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99th Greenlee Fair!

By Ákos Kovach

Our 99th Annual County fair is coming very soon: Expect a strong dose of contests like Pie Tasting, Horse Shoe Tournament and a messy Mud Volleyball Tournament.

But there is so much more – the Exhibits will include: Art, Agriculture, Crafts, Culinary, Floriculture, Horticulture, Livestock, Photography, Minerals & Jewelry, Models, School Art, Scouts and items from 4-H.

The Fair runs Sept. 14-17.

One BIG area of family fun

will be the entertainment: the Annual Jr. Livestock show/BBQ/ Auction, Jr. Rodeo Finals, Small Stock Show/Auction, Family Fun Circus, Stick Horse Stampede, Grand Canyon Pro Rodeo, Live Band and Dance plus A Great Northern A'Fair Carnival.

For schedules, tickets and other information please visit: <https://greenleecountyfairgrounds.com/> For inquires please call 928-359-2032. Tickets are already on sale at the Board of Supervisors Office in Clifton and at the Fairgrounds Office.

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Clifton Hill Climb '17

The Clifton Hill Climb will run up Ward Canyon again this year on Sept. 30 and Oct. 1.

It is sponsored by the Arizona Region of the Sports Car Club of America, with the Town of Clifton and Greenlee County.

Looking for the brightest young public-service workers to begin taking on leadership roles. See comments by David Gomez, chairman of the Greenlee County Board of Supervisors, on page 3.

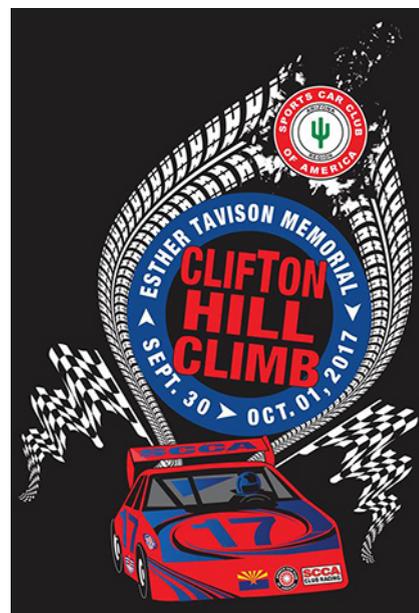
Registration day is Friday, Sept. 29, at Blue Door Sanctuary, 112 Park Ave. in Clifton. (If you are not a member of SCCA, go here to get information about what you need to do to get ready for the event. This needs to be done prior to the race.)

On Saturday, Sept. 30, the Hill Climb Queen will be crowned. (928-865-4146 for information.)

The Hill Climb parade also will be on this date.

That evening, there will be a reception for racers and for the public at the American Legion

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Reading Nook News

Touring Library website 4

By Karen Soohy

The Greenlee County Library Webpage (www.greenleelibraries.org) was redesigned to make using it a lot easier. The tours so far have taken you to our online card catalogs, to other local libraries, to the state archives and to some free online training sites.

Our library Facebook page (facebook.com/greenleelibrariesarizona) will be the stop today. Social media is a great way to let our patrons know of events that are happening in the community and the library.

We also use this page to provide a little humor about libraries and reading, provide resource links that are appropriate for your family and the page also highlights historical tidbits and literary information.



If you have a Facebook account, please LIKE us and share our page with your friends. Leave us what you would like to see on our page and send us appropriate comments and/or photos to share about our libraries and events in the community.

When our page gets to 500 likes, all of our followers will be entered into a giveaway sponsored by the libraries so head on over to the page and like and promote us to enter the drawing.



Clifton Council Corner

Mayor Felix Callicotte

A Little History

Arizona Copper Co. Building (aka Elks Lodge)

After nearly a year of discussions and site visits, including evaluations of the structure by the town's engineering firm, the former combined Safford/Clifton Elks Lodge #1607 graciously donated the old "Arizona Copper Company" headquarters building to the Town of Clifton in May 2017.

The Clifton Town Council voted unanimously to accept the gift of this building to the town. Arizona Elks Association President Alfred Skorupski, Clifton Lodge #1174 Trustees, Wes Hawkins and Wayne DeMarciso came to Clifton to mark the occasion with the trustees executing a quit claim deed to formalize the transfer.

The town has no current plans for the building. The town has executed a lease to allow the Clifton Closet Thrift Store to continue operating in the southern part of the building it currently occupies.

A little history on this "Clifton Landmark" follows: This two-story brick building is one of Clifton's oldest commercial buildings. The Arizona Copper Co. (ACC), a mining company from Edinburgh, Scotland, operating in the Clifton-Morenci area from 1882 to 1921, found it necessary to build several buildings to improve their mining operations in the Clifton/Morenci area.

In February of 1904, ACC announced to the Town of Clifton that they would construct a general office building and it would be a two-story ornament for the town.

The building's original plan designed in the Renaissance Revival architectural style is an elongated asymmetrical rectangle with the three front projections. Emil Schumann designed and oversaw the buildings construction.

The first in week April, 1904 ground was broken and foundation work began on the northern portion of this building. On June 5, 1904 James Colquhoun, President and General Manager of ACC, during an elaborate ceremony laid the cornerstone.

[Click here to read more](#)

Looking for the best and most qualified

By David Gomez, Chairman

Greenlee County Board of Supervisors

In my role as a Greenlee County Supervisor, it is a privilege to witness the hard work and accomplishments by our county employees.

The majority of these individuals go unnoticed. Routinely they perform their duties so well that it seems so easy. Whether it is operating a grader or sitting behind a desk working on a computer all day, you begin to understand the true effort and pride on a job well done.

Recently at the Annual Arizona Rural Policy Forum, the attendees were reminded of the importance of involving younger generations into our work-

force to step forward and begin assuming leadership roles.

This is not an easy transition for many, but is very much needed. With our current workforce aging, who will replace these hard-working men and women edging closer to retirement?

How do we attract the best and most qualified?

As the Chairman of the Greenlee County Board of Supervisors, I urge each of you to contact your local elected officials and administrators to begin the dialogue towards a path that will begin to attract our youth to careers in public service.

Please find your elected officials here: <http://www.co.greenlee.az.us/>

Greenlee County Tourism Council Presents

THE COLORS OF COPPER

ART COMPETITION
&
WINE TASTING

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 4TH & SUNDAY NOVEMBER 5TH, 2017
GALLERIA CORONADO
CHASE CREEK STREET, CLIFTON, AZ

Gila Cliff Dwellings moonlight hike

See the Gila Cliff Dwellings under a full moon!

Join Rangers for an interactive exploration of the lives of the Mogollon people who called this place home.

Meet at the trail head by 8:30 p.m. on Saturday, September 9th.

Wear sturdy shoes or boots and bring a flashlight. Water for drinking is encouraged. No food, no flavored drinks, and no tobacco products are allowed in the Monument.

Entrance fees apply. \$5 per person age 16 and older. Exact cash or check payment is required. All Federal Land Passes are accepted.

ENTRY DEADLINE OCTOBER 1, 2017

For Call to Artist Prospectus contact: Barbara Ahmann
928-865-2085 or Susan Snyder 928-965-1248

Prize

- 1st prize \$1000
- 2nd prize \$500
- 3rd Prize \$300
- People's choice \$200



Benson Economic Luncheon

The Benson Economic Outlook Luncheon is in its 20th year in 2017.

It will be held Thursday, Oct. 5 from 11:30-1:30 in the Dining Auditorium of the Benson Unified School District, 360 S. Patagonia St.

Contact Rachel Norton at 520-515-5478 for registration. Cost is \$45 per person.

Arizona: America's back lot

By Ákos Kovach

Greenlee County Film Coordinator

Think of dramatic mountain sites, clear-running rivers, immense ponderosa pines, Big Horn Sheep, Sandhill Cranes, valleys, gorgeous canyons and trails that take you back to another era.

We just described Greenlee County and thanks to the fact we now have a new Arizona Office of Film & Digital Media, the opportunity to attract more videographers, film producers and movie makers to our part of Arizona.

[Learn more about filmmaking opportunities](#) in Arizona here.

“If you’re in the business of making movie magic, you’ve found the right place. Few states offer Arizona’s endless variety of outdoor scenic vistas — all within a few hours’ drive — along with production studios and post-production facilities rivaling the best in the nation.”

Matthew Earl Jones is the Director of the Arizona Office of Film and Digital Media, and he is working diligently to create a photo gallery representative of each County.



Many parts of the original (1957) 3:10 to Yuma were filmed in southern Arizona. Here are stars Van Heflin (left) and Glenn Ford at the climax of the movie.

Film makers can survey the photos sorted by categories so they can locate the ideal backdrop for a movie or scene in a movie. For example, they want an airport in a wide open space with mountains in the background. (Sounds like Greenlee County Airport!)

Let us know what you think of this opportunity.

[Go here](#) to see lists of movies filmed in Arizona over the years.



Building, growing together



By Ákos Kovach

In rural Arizona every ounce of energy, each resource is considered precious. The volunteer efforts of groups such as the Greenlee County Chamber of Commerce and the Greenlee County Tourism Council are excellent examples of how to leverage resources to enhance what we have to offer as a community.

Our business community is strongly and ably represented by the Chamber of Commerce who often partners with the Tourism Council to host meetings. The August 23rd Chamber Mixer was just such an example of partnering and teamwork.

Held at the famous Greenlee County Golf Course in York Valley (halfway between Clifton & Duncan) the Mixer sponsor was the greenlee County Tourism Council with special guest speaker Kiva Couchon, Director of Industry Affairs at the Arizona Office of Tourism.

Couchon spoke eagerly about rural tourism and thanked the local Tourism Council for their hard

work and enthusiasm. Her [power point presentation](#) is available to you online at the Growing Greenlee website.

Working together reduces the duplication of effort, thus streamlining and better utilizing the workforce or volunteer hours needed to grow an event. Multiple hands flourished the Mixer with food donations by Steve Ahmann, Clifton Community Garden and the administration of the Greenlee County Golf Course.

Dianne Vandell setup a beautifully decorated table offering Tourism Council membership applications and the Quest of the Southwest Greenlee County Visitors Guide.

Also available was information about the Visit Greenlee County website: <http://www.visitgreenleecounty.com/> and a request to LIKE the Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/GreenleeCountyArizonaTourism/>

Remember, Greenlee County is easy to reach, easy to find and is always open for business!

GCSO gets United Way grant for drug dog

By Sheriff Tim Sumner

The Greenlee County Sheriff's Office (GCSO) received a grant check from the United Way of Graham and Greenlee Counties to purchase a drug dog.

GCSO is very excited to be able to move forward with obtaining a K9 to continue building a safer and healthier community.

GCSO had two very qualified applicants that competed for the position, and Kyle Gibbs was selected as the K9 handler.

GCSO appreciates everyone who gives to the United Way to make these grants available to organizations within communities.

In photo, from left, are Sheriff Tim Sumner, Kyle Gibbs, Laura Dorrell and Eva Jazwinski.



Geronimo was born near Clifton

From Algeria Soir

Geronimo was born of the Bedonkohe Apache tribe in No-doyohn Canon, Arizona, June, 1829, near present day Clifton, Arizona. The fourth in a family of four boys and four girls, he was called Goyathlay (One Who Yawns.) In 1846, when he was seventeen, he was admitted to the Council of the Warriors, which allowed him to marry. Soon, he received permission; married a woman named Alope, and the couple had three children.

In the mid 1850s, the tribe, who was at peace with the Mexican towns and neighboring Indian

tribes, traveled into Old Mexico where they could trade. Camping outside a Mexican town they called Kas-ki-yeh, they stayed for several days. Leaving a few warriors to guard the camp, the rest of the men went into town to trade. When they were returning from town, they were met by several women and children who told them that Mexican troops had attacked their camp.

They returned to camp to find their guard warriors killed, and their horses, supplies and arms, gone. Even worse, many of the women and children had been killed as well. Of those that lay dead were Goyathlay's wife, mother, and three children and as a result, he hated all Mexicans for the rest of his life.

[Click here to read more](#)



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Upcoming activities

9/13 3-5 p.m., electric car enthusiast EV Jerry at Historic Train Depot, Clifton.

9/14-17 Greenlee County Fair, Fairgrounds at Duncan.

9/19 8-11 a.m. Greenlee County Board of Supervisors, BOS Meeting Room, Clifton.

9/19 4-6 p.m., Arizona Community Foundation grants presentation and celebration, Graham County General Services Building Assembly Room, 921 Thatcher Blvd., Safford.

9/20 10-1, Sierra Vista Job Fair, Cochise College, 901 N. Colombo Ave., Sierra Vista, Angelica Hernandez, 520-236-2844.

9/20 5:30-7 p.m., Tourism Council monthly meeting, Greenlee Country Club.

9/21 6-8 p.m., EAC High Tech Center, Room 124, Thatcher, Start Up Smart, Taking the right steps to starting your own business. 928-428-8590.

9/21 Noche de Exito, honoring Hispanic business leaders. tucsonhispanicchamber.org

9/22 8-3:30, EAC Thatcher, State of the Upper Gila Watershed. (See article below.)

9/27 5:30-7:30 p.m., Greenlee Chamber Mixer, Greenlee Historical Society Museum.

9/28 11:30-1:30, Hispanic Market Outlook Southern Arizona, Casino del Sol Resort, Tucson, TucsonHispanicChamber.org.

10/3 9-4, Thunder Mountain Activity Centre, Fort Huachuca, military/veteran hiring event, Sharalyn Saliger, 919-282-1815.

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

Learn about Upper Gila watershed

What's happening in your watershed? That's the topic of the State of the Watershed forum on the Upper Gila River being held Sept. 22 at Eastern Arizona College in Thatcher.

The first such event here will feature the most current information about natural and water resources in the watershed.

Among the topics to be highlighted are fire, flood and the arrival of the tamarisk leaf beetle.

Other topics at this half-day

event (8-3:30 include snowpack, climate forecasts, mining, local water supplies and river channelization.

Early registration ends Sept. 8. Thirty spots are available for a free field trip to a restoration site on Sept. 21.

Major sponsors include Freeport-McMoRan Copper & Gold, Tamarisk Coalition and the USDA Southwest Climate Hub.

The morning session covers the status of the watershed, in-

cluding climate, snowpack and local resources.

After a break, the topic will be the ecology and function of the local river and streams.

The luncheon keynote address will be delivered by Chuck Podolak.

In the afternoon the panel will be on the "hot topics," fire, flood and the tamarisk leaf beetle.

For information, contact the Gila Watershed Partnership at 928-322-0697.

Housing Forum 2017:

New homes just around the corner

By Ákos Kovach

It was on a cool pair of days during February 2014, the momentum of the mine expansion inspired the first Greenlee County Housing Forum.

Everyone was welcome and many came. Nearly 300 people came through the door over those 2 days. They spoke with lenders, builders, architects and visionaries.

A survey was taken regarding the preferences of the audience, where would you like to own or rent a home? Table Top was the #1 choice. Loma and Verde Lee were # 2 and #3.

Also on hand was the USDA Rural Lending Office, Gila Health services, officials from both Clifton and Duncan, the SEAGO Housing Counselor, realtors, Greenlee County Chamber of Commerce, Southwest NM Council of Governments, Friends of the Frisco and the Greenlee County Tourism Council.

Fast forward to August

Fast forward to August 2017. We grew from 16 vendor booths to over 30. This time we had three home mortgage lenders on hand and a tremendous support system from the private sector, medical community and three Chambers of Commerce including Graham County, Lordsburg-Hidalgo County and Greenlee County Chambers.

By 1:30 over 220 guests had been greeted and the vendors were getting worn out!

This time maps of available land were shown – sites in York

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Nothing attracts residents like quality schools, and it's hard to beat the Morenci School District.



It was nice to have folks from the Lordsburg / Hidalgo County Chamber with us.

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Valley around the Golf Course as well as a subdivision in Duncan near the Fairgrounds were displayed.

The audience had time to be pre-qualified for loans and took time to speak with the three contractors that attended the affair.

Door prizes galore!

And let us not forget about the door prizes! What a roster of gifts and goodies, from places such as the Chase Creek Marketplace, Clifton Farmer's Market, NAPA, Javelina Chase, Greenlee County Recorder Berta Manuz, Headframe Apothecary, Greenlee County Tourism Council, Greenlee County Economic Development, Granny's Attic and Bay Equity.

The audience participated in a black-out bingo game and a People Choice's vote for Best Vendor Booth. The winner of the people's Choice Award was the NAPA Store from Clifton.

What most people were able to take away from this Housing Forum was the message that construction of new homes in Greenlee County is just around the corner.

Committed to start construction

At least one builder has already committed to start construction on new homes beginning in January.

With 413 names on the waiting list for housing in Morenci, it is easy for anyone to see the demand for homes to buy and homes for rent far exceeds supply.

There is an additional glimmer of support coming in from local property owners who have converted a number of suites on second and third floor spaces along Chase Creek Street and placed these availabilities on Air BNB. Rooms and suites are available above The Headframe Apothecary, Clifton Armory and inside the Union Hall all on Chase Creek.

As we move forward we hope to create an on-line real estate landing site where homes for sale throughout the county as well as a listing for rental properties can be found.

As always, your feedback questions or ideas are welcomed. Economicdevelopment@co.greenlee.az.us



Does Greenlee County offer activities for kids? Oh, yeah!



Some folks will never miss out on an opportunity to register their citizens to vote.



There was barely room to pack all the vendors, displays and visitors into the hall for the 2nd very successful Greenlee County Housing Forum. It grew so much from the first event, it's hard to imagine what the next such event will be like!

Learning from other rural communities

By Ákos Kovach

The 2017 Rural Policy Forum resembled the first rural policy forum held back in 2007, but also managed to create a new sense of importance in supporting rural initiatives.

As business leaders, elected officials and members of the general public, we often find ourselves on a treadmill of searching for that elusive ‘answer that resolves all problems.’

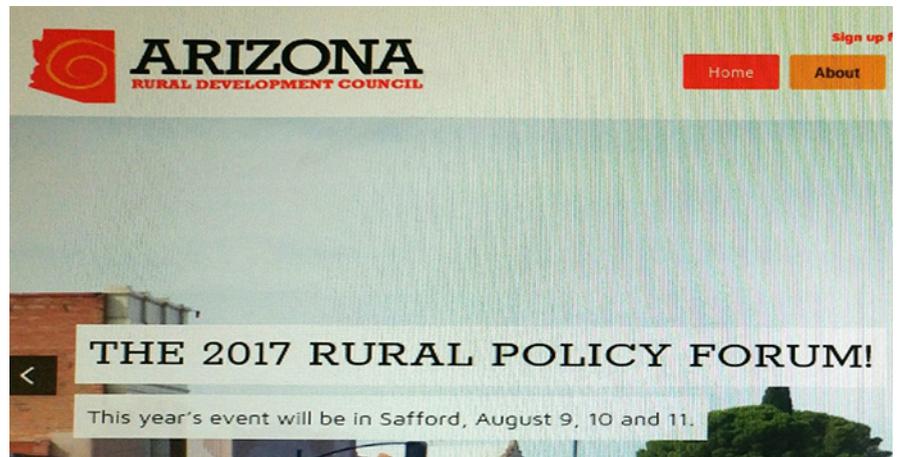
Of course no such answer exists yet we are mesmerized by the glitter and glitz of the hottest new fad, the success story of an urban solution or the glamorous opportunity to rub elbows with the rich and famous.

The notion there is a common salve for all municipal and rural challenges is simply false. Big cities benefit from having a large population, but what about cities, towns and counties with low population centers? The dynamics of investment become more difficult. The return on investment may require not only more effort but also a longer payback period.

One of the many lessons revealed during the Forum was many rural communities face these same issues with creative solutions. Close down a trestle bridge for a dinner soirée/fundraiser? Absolutely!

Organize a colored chalk street art affair? You bet! Showcase art and handiwork by grade school aged children? Oh yes, and often!

Greenlee County was well represented at the Forum and was a cash sponsor alongside Graham County. Organized by Local First Arizona Foundation and the Arizona Rural Development Council we send our deepest appreciation



for the numerous guest speakers, breakout sessions and invaluable training.

But the work and challenges of Rural Arizona continues, thus we share this message from Kimber Lanning:

FREE WEBINAR SERIES

Join the Arizona Rural Development Council and the Local First Arizona Foundation for our next webinar series:

Solutions for Rural Development:

Economic Trail Blazing: How to Harness Backyard Ecotourism
Wednesday, September 27, 2017, 12:00pm - 1:30pm

Arizona is a state rich with outdoor beauty and recreation offerings. Many of the state's surrounding rural areas have started looking towards these natural offerings as a means to generate tourism as an economic driver in their communities.

This month the webinar will focus on the Arizona Trail (AZT),

a 800 mile trail that stretches the state of Arizona from the Utah to Mexico border.

The content of the webinar will focus on what the trail has done for surrounding gateway communities. We will hear from 3 speakers, representing various gateway communities of the trail from all around the state.

Attendees of this webinar will learn:

How and why outdoor recreation is a sustainable goldmine for rural communities.

What three items are needed for sustainable economic prosperity.

How to personalize your backyard ecotourism.

What are the various ways these communities have benefited from the trail.

What collaborative projects have been happening across communities to market the trail.

How to engage interest and education to your community for further marketing and maintenance support.

How and why outdoor recreation is a sustainable goldmine for rural communities.

Hill Climb . . .

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Post 28, 51 Frisco Ave. in Clifton.

Sunday, Oct. 1, is the day for the time trial and the race. In the evening there will be an awards celebration at the Sacred Heart Community Center.

For more details, registration, etc., visit the website at cliftonhillclimb.com. A [map](#) and a [detailed schedule](#) can be found here.

Letter to the Editor

Pollution Prevention Week

National Pollution Prevention (P2) Week is celebrated each year during the third week of September. P2 Week is a time for businesses and residents to learn how to best protect our environment by using fewer toxic chemicals, reducing water and energy consumption, generating less solid and hazardous waste and reducing air pollution.

ADEQ is hosting a webinar during P2 Week, showcasing facilities that through P2 Program participation and energy efficiency practices have successfully reduced a significant amount of waste through the years.

ADEQ invites you to our webinar in which representatives from companies in the community will share their facilities' environmental achievements, with a focus on energy efficiency.

For information on the P2 Week webinar, which will be held Tuesday, Sept. 19, from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. (MST), contact Linneeth A. Lopez, Environmental Engineering Specialist III, LAL@azdeq.gov or (602) 771-4739.

Byron James
Community Liaison, ADEQ

Honoring Hispanic businesses

The Tucson Hispanic Chamber is sponsoring Noche de Exitos Gala and Bi-National Awards, Saturday, Oct. 21, at Casino del Sol Resort, celebrating the Hispanic Business Man and Woman of the Year.

Honorees will be Marcel Dabdoub, Dabdoub Investments LLC, 2017 Hispanic Business Man, and Laura Paredes Oldaker, By Your Side Senior Care, Academy of Caring Excellence, 2017 Hispanic Business Woman.

For more information, visit www.tucsonhispanicchamber.org



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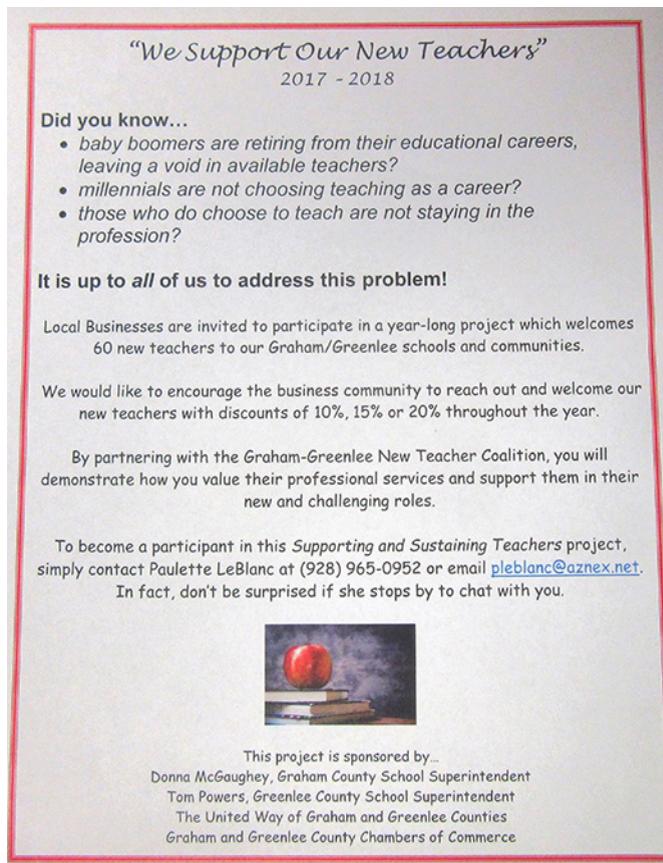
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11:30AM - 1:30PM
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"We Support Our New Teachers"
2017 - 2018

Did you know...

- baby boomers are retiring from their educational careers, leaving a void in available teachers?
- millennials are not choosing teaching as a career?
- those who do choose to teach are not staying in the profession?

It is up to *all* of us to address this problem!

Local Businesses are invited to participate in a year-long project which welcomes 60 new teachers to our Graham/Greenlee schools and communities.

We would like to encourage the business community to reach out and welcome our new teachers with discounts of 10%, 15% or 20% throughout the year.

By partnering with the Graham-Greenlee New Teacher Coalition, you will demonstrate how you value their professional services and support them in their new and challenging roles.

To become a participant in this *Supporting and Sustaining Teachers* project, simply contact Paulette LeBlanc at (928) 965-0952 or email pleblanc@aznec.net. In fact, don't be surprised if she stops by to chat with you.



This project is sponsored by...

Donna McGaughey, Graham County School Superintendent
Tom Powers, Greenlee County School Superintendent
The United Way of Graham and Greenlee Counties
Graham and Greenlee County Chambers of Commerce