

# Greenlee Clarion

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## The best is yet to come

# Why we love Greenlee!

By Ákos Kovach

1.) Where are the lowest tax rates in Arizona? Greenlee County!

2.) What about utility costs? Greenlee County rates are among the lowest anywhere in the 15 counties of Arizona.

3.) Why do our schools stand out? Award winning teachers, programs quality personnel devoted to providing our young people an advantage in education.



The San Francisco River, above, and the Blue, in the masthead at top, are two of the natural attractions in Greenlee County.

4.) Does our County offer any outdoor amenities? Where should we start? Championship hunting, fishing and recreation abound...

5.) In addition to the 5 rivers we have that run all year round, we have deep valleys, tall moun-

tains (elevations above 9,000') and trails for walking, hiking, biking, off road cycling, quads and we offer cross country skiing, rafting, equestrian trails for amateurs and pros, cliffs for rappelling, ghost towns, ancient encampments, dinosaur bones, world class rock hounding and conquistador era artifacts.

6.) Our infrastructure consists of 21st Century power grids, gas lines, fiber optics and ample water and waste-water treatment.

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## Morenci a big driver for FCX

By Gary Dillard

The Morenci mine continued to be a major driver for Freeport-McMoRan in 2016, as the company assumed the position as the world's largest producer of the metal, surpassing Codelco, the Chilean state-owned company. (See chart on jump page.)

Morenci was projected to be the fourth-largest copper mine in the world in 2016, at more than 1 billion pounds, and Freeport's mine were in the 2nd, 3rd and 4th positions overall. (See chart.)

Each of the company's top three mines produced more than

1 billion pounds, a number which until recently was achieved only by Escondida in Chile, by far the world's largest.

And the recent expansion may not be the last for Morenci. When he discussed the company's "large development project inventory," Richard C. Adkerson, president and CEO in a presentation made Dec. 6, included Morenci as one of Freeport's "copper sulfide opportunities," along with the neighboring Saford/Lone Star property.

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# Reading Nook News

## Get the latest news

By Karen Soohy

Are you interested in what is happening in the news? Do you like to read about current events? If so, then the General OneFile database is just for you.

The Greenlee County Library page gives you access to FREE databases like this one and many others. Go to [www.greenleelibraries.org](http://www.greenleelibraries.org) and click on the Statewide Database link on the left column to get to the databases provided by your county libraries and the Arizona State Library.

General OneFile has magazines, news and articles on any topic you might be interested in reading. There is a “trending” section on the left that tells what the most popular topics are that people are currently interested in viewing. There is also a Search feature that allows you to type in a specific topic that may not appear on the “trending” section.

When you search for a topic, you will get a Topic Wheel that has anything related to the topic that the site can find and that allows you to narrow your search down to what you want. For example, if you are interested in the Mexican Grey Wolf, the wheel that appears gives you choices of Catron County, Pack, Wolf Population, New Mexico and Arizona, Endangered Species and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

If you click one of those areas you get a list of articles written about that area and you just click to read the article you want. This is a great research tool as well as an informative reading platform.

While you are on the Greenlee County Library website, check out the links to the postsecondary education guides. There are lots of online programs available to students of any age plus links to the major colleges and universities in our area.

*Library Quote: “There are many ways to enlarge your child’s world. Love of books is the best of all.”*  
~~Jacqueline Kennedy

## Clifton Council Corner

Mayor Felix Callicotte

The “Clifton Council Corner” is a place designed to keep the people in the Town of Clifton informed and up to date on current affairs. We will address concerns in the community; discuss future projects, and present ideas for improvement. We appreciate your responses to this column and are pleased by the many who have commented on their thoughts and issues. We cannot resolve an issue if we are unaware of it. We are continually looking for ways to help the Town of Clifton run more efficiently and this column will hopefully help you become involved.

## Town Council Commitment

Your Town Council’s ongoing commitment is to reach out to the citizens of Clifton. We often receive inquiries from residents that are commonly asked “why don’t ‘you’ blankety-blank?” The “you” typically refers to Town Council or the Town of Clifton.

The Town Council is the representative body that has been elected to represent you and our community at large. We do this by listening to Clifton’s residents, researching trends, and formulating policies and ordinances that will improve the Town making it both business and resident friendly.

The input from residents and other sources ranging from Town Manager contacts, phone calls, letters, email, and voiced comments taking into account any legitimate propositions or suggestions received. From there the ideas/concerns move to the Town Manager as to the viability of the idea or the validity of concern who advises the Council on his recommendation(s) formulating solutions where appropriate.

Recommended proposals will be taken under consideration at monthly Town Council meetings and decisions will be made on which issues that will be pursued and/or implemented. All Town Council meetings are open to the public with the goal of serving the will of the people. So consider attending a meeting, both the Town and you will reap the benefits!

## GOALS of the Mayor and the Town Council

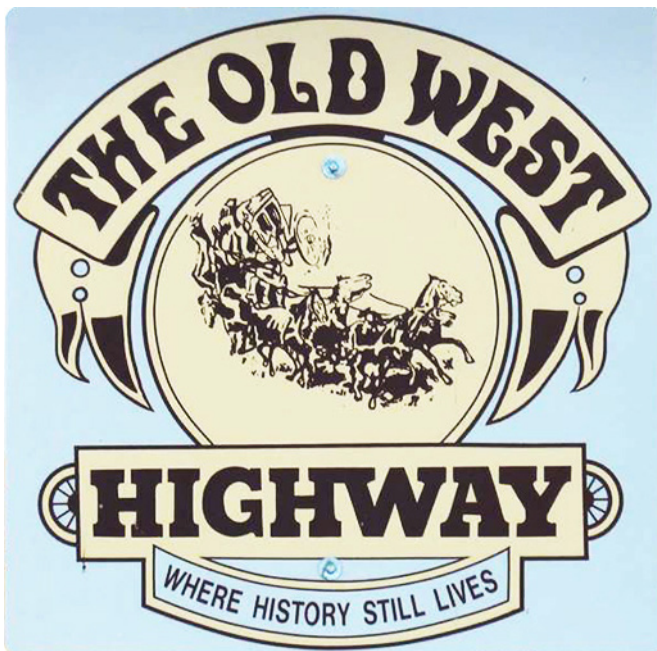
As your Mayor and Council Members, we look

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Greenlee County Government is joined by both incorporated towns, Clifton & Duncan, in opening our arms in welcome to new business, compatible industries and the job opportunities new investment creates.

7.) The return of Greyhound bus service has also had a positive effect on tourism, travel and interest along the Old West Highway (State Highway 70). Also known as the “shortcut to Phoenix,” this is true now more than ever with the work nearly completed in the Globe-Superior area.



8.) The partnership with the County Library system continues to deliver world class information and technology through the County-wide library system. Access to major publications, inter-library book sharing, GED prep and testing, a special info-bits database designed for K through 5th grade – young people merely type in the keyword they are interested in, animals, music, movies, people, plants, sports, technology, arts, geography, health, literature, science, social studies – the world – the universe is ready for them explore.

9.) Master Gardener support via the Cooperative Extension from our University of Arizona partners; access to community gardens – and locally sourced organic produce, fruits and nuts.

10.) And speaking of strategic partners, let us hasten to mention Arizona @ Work (formerly Arizona Workforce Connection) which offers job-training

support, employee placement services, plus a wide range of services for both employers and job seekers. And our partners at the Eastern Arizona College SBDC center, ready to train, help, build business plans, etc.

11.) Another terrific independent partner is the local Greenlee County Tourism Council, although primarily focused on attracting visitors and increasing tourism, there are many aspects to the hospitality industry that they help support with time, resources and volunteers.

12.) Maps, brochures and new web sites. During the past year there have been numerous advances in improving our visual presence at Visitor Centers, airports, regional shoppes, restaurants, farmer’s markets, Spring Rampage and the County Fair. An excellent resource point can be found at [growing-greenlee.org](http://growing-greenlee.org), where you can find current Asset Inventory data, archived Clarion Newsletters as well as interactive maps, and other valuable links. Also see the [map gallery](#).

13.) Greenlee Chamber Mixers are among the long list of community and business supported events that occur on a regular basis. Mixers often attract 90 or more attendees, each Mixer focusing on a different business or event. Members include businesses and industries from neighboring counties as well from New Mexico.

14.) Another strategic partner, Cenpatico published a [Resource Guide](#) which includes Greenlee and neighboring Graham County:



15.) Some of the celebrated artists, jurists, authors and others connected to or from Greenlee County include: Sandra Day O’Connor, Hal Empie,

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Ted DeGrazia, Victor Navarro, David Tineo, Dexter Oliver and Edie Fitch.

16.) 8,437, that was the census total for Greenlee County in 2010 but by July 2016 we reached 10,443, an increase in population of over 19%.

17.) Let's talk about Mountain ranges for a moment: Big Lue Mountains, Black Hills (Greenlee County), Peloncillo Mountains, San Francisco Mountains as well as the White Mountains and Summit Mountains.

18.) New businesses in 2016: Dollar General, NAPA, Studio Twenty Two-six, Margo's Bakery.



19.) New multi-unit construction in 2016: 12 new units, Empire-Cat Apartments

20.) Among the major annual events held in our County: Greenlee County Tourism Annual meeting; Greenlee County Chamber of Commerce Annual Award Dinner; Javelina Chase Cycling Event, Spring Rampage, Frisco River Clean-Up, Division

VI Class 1-A State Football All-Star Game, Greenlee County Health Fair, Clifton Hill Climb (road race sanctioned by Sports Car Club of America),



Annual Virden celebration, Lions Club Baseball Tournament, July 4th Fireworks and parades (Morenci & Duncan), Greenlee County Fair, Colors of Copper Art Show and Wine Festival, Greenlee County Three Gun Competition, Fall Festival, Festival of Lights (Clifton), Christmas Parade (Duncan), [Wings over Willcox](#), to name a few.

And so we complete this brief overview of 2016 in Greenlee County and why we love this county so much. Expect very good things to happen in 2017 as well. The momentum is on our side! Enjoy the

## Design a logo for us!

With the Greenlee Clarion going into its fourth year of publication, it's time for a logo, and that could be an opportunity for local artists.

This month there is an opportunity to win as much as \$250 by designing a logo for this publication.

Deadline for submission is Jan. 20, 2017. Entries have been coming in and we expect to end up with an exciting competition.

For details and all the rules, please [visit our website](#).

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# Greenlee County officials



From left, Robert Corbell, outgoing Supervisor, District 3; Derek Rapier, outgoing County Attorney; David Gomez, Supervisor, District 1; Ron Campbell, Supervisor, District 2; and Deborah K. Gale, County Administrator.



Above, Supervisor David Gomez, center, and County Administrator Deborah K. Gale, talk with Larry Avila, outgoing Sheriff.



David Gomez, center, and Ron Campbell, right, say goodbye to Robert Corbell.



At right, Judge Monica Stauffer swears in the incoming Sheriff, Tim Sumner.



*Judge Monica Stauffer swears in Berta Manuz to another term as Greenlee County Recorder.*



*Outgoing Supervisor Robert Corbell.*



*When District 3 Supervisor Richard Lunt was sworn in, family and friends were on hand too.*

# Grants awarded at Chamber mixer

**From The Eastern Arizona Courier**

MORENCI — The December mixer for the Greenlee County Chamber of Commerce welcomed the county's biggest partner for a night of awards and community opportunity.

After local officials in attendance were recognized, the evening was turned over to Freeport-McMoRan's Stacy Kuhn, who gave a presentation on

the company and what Freeport accomplished over the past year.

With two operating mines in the area, the company also boasts a number of environmental programs that include water management, dust elimination and biodiversity efforts.

The presentation highlighted Freeport's three-

[Click here to read more](#)



## Shark Tank workshop

Back by popular demand, the Cochise College SBDC is running another Shark Tank Workshop Series! This is a unique opportunity to learn, network, and pitch your business idea.

This workshop series will provide aspiring business owners and local entrepreneurs with tools, training, and resources to evaluate a business concept, develop a business plan, and pitch an idea in a five minutes/five slides format to a panel of subject matter experts.

Upon completion of this workshop series, participants will have developed a business plan and have a solid understanding of how to start and grow a business.

This will be an intensive series that will consist of 13 training sessions. All classes will be from 5:30-8:30 p.m. and will take place in the Lecture Hall at the Cochise College's Downtown Center at 2600 E. Wilcox Dr. Sierra Vista.

The Shark Tank kickoff meet and greet will be Monday, Jan. 23, from 5:30-6:30 p.m. at the same location.

The finale will be May 5. Cost to attend this series is \$229 per idea.

Registration is required. Deadline for registering is Jan. 19. To register or for more information, call Rachel at (520) 515-5478.

## Learn about coming of tamarisk leaf beetle

The Gila Watershed Project, for its next monthly meeting, is partnering with Tamarisk Coalition to get some in depth information on the tamarisk leaf beetle and the potential impacts from its imminent arrival to the Gila Valley.

Ben Bloodworth, program coordinator for the Tamarisk Coalition, will present at the evening meeting.

The meeting will be in the Graham County General Services Building at 921 Thatcher Blvd., Safford.

The Steering Committee will also be meeting at 2 p.m. that same day. Carol Sutherland, from New Mexico State University, will be sharing more information on monitoring recent tamarisk leaf beetle movements.



**Spring Rampage**  
April 15, 2017

Interested in being an Event worker?  
Want to Volunteer?  
Sell your goods as a vendor or rent a space?  
Want to advertise your company as a Sponsor?

**Don't miss the Eggetement!!!**  
Greenlee County Fairgrounds

Kids Zone Inflatables, Easter Egg Hunt and games, Vendors, Decorated Egg Contest, Car Show, Horse Shoe Tournament, Jackpot Team Roping, Mud/Sand Volleyball Tourney, Bull Riding, Music and Dancing. Fun for the whole family!

For More Information contact: **Greenlee County Events**  
[fairracing@co.greenlee.az.us](mailto:fairracing@co.greenlee.az.us)  
928-359-2032

# Orton Family Foundation mission

## What We Believe

The Orton Family Foundation’s mission is to empower people to shape the future of their communities by improving local decision-making, creating a shared sense of belonging, and ultimately strengthening the social, cultural, and economic vibrancy of each place.

## What We Do

We achieve our mission by assisting the residents of small cities and towns in the use of the Community Heart & Soul® method, a barn-raising approach to community planning and development designed to increase participation in lo-

cal decision-making and empower residents to shape the future of their communities in a way that upholds the unique character of each place.

## Why We Do This

We do this because we firmly believe that communities are at their best when all citizens have a say in their future, and when they experience the benefits of working together toward common goals grounded in their emotional attachment to a place. This approach touches real people, solves real problems, improves quality of life, and results in stronger communities with more vibrant economies.



## Tourism Council meeting Jan. 11

As a reminder to all Greenlee County Tourism Council members, prospects and guests, everyone is invited to the second annual meeting Wednesday Jan. 11 at 10 a.m.

The meeting will be at the Greenlee County Golf Clubhouse in York.

Please RSVP by January 5th by email - vandellbrss@gmail.com - or call 928-359-2144

You can bring your dues to the meeting or mail them to Tourism Council, PO Box 406, Duncan, AZ 85534.

Dues are:

\$10 Individual

\$20 Business under 10 employees and also Non Profits

\$200 Business over 10 employees

\$1,000 Corporate.

## County to visit trade expo

Greenlee County will be participating in the Advanced Manufacturing Expo in Anaheim in February.

Expected attendance at the show is 50,000, across a number of industries.

AME, along with seven co-located shows, make up the West Coast’s largest manufacturing event – dedicated to plastics, packaging, med-tech, electronics, automation, metals, distribution, aerospace, and automotive industry sectors.

County officials who will be attending this expo already have a “suspect” list for businesses that are appropriate to contact for this area.

These will be face-to-face, one-on-one meetings with decision makers across a wide range of potential compatible industries that will complement existing resources.

## County is ahead of 2010 Census

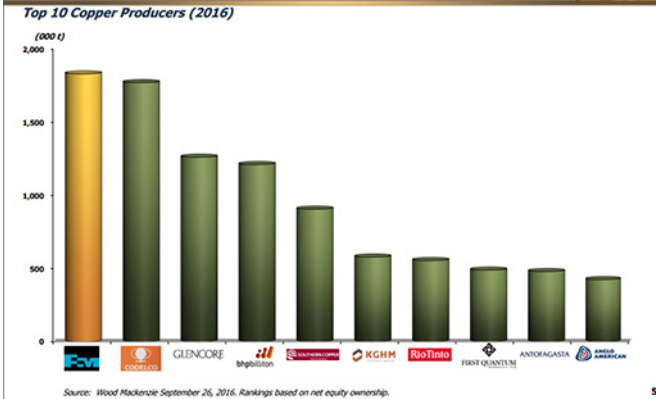
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<b>GREENLEE COUNTY</b>	<b>10,433</b>
Clifton	4,491
Duncan	744
Unincorporated	5,198



## World's Leading Copper Producers



Charts are from a Dec. 6 presentation by Richard C. Adkerson, Freeport's president and CEO.

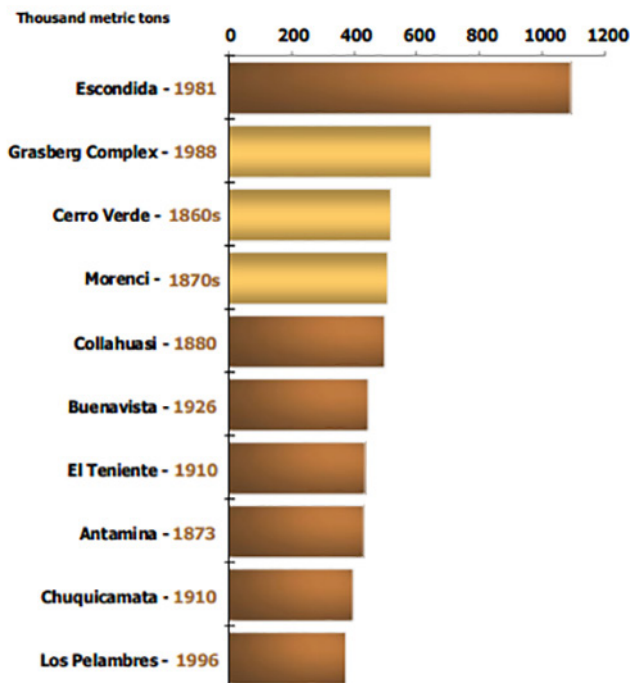
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and Co.'s Energy & Natural Resources Conference in New York, Adkerson noted that projected surpluses of copper continue to be lower than anticipated and that there are relatively low inventories on hand.

Freeport's reserve base is important because a prolonged period of low prices will impact future supplies. Both Grasberg and Cerro Verde rank among the top 10 reserve bases of copper in the world.

## 2016e Copper Production



## Sale of part of Morenci

On May 31, Freeport said it had completed the sale of a 13% interest in the Morenci operation to its existing partner, Sumitomo Metal Mining Co. Ltd. for \$1 billion.

The Morenci unincorporated joint venture is now owned 72 percent by Freeport, 15 percent by Sumitomo Metal Mining Arizona Inc. (SMMAz is owned 80% by SMM and 20% by Sumitomo Corp.), and 13% by SMM Morenci Inc. that is fully owned by SMM.

Because of the sale, the company estimated that its North America copper sales would be approximate 1.8 billion pounds for the year 2016, compared with 2.0 billion pounds in 2015.

Proceeds from the sale were used to pay down debt. Adkerson said the company had arranged for the sale of \$6.6 billion in assets and no further sales were required.

## DreamBuilder kickoff

Come learn more about DreamBuilder and find out if this free program is exactly what you need to start your business! A kickoff meeting will be held Thursday, Jan. 19, from 10-noon at the EAC Academic Programs Building in Thatcher.

Participants that choose to enroll in this no-cost course will take online courses on their own schedule, then meet twice a month with a support group (facilitated by the EAC Small Business Development Center) for some additional training and discussion.

This program will start in January 2017 and end in May 2017. While this program is designed for women and the challenges they face in business, men will also benefit from the program curriculum and encouraged to attend.

Sponsored by Freeport-McMoRan, this unique online business-training program helps women build their dream of starting or growing their own business. Practical, convenient and fun,

DreamBuilder leads women step-by-step through the basics of business. In addition to the interactive courses, students are given access to helpful tools and templates they can use in their own ventures. An innovative Business Plan Generator guides the learner in the creation of a business plan throughout the program.

[Click here to register](#) for the Graham/Greenlee program.