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## **Health** The highway to Greenlee County

#### By Ákos Kovach

Each year, the National Association of Development Organizations (NADO) recognizes member organizations that demonstrate innovative approaches to regional economic and community development through their Innovation Awards program.

Over 1,500 NADO member projects have been recognized since 1986 for creative efforts in advancing regional economic development and improved quality of life.

This year, Greenlee County has applied for recognition of its innovation, under the title of "Health: The Highway to Greenlee County."

The breadth and scope of each award winning project is impressive and far-reaching and is illustrative of the important role NADO members play in supporting regional development. Award-winning projects have showcased innovative efforts in a variety of program areas including business and economic development, emergency planning, brownfields, sustainability, technology, transportation, work

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force development, and many others.

The Greenlee County submission for 2017 is a community health initiatives project.

Because we constantly face the **please turn to page 6** 

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## Reading Nook News Touring Library website

#### By Karen Soohy

Have you been to the newly designed Greenlee County Library website yet? This series of articles will take you on a "tour" of the page so patrons can become familiar with all the great resources available FOR FREE on the site.

The webpage can be found at <u>www.greenleeli-</u> <u>braries.org</u>. This month's tour takes you through the "masthead" of the page.

The picture you see on the masthead was taken on the Black Hills Scenic Byway just outside of Clifton. The Gila River flows under the Joe Subia Bridge, named after a local rancher. The area attracts fishermen, hikers, canoers, campers and those who simply want to be around flowing water. The bridge is only four miles from U.S. 191 near Clifton and is easily accessible for most vehicles.

If you click on the icon to the left of the picture of the bridge you will be taken to the library system's <u>Facebook page</u>. The page is commented on daily with a variety of informational and fun posts. If you are a FB member, please go to the page and "like" us and "share" us with friends and family.

To the right of the picture are links to the online catalogs for Duncan and Clifton Public Libraries. If you would like to find out if your library has a book you would like to check out before you go, just click the button and you will be taken to a page from Follett Destiny, which is the online catalog system we use.

Click your Library Name and then enter the book title in the search box. When you click search, you will find out if the book in the library collection. If the book is there, you can also see if it is available to be checked out. You can search by title, author, subject, series and keyword.

That's the tour for June. See you next month for Tour 2 when we look at another section!



## **Clifton Council Corner**

**Mayor Felix Callicotte** 

### **Summer Safety Tips**

As we are all aware, the first weeks of May have been a true warm spring; summer heat will arrive in Clifton soon.

Summer heat is/can be dangerous, even deadly, if you do not take the proper precautions. Everyone should follow the following basic heat safety tips in order to avoid the dangers of heat exposure.

NEVER leave children or pets unattended in a car.

Be a good neighbor; check on elderly and people with disabilities in our community who may need assistance keeping cool.

Stay indoors in air conditioning as much as possible.

If you do go outside, stay in the shade.

Avoid exertion during the hottest part of the day.

Wear sunscreen outside along with loose-fitting, light-colored clothes that cover as much skin as possible.

Take cool showers or baths.

Drink water regularly even if you are not thirsty. Limit alcohol and sweet drinks intake which speed dehydration and make sure to leave plenty of water for your pets.

#### **Aggressive / Distracted Driving**

Arizona law says you must drive within what is called a "Reasonable and Prudent" limit. That means you not only have to obey the posted speed limit, you must drive a vehicle no faster than is reasonable and prudent under certain conditions.

Different traffic conditions require you to reduce your speed to the point where you are able to control the vehicle such as weather conditions, traffic congestion, approaching intersections and/or when crossing railway crossings, when approaching and going around curves, when approaching a school bus and school children, highway construction and road maintenance workers or other pedestrians in so doing avoiding a collision with any object, vehicle or person.

I have received only positive comments concernclick here to read more



The school at Blue, in northern Greenlee County, may be one of the smallest around, but graduation there recently was quite active. One student graduated from high school and a second moved on up into high school.

# Cross-border ag trade session

The Cochise College SBDC is bringing in a panel of experts June 27 to discuss Willcox's Cross Border Agricultural Trade.

The event will run from 8:30 to noon at the Cochise College Willcox Center, 470 N. Bisbee Ave., Room 101.

Topics that will be discussed include:

> Opportunities and challenges in exporting;

> Identifying resources available;

➤ Scope and impact of cross border trade;

• Market conditions & cultural aspects;

> Export assistance;

> USDA/FSA programs; and

• Exporting Agricultural ProCducts.

The workshop is free, but seating is limited and registration is required. Deadline for registration is June 22. Call Rachel Norton at 520-515-5478 or email her at nortonr@cochise.edu.

### Class on other Prop 206 items

The Cochise College SBDC is presenting a training for small businesses on how Prop 206, which raised minimum wage, will impact other

It will held at the Cochise College Willcox Center Lecture Hall on June 29, from 9-10:30 a.m.The session is free.

What is Proposition 206? In 2016, Arizona voted to approve Proposition 206, also known as the Healthy Working Families Initiative. The first minimum wage increase went into effect; with additional increases scheduled through 2020.

This class will focus on the paid sick leave portion of Prop 206 that is scheduled to go into effect on July 1, 2017.

Presenter will be Timothy M. Medcoff, an attorney specializing in employment law.

Seating is limited, so registration by June 27 is required. See story at left for details on whom to contact.

# Job opening at County

The Greenlee County Probation Department is accepting applications for the position of Secretary/Teen Court Coordinator, \$13.75 hourly, non-exempt.

Minimum qualifications require a 1.)H.S. Diploma or G.E.D; 2.) One year of clerical experience; 3.) Valid Arizona driver's license and good driving history; 4.) Applicant must pass a background check.

Applications may be obtained from the Greenlee County Board of Supervisors, Courthouse, 253 5th St., P.O. Box 908, Clifton, AZ 85533.

For information call 928-865-2072, or visit the website at <u>www.co.greenlee.az.us</u>.

A detailed job description is available upon request.

Closing date: June 9, 2017 at 5:00 P.M.

It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure their application is current.

## **County roads, taxes and gifts**

#### By Philip Ronnerud, County Engineer

Dusty, rough and unpaved roads are despised as much as convenient, safe, and smooth roads are liked.

Even worse are neighbors who deny road access. Everyone enjoys the good roads, but few are willing to pay more taxes to improve roads.

By lowering taxes politicians become heroes, but raising taxes to maintain the roads? The tar gets heated and feathers are gathered.

Consequently, road maintenance and ownership has been the subject of continuous discussions and legal revisions.

The law tells the County that it can build and maintain public roads that have been accepted by the Board of Supervisors.

The Board must have an ownership interest in these rights of way. Or, in another case, any public road continuously maintained prior to 1990 by the county regardless of ownership can be maintained.

The start date was changed several years ago, and used to reflect 1976. Both of these road criteria have a nexus to serve the public, not an individual or select group.

The legislature established these restrictions. Since territorial days, costs for road construction and maintenance have been a concern.

Responding to the people, the legislature limited what public agencies can do to limit costs.

Regional roads, after acceptance, such as the highway from Duncan to Clifton, can be built by

the County or the State.

#### **Developers' responsibilities**

The legislature expected people who develop land (subdivisions and lot splits in particular) to build the roads before a public agency will maintain the roads.

If a public agency builds and maintains roads for a developer (a term which is broadly defined) then the public would be giving a gift to a private person.

Because gifting is prohibited and because maintenance costs are expensive not all roads can be maintained by the county. By the process defined, the Board of Supervisors is charged with determining public need.

A person placing a manufactured home on a small parcel of land or a large corporation needing access or developing large land tracts can be considered developers.

Neither would be considered the "public," although individually they are part of the public.

It is a common misconception that everyone pays taxes therefore the County should do everything for the taxpayer.

So if this is not confusing enough, try telling someone who needs their private road maintained that the County cannot provide that service because of state law, nor would it be appropriate to benefit one taxpayer by using the funds of other taxpayers.

This is another reason why we turn grey.



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## **Broadband at library vital to local economy**

Availability of internet broadband at local public libraries has a direct impact on community jobs, training and economic development, says Malavika Muralidharan, E-rate Administrator for Public Libraries at the Arizona State Library, Archives and Public Records.

When people lose their jobs or are under-employed one of the first compromises they make is cutting off internet access at home.

Hence for their need for internet access, they go to their nearest public library. Often they share one computer between several family members and other children necessitating the use of public access computers in libraries. This is evident from the statistics of use of computers and on-line resources of the public library. Public school students often have to study using on-line resources outside of school time.

The only place they can go to get access to a computer, printer, and on-line resources is the library.

When students take online classes with teachers in a different time-zone or even a different country, they book a meeting room or public access computers as they need to use these beyond school hours.

Libraries send mobile collections to remote rural areas equipped with WiFi and computers so that wherever they are parked people can access library on-line resources.

Even after the library is closed first responders sometimes use the WiFi in the parking lot to file click here to read more



## **Creative placemaking needed in small towns**

#### **By Leslie Wright**

*This is from Community Heart* & Soul, from the Orton Foundation.

Q & A with Zachary Mannheimer, 39, principal community planner, McClure Engineering Co.

Zachary Mannheimer is a featured speaker in an upcoming webinar on March 23, 2017, Creative Placemaking: Economic Development for the Next Generation, co-sponsored by Citizens' Institute on Rural Design. We interviewed Zachary about the work he does and what motivates him.

Q: What is creative placemaking?

ZM: Basically it means, "How do you enrich a community through cultural and entrepreneurial ideas?" For the most part it's been done in urban areas like Detroit, but not a lot has been done in rural areas, which is the twist I'm putting on it.

I'm specializing in rural areas, which is rare in creative placemaking. I see the future of our country being in more rural areas because of population growth and urban areas running out of space.

Places that were once out in the sticks are going to be part of urban areas. This is going to be happening in the next 30 years. Are you prepared for it?

If you aren't prepared for it you are going to go the way of the dodo. Rural areas have to adapt now and create amenities that people are looking for or they are going to struggle to remain a vibrant and rural community.

Q: After you arrived in Des Moines, you founded the Des Moines Social Club in 2009, an arts venue that features space for performing and visual arts along with classrooms. What prompted you to create this place?

ZM: I was in Brooklyn, New York, where I ran the Subjective Theater Company with a mission to inspire creativity and social responsibility.

It had great acclaim, but nearly everybody who came to our shows agreed with our opinion I click here to read more

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challenge of being a remote rural area, we must be creative. The drumbeat of an economic juggernaut, such as the copper mining industry in Morenci, offers a multitude of benefits, along with certain disadvantages.

Any industry that pays high wages has an unintended hiring impact on small and mid-sized businesses. So we "turn down the volume" about wages and focus instead on a bigger picture. We tell the story of healthier living and something truly important: Quality of Life.

#### **Development entails change**

Economic development entails change. By trending away from "tradition" while also challenging the concepts of what is familiar by inserting "something new" requires some finesse. Telling the story clearly, repeating the story often and outlining each step is crucial to success.

The commitment by the leaders of Greenlee County to create a safe and healthy place to live, work and recreate began many years ago.

Greenlee County has been fortunate to have a number of visionaries who are willing to fulfill numerous roles.

These same people learned how to adjust plans according to the constantly evolving needs of the community. This also means by being flexible and persistent we were able to integrate a local strategy into one that is compatible with a growing, global community.

This Innovation Award application will focus on the Greenlee County Public Health Services District (GC-PHSD) and the Greenlee County Health Department (GC-HD).

#### Value of recognition

Over the years, Innovation Award winners have leveraged their awards to bring new resources into their regions.

These projects are also used to better explain their story to a multitude of various audiences. Another important fact is that NADO staff uses award-winning projects for showcasing on Capitol Hill and brig positive attention to federal agencies such as the Economic Development Administration.

These projects provide indirect peer-to-peer training and usable information sharing among the members of NADO and beyond.

The application will be posted on <u>our website</u>, if you want to read more.



These photos illustrate just a couple of health-care services which are needed in rural Arizona and which are provided to residents of Greenlee County.

## Arizona No. 1 for youth-led service

For the third consecutive year, the Governor's Youth Commission (GYC) partnered with youth and organizations across Arizona to rank number one for Global Youth Service Day (GYSD).

GYSD is the largest service event in the world, which works to mobilize millions of youth to improve their communities through service.

Out of 135 participating countries, Arizona logged the most youth-led projects. By participating in and celebrating GYSD, the GYC is part of a global effort to engage youth addressing some of the world's most critical issues.

"I could not be more proud of the 51 Youth Commissioners that not only lead here in Arizona but inspire global youth service," stated Gov. Doug Ducey.

"I encourage youth across Arizona to consider their role in serving our many diverse communities and ways they can partner with the GYC."

Since 2015, the GYC has logged more than 160,000 local youth-led service hours and continues to engage Arizona communities on a daily basis.

In a collaborative partnership with the Governor's Office of Youth, Faith and Family, the GYC hosted more than 1,500 youth from across the state for Youth Leadership Day at Grand Canyon University.

The GYC designed Youth Leadership Day to inspire future Arizona leaders to ensure a stronger, safer and more prosperous state.

During Youth Leadership Day, the GYC publicly announced open applications for youth to serve on this diverse, statewide Commission during the 2017/18 school year.

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www.growinggreenlee.org www.co.greenlee.az.us High school students who love to lead and have a heart to serve are strongly encouraged to apply. The GYC provides Arizona teens in all fifteen counties an opportunity to serve as ambassadors and as leaders in their respective communities.

Eligible students must be a high school sophomore, junior or senior during the 2017/18 school year and have displayed exceptional leadership inside and outside the classroom. Applications are being accepted through May 26, 2017 on our website at BeSeenBeHeard.az.gov.

### How to help Duncan library

Did you know that Duncan Public Library has an Amazon Smile Account?

#### What is AmazonSmile?

AmazonSmile is a simple and automatic way for you to support Duncan Public Library every time you shop, at no cost to you. When you shop at smile. amazon.com, you'll find the exact same low prices, vast selection and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com, with the added bonus that Amazon will donate a portion of the purchase price to your favorite Duncan Public Library and it will cost you NOTHING extra.

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To shop at AmazonSmile simply go to smile.amazon.com from the web browser on your computer or mobile device. You may also want to add a bookmark to smile.amazon.com to make it even easier to return and start your shopping at AmazonSmile.

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Yes, you use the same account on Amazon.com and AmazonSmile. Your shopping cart, Wish List, wedding or baby registry, and other account settings are also the same.

Support the Duncan Public Library today by shopping AmazonSmile when you make your next Amazon order!

<u>This link to Amazon.com</u> will help you get signed up to support the Duncan Public Library, even if you're already signed up.

## 15 Morenci grads get associate degrees

Fifteen Morenci High School Seniors were all smiles at the Eastern Arizona College Commencement Ceremony where they received their Associate Degrees in General Studies two weeks before they will graduate from Morenci High School.

These 15 seniors represent 18% of Morenci High School's graduating class of 2017, many who graduated with high honors.

These student's completed their college degrees over the past two years while attending high school.

Although some classes were offered at Morenci High, others were taken online or through schools interactive television lab, while some required catching a 5:30 a.m. bus daily to Thatcher or traveling to night classes.

Student agreed that it had required much sacrifice, being more resourceful with their time and giving up activities they would have liked to participate in.

When asked how it felt to be receiving a college degree prior to graduating from high school, the graduates had a variety of thoughts including "Very Proud, Appreciative, Relieved, and even Kind of Weird."

All were thankful of the tuition assistance offered by Morenci Schools and thought it provided much motivation as well as increased parental pressure. Merissa Mendoza and Mckayen Johnson thought it was a great opportunity that required being careful with your time and although challenging would encourage others to pursue this opportunity. Maddie Olmsted who frequently caught the 5:30 a.m.



Bottom row, from left, Jose Cazares, Gabriel Castillo, Jordan Ortega, Marco Rojas, Shelby Aguallo and Marcus Aguallo. Top row, Marissa Webb, Merissa Mendoza, Aaliyah Manuz, James Williams, Myles Miranda, Madelyn Olmstead and Elyssa Vigil. Not pictured, McKayen Johnson and Alyssa Garcia.

bus, noted that it had been a difficult two years but with degree in hand felt it was worth it. Most of the graduates had plans to complete a four year degree, Shelby Aguallo is heading for NAU to pursue a pre-law program while Gabriel Castillo planned to pursue a degree in Science Education at the University of Arizona. Destinations of the graduates also included New Mexico State, Arizona State and Tabor College

In addition Sabyn Martinez, Alyssa Murillo and Shae Sanchez received their Arizona General Education Certificate (AGEC-A). This is awarded to students who complete all the requirements for an Associate Degree except electives. These students are guaranteed that 35 hours will transfer to an Arizona University four year degree program.

### Looking for a job?

http://www.co.greenlee.az.us/employment/opportunities/ Planning%20Technician.pdf

http://www.co.greenlee.az.us/employment/opportunities/Probation%20Dept%20-%20Secretary-Teen%20Court%20Clerk. pdf

http://www.co.greenlee.az.us/employment/opportunities/Probation%20-%20Announcement.pdf

## **2017 Arizona Rural Policy Forum at EAC**

The 2017 Arizona Rural Policy Forum will be held in Safford/ Thatcher Aug. 9-11 at Eastern Arizona College.

The agenda for this year has not yet been finalized, but the keynote speakers have been slated.

The Rural Policy Forum connects rural economic development professionals, nonprofits, community leaders, business owners, and other rural stakeholders who are interested in sustaining rural communities.

Its goal is to hear strategies from national experts as well as learn about success stories from around Arizona that will give our rural leaders the tools, resources and relationships they need to face current challenges.

#### Peter Kageyama

Peter Kageyama is the author of For the Love of Cities: The Love Affair Between People and Their Places and the follow-up, Love Where You Live: Creating Emotionally Engaging Places.

Planetizen recognized **For the Love of Cities** as a Top 10 Book in 2012 in community planning, design, and development.

He is the former President of Creative Tampa Bay, a grassroots community change organization and the co-founder of the Creative Cities Summit, an interdisciplinary conference that brings citizens and practitioners together around the big idea of 'the place.'

Peter is a Senior Fellow with the Alliance for Innovation, a national network of leaders that is dedicated to improving the practice of local government. Since speaking to them in 2013, Peter has become a special advisor to America In Bloom. He is an internationally sought-after community development consultant and grassroots engagement strategist who speaks all over the world about bottom-up community development and the amazing people who are making change happen.

#### **Deb Nelson**

Deb Nelson is founder and president of DLN Consulting Inc.

She graduated with a degree in secondary education and taught high school for several years. Nelson left education to work in the nonprofit sector in 1982.

In 1998 she turned her experience as an educator and a community coordinator into a business that trains community coalitions, nonprofit organizations and government agencies in the areas of strategic planning, grant management, program evaluation, and community assessment.

Nelson has served as a lecturer and presenter at various national, state, and local conferences. She has also served as the principal administrator for several research-based studies for local, state and federal agencies. She is an avid student and educator of rural culture.

Nelson's business, DLN Con-

### **Douglas job fair**

The 3rd annual Douglas Job Fair will be held Thursday, June 8 from 10-1 at the Mexican Consulate, 1324 N. G Ave. in Douglas.

Employers will be on site, waiting to hire you. Bring copies of your resume and dress to interview. sulting, Inc., is contracted as the administrator/facilitator for the Vision West ND Consortium serving a 19-county area in western North Dakota.

She and her husband Ken live in Dickinson, ND and they have two adult sons.

#### **Development tour**

Graham County Economic Development Tour on Wednesday, Aug. 9, will include a look at the Discovery Park Campus, Mt. Graham International Observatory (though not a trip up the mountain), Open Loop Energy, Sun Pumps, DRG Technologies, and Freeport-McMoRan Safford Operations.

The Safford mine is one of the most environmentally advanced copper mines ever built.

The operations currently employ approximately 700 workers and have produced over one billion pounds of cathode copper since mining commenced in 2007.

# Digital marketing day on June 14

The Cochise College SBDC will present a "digital marketing day" on June 14 from 9-3:30 at the Cochise College community room in Sierra Vista, 901 N. Co-lombo Ave.

Sessions will cover marketing strategies and tactics, setting business goals, targeting prospects and more.

Cost is \$45 per person, which includes breakfast, lunch and handouts.

Deadline for registration is June 8. Contact Rachel Norton at 520-515-5478.

### **Upcoming activities**

6/2 10-3, Greenlee County Health Fair, Morenci Community Center.

6/2 Greenlee County Health & Science Festival. See poster on page 1.

6/2 5-6:30 p.m., Javelina Chase Volunteer Appreciation event, Centennial Park, Duncan

**6/7 (and every following Wednesday)** 2-6 p.m., Clifton Farmers Market, Clifton Train Depot.

6/5-8 Art Camp Duncan Valley Pal, 928-359-2791, location TBD.

6/6 & 20, 8-11 a.m. BOS meeting room, Clifton, Greenlee County Board of Supervisors.

6/8 10-1, Mexico Consulate, Douglas Job Fair.

6/14 9-3:30, Cochise College Sierra Vista, digital marketing day.

6/21 5:30-7 p.m., Tourism Council monthly meeting.

6/27 8:30-noon, Cochise College Willcox Center, session on cross-border ag trade.

**6/28** 5:30-7:30, Greenlee Chamber Mixer - Hosted by Duncan Valley Pal, PAL Building, Duncan.

6/29 9-10:30, Cochise College Willcox Center, session on Prop 206 for businesses.

7/4 9 a.m., Morenci July 4 parade.

8/9-11 EAC Thatcher, 2017 Arizona Rural Policy Forum. See more on page 9.

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

