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# 99th Greenlee County Fair!

## Brighter than the Stars

Greenlee County's 2018 Fair – its 99th such event – is coming Sept. 13 - 16 under the theme of "Brighter than the Stars."

Among this year's activities:  
Jr. Livestock show/BBQ/Auction

- Rock Painting
- Ranch Rodeo Friday Night
- Truck and Tractor Pull Friday Night
- Fair Parade
- Small Stock Show/Auction
- Family Fun Circus Friday and Saturday
- Godfrey the Magician Friday and Saturday
- Stick Horse Stampede Saturday

- Grand Canyon Pro Rodeo Saturday
- Live Band Dance's Yarbrough and Cross Roads
- A Great Northern A'Fair Carnival

Daily gate admission for those



Download Fair information:

[Fair Schedule](#)

[Fairgrounds sponsorship](#)

[Fair vendor application](#)

14 yrs old - 64 yrs old is \$5.00. For 65 and older gate admission is free.

For those 5 yrs old-13 yrs old admission is \$3.00. For those under 5 yrs old gate admission is free.

For more information, visit the [Facebook page](#) or the [web-site](#). For a schedule, to become a sponsor or a vendor, click one of the links to the right.

## Greenlee has big 'opportunity zones'

Most of Greenlee County is included in an "opportunity zone," which offers benefits for economic development in those areas.

As shown by [this map](#), Greenlee's two zones include the area from Three Way south, including Duncan; and from Three way north, including Clifton, but excluding Morenci.

To explain the concept and its advantages, The Arizona Commerce Authority and the Council

of Development Finance Agencies are bringing together the most up-to-date, innovative thinking about how to maximize the positive impact of Opportunity Zones and Opportunity Funds for a Sept. 27 conference in Tempe on the ASU campus.

[Go here to register.](#)

Established in the 2017 tax law, Opportunity Zones are emerging as a potentially transformative federal economic de-

velopment tool, designed to steer investment into lower-income communities that might otherwise be overlooked. Arizona was among the first states to submit its nominations for Opportunity Zones, and one of the first to have its zones approved by the U.S. Department of Treasury. Now it's time to put Opportunity Zones

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and Opportunity Funds to work throughout the state.

The federal Opportunity Zones program allows each state's governor to nominate up to 25 percent of the qualifying low-income Census tracts as Opportunity Zones.

It was created under a provision of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, which was signed into law December of 2017.

Investors who reinvest capital gains monies in Opportunity Zone funds will receive reductions on capital gains taxes relative to the years of their investment:

On investments held 10 years, for example: taxable amount of the capital gains reinvested is reduced by 15% and no tax is owed on appreciation.

For example: \$100 of capital gains is reinvested into an Opportunity Zone fund and held for 10 years. Tax owed on the original \$100 is deferred until 2026, and taxable amount is reduced to \$85 (\$100 minus \$15). Investor will owe \$20 of tax on the original capital gains (23.8% of \$85). No tax is owed on Opportunity Zone investment's capital gain. Assuming a 7% annual growth rate, the after-tax value of the original \$100 investment is \$176 by 2028.

There also are advantages for investments held for seven or five years.

More details on Opportunity Zones, including those in Greenlee County, are available at the [ACA website](#).

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# Rural Policy Forum

Greenlee County was well represented at the Rural Policy Forum in Wickenburg in August, and sat in on many interesting sessions.

Because many of the presentations overlapped, and because not everyone who wanted to attend

was able to do so, we'll be presenting a brief summary of some of the presentations in the Clarion over the next few months.

These summations will include links to the PowerPoint presentations if you want to learn more about the topic.

## Partnerships in rural America

### Policy Implications

#### Importance of policies to encourage

- Education and good health
- Research
- Saving
- Investment

#### Development strategies based on local assets

- Place-based wealth

#### Attention to the distribution of income and wealth

- Across groups and places

#### Attention to the returns to investment in public assets

- Relationship between public investment and private wealth creation



Teresa Kittridge, Vice President of the Rural Policy Research Institute and a keynote speaker, spoke on subjects such as the importance and critical need of arts and culture to rural regions and communities and collective-impact investing and what it can do as an economic support system for rural communities.

She said it may be time to leave behind the use of gross domestic product as a misleading measure of national success, and embrace new metrics, such as "sustainable progress."

Are we valuing what

we measure or measuring what we value? she asked.

Kittridge said "creative place-making fosters economic development several ways, including expanding entrepreneurial ranks of artists and designers;

Her [keynote slides](#) can be found here.



## News at Valley View

Valley View has been a staple in the Greenlee County community for a long time, but it is time for a change.

The park has served many a traveling band of RVs and campers, as well as offering long term shelter and a convenient location for manufactured homes.

And now Valley View is embarking on a new paradigm – manufactured homes will be offered for sale on site!

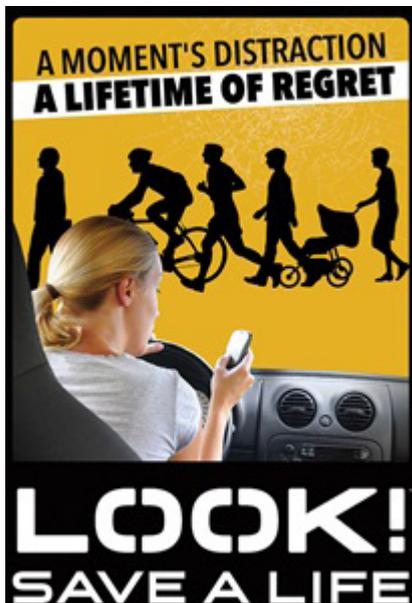
Four new homes have already been ordered and expected to be delivered in about 14 weeks.

In the meantime please call us or come by – Valley View is conveniently located just south of the Three Way in York Valley. Ask us about our many new ideas!

Brand new homes – brand new plan – new dog park, new club house facilities – and yes even a white picket fence for each home.

It is our goal to turn Valley View Park in York Valley to have a greater and more positive presence in the community.

Valley View is 100% committed to making the park a good, clean place for families to live,



# Rural Policy Forum

## World-class education in Flagstaff

Paul Kulpinski, Partnership Director for Launch Flagstaff, discussed his organization's plan to create a culture of world-class education for all of Flagstaff's children, from cradle through career.

The idea is to make every student prepared for every opportunity.

The plan is student-centered, and performance based with relevant content, mastery over time, collaborative problem solving.

It values diversity and has a global perspective, Kulpinski said.

Launch Flagstaff's presentation is [available here](#).

### SHARED GOALS



## Activating human capital

Some 70% of U.S. workers are not engaged, Richard N. Morison told the forum in a program titled Activate Human Capital.

Disengaged employees cost organizations between \$450 billion and \$550 billion annually.

In addition, 89% of employers think employees leave for more money. However, only 12% do;

75% of employees quit to leave their bosses, not their job.

Managers must create a culture of worth and a culture of hope, as well as rewarding performance, he said.

You can find his presentation [here](#).

### Create a Vision of Participation in Determining the Future of the Company

- ▶ Call upon employees to lead tasks and efforts, volunteer their opinions, and engage in strategic planning.
- ▶ INVITE EMPLOYEES TO BE A PART OF THE PROCESS

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## Clifton Visitor Center manager

On Wed Sept 5, 2018 Leslie Ray will be celebrating her one-year anniversary as manager of the Clifton Visitors Center.

Everyone is invited to a special event for residents of Clifton, Morenci and Duncan to thank them for the help, support and friendship they have shown Leslie this past year.

You are invited to stop by the visitors center for light refreshments and a thank you gift from Leslie. Starting at 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Saturday Sept. 5.

## Tourism Council

The next Tourism Council meeting will be held on Tuesday Sept 11 at the Greenlee Golf Club at 11:30. They are having a pot luck luncheon and meeting.

## ADEQ workshops

Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) Waste Programs Division staff invite interested community members and business and government personnel to participate in our free August and September 2018 workshops.

Learn about the latest requirements and best practices and to earn Professional Development Hours.

Wednesday, September 12, Solid and Hazardous Waste Programs Workshop, 9-12:30, Flagstaff.

To view all upcoming solid and hazardous waste and pollution prevention events, visit [azdeq.gov/sw-events](http://azdeq.gov/sw-events)

# Rural Policy Forum

Dan Maurer – Co-Founder of Elevate Nepal



## Podcasting with nonprofits

At a vision session at the Forum, Sharon Tewksbury-Bloom, talked about podcasting in partnership with a nonprofit. Listeners responded well to her presentation.

Do Good, Be Good Podcast is a show for people who strive to do meaningful work in public service and helping professions, she said on [her website](#).

On her podcast, she said, On he interviews people doing mean-

ingful work (paid or volunteer).

“We talk about the challenges they have faced when trying to be helpful.

“The people I talk to are committed to making the world a better place, but they are not trying to be the next Mother Teresa.”

To see her PowerPoint presentation, [go here](#).

Visit her website to listen to the podcasts and see how she interviews the nonprofits.

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# 'Distracted Driving' rolling along

By Ákos Kovach

To date there are only 9 municipalities and 2 counties in Arizona that have established a local distracted driving ordinance. Clifton is one of those towns. Each one of these municipalities and counties is to be applauded.

While there are those who want to take a 'wait and see' posture we continue to be hopeful that by bringing together law enforce-

ment and elected officials from Cochise, Graham and Greenlee Counties the first steps towards beginning the conversation and starting the process of making Southeastern Arizona a safe driving haven has begun.

First, on August 16th a very important and highly publicized Public AWARENESS, & EDUCATION Road Show was conducted at four stops in Southeast-

ern Arizona.

Leading the tour was Danny Sharp, Chief of the Oro Valley PD, and Brendan Lyons, Executive Director- LOOK! Save A Life the following Distracted Driving / Save-A-Life

The Road Show took place on Thursday Aug 16 and the first stop at the **Benson** Visitor Center was wonderfully covered by Tucson Ch 4 Multimedia reported Kendra Hall, KGUN 9 Reported Craig Smith, and Chris Dabovich editor of the San Pedro Valley News-Sun.

The second stop was in **Willcox** in the City Council Chambers, also covered by Ch 9 and well attended by elected officials such as Cochise County Supervisor and Chairman of the Board of Supervisors, Peggy Judd.

The third stop was in **Safford** again well attended, by both public and private sector participants as well as Publisher Dan Curtis with the Gila Valley Central.

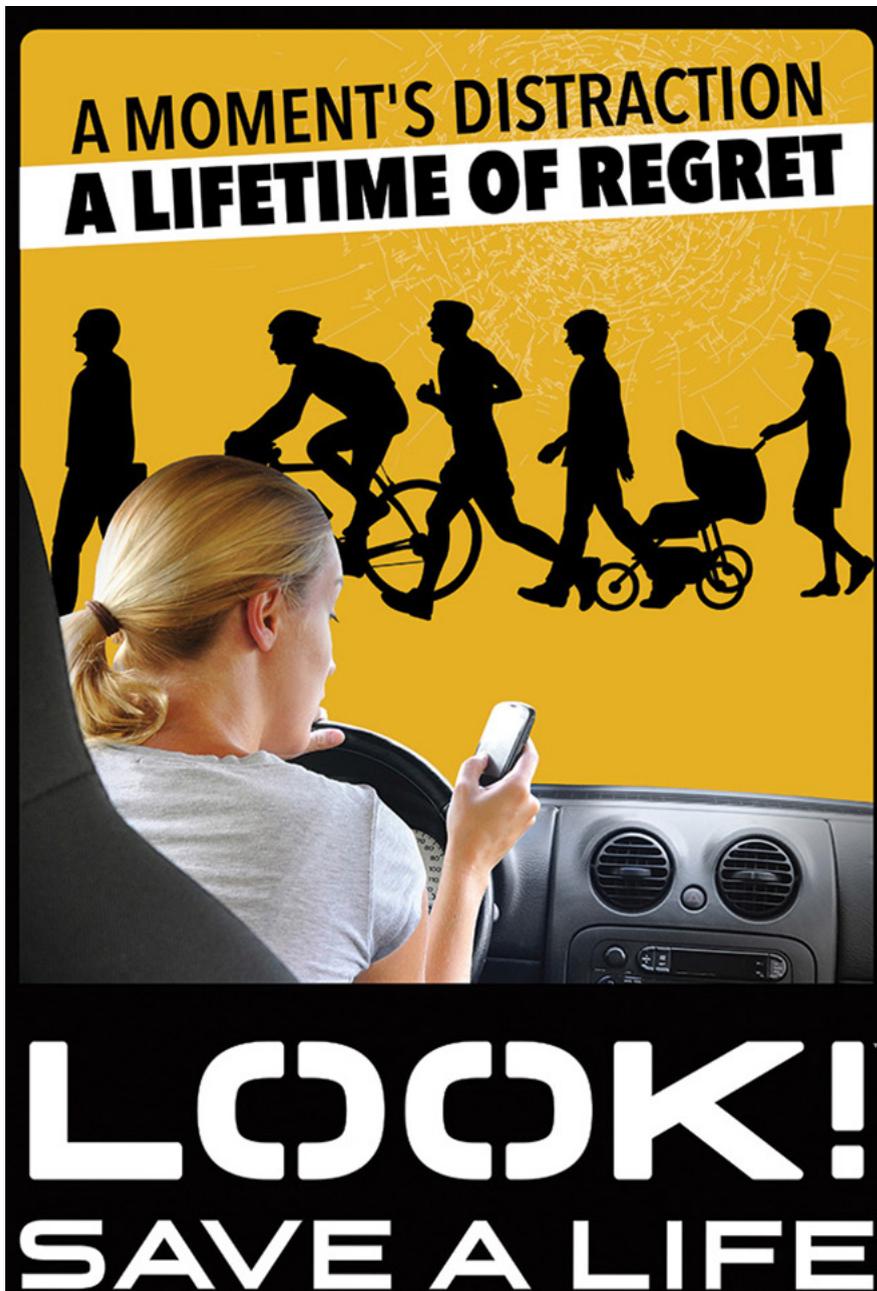
The final stop was in **Clifton** and Police Chief Omar Negrete and Sheriff Lt. Jaromy Vaughn and several others showed they support.

Everyone recognizes the fact that Distracted Driving encompasses many forms of distraction. Officers in the field report everything from eating and drinking, putting on make-up, using navigation systems, speaking with passengers and of course the use of cell phones to make calls or texting.

The Tour saw Sheriffs, Chiefs of Police, local

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# HOW DO WE ADAPT TO A HOTTER AND DRIER FUTURE?

## UPPER GILA WATERSHED FORUM

**SEPTEMBER 28, 2018**

8:00 am to 4:00 pm

With optional field trips September 27

Eastern Arizona College

615 N. Stadium Drive

Thatcher, AZ 85552

## Join Us

The annual Upper Gila Watershed Forum on September 28 in Thatcher, Arizona will feature daylong discussion, presentations, and activities focused on "Adapting to a Hotter and Drier Future." Explore how increasing heat and drought are affecting agricultural, business, municipalities, and conservation practices, and what communities and individuals are doing to adapt. In this interactive forum, participants will:

- Discuss on-the-ground effects of increasingly hotter and drier conditions
- Share adaptations and solutions within the watershed and beyond
- Decide on actions and priorities to support a positive future
- Help create a collaborative approach to adaptation
- Network and build connections

## Field Trips

On September 27, we will tour places where members of our community have experienced and adapted to increased heat and drought. More details on the field trips will be distributed soon!

## Registration

Register before September 7 for the early bird rate of \$25, which includes lunch, refreshments, and field trips. To register go to [eventbrite.com](http://eventbrite.com) and type in "Upper Gila Watershed Forum" or contact Clara Gauna at [clara@gwpaz.org](mailto:clara@gwpaz.org).

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