



Readers of the Clarion have had a front row seat observing the incredible amount of talent Greenlee County employees bring to work every day. It is not just a paycheck they show up, work hard, make wonderful things happen. Then go home, make dinner and be with their families, participate in sports and so much more. This is another reason to love and be proud of Greenlee County. During this special time of year let's take a moment to thank everyone who has made this past year so rich in accomplishment. Thanks to the staff nobody sees – those who push paper, mop floors, wash windows, keep our roads safe, maintain clean parks and make our fairgrounds inviting. Our streets are safe because of our law enforcement heroes, our budget is balanced thanks to solid leadership and professionalism. To our judicial system, probation department, facilities staff, clerks and assistants – thank you. Each of you plays has played a role in Growing Greenlee and the best is yet to come.



# Reading Nook News

## Touring Library website 7

By Karen Soohy

If you are a Service Member, Veteran or family member, there is a valuable resource available to you on our website. This information is located on the right side of the page.

The Arizona Coalition for Military Families is a public/private partnership focused on building Arizona's capacity to care for and support all service members, veterans, their families and communities. It helps to make sure that every service member, veteran and family member is connected to the right resource at the right time.

If you are interested in these resources for Military families, sign up for a free account at the Resource Command Match page (<https://resourcecommand.org>). This site is a resource matching tool.

When you enter your information, you will be matched with agencies in your area that can offer you the services you need. Rather than going from place to place, using this site will save lots of time and effort by providing information all at once.

If you are a Service Member, Veteran or family member and need computer access, stop by the libraries and use one of our computers. Our librarians are certified as Military/Veteran Resource Navigators.

Stop by the Duncan or Clifton Public Libraries and our librarians will be glad to help you get to the site and set up your account.

# Clifton Council Corner

Mayor Felix Callicotte

## Christmas Holiday Safety

The Christmas season is always a special time of year. It is also a time when people become careless and vulnerable to theft and other holiday crime. We can never be too careful, too prepared or too aware. Please share this information with family, friends and neighbors.

### At Home

Be extra cautious about locking doors and windows when you leave the house, even for a few minutes.

When leaving home have a family member or neighbor watch your house. Notify the Clifton Police Department if you are planning an extended absence. They will perform a security patrol for your home.

Indoor and outdoor lights should be on an automatic timer.

Leave a radio or television on so the house looks and sounds occupied.

Large displays of holiday gifts should not be visible through the windows and/or doors of your home.

When using lights on your Christmas tree ensure the wiring is not damaged or frayed. Frayed or damaged wiring can cause a fire.

Place your Christmas tree in water or wet sand to keep it green.

Be sure your Christmas tree is in a sturdy base so children, elderly persons or family pets cannot pull it over on themselves.

### Shopping

Go shopping with a friend. There is safety in numbers.

Be extra careful with purses and wallets. Purses hanging down by your side become an attractive target. A fanny pack can be used instead of a purse. Keep wallets in a front or inside pocket.

Avoid carrying large amounts of cash. Pay for purchases with a check, credit card, or debit card,

[Click here to read more](#)



# Supply/demand in Greenlee housing

By Ákos Kovach

Economic Development 101

Economic equilibrium is a myth, at least in my opinion. At best, when supply conveniently equals demand for a service, product or employees, there is stability in the fee exchanged.

Like the price of gas staying constant. Or the cost to hire a truck driver pretty much staying in the same hourly rate range – until a hurricane hits the Gulf and disrupts refineries and deliveries. Suddenly wholesale prices jump higher, causing pressure on retail to sell higher as well.

The same is true for housing. When there are more buyers looking for homes, sellers can increase the sales price. Conterminously, if you have a limited inventory of rental housing the monthly rate increases as availability decreases.

Now we are as yet unable to prevent hurricanes from reaching the Gulf. We can, however, keep pointing out to builders and developers that the housing shortage in Greenlee County is real.

The waiting list for housing in Morenci stands at 424. There are only 38 homes, lots and other properties listed online for sale throughout Greenlee County.

Some of these homes have been on the market for a very long time. Why? Just because demand is high does not mean you can charge any price for a home; it must meet the expectation / the willingness level of the buyer.

So ask yourself if you really want to sell are you asking too much? Con-

sult a real estate professional, an appraiser or a title company and you can get a pretty good idea what a reasonable asking price really is.



Pressure to deliver more fuel after a disruption means truck drivers can charge more per mile when the shortage creates increased demand for drivers.

## Who wants to party on the bridge?

By Ákos Kovach

During the most recent Rural Policy Forum attendees were saturated with wonderful ideas that could be replicated anywhere. One idea in particular was about how a fundraiser turned into something really special – Dinner on the Bridge.

The long and short of it is quite simple: get permission to close down a bridge for a few hours on a Friday night and (if you sell enough advance tickets) close the bridge a second night on Saturday.

1. Get some local elected officials and dignitaries to serve as volunteer Wait staff.

2. Identify a local lead non-profit agency like United Way, SEACUS, Tourism Council, Chamber, etc. to take the lead.

3. Select local vendor's to produce the food – American Legion, Ladies Auxiliary, Duncan Women's Club, Mares Bluff group, one or two local restaurants or caterers.

4. Pick a date when outdoor dining would be feasible and a backup date in case of inclement weather. (April/May time frame)

5. Host a stakeholder gathering to discuss details, cost sharing / profit sharing

6. Think about using local bands, stand-up comedians, etc. for additional entertainment.

7. Serve alcoholic drinks?

8. Have a silent auction?

After the Rural Policy Forum several attendees expressed interest in hosting / holding such an event on Zorilla Bridge. So this is us casting a out a “net of interest.” Please respond to economicdevelopment@co.greenlee.az.us and express your groups’ interest or your personal involvement.

We will gather data and reach out to potential “local lead non-profit agency.” Maybe there will be two lead agencies; who knows, but let's start the process!

**A Classic Christmas Cinema**  
**21st Annual Christmas Festival of Lights**  
**Saturday, December 2, 2017**  
**Historic Chase Creek, Clifton, AZ**  
**Master of Ceremonies – Reed Richins, Local Radio Host**

**Special Events/Activities**

Festival of Lights Committee Cake Walk every hour – (\$1.00 per chance)

Festival of Lights Children Craft Site (Free) – 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Festival Mini Raffles (Drawings every hour throughout the day, must be present to win.)

\$500 (Cash) Grand Prize Raffle – (Winner Need Not Be Present To Win)

**Schedule of Events**

12:00 p.m. Opening Ceremonies – Chase Creek Main Stage

National Anthem – Adrie Pierpont-Valenzuela, Morenci High School Sophomore

Presentation of Grand Marshal by Honorable Mayor Felix Callicotte – Felix Macias, 2017 Festival of Lights Grand Marshal.

12:00 p.m. Festival Vendors Open for business.

12:00-4:00 Children’s Activities (Wrist Band Fee \$5.00 per child). Various Bounce-Around features, Christmas Train Ride, Face Painting, and Balloon Artist

12:00-5:00 Greenlee County Historical Society Museum Open (Come Take a Walk Thru History)

12:30 p.m. Stage – Sacred Heart/Holy Cross Children’s Choir and Friends – Directed by Jo Lunt; Assisted by Tanis Vozza

1:30 p.m. Stage – Adrie Pierpont-Valenzuela – Selected Musical Tunes

2:00 p.m. Stage – Bella and Teresa Campbell – Selected Christmas Tunes

2:30 p.m. Santa Claus makes his annual visit to the Festival Sight / Ugly Sweater Contest

3:00 p.m. Stage – Musical Presentation – Girl Scouts, Troop 1573 Southern Arizona

3:30-5:30 Stage – Black Hills Band – Music Jamboree

5:30 p.m. “Light Up The Town” Ceremony followed by Grand Prize Raffle (\$500) Drawing.

6:30 p.m. Festival of Lights Parade – “A Classic Christmas Cinema” – Chase Creek – cash prize and trophies awarded in various categories.

8:00 p.m. Clifton Social Club Dance

ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

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## Gift stockings on Christmas Eve

This Christmas Eve, the American Legion and the Clifton Fire Department are teaming up on a special event at Fernandez Park on Park Avenue near Zorilla Bridge.

Christmas gift stockings are being prepared by the American Legion to hand out to kids.

Santa and the Clifton Fire Dept. and BIG fire truck will be there. The fun begins at 5 p.m.

## Duncan events

The Town of Duncan will host Christmas-related events on Dec. 9 with games in Centennial Park from noon til 4:30.

The lineup for the light parade will begin at 4:30 on East Avenue. The parade will start at 6 p.m. The theme is Arizona Christmas. Entry forms are available at town hall.



# Animas Bazaar

## "Christmas Cheer"

Sponsored by Omega Alpha Chapter of Epsilon Sigma Alpha International

**Animas Community Center  
Animas, NM**

**Saturday, December 2, 2017**  
10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Table Set-up 8:00 a.m.  
Table fee: \$20.00  
Fee and Application due  
November 27, 2017

For more information Contact:

Bobbie Massey bjmassey@vtc.net 575-548-2434 575-640-2370	Alysha Wagley alyshawagley@gmail.com 575-649-7528
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## Festival of Lights

Saturday, December 2, 2017  
6pm

### Dreaming of A White Christmas

Win Prizes by Donating Non-Perishable Food Items For the Food Bank Drop off anytime at City Hall, Visitor Center, Community Center, and the Tree Lighting

Stop by City Hall for the Tree Lighting following the Parade

Benson Middle School Choir, Hot Chocolats, Donuts

Visit With Santa

## Benson's Christmas



**Hosted by: The Benson Chamber of Commerce & Benson Beautification (formerly Clean and Beautiful)**

**Location: 4th (Main Street) between Patagonia St & San Pedro St**

**When: December 16, 2015 Time: 9a.m.-4p.m.**



- ◆ Santa & Mrs. Claus will be there w/ treats for the kids
- ◆ Children's Activities
- ◆ Entertainment
- ◆ Vendors for Shopping
- ◆ Food
- ◆ Prize Drawings for best decorated booth
- ◆ Raffle Prize

**Saturday, December 16<sup>th</sup> 2017**

Vendor Spaces are:

\$50 for a 10x10 or \$75 for a 10x20

Contact Reagan Wilmarth @ the Benson Chamber of Commerce

520.265.8031 \* [info@bensonchamberaz.com](mailto:info@bensonchamberaz.com) \* 168 E. 4<sup>th</sup> Street

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15

# MOVIE NIGHT

*In Downtown Safford*

FEATURING JIM CARREY IN  
**HOW THE GRINCH STOLE CHRISTMAS**  
 SHOW STARTS AT 6:00 P.M. | CITY HALL LAWN

BRING YOUR BLANKETS AND LAWN CHAIRS  
 FREE POPCORN

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**LOCAL NON-PROFITS AND FUNDRAISING GROUPS:**

Come and sell drinks and snacks to raise money for your group.  
 Set up 5:00-5:30 p.m. Electricity is limited.  
 (Graham County Health Department regulations apply)

**DECEMBER 22, 2017**  
**6:30 PM**

**THE VIRDEN LIBRARY PRESENTS:**



**FREE MOVIE NIGHT AT  
 THE VIRDEN LIBRARY &  
 EVENT CENTER**

THE 20TH ANNUAL  
**VALLEY TELECOM GROUP**

# DEC. Light 2ND Parade

Christmas Movies

SATURDAY DEC. 2  
**2017** ENTERTAINMENT, VENDORS AND SANTA  
 PERFORMANCES START 5:00PM LIGHT PARADE 6:00PM

## Christmas Light Parade & Moonlight Madness

Parade Starts at Dusk  
**December 1st**  
*Friday* Motel Drive & Main Street

For more information on entering a float or to volunteer, contact  
 the Chamber of Commerce at (575) 542-9864  
 or Riley Allen at (505) 795-4854.

For more information on Moonlight Madness contact  
 Lordsburg City Hall at (575) 542-3421.




See you there!



The 3rd Annual Virden Community Christmas Festival will include a play. It is hosted by the Village of Virden on Saturday, Dec. 2, from 5-10 p.m.



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For more information and to sign-up. Please call the Community Center at (928) 865-6598



## Upcoming activities

Regional Christmas events are highlighted on pages 4-7 of this issue.

11/30 Deadline for [online registration](#) for December 5th Phoenix Lunch for Arizona Association for Economic Development.

12/5 and 19 8-11 a.m., Board of Supervisors meeting, BOS Meeting Room

12/6 5:30 p.m., Chamber Mixer, Blue Door Sanctuary on Park Ave. Hosted by Freeport-McMoRan.

12/6 [Free SBA Clinic](#) (online or in-person), Selling to the Federal Government.

12/7 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., Freeport-McMoRan Hiring Fair, Manor House Restaurant, 415 E U.S. Highway 70, Safford. See details on page 10 of this issue.

12/12 Utility assistance available. [Click here for details.](#)

12/15 10 a.m - 2 p.m., Sheraton Tucson Hotel & Suites, Tucson Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, State of the Chamber Luncheon 2017. For more information, see graphic on page 11.

12/20 5:30-7 p.m., Tourism Council monthly meeting, Greenlee Country Club

1/11-14 Wings over Willcox. See graphic on page 8.

See Morenci School District calendar at [its website](#).  
<http://morenci.k12.az.us/2016-2017%20Calendar.pdf>

## New restaurant in Bowie

The new Rafter G Restaurant in Bowie is open!

Using the name from the family cattle brand, Rafter G is open 7 days a week and serves a full breakfast, lunch and dinner menu. The Grand Opening will be held Saturday Dec 9.

Jeff and Penni Goodman are the owners of this new establishment and they have hired many local residents to staff the venture.

Rafter G is open from 6 am to 8 pm 7 days a week and is located at 404 W Business Loop in Bowie (520) 847-1900.





# FREEPORT-McMoRAN

Freeport-McMoRan operates a dynamic portfolio of major mining operations in diverse settings on three continents. We offer our professionals opportunities to work in a wide variety of locations. From our Phoenix, Arizona headquarters to a variety of domestic and international sites, there is a place waiting for you.

## [Freeport-McMoRan Career Fair](#)

**Thursday, December 7 from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.**

**Manor House Restaurant  
415 E U.S. Highway 70, Safford, AZ 85546  
Phone: 928-428-7148**

***Pre-Apply online @ [FMJobs.com](#) to receive interview priority***

*When asked on our application how you learned about a position, please  
select the following source code option: **Manor1207***

## **We are currently hiring for the following positions:**

**Safford Mine:** *Southeast Arizona, 170 miles east of Phoenix*

- Laborers – #1704330
- Truck Driver Trainees – #1704347
- Support Equipment Operators – #1704387
- Drillers – #1703664
- Diesel Diagnostic Mechanics – #1703783
- Diagnostic Electricians – #1703659

**Morenci Mine:** *Greenlee County, Arizona, approximately 50 miles northeast of Safford on U.S. Highway 191*

- Laborers – #1704088
- Truck Driver Trainees – #1704396
- Support Equipment Operators – #1704247
- Diesel Repair Employee – #1703100
- Diesel Diagnostic Mechanics – #1700311
- Diagnostic Electricians – #1703362

For additional career opportunities, please visit our website: **[FMJobs.com](#)**

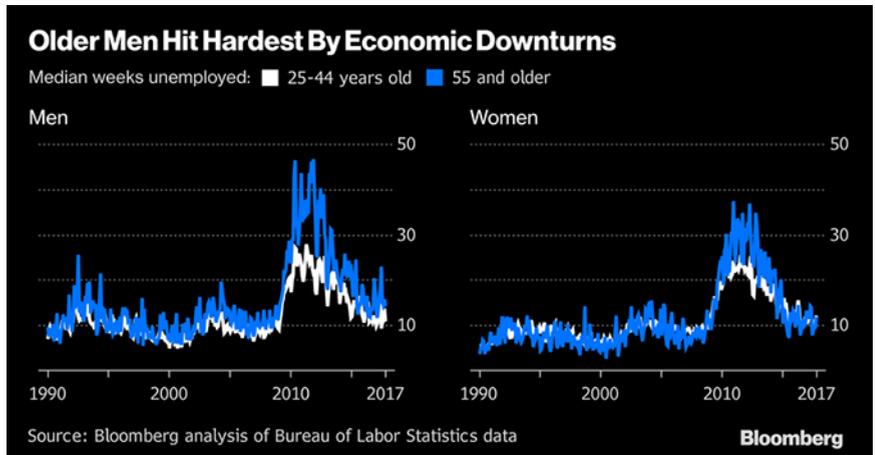
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# Hiring of older workers all the new rage

Ford Motor Co., Barclays Plc and Booz Allen Hamilton Inc. are just some of the companies now targeting workers with previous experience who for various reasons have been outside the labor force.

Some of these hires come at a bargain. A paper by three Fed researchers and one at Columbia University shows detached workers can cost about 25 percent less than if a firm tried to poach a similar employee from another company.

“It makes sense for firms to go after non-participants,” as they are less likely to set off wage-bidding by seeking counteroffers, says Aysegul Sahin



of the New York Fed, one of the paper’s co-authors. [Click here to read the entire story from Bloomberg](#)

**Tucson Hispanic Chamber of Commerce**  
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## STATE OF THE CHAMBER LUNCHEON 2017

MUSIC, ENTERTAINMENT AND GREAT FOOD TOO!

Join us for our annual luncheon with a Sonoran Expo!

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15<sup>TH</sup>**  
EXPO BEGINS AT 10:00 AM TO 2:00 PM.

**SHERATON TUCSON HOTEL & SUITES**  
5151 E GRANT RD, TUCSON, AZ

MEMBERS \$35    GENERAL ADMISSION \$45

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## Newest member of Local First Arizona team

Maya Azzi has focused her work on long-term sustainable solutions in natural resource management and community, tourism, and economic development. She has volunteered and worked in the agricultural industry focusing on sustainable food systems and reducing food waste.

Maya has worked nationally and internationally in rural communities developing and facilitating community-focused collaborations, programs, and curriculum responsive to community, school, or business issues lacking in needed support and working collaboratively to develop sustainable solutions.

Working directly with Kimber, Maya leads pro-



gramming for the four programs under the Local First Arizona Foundation’s initiative, the Arizona Rural Development Council.

These programs are The Rural Policy Forum, Solutions for Rural Development Webinar Series, Science Happens Here and

WeekendZona.

A note from Maya: “I believe in rural, I believe in Arizona, and I will do whatever I can to leverage my resources to support the places I care about.”



## South Annex

By Philip Runnerud

South Annex work continues as fast as the Contractor can get labor and materials delivered. This site is a beehive of activity. Before Thanksgiving, more than 1,300 man-hours were spent in one week.

DVEC will connect the building to the grid imminently. Drywall is nearly complete and water proofing of the exterior continues. The County will have domestic water to the building before Dec 1. The County is preparing the loop road grade so the secu-



rity fence can be installed. We are expecting arrival of materials for the external fire protection soon.

## Faraway Ranch holiday open house Dec. 10

Get in the holiday spirit by attending the Faraway Ranch Holiday Open House at Chiricahua National Monument. This historic home will be open to the public on Saturday, December 9th from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm.

Park staff will be available to answer questions and discuss the history of owners, Neil and Emma Erickson. Their simple 1880s homestead was transformed into a popular twentieth century guest ranch managed by daughter and son-in-law, Lillian and Ed Riggs, who also campaigned for the establishment of the monument. The home is still furnished with original family items and is decorated for the holidays.



*Faraway Ranch at Chiricahua Ntl. Monument.*

# Upcoming Activities

## Tucson Hispanic Chamber of Commerce

**Serving the Business Community**  
in the Bilingual, Bicultural Region of  
the Arizona-Sonora Border



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### News You Can Use!

Our Director of Operations, Alma V. Peralta, hosts the *CrossBorder Connections Show* every Wednesday and Friday. The short videos are informative and practical focusing on international trade. The shows are posted on our Facebook pages. Check them out! Click the picture to link to THCC's Facebook Page.




**HOST:**  
**ALMA V. PERALTA, MBA**

DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS  
INTERNATIONAL TRADE  
SPECIALIST



**Tucson Hispanic Chamber of Commerce**  
SOUTHERN ARIZONA - MEXICO

## December Fiesta Mixer

Celebrate the holidays with new and existing business connections!

**December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017**  
5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.





10000 N Oracle Rd, Tucson, AZ 85704

**FREE VENDOR BOOTHS FOR MEMBER NON-PROFITS (LIMITED)**  
FIRST COME FIRST SERVE - MUST RESERVE BY CALLING THCC 520-620-0005

Bring an unwrapped toy to be entered in to a SPECIAL raffle!

MEMBER: \$5      GENERAL ADMISSION: \$10

Members: Bring an item for the door prize to promote your business!

**REGISTER TODAY AT: WWW.TUCSONHISPANICCHAMBER.ORG**

### Community Poll - Participate!

Participate in a monthly Community Poll focused on local issues for Tucson and Southern Arizona. *First up is the local elections coming up in November.* We are looking for people to take this first poll, but also agree to be part of the monthly series. [Click on the image for the online poll!](#)

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