife over annexation boundaries between the two communities. And Prescott Valley’s Town Council will consider the agreement this week. With little discussion, the City Council voted 6-0, with Mayor Sam Steiger absent, to approve the agreement, which will set the boundary line between the communities for at least 15 years.

**July 15, 01**  
**REMEMBERING BOB KUEBLER:**  
To describe just one aspect of the life of Judge Robert W. Kuebler Jr. would neglect the very thing that made him such a driving force – not only in the Prescott community, but in the national judicial community as well. He poured every ounce of his being into each of his myriad and varied activities. “He used his energy and his enthusiasm and channeled it,” said Yavapai County administrator Jim Holst. Kuebler was part of Yavapai County’s legal community for nearly 30 years. He first came to Prescott as a deputy county attorney and became a judge in 1977. At the time of his death, he served as Prescott City Magistrate, Yavapai County Justice of the Peace and the Yavapai-Prescott Tribal Judge.

**July 15, 01**  
**PRESCOTT VALLEY BAILS OUT SENIOR CENTER:**  
A senior center in Prescott Valley almost closed its doors because of cash flow problems. The Central Arizona Senior Association (CASA) operates the senior center at 9360 E. Manzanita. The town owns the building and charges CASA $1 a year for rent. However, the center must pay
all operating expenses plus utilities. And those utilities have more than doubled since the center moved to its 9,000-square-foot building last year. “We rely strictly on donations and membership dues,” said CASA president Barbara Huff-Myers. Luckily, last week, town officials approved an amendment to the current lease agreement with CASA that will assist the center in getting out of debt and allow the center to keep its food program.

July 16, 01

HUSD SCHOOL BOARD RAISES PROPERTY TAXES:
The Humboldt United School District board approved an increase in local property taxes at a special meeting this past week. The decision will raise the tax on a $100,000 home about $35 so the district can gather about $600,000 toward town-required “offsite improvements” and utility easements for the new high school. The tax, called Adjacent Ways because the district uses it only for improving public ways adjacent to public schools, is the recommendation of the district Planning Principal Ron Maughan.

July 17, 01

PRESCOTT VALLEY MULLS NEW UTILITY REGS:
Since February, Gwen Janes has led a band of fellow Prescott Valley property owners through the confusing maze of utility regulations that, on the surface, should be beneficial to both the town and its citizenry. However, many property owners and landlords believed that only the town benefited from those rules, and the city presented several amendments to the current ruled to those property owners. During Monday night’s special work study session board members representing the Prescott Valley Water Company and the Prescott Valley Water District listened as concerned property owners asked for clarification of the improved water and sewer regulations. Approximately 16 items saw discussion. Town council members first must review the amended utility regulations and then council could approve those rules on July 26. In addition, the Prescott Valley Water Company will work on developing a brochure with the new regulations for current and future property owners.

July 17, 01

COUNTY, YRMC TO INK PACT TO EXPAND IN PV:
Yavapai County and Yavapai Regional Medical Center are collaborating to provide increased medical services in Prescott Valley. Monday, when the Yavapai County supervisors met in Cottonwood, they signed an agreement to team up in a 23,000-square-foot medical services building next to YRMC’s Del E. Webb Outpatient Center on Windsong Drive. YRMC will take the lead on construction and basically turn over the nearly 11,000-square-foot second floor to the county when the building is complete.

July 18, 01

POLICE DEPARTMENT, CIVIC CENTER GET NEW SIGNS:
Sheldon Scheffer of Signs Plus guides the new Prescott Valley Police Department sign off the truck and into place at the department parking lot entrance. Workers also installed a similar sign at the Civic Center entrance.

July 19, 01

PV LIONS DONATE LIFE-SAVING MACHINE:
Perhaps one of the most helpless feelings is to watch someone collapse and stop breathing. On average, explained Central Yavapai Fire District Chief Dave Curtis, once some one stops breathing, emergency personnel have only three minutes to resuscitate him successfully. An Automated External Defibrillator potentially will save a life by re-starting a heart that has stopped beating. Buying such lifesavers is the latest mission of the Prescott Valley Evening Lions Club. If all goes well, the Lions will place these AED units in large retail centers, banks and schools around Prescott Valley. The Lions Club is requesting the help of other local service organizations as part of a joint campaign effort, called Community Project AEDs, to place these units throughout the town.

July 20, 01

PV CITIZENS PONDER FUTURE LAND USE QUESTIONS:
Prescott Valley’s population may well double in the next 20 years, and that increase will demand proper land use planning. During Tuesday evening’s Prescott Valley Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) meeting, the task was to review and identify land use options. Deciding on a land-use alternative fits into the town’s General Plan 2020 – a series of goals and policies the town adopted. The alternative plan will identify uses of land for housing, business, industry,
recreation, education, public buildings and open spaces. Although the group did not make a
decision this week, a July 26 public joint hearing between the Town Council and the Planning
and Zoning Commission will discuss three alternative plans.

July 22,01

**COHEN TO STEP IN AS PV CHAMBER CHIEF:**
While the results won’t be official until the chamber’s installation dinner at Yavapai Downs at
Prescott Valley July 28, the Prescott Valley Chamber of Commerce has selected its new
leadership for 2001-2002. Sanford Cohen, owner of KPPV and KQNA radio stations, will be the
president of the fast-growing chamber. He is in his sixth year on the chamber. “We have made
tremendous progress over the past five years and I truly believe that it is within our power to
continue that progress in the coming year.”

July 24,01

**PV UNVEILS TRAIL SYSTEM MASTER PLAN:**
For the first time ever, Prescott Valley citizens will be able to walk or bicycle around town
safely. The future Prescott Valley pedestrian/bike path systems will meander through the town
and comprise a number of hard-surfaced, multi-use paths that will link people to schools, the
downtown area and the Entertainment Center still under construction.

July 25,01

**PV SEES 2000 INCREASE IN DUI ACCIDENTS, ARRESTS:**
The number of alcohol-related accidents and DUI arrests increased in Prescott Valley in the year
2000, according to a recent annual report; Prescott Valley Police Lt. Laura Molinaro attributes
the increase in both the number of alcohol-related population in the area. “With more people on
the road the odds are that more are trying to occupy the same space at the same time,” she said.
She also said several of the police officers have recently undergone advanced training in the
detection of impairment in drivers. She said the extra training means the officers are better at
identifying an impaired driver at the accident scenes.

July 27,01

**PRESCOTT VALLEY WATER, SEWER RATES TO RISE:**
Town officials have approved wastewater and water rates increase recommendations that will
become effective Sept 29. Wastewater rates have remained unchanged since 1994 and, if the
council approves, will increase by 9 percent. Last November, the town and the Prescott Valley
Water District entered into a consultant contract with Rick Giardina and Associates, Inc.
explained Prescott Valley Town Manager Anthony Mortillaro. As a result, a 19-panel Rate
Study Review Committee (RSRC) worked with the consultant firm and revised the wastewater
and water rates.

July 27,01

**PV PONDS THE FUTURE OF HIGHWAY 69:**
On Wednesday evening Prescott Valley citizens shared their future visions for the stretch of
Highway 69 that runs through town. Others expressed concerns about more immediate
problems, such as parking, drainage, signs, and landscaping, and especially dressing up the
entrance to the city. During a highway redevelopment master plan open house workshop, some
citizens wrote down their thoughts while others mingled around informational posters and
photographs of the present condition of the highway.

July 27,01

**STONERIDGE BEGINS FIRST SITE SALES THIS WEEKEND:**
StoneRidge will officially open for business this weekend. The master-planned community
plans to begin selling the 31 custom home sites inside its first phase at 10 a.m. tomorrow from its
new sales office off of Highway 69, just west of the Prescott East Highway Intersection. Sales
will open this fall for a wider selection of homes ranging from approximately 1,200 to 3,100
square feet and starting in the mid $120,000.

July 21,01

**NEED TO COOPERATE, MANDATE NO SURPRISE IN TRI-CITY AREA:**
By spring 2002, the tri-city’s governments will have no choice but to start making decisions as a
region. By 2000 census numbers, the urban area encompassing Prescott and Prescott Valley
exceeds the magic number of 50,000, turning the communities into a metropolitan area. And
when those numbers are final, around April 2002, the communities must form a metropolitan
planning organization, or MPO. After seeing special census figures in the quickly growing
communities in 1995, local leaders knew that they were fast closing in on the metropolitan area’s
lower limit. So, in 1996, the governments started working with various agencies to plan for the MPO – a governing body that already exists in the Phoenix, Tucson and Flagstaff areas. Tentatively, the first Yavapai Area Governments meeting will be the evening of Oct. 17, with a technical advisory committee meeting the morning of Oct. 18. “These will be history-making meetings,” Larry Tarkowski, a member of the technical advisory committee said.

July 30, 01  
**COUNCIL APPROVES FIRST LEG OF REGIONAL DISPATCH STUDY:**

Thursday evening town officials approved an intergovernmental agreement (IGA) with the City of Prescott for a consolidated dispatch study. A consultant firm will handle the study and determine the potential costs and savings of having a regionalized dispatch system serving several jurisdictions including both Prescott and Prescott Valley. In addition to Prescott, the Central Yavapai Fire District and Yavapai College already have expressed their approval for entering into the study.

Aug 1, 01  
**PV WORKING TO EQUALIZE WATER PRESSURES ACROSS TOWN:**

How’s your water pressure? Can you use your garden hose to peel paint, or is your water pressure so low that you have to start running the tub faucet on Thursday to take your Saturday bath? That probably depends on how close you live to a PRV. “It would be nice to run every home in Prescott Valley at 60 psi but no city in the country, except maybe in Kansas, can do that,” said Prescott Valley Public Works Director Larry Tarkowski. The Town is spending about $200,000 to install eight new PRVs to augment the four existing valves in an effort to equalize water pressures across town as much as financially feasible.

Aug 1, 01  
**FAIN CHAPEL TO OPEN DOORS IN FALL:**

“Trust God, Regardless.” That phrase, passed down from mother to daughter, will be etched on the non-denominational Fain Memorial Chapel slated for completion by the end of October. In memory of her mother, Carolyn Sue Fain wanted to pursue Johnie Lee Fain’s wish for a place of happiness and quiet repose that would be open to the public. “Where the Bradshaws meet the Mingus Mountains, I reached out and took God’s hand and He gave me the dream,” Fain said. The chapel will stand on a hill in Fain Park overlooking the lake and surrounding areas.

Aug 1, 01  
**PRESCOTT VALLEY PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE:**

Maybe it’s a bit premature to give the “softball Capital of the world,” a new address, but the clank of aluminum bats is just the latest addition to the burgeoning Prescott Valley Parks and Recreation Department. As the town continues to boom and shake free from its dependency on Prescott, PV’s Parks and Recreation Department is growing as well, at last providing town residents their own brand of recreation sports. Leading the charge is John Nixon who, after 10 successful years across town as Prescott Parks and Recreation director, has just finished off his first six fruitful months on the job as Prescott Valley Parks and Rec director.

Aug 8, 01  
**MILK SHAKE FAKE LANDS DEWEY COUPLE IN JAIL:**

Prescott Valley police have concluded a counterfeiting investigation that began with the attempted purchase of a milk shake with a fake $20 bill in June. PVPD Detective Ed Bills said investigators caught Dewey residents Bret Laurier, 36, and Jennifer Frazier, 26, in the act of selling counterfeit bills. Police charged each of the duo with three felony counts of fraud, one count of felony possession of dangerous drugs and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Aug 10, 01  
**BUSINESS PARK OFFERS ALTERNATIVE TO LEASING:**

A Canadian company has brought its condominium concept to Prescott Valley in an attempt to offer local businesses a cheaper and equity-building alternative to leasing space. Pacific Northwest Development Co., based in Victoria, British Columbia, recently finished the first phase of its Creekside Business Park at 2500 Fifth Street. The building contains 14 individual office-warehouse units, which each measure 1,244 square feet. The warehouse portions span 1,000 square feet, while the front office spaces are 244 square feet.

Aug 10, 01  
**PV, POLICE ARRIVE AT AGREEMENT:**

The Prescott Valley Town Council approved a memorandum of understanding between the town and the Prescott Valley Police Officers Association (PVPOA) Thursday evening that will raise
the communication plateau for police officers, sergeants and dispatchers. During several meeting between town officials and PVPOA representatives, the parties reached the agreement, which will allow for a meet-and-confer process regarding wages, hours and working conditions.

Aug 12, 01  
**COUNTRY CLUB SETS SEWER SURVEY:**
A Prescott Country Club survey could finally echo what many residents have been saying all along; keep septic tank systems in place and disregard a sewer hook-up to the Town of Prescott Valley. That survey, which went out Wednesday should provide the Prescott Owners Association (POA) board with an accurate number of PCC residents either for or against sewer systems.

Aug 12, 01  
**FAMILY OF ACCIDENT VICTIM FILES SUIT AGAINST PV:**
The parents of Evan Francis Spencer, one of the men who died as the result of a car accident during a police pursuit, have filed a lawsuit against the Town of Prescott Valley.

Aug 12, 01  
**PRESCOTT VALLEY COUNCIL PONDER GILDA’S CLUB, REGIONAL DISPATCH:**
On Thursday, the Prescott Valley Town Council approved the first reading of an ordinance that will set the wheels in motion for the construction of a cancer support and guidance center on Windsong Drive. Gilda’s Club will offer lectures, activities, yoga, meditation and workshops. All activities are free for family and friends who have or know someone living with cancer. In addition, council approved the inter-governmental agreement for a regional dispatch study with Central Yavapai Fire District (CYFD), the Town of Chino Valley and Yavapai Community College. The two remaining local agencies that could be involved in the dispatch center, the Yavapai County Sheriff’s Office and the Yavapai-Prescott Tribe, have not yet joined in.

Aug 15, 01  
**FIRST PVPOA AGREEMENT HAS NO ‘NEGATIVE FISCAL IMPACT’:**
Less than a year after announcing from the Civic Center steps that they had unionized, Prescott Valley police officers succeeded in overcoming Town Council opposition to force the Town to negotiate with its union. Last Thursday evening, Aug. 2, the council approved its first Memorandum of Understanding with Prescott Valley Police Officers Association. The MOU, according to Town Manager Tony Mortillaro, does not change police wages or benefits. “The MOU pretty much recognizes the efforts the Town put forward in the recent pay and benefits study”, Mortillaro said. “The MOU didn’t modify it, and that’s a confirmation that wages and benefits were appropriate to begin with.”

Aug 15, 01  
**POLICE UNION APPEARS TO HAVE CRIED ‘WOLF’ ON STAFFING LEVELS:**
In July last year the leaders of both the Prescott Valley Police Officers Association and the Arizona Conference of Police And Sheriffs told residents the issue between the officers and the Town was not about pay. The issue, they said, was about police staffing levels. “Are you feeling safe and secure?” AZCOPS president Charles Foy asked residents.

Aug 16, 01  
**PV WASTE PLANT TAKES CARE OF BUSINESS:**
Imagine a clear, bubbling spring surrounded by green hills where a profusion of sunflowers grows. Such a place exists right in Prescott Valley. As a matter of fact, such a place exists at the town’s waste water treatment plant. The Prescott Valley waste water treatment center works as an advanced treatment plant that uses physical and biological processes to treat the town’s sewer water. Before waste ever reaches the plant, it travels through under ground pipes ranging in size from eight inches to 24 inches in diameter, explained Prescott Valley Utility Services Manager Neil Wadsworth. He explained also that Prescott Valley processes around 1.6 million gallons of influent, or raw wastewater, a day through the treatment plant.

Aug 22, 01  
**TEENS START ONLINE VENTURE:**
Phillip Hernandez and Garrett McKeown of Prescott Valley don’t exactly fit teen-ager description. Dressed in professional attire with clean haircuts, these two young men look more like Wall Street Investors. And, they think about their future from a very professional point of view. One week before they started their junior year at Bradshaw Mountain High School these two 16-year-olds, launched their online, home based business, PV Classifieds. The business targets local clientele interested in posting their ads online.
Aug 22, 2001

OFFICIALS: PV’s FUTURE INCLUDES NEW HOSPITAL, ENOUGH WATER TO LAST ‘FOREVER’:
Prescott Valley will get its own inpatient hospital when Yavapai Community Hospital Association builds a 50-bed unit on Florentine Road. An agreement with the Town allows the hospital to expand to 250 beds or more in future construction phases. At a recent press conference sponsored by the Prescott Valley Chamber of Commerce and Prescott Country Club, Yavapai Regional Medical Center Director of Planning Devi Stone said the association will first build an addition to the Del E. Webb Outpatient Center on Windsong Drive. The addition will provide more services and house the county health center that is presently in Prescott. Stone said construction of the addition should be completed in about a year. Also at the press conference, Larry Tarkowski made a “state of the water” presentation in which he said the town has enough water reserve in its aquifer to last “hundreds of years,” perhaps for as long as 350 years.

Aug 24, 2001

PV TAKES ISSUE WITH PROPOSED REDISTRICTING:
Town officials will draft a letter opposing the legislative and congressional lines that the Independent Redistricting Commission (IRC) has drawn. According to that proposal, Yavapai County could split into three districts with Prescott Valley sharing a district with the Verde Valley and Flagstaff. Former Prescott City Council Member Lucy Mason compared the splits to pieces of pie.

Aug 26, 2001

REDISTRICTING PLAN DRAWS LOCAL POLITICIANS’S IRE:
Ridiculous, Nuts, Lunacy, Strange, Weird, Goofy, Screwy. These are some of the pejorative description that Yavapai County politicos are using to describe the new draft legislative district maps that split the Prescott tri-city area into three different districts. Prescott and Chino Valley would become underdogs to Mohave and La Paz county communities in the “River and Western Rural District.” As the Independent Redistricting commission describes it. Nearly all of Prescott Valley and part of Chino Valley would play second fiddle to the Verde Valley and Flagstaff in the “Verde Valley to Flagstaff Rural District.” The southern portion of Yavapai County would be under the thumb of Maricopa County interests in the “West Valley/Southern Yavapai Mixed Rural and Urban District.” That district would also include a portion of Prescott Valley that commissioners called small and unpopulated. Prescott Country Club, Dewey and Humboldt would also fall into that district.

Aug 28, 2001

100 YEARS OF SERVICE:
Community members helped honor four local leaders of non-profit organizations Saturday at the Valentine home, in Prescott. From left, Brad Newman, (Executive Director of Yavapai Exceptional Industries). Debbie McCasland (community events manager at Yavapai College), Kathy Murphy (executive director of Yavapai Big Brothers/Big Sisters) and Don Ostondorf, (chief executive officer to the West Yavapai Guidance Clinic), held a cake celebrating their combined 100 years of service with non-profit organizations. Each has given 25 years or more with their organization.

Aug 28, 2001

WATER COMMITTEE SEEKS COMMENTS THURSDAY:
The Yavapai County Water Advisory committee wants to hear about important local issues at a stakeholders meeting Thursday. The committee is inviting stakeholders – those with a special stake in local water issues – to attend the 1:30 p.m. meeting at the county administration building on Fair Street in Prescott. Stakeholders include large landowners, community organizations, watershed groups, and government agencies that own land or manage water resources.

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PV HISTORIAN CAROLYN SUE FAIN DIES:
Carolyn Sue Fain wanted to honor her mother’s memory with a chapel Johnie Lee Fain had envisioned above Fain Park containing six historic stained glass windows. She put the plans in motion, and nearly saw the finished memorial. Sadly, Carolyn passed away Monday, Aug. 20 at the age of 67, just weeks before the scheduled completion date. Known as Sue, Fain took over the building of the chapel her mother and friend Henry Lovello Brooks, owner of the stained glass windows, began. Sue Fain hired Bill Otwell to design the chapel and Mark Wetten
Brothers Construction to build it. Although Sue won’t see the completion, she was confident it would happen.

Aug. 30,01 COMMUNITIES UNITE IN OPPOSITION TO STATE REDISTRICTING PROPOSAL:
The tri-city area appears to be united in its dislike of the legislative redistricting plan that a statewide commission drafted recently. Former Prescott City Councilwoman Lucy Mason appeared before the Prescott Council this week to press for action against the plan, which would split the tri-cities into three separate state legislative districts. Mayor Sam Steiger assured Mason that the city is aware of the problems the plan could split the tri-cities. In fact, he said, he had just met with officials from Prescott Valley and Chino Valley, all of whom agreed that the redistricting plan would not be good for the area. “There was unanimity that there is an alternative plan,” Steiger said.

Aug 31,01 PV BUSINESSS OWNERS OBJECT TO TOWN’S OFF-SITE ORDINANCE:
Almost every county and town has one. And Prescott Valley is no exception. The town’s off-site improvement ordinance mandates that commercial property owners and new businesses adjacent to public roadways foot the bill for roadway upgrades. Some business owners beg to differ. “It (ordinance) is not getting us where we need to go,” said Prescott Valley business owner Chuck Fulton. “To have the contiguous property owners pay for the road improvements is flawed,” he said. While town officials said they understand that the current ordinance contains defects, the order stands until the council studies the issue in more detail.

Sept 2,01 YAVAPAI COUNTY, TRI-CITIES CONSIDER OPPOSING LEGISLATIVE MAPS TUESDAY:
The Prescott tri-city councils all plan to sign a letter opposing the draft legislative districts map for Arizona. Yavapai County Board of Supervisors Chairman Gheral Brownlow has joined Chino Valley Mayor Dan Main in saying that he’d like to sue the Arizona Independent Redistricting Commission if it doesn’t change the map before making it final. “We believe the proposed boundaries for our tri-city area will create division and destroy the unity of our region,” a draft letter from the mayors of Prescott, Prescott Valley and Chino Valley states. The Prescott Valley Town Council already has signed another letter for the commission.

Sept 6,01 THREE DISTRICTS? TRI-CITY RESIDENTS DEMAND ONLY ONE:
Yavapai County Supervisor Gheral Brownlow warned the Arizona Independent Redistricting Commission Wednesday that it would hear one phrase over and over against tri-city area. And it did. At the commission’s second and last public hearing in Yavapai County, one person after another approached the podium to urge the commission to keep the municipalities of Prescott, Prescott Valley and Chino Valley in one legislative district. The commission’s current draft map splits them into three districts.

Sept 6,01 COMMISSION AGREES LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS NEED CHANGE LOCALLY:
Yavapai County is one of the top problem areas in the latest draft legislative maps, Independent Redistricting Commission members told the Daily Courier Wednesday. As soon as the commission voted 4-to-1 last month to split Yavapai County into three legislative districts, it instructed its consultants to start researching better options, Chairman Steven Lynn and Commissioner James Huntwork said. “We all knew it was a problem,” said Huntwork, who cast the lone dissenting vote. After hearing some of the comments at the meeting, Lynn said the commission would have to be “comatose” not to get the hint that the Prescott tri-city area wants to be in one legislative district.

Sept 7,01 HUMBOLDT SCHOOL DISTRICT BALKS AT COST AND SPACE FOR TECHNOLOGY GRANT:
Bradshaw Mountain High School (BMHS) students may leave school with certified computer skills that will allow them to begin earning more than a high school principal immediately. The Humboldt Unified School District (HUSD) will apply for a state grant to teach the Cisco Networking Academy Cisco Certified Networking Associate (CCNA) certificate program at BMHS. “This will be a regular high school curriculum class,” HUSD’s director of technology,
Tony Korwin, told the school board at Tuesday’s public meeting. Four semesters of Cisco Academy instruction will prepare students to take a CCNA certification test. “That certificate will guarantee $70,000 jobs right out of high school,” Korwin said.

Sept 9,01  SHERIFF’S OFFICE BALKS AT REGIONAL DISPATCH CENTER:
The Yavapai County Sheriff’s Office does not support the creation of a tri-city dispatch center – unless it offers countywide coverage – but will wait to hear the results of a feasibility study scheduled to begin this month before making a final decision, according to Sheriff’s officials. The regional dispatch system would allow all law enforcement agencies to dispatch officers from one central location.

Sept 9,01  VERDE, TRI-CITY RESIDENTS DIFFER:
If the Prescott area’s tri-cities and the Verde Valley were in one legislative district, would that help them toward a solution to their water issues? Or do they need to continue to be in two separate districts, so they each can get better representation for their sometimes divergent water interests? At last week’s Independent Redistricting Commission meetings in Prescott and Flagstaff, Prescott area and Verde Valley speakers chose starkly different answers.

Sept 11,01  ACCESS CHANNEL LOOKS TO ESTABLISH REGIONAL EFFORT
For several years, the Prescott Community Access Channel (PCAC) board has contemplated the idea of a regional access channel for the entire tri-city area. Now, that concept has moved to center stage and has gained the support of the Prescott City Council. Last week, the council not only endorsed the idea for a new public access channel for educational programming, but it also gave PCAC the go-ahead top open discussions on a regional access channel effort. Channel 13 Station Manager Tim Lantz and PCAC Board Secretary Steven Ayres maintain that a move toward regionalization would help everybody involved.

Sept 12,01  A DAY OF INFAMY FOR THE BRAVE NEW WORLD:
I am still absorbing the immensity of the attack as I sit, writing this. The radio is muttering in the background, rehashing the details of the coordinated airliner hijacking and crashes in to the World Trade Center buildings and the Pentagon. I heard the news on my car radio as I drove to work this morning; at first I thought I was misunderstanding what was happening. I stopped at Coffee Mugs to check it out on the TV and ended up staying for 45 minutes, long enough to watch the second aircraft strike the WTC. Who carried out these attacks,? Why? It’s too early to know but, like many others, my suspicions fall immediately upon Arab Moslems of the Palestinian/Libyan/ ilk. (By Art Merrill, Tribune reporter)

Sept 12,01  PV OFFICIALS ‘IN SHOCK’ OVER ATTACKS:
After multiple terrorist attacks on the east coast Tuesday morning, Prescott Valley officials urged people to do what they can by giving blood while local residents awaited news of their families on the east coast. Mayor Rick Killingsworth and Town Manager Tony Mortillaro said they were still numb from the news about the attack and collapse of the World Trade Centers and another attack on the Pentagon.

Sept 13,01  GOLD FEVER DAY:
There’s still gold in them thar hills – and along the banks of Lynx Creek. Prescott Valley’s fifth annual Gold Fever Day hits town Saturday, and the event offers everyone a chance at prospecting for shiny, yellow nuggets and flakes at Fain Park. In addition, visitors and locals will enjoy interesting tours of the creek, Fain Park and the Fitzmaurice Ruins courtesy of the Prescott Valley Historical Society.

Sept 14,01  PRESCOTT VALLEY AMENDS OFF-SITE IMPROVEMENT ORDINANCE:
Commercial property owners and new businesses Adjacent to public roadways will not have to pay the entire cost of roadway upgrades after a Prescott Valley Town Council vote Thursday. By unanimous decision, the council approved the resolution that amends the ordinance that once required owners to pay the full cost of upgrades.

Sept 19,01  YAVAPAI FOOD BANK IS SHORT ON DONATIONS:
Within the past two months, before the terrorist attacks in New York and Washington, the Yavapai Food Bank in Prescott Valley experienced a “tremendous drop-off of donations,” claimed the bank’s executive director, Ann Wilson. Despite mass mailing and newspaper ads, Wilson said that the bank’s condition remains poor. “People are not responding,” she said. Volunteers run the bank and Wilson explained that lately she could barely pay the utility bills.

Sept 20, 01

COMMISSION HAS IDEAS TO CHANGE WATER REGS:
The Governor’s Water Management Commission is bringing its show on the road. The commission is doing a legislatively mandated, comprehensive review of the state laws dealing with the five active management areas (AMAs). Its recommendations to the governor could have far-reaching impacts in the Prescott AMA that includes Prescott, Chino Valley and Prescott Valley.

Sept 20, 01

PRESCOTT AMA COVETS COLORADO RIVER WATER:
Northern Arizona should get a share of this state’s Colorado River water allocation, the Prescott Active Management Area’s advisory board says. The Prescott Active Management Area (AMA) Groundwater Users Advisory Council is the same group that makes Prescott AMA recommendations in to the Governor’s Water Management Commission (GWMC). The GWMC is reviewing state laws and regulations that deal with the state’s five AMAs, and it’s the first such comprehensive review in two decades. The Prescott AMA council wrote a letter to the GWMC Tuesday that seeks the remainder of the state’s unallocated Colorado River water – 60,000 acre-feet – for the Prescott AMA, Verde Valley and Coconino County.

Sept 23, 01

EFFORT TO PROTECT CHILDREN COMES TO LIFE IN PV:
Hands off our children. If our hands are on – their hands are off! Kooiman Realty and the Prescott Valley Chamber of Commerce will present the first Hands Off Our Children event, through which they hope to educate and inform local communities about missing children and adults and crimes against children. Lew Rees, Chamber executive director, said the chamber as a business organization, has many reasons to take a lead in this effort. “We are trying to be proactive and preventative,” he said. This is something that impacts everybody. Our kids are the most valuable resource we have and we have to take care of them. We are going to build an area where those people (predators) are not going to be welcome.”

Sept 25, 01

DUO CREATES, MAINTAINS TRAILS AT FAIR PARK:
It’s unbelievable how that man walks up and down the dirt trails. Bill Ruane said he’s been walking the Fain Park area for five years. Despite the white cap of hair and walking stick at his side, most likely carried for comfort rather than anything else, Ruane belies his elderly status. He couldn’t always walk like that, explained Jean Cross and Jerry Munderloh. Both Cross and Munderloh created and maintained the numerous trails that criss-cross around Fain Park. Both citizens clear brush, move rocks, make trails and pick up trash at Fain Park – a two-year labor of love for the public. One trail stands out because, by design, blind citizens can trek through a huge tamarisk tree, meander easily along a nature trail and read, from Braille signs, about the park’s plant and wildlife.

Sept 26, 01

STUDENTS LAUNCH PENNY DRIVE TO HELP NEW YORK FIREFIGHTERS’ FAMILIES:
Bernadette Marcotte and her children Kristina and Michael Cardenas wanted to do something for the families of the firefighters who gave their lives trying to save others trapped in the World Trade Center’s twin towers. This Prescott Valley family only intended to raise money with a penny drive on their street, and at Coyote Springs Elementary, but their efforts quickly became a community project. “It started out a family idea, and ended up a community endeavor,” said Bernadette Marcotte.

Sept 26, 01

ACORN MONTESSORI SCHOOL EXPANDS:
Acorn Montessori Charter School in Prescott Valley celebrated its upcoming expansion with an August 30 groundbreaking ceremony. John and Cynthia Puplava founded the school one year
ago. Puplava says the new building opens in February and includes three classrooms and a multi-purpose room. She says the main reason for expansion was for more space.

**Sept 30,01**

**PRESCOTT VALLEY MAYOR EARN INTERNATIONAL HONOR:**
Last week, the executive director and publisher of the Who’s Who Historical Society Publication announced the inuction of Prescott Valley Mayor Richard Killingsworth into the International Who’s Who of Professionals (IWWP).” When you get something like this, it’s a great honor. I don’t know how they (IWWP) pick,” Killingsworth said.

**Oct 1,01**

**TRI-CITY EXPRESSWAY PROJECT SPEEDS UP:**
Construction of the high-speed road system for the Prescott tri-city area is speeding up. The State Transportation Board has loaned the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) $3.3 million to speed up preparations for the five-mile-long Highway 89A widening project north of Prescott Valley. ADOT also plans to seek another $14 million loan to build the project quicker. That would put the last two phases of the Highway 89A project on the same schedule as Yavapai County’s project to realign and pave Fain Road. Both could be finished by the year 2004.

**Oct 2,01**

**PV PROMOTES ENTERPRISE ZONE:**
The Town of Prescott Valley wants Yavapai County to help it create an enterprise zone. A state program allows regions to establish enterprise zones to aid economic development. The state offers income tax credits and better property tax classifications for businesses in enterprise zones. Yavapai County has the smallest area of enterprise zones in the state. This county’s only zone is located in Prescott, while some zones cover entire counties. That makes it hard for this area to compete in attracting new businesses, Prescott Valley Town Manager Anthony Mortillaro said. The town just wants to level the playing field, he said.

**Oct 3,01**

**COUNCIL TO MULL NEW BUILDING IN BIG SKY:**
More jobs loom on the horizon for area residents. Prescott Valley’s Big Sky Industrial Park, east of the Ace Hardware Distribution Center, will include additional commercial and industrial buildings. Since March of last year town officials, in conjunction with the Prescott Valley Economic Development Foundation, and interested developers, have discussed the idea of providing incentives to large businesses. In turn, those incentives would attract large businesses to Prescott Valley. Council members will consider a development agreement with Prescott Valley Commercial Development Group, L.L.C. (PVCDG), during Thursday’s regular council meeting at 7 p.m. 7501 E. Civic Center.

**Oct 4,01**

**COMMISSION SEEKS COMMENTS ON PROPOSED WATER LAW CHANGES:**
The Governor’s Water Management Commission is seeking comments in Prescott Valley Friday about its sweeping recommendations for changes to state water law. The open house takes place at the Prescott Valley Civic Center, 7501 E. Civic Circle. This is the only open house the commission will conduct in this region.

**Oct 5,01**

**PV COUNCIL TAKES ON NEW TASK AS WATER DISTRICT BOARD:**
“Tonight we will wear another hat for the first time,” Mayor Richard Killingsworth said Thursday, referring to the agenda of the newly formed StoneRidge community water district. The council agreed on a development agreement between the town and SunCor Development Co. that forms the StoneRidge Community Facilities District (SRCFD) for the development, which is just south of Highway 69, in the Bradshaw Mountain foothills. The SRCFD will help finance StoneRidge’s on-and off-site infrastructure.

**Oct 7,01**

**PRESCOTT, PV EYE COMBINED DISPATCH EFFORT:**
The Prescott and Prescott Valley police departments are one step closer temporarily consolidating their dispatch centers after the Prescott Valley Town Council approved the proposal. The Chief of the Prescott Police Department, Bob Reed, said that he and Prescott Valley Police Chief Daniel Schatz have been considering the temporary move for about a month and a half.

**Oct 7,01**

**PV REJECTS PROPOSED REVENUE CUT, OKS JOINT DISPATCH SERVICES:**
Town officials will send a letter to state representatives opposing Arizona Gov. Jane Hull’s proposed 4 percent cut in state shared revenues. That proposed edition will likely affect the town’s estimated share of $173,000. During Thursday’s regular Town Council meeting, Town Manager Anthony Mortillaro explained that, in theory, if the state’s estimations are off by 10 percent, the town’s budget will be off by 10 percent. “From our budget standpoint, we’re losing about 14 percent,” Mortillaro said, adding that he could receive more information on those budget figures by mid-October. The council also agreed to join the Prescott Valley Police dispatch services with those of the City of Prescott. “This is a win-win situation for both communities.” Mortillaro said.

**PV COUNCIL APPROVES ‘BIG SKY’ COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN:**
Prescott Valley’s Big Sky Industrial Park, east of the Ace Hardware Distribution Center, could see some changes in the near future. During Thursday’s council meeting, the council approved and adopted a development agreement between the town, the town’s water district and Prescott Valley Commercial Development Group (PVCDG) that will provide incentives toward the planning of at least three new commercial buildings. The sales tax revenues and fees for those three buildings will bring an estimated $276,798 to the town.

**PV, PRESCOTT MOVE AHEAD ON DISPATCH CONSOLIDATION ISSUE:**
The Prescott and Prescott Valley police departments will begin work Friday to consolidate their dispatch centers after the Prescott City Council approved the proposal Tuesday afternoon. The arrangement is to last until June 2002. But either agency can terminate the agreement at any time.

**STUDY CALLS FOR DISPATCHERS, NOT OFFICERS OR BIKE PATROLS:**
The Prescott Valley Police Department will promote sergeants and add dispatchers, a detective, and a Lieutenant over the next year. Additional patrol officers, however, are not among the changes a hired consultant is recommending. Town Manager Tony Mortillaro said the Town paid $75,000 for the DMG Maximus study, which encompassed all Town departments, and that implementing the recommended changes Town-wide will cost $606,000. “But the annual savings in following the recommendations amount to $214,298 each year for the next four to five years, He said.

**COMMISSION OKS NEW MAP FOR LEGISLATURE:**
The State Independent Redistricting Commission on Sunday approved new legislative districts that created more minority-dominated districts while giving Republicans solid ground to continue to dominate the Legislature. District C (Yavapai-Coconino): Most of Yavapai County except for Flagstaff. Including the Prescott area, Cottonwood, Camp Verde, Clarkdale and Sedona.

**HUSD BREAKS GROUND:**
With a new high school groundbreaking in Prescott Valley Monday, Humboldt Unified School District began another chapter in its history. HUSD Superintendent Cynthia Verdugo Wood welcomed some 200 guests – community and educational leaders, parents, students, local and state dignitaries, including Prescott Valley Mayor Richard Killingsworth, Judge Keith Carson, House Representative Henry Camarot (D-Prescott), Debra Baker, a staff assistant from Sen. John McCain’s office – at the groundbreaking site. Expressing the importance of having this ninth school in the district, Wood said that it will “bring to this community many proudful times, a strong academic focus for your children and a strong message to this community that the Prescott Valley, Humboldt and Dewey areas care about the students who live in our school district and our communities.”

**PV FIREFIGHTERS RETURN HOME FROM ‘GROUND ZERO’:**
A tall brick building on narrow Duane Street in the heart of Manhattan Island, New York City, is a magnet for New Yorkers and visitors alike. The building houses New York Fire Dept. Engine Company 7. In a scene that repeats itself at fire stations throughout the city, people stop by to say “Thank You” and to offer condolences for lost firefighters. Here, two Prescott Valley men
have been working for a month, and now they’re handing their hard-earned organization and information over to a new command, a Federal Emergency Management team from Alaska, who will carry on where they leave off. Central Yavapai Fire District Battalion Chief Pruett Small and U.S. Forest Service Verde Fire District Manager Dugger Hughes, both Prescott Valley residents, are supervisors on the Southwest Critical Management Team.

Oct 18,01 OLD STAMP MILL COULD SOON BECOME A FAIN PARK FIXTURE:
A recently discovered 100-year-old rusted and charred stamp mill, all but hidden, lies in the brushy overgrowth near Fain Park. Jerry Munderloh, who helps maintain the park’s trails with fellow volunteer Jean Cross, located the mill and wants the town to place it in the park for public view and appreciation. Years ago, before Prescott Valley purchased the park land from the Fain Family, vandals burnt the old mill, causing irreparable damage, according to Prescott Valley Public Works Director Larry Tarkowski. Now, the mill will get a second chance at life.

Oct 18,01 SHOW PUTS ‘SPOTLIGHT’ ON INNER WORKINGS OF POLICE:
A star is born in the Prescott Valley Police Department. Officer Jennifer Miller is hosting a new cable television show, Spotlight on PVPD, on channel 13 that promotes various programs the police department offers. “We want to inform the public on what we have to offer here and fill in the gaps for what the public wasn’t aware that we offered,” Miller said.

Oct 18,01 LOCAL GOVERNMENTS KICK OFF METROPOLITAN PLANNING EFFORT:
Boundaries and money were among the topics that emerged during the first meeting of the Central Yavapai Association of Governments Wednesday night. And it appeared that those issues will be crucial for the association, which is a precursor to the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) that will soon chart the tri-city area’s transportation future. MPO status kicks in when an urban area exceeds the 50,000 population mark. For the past five years, local officials have predicted that Prescott and Prescott Valley combined would reach that level in the 2000 census.

Oct 18,01 FINAL LEGISLATIVE MAP SHOULD HELP RIVER BASIN WORK OUT ISSUES, OFFICIALS SAY:
The final map for Arizona’s future legislative districts will foster cooperation between the Prescott tri-cities and the Verde Valley on water issues, several local officials say. The Independent Redistricting Commission completed its final legislative and congressional district maps Sunday. Only some “minor tweaking” remains for the commission’s Nov. 3 meeting before it sends the new maps to the U.S. Department of Justice for its 60-day review, spokes person Amy Rezzonico said.

Oct 19,01 MAYOR SCOLDS LAZY LANDLORDS:
During Thursday’s regular council meeting, one person stood up and said, ”Landlords need to be treated separately from their tenants.” That sentiment rang loudly all day as the town’s utility department disconnected water service, because of unpaid water bills, all over the town. Currently, explained Prescott Valley Mayor Richard Killingsworth, the town’s ordinance stands and that means the current revised bill collection methods remain as well. However, Killingsworth issued a stern warning, to all Prescott Valley landlords: “As of tonight, I’m putting landlords on notice.” “Now we’re having an extreme problem with the landlords,” he said. “…We, as the council and directed by me, will re-examine this ordinance,” Killingsworth said. He demanded again that landlords begin paying the bills and stop placing the burden on the tenants.

Oct 21,01 PV EASES UP ON LATE BILL PAYERS … FOR NOW:
The town’s Utility Department currently uses unfriendly software. The vendor for that software either would not, or could not, provide upgrades to the existing utility program, explained Linda Thorson, administrative services director. During Thursday’s council meeting, the Town Council approved a temporary modification to the delinquency charge system.

Oct 21,01 HOW’S THE WEATHER?:

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For 17 years, Bob and Grace McBride have provided daily weather reports to the Courier. Now, the McBrides will retire from their voluntary post. The couple records the high and low temperatures for the day and calls in those results, to the newspaper, early every morning in addition to maintaining a weather log book.

Oct 22,01

**PATRIOTISM INVADES SCHOOL HALLS IN PV:**
In a school gym, hundreds of little hands extended as if they were reaching for the stars; they moved in a synchronized motion following a patriotic song. About 600 first through fifth grade students, teachers and parents participated in a patriotic assembly last week at Mountain View Elementary. American Legion Post 6 presented the American flag while students recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Oct 29,01

**BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB TELETHON RAKES IN $30,020:**
With the Pledge of Allegiance and the song “God Bless America,” the Newell brothers – Mathew, 7, and Levi, 5, - opened the third annual telethon of the Boys and Girls Club of Central Yavapai at the Prescott Valley Civic Center Friday. The telethon is a 28-hour-long televised fund raiser to raise money necessary to support various programs of the club that offers support and services to nearly 800 youths each year.

Nov 2,01

**PV COUNCIL STARTS TRAFFIC STUDY:**
A new traffic impact study will help the Town of Prescott Valley develop a traffic review program regarding the future of its roads. The Prescott Valley Town Council approved an agreement Thursday with the consulting firm Heffernan and Associates for the study that will help town officials create a simple, fair method of determining new development fees. The council also approved a final development plan for four medical office buildings totaling 11,000 square feet on Windsong Drive.

Nov 4,01

**NEW WELLS REVEAL DETAILS ABOUT AQUIFER:**
Three new wells in the Prescott Active Management Area will help water managers gain a better understanding of how the precious groundwater system works. The Arizona Department of Water Resources will use the drilling information to refine its conceptual model of the Prescott AMA aquifer system. “ADWR is very pleased with the data obtained from drilling three new wells,” said Carol Walti, water resources specialist for ADWR’s Prescott AMA office. “With this information we can refine the hydrologic model and improve our understanding of hydrologic conditions in the Prescott AMA.”

Nov 5,01

**PV COPS GET NEW UNIFORMS:**
It’s out with the old and in with the new for the Prescott Valley Police Department – officers are sporting a new look. “We’ve got some new duds, and everybody is excited,” said Chief of Police Daniel Schatz. He said that officers initiated the change in the uniforms because many of them thought that the black uniforms are trendier.

Nov 6,01

**HUMBOLDT SCHOOLS ‘STRUT’ THEIR COMPUTERS:**
The teachers and students of the Humboldt Unified School District (HUSD) have something to smile about this semester. The district recently received 85 computers – contributions of STRUT (Students Recycling Used Technologies) and the Prescott National Forest. The new collection of computers will be a valuable addition to 400 computers that HUSD received a year ago from the State Facility Board (SFB), said Tony Korwin, the district’s technology director.

Nov 13,01

**MEMORIAL QUILT – PROJECT HONORING VICTIMS OF SEPT. 11 TERRORIST ATTACKS SPANS THE GLOBE:**
In the aftermath of the Sept 11 terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, Amy Leasure continues working with hundreds of volunteers world-wide on the memorial quilt project she co-founded with her friend and fellow quilter, Chris Davis. The WTCV/Pentagon/PA Memorial Quilt project evolved into a phenomenon that exceeded Leasure’s expectations. The simple, heartfelt idea of creating a quilt commemorating all of those lost lives became a project that interested the world – and Japanese producer Maki Kato. Kato brought her Japanese television crew, from NHK Educational Television, to the Central Arizona Seniors Association.
(CASA) Saturday for the filming of her documentary on the memorial quilt project. Leasure and Davis designed a Web site that explains, to any online visitor, the motivation behind the project and the sewing guidelines for the quilted blocks that will complete the memorial quilt. Various quilting guilds throughout the Country, and world, participated in piecing together the memorial quilted blocks, then sent the completed panel back to Prescott Valley.

Nov 14,01  **TIP GRADUATES NEW CLASS, HONORS THOSE WHO ASSIST VICTIMS:**
Trauma Intervention Programs, Inc. (TIP) has an active local chapter, and they’ve already begun to make their mark helping victims of accidents and other tragedies in the Prescott Valley area. TIP volunteers undergo a extensive training program, after which they are on call to provide compassionate assistance to accident victims and their families. Firefighters and police say they appreciate the program because when they leave an accident or fire scene with a patient, they know the people left behind also have assistance and comfort from someone who cares.

Nov 14,01  **MAYORS PROCLAIM NOVEMBER ‘VETERANS REMEMBRANCE MONTH’:**
Elks Lodge 330 in Prescott Valley recently succeeded in its efforts to encourage the mayors of Prescott Valley, Prescott and Chino Valley to officially proclaim November, 2001 as “Veterans Remembrance Month.” “Elks are always supportive of our veterans,” said Elks Lodge 330 Exalted Ruler R. Keith Carson. “One of our primary goals is, as long as there is a veteran in need, we will help.”

Nov 15,01  **WORK TO COMBINE PRESCOTT, PV POLICE DISPATCH CENTERS CONTINUES:**
Representatives from both the Prescott and Prescott Valley police departments met Wednesday morning to fine-tune the consolidation of their dispatch centers. Officials from both agencies meet once a week to prepare for the experimental consolidation. “We’re really working on the nuts and bolts of it …the hard part is out of the way,” said Prescott Valley Police Sgt. P.J. Janik.

Nov 18,01  **TOWN CENTER TAKING SHAPE:**
Looking at the larger picture, the new Western Warehouse is the latest piece of the puzzle to fall into place for the Fain Signature Group’s vision of a “New Urbanist” Prescott Valley Town Center. New Urbanism is a planning concept that began evolving during the 1980’s, it focuses on mixed-use, pedestrian-friendly downtown cores, with residential areas close to shopping, jobs, recreation and transportation.

Nov 18,01  **CLARKDALE-AREA RESIDENTS WORRY ABOUT EFFECTS OF NEW CITY WELL:**
Residents of the Haskell Springs area are worried that a new Cottonwood Water Works well will exacerbate problems with declining wells. The Haskell Springs area lies in and around the Town of Clarkdale. The Yavapai County Water Advisory Committee, which has verified reports of declining Haskell Springs area well, will ask the Arizona Department of Water Resources to require a study of the area’s geology and hydrology before ADWR lets the water company use Central Arizona Project (CAP) money on the project.

Nov 19,01  **WAC WAITS FOR STATE RESPONSE TO PAULDEN PROJECT:**
The Yavapai County Water Advisory Committee will wait to see how the Arizona Department of Water Resources responds to a Salt River Project complaint about a Paulden development, before the committee registers its own comments. The state granted a 100-year adequate water supply certificate to the Rancho Cielo development 10 years ago, concluding that it has sufficient water to meet the development’s demands for 100 years. The state recently concluded that that certificate still is valid.

Nov 19,01  **PIPELINE WILL COST NEARLY $9 MILLION:**
The initial engineering information is in on the city’s planned water pipeline from Paulden, and the estimates place the project’s cost at nearly $9 million. In August, the city entered a half-million-dollar contract with Black and Veatch Engineers to design the pipeline the city plans to run from the Big Chino aquifer in Paulden.

Nov 21,01  **PIPELINE ADVANCES AMID VERDE OBJECTIONS:**
Preliminary plans for a $9 million pipeline from Paulden to Chino Valley got smooth sailing with the Prescott City Council this week, despite an effort by a Camp Verde town councilman to
offer comments. At their study session on Tuesday, members of the Prescott City Council had few questions and voiced only support for the interim report from the engineering firm that is working on the design of the pipeline. The council plans to consider the report again next week on its consent agenda.

Nov 21,01  **PV STILL NEGOTIATING WITH BATCH PLANT:**
The Town of Prescott Valley and the owners of the Fain Road/89A gravel mine are still negotiating a settlement even as they wait to hear a pending decision from Arizona Department of Water Resources. The two entities have been embattled since 1999 over the mine’s operation, its groundwater pumping and the mine’s asphalt batch plant.

Nov 21,01  **WATER USE A BIG PART OF PV/MEADOW VALLEY BATTLE:**
*Sept.12,2000* Town of PV files with Arizona Dept. Of Water Resources and objection to the Meadow Valley Contractors, Inc.(MVC) application to drill up to four wells to withdraw 70 acre feet (23 Millions Gallons) of ground water annually for its mining and batch plant operations. Meadow Valley is already pumping water from an exempt (35gal./min) well. *Dec. 13, 2000:* ADWR issues notice of intent to issue a permit to MVC for 70 acre feet of water annually, but and error on the application causes ADWR to revoke the permit. MVC immediately files a new application, and this time PV files an objection that, under state law, ADWR should require MVC to consider connecting to the Town’s Water system. Prescott Ridge Property Owners Association (PRPOA) also field's an objection with concerns that MVC’s pumpage will impact residential wells in the Prescott Ridge subdivision. *March, 2001:* PV Town staff again tries to negotiate with MVC, dropping objections to the asphalt batch plant, and instead focusing on reducing noise and smell and raising the quality of screening in return for hooking up to the PV water supply. PV repeated its offer in May, 2001, but MVC had already found all the water it needed by drilling a well under an “exploration permit” from ADWR. *June 8,2001:* ADWR issues notice of intent to issue MVC a permit to pump 70 acre feet per year. *July 13,2001:* PV files formal appeal, arguing that MVC should be required to consider using effluent instead of groundwater. PRPOA appealed. *August, 2001:* PV and PRPOA meets with MVC in ADWR offices for an informal settlement conference. *Sept 10-11, 2001:* The hearing Administrative Law Judge hears from all sides, taking the matter under advisement and leaving the record open until October 5, 2001, so that all parties could submit additional facts and conclusions.

Nov 21,01  **STONERIDGE OPENS CUSTOM HOME SALES AT PV DEVELOPMENT:**
StoneRidge, SunCor’s new 1,840-acre golf course community in Prescott Valley, opened custom home sales on November 17. Homes built by Suncor’s Golden Heritage Homes range in size from 1,200 to 3,100 square feet, and prices start in the $130,000s.

Nov 21,01  **TOWN CONTINUES SOFTWARE CONTRACT, DESPITE TROUBLE WITH VENDOR:**
The town of Prescott Valley will continue working with its current software vendor, HTE Inc., because it’s the only company that can provide software for the town’s different divisions including finances and daily operations. Part of the problem also, explained Linda Thorson, administrative services director, was that HTE experienced large staff turnovers. Indeed, Thorson explained, the town will require that HTE sign a performance bond contract – used generally for construction bids.

Nov 21,01  **VALLEY OF LIGHTS, IT’S SO BRIGHT:**
A holly wreath tunnel and Cinderella castle are two of the new displays this season at Valley of Lights, opening Thursday at Fain Park. Last year’s first-ever event drew 75,000 visitors, and Chamber officials are expecting 100,000 to view the larger display this year during its run from Thanksgiving to the New Year.

Nov 21,01  **MAJOR DEVELOPMENT CONTINUES IN PV:**
December is a ground-breaking month for new Prescott Valley businesses. According to Community Development Director Richard Parker, Prescott Valley’s first new car dealership, Prescott Valley Mitsubishi, will break ground in December. Also in the same Glassford
Regional Market Place development adjacent to Castle Golf, the first 225-unit phase of Glassford Hill Terraces, a luxury apartment complex, will start construction. In the Prescott Valley Town Center, across from Harkins Theater, Fain Signature Group will start construction on 120,000 square feet of retail and office space. Over in the Fry’s Neighborhood Center, Fain Signature Group has three spaces leased: Streets of New York Pizza, Comet One-Hour Cleaners and You’ve Got Mail. A total of 59,000 square feet is available for lease, from 800 to 17,400 square feet.

Nov 28,01  **HISTORIC STAMP MILL TAKES ITS PLACE IN FAIN PARK:**  
A historic relic found a new home recently. Instead of lying rusted and forgotten in a bed of rocks, an old stamp mill that once crushed ore for a mining operation now sits near the nature trails in Fain Park.

Nov 28,01  **GENERAL PLAN 2020 DESIGNATES GROWTH AREAS FOR 20 YEARS:**  
The General Plan 2020 committee has divided the document into seven elements dealing with specific aspects of planned growth: Growth Areas, Land Use, Circulation, Environmental Planning and Water Resources, Open Space, and Cost of Development. The Growth Areas element designates Prescott Valley land for residential, commercial, and other specific uses, and splits growth into “tiers”. Tier I growth focuses on “infilling” 21,600 acres within Prescott Valley’s immediate boundaries, and gives that a priority over developing outlying areas. Tier II concerns growing into the 16,300 acres surrounding Tier I, and includes Prescott Country Club and the county fairground. Tier III, encompassing another 14,000 acres, looks beyond the 20-year scope of General Plan 2020, with land use east of Prescott Valley, left undesignated for residential, commercial, or any other specific purposes.

Nov 29,01  **TOWN REVIEWS NEW GENERAL PLAN, INVITES PUBLIC TO LAST OPEN HOUSE:**  
In March, town citizens will vote on a new general plan – the Prescott Valley General Plan 2020. On Saturday citizens would have their final chance to provide suggestions and help steer the course of Prescott Valley’s future. The public can take issue with how the town should pursue maintaining an adequate water supply, promoting the use of reclaimed water for golf courses and establishing a joint-use agreement between the Humboldt Unified School District and the town for additional recreational opportunities. In addition, some of the key issues protecting the air, establishing a major cultural and civic center, and improving the appearance of the Highway 69 corridor.

Dec 5,01  **GP 2020 CALLS FOR BIKE LANES, TRAILS, ROAD IMPROVEMENTS:**  
The General Plan 2020 Circulation Element (Chapter 5) examines Prescott Valley’s present and planned design for moving vehicles, bicycles, pedestrians, and public transportation through our town. GP 2020 projects Prescott Valley’s population by the year 2020 at nearly 57,000 – twice that of today. Prescott Valley must pay close attention to keeping traffic moving smoothly.

Dec 5,01  **PRESCOTT EYES SECOND BIG CHINO SITE:**  
With the half-million-dollar Big Chino pipeline design well under way, City of Prescott officials abruptly announced this week that they are considering a plan that could change the city’s course on alternative water. In a surprise move, the city announced this week that it has gone out for proposals for a hydrological, study “in the far northern reaches of Williamson Valley.” The study area is “in the vicinity of the Las Vegas Ranch.” The new move does not mean that the city is abandoning the Paulden option, but it could bring the project into question in the future. City Manager Larry Asaro said the city will proceed with the design of the Paulden pipeline and look at it – along with the results of the Williamson Valley hydrological study – in the spring to determine how the city should proceed. In the meantime, Asaro said, “We can’t give up the Big Chino at Paulden, because that’s a known entity.”

Dec 5,01  **GP 2020 PUBLIC HEARINGS DEC. 10 – 11:**  
State law requires Prescott Valley Planning and Zoning Commission to hold at least two public hearings at two different municipal locations so that residents may comment on the General Plan.
PV P&Z Commission will conduct the first hearing as part of its regularly scheduled Monday, Dec. 10 public meeting at the civic center. The second public hearing will be on the next evening, Dec. 11, at 6:30 p.m. at Glassford Hill Middle School. The state requires a 60-day public review of the revised General Plan. Publication of the General Plan 2020 draft on Nov. 9 officially started the review period. The Town Council will vote Jan. 10 whether to accept the General Plan.

Dec 5,01  PV RESIDENTS ‘WALK’ THROUGH GENERAL PLAN:
More than 100 citizens visited the town’s General Plan 2020 Open House Saturday, peppering representatives from the RBF Consulting firm and the Citizens Advisory Committee with questions and comments during the four-hour affair. RBF consultants and town officials will review and consider the comments and issues that came up during the open house, explained RBF planner Collette Morse.

Dec 5,01  PV STREETS GROUP SEEKING VOLUNTEERS:
The town of Prescott Valley continues the search for Prescott Valley residents willing to serve on the Prescott Valley Streets Committee. Any resident with an interest in the future of the town’s sidewalks, curbs, gutters, street lights and upgraded roads may join the committee.

Dec 6,01  PV STREETS AND ROADS TO GET NEW NAMES:
In the near future the town will receive several additions to its roadways. The Town Council recently approved a design for the town’s new back-lit street signs for placement at three intersections along Glassford Hill Road. The signs will go into place at Centre Court, Florentine Road and Long Look Drive. In addition, two lit street signs will be placed at the intersections of StoneRidge Drive and Highway 69 and Lake Valley Road and Pav Way. Council also approved the renaming of some of the streets, and names for several new streets.

Dec 9,01  PVPD CHANGES COMMAND CHAIN:
The Prescott Valley Police Department is adding more command staff positions to allow the department to grow. A major change is the addition of senior lead officers in the department. Chief of Police Daniel Schatz said they will divide the town into four districts or beats and will assign a senior lead officer to each area, probably some time in January. Each (senior lead officer) will get a district they will be in charge of as far as our community policing efforts,” he said. “The backbone of the police department is patrol,” Schatz said. “Everything else supports them.”

Dec 12,01  PV GEARS UP FOR MORE BUSINESS, INDUSTRY:
A recent workforce report lists Prescott Valley as an ideal location of future manufacturing and industrial businesses, according to Prescott Valley Economic Development Director Gary Marks. “We do not know the names of the companies, but we are on the list for customer service centers that are considering this area very closely. We have two or three projects that we’re still on the hunt for,” Marks said.

Dec 12,01  GP 2020 ‘NEEDS WORK ON EFFLUENT,’ CHANGES PURPOSE OF OPEN SPACE:
This is the fourth in a series of General Plan 2020 articles intended to encourage residents to read the draft plan for themselves and submit comments to the Town. Residents can see the draft plan at the Town library, view it on-line at [www.ci.prescott-valley.az.us](http://www.ci.prescott-valley.az.us), or obtain a copy on CD-ROM from the community Development Department in the civic center.

Dec 12,01  VALLEY OF LIGHTS: ONE OF STATE’S TOP 5 EVENTS:
The wind blows a ladder over as volunteers and Town of Prescott Valley employees work to reconstruct the snowflake tunnel at Fain Park’s Valley of Lights. High winds from the storm on Thanksgiving weekend knocked the tunnel down. Arizona Tourist News Magazine has named Valley of Lights one of the top five events in the state during the holidays.

Dec 13,01  TRANSITION TO NEW TRANSPORTATION GROUP NOT VERY EASY, SO FAR:
Yavapai County won’t sign an agreement creating a new tri-city transportation planning group anytime soon, Board of Supervisors Chairman Gheral Brownlow says. Prescott, Prescott Valley and Chino Valley already have signed an intergovernmental agreement concerning the new
group, which they have dubbed the interim Central Yavapai Association of Governments (CYAG). CYAG will be the name of the future federally mandated metropolitan transportation planning organization (MPO) for the tri-city region.

Dec 18,01  **SUPES DISAGREE WITH MUNICIPALITIES ABOUT TRANSPORTATION GROUP:** Yavapai County supervisors agreed Monday they’re far from ready to sign an agreement about future tri-city transportation planning. But supervisors agreed they will wait, possibly until the federal government requires at least part of the tri-city area to form a metropolitan planning organization (MPO) for regional transportation planning. Census numbers that come out next year should confirm the region is urban and must form an MPO, although they don’t agree what the boundaries will be. That MPO will get hundreds of thousands of dollars in federal money to improve tri-city transportation corridors. Right now, the four governments get separate federal payments.

Dec 19,01  **PV, AREA COMMUNITIES RALLY BEHIND FOOD DRIVE FOR FIFTH YEAR:** The Burning Desire to Feed the Hungry began some five years ago when Chamber of Commerce Director Lew Rees, PV Tribune Editor Heidi Dahms, and former KKLD Sales Manager Gary Hershey camped out for 25 hours at Mountain Valley Park and invited people to bring donations of food and money for the Yavapai Food Bank. Food drive organizers and the Yavapai Food Bank invite you to make donations any time of the year. For information, call the Yavapai Food bank at 775-5255.

Dec. 19,01  **PV COUNCIL CONSIDERS FOUR-YEAR PLAN FOR SOCCER FIELD IMPROVEMENTS:** Over the past several months, the Parks and Recreation Department staff met with Prescott Valley Little League and Yavapai Soccer League representatives and discussed the four-year renovation schedule for the town’s ball and soccer fields. Current conditions at the Amphitheater soccer field near the Mountain Valley Park Pavilion, in addition to the park’s 4-plex outfields, “are less than ideal” says a department report. Parks and Recreation will begin work on the amphitheater next year, followed by improvements at the soccer field and four outfields.

Dec 19,01  **TOWN PLANS PARK WATCH PROGRAM FOR FUTURE:** At least 45 acts of vandalism scarred several Prescott Valley parks during the months of October and November, according to a recent Parks and Recreation report. The Parks and Recreation Commission approved the department’s proposed Citizen Park Watch volunteer program as a solution to those problems. The department, with help from the Prescott Valley Police Department, will recruit, place and train 32 volunteers with at least two in each park and between four and six volunteers for both Mountain Valley and Fain Parks, explained Parks and Recreation Director John Nixon.

Dec 19,01  **GP 2020: STRONGEST POLICIES FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:** As continued development brings tens of thousands of new residents to Prescott Valley, how will the Town pay for more police, utilities, roads, and other public service to accommodate them? General Plan 2020’s cost of Development Element, Chapter 8, will guide the Town in charging impact fees for new construction to apply to that money directly to support and expand those services. Tables in Chapter 9 provide data in employment, tax collection, and numbers of building permits issued by the state, county and Town. At five pages, Chapter 10 is by far the shortest Element in GP 2020. This chapter, General Plan Administration, outlines the procedures established by state law for the adoption, amendment, and review of the general plan.

Dec 23,01  **TRI-CITY ANNEXATIONS STRETCH BORDERS, PATIENCE:** The year just ending was one in which all three of the tri-city communities flexed their boundaries a bit through separate annexation bids. Over the course of the past year, thousands of acres of undeveloped ranchland and Arizona State Land have been up for grabs among Prescott, Prescott Valley and Chino Valley. And because the annexation efforts overlapped in places, some sparring occurred among local officials to determine just where the boundaries should be.
The matter never made it to the courtroom, however. After some weeks of negotiations, both sides agreed on an annexation settlement that called for the two communities to withdraw their annexation petitions and re-file new ones with the agreed-upon boundaries.

Dec 23,01

**PRESCOTT VALLEY TOWN ‘HERD’ TAKES CARE OF BUSINESS:**
In that members of the Town Council often wear several hats, including their day jobs and town duties, Thursday evening’s council meeting proved no exception. The town “herd” donned blinking reindeer hats in celebration of the holiday season and approved many items on the agenda.

Dec 25,01

**HORSE RACING, FAIR MOVE TO PRESCOTT VALLEY:**
The Town of Prescott Valley enjoyed a banner year, including the grand opening of Yavapai Downs during Memorial Day weekend. More than 60 years of horse racing memories moved from the site in Prescott to the new location at Highway 89A and Fain Road. The state-of-the-art mile-long oval track and the 50,000-square-foot equestrian center with hockey amenities put Yavapai Downs on the list as perhaps one of the nation’s finest venues.

Dec 27,01

**NEW LEGISLATIVE BOUNDARIES COMBINE TRI-CITIES WITH VERDE:**
Will it help resolve differences between the Verde Valley and Prescott area to be in the same legislative district? We are likely to soon find out. Every ten years since Arizona became a state, the Legislature has used new Census population information to set new legislative and congressional district boundaries. But for the first time in history in 2001, the job went to others. Voters decided the new Independent Redistricting Commission would be less partisan in its boundaries. The commission’s new boundaries offer a vastly different Legislative District 1. While in the past it included western Yavapai County and parts of Mohave County all the way to the Colorado River, the new boundaries take out Mohave, substituting the Verde Valley and Coconino County all the way north to the rim of the Grand Canyon, excluding Flagstaff.

Dec 28,01

**ROBERT ROAD GOES STRAIGHT:**
The Robert Road Extension carried its first traffic Thursday after Prescott Valley Mayor Richard Killingsworth cut the ribbon that marked the grand opening of the new road. “Finally we have a north-south route,” Killingsworth said. The total realignment cost $1,340,000. That went for the purchase of land, engineering and inspection costs, construction and contingency expenses. The new Robert Road runs north of Long Mesa Drive to Highway 89A east of Coyote Springs Elementary School – adjacent to the future sight of the new Humboldt Unified School District High School.

Dec 28,01

**DEVELOPER PLANS NEW APARTMENT COMPLEX FOR GLASSFORD HILL:**
Biltmore Holdings and the Case Group plan to begin work this spring on Glassford Hill Terraces, a new apartment complex in Prescott Valley, and they hope to begin renting units by mid-summer. The Prescott Valley Town Council recently approved the project’s first phase, consisting of 226 apartments. Depending on the first phase’s success, the two Valley-area firms may also pursue a second phase of an additional 90 units, said Steve Buchanan, of the Case Group.

Dec 31,01

**PV POLICE UPDATE DISASTER PLAN:**
In the aftermath of the Sept.11 tragedy the Prescott Valley Police Department reviewed and updated the town’s Disaster Guides and Plans. According to Arizona statutes, cities and towns must provide an emergency management plan. The police department follows such a plan and in addition activates its Emergency Operations Center (EOC), which will serve as the town’s command post and headquarters during a serious emergency or major disaster, explained police chief Dan Schatz.

Jan 2,02

**PRESCOTT VALLEY HELPS TO PATROL PRESCOTT DURING SHOOTING INCIDENT:**
Prescott Valley police patrolled the streets of Prescott Friday night, Dec. 21, when the Prescott PD responded to the shooting of two of its officers diverted too many of its own patrol officers.
“We sent over two officers to shag calls while Prescott PD was busy with the shooting incident,” said PVPD Lt. Laura Molinaro.

**Jan 2,02**

**TOWN CONSIDERS TRAFFIC LIGHT AT SPOUSE/GLASSFORD:**
The intersection of Spouse Drive and Glassford Hill Road may get a traffic light, depending upon the results of a traffic “warrant study” next summer. The consideration will come almost precisely one year after a July 19, 2001 fatal accident at that intersection that took the lives of two PV residents. “We’re going to budget a warrant study for a traffic light on next fiscal year’s budget,” said Town Public Works Director Larry Tarkowski. The fiscal year begins in July.

**Jan 4,02**

**PV COUNCIL MEMBER CONNER RESIGNS:**
After 12 years of serving on the Prescott Valley Town Council, Eunice Eileen Conner turned in her resignation early Thursday, citing family health concerns. Conner will vacate her position Jan. 18. “Eunice Conner is one of the finest individuals I’ve ever had the privilege to know, and the town of Prescott Valley has benefited tremendously from her devoted service,” said Mayor Richard Killingsworth.

**Jan 6,02**

**NEW PROJECT COULD CREATE HUNDREDS OF JOBS:**
A group of local investors hopes to raise this town’s stakes in the economic development sweepstakes with a new project off of Valley Road. The Prescott Valley Commercial Development Group, consisting of eight local investors led by President Steve Rutherford, recently broke ground on the first phase of its 13.5 acre Prescott Valley Corporate Park, just east of the Ace Retail Center. In an unusually aggressive move, the investors decided to begin work on the first phase - a 50,000-square-foot building sitting on about 5 acres – without first having someone lined up to fill it.

**Jan 9,02**

**MINE GAINS WATER PERMIT:**
The clock is running out for the Town and Prescott Ridge residents to file appeals in court decisions that, so far, have all been favorable to the owners of the mine at the eastern edge of Prescott Valley. Arizona Department of Water Resources approved late last year a Meadow Valley Contractors, Inc. application for a permit to withdraw 70 acre-feet of water annually from the same aquifer that Prescott Valley draws its own water. We will be looking at all our options in the event our settlement agreement with Meadow Valley doesn’t work out,” said Town Attorney Ivan Legler. Town Manager Tony Mortillaro is negotiating with Meadow Valley CEO Brad Larson on hooking the mine up to Town water instead of drilling its own wells, Legler said.

**Jan 9,02**

**CONNER RESIGNS COUNCIL POST:**
After 12 years of serving on the Prescott Valley Town Council, Eunice Conner turned in her resignation early Thursday, citing family health concerns. Conner will vacate her position effective Jan. 18. “I’m going to sincerely miss serving this community as a council member,” Conner said.

**Jan 9,02**

**CONNER A “QUIET GIANT”:**
Eunice Conner has served on the Prescott Valley Town Council through a decade of unprecedented growth. Those who have worked with her for the past 12 years say they’ll miss her contributions. “It was extremely difficult for me to make this decision, but in the end I must do what’s in the best interests of my family.” “That was kind of a shocker, but she’s doing this because of the health of her husband: she wants to spend more time with Dick,” said Mayor Rick Killingsworth.

**Jan 9,02**

**STUDY: 5,000 LOCAL WORKERS OVERQUALIFIED:**
More than 5,000 employees in the Prescott area are holding jobs that they are over-qualified for. Most would like to move on to something else if the money were right. That is a tidbit of information that likely would be of interest to employers who are looking to relocate their businesses in the tri-city area. Coming up with such information was the point of a regional labor study that tri-city area recently hired a consultant to conduct. A number of local entities helped to pay for the study. Along with the City of Prescott and the Town of Prescott Valley,
the Yavapai County Small Business Development Center. The Chino Valley Chamber of Commerce, the Big Bug Alliance, and the Prescott Valley Economic Development Foundation all pitched in to help pay for the study.

Jan 10, 02

4 FILE $500,000 CLAIMS VS. PV OVER ACCIDENT:
Four people have filed $500,000 notices of claim against the town of Prescott Valley over injuries they allegedly suffered in a July traffic accident. The three-vehicle accident that forms the basis of the claims occurred on July 3. That evening, Prescott Valley police received a call about a domestic violence dispute at a local restaurant. Police stopped the suspect, James Daniel Baudhuin of Chino Valley. Baudhuin allegedly fled from police on Highway 69. Officers initially followed Baudhuin but reportedly terminated the pursuit when they realized he was with his 4-year-old son. According to police reports, Baudhuin collided with two other vehicles.

Jan 13, 02

PV COUNCIL OKS SETTLEMENT WITH GRAVEL COMPANY:
The Town Council has approved a settlement agreement between the town and Meadow Valley Contractors, Inc. This agreement stops all legal action against Meadow Valley and sets limitations for that gravel mining operation. The town will ensure that Meadow Valley “employ the best industry practices for water conservation, dust suppression, noise suppression, light suppression,” Town Manager Anthony Mortillaro said.

Jan 14, 02

HUSD BOARD TO CONSIDER SCHOOL’S POPULATION MAKE-UP:
The Humboldt Unified School district Board members plan to discuss a new high school composition proposal during their public meeting on Tuesday. The meeting will start 7 p.m. at the Prescott Valley Magistrate Court, 7501 E. Civic Circle. According to the new proposal, the new high school, which is in a process of construction, would stay an all-freshmen campus for three years. Bradshaw Mountain High School would serve sophomores, juniors and seniors. The district would review this model during the spring of each year.

Jan 15, 02

NEW ENGINE CREW ON JOB, HELLMAN RETIRES:
Central Yavapai Fire District has a new engine crew and will be sending some new faces to the rescue. CYFD Chief Dave Curtis said the new fire crew began working on Jan 1. CYFD spokesman Rod Lopez said the new engine crew will work out of Station 53 in Prescott Valley.

“\r\nWe added the engine company because the call volume is going up in Prescott Valley,” Lopez said. The department also will buy a new fire engine for the crew. Curtis said they bid on a truck Monday.

Jan 16, 02

GRAVEL MINE GRATES ON SUBDIVISION’S SERENITY:
Some residents of a Prescott Valley subdivision are engaged in a battle to salvage the serenity they thought they purchased with their property. They said the pastoral enjoyment of silent grasslands, grazing pronghorn, clear air and spectacular sunsets are daily shattered by the noise, explosions, dust, and smell of their new neighbor, an open pit gravel mine. “Before we bought here we were coming out at night to watch the sunsets,” said Al Volpe, who with his wife, Rita, were the first Mingus West residents in 2000. “There was no sign of anything happening at the mine site. There was very little noise. We loved what we saw, and we bought. Right after that the mine really started going. “I appreciate where they’re coming from and we are doing things to alleviate their concerns,” said Brad Larson, CEO of Meadow Valley Contractors, Inc., which owns the mine. “I think we’re doing the best job we can, under the circumstances.”

Jan 16, 02

FOUR WANT $2 MIL IN TERMINATED PV POLICE PURSUIT:
Four persons injured in a three-vehicle collision in Prescott Valley last July have filed $2 million in claims against the Town, blaming a terminated Prescott Valley police pursuit for the crash. “Following standard procedure, town staff has forwarded the claims to the Arizona Municipal Risk Retention Pool for claims adjustment.” Said Town spokesperson Chris O’Brien.

Jan 16, 02

HUSD DEFENDS USE OF EMERGENCY CLAUSE:
The Humboldt Unified School District claims that the hiring of outside vendor CompuTime fits under the district’s emergency clause policy because of the circumstances in December 2001. The district hired CompuTime after the Dec. 4 arrest of Tony Korwin, the district’s technology
director, on a threats charge. Police arrested Korwin after his subordinate, Judy Clark, made a claim that she allegedly overheard him threatening the entire school district. Since the incident, Korwin has been on paid administrative reassignment. “We called CompuTime in an emergency situation,” said Dr. Cynthia Wood, the district’s superintendent. “At that point we didn’t know how much service we would need until they came and got started. And we are hoping for the blueprint here shortly before we determine any further service.”

Jan 16,02

SIZZLIN’ CYFD:
Central Yavapai Fire District now has its own version of the Dare police car – a Fire Education fire truck. Fire Marshall Charlie Cook and Chief Mechanic Dale Wagner conceived the idea and got the go - ahead from Fire Chief Curtis. The district will use the truck in parades and for activities promoting fire education. “But it’s still a fully operational pumper truck that we can use at fires,” Cook said.

Jan 18,02

PRESCOTT VALLEY WILL ADD NEW DEVELOPMENT POST:
The Town of Prescott Valley will expand its services and add another in-house department in the near future. This new Economic Development Division will focus on bringing in more retail businesses to the community and improving those retail enterprises already in existence. The Prescott Valley Economic Development Foundation (PVEDF) currently recruits industrial, commercial and manufacturing firms – and the Chamber of Commerce promotes business retention and tourism.

Jan 18,02

STONERIDGE ESTABLISHES A LINK:
Developers of the new StoneRidge residential community in Prescott Valley recently completed construction of a $1.2 million bridge crossing Lynx Creek. Construction is also well under way on a number of model homes, as well as a $1.5- million golf clubhouse.

Jan 18,02

PV APPROVES GENERAL PLAN, SETS DATE FOR PUBLIC VOTE:
The Town Council approved General Plan 2020 Thursday and set the date of March 12 for a special mail ballot election to ratify the plan. Some of the key issues under the new plan include protecting the air, establishing a major cultural and civic center and improving the appearance of the Highway 69 Corridor. Citizens can still obtain copies of the General Plan at the Prescott Valley Public Library, the town manager’s office and the Community Development Department.

Jan 18,02

PLANNED HUSD HIGH SCHOOL MAY BEGIN AS FRESHMAN ONLY:
The new Humboldt Unified School District (HUSD) high school, which is under construction, might be an all-freshman campus for three years. Superintendent Cynthia Wood proposed an all-freshmen campus concept to the HUSD school board during its regular public meeting on Tuesday. “As we approach a 100-day count, we are staying at a steady number of students,” she said. Because of the enrollment figures and finances, Wood said, the administration has decided to review the initial proposal.

Jan 18,02

SUPES WANT MORE CONTROL OVER WATER BOARD:
The Yavapai County Water Advisory Committee will meet soon with the county’s Board of Supervisors to determine the committee’s future scope – whether the committee will only advise the board or continue to be more actively involved in water issues. Superintendent Gheral Brownlow thinks the committee is going behind the scope that the supervisors envisioned when they created it two years ago.

Jan 22,02

TEACHERS WANT HUSD TO DRAFT HIRING PLAN:
As the meet-and-confer process embarked this past week for Humboldt Unified School District (HUSD) educators, the teachers union expressed its concerns over the issues that relate to a significant increase in the number of employees in areas other than teaching. The district needs to come up with a hiring plan immediately to avoid a possible budget crisis in the near future, said Humboldt Education Association (HEA) President David Newman in his open letter to the board. Over the past two years, the district has increased its employee base by 100 positions and fewer than 20 of them are teachers, Newman stressed.
BRADSHAW BOYS MARCH ONTO COPPER STAR ROSTER:
Two Bradshaw Mountain High School seniors have good reason to be proud. They recently earned a spot to play on an elite marching band. Nic Evans, 18, and Johnny Nguyen, 17, joined the “CopperStar Drum and Bugle Corps” marching band after successfully auditioning for it late last year. Both of the seniors auditioned to play on the bass, however, Nguyen traded his bass spot to play various instruments in the ensemble. “I have made the NBA of marching bands,” Evans said. The drum and Bugle corps is the cream of the crop.” “It is a great opportunity for me to be a part of it, because I always have loved music,” Nguyen added. “And I hope to go to college and become a music instructor.”

SRP SAYS YAVAPAI WELLS ARE TAPPING ITS WATER:
The second-largest water provider in Arizona has pinpointed a swath of Verde Valley where it contends that wells are taking surface water. If the state ends up agreeing with the Salt River Project (SRP) map, thousands of well owners within that swath could end up losing their right to pump water freely – including municipal providers. SRP services approximately 1.5 million customers and gets 35 percent to 40 percent of its surface water from its water rights on the Verde River, estimates Dave Roberts, SRP’s water rights and contracts manager. And 85 percent of SRP’s total water supply comes from surface water. Its senior water rights date back to as far as 1869 on the Verde.

TRAFFIC CONTROL IS A ‘RED-LIGHT, GREEN-LIGHT’ AFFAIR:
The Federal Highway Administration (FHA) mandates certain rules that towns must follow regarding the installation of traffic signal lights. The Town of Prescott Valley conducts a study with every planned traffic signal, explained Public Works Operations Manager Ken Stanton. The town must first make road improvements that include creating a right turn lane for the planned traffic signal at Pav Way and Lake Valley Drive. The cost for the design and planning process will be about $34,000, and the actual building of that light will cost an estimated $161,700, Stanton said. The new signal at StoneRidge and Highway 69 will cost about $354,200, with the design, engineering and inspection costs running at $52,500. The town also plans to install a traffic signal at the new Viewpoint Drive and Highway 89A.

HUMBOLDT ELEMENTARY HAS SERVED GENERATIONS:
Humboldt Elementary student Tom Richards knows that the bell mounted on his school has a tale that goes beyond tolling the beginning and the end of the school day. “It came from the old Humboldt school,” he said, referring to the school that burned down in 1932, decades before he was born. “It got burned down.” Many years after the fire, Helen Swenson, a school administrator, discovered the bell in the basement of the Arctic Ice House, which became the community’s school after the fire. “In 1966, 34 years after the fire, Mr. Ady, the owner of the building at the time, led me on a tour of the premises. “We came across the old bell in a remote corner of the basement. Mr. Ady graciously offered it to me, for the school, as I was the administrator at that time. The current Humboldt Elementary School mounted the bell on top of the main building in 1967. At that time, Tom’s father, George, was a third grader.

PV TO RELOCATE MAIN WATER MAIN:
The town must move an existing water main, located on the south side of Highway 89A, because of planned road work by the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT). The water main runs from the water tanks east of Glassford Hill Road to Winchester Drive. This water main relocation project must see completion before the spring of this year – when ADOT’s road widening project begins, according to a town report.

NEW AUTO DEALER BREAKS GROUND:
Since you can see most of the town from the site of the new Mitsubishi dealership, most of the town can also see it, perched high along the east side of Glassford Hill. The dealership is terracing its 15-acre site into five distinct levels. Each terrace will be roughly 10 feet high, 50 feet wide and more than 600 feet long. The developers also plan to dress up the final site with a
comprehensive landscaping plan, and they have agreed to designate about five acres as open space.

**Jan 30,02**

**ROOKIE COP SCORES TWICE ON CAR THEFTS:**

A Tucson couple who made Prescott Valley their destination town got bed and breakfast at Yavapai County jail last week when PV police arrested the pair on multiple vehicle theft and burglary charges. At about 3:15 a.m. on Thursday, Jan. 24, PV police officers Patrick Ruiz and Ben Baker saw two vehicles leaving Tim’s used car lot on the Highway 69 frontage road. After stopping them, the officers found the 1997 Cadillac had just been stolen from the lot. The officers learned the pair had been renting a room at a nearby motel. There, they found a 1999 Chevy Tahoe that had also been stolen from the same lot that morning. “This was a great piece of police work on the part of Officers Ruiz and Baker,” Janik said. “This is what the midnight patrol officers live for.”

**Jan. 30,02**

**PV BEHIND IN AUTO THEFTS, BUT NOT IMMUNE:**

A Prescott Valley family enjoying a Christmas shopping trip in Phoenix ended their day with a financial disaster. After one last stop at a mall on the way home, they returned to the parking lot to find a thief had stolen their vehicle, a 1990 Suburban stuffed with purchases from previous stops at stores. Prescott Valley police spokesman Lt. P. J. Janik said Prescott Valley has never been particularly hard hit by car thieves, although vehicle burglaries are another story. “We had 30 vehicle thefts last year,” he said. “We made 13 arrests and we recovered a significant number of the vehicles.”

**Feb 3,02**

**COMMSPEED Installs Nation’s First ‘Non-Line-of-Sight’ System:**

CommSpeed, a Prescott Valley-based wireless Internet Service Provider (ISP), recently installed the nation’s first commercially deployed non-line-of-sight network on a tower in Prescott. It’s the first one in the nation that sees through trees and hills,” explained CommSpeed general manager Mark Davis.

**Feb 5,02**

**Lift-Off Toward Leadership:**

Wearing military fatigue shirts, teams of students tested their improvised parachutes off the Yavapai County Fairgrounds balcony Saturday as their friends cheered below. The Arizona Association of Junior High Student Councils this past weekend sponsored the 4th annual student retreat at the Yavapai County Fairgrounds in Prescott Valley. More than 400 middle school students from 25 schools participated in various group activities and learned about leadership skills.

**Feb 6,02**

**Prescott Valley Infrastructure Panel Looks to Town’s Future:**

The first Prescott Valley Streets Infrastructure Citizens Committee met Monday night and discussed the town’s future roadway needs. A roomful of about 70 participants listened to a breakdown of “street infrastructure 101” – a briefing on the current conditions of town roads. This committee will make formal recommendations to the Town Council regarding the future of Prescott Valley’s roads, explained Town Manager Anthony Mortillaro. Based on a 2001 citizen survey, about 77 percent of the survey respondents approved a major reconstruction of the town’s roadways, Mortillaro said.

**Feb 6,02**

**County Seeks Help with Verde Water Studies:**

County supervisors wondered Monday if their Water Advisory Committee should get more financial help for ongoing Verde River Basin Studies and issues. The supervisors approved spending $183,000 Monday for the second year of a four-year study of the river system. That $184,000 comes from the county’s coffers as well as every municipality in the county, as members of the county Water Advisory Committee. The U.S. Geological Survey, which is conducting most of the study, also is contributing $45,000. With the supervisors’ vote, the committee’s budget went to $17,000 in the hole. Supervisor Chip Davis cited that problem and said other organizations should be helping to pay for the work. The Arizona Department of Water Resources should contribute more to the study he said.

**Feb 6,02**

**PV Pares Council Field Down to Three:**
Town Council members narrowed a field of 12 candidates down to three for the open council position that Eunice Conner vacated last month. John Yeater, Jean Knight and Ed Seder made the final cut. The Town Council will interview the candidates for the council position at 6:30 p.m. Thursday at the Central Yavapai Fire District, 8555 E. Yavapai Road, during an open public meeting.

Feb 12,02  
**TOWN CENTER IS WORKING:**
(Photo showing work –in-progress) Masons put up a cinder block wall Wednesday for a mixed-use building going up in the Prescott Valley Town Center. The building, which will include office space and food court vendors, is part of the Fain Signature Group’s master plan for the area.

Feb 12,02  
**SEDER REFLECTS ON PRESCOTT VALLEY, HIS ROOTS:**
New Prescott Valley Councilman Ed Seder remembers when the town was home to about 2500 people and “if you had four vehicles at an intersection at the same time, we considered that a traffic jam.” The Town Council appointed Seder on Thursday to fill the vacancy that resulted from Eunice Conner’s resignation – a term that expires June 2005. As the town’s former police chief, Seder recalled how, about 18 years ago, the department had five police officers and four dispatchers, and was without a 24-hour police protection program.

Feb 15,02  
**PV COUNCIL TABLES BID FOR SKATE PARK EXPANSION:**
The Town Council discussed and finally tabled an alternate bid award consideration, for Asphalt Services, that would expand the new skate park the town plans near Loos Drive east of the Yavapai Boys and Girls Club and west of the Mountain Valley Park ball fields. The base bid for this project costs $134,971 and includes a “skater usable” 10,390 square feet of concrete, and the alternate design plan adds an additional 7,275 feet for advanced skating features within the park.

Feb 17,02  
**GROUNDWATER TAX BILL BECOMES REALITY:**
A groundwater tax that Prescott Active Management Area officials uniformly oppose has made its way into the form of legislative bills anyway. The bill would tax municipal and industrial well owners based in the amount of groundwater they pump. The tax would cover wells in four of the state’s five management areas, except for private residential wells, farm irrigators and mining interests. Lawmakers left them out because of political pressure, said Jim Holway, assistant director of the Arizona Department of Water Resources. The water providers would pay $2 per acre-foot beginning in 2005, rising to a maximum of $2 per acre-foot by the year 2005. That would translate into an extra 4 cents per month for new Prescott Valley homes, rising to an extra 40 cents per month by 2014, the department has estimated.

Feb 17,02  
**CORRIDOR STILL IN PLANNING STAGES:**
The planning process continues for improving the appearance of the Highway 69 corridor that runs through town. Representatives from Urban Design Studios (UDS), a subsidiary of the town’s General Plan 2020 RBF Consulting firm, prepared a plan for that stretch of roadway. The Prescott Valley Parkway Redevelopment Committee (PVPRC) formed as a result of the plan. The plan outlines the town’s need for public spaces and parking along the frontage road that runs adjacent to the highway. The Highway 69 corridor project begins and ends from Mendecino Drive to Prescott East Highway.

Feb 17,02  
**TRIPLE-A ON THE WAY?**
It may be too early to start buying your peanuts and Cracker Jacks, but the town of Prescott Valley is making a serious pitch to take the area out to the ballgame. In the works for more than six months, PV has been in negotiations with an existing AAA baseball franchise in the hopes of bringing a heavy dose of professional baseball to town. Lew Rees, executive director of the Prescott Valley chamber of commerce, announced on Thursday that plans are in full swing to make AAA ball, one level beneath Major League Baseball, in PV a reality.

Feb 18,02  
**HUSD MULLS DARE AGREEMENT:**
The implementation of the DARE programs, which prompted an intergovernmental agreement with the Town of Prescott Valley, will be a topic of the Humboldt Unified School District Board
discuss during its regular meeting on Tuesday. Under the agreement, the town police will
provide one or more officers to teach drug prevention curriculum in the schools, in an effort to
provide the students with knowledge, attitudes and skills necessary to resist the pressures to
experiment with drugs and alcohol. Also, one officer will serve as a school resource officer in
Glassford Hill Middle School as a part of the safe School Program.

Feb 19,02
SUPES, WATER COMMITTEE TO MEET:
Yavapai County supervisors will conduct a rare meeting with their Water Advisory Committee
Wednesday to discuss the committee’s direct roll in water issues. Supervisor Gheral Brownlow
thinks the committee is going beyond the scope that the supervisors envisioned when they
created it two years ago.

Feb 21,02
BOARD OKS PACT FOR OFFICERS IN PV SCHOOLS:
The Humboldt Unified School District Governing Board approved an intergovernmental
agreement with the Town of Prescott Valley during its regular meeting Tuesday. Under the
agreement, two town police officers will serve as School Resource Officers at the Glassford Hill
Middle School and Bradshaw Mountain High School campuses. The district will pay the town
the full $50,350-each cost of salary and benefits for the two school resource officers during the
2001-02 fiscal year. Arizona School Safety Grant money will cover the cost.

Feb 21,02
SUPES, WATER GROUP CAN’T AGREE:
Yavapai County supervisors couldn’t agree Wednesday on the role of the Water Advisory
Committee they created three years ago. Water Advisory Committee members couldn’t agree on
their role, either. So, it’s no surprise that the issue remains up in the air.

Feb 25,02
PV COMMITTEE FOCUSES ON MAJOR STREETS:
The second meeting of the Prescott Valley Streets Infrastructure Citizens Committee continued
Thursday where it left off earlier this month. The homework assignment for the committee
members included speaking with their neighbors about any issues relevant to the condition of the
town’s streets. The committee citizens, and their neighbors, expressed the need for sidewalks,
curbs and bike paths to eliminate injuries to pedestrians and children walking to and from school.
Some people spoke about their desires to maintain dark skies and keep the streetlights at
intersections. The general consensus pointed to improving the town’s arterial and collector
roadways before making improvements on residential streets.

Feb 26,02
NASA PROGRAM HELPS COUNTY VISUALIZE LAND-USE PLANS:
County officials will talk about major changes to their planning laws Wednesday – as well as a
ground-breaking tool designed to help them better understand the consequences of their planning
laws. The agenda starts with an update about work that Prescott College’s NASA program is
doing for the county government. The NASA program currently is in phase two of a county
contract to develop computer models that will help government officials see the consequences of
their land-use planning decisions.

Feb 28,02
DAVIS OBJECTS TO WATER SOURCE ASPECT OF COUNTY GENERAL PLAN:
Yavapai County Supervisor Chip Davis expressed adamant opposition Wednesday, to the outline
of the next phase of the new general plan that will guide the county’s future land-use patterns.
The county supervisors and their planning commission talked about the outline during a joint
session Wednesday. “I think this is absolutely great,” Planning commissioner Linda Bitner said
of the general plan work so far. “This is exactly what we needed.” The outline for the water
resources element lists “potential water supplies” for the future and includes the Big Chino sub-
basin, Williamson Valley aquifer, Colorado River, effluent (recycled wastewater) credits and
water conservation. Davis, whose district covers the Verde Valley, doesn’t like the inclusion of
potential future water supplies in the draft – and he especially dislikes the inclusion of the Big
Chino as one of the sources.

Feb 27,02
WINTER SPORTS ALL REGION ATHLETES:
BRADSHAW MTN. SOCCER
FIRST TEAM  -  Jody Adams and Tanya Payne
SECOND TEAM  -  John Tarkowski, Defender  
Josh Lewis -  Forward  
David Valdez-  Defender  

BMHS SOCCER TEAM AWARDS  
Most Valuable Player – Girls offensive: Tanya Payne  
Girls defensive:  Allison Dibble  
MVP – boys:    David Valdez  
Most improved: James Bickert  
SPARK PLUG:  John Tarkowski, Jennifer Christiansen  
COACH’S AWARD: John Tarkowski  

ALL ACADEMIC  
Elizabeth Allen and Josh Williams  

HONORABLE MENTION  
Allison Dibble : Sergio Duarte:  Rochelle Legler  

Feb 27,02  
PV MULLS SKATE PARK OPTIONS:  
The Town Council will decide, during Thursday’s regular Council meeting at 7 p.m. at the Civic Center, 7501 E. Civic Circle, whether or not to accept an alternate bid for the new skate park that increases the size of the original park design by 7,275 square feet.  

Mar 1,02  
PV COUNCIL MULLS UPGRADE OF WASTEWATER SYSTEM:  
The town’s wastewater treatment plant must increase its capacity, and on Thursday the Town Council approved the expansion study for the estimated $12 million project that will boost the current system by at least 3.75 million gallons per day.  The study will evaluate the design and the operational and maintenance costs of the addition.  CH2M Hill will evaluate the design at a cost of $94,809, and this amount will draw from the town’s capital budget listed under the Wastewater Enterprise Fund.  

Mar 3,02  
SUPERVISORS WILL CONSIDER GETTING INVOLVED IN WATER RIGHTS CASE:  
Yavapai County supervisors will consider getting involved in the Gila River adjudication Monday, but they won’t be talking about the role of the Water Advisory Committee.  That’s because the Water Advisory Committee itself couldn’t agree Feb 20 about whether to expand its advisory role.  The committee did reach consensus Feb. 20 on whether the county should get involved in the Gila River adjudication process.  It made several recommendations that the supervisors will consider Monday.  

Mar 3,02  
SAFEWAY EXIT WILL BECOME RIGHT-TURN ONLY:  
The Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) will pay for a right-turn only median at the Highway 69 and the entrance to the Safeway Shopping Center.  That location “has the highest rate of accidents,” said Public Works Director Larry Tarkowski.  The reason for those accidents is the fact that people are trying to make left-hand turns at an unprotected intersection,” Tarkowski said.  The council approved an inter-government agreement with ADOT for the placement of that median.  

Mar 5,02  
PRESCOTT VALLEY MAYOR FEARS CONCRETE DINOSAUR, REJECTS BID FOR PARK EXPANSION:  
This past week, the Town Council approved the base bid for the new skate park that features 10,390 square feet of concrete for skateboarders and rollerbladers of all ages.  Work for the project will begin March 11 and see completion 90 days from that date.  In February, the council tabled a alternate bid that would expand the skate park an additional 7,275 square feet – a decision based on concerns regarding the cost of that addition, which would provide features for intermediate and advanced skaters.  Mayor Richard Killingsworth said he has taken a closer look at the alternate bid proposal.  “As a council we need to be fiscally responsible,” he said.  “I think we can be very happy with that 10,000-square foot situation.”  He added that he feels comfortable with the base bid but still harbors concerns that the skate park will lend itself to a “trend situation.”  “In five years we could end up with a really nice concrete holt that no body is
going to use. ..or that the use of it will(the park) go drastically down. I would like to see it
proved to me that there is a need for the expansion of it,” he said.

Mar 5,02
**BURST PIPE DESTROYS ROOF, OFFICES:**
A pipe froze, then burst this past weekend causing extensive damaged and the collapse of the
Yavapai Big Brothers/Big Sisters’ roof. The program’s branch director, Chris Mayo, said he is
still waiting for an estimate from the insurance adjuster. “This is bad timing, Mayo said, mainly
because of the program’s annual Bowl for Kids fund-raiser, which will be March 9, 10 and 16 at
both Prescott Valley and Prescott bowling alleys.

Mar 6,02
**PVEDF GETS GOVERNOR’S AWARD:**
Joseph Dean, Economic Development Director of the State Department of Commerce., presented
Prescott Valley Economic Development Foundation Director Gary Marks with a plaque in the
Civic Center “Skybox” last Thursday afternoon. The plaque, a “Spirit of Success” award from
Governor Hull, recognizes Marks’ work in enhancing economic development in Prescott Valley.
“Gary’s efforts have been monumental in the state, which is evident in what we see going on
outside these windows,” Dean said. “Prescott Valley is the ‘crème de la crème’ in economic
development in Arizona.

Mar 8,02
**REDISTRICTING SUIT WOULD SPLIT TRI-CITIES:**
A lawsuit against the Arizona Independent Redistricting Commission calls for new legislative
districts that would split up the Prescott-tri-city area. The lawsuit’s map puts Prescott Valley in a
different district that Prescott and Chino Valley. The Arizona Minority Coalition for Fair
Redistricting filed the lawsuit Wednesday. The coalition, which includes all the Latino state
legislators, says the new legislative districts didn’t offer enough competition between
Republicans and Democrats. None of the plaintiffs are Republicans.

Mar 8,02
**PRONGHORN RANCH WILL ADD 1,440 HOMES:**
The town’s newest subdivision – Pronghorn Ranch – recently broke ground on a 640-acre tract
of land along highway 89A.Antelope Village, a partnership between the locally based Prescott
Valley VII and the Phoenix-based Brown Family Communities (BFG), is developing the
master-planned project, which should yield about 1,440 residences by its anticipated build-out
over the next six to eight years.

Mar 11,02
**WATER ISSUES DRAW LEADERS TO UNPRECEDENTED MEETING:**
Prescott Valley Public Works Director Larry Tarkowski compared it to a meeting in Phoenix
back in 1920, when leaders gathered to figure out where their future water supplies would come
from. Officials from eight north-central Arizona communities convened together for the first
time Friday to talk about their future water needs. Most were public works officials from
Prescott, Prescott Valley, Cottonwood, Clarkdale, Sedona, Payson, Flagstaff, and Page. Yavapai
County Water Advisory Committee Chair John Munderloh represented the County. Two elected
officials – Prescott City Council Member Rob Behnke and Prescott Valley Town Council
Member Mike Flannery – also attended the two hour meeting in Sedona.

Mar 12,02
**DANCE THE NIGHT AWAY:**
Kyle Heck, and Kelly Letz dance Saturday at the Prescott Armory during the Prescott Parks and
Recreation Special Needs Dance. The dance was a combined St. Patrick’s Day and Easter Dance
and benefits the special needs community in the tri-city area.

Mar 13,02
**JUDGE SENDS PV TEEN TO PRISON IN FATAL CRASH CASE:**
An 18-year-old Prescott Valley man will spend his first year of adulthood in state prison ass a
result of a July, 19, 2001 fatal vehicle accident on Glassford Hill Road. On Tuesday, March 5
Yavapai County Judge Thomas Lindberg accepted a public defender’s plea bargain and
sentenced Scott Wallin Schindele to a year in prison, followed by seven years of intensive
probation.

Mar 13,02
**BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB NAMES CARPENTER YOUTH OF THE YEAR:**
The Boys and Girls Club of Central Yavapai has named Maureen Carpenter, 17, the 2002 Youth
of the Year. Reader’s Digest Association and Boys and Girls Clubs of America sponsor the
national program, which recognizes exemplary character, superior leadership skills, academic achievement and outstanding service to the recipient’s community and Club.

Mar 13, 02  WATER COURT SUMMONSES STIR WELL CONCERNS:
If you receive a rather official-looking new-use summons from the Arizona Department of Water Resources, don’t panic and feel picked on: another 20,000 people who drilled a well for their home will get one, too. It’s all part of the long-standing adjudication of Gila River Basin water rights. Residential wells pumping groundwater in Arizona don’t need water rights. But as the adjudication continues, that could change. For example, the judge has already ruled that groundwater is connected to surface water, meaning the court may determine later that wells near major streams are using surface water and are subject to the “first in time, first in right” law.

Mar 14, 02  CITIZENS APPROVE PV GENERAL PLAN:
Registered voters in the town of Prescott Valley approved the General Plan 2020 by a 66 percent “yes” vote. The special all mail ballot election ended at 7 p.m. Tuesday. Turnout for the special election was 3,327 or 39.5 percent of the town’s registered voters. “We’re grateful to the citizens for showing their support for a general plan that was crafted by a very committed citizens advisory committee that spent hundreds of hours working on behalf of the town’s future,” said Community Development Director Richard Parker.

Mar 17, 02  BRADSHAW TEAM PREVAILS AGAIN IN MOCK TRIAL COMPETITION:
Four months of intense preparation paid off recently for a group of Bradshaw Mountain High School (BMHS) students. For the second consecutive time, the BMHS mock trial team won the regional tournament at the Coconino County Courthouse in Flagstaff. Their second team placed fourth. The competition was tough, but team members were so well prepared for it that they had no doubts about winning it, said a senior, Michele Perusse, a team captain. “We went there with the state of mind that we were going to win the first place,” said Perusse, a team captain. As captain, “I had an extra responsibility to lead my team to first place. We did just that and now it is time to go to the state (tournament).

Mar 17, 02  TOWN COUNCIL TAKES DIM VIEW OF MAP LAWSUIT:
The Town Council approved a resolution that authorizes the town to file a motion to intervene in the lawsuit that the Arizona Minority Coalition for Fair Redistricting filed earlier this month. This coalition, explained Town Attorney Ivan Legler, opposes the redistricting map that the Independent Redistricting Commission (IRC) approved. “They are proposing that the court adopt their map which splits the tri-cities into different legislative districts instead of maintaining one district,” he said. The intervention by the City of Prescott, the town of Chino Valley and the Town of Prescott Valley will assist the commission in making the argument that adopting this group’s map would “negatively impact a community of interest,” Legler said.

Mar 17, 02  SUPERVISORS TO VOTE WHETHER TO JOIN OPPOSITION TO PROPOSED MAP:
All three councils of the Prescott tri-cities have signed resolutions against a proposed map that would split the tri-cities into two districts. Now, the county Board of Supervisors is scheduled to vote on the resolution at 9:30 a.m. Monday during its regular meeting in Cottonwood.

Mar 18, 02  BRADSHAW MOUNTAIN HIGH HOPING FOR HIGH ACCREDITATION MARKS:
The Bradshaw Mountain High School (BMHS) faculty has reached its school improvement plan goals, ultimately saving its students’ future. “We just finished our cycle review with a state visiting team and had great reviews on our faculty after five years of real difficult circumstances,” said Darla Johnson, BMHS steering co-chair for the North Central Accreditation (NCA) school improvement plan. According to Sheryl Ingram, NCA team chair of the leadership academy, NCA accredits each school based on a school improvement model. “The schools set their target areas and their goals,” she said. “They work together to put together programs, strategies and intervention to reach those goals all based on student achievements. We were there for their final visitation to make sure that their data supported their growth and that they had met their goals as they planned.” Ingram said she couldn’t disclose any details of the review
until she submits it first to NCA. Then NCA will send an official letter to the school, which will be sometime this summer.

Mar 18,02  **WATER PANEL SEeks TO DEFINE ITS ROLE:**

The Yavapai County Water Advisory committee will try again Wednesday to reach consensus about its role. Committee Co-Chair Tony Gioia has drafted a proposed amendment to the Board of Supervisors’ resolution that created the committee three years ago. The original resolution says the committee should “review information on regional water issues” and “report its findings and recommendations on a quarterly basis to the Board of Supervisors.” The committee also is supposed to operate on a consensus basis, instead of voting. Committee Co-Chair Larry Tarkowski, Prescott Valley’s public works director; Rob Behnke, a Prescott City Council member; and Jim Williams, who represents Supervisor Lorna Street’s rural district, all had problems with the amendment.

Mar 20,02  **CV SCHOOL BOARD CHIMES IN OPPOSING MAP LAWSUIT:**

The Chino Valley School District Board approved a resolution Monday opposing a complaint that the Arizona Minority Coalition for Fair Redistricting filed. The coalition opposes the redistricting map that the Arizona Independent Redistricting Commission approved in October.

Mar 20,02  **SUPES OK MONEY FOR WATER ASSOCIATION TO FIGHT SRP ACTION:**

The Yavapai County Board of Supervisors has approved a request for $22,000 from the Verde Valley Water Users Association to respond to Salt River Project (SRP) court action regarding river sub flow issues.

Mar 20,02  **PV ROTARY, SCHOOL DISTRICT HONOR TOP TEACHERS:**

PV Rotary honored teachers in the Humboldt District whose peers and administrators have chosen them as tops in their schools with the banquet and award ceremony at the Quality Inn. Teachers receiving the awards were; Carol McFadden, Special Resources; Vanessa Martin, Liberty Traditional School; Vicki Erickson, Humboldt Elementary; Betsy Painton, Mtn. View Elementary; Tammy Turner, Coyote Springs Elem; Christine Scott, Bradshaw Mtn High; Roger Williams, Glassford Hill Middle School; Miranda Cook, Bradshaw Mtn Middle School; and Mary Reeves, Lake Valley Elementary.

Mar 20,02  **‘CLOSE CALL’ FOR BMHS ACCREDITATION:**

Bradshaw Mountain High School narrowly averted a disaster when “administrative negligence” by past principals nearly cost the school its academic accreditation, according to several BMHS teachers. “A high school diploma is virtually worthless without accreditation,” said BMHS accreditation team member Debbie Schmidt.

Mar 22,02  **DRAFT REPORT GIVES PRESCOTT VALLEY COUNCIL A LOOK AT THE FUTURE:**

An ambitious project that began in coordination with the Prescott Valley General Plan now waits for final approval from the Town Council. Thursday night, Town Council members received a sneak preview of the new Focus Future II Strategic Plan for Economic Development that serves as a business guideline for the town’s development. Prescott Valley Economic Development Foundation (PVEDF) Director Gary Marks and members of the council worked at updating a new version of the original 1997 document, explained Town Manager Anthony Mortillaro. “We’ve been at this for over a year,” Mortillaro said. “The one thing that this document does that the original Focus Future did not is it maintains an active review committee,” Marks said.

Mar 22,02  **DELAYS STRIKE AREA’S METRO STATUS:**

A delay in the release of the final criteria for defining new urbanized areas will push off an official designation of the Prescott/Prescott Valley area as a Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for at least one month. But according to local officials involved with the effort, that delay should not have a substantial impact on the area’s planning efforts. For several months now, the new Central Yavapai Association of Governments (CYAG) group has been meeting to prepare for the designation of the Prescott/Prescott Valley as an urban area. The designation occurs when an area has a combined population of at least 50,000, along with some required density
levels. After the 2000 census, officials agreed that the Prescott/Prescott Valley area probably would reach that level.

Mar 27,02  
**WELL TO ADD RESERVES TO PV WATER SUPPLIES:**

The drilling derrick and its temporary blue walls at the runoff basin near the intersection of Lakeshore and Windsong Drives will soon be a thing of the past. The derrick is drilling Prescott Valley Water District’s newest well, the blue walls are sound baffling to reduce the impact of noise on the neighbors, Public Works Director Larry Tarkowski said. The derrick has been drilling for two weeks, with about another week of drilling still to go. By late last week the drill had reached nearly 1,000 feet. “How deep we go depends on what we find down there,” Tarkowski said.

Mar 24,02  
**ONE COOL TOOL:**

Coyote Springs’ fifth-grader Patrick Keeling and his classmates (Photo) concentrate on their miniature AlphaSmart screens as they type paragraphs for their astronomy brochure. Keeling, who is visually impaired, uses the AlphaSmart regularly and even takes it home to do his homework. As a result, his spelling and handwriting have improved significantly in a matter of two months, said his teacher, Dawn Neveau. “I decided when I discovered these office smarts to use them with him,” she said. “Because his handwriting was so bad, he was the one I chose to try them out. His spelling has just soared, as well as his writing.” Neveau learned about the AlphaSmarts at a technology conference in Flagstaff last year. She jumped at the idea because, with only one computer lab at the school, students had access to word processing only once a week for 40 minutes.

Mar 28,02  
**COUNCIL LAMENTS NEIGHBORS’ WATER CONCERNS:**

An attempt at a “non-confrontational” forum has not seen a lot of success when it comes to regional discussions about water in the Big Chino aquifer. That was the message that Prescott City Councilman Robert Behnke passed on to his council colleagues Tuesday during an update on activities of the Yavapai County Water Advisory Committee. “We, Prescott, are not the most popular people with our Verde friends,” Behnke said, referring to the on-going discussions between the Prescott area and the Verde Valley about Prescott’s plans to pump from the Big Chino basin near Paulden. “We’ve been trying to work on a non-confrontational forum, but that hasn’t necessarily worked.” Even so, Behnke said the group has made headway on some matters. “We’ve made a lot of progress; I don’t want to make it all negative,” he said.

Mar 28,02  
**COUNTY SIGNS GILA CASE AGREEMENT WITH VERDE MUNICIPALITIES:**

Yavapai County Supervisors signed an agreement Wednesday with Verde Valley municipalities about how they’ll coordinate on Gila River System adjudication issues. Four of the five Verde municipalities also have approved the revised agreement, and the Cottonwood City Council is scheduled to vote on it next Thursday.

Mar 29,02  
**PV COUNCIL PICKS ROUTE FOR GLASSFORD HILL ROAD EXTENSION:**

Members of the Town Council gathered last week for a special work-study session on the proposed Glassford Hill Road extension project. The council members and the Prescott Valley town engineer discussed the project and chose the Route A corridor alignment presented as one option within the county Final Corridor Evaluation/Location report. (Photo included)

Mar 29,02  
**PV APPROVES WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT BID:**

The Town Council approved a bid for the Highway 89A water main replacement project last week. Council discussed the financing options for this project earlier in the year – a project located on the south side of Highway 89A.

Mar 29,02  
**PRESCOTT VALLEY EYES NEW ANNEXATION:**

The Town Council will move forward on an annexation of about 15 acres of residential and commercial property. That property includes the residential area along the north side of Copper Hill Drive and the commercial properties between Copper Hill Drive and Highway 69, between Starlight Drive and Kings Highway West. The council fielded positive comments from a small
group of property owners during the public hearing portion of Thursday night’s regular council meeting.

April 1,02 DAILEY, KILLINGSWORTH ARE PAL’S MAN AND WOMAN OF YEAR:
Partners for Active Leadership (PAL) will honor Prescott Valley Mayor Rick Killingsworth and Doreen Dailey, President of Yavapai College, as this year’s Man and Woman of the Year. PAL encourages and inspires individuals in Yavapai County to take part in becoming leaders. It has 10 active board members, and Munroe Sickafoose is president of the board. Participants in this two-year program acquire leadership skills during the first year. Participants have the opportunity to apply their learned leadership skills by guiding the members of the next class during the following year.

April 2,02 HUSD TEACHER BRINGS HOME PRESIDENT'S AWARD:
Bradshaw Mountain High School mathematics teacher Valerie Joan Young has an obvious passion for teaching. Once in a classroom, that passion translates into an innovative way of teaching that President George Bush’s office recognized and honored recently during the 201 Presidential Awards of Excellence in mathematics and science teaching ceremony in Washington D.C. Young, 31, who has a master’s degree in mathematics with an emphasis in teaching and 10 years of teaching experience, was one of three teachers who represented Arizona this year. The other two finalists included Kimberly Ann Rimbey of Arrowhead Elementary School in Phoenix and Kathleen Kingston of Sinagua High School in Flagstaff. The National Science Foundation (NSF), which administers the award process, selected this year’s recipients from a pool of more than 600 nominees representing each state, The district of Colombia, the United States territories and the Department of Defense. It recognizes the nation’s leading kindergarten through 12th grade mathematics and science teachers.

Apr 4,02 PV TO BENEFIT FROM NEW RECYCLING CENTER:
Glass, cardboard, paper and plastic need no longer fill Prescott Valley trash cans. The town’s new recycling center will offer residents an alternative to throwing away those materials that could see new life as a recycled product. The new center at 2600 Lake Valley Road will open for business from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. beginning April 10, and will accept only household recyclable items. The Prescott Valley recycling center will remain open for business every Wednesday and Saturday at no charge.

Apr 4,02 STATE WATER REPORT GETS MIXED REVIEWS:
A new Arizona Department of Water Resources (ADWR) report won’t help municipal water providers in Yavapai County, and local officials give it mixed reviews for residential well owners. Some larger wells in Yavapai County might end up falling under the jurisdiction of the state’s surface water laws, if the judge in the Gila River System adjudication case accepts the recommendations from ADWR. Right now, well water is free. But if the court determines that it’s surface water, well owners could have to file for junior water rights or buy more senior right. Yavapai County Supervisor Chip Davis worries that the report could hurt rural residential well owners.

Apr 5,02 FAMILY ADVOCACY CENTER MEETS ITS GOALS, PROVIDES SERVICES FOR VICTIMS:
The Yavapai Family Advocacy Center (YFAC) in Prescott Valley set and achieved all of its goals during 2001. Kathy McLaughlin, director of YFAC, said the center now offers more ways to provide comfort and convenience to victims and their families. “We can’t just treat the victim, we have to treat the whole family. The family is also deeply affected,” she said.

Apr 5,02 CHAPEL’S DEDICATION IS SUNDAY:
Before Arizona became a state and the West was still wild, early pioneers and settlers in Prescott gazed upon eight stained glass window gracing Mercy Hospital (now Prescott College) in a search for spiritual healing. And those historic windows, which workers installed in the newly completed Chapel of the Valley in Prescott Valley’s Fain Park, will once again bring peace, hope and love to those who visit the chapel, where dedication ceremonies will take place at 1 p.m.
Sunday. The stained glass windows that highlight the chapel were created in Germany in 1906 and then brought to Prescott and installed in Mercy Hospital around 1913. Henry Brooks later bought them and donated them to Johnie Lee Fain for inclusion in the chapel. Mrs. Fain, who died two years ago, dreamed of creating a place of beauty and happiness, nestled in nature, filled with the spirit of God and the capacity to meet the needs of all who come to visit. And, it was her inspiration that put the divine structure of the chapel in motion. Her daughter, Carolyn Sue, donated the money to build the sanctuary.

Apr 5, 02

**HUSD MONEY WOES WILL FORCE LAYOFFS:**
The Humboldt Unified School District (HUSD) faces a $500,000 Maintenance and Operation (M&O) budget deficit that could lead to the layoff of as many as 62 district employees, plus salary and hiring freezes. Superintendent Cynthia Verdugo Wood said Thursday that unless the district takes action to balance the budget, it would be nearly a half-million dollars in the red by the end of its fiscal year.

Apr 8, 02

**SCHOOLS: ‘ONE OF THE SAFEST AREAS IN THE WORLD’:**
Educators, students, parents and the community have worked closely over the years to provide a secure and orderly learning environment for tri-city public school children. “We consider the public schools to be one of the safest areas in the world today,” said John C. Paris, Chino Valley High School (CVHS) assistant principal. Paris made the statement during a recent meeting of Chino Valley, Prescott and Humboldt school district officials, who shared improvements to security and crisis management plan.

Apr 10, 02

**HARKINS WILL CELEBRATE ANNIVERSARY WITH UNIQUE EVENTS:**
Harkins Theatres’ Prescott Valley 14 has announced a series of unique events to celebrate their one year anniversary in Prescott Valley. “We have been looking forward to this all year”, says David Jogerst, General Manager. “We wanted to come up with some projects to benefit a lot of charities in the area and use the magic of movies to do it.” Also on Saturday, the theatre will host the area’s first Film-a-thon. During this event more than a dozen local politicians, media personalities, and members of the business community will compete to raise money for the charity of their choice. There will be other contests as well, all for charities or school children participating.

Apr 10, 02

**TOWN OF PV SEEKS CITIZENS FOR VOLUNTEER COMMITTEE:**
The Town of Prescott Valley is asking citizens, builders, developers, and business persons to consider serving on a committee that will review development impact fees in Prescott Valley. The current fees were adopted in February 1999 and phased in through January 2002. Due to significant residential and commercial growth since that time and the recent ratification of General Plan 2020, a review of the fees is necessary to ensure that the town’s financial and economic development remains strong.

Apr 10, 02

**MAYORAL JAM:** (Photo)
Prescott Mayor Rowle Simmons and Prescott Valley Mayor Rick Killingsworth ham it up during a karaoke fundraiser at the Palace Restaurant and Saloon recently in Prescott. The event was to raise money for the Prescott Child Development Center and features local celebrity singers. This also shows the change for the better of our relationship with Prescott.

Apr 10, 02

**YOUTH TO HELP PV DECIDE THE FATE OF FUTURE ROBERT ROAD:**
The town’s second annual Youth in Government Day will once again bring together selected students from Bradshaw Mountain High School with Town Council members and department heads to participate in the regular council session. The students will take the lead at the meeting, set for 7 p.m. Thursday at 7501 E. Civic Circle. The participating students will compete for three $1,200 scholarships. The Prescott Valley Chamber of Commerce raised the money for these scholarships from several local contributors. Before the council meeting begins the students will spend the day following town officials and learning how town government operates.

Apr 10, 02

**HUSD WARNS TEACHERS OF LAYOFFS:**
A reported 135 layoff letters that the Humboldt Unified School District sent to its teachers prompted a large gathering at Bradshaw Mountain High School on Tuesday. About 150 Humboldt Education Association (HEA) members, non-members and parents showed up to express their frustrations about the budget shortfall and the layoffs they may be facing.

**HUSD VOTES TO LAYOFF TEACHERS:**
Despite many objections, the Humboldt Unified School District board voted to layoff 123 teachers during a special, meeting Wednesday evening. A crowd of about 600 teachers, administrators, students and parents filled the Bradshaw Mountain High School cafeteria to protest the board’s decision to lay off teachers in order to balance its $500,000 budget deficit.

**STUDENTS WORK WITH PV COUNCIL ON YOUTH IN GOVERNMENT DAY:**
A gathering of selected Bradshaw Mountain High School students helped the town council run the show Thursday night during the regular council meeting. The second annual Youth in Government Day introduced the young observers to a sneak peek at how local government works. The 16 students education included an overview of the budgeting process and the different services that each department provides. Before the meeting began town staff members spent the day with their student counterparts and toured the Civic Center, police station, fire station, water system/well field and the wastewater treatment plant. During the meeting, the students sat near their assigned staff member and participated in the decision-making process as the council, approved a utility agreement between the State of Arizona and the town of Prescott Valley for the new Highway 89A, and other matters.

**TRUE LEADERS:**
Partners for Active Leadership honored, from left, JoAnne Goeringer, Prescott Valley Mayor Rick Killingsworth and Yavapai College President Doreen Dailey as its teen, man and woman of the year at a Wednesday ceremony at Yavapai College. The leadership group selected each for “significant contributions to the community.”

**COUNTY TO MULL BROADER ROLE FOR WATER COMMITTEE:**
Yavapai County supervisors will consider expanding the authority of their Water Advisory Committee Monday. The supervisors’ original resolution says the committee should “review information on regional water issues” and “report its findings to the Board of Supervisors.” The committee also is supposed to operate on a consensus basis, instead of voting. The committee’s proposed addition states, “Recognizing that the committee membership primarily consists of duly elected representatives and or their appointees, and that each entity contributes of their own funds to support the Water Advisory Committee’s goals, the committee shall be allowed to respond to certain water resource issues after notifying the supervisors of their response. A response or recommendation that may not elicit board approval shall contain a notice that the recommendation of the committee does not necessarily reflect the views of the Board of Supervisors. The committee shall act in an advisory capacity to the board on waster resource related matters.”

**PV’s NEW WEB SITE PROMISES USER-FRIENDLY FORMAT:**
Susan Hampton remembers when the town government served the needs of a smaller community. Times change and, with an ever-rowing population, so too has the town’s web site. The town contracted with Hampton and two members of RKI Technology Consulting at a cost of $8,000 to create the new site. She will help the town’s Information Technology Services Department maintain and update the new web site.

**WATER COMMITTEE WILL TACKLE GILA RIVER SUIT ISSUES:**
The Yavapai County Water Advisory Committee will talk Wednesday about the latest actions in the Gila River System adjudication case. The Arizona Department of Water Resources recently submitted several recommendations at the order of the court. The court’s actions could affect thousands of well owners in Yavapai County, since three of the Gila system’s rivers flow through this county. “Water from wells once thought to belong to the well owner may suddenly become subject to the laws of prior appropriation, which in some circumstances may require the
well owner to make some form of restitution to downstream senior right holders.” Water Committee Coordinator John Munderloh wrote the committee.

Apr 18,02  
**COUNTY ISSUES 4 HUSD RECALL PETITIONS:**
The Yavapai County Superintendent of Schools issued four recall petitions for Humboldt Unified School District (HUSD) board members Wednesday. The office received a number of calls after an HUSD announcement that the district is about $500,000 in the red, said Rita Silva, Yavapai County Assistant superintendent of schools. The only person who actually completed the initial petition process was parent Bonnie Flores, who picked up four petitions to recall board President Craig Sorenson and members LaDawn Dalton, Barbara Jernigan and Belinda Wofford, Silva said.

Apr 18,02  
**COUNTY GETS GREAT DEAL ON LARGEST ROAD PROJECT IN HISTORY:**
Yavapai County Public Works Director Richard Straub couldn’t contain his excitement this week when officials opened the bids for the county’s largest-ever road project. “They said my mouth fell open,” Straub related. The low bid on the Fain Road project was $8.65 million, County Finance Director Mike Danowski announced as he opened the bids. It was $3.35 million below the engineer’s estimated cost of $12 million.

Apr 28,02  
**PVPD GETS OK FOR GRANT APPLICATION:**
The Prescott Valley Town Council agreed to allow the Prescott Valley Police Department to apply for a grant for more than $23,000 that would provide enough money for the department to install video cameras and new radar equipment in several police vehicles.

May 1,02  
**KORWIN FILES $2M IN SUITS AGAINST HUSD:**
Humboldt Unified School District Technology Director Tony Korwin, through his attorney Charles Anthony Shaw, has filed two notices of claim with the district demanding $2 million in compensation for damages. The notices of claim are against HUSD. Korwin’s subordinate Judy Clark, and Superintendent Cynthia Verdugo Wood.

May 1,02  
**CLEAN UP, RECYCLE THIS SATURDAY IN PV:**
Expect Prescott Valley residents to do a lot of trash talkin’. The PV Chamber of Commerce and more than two dozen businesses sponsor the sixth annual Team Up to Clean Up & Recycle. Participants will back up all that trash talkin’ with back-breaking labor – picking up all kinds of litter and garbage and hauling it to the Town’s free dump site at 1100 E. Treatment Plant Drive. (Drive east on Valley Road down the hill into the Treatment Plant area.) Each year the town has hauled away more than 700 tons of trash its citizens have dumped on the free day.

May 1,02  
**TEEN ORGANIZES RECYCLING:**
Thanks to a local teenager, Prescott Valley residents can recycle materials, rather than throw them away at this year’s free dump site, (east on Valley Road past the Ace Distribution Center and near the Wastewater Treatment plant) on Team Up to Clean Up and Recycle Day. Emily Bender-Ream, a Tri-City Prep Senior, has been researching recycling programs for the past four years, working toward her Girl Scout Gold Award. She organized groups to staff the site on May 4 and wrote a pamphlet the Town is handing out concerning who is taking what.

May 1,02  
**DROUGHT, FAWNING BRING DESPERATE PRONGHORN TO TOWN:**
The area’s pronghorn are dying – literally – to find their traditional fawning grounds paved under Prescott Valley’s development. Arizona Fish & Game officials documented 19 pronghorn antelope killed by motorists on Prescott Valley and Chino Valley roads this spring, 15 of those in April alone. Another pronghorn died when it became entangled in a ornamental vine in a PV yard. Today, residents frequently see the animals inside Prescott Valley Limits, foraging right up to the edge of Florentine Road. Despite appearances, the animals are not tame and they are not visiting Prescott Valley because they are doing well, according to a local wildlife biologist.

May 3,02  
**PRESCOTT, PV ARE OFFICIALLY URBAN:**
The guesswork is over. The Prescott/Prescott Valley area has now officially made the list of “new urbanized communities” nationwide. With a combined population of 61,909, the area
easily surpassed the 50,000-population mark that the U.S. Department of Commerce requires for designation of a new urbanized area.

May 3, 02

**PV LOOKS TO ESTABLISH ‘BRAND-NAME’ VISIBILITY:**

One of the major cogs in the town’s wheel of revenue recently began turning in the direction of a major project that will define the image of Prescott Valley. The Prescott Valley Economic Development Foundation is in final negotiations with a consulting firm that will help “put the financial pieces together” in shaping a plan for drawing big-name corporations into the area, explained the foundation’s director, Gary Marks. This budding Community Branding Project began more than a year ago and will work as a touchstone in a large-scale marketing and promotion attraction, he said. By definition, this type of identity branding will create an imprint of Prescott Valley’s image into the minds of anyone thinking about this area.

May 6, 02

**HUSD TO MULL GUIDELINES FOR NEW FINANCE COMMITTEE:**

The Humboldt Unified School District Governing Board will discuss guidelines for creation of the long-requested district finance committee during its regular meeting on Tuesday. After the Humboldt Education Association (HEA) repeatedly requested the creation of this committee to provide an independent source of information, the board approved it at this past week’s boards meeting.

May 7, 02

**TEAM UP 2 CLEAN UP:**

Brad Beeson and Chris Murillo get their clean-up shirts and work assignments Saturday as they volunteer for the 6th annual Team Up 2 Clean Up. The annual event in Prescott Valley pits volunteers against loose roadside trash. Volunteers earned a lunch as part of the event.

May 7, 02

**COUNCIL TO CONSIDER WATER CONSERVATION:**

The town may never ask residents to scale down water usage and therefore conserve one of the state’s most precious resources. However, the Town Council discussed, during work-study session this past week, a proposed water conservation plan that many Arizona communities have already adopted. If the council accepts the provisions listed in the plan then the council will consider adopting the plan as an emergency measure later this week.

May 7, 02

**TOP-SEED PROJECT TO COVER PARK WITH WEALTH OF GREEN:**

The renovation project that proved daunting at times finally entered its final phase, and now it’s up to nature to finish the task. The Mountain Valley Park Amphitheater field received a hydroseeding application that will grow into 150,000 square-foot dense carpet of a special hybrid Kentucky bluegrass. “We should be able to do our first mowing the first week of June,” Parks and Recreation Department Supervisor Ed Grossenheider explained.

May 10, 02

**PV DELAYS PLAN TO ANNEX DEWEY-AREA LAND:**

The Prescott Valley Town council deferred its plan to adopt a resolution that would allow the annexation of State Trust Land (STL) into its boundaries. That proposed annexation property includes approximately 320 acres of land near the corporate limits of Prescott Valley and includes an area one-half mile south of the Prescott Country Club. Because the PCC Property Owners Association board (PCCPOA) and many of its members opposed the plan, the town’s development director recommended, during last night’s regular council meeting, that the council delay any consideration on this issue.

May 10, 02

**WORK TO BEGIN ON FAIN ROAD:**

County and municipal officials hailed Fain Road Thursday as the final leg in a high-speed tri-city road system. “I think that it’s an historic day,” county Supervisor Chip Davis said at the road’s groundbreaking ceremony. But the final leg may be done as much as 10 months before the next-to-last leg, temporarily leaving Fain as a dead-end road.

May 13, 02

**OPPOSITION TO PUBLIC LAND EXCHANGE GROWS:**

Public land exchange issues often encompass broad topics such as land value, land uses, transportation and water. But exchanges also affect individuals. And, in the proposed land exchange that would put as many as 16,887 acres of U. S. Bureau of Land Management land in Yavapai County into private hands, Buzz and Pattie Fournier are among those individuals. They
have a 5,000 acre ranch that spreads between Humboldt and Poland Junction, and most of the ranch consists of BLM and state lands. Other ranchers also would lose their BLM leases if the land exchanged goes through. Even before the exchange is completed, the BLM may send them notices that their leases run out in two years, BLM project manager Gene Dahlem said.

May 15, 02

**GUNFIRE INVOLVING PV POLICEMEN LEAVES SUSPECT DEAD, OFFICER HURT:**
Prescott Valley police officers shot and killed a Phoenix man Tuesday after he allegedly opened fire on officers, wounding one. Officer Mark Postula, recently named the Prescott Valley Police Department’s Officer of the Year, suffered a non-life threatening gunshot wound to his chest. Yavapai Regional Medical Center doctors treated and released him Tuesday evening. Doctors pronounced Richard Behner, 48, from Phoenix, dead at Yavapai Regional Medical Center. Prescott Valley Lt. P.J. Janik said Behner began shooting at Postula and Officer Bill Burns around 2 p.m. Tuesday. Burns suffered no major injuries as a result of the incident.

May 15, 02

**HUSD SACKS BUSINESS MANAGER:**
The Humboldt Unified School District board continued its efforts to make ends meet by firing its business manager and eliminating the position of technology director, among other cuts. After approving the reduction of 50 teaching positions this past week, the HUSD board approved another series of reductions in staff, salaries and insurance benefits on Tuesday night during its special board meeting.

May 15, 02

**WIND, DROUGHT RAISE “RED FLAG’ FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT:**
The combination of drought and high winds has created “red flag” conditions for Central Yavapai Fire District sooner than the district has ever seen them before. “We usually don’t see red flag conditions this early in the year, though we do see them every year,” said CYFD Fire Marshal Charlie Cook. “We had it a couple times in March, too; it goes on a day-to-day basis.

May 15, 02

**LAKESHORE PROJECTS CONTINUE:**
The Town of Prescott Valley is preparing to continue the drainage improvements along east Lakeshore Drive. The project had been temporarily suspended so utility companies could relocate their power lines.

May 15, 02

**PV EXPLORING HOOKUP OPTIONS FOR SEWER IN PRESCOTT COUNTRY CLUB:**
Earlier this month town officials deferred annexation plans that would add State Trust Land into its boundaries. Because the Prescott Country Club (PCC) board and many of its members opposed that request, the town will place annexation plans of hold for now, but will discuss, with various areas within the PCC are, options for providing sewer service. Town Manager Tony Mortillaro explained that those areas include the annexed PCC section six that currently uses a packages treatment plant operated by the Raven Ridge Property Owners Association. Also, Mortillaro explained, town officials will continue talks with a phase of development that sits above PCC section six that cannot continue with its plans “unless they are connected to the town.”

May 15, 02

**HUMBOLDT SCHOOL DISTRICT BEGINS FIRST ROUND OF CUTS:**
The Humboldt Unified School District teachers will bear the largest portion of cuts, including staff and salary cuts, compared to non-teaching and administrative groups of employees. During a special board meeting on Friday night, the board approved cutting 50 teachers’ positions while avoiding further elimination of programs such as physical education, music and art. Cutting 50 out of 309 teaching positions will save the district about $1.7 million out of $2.5 million it needs in order to begin next year with a balanced budget, said Superintendent Cynthia Verdugo Wood.

May 16, 02

**FAST MOVING BLAZE CHARS 7 HOMES:**
Gusty winds and extremely dry conditions fed a fast-moving fire that began Wednesday afternoon at a campground near Indian Creek Road. The blaze destroyed at least seven homes and forced between 1,000 and 1,500 people to evacuate while it burned about 700 acres of the Prescott National Forest.

May 17, 02

**INDIAN FIRE SLOWS DOWN:**
A wildfire, which started at a campground just north of Indian Creek Road around 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, ripped through approximately 700 acres of the forest, destroyed 7 structures and displaced between 1,000 and 1,500 people. Calm winds and fast—working fire-fighters helped to head off the fire Thursday, but not before it made its way up and over Wolverton Mountain. The smoke filled the sky above homes on the south side of the Cathedral Pines subdivision Thursday morning. The fire forced residents of Cathedral Pines, Timber Ridge and the Mountain Club from their homes Wednesday evening.

May 17,02

**OFFICIALS: BLAZE IS 45 PERCENT CONTAINED:**

As of this morning, firefighters had contained about 45 percent of the 1,000 acre wildfire that is burning through the Prescott National Forest, and forest officials announced that they will allow evacuated residents to return to their homes.

May 20,02

**PLANNING GROUP SEeks TO PUSH 89/89A OVERPASS:**

A multi-million-dollar overpass at the intersection of highways 89 and 89A will get the endorsement of the Central Yavapai Association of Governments (CYAG), even though at least one member remains unconvinced. And even though representatives from the local governments appeared to agree that the overpass should be the first major recipient of CYAG money, the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) representatives at the meeting were more ambivalent. ADOT officials at the meeting were not willing to commit to future contributions for the overpass.

May 19,02

**SECOND SEASON IN PV OPENS SATURDAY:**

Despite a successful and celebrated inaugural run in 2001, Yavapai Downs at Prescott Valley is looking much more forward to its sophomore season. At last feeling its roots taking hold after a hurried gala opening and a problematic track that plagued racing throughout the summer a year ago, a still-expanding Yavapai Downs is ready for itself this time around. The new season, its second since moving from the old fairgrounds in Prescott, opens this Saturday with its first four-day live schedule of 2002.

May 21,02

**FEDS SAY LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT MAP VIOLATES VOTING RIGHTS ACT:**

A legislative redistricting map that a state commission drew violates federal law because minorities in five districts wouldn’t be able to elect their candidate of choice, a U.S. Justice Department official said in federal court Monday. “The commission’s plan is not effective by a matter of law,” said Robert Berman, deputy chief of the voting section that enforces the Voting Rights Act. The Arizona Independent Redistricting Commission will counter the department’s objections and present a new plan to the court’s three-judge panel Thursday, said commission attorney Lisa Hauser.

May 22,02

**PLANT’S WATER PLAN STUNS ADVISERS:**

Yavapai County Water Advisory Committee members expressed shock this past week when they heard that a proposed cement plant near Paulden will use an estimated 442,800 gallons of groundwater daily, or 495 acre-feet annually. “You’re looking at basically the same amount of water a golf course uses,” said committee Co-Chair Larry Tarkowski, Prescott Valley Public works director.

May 23,02

**AG WILL INVESTIGATE HUSD:**

The Arizona attorney general’s Open Meeting Law Enforcement team will make the final decision on whether the Humboldt Unified School District board violated open meeting laws in June 2001 when it approved the purchase of the district’s new office building. About a month ago, on a Humboldt Education Association requests, Yavapai County Schools Superintendent Paul Street launched an investigation into the legality of the purchase. In his letter to Yavapai County Attorney Sheila Polk, Street indicated that “from a financial standpoint, the Humboldt Unified School District followed all appropriate procedures. However, I do have some grave concerns and serious questions regarding the board’s compliance with the Open Meeting Law and the subsequent action that was taken June 5,2001, regarding the purchase of the building.

May 23,02

**MOUNTAIN VALLEY SPLASH OPENING THIS WEEKEND:**
The Town of Prescott Valley’s outdoor aquatic center, Mountain Valley Splash, will open for the season on Memorial Day weekend. The Splash will be open for public recreation swim during the special hours of 11 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. this Saturday through Monday. After Memorial Day, regular hours for public recreation swimming will be Monday through Friday.

May 23, 02

**FOREST CLOSING FRIDAY:**

Lynx Lake day use is only exception in unprecedented 1.3 million-acre closure. For perhaps the first time in its 108-year history, the entire 1.3 millions-acre Prescott National Forest will close at 8 a.m. Friday. So far, the Prescott is the only national forest in Arizona to announce a full closure, although others have instituted partial closures. The Santa Fe National Forest in New Mexico is the only other forest in the nation that is closed.

May 24, 02

**PRESCOTT VALLEY SETTLES CLAIMS OVER 2001 FATAL POLICE PURSUIT:**

The Town of Prescott Valley has agreed to pay $2.65 million to the parents of the men who died as a result of a high-speed car chase that began when Jesus Peralta fled from police in January 2001. Peralta, 24, a Mexican national, currently is serving 36.5 years in prison for three counts of reckless man slaughter, theft of a means of transportation, unlawful flight and aggravated assault for running over a police officer. He originally faced multiple murder charges and as long as 95 years in prison.

May 24, 02

**FIRED HUSD BIZ MANAGER SAYS SHE IS A SCAPEGOAT:**

Humboldt Unified School District Business Manager Gail Woods says she is a scapegoat for Superintendent Cynthia Verdugo Wood’s treatment of the district’s budget deficit. Woods said she told Verdugo Wood about the size of the deficit in early February, but the superintendent did nothing to diminish the shortage’s impact. The board fired Woods, who had been on the job for a year, last week.

May 24, 02

**PV APPROVES SITE FOR NEW HENSLY DISTRIBUTION CENTER:**

As the town continues pushing its sales tax revenue base, the Town Council approved the final development plan of the Hensley and Co. distribution building. The new center will distribute Anheuser-Busch products. This new plant will feature about 56,000 square feet of warehouse and office space and operate on 13.3 acres on the south side of the Valley Road extension approximately one quarter mile east of the Ace Distribution facility adjacent to a new industrial building. The new building could expand its floor space in the future, explained Town Planner Joe Scott.

May 24, 02

**PRESCOTT VALLEY SEeks COMMENTS ON PARKS PLANS:**

Citizens of Prescott Valley will have a chance to meet and share their opinions on two issues: the future of parks and recreation in this community and the possibility of building a community center in Prescott Valley. Information collected from this meeting will result in a long-term master plan that will set parks and recreation priorities for the future.

May 29, 02

**PRESCOTT VALLEY’S FAIN PARK OFFERS A PEACEFUL RESPITE - CLOSE TO HOME:**

It’s a beautiful day in the neighborhood. The Fain Park “neighborhood” of Prescott Valley offers a respite from the toils of the day for residents and visitors alike. A stroll around the lake or a nature hike along one of the park’s many tails can suit a variety of tastes. A short distance off of Highway 69, the park is a place where one can picnic on a grassy lawn with the kids and pets or take an easy stroll around this 100-acre recreational refuge. For a nice hike, head due east, past Fain Lake toward the new Chapel of the Valley. View the eight magnificent, historical stained glass windows that grace this place, this memorial to Johnie Lee Fain that is also open to the public.

May 31, 02

**PRESCOTT VALLEY SAYS ‘NO GO’ TO THIS YEAR’S PYROTECHNIC SHOW:**

The town’s annual fireworks celebration will not take place this year because of the extreme fire danger. “Public safety is the Town Council’s top priority and conducting fireworks during this unusually dry season is a risk we’re not willing to take at this time,” Town Manager Anthony
Mortillaro said in a press release. “The fireworks can be scheduled with another event later in the summer or in the early fall, after we’ve had some soaking rains,” he said.

May 31, 02

**PV BOARD SUGGESTS PROPERTY TAX TO PAY FOR STREETS:**

Earlier this week the Streets Infrastructure Citizens Committee made two important recommendations toward paying for future street improvements within the town. The recommendations mostly will affect work on Navajo Drive, Lakeshore Drive and Robert Road. The first proposal asks for a one-third of a cent, or 0.33 percent, sales tax increase that would specifically target those streets. The second request asks for the addition of 0.85 percent property tax. That means that a resident living in a home assessed at $100,000 value would pay $85 per year based on the secondary assessment for that home, explained town engineer Pete Jorgenson.

June 2, 02

**ARCHERS NOW TAKE AIM INDOORS AT PV RANGE:**

With his new Mile High Archery store and indoor target range, located at 6300 East highway 69 in Prescott Valley, Ron Hilliar has filled a need for archers wanting to practice their hobby at night or on windy days. His range, which opened about a month ago, is not affiliated with Van Clark’s long-time area Prescott Valley Archery store, which is located a couple of doors down from Hilliar’s store. Hilliar, who built the 2,500-square-foot building for his range and store, said that his is the only indoor archery range in Yavapai County.

June 3, 02

**SCHOLARSHIP FEEDS DREAM:**

Bradshaw Mountain High School senior Danielle Humphrey is one step closer to becoming a marine biologist. Last week, she received a $500 scholarship from Coyote Springs Elementary, which Danielle attended a few years ago. “It will help me a lot,” said this soft-spoken 17-year-old student, who plans to attend Yavapai College before she transfers to San Diego State University and eventually earn “my doctorate so I can train dolphins.”

June 7, 02

**DEVELOPER BREAKS GROUND ON NEW WINDSONG OFFICE BUILDING:**

Local developer Paul Browning broke ground this past week on his new Windsong Professional Court building near the intersection of Highway 69 and Windsong Drive. Already, Browning has signed on two tenants – Physicians Business Services and Chicago Title Insurance – for about 4,000 square feet on the ground floor of the 16,500-square-foot building.

June 7, 02

**HUSD MAY HAVE ANSWER TO BUDGET WOES:**

With the help of the Arizona Legislature and a bank – Santa Barbara Bank and Trust – the Humboldt Unified School District may be able to decrease or even completely balance its $500,000 maintenance and operation (M&O) budget deficit this year. Sen. Ken Bennett (R-Prescott) and Rep. Henry Camarot (D-Prescott) pushed for approval of a bill that now allows struggling school districts to move money from their capital budget into their M&O budget. Before the law changed, those types of transfers could take place only during the time of Budget adoptions, which has a July 15 deadline each year.

June 7, 02

**CENSUS STUDY REVEALS DETAILS ABOUT AREA COMMUNITIES:**

The information, which the Census Bureau posted on its Internet Web site, lists a breakdown of each of the communities in the tri-city area, including the Yavapai-Prescott Indian Reservation. It also has totals for Yavapai County and the state of Arizona. Along with population figures, the “profile of general demographic characteristics” includes information about education, income, family size, and the value of homes.

June 9, 02

**NEW PV BUDGET LOOKS TO BREAK $40 MILLION MARK:**

The Town Council sits poised to approve one of the largest fiscal year budgets in the town’s history. The proposed fiscal year 2002-03 budget rests at $42,846,910 – a figure that marks an increase of slightly more than 8 percent over last years total. The town’s largest budget was in fiscal year 1997-98, at just more than $57 million. The budget increase stems from the addition of town positions, a proposed increase in grant-funded capital projects, employee compensation and insurance adjustments and capital projects.

June 9, 02

**ZERO RAINFALL IN MAY TIES ALL-TIME RECORD:**
May’s complete lack of precipitation in Prescott tied a 1902 record. The zero rainfall also extends another record: the period from September to May is now the driest weather during that period in Prescott’s history, officials said. The Yavapai County Flood Control District has a precipitation monitoring site on the south side of town along Marina Street. That county site hasn’t recorded any rain since April 6, said hydrologist Mark Massis. And it has recorded precipitation only twice this year, he added. It has recorded 2.87 inches of rain since Oct. 1, 2001.

June 12, 02
FRIED TECH DIRECTOR FILES NEW CLAIMS AGAINST HUSD:
Humboldt Unified School District (HUSD) Technology Director Tony Korwin has filed another notice of claim with the district, demanding an additional $1 million in compensation. Korwin’s claim, which he filed through his attorney, Tony Shaw, is against HUSD and Superintendent Cynthia Verdugo Wood and alleges the wrongful termination of his contract.

June 12, 02
FRIDAY BRUSH FIRE HIGHLIGHTS AREA’S VOLATILITY:
A grass fire along Highway 69 near the industrial park in PV diverted traffic for about an hour Friday morning. A brush truck, two engines and nine firefighters from Central Yavapai Fire District contained the blaze to a half-acre. A motorist driving on a flat tire accidentally started the fire when sparks from contact between the metal wheel and the pavement ignited the dry grass, said CYFD Fire Inspector Rod Lopez.

June 13, 02
FIRE DEPARTMENT PACTS WILL GOVERN FUTURE DEALINGS:
The format of the cooperative arrangement between the City of Prescott’s fire department and the Central Yavapai Fire District will change, but officials say the quality of fire protection service won’t. After years of operating with a single inner-governmental agreement (IGA), the two fire departments are splitting the various details of arrangement into five separate agreements. The Prescott City Council unanimously approved the new agreements Tuesday. The Central Yavapai Fire District (CYFD) board approved all but one of the pacts Monday when a question arose over the liability language in the joint training agreement. But by Wednesday, (CYFD) Chief Dave Curtis said the two entries appear to have worked out that issue, and he expected the fifth agreement to get approval of the CYFD board in July.

June 14, 02
NEW TOWN STORE OFFERS FUNCTION, FASHION:
The Town of Prescott Valley now offers citizens and visitors unique essentials for almost any occasion. For instance, the home office or work desk can certainly use a note cube or drink coaster. Many items are available in the new Town Store – a bright display case taking up permanent residence in the lobby of the Prescott Valley Public Library.

June 14, 02
TOWN COUNCIL OKs MORE ROBERT ROAD IMPROVEMENTS:
The Town Council approved an engineering service agreement for additional Robert Road improvements during Thursday night’s regular council session. Town history reveals that Robert Road saw some reconstruction in 1998 from Highway 69 to Yavapai Road. The next phase of improvement will include the reconstruction of Robert Road from Yavapai Road to Loos Drive.

June 16, 02
PV WILL ASK THE PUBLIC ABOUT ROAD FINANCING OPTIONS:
In the near future, the Prescott Valley town Council may seek public opinion regarding the best financing options for the community’s top three street improvements. Navajo Drive, Lakeshore Drive and Robert Road will benefit from future improvements, including drainage repairs. Town Manager Anthony Mortillaro explained that earlier this week, during the final Streets Infrastructure Citizens Committee meeting, that town staff and the council want to gather public opinion on the two proposed financing methods for the street projects. After months of discussion, committee members concluded that these two possible methods should make it on a ballot for the November general election: The placement of a one-third of a cent, or 0.33 percent, sales tax increase toward financing those road improvements; The addition of a 0.85 percent property tax.

June 18, 02
BLM LAND EXCHANGE ON HOLD; FEDS SAY IT’S MORE LIKE TERMINAL:
A proposed land exchange that would privatize thousands of acres of public land in Yavapai County may be over before the analysis barely begins. Because of public opposition, proponent Gary Torhjelm of Aranda Properties is rethinking his proposal to acquire as many as 16,887 acres of U.S. Bureau of Land Management (BLM) property in exchange for private land. Most of the BLM land is between Highways 169 and 69. The Yavapai County Board of Supervisors’ June 3 vote to oppose the land exchange and ask for more detailed studies is a major factor in the delay, he said.

**June 18,02**
**SUPES VOTE TO DOWNSIZE BLM PROPERTY:**
Yavapai County Supervisors voted Monday to downzone nearly 17,000 acres that may become private in a land exchange. They voted unanimously to work on a zoning change for the U.S. Bureau of Land Management property from two-acre homes sites to 36-acre home sites. Most of the 16,887 acres is between highways 169 and 69.

**June 18,02**
**WATER GROUP TACKLES HOT TOPICS WEDNESDAY:**
Three controversial projects are on the Yavapai County Water Advisory Committee’s agenda Wednesday… The committee will discuss a BLM land exchange, a 50,000 acre housing development near Paulden and a cement facility near Drake. The committee’s agenda includes “discussion and possible action” concerning the proposal to exchange as many as 16,887 acres of U.S. Bureau of Land Management property in Yavapai County for 8,919 acres of land next to BLM national monuments and conservation areas.

**June 19,02**
**PARKWAY PLAN WILL CHANGE PV’s HIGHWAY FACE:**
The “Highway through town to somewhere else” appearance still dominated the Highway 69 corridor, but the Town of Prescott Valley is serious about changing that image. All it takes is money. The Parkway Redevelopment plan will completely make over the character of Prescott Valley’s Highway 69 corridor. “This began back in the 1980’s when we said we wanted to clean up our act along the 69 corridor,” said Prescott Valley Community Development Director Richard Parker. “We’re now well on, our way to achieving that vision.”

**June 19,02**
**BIKE/PEDESTRIAN TRAIL WILL PRECEDE PARKWAY:**
A pedestrian and bicycle path paralleling Highway 69 on the north side will enhance the Parkway Redevelopment project. The Town has received a $1 million federal grant to begin construction on the portion of the path that runs between Glassford Hill Road and Navajo Drive.

**June 19,02**
**FLAGSTAFF PROPOSES REDRAWING OF NORTHERN ARIZONA DISTRICTS:**
Unhappy with its slot in a legislative district that the more populous Navajo Nation dominates, the city of Flagstaff on Tuesday proposed a new map that would change many of the state’s rural districts.

**June 19,02**
**WOOD RESIGNS FROM HUSD HELM:**
Humboldt Unified School District Superintendent Cynthia Verdugo-Wood agreed Tuesday to accept the board’s demands to resign in exchange for a severance package. The severance package will include a year’s pay plus benefits, expenses and annuities as defined in her contract for this year.

**June 20,02**
**WATER GROUP LOOKS AT 3 CONTROVERSIAL DEVELOPMENTS:**
The Yavapai County Water Advisory Committee discussed three controversial development proposals Wednesday, but could make a decision only on one because of lack of information. The committee decided to send a letter to the board of Supervisors saying it has concerns about the ground water supply for nearly 17,000 acres of federal land between highways 69 and 169 that may become private through a land exchange.

**June 21,02**
**PRESCOTT VALLEY DAYS PROMISES FUN FOR ALL:**
The 24th annual Prescott Valley Days will take place June 26-30 and feature many exciting events for residents and visitors alike. Beginning Wednesday, June 26, at 5 p.m. with the Frazier shows carnival and games at Mountain Valley Park, through Sunday, June 30, with softball and horse racing.
MASTER-PLANNED COMMUNITY OPENS DOOR FOR PUBLIC VIEWING THIS WEEKEND:
For more than a year, workers have been pushing dirt, laying infrastructure and building model homes largely out-of-view from the general public. But StoneRidge, a new master-planned community tucked among the foothills of the Bradshaw Mountains, will lift the curtain on itself this weekend with a variety of grand opening events aimed at introducing people to what it has to offer.

HUSD BOARD APPOINTS TEMPORARY LEADER:
Humboldt Unified School District Special Services Director Kay Turner will take over some superintendent’s duties and responsibilities until the board hires the interim superintendent. The board accepted Turner’s appointment unanimously after board member Boyce MacDonald placed the recommendation during a special study session on Thursday. The appointment came after the board accepted Superintendent Cynthia-Verdugo Wood’s resignation this week.

WATER BOARDS, COUNTY P&Z MAY MEET TO STUDY DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS:
The Yavapai County Water Advisory Committee may meet soon for the first time with the county Planning and Zoning Commission. The water committee agreed Wednesday to invite the planning commission to join it in learning more about programs to purchase development rights. The decision came after the committee heard a brief presentation from the Nature Conservancy about such “PDR” programs.

COMMUNICATION ENHANCES PV’s COURTESY CART PROGRAM:
The Town’s Civic Center courtesy cart service now offers something new and really different for patrons. The addition of two walkie-talkie units for the courtesy volunteers will prove a quick and effective way to service the those citizens who need assistance walking to their vehicles from the Civic Center, explained Stuart Mattson, library director. “We tried several things,” he said, referring to the various walkie-talkie models on the market. The library department finally chose two units that fit snugly in one’s palm and feature a clear, far reaching range.

FOREST OFFICIALS MAY CLOSE LYNX LAKE ACCESS:
U.S. Forest Service Officials are considering closing Lynx Lake to the public because so many people are violating restrictions. The lake is currently the lone exception to the unprecedented closure of the Prescott National Forest, which officials closed May 24 because of extreme wildfire danger. But if people don’t stop violating restrictions, the entire forest may be closed before the upcoming holiday weekend that draws thousands of visitors, Bradshaw District Ranger Ernie Del Rio said.

PV HAS POSSIBLE FUTURE OLYMPIAN IN SOCCER STAR TANYA PAYNE:
It’s a little too early to tell, but not too early to dream that Prescott Valley may someday boast an Olympic athlete. Tanya Payne will take the first step to making the dream come true when she attends an Olympic Development Program (ODP) soccer camp next month. Payne attended the ODP tryouts in Phoenix, and became one of 40 in a poll that was narrowed to 18, with two goalkeepers and six alternates. The whole process took five months. Payne is the first Prescott Valley player to earn admittance to the ODP camp.

FAMILY FINDS REFUGE FROM RODEO FIRE IN PV:
Steve and Heidi Seals, Steve, Jr. and Amanda and Bill Wilkinson sat, somewhat overwhelmed and clutching the family pets, at the kitchen table in Tom and Clara Seals’ Prescott Valley home Monday. The five were still riding a hellish rollercoaster that began last Tuesday when a wildfire started in the White Mountains and grew into a more than 300,000-acre monster, overrunning several communities and threatening others.

NON-FIREWORKS STILL TOO FLAMMABLE FOR CONDITIONS, POLICE, FIRE OFFICIALS SAY:
Local fire and police officials are discouraging residents from purchasing legal but flammable pseudo-fireworks available in retail stores. Though not as hazardous has “genuine”’ exploding
pyrotechnics, officials said the flammable substitutes are still capable of starting a very serious
fire, given the present drought conditions. “I had a half-hour conversation about them with
Prescott’s fire marshal, Ted Galde. We agreed the devices are not hazardous but they are
flammable and require adult supervision,” said Central Yavapai Fire District Fire Marshal
Charlie Cook.

June 26,02 WORK ON NEW FAI N ROAD IS WELL AHEAD OF TIMETABLE:
The contractor for the new Fain Road project appears to be fulfilling its promise of a break-neck
construction pace. Yavapai County’s contract allots 14 months for the project, and Ames
Construction officials want to do it in half that time. The five-mile-long Fain Road project
involves realigning and paving the road, creating a high-speed connection between Highways
89A and 69 east of Prescott Valley. The fast pace is taking place in spite of at least one strange
set-back. While digging footings for the bridge over the Agua Fria River drainage, workers
came across a few vehicle tires buried in the dirt. The number of tires quickly grew to hundreds
and then thousands. Right now it stands at 3,495.

June 28,02 NEW APARTMENT COMPLEX WILL BE ‘JEWEL’:
The town’s latest apartment complex broke ground Tuesday on its 26-acre site at the base of
Glassford Hill. Scottsdale-based developers Dick Lund and Steve Buchanan teamed up to build
their Glassford Hill Terrace apartments, which have been more than two years in the making.
They hope to have the project’s first 60 units ready to rent by early next year. The project’s first
phase will consist of 226 single-story units on three floors, and its second phase will consist of
97 units.

June 28,02 GRANT MONEY AVAILABLE TO REHAB LOCAL HOMES:
The Town of Prescott Valley recently received a federal grant totaling $300,000 from the
Governor’s Office of Housing Development to pay for rehabilitations on the homes of low-to-
moderate-income households. The program targets home health and safety issues, and it can pay
to replace or repair floors, roofs, window, doors, heating and cooling, plumbing and electrical.
Also, it can pay to install disability accessibility measures such as ramps, widening doors, and
replacing bathroom fixtures. To qualify for the program, applicants must: meet the income
eligibility, which, for example, is $31,000 for a family of four; either own or be in the process
of buying a home; live in the home within the town limits and hire licensed contractors to
perform the work.

June 30,02 PV MAN GETS BIG RETURN WITH WORLD’S ONLINE MARKET PLACE:
Richard Bull recently accepted an award because he spends close to 5,000 hours a year helping
people on the eBay Web site – the word’s online market place. This past weekend, thousands of
eBay visitors and executives attended the eBay Live! Conference in Anaheim, where Bull and
three others received the site’s 2002 Community Award for their services.

July 1,02 HABITAT SEEKS PV’S HELP TO CONTINUE BUILDING LOW-COST HOUSING:
The Non-profit organization Habitat for Humanity strives to build homes for low-income
families. However, Habitat still faces a building challenge in the town of Prescott Valley
because of high impact fees and an apparent lack of land we aside specifically for low-income
housing. During this past week’s Town Council work study session, Habitat representatives
explained their dilemma and requested a rebate for those impact/utility fees for each home they
build in the town during through 2006. In addition, Habitat asked that all new developments
require a percentage of acreage set aside for low-cost housing.

July 3,02 HUSD APPROVES TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR 2002-03:
The Humboldt Unified School District board unanimously adopted a proposed $21.1 million
budget for the 2002-03 school year during its regular board meeting on Tuesday. The district
will get about $1.14 million in soft capital money, which is 8.5 percent less than this year. As
part of the budget, the boards also approved an increase in the primary property tax of 5.34
percent, or 24 cents per $100 assessed valuation. The secondary property tax, however, will go
down, from $1.56 to $1.40, which means that the tax will be $140 a year on a $100,000 home.
LIBERTY STUDENTS WILL WEAR UNIFORMS THIS FALL:
Liberty Traditional School will have a new dress code for its students this fall. During its regular board meeting on Tuesday, the Humboldt Unified School District board unanimously approved a recommendation to create a uniform dress code on that campus. The uniform will consist of polo shirts or T-shirts in red, white or navy blue colors. The shirts must be plain or imprinted with the Liberty logo. Shorts can be either navy or khaki. In the wintertime, long-sleeve shirts and long pants will replace the summer uniform, but the same colors apply.

HUSD PUSHES NEW SCHOOL OPENING BACK TO JANUARY 2003:
Bradshaw Mountain High School’s east campus likely will open its doors in January 2003. The Humboldt Unified School District’s board made the decision on Tuesday during its regular board meeting. The initial plan was to open the school in August. However, according to Paul Farnham, the district’s construction and facility director, a delay makes sense because Adolfson and Peterson Construction will not complete the school gym until October, which is according to their agreement.

PV STREETS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS SALES TAX OR PROPERTY TAX HIKE TO PAY FOR PROJECTS:
Several members of the Streets Infrastructure Citizens Committee recommended a voter-approved sales tax increase or a property tax to pay for three top-priority street improvement projects during Wednesday’s work-study session. The recommendation came in the committee’s final report on financing options to improve Robert Road, Navajo Drive and Lakeshore Drive. Improvements will cost around $25 million.

DROUGHT TAKES TOLL ON PRONGHORN FAWNS:
No one will be happier to see the monsoon arrive than the animals whose lives depend on it. If the pronghorn fawns are any indication, some wild animals in Yavapai County are having a hard time. “We probably had a very poor survival rate because of the drought,” said Eric Gardner, Prescott sector field supervisor for the Arizona Game & Fish Department. “We’re definitely in severe drought conditions.”

PRESCOTT VALLEY TRAFFIC STUDY COULD EASE PRESSURE ON SMALL BUSINESS:
A new traffic impact review could help insure that commercial property owners and new businesses adjacent to public roadways pay their fair share of town-wide off-site improvements. Based on the town’s original ordinance, those adjacent property owners needed to pay the entire cost of those street improvements. The review will be a guideline for determining the fair-share cost for those commercial property and business owners. This review further defines the improvement ordinance the council approved last year – a police of outlining how adjacent property owners would pay for street upgrades and maintenance.

HUSD BOARD PONDS INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT’S ROLE:
The Humboldt Unified School District board met in a special session Monday to hear the district’s staff and the community’s expectations about an interim superintendent.

ENTHUSIAST PLANS TO TAKE HIS DREAM TO PV OFFICIALS:
The Beatles took America by storm years ago with their tailored appeal and unique sound. Perhaps another European invasion will show itself in the form of a tailored and unique bicycling sport perfect for citizens of all ages. At least that’s the plan for Prescott Valley resident David Cooke who noticed a lack of designated space specific for bicycle riders. A Cycle Speedway track would offer families and youth a place to ride, Cooke said. “It’s such a big sport out there.” He said referring to his vision of bringing Cycle Speedway to the town – and the dream may not actually prove that difficult.

PV TO MULL REZONE FOR RACETRACK:
A rezoning plan for Yavapai downs could change almost 91 acres of land into public land status – a move that allows for additional uses for racetrack activity. That property adjacent to the racetrack site would allow more space for composting the manure that the horses at the racetrack
create. In addition to creating more commercial and residential property projects, according to a
town report.

July 10,02  **TWO MAKE CUT FOR HUSD INTERIM POST:**
After receiving more than 14 applications, the Humboldt Unified School District board chose Dr.
Tom McCraley and Dr. Roger Short as the finalists in the search for an interim superintendent.
Board President Craig Sorenson said that the board members were looking for someone who has
been through the budget cycles in Arizona and someone who understands the state law and
regulations.

July 10,02  **SANTA FE LOOP CLOSES TODAY FOR 5 MONTHS;**
A local road will close today for five months because of work on the new Fain Road. Today
through November, the Santa Fe Loop Road will be closed to through traffic north of Grapevine
Industrial Park. The closure is necessary because the county government is building the new
Fain Road on the east side of Prescott Valley.

July 12,02  **HUSD TAPS FORMER PRESCOTT SUPERINTENDENT AS INTERIM BOSS:**
Former Prescott Unified School District Superintendent Roger Short will be the new Humboldt
Unified School District leader. The board voted unanimously to hire Short as the interim
superintendent this morning during its special board meeting. The other finalist was Mingus
Union High School District Superintendent Tom McCraley.

July 12,02  **PRESCOTT VALLEY BRINGS IN NEW ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR:**
The Town of Prescott Valley recently expanded its services with the addition of an economic
development division. The newly hired division manager reported for work earlier this week.
Michael Shaffer brings to the table 15 years of experience in retail site selection and in the real
estate analysis field. “This is an exciting time for Prescott Valley,” Shaffer stated in a press
release.

July 12, 02  **PV COUNCIL APPROVES REZONE NEAR RACETRACK:**
The Town Council approved, during this week’s regular session, a re-zoning plan for Yavapai
Downs that will change 91 acres into public land status. This re-zoning allows for additional
activities for the racetrack including more barn and stable space for the racehorses, explained
Yavapai Downs General Manager Jim Grundy.

July 14,02  **PV COUNCIL READY TO APPROVE MODIFIED STREET WORK PLAN:**
The Town Council approved the final Streets Infrastructure Citizens Committee report Thursday,
on the condition that the report receive some modifications before the next regular session.
Because the committee’s decision was split on the subject of financing proposals for the town’s
top three priority street projects, the council will wait until the next session to formally approve
the report. Those priority projects are Robert Road, Navajo Drive and Lakeshore Drive.
Improvements to the three streets will cost around $25 million.

July 16,02  **PV REQUIRES SAFETY MEASURES FOR POOLS:**
As summer temperatures continue climbing many people, including children, will take advantage
of the sunshine season by dipping into the pool. The Town of Prescott Valley defines a
swimming pool as “any constructed pool that is used for swimming, bathing or wading whether
above or below the ground surface and regardless of depth or water surface area.” Inflatable
pools also fall under these guidelines, said town code enforcement officer Kelly Sammeli. To
keep out uninvited users, owners must enclose the pool within a solid wall or fence not less than
six feet high. These walls or fences must prevent small children from entering the swimming
pool.

July 16,02  **MEDIval TIMES FOCUS OF PROGRAM:**
Anyone interested in medieval England lifestyles can visit the Prescott Valley Civic Center
community room at 2 p.m. Thursday for a special feature presentation. A. Compton Reeves,
professor of medieval history from Ohio, will present his program “Leisure Times in Centuries
Past.”

July 17,02  **LEDERLE’S SOLAR CAR A NATURAL FOR SUNNY NORTHERN ARIZONA:**
The solar powered car is a reality in Prescott Valley today, though it isn’t likely to supplant the gasoline automobile soon. “I think the solar car might have more market out in areas where power isn’t available everywhere on the property,” said PV businessman Tom Lederle, owner of Arizona Ranch & Resort Cars on Second Street. “I don’t know yet if there’s really a market here in Prescott Valley for the street cars, but I’m excited about it.” “My next one will have two 120 watt solar panels, which should be good for driving 40 to 50 miles a week,” Lederle said.

July 17,02

‘MEET ME IN ST. LOUIS’ – YAHOO SOFTBALL TEAM ON TO JR. OLYMPICS NATIONALS:

Although St. Louis might not be anyone’s first choice location for beating summer heat and humidity, the members of Prescott Valley’s Yahoos 12 and under soft ball team are anxious to get there. The Yahoos qualified to play in the Class B national tournament in St., Louis scheduled for July 29–Aug. 4. Coaches Janet Jensen, Mike Huss, Grant Miller and Sharon Haese put together the tournament team for kids that wanted to play more competitive softball, according to Haese. They played eight weeks of fall softball, then resumed in April to prepare for summer.

July 18,02

PRESCOTT VALLEY PARKS AND RECREATION PLAN IS IN THE WORKS:

The town’s Parks and Recreation Department will continue its plans to provide additional activities to citizens and will present a master plan to the public – but all in good time. The Parks Commission expects its master plan and community center feasibility study draft proposal to be ready “hopefully before Aug.20,” said Parks and recreation Director John Nixon. The commission invited the public to four meetings and gathered information on everything from current athletic needs to future plans, such as a proposed 50,000- to-100,00-square-feet, community center. The average center runs at about 70,000 square feet, Nixon said.

July 19,02

WATER BOARD SETS GOALS AT RETREAT:

Lack of authority in state law and lack of control over water supplies hamper regional water planning efforts, some Yavapai County Water Advisory Committee members and county supervisors said Thursday. Several people said the state Legislature needs to give local governments the ability to create regional water management authorities.

July 19,02

HUSD HOPES POSITION CUTS WILL HELP BALANCE BUDGET:

In an effort to balance its 2002-03 budget, the Humboldt United School District (HUSD) continues to look for ways to decrease its spending. The most recent proposal is to eliminate about 20 full-time equivalent non-teaching positions across the district. According to that recommendation, the district would save about $473,000, which is about $91,000 more than the district initially planned.

July 21,02

ALMOST READY:

Construction is in full swing at the Fain Signature Group’s new “mixed use building #5” going up near the Harkins Theater in Prescott Valley. The 30,000 square-foot building will eventually be home to retail users and professional offices. (Photo accompanies article)

July 21,02

PV’s WATER SUPPLY HOLDS UP – EVEN IN DRY TIMES:

“Is that water coming out of the sky?” Chamber of Commerce Director Lew Rees asked during a rainy afternoon press conference. Rees aimed the question At the state of the town’s water district production activity. “That is water coming out of the sky,” Tarkowski affirmed. On a serious note, Tarkowski offered the audience a snapshot report of the town’s water status. He said the town’s peak production day was June 27, “when it was extremely hot.” Tarkowski said that last year the town pumped more water than it did this year, “even with the growth that has occurred in the town and in the water district boundary areas.” He commended the citizens for their water conservation efforts.

July 22,02

HUSD BOARD WILL MULL PAY TO PLAY QUESTION:

As part of district-wide budget reductions, the Humboldt Unified School District board will decide Tuesday whether students will have to pay to play various sports.

July 24,02

HUSD APPROVES PAY-TO-PLAY FOR STUDENT SPORTS:
With a unanimous 4-0 vote of approval at Tuesday night’s Humboldt Unified School District Governing Board meeting, the district will adopt pay-to-play for its student athletics starting this fall. The numbers for the 2002-03 academic year will feature a charge of $69 per sport at Bradshaw Mountain High School, $35 per sport at the district middle schools and $28 per sport at the elementary school.

**July 24,02**

**PV TO UNVEIL TIMELINE:**
A new living monument that will grow with the Town of Prescott Valley will grace the retaining wall between the Civic Center and the Prescott Valley Police Department. This past year, Colleen Morris sought Town Council approval for the proposed ceramic tile timeline as a permanent fixture for the public. Morris, then a junior in high school, made a proposal that would involve months of research and hard work – as part of her Girl Scout Gold Award.

**July 24,02**

**IDYLLIC SITE OPEN AGAIN:**
Ray ands Janie baker of Prescott Valley brought their dogs to Lynx Lake Friday morning. Officials opened the lake to public recreation Friday after closing it for several weeks because some users were not obeying fire restrictions. “It’s nice to have it open again. We like to come here a couple times a week with our dogs,” Janie said.

**July 24,02**

**ADOT AWARDS 89A CONTRACT; WORK TO BEGIN IN AUGUST:**
The Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) awarded a $14.1 million contract to extend Highway 89A five miles from Glassford Hill Road to the new Fain Road on the north side of Prescott Valley. The Transportation Board awarded the contract to R.E. Monks Construction Co. of Fountain Hills to build the second element in a three-part program to provide a controlled access highway for the tri-city area.

**July 24,02**

**CHAMBER ANNOUNCES ANNUAL COMMUNITY AWARDS:**
Prescott Valley Chamber members and guests gathered Saturday night at the Prescott Resort to honor a group of people who have gone above and beyond to serve their community. Outgoing Chamber President Sanford Cohen highlighted his chosen theme of “Let’s Work Together” for the upcoming year, and then handed out beautiful glass plaques to this year’s Community Service Award honorees.

**July 26,02**

**NEW PV BILLING SYSTEM REAPS SAVINGS FOR MOST:**
“Pay for what you flush” remains the town’s motto when it comes to sewer fees. Currently a town resident’s sewer usages determines his or her sewer fee. And, according to town figures, most people are now paying less for sewer use than before than before the town switched to its new “pay for what you use” method this past fall. That means a total of 6,751 town citizens will pay less than the previous $18 per month flat fee. About 2,500 residents (23 percent) saw an increase in their sewer bills, while a small percentage will pay $10 or less on their bills.

**July 26,02**

**MASTERPLANNED COMMUNITY GREETS FIRST HOME BUYERS AS PRESCOTT VALLEY DEVELOPMENT BEGINS TO SPROUT:**
After working on his local Granville project every day for the past four years, Phoenix-based developer Joe Contadino is finally beginning to see the fruits of his labor rising from the meadowlands along Glassford Hill Road. Since opening up the master-planned community’s first phase for sales about a month ago, Contadino said he has been pleased with the response among buyers. “We’re smiling,” he said. “It’s working.”

**July 28,02**

**LOCAL 12-UNDER TEAM TAKES NATIONAL STAGE:**
Last March, they were a thrown-together band of teammates. Soon after, they were on the wrong end of a tournament massacre. Now they’re the lone Arizona representatives at nationals. Having streaked through growing pains at breakneck speed, the Prescott Valley Yahoos travel today to St. Louis, Mo., to take part in the ASA Class B 12-and-under National Girls Fast Pitch Tournament.

**July 28,02**

**COUNCIL: NO PV PROPERTY TAX – YET:**
Prescott Valley citizens will not see a property tax in the near future. However, during its regular session the Town Council approved the Streets and Infrastructure Committee
recommendation to increase the town’s sales tax by one-third of a cent as a way of paying for the bonding for the chosen top-three street improvements within town. Those three projects are Robert Road, Navajo Drive and Lakeshore Drive at a cost of $25 million.

**July 28, 02**

**WISH GRANTS PV TEEN HI-TECH COMFORTS:**
Nichole Randall recently received a new HP computer, complete with a camera, Zip drive, printer and scanner. The Make-A-Wish Foundation granted Nichole’s longing for a computer system. “I’m very jealous,” joked Nichole’s mother, Michelle Randall, who can laugh now because her 15-year-old daughter successfully finished months of radiation treatments that ended in December. Now in remission, Nichole looks forward to a new year as a sophomore at Bradshaw Mountain High School.

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Bradshaw Mountain High School graphic design students have many reasons to be proud. This past school year, they designed and produced a poster calendar and a yearbook of quality that can rival any other professional work on the market. Their teacher, Christine Scott, who has an extensive background in graphic design and also teaches graphic design classes at Yavapai College, said that she is very proud of her students’ work.

**July 31, 02**

**PV COUNCIL HOPES TO FINALIZE FIRE PROTECTION PACT WITH CYFD:**
The Town Council will discuss the final agreement between the town and the Central Yavapai Fire district that allows for an increase in fire and medical assistance within Prescott Valley. The police department’s Special Response Team (SRT) already works as a law enforcement tactical team that “responds to high-risk situations that occur within the town,” says a report. The report says that the SRT will need the addition of medical personnel.

**Aug. 11, 02**

**HUSD BOARD APPROVES NEW GRADING SYSTEM FOR PE CLASSES.**
Humboldt Unified School District elementary physical education and music teachers will grade their students somewhat differently this year. During a regular board meeting on Tuesday, governing board members approved an elementary music and PE teachers’ request to change the grading policy in those two areas.

**Aug. 11, 02**

**PV’S MOUNTAIN VALLEY PARK TO GET UPGRADES:**
The Town Council on Thursday approves an agreement to upgrade Mountain Valley Park. The Council agreed that the Parks and Recreation Department and a landscape architecture firm will work together to renovate the park—a project that will include improvements to the restrooms, armadas, playground structures and the pool fencing at Mountain Valley Splash.

**Aug. 11, 02**

**BUDGET BUILDS FIFTH AREA CENTER:**
Chuck and Judy Fulton hope to open their newest Budget Ministorage Center by October or November. It will be the privately owned firms fourth location in Prescott Valley. The Fultons, who first got into the mini—warehouse business locally in 1987, also own and manage a site in Chino Valley.

**Aug 11, 02**

**SMALL FIRM DOES BIG BUSINESS:**
Maybe his nickname should be “Racing” Radding. Local developer Gene Radding, of Creative Enterprises, has gotten his commercial construction down to such a science that he can erect one of his trademark Southwest-style buildings, from start to finish, in about two months. However, for his latest building, just east of B&W Electronics (Between Highway 69 and East 2nd Street), Radding stepped up his efforts to complete the 7,480-square-foot building in about seven weeks because his anchor tenant, Kelly Moore Paints, had a deadline to move out of its existing location on Copper Hill Drive. Currently, Radding’s tiny three-person firm has five buildings under construction. In addition, Radding has another five buildings under planning review in Prescott Valley.

**Aug 13, 02**

**KORWIN SUES HUSD, FORMER EMPLOYEES:**
Former Humboldt Unified School District Technology Director Tony Korwin has sued the district, former superintendent Cynthia Verdugo Wood and former Information Services Trainer Judy Clark. Korwin’s attorney Tony Shaw filed the lawsuit in Yavapai County Superior Court on Friday.
Aug. 14,02  **LAWYER: HUSD WILL FIGHT KORWIN LAWSUIT:**
Humboldt Unified School District lawyer Don Johnson said that the lawsuit claims of the
district’s former technology director, Tony Korwin, have no foundation. “We do not think there
is any merit to his claims,” he said. “We will defend the lawsuit.”

Aug 14,02  **FOCUS OF STUDY SESSION WILL BE TOWN’S PERMITS FOR UNDERGROUND WATER STORAGE:**
Last spring the Town Council approved an agreement for collecting the required permits for an
underground storage area with in the Agua Fria River Channel. The council will discuss the
status of those permits during Thursday’s 5:45 p.m. work study session in the council chambers,
7501 E. Civic Center. According to a town report the storage area will store treated effluent and
remain downstream of the town’s advanced treatment plant. These permits will allow for the
collection of water storage credits slated for use to offset ground water withdrawals and to help
meet the town’s potable water demands, the report says.

Aug 14,02  **PV POLICE SEARCH FOR ARMED ROBBER:**
Prescott Valley Police officers are searching for the man who allegedly robbed a Prescott Valley
man at gunpoint while he was on a roadside in town. According to Lt. P.J. Janik, at round 8 p.m.
Monday a man stuck a revolver into the victims side while he was parked near Robert Road and
Florentine roads. The suspect then reportedly demanded money from the victim, who gave the
suspect his wallet.

Aug 22,02  **DESPITE INCREASE, HUSD ENROLLMENT STILL LESS THAN BEFORE:**
Although the Humboldt Unified School District’s fifth-day student count shows an increase of
179 students, the district is still 260 pupils down. The total HUSD student population on that day
was 4,886, compared to 4,707 students five days prior. compared to the first day of school a year
ago.

Aug 28,02  **TOWN LOOKS TO TAKE IN STATE TRUST LAND BETWEEN STONERIDGE, PCC:**
The Town Council has approved an application that starts the process for the annexation of State
Trust Lands between StoneRidge and the Prescott Country Club (PCC). The Town recently
applied to the State Selection Board and requested that those parcels of trust land be annexed into
town limits. In May the Town Council deferred those annexation plans because of a PCC
majority vote that opposed the Town’s request. However, the council agreed to discuss with
various PCC areas options for providing sewer service. Those areas include the annexed PCC
section six that currently uses a package treatment plant operated by the Raven Ridge Property
Owners Association.

Aug 28,02  **HUSD AIMS SCORES ABOVE AVERAGE IN STATE, BELOW COUNTY:**
Although Humboldt Unified School District’s percentage of students passing the Arizona
Instrument to Measure Standards (AIMS) tests for spring 2002 is greater that the state’s average,
the district still has to improve at certain testing levels to catch up with the county.

Sep 1,02  **89A WIDENING BEGINS TUESDAY:**
Roadway construction on Highway 89A in Prescott Valley will begin Tuesday. The project
begins where the current Airport Connector Road ends near Glassford Hill Road. Improvements
will include the realignment and widening of 89A from a two-lane roadway to a four-lane,
controlled-access divided highway.

Sept 4,02  **POLICE SEEK SUSPECT IN ATTEMPTED MURDER:**
Prescott Valley police are seeking a suspect who fled the scene of an attempted Prescott Valley
Police Department Lt. P. J. Janik, at about 8:45 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 28, officers responded to
a call reporting a 32-year-old man had suffered a stab wound in the back from a machete.

Sept 4,02  **NIXON RESIGNS FROM RECREATION POST:**
John Nixon has resigned from his position as the Town of Prescott Valley’s Parks and
Recreation Director effective Sept. 6. Nixon accepted a position with Achieve Academy, located
at the Yavapai county Fairgrounds. “I’ve known Gary Spiker a long time,” Nixon said, referring
to the academy’s director. “I have all the faith in the world in (Spiker). If it involved kids, He’s there,” Nixon said, and added that he’s looking forward to working for the academy.

Sept 4, 02
FORMER RESIDENT SUES OVER DAMAGE:
Former Prescott Valley resident Deanna Davis said her dream home on Mission Lane became a nightmare when a flood caused almost $47,000 worth of damage – something she believes the town could have prevented.

Sept 4, 02
STEALTH PATROL – PV POLICE PUT NEW (UNMARKED) CAR INTO SERVICE:
The Prescott Valley Police Department made a stealthy contribution to this year’s Labor Day weekend DUI task force. The department’s new undercover and unmarked police car made its debut Saturday – just in time to participate in the effort. Prescott Valley Lt. J. P. Janik said the department is keeping the description of the car under wraps “so it will be more effective in its mission.”

Sept 6, 02
PV LOOKS TO ESTABLISH NEW TRUCK ROUTES:
During its Thursday evening work session, members of the Town Council and town officials, discussed adding two routes for heavy trucks through town. Council members considered adding the new Fain Road realignment and Glassford Hill Road as part of the town’s approved truck route. “This does not apply to trucks making a delivery,” however, explained Public Works Director Larry Tarkowski. Any gravel and landscape trucks, moving vans or those making local business deliveries can, of course, travel along town roads, Tarkowski said. No bus or truck that exceeds 10,000 pounds “shall use any road, street or highway within the town for through traffic” except those roads slated for truck routes, according to the town ordinance.

Sept 8, 02
PV WILL CARRY ON WITH STREETS PROJECTS:
The plans to move more earth around in Prescott Valley will continue as planned. During a special meeting last week the Town Council unanimously approved a property purchase for the Lakeshore Drive sub-grade extension project. As part of the overall circulation plan for the town, the Lakeshore Drive project stands as “an important component for east-west traffic flow,” said Public Works Director Larry Tarkowski.

Sept 12, 02
PATRIOT DAY IN PV HONORS HEROES, VICTIMS:
Town staff and citizens from all over gathered on the Civic Center lawn Wednesday to remember and observe Patriot Day. The morning ceremony took place as a way of recognizing the heroic efforts of the nation, including its police officers and firefighters, last Sept. 11. “Last year we learned what America is made of,” said an emotional Prescott Valley Mayor Richard Killingsworth. He spoke about how, despite last year’s terrible tragedy, Americans have joined and healed together as one nation.

Sept 15, 02
BORGLUM BRONZES ON DISPLAY:
Famous sculptor’s works come out of vault and into prominence at PV Civic Center. As the Rough Rider will live forever at the Yavapai County Courthouse, so too will his “cousins” at the Prescott Valley Civic Center. Almost two dozen pieces of the Solon H. Borglum, art collection were the feature of a reception at the Prescott Valley Civic Center, including 19 of his bronze western-art sculptures. Gwynneth Kelley, granddaughter of the internationally renowned sculptor, enjoyed the position of guest of honor at that gathering.

Sept 15, 02
MAKING WAY FOR THE NEW:
Osco Drug recently demolished the former Prescott Valley Urgent Care building at the corner of Highway 69 ad Florentine Road, where it plans to build a new free-standing Osco Drugstore.

Sept 16, 02
PV APPROVES SALES TAX RATE HIKE:
After a couple of starts and tops, the Town Council approved a measure that will increase the current sales tax from 2 percent to 2.33 percent effective Dec. 1, 2002. The town could see an increase in annual; revenue by at least $850,000 in projected sales tax money based on the council’s approval of this ordinance during Thursday’s regular meeting.

Sept 16, 02
KEEP YOUR HANDS OFF:
Program to arm children, community with foils for ‘stranger danger.’ Third – through fifth –
grade students packed the Lake Valley Elementary gym on Thursday to learn about safety tips
and self-defense techniques to prevent abduction. The assembly was an introduction to the
second annual “Hands Off Our Children” – if our hands are on, their hands are off – event, which
will start at 6 p.m. Friday at Yavapai Downs in Prescott Valley. Kooiman Realty and the
Prescott Valley Chamber of Commerce are sponsoring the event, with a goal to spread awareness
about abduction and crimes against children and adults in our community.

Sept 16, 02
**HUMBOLDT TO MULL SCHOOL BOARD SEAT FOR STUDENT
REPRESENTATIVE:**
Humboldt Unified School District Superintendent Roger Short will recommend that the
Governing Board add a student representative to allow students to communicate their needs and
concerns to the board.

Sept 17, 02
**PV TRIES AGAIN FOR ENTERPRISE ZONE:**
Yavapai County supervisors agreed Monday to explore the idea of a Prescott Valley area
enterprise zone to attract new businesses. The supervisors voted to conduct a public hearing
sometime soon to hear what residents think about such an enterprise zone. The Town of
Prescott Valley and the Prescott Valley Economic Development Foundation are proposing the
enterprise zone.

Sept 18, 02
**TEACHER BUILDING TRADES PROGRAM AT BRADSHAW HIGH:**
Bradshaw Mountain High School (BMHS) students Monique Perdock and Nick Purley place
“chicken legs” on the sides of a cinder block wall that they and their building trades classmates
began to build recently outside their classrooms. They stretch a green rope across to make sure
that the wall stays even before they cement another row of blocks. The Vocational Education
Building Trades program has been revived this year at BMHS, thanks to social studies teacher
Jon Vick, who has pre-college experience in the field of masonry – building with brick, blocks
and stone.

Sept 19, 02
**COUNTY FAIR OPENS TODAY:**
The Yavapai County Fair opens today from noon to 10 p.m., with the carnival starting at 4 p.m.
On Friday and Saturday, the fair is open from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m., and on Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4
p.m. The carnival opens at 11 a.m. each day.

Sept 20, 02
**GRANT COULD KEEP YOUNG FAMILY DOWN ON THE FARM:**
The Young family is banking on help from the national farm bill to keep their local landmark a
farm forever. And it looks as though they have a good chance of getting that help. With the help
of the Trust for Public Lands (TPL) and the Central Arizona Land Trust, the Youngs have
applied for a $1.75 million grant from the new farm bill’s Farmland Program.

Sept 20, 02
**PV POLICE PROPOSE NEW HIGH-RISK POLICIES:**
The Prescott Valley Police Department is putting final touches on new high-risk policies that
officials say will provide officers with more guidance during some emergencies. Prescott Valley
Police Chief Dan Schatz said the changes are not drastic. Most of the new policies are just more
in depth. He said, for example, that the old pursuit policy was too “open-ended.” This one
(policy) is much more definitive…it’s not just the old “senior officer in charge at the scene’
anymore,” Schatz explained.

Sept 20, 02
**PV STILL MULLING ROAD FINANCE OPTIONS:**
The Town Council discussed the three roads slated for improvements during its Thursday
evening work-study session. The Council talked about the construction priorities for the street
improvement project that includes Robert Road, Navajo Drive and Lakeshore Drive. The town
received estimates regarding construction prices for those three roadways from Dava and
Associates, Inc.

Sept 22, 02
**RECORD CROWDS SWARM COUNTY FETE:**
Enticing aromas of popcorn and fry bread wafted through the Yavapai County Fair midway on
Saturday morning, but Melissa Myers wanted a snow cone. “It’s hot out,” said Myers, 14, who
shared a red, icy sweet with Shrerri Phillips, 15 and Shane Richards, 16, all of Prescott Valley. “Those funnel cakes really look good, too.” According to James Grundy, Yavapai County Fair Association (YCFA) general manager, attendance amounted to nearly 30,000 through Friday night. He was expecting at least an additional 40,000 Saturday and 35,000 fairgoers Sunday.

ADWR REPORT: LEVELS IN LOCAL WELLS DECLINING:
The latest state report on well water levels in the Prescott Active Management area concludes that they are dropping more than ever. The Arizona Department of Water Resources (ADWR) has updated its 1995 groundwater flow computer model for the first time, too. That model runs through 2025 and predicts that conditions will only get worse – and it doesn’t even factor in a continued drought. ADWR measured a decline in 87 percent of the 84 wells it included in the report (it factored out some of the 115 wells it measures because of non-standard conditions. The average decline was four feet – the largest such measurement ADWR has recorded since it started producing annual well level reports in 1995. A handful of wells registered declines in the double digits, with one even dropping 42 feet.

Humboldt Unified School District volunteers donate a tremendous number of hours to help the district to boost the students’ education. “On average we have about 1,000 volunteers and they contribute anywhere from 40,000 to 50,000 hours a year,” said Director of Volunteers Vera Foss,, who has headed the program since it began 10 years ago. “It is probably one of the strongest (programs) in the whole state because we have people that are very dedicated.”

IT’S WHERE THINGS ARE ‘UP IN THE AIR’ - IN A POSITIVE WAY:
The Home Owner’s/Citizen’s Council sponsored a fact-filled forum Thursday night to enlighten local residents about the Prescott Airport’s current operations and future plans. As part of their presentations, representatives from the City of Prescott, the U. S. Forest Service, the Federal Aviation Administration and Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University outlined their respective roles in making the local airport one of the busiest in the nation. And, except for the FAA, they also explained the airport’s importance to their operations, as well as the benefits that a healthy and growing airport offer the general, regional community. Since its dedication in 1928, the Ernest A. Love Field (named after a hometown hero who died in the line of duty during World War I) has evolved into the 35th busiest airport in the nation – logging more than 325,000 flight operations last year – and the third busiest airport in Arizona.

POLICE AMEND PURSUIT POLICY:
The Prescott Valley Town Council; last week approved changes to the police department’s General orders, including revisions to pursuit and deadly force policies. “The manual is a lot bigger,” said PVPD Police Chief Daniel Schatz. It’s three times the size of the old one.” The changes are intended to bring police department policies up to date while ensuring they don’t conflict with personnel policies recently changed in other Town departments, Schatz said. Though PVPD officers engaged in tow controversial pursuits in 2001, Schatz said the changes to the General Orders are unrelated to the incidents.

PAVING WILL CAUSE DELAYS AT GLASSFORD, 89A:
Motorists should expect delays because of paving and striping work toward the relocation of the intersection at Glassford Hill and Highway 89A from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday Through Monday.

ANTELOPE MEADOWS WILL CLOSE TODAY:
Antelope Meadows Drive, at highway 89A, will close at the end of the day today. Residents should use alternate route to access Highway 89A through the Pronghorn Ranch development.

COMMITTEE WORKS ON HUSD’S BUDGET:
The Humboldt Unified School District Finance Committee made several suggestions Wednesday to balance the 2002-03 budget. Finance chairman David Newman said that at the next meeting the members will discuss additional proposals, including a brainstorming session, based on current teacher salaries and health insurance issues. “The health insurance issue alone looked to
me like it drove up the percentage on employee benefits,” Newman said, referring to the itemized budget statistics for the district.

Sept 27,02  
**BLM WILL PUSH LAND PLAN IN FALL MEETINGS:**
The U. S. Bureau of Land Management hopes the hundreds of opponents to a Mayer-area land exchange will use that energy to help update its long-term management plan for a 3-million-acre area that includes parts of Yavapai County. The BLM has scheduled several meetings around the region in October to hear how people want the agency to manage public lands here for the next 15-years or so. That’s about how long BLM land-use plans are typically designed to last.

Sept 27,02  
**DOG WASTE RECEPTACLES WILL ENHANCE WALKS IN PV PARKS:**
People in Prescott Valley no longer have an excuse not to clean up after their pets. The Prescott Valley Pet Clinic and Kachina Animal Hospital donated 15 pet waste receptacles for placement in the town’s public parks and soon all pet owners will have access to waste disposal convenience. The Town’s Parks and Recreation Department will purchase the bags to stock those units, explained department supervisor Ed Grossenheider. “This is a dog waste disposal system,” Grossenheider said as he placed the first such unit at Fain Park earlier this week. He said that the clinic’s donation saves the town hundreds of dollars and each park will keep those units stocked with bright blue bags.

Sept 29,02  
**PV COUNCIL VOTES TO TAKE PART IN WATER USERS GROUP:**
The Town Council approved authorizing town participation in the Northern Arizona Municipal Water Users Association (NAMWUA) during its regular session Thursday. That association is a group of cities that includes Page, Williams the Verde River communities, Chino Valley, Prescott Valley, Payson, and Prescott. The common interest of those cities, explained Public Works Director Larry Tarkowski, is water resources. “The sense of urgency with some of those communities is dire when it comes to their ability to provide drinking water,” he said. The NAMWUA will serve as a voluntary coalition of communities and stakeholders dedicated to creating a development plan for maintaining the water supply in Northern Arizona. The association also will provide discussions and analysis for the federal, state and regional water resource policies.

Sept 29,02  
**SLOW GOING:**
Traffic backs up on Glassford Hill Road and the intersection of Highway 89A in Prescott Valley Thursday morning. The alignment portion of the new 89A is intersecting Glassford Hill Road and, along with traffic signal re-alignment, paving operations are causing delays for motorists.

Oct 2,02  
**LOCAL WOMAN INVENTS SMOKE ALARM FOR HEARING IMPAIRED:**
A Dewey artist hopes that turning her creativity to the invention of a new safety device will help save lives as well as put some money in her pocket. Lyn Bryant designed her vibrating Life Pad as a smoke alarm for hearing-impaired people. Now she needs a manufacturer to take the idea to market. Bryant said the idea came to her as she worried about her elderly mother sleeping through smoke alarms sounding in the retirement complex where she lived. “I wanted something that would wake up my mom in case of a fire. She’s 79 and her hearing is going, so she slept right through a couple of alarms,” Bryant said. “I thought, there’s got to be something more than a smoke alarm out there to wake people up, but there isn’t.” Bryant said she worked out on paper her idea to make the signal from a smoke alarm trigger a vibrating bed pad, but that was as far as she could go with it. She called several electronic professionals before calling Embry-Riddle University in Prescott. Professor Chuck Cone called me. He said he wanted some of his engineering seniors to build my device for a final project. ERAU senior Electrical and Computing Engineering students Richard Mard, Benjamin Chow, Mary Stone and Renee Waggoner designed and built the device to Bryant’s specifications earlier this year.

Oct 3,02  
**PV ADDS ‘E’ TO FUTURE:**  
**Enterprise zone will take in broad area:**
Yavapai County supervisors and the Town Council agreed Tuesday to establish the Prescott Valley area as an enterprise zone. The board and council recommended the formation of that zone, and both parties approved an agreement that establishes an enterprise zone commission.
Supervisor Chip Davis did not attend the public meeting and stated in a previous meeting that he opposed the enterprise zone idea. The town and the Prescott Valley Economic Development Foundation (PVEDF) proposed the zone, which must lie within a high poverty rate area – most of which lies outside town limits. The new enterprise zone should help attract new businesses and create higher paying jobs.

RESIDENTS AT EARLY BLM MEETINGS STRESS KEEPING THEIR PUBLIC LANDS:
It came as no surprise Tuesday when people attending a meeting about a huge federal land-use plan repeatedly said they want to keep their local public lands public. After all, they fought off a proposed land exchange earlier this year that would have put nearly 17,000 acres of U.S. Bureau of Land Management property in their area into private hands for development. The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is conducting meetings throughout the region this month as it starts work on a new land-use plan for nearly a million acres of the public land it manages. The new plan will guide the agency’s actions on that land for more than a decade to come.

FIRST OFF THE GROUND IN PRESCOTT VALLEY:
With hundreds of new roof lines filling its horizons, The Viewpoint subdivision, north of Highway 89A, appears to be nearly built out, but it is far from it. Since December, 1995, the master planned-community has built about 600 homes in seven phases. However, its zoning allows its developers to build an additional 3,000 homes in another 30 or so phases, and they do not anticipate total build-out for another seven to ten years.