



September 2018

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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

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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.



'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.

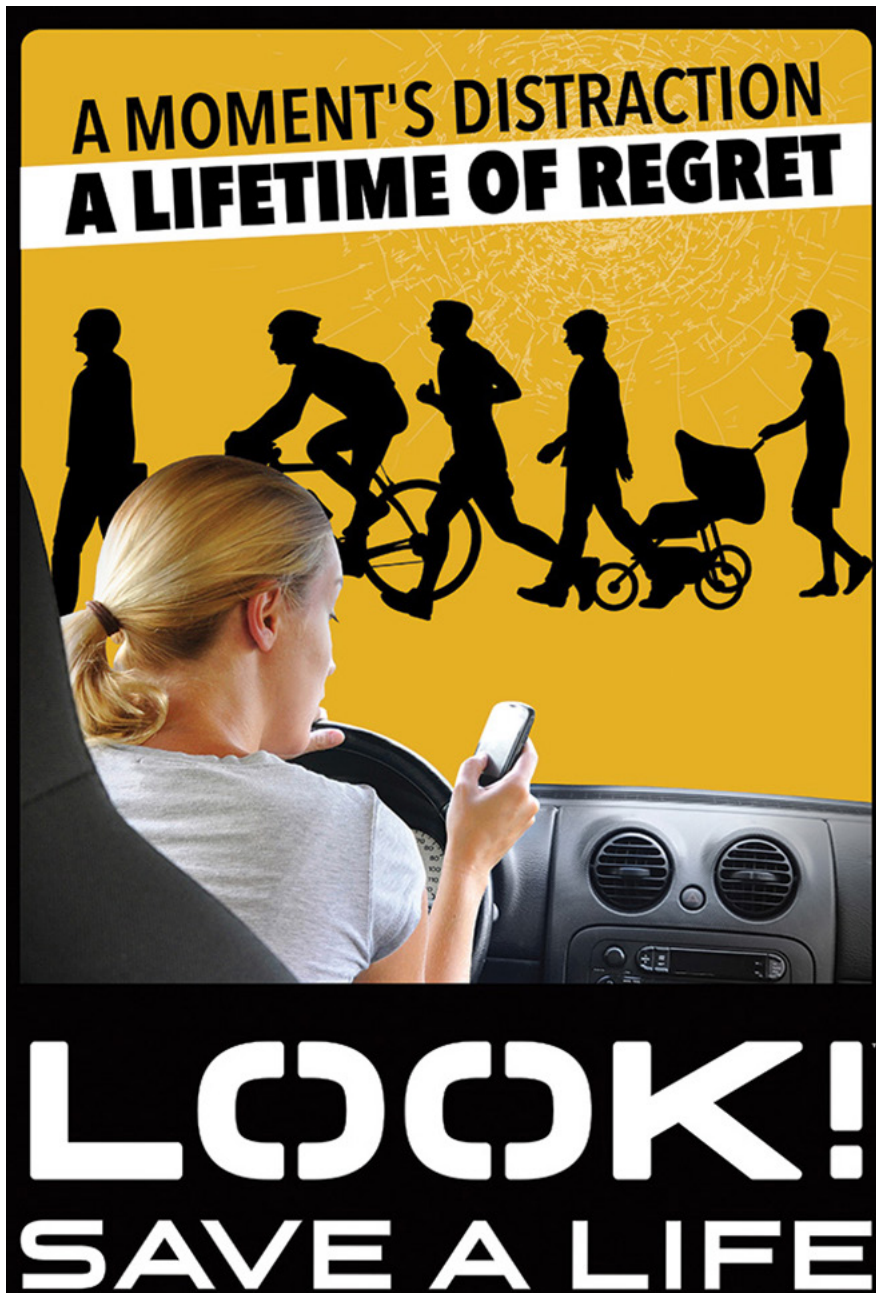
The final stop was in **Clifton** and Police Chief Omar Negrete and Sheriff Lt. Jaromy Vaughn and several others showed they support.

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

[Click here to read more](#)

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**THIS EVENT IS
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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 and type in "Upper Gila Watershed Forum" or contact Clara Gauna at clara@gwpaz.org.

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Southwest Climate Hub

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Greenlee Community



Honoring Sen. John McCain

Flags around Greenlee County are at half-staff in honor of Sen. John McCain, who died Aug. 25 after a long battle with cancer.

Kay Gale, Greenlee County Administrator throughout the late senator's tenure in Washington, recalls a number of areas in which he helped the county.

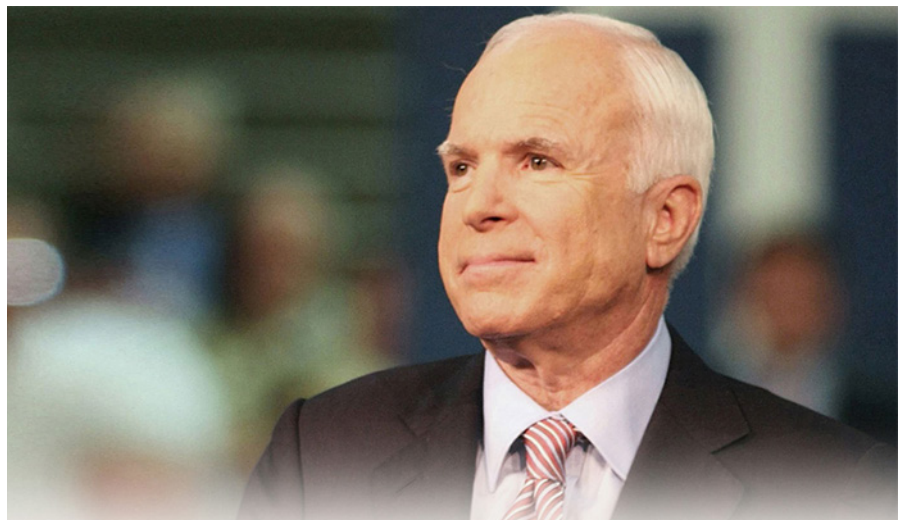
His service on the Armed Services Committee, most recently as chairman, meant that Arizona kept its strong military presence, which impacts every county in Arizona, she said.

Sen. McCain supported Greenlee County's efforts to promote [4FRI](#), a

forest management initiative; he was strong on keeping the mines open; and big on forest health, she said.

He also worked with the coun-

ty on endangered species administration and managing the impact on farmers and ranchers on issues surrounding the impact of reintroducing the Mexican wolf.



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The Greenlee County Tourism Council has teamed up with ISM Raceway (Wild Horse Pass Motorsports Park, formerly Firebird International Raceway) to offer NASCAR fans an event to remember come Veteran's day Nov. 11.

Special infield passes, a chance to ride in the official Pace Car, get photo's with Pace Car, get up close and personal with race teams an all-day access pass. NASCAR is coming to Greenlee County, well at least the Pace Car and some great tickets at reduced process, plus a raffle to get you even more tickets!

Building rural community

Looking for more ways to support your community?

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As part of its ongoing commitment to rural communities across the country, Foundation for Rural Service (FRS) provides annual grants for rural communities served by NTCA members. The goal of this program is to support local efforts to build and sustain a high quality of life in rural America.

How much are we talking? Grants range from \$250 to \$5,000.

When can I apply? Each spring, we begin accepting applications for the current year's grant process. The application window closes in mid-September and awardees are an-

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nounced in early December.

What kind of projects do we fund? Grant projects vary but are concentrated in four major areas including business, community and economic development, education, and applications of telecommunications.

Why this is such a critical investment

The FRS grant program gives our rural partners the opportunity to secure funding for projects that will enhance the quality of life in their community. We want all our rural communities to grow and thrive!

See what NTCA members are saying about the value of the FRS Grant Program and why it makes for such a critical investment in our rural communities. [Visit the website here.](#)

The grant application is [here](#).

FRS says that every day, its team fights to keep rural America at the table. Key to this goal and our mission, are its programs, including providing resources to rural communities.

Getting ready for census

To the editor:

From Yuma to Clifton; from Superior to Nogales, I have traversed entire Southern Arizona to ensure every jurisdiction knows it's time to gear up for the 2020 Census.

No community is too small for our attention; no community is too remote for us to visit. Southern Arizona is my home, and has been my entire life. I know your concerns, I feel your passion for Southern Arizona.

We WILL Count ALL Southern AZ!

Feel free to contact me for anything. I know many of you are scheduling your resolutions in support of the Census. Please let me know when it is scheduled on the agenda, so I can attend your Council meeting.

Let me know if you want a presentation for your City Council. We can make that happen. I will be your partner every step of the process until the end of 2020.

I look forward to working with you, City staff, and your community for a successful Census 2020!

Emily Verdugo, Partnership Specialist
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Upcoming activities

8/31 and every Friday, 10-noon, Clifton Library, Tech Talk.

9/4, 9/18 8-11 a.m., Board of Supervisors meeting, BOS meeting room, Clifton Annex.

9/5 and every Wednesday, 10-4, Clifton Train Depot, Clifton Farmers Market.

9/8, 8:30-1, San Francisco River cleanup, see page 11.

9/11, 11:30 a.m., Greenlee Golf Club, Tourism Council. Pot luck and meeting.

9/13-16, Greenlee County Fairgrounds, Duncan, 2018 Greenlee County Fair.

9/15, 1-4 p.m., A Frame Church in Morenci, Jam Session, everyone welcome

9/18, noon-5:30, American Legion hall, Red Cross blood drive. Drink plenty of water and eat before donating. For an appointment, call Leslie at 928-432-1457.

9/19-20, Cochise College Center for Lifelong Learning (CLL) is hosting the Nonprofits Impact Cochise Conference at the Cochise College Sierra Vista campus. Call 520-515-5492 for details.

10/2, 6-7 p.m., Arizona State Capitol, House Lawn, 1700 W Washington Street, Phoenix, Domestic Violence awareness event.

For more calendar items, [click here](#).

See Morenci School District calendar at [its website](#).

Cognizant expansion to add 500 new tech jobs

TEANECK, NJ (Aug. 9, 2018) – Cognizant (Nasdaq: CTSH) today announced the opening of its newest U.S. regional technology and service delivery center in Mesa, Ariz. The center will house over 500 new employees, increasing Cognizant's statewide workforce to nearly 3,000 employees at facilities in Phoenix, Chandler and Mesa as it addresses strong demand for specialized digital technology and business process services.

Opening ceremonies for the new 50,000 sq. ft.

Cognizant facility featured speakers including Governor Doug Ducey; Arizona Commerce Authority President and Chief Executive Officer Sandra Watson; and DK Sinha, President, Global Client Service, Cognizant. Cognizant clients, political dignitaries and other special guests were also in attendance for a ribbon-cutting, presentations and tours highlighting the company's innovative technologies and services offered to enterprise clients

[Click here to read more](#)

Technology firm expands to Tucson

TUCSON, AZ, (August 24, 2018) — Arizona Governor Doug Ducey and Mritunjay Singh, CEO and Executive Director of AXIS-CADES, one of India’s leading technology solutions providers, today announced the company’s expansion into Tucson, Arizona, where it will create hundreds of jobs primarily in mechanical and electrical engineering.

The company headquartered in Bangalore, India is a global provider of innovative engineering solutions for the mining, con-

struction, aerospace, defense, automotive, energy and healthcare industries, key targeted sectors for economic development in Southern Arizona. AXISCADES plans to create a projected 320 jobs over the next five years, primarily in mechanical and electrical engineering, as well as finance, research & development, HR, sales and project management.

The new Tucson operation will expand the company’s ability to provide engineering services to

U.S.-based manufacturers, particularly, **mining clients in Southern Arizona.**

“This is a big win for Tucson and the entire region,” said Governor Doug Ducey. “Two years ago, we welcomed Caterpillar’s surface mining and technology division to Southern Arizona. Since then, Caterpillar’s significant investment has created a ripple ef-

[Click here to read more](#)

Nonprofits impact

The Cochise College Center for Lifelong Learning (CLL) is hosting the Nonprofits Impact Cochise Conference on Wednesday, 9/19/18 and Thursday, 9/20/18 at the Cochise College Sierra Vista campus.

They are looking for vendors to enhance the event with knowledge, tools, or partnership opportunities for Nonprofit organizations. They are expecting about 150 participants from all over Cochise County for this 2-day event.

For information, contact the CLL at 520-515-5492.

Getting rid of old manufactured homes

Getting rid of old manufactured homes on private property:

First - This does not fall under the purview of ADEQ

Second: The HUD website at <https://www.hud.gov/faqs/communities#q17> has some good information.

Arizona has the Housing Department at <https://azdirect.az.gov/housing-department> or call (602) 771-1000. They might be a good starting point to contact them and discuss the situation/opportunity to remove vacant/abandoned manufactured homes.

We Are Changing Our Name

Starting October 1, 2018

A Continued Commitment to Excellence

"We believe healthier individuals create more vibrant families and communities. That's why our approach is simple: keep it local; remove barriers to get well, stay well and be well; and treat each individual with respect and dignity. Arizona Complete Health is your plan. Our job is to give each one of our members the tools they need to successfully manage their own health care."

Paul Barnes
President & CEO,
Arizona Complete
Health



A New Brand: Arizona Complete Health

Arizona Complete Health builds upon a tradition of excellence started by Health Net of Arizona and Cenpatico Integrated Care.

Health Net of Arizona was founded in Tucson in 1981 as Intergroup of Arizona, a multi-specialty medical group. Health Net has a proud history of serving Arizonans statewide through Medicare Advantage, employer-based coverage, Marketplace and AHCCCS.

Cenpatico Integrated Care began serving Arizonans in 2005, with a special focus on improving access to behavioral health services and emphasizing person-centered, whole health care for individuals enrolled in AHCCCS.

The new name, Arizona Complete Health, more closely conveys the company's purpose of *improving the health of Arizona communities, one person at a time.*

Domestic Violence

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. On October 2, Gov. Doug Ducey will light the State Capitol purple as a symbol of Arizona’s dedication to end domestic violence. Stand with the Governor as we say, it can stop!

The event will be Tuesday, Oct. 2, 6 to 7 p.m., Arizona State Capitol, House Lawn, 1700 W Washington Street, Phoenix.

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SAN FRANCISCO RIVER CLEAN-UP!

SEPTEMBER 8TH, 8:30AM-1:00PM

Join us on September 8th to help clean up the San Francisco River! Have fun while making a positive impact! We will provide drinking water, trash bags, and a free lunch to all volunteers.

- 8:30 AM – Check in and Safety Talk at Ramada #2
- 9:00AM-12:00PM—Clean up the River!
- 12:00PM-1:00PM—Lunch for Volunteers



**SEPTEMBER 8TH
8:30AM-1:00PM**

**MEET AT RAMADA #2 IN
CLIFTON RV PARK**

**PLEASE BRING GLOVES,
TRASH GRABBERS,
HATS, SUNSCREEN,
WATER, AND CAMERAS**

**CHILDREN UNDER 18
MUST BE ACCOMPANIED
BY A PARENT OR
GUARDIAN**

**CONTACT
CLARA@GWPAZ.ORG OR
928-965-5614 FOR MORE
INFO**



Do you enjoy working with plants and people?
Do you want to earn while you learn?



- ✦ September 1st - August 31.
- ✦ 2 temporary positions available
- ✦ Flexible Hours
- ✦ Work with Greenlee County Cooperative Extension Horticulture Programs
- ✦ Receive a living stipend, paid biweekly.
- ✦ Earn Segal Education Award of \$1,566.14 or \$2,960.00.
- ✦ Use for college, repay college debt, or if 55+ years of age, give to a family member.



SENIOR EXPO & CAREGIVER CONFERENCE

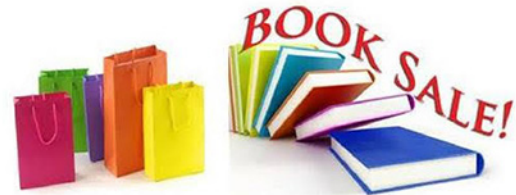
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 17
9:00AM - 3:00PM | MANOR HOUSE CONVENTION CENTER

TOPICS INCLUDE:

Accessing Senior Services • Dealing with Difficult Behaviors • Maximizing your Medicare • Tax Considerations for Caregivers • Managing Pain without Medication • **and more!**



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Bag price...	
Purchase a bag for \$1.00 at the circulation desk, choose from the selection of available books, stuff your bag until it's overflowing!	

We are not set up for card payments. Purchases will require a cash payment.

Clifton Public Library
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