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Colors of Copper Stimulating Chase Creek business

By Barbara Ahmann

This fifth art competition and wine tasting is beginning to achieve its' goal of creating an environment for economic growth on Chase Creek.

It is evident by the debut of a pop-up art gallery by last year's Colors of Copper first prize winner Linda Fout.

Another sign of growth is the new taco stand, Taqueria Sarap located in Chase Creek parking lot, will extend their days and hours to accommodate the two-day event. Additionally, the ma-

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Book should be required reading

By Ákos Kovach

“Water is the fundamental resource on which communities build,” writes Doug Griffiths in Chapter 1 of his book “13 Ways to Kill Your Community,” second edition.

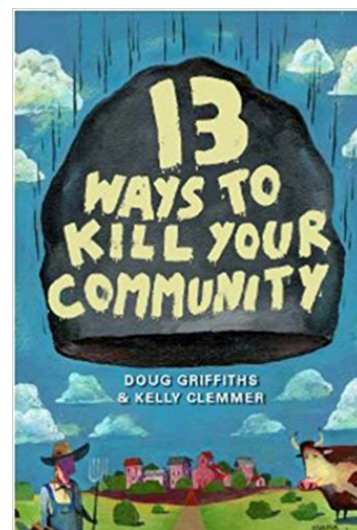
In this day of challenges far beyond our wildest dreams – rural America must stand tall, because rural America is the backbone of entrepreneurship, women owned businesses and job creation. But at the same time we must remain vigilant and avoid the pitfalls that

are proven to ruin what we cherish the most – our unique quality of life.

In “13 Ways,” Chapter 2, Griffiths challenges us all: “A second way to make sure your community is *destined for failure* (emphasis added) is to be certain you don't attract new businesses or retain businesses you already have.”

Let that sink in a moment, this is two-part test. If a community does not actively work on busi-

[Click here to read more](#)



Reading Nook News

Touring Library website 5

By Karen Soohy

Today we are heading to a hidden gem that you will enjoy if you love magazines and would like them FREE rather than paying for a subscription. The Greenlee County Library (www.greenleelibraries.org) and the State Library of Arizona offer a service to any of our patrons who has a laptop, a computer (which you probably have if you are reading this online article in the Greenlee Clarion), a smartphone or an e-reader.

ZINIO is a product that the State Library of Arizona pays for and you, as patrons of the Greenlee County Library System, can use it for FREE just by setting up the ZINIO app on your internet connected devices.

There are over 220 popular magazines that you can access listed on the ZINIO service for you to browse, save, download, print and read. It is just like having the magazine delivered to you but you pay nothing.

All you need to have to access this service is a library card number from Duncan, Blue or Clifton. There is a "How to" section under Library Information Documents that will help you set up your device. If you have any questions, just check with your local library.

Magazines listed on the site are full issues though some of the magazines are back issues only because that magazine is no longer available to us. Many current magazines also allow you to download back issues.

Examples of magazines include 4 Wheel and Off Road, Alive, All Recipes, American Cowboy, American Patchwork and Quilting, Arizona Highways, Audubon, Babybug, Backpacker, BeadStyle, Better Homes and Gardens, Bicycling, Billboard,

[Click here to read more](#)



Please turn to page 9 for more about libraries.

Clifton Council Corner

Mayor Felix Callicotte

Halloween safety tips

Everyone wants a safe and happy Halloween their children, themselves and their guests. Following the below safety tips and using some common sense can help you and your children make the most of Halloween, keeping it as enjoyable for you as it is for your children. Everyone loves a good scare on Halloween, but not when it comes to child safety. Planning ahead can help make this Halloween a safe one.

Simple Safety Precautions:

Make sure fabrics for costumes and decorative materials are flame-resistant. All costumes and masks should be clearly marked as flame resistant.

Be careful crossing streets. Cross streets at corners and watch for cars that are turning or backing up. Halloween poses special risks to pedestrians. Pay attention to your surroundings.

You and your children should wear light or reflective clothing and carry a flashlight or glow stick during the evening dark hours.

Make sure your children are able to see and breathe properly and easily when using facial masks.

Make sure you, a TRUSTED ADULT, or an older child accompany younger children when "Trick or Treating." A trusted adult is a person that parents/guardians have come to rely on and with whom they and their children feel comfortable.

Children should always stay in well-lit areas, never take shortcuts, and never go into isolated areas.

Approach homes that are well-lit both inside and outside.

Become familiar with each home your child visits and the people who are providing Halloween treats to your children.

Parents should inspect all candy before it is eaten. Only eat treats that are in their original, unopened wrappers.

Children should NEVER approach a vehicle even if it appears no one is inside the vehicle.

Remind your children to stay alert for any suspi-

[Click here to read more](#)

Virden opens state-of-the-art playground

The village of Virden, NM, celebrated the grand opening of a new state-of-the-art playground on Sept. 30.

The Mayor of Virden, Rulene Jensen, did a fabulous job of organizing the event and most of the residents were in attendance as well as Greenlee County Supervisor Richard Lunt.

Virden is just across the border from Greenlee County.

Learn more about Virden at its [website](#) or its [Facebook page](#).



SBDC offering seminar on disaster assistance

The Cochise College Small Business Development Center is holding a free seminar regarding disaster assistance for small farms, ranches, farm-to-table businesses and farmers-market producers.

It will cover such topics as crop, equipment and rangeland losses.

It will be held Oct. 25, from 9-11 a.m., at the Cochise College center in Willcox, 470 N. Bisbee.

To register, or for more information, contact the Willcox Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture at 520-384-2272.



Summit on volunteerism is set

The 2017 Arizona Summit on Volunteerism and Civic Engagement will be held Nov. 2-3 at the ASU West Campus in Glendale.

The Summit provides an opportunity for leaders and representatives of Arizona's volunteer, civic engagement and service-learning communities to further develop and foster their skills to better serve Arizona.

In 2016, the Summit was attended by over 500 community leaders, educators, young people,

businesses/corporations, foundations, and other professionals.

To register, [click here](#).

Among the workshop topics are ways to document volunteer involvement, and leveraging employee engagement partnerships to enhance K-12 classrooms (run by Emily Muteb of Freeport-McMoRan.)

One of the summit's keynote sessions is "Seriously Effective Volunteer Engagement," by Jenny Lawson.

Unemployment drops in Graham, Greenlee

From The Eastern Arizona Courier

PHOENIX — The number of unemployed in Graham and Greenlee counties decreased significantly in August.

That's according to data released by the Arizona Office of Employment and Population Statistics last week.

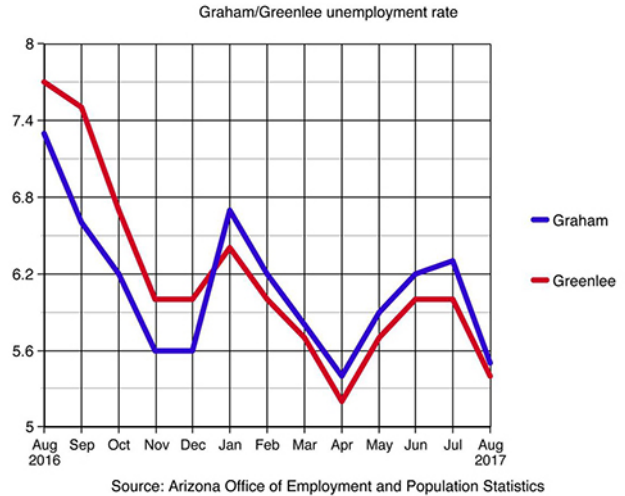
The monthly report showed unemployment in Graham County at 5.5 percent in August, down eight-tenths of a point from July's rate of 6.3 percent. That rate was also well below the same time last year, when Graham's unemployment rate was 7.3 percent.

Greenlee County's unemployment rate was at 5.4 percent in August, seven-tenths of a point below July's rate of 6.1 percent, and 2.3 points below the unemployment rate of 7.7 percent in August 2016.

Nearby Cochise County dropped slightly, down from 5.9 percent unemployment in July to 5.6 percent in August.

Statewide, the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate is at 5 percent, down one-tenth of a point from the previous month and the same time last year. The national unemployment rate increased 0.1 point to 4.4 percent.

Yuma County continues to have the highest unemployment rate in the state, at 23.7 percent, well ahead of the second-highest rate in the state, Santa Cruz County's 12.6 percent.



The low is 4.2 percent in Maricopa County, just barely better than Yavapai at 4.4 percent and Pima County at 4.5 percent.

Arizona gained 41,900 nonfarm jobs in August, with only three job sectors posting minimal losses.

Showing job growth was government (32,000 jobs); education and health services (5,700); professional and business services (3,800); leisure and hospitality (900); manufacturing (700); financial activities (500); natural resources and mining (100); and trade, transportation and utilities (100).

Job losses were posted in construction and other services (both down 600 jobs), and information (900).

Colors of Copper . . .

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majority of existing business will also be open the days of the event. Saturday Nov. 4th, noon to 8 pm and



Sunday Nov. 5th noon to 5 pm.

You might think that Chase Creek Street is time forgotten, nevertheless it is still filled with old fashion good times. Join us for refreshments and wine tasting, entertainment and bring your camera to take a photo of yourself which places you in an iconic work of art.

Come for the art, enjoy the wine. Come for the wine, enjoy the art. As you like.

Blood Drive
Morenci Clifton Community
Morenci Shopping Center

at The Morenci Club
 106 Plaza Loop
 Morenci, AZ 85540

Tuesday, November 14, 2017
12:00 PM to 5:30 PM

Greenlee cited for development innovation

WASHINGTON, DC – Greenlee County has received a 2017 Innovation Award from the National Association of Development Organizations (NADO) for “Health, the highway to Greenlee County, Arizona.”

Greenlee County has diligently devoted manpower, funding and training in order to amalgamate the best practices and resources of both the public and private sectors to enhance the quality of life in Greenlee County.

By creating a public health services district (to ensure long-term financial stability) and by partnering with local and regional health care providers Greenlee County has recently been designated No. 2 out of all 15 counties by County Health Rankings and Roadmaps.

“The countless hours of work provided by staff, employees and volunteers is demonstrated by this prestigious recognition” said David Gomez of the Innovation Award.

“We are honored to showcase just one of the many strengths and attributes of living, working and recreating in Greenlee County.”

NADO is a Washington, DC-based membership association of regional development organizations that promotes programs and policies that strengthen local governments, communities, and economies through regional cooperation, program delivery, and comprehensive strategies.

The NADO Innovation Awards program recognizes regional development organizations and their partners for improving the economic and community competitiveness of our nation’s regions and local communities. This year marked NADO’s 50-year



David Gomez, Chairman, Greenlee County Board of Supervisors, Ákos Kovach, Greenlee County Economic Development Coordinator; Lynne Keller Forbes, President, National Organization of Development Organizations.

anniversary of supporting regional economic development across the country.

Award-winning projects were honored during NADO’s 2017 Annual Training Conference, held Sept. 9-12. The 2017 class of award recipients consisted of 80 projects spanning 21 states. These projects are presented in an interactive “Story Map” developed by NADO and ESRI and include project summaries, funding information, and partners. The Story Map is available online at: <https://www.nado.org/innovation-awards/>.

“The Innovation Awards program is an opportunity to recognize the important work of development organizations that promote economic development and improve the quality of life for local residents such as demonstrated by Greenlee County, AZ,” said 2016-2017 NADO President Lynne Keller Forbes, who is Executive Director of the South Eastern Council of Governments, located in Sioux Falls, SD.

“These projects demonstrate the diversity of work that regional development organizations undertake to benefit their communities and the regions that they serve.”

For more information about this award-winning project, contact economicdevelopment@co.greenlee.az.us

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Upcoming activities

10/7 7-11 a.m., Table Top Shooting Range, Greenlee 3 Gun Event

10/13 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Arizona time, Steins, N.M., 13th Ghost Town Family Fun Day

10/17 1-4 p.m., Greenlee County Board of Supervisors meeting, Meeting Room, County Annex, Clifton.

10/18 5:30-7 p.m., Greenlee Country Club, Tourism Council monthly meeting.

10/25 5:30-7:30, Greenlee Chamber of Commerce Mixer, PJ's restaurant, Clifton.

10/28 5-7 p.m., Greenlee County Fairgrounds, Fall Festival, kids games and more.

10/28 7 p.m. till ? Clifton Police Department's Halloween Haunted House, Clifton Train Depot.

11/2-3 8-4:30 each day, Arizona Summit on Volunteerism, ASU West Campus, Glendale. See article on page 3 of this newsletter.

11/4-5 10-7 on the 4th, noon-7 on the 5th, Galeria Coronado, Chase Creek, Clifton, Colors of Copper Art Show & Wine Tasting. More details in article on page 1.

11/14 Noon-5:30, The Morenci Club, November Blood Drive, 928-687-1271.

Assistance schedules

Southeastern Arizona Community Action Program says that the Clifton utility assistance and rental assistance applications are being taken without appointments at City Hall, 510 N. Coronado.

The same is true in Duncan, where applications are being taken at Duncan Heights from 9-noon.

In Safford, utility assistance applications will be taken on Oct. 3 and 17, from 8-noon, at 283 W. Fifth St.

Rental services are on a walk-in basis.



What will heavier trucks mean in Greenlee?

By Philip Ronnerud
County Engineer

Congress is considering [a bill to raise the maximum allowable truck weight](#) on the Interstates from 80,000 to 93,000 pounds.

Vehicle trips must start and end on local streets and trips off the Interstate must occur. The closest interstate to the Morenci Mine is about 70 miles.

How would these “heavy” trucks get from I-10 to Morenci

and return? And what damage would they do?

Therefore if the bill succeeds, local streets and private facilities (both parking lots and roads) will see increased demands. While the theory says weight limits as stated in the proposed bill cause no additional stress, the practical reality is increased damage will occur from loading, turning movements, over loading, etc.

Local structures — includ-

ing bridges, culverts, pavement, utilities, etc. — will be impacted. Infrastructure not monitored by FHWA will require increased maintenance and reconstruction as minimally designed (think older) structures fail.

Who will make these repairs? And who will pick up the cost? Would the increased weight trucks be willing to pay additional fees for the collateral damage to the infrastructure?

Safety concerns also arise. As passenger vehicles become lighter (but better designed) and if the country allows trucks to become heavier, physics would dictate that the heavier vehicle would win in any contest.

Safety concerns weigh heavily in my thoughts as these changes are considered, this proposed weight increase seems to present more problems than benefits.



Arizona@Work hiring outreach coordinator

Arizona@Work is hiring a business/outreach coordinator.

SUMMARY: Promote Arizona@Work services and training programs to businesses, community programs and community members to establish and maintain a solid community resource. Make and maintain contact with local area businesses to access their labor force needs.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

Work as a member of the Arizona@Work collaborative team to assist Business Clients, Job Center Clients and the Community where needed.

Build and maintain an open communication with new and established local businesses, community organizations, non-profit



and government organizations to promote all available Arizona@Work services.

Collaborate with all Job Center Staff on collecting information from businesses on current job openings and inputting them into the AJC system.

Work with businesses to establish On the Job training programs, Internship and or Apprenticeship programs and/or lay off aversion plans.

Assist with the coordination of Rapid Response services for businesses with all Partner Programs for best possible outcome.

Collaborate and/or organize Job Fairs and Hiring events for employers as needed.

Collaborate with Career Advisors on services, programs, and classes for programs.

Attend networking functions among Chamber of Commerce & Community Partners to promote and offer to provide services and explore resources, as a respectable member of the community.

Assist with marketing services by producing brochures, flyers and/or news- letters as well as maintaining local social media sites. (Facebook, constant contact, linkdin, etc)

Apply at 558 N. Coronado Blvd in Clifton or at 1910 W. Thatcher Blvd. in Safford.



Here's the Greenlee County Road Crew, from left: David Manuz, Sam Roybal, Kevin Marks, Toni Lawrence, Deric Martinez, Joe Bejarano Sr; Guy Crawford, Joe Bejarano Jr; John Si Crawford, Scott Mulleneaux, Robert Merino, Gary Gasparic.

Unsung, but hard working, Road Crew

Unsung champions, the behind-the-scenes workers are the ones who get up early and stay late. No fanfare. But wait, we can change that! The men and women of the Greenlee County Public Works Road Crew have earned a moment in the spotlight.

Did you know they spent three weeks at the Fairgrounds bringing the facility up to the high standard the public comes to expect?

Did you know that the Road Crew is responsible for the amazing conditions of the roadway in Ward Canyon?

At the Sunday night Hill Climb Awards banquet several drivers/racers commented about the conditions of the "track" – "superior," "excellent," "better than almost anywhere we race" – yes indeed we have much to be proud about in Greenlee County – and the Public Works Road Crew is one of those hidden treasures we need to thank and appreciate – so here it is!

If you see any of these hard working Road Crew Team members, say howdy and thank them for keeping our roadways safe and among the best kept roads anywhere in the state!

Here's the entire staff, according to director David Manuz:

Public Works Office: Sharie Milheiro, Brianna Lucero.

Public Works Road Crew: Guy Crawford, Sammy Roybal, Robert Merino, Joe Bejarano Sr.,

Toni Lawrence, Scott Mulleneaux, Kevin Marks, Tim Christne, Gary Gasparich, Joe Bejarano Jr., John Si Crawford, Tommy Medina.

Upper Blue Road Crew: Dustin Blakely, Jimmy Joy.

Loma Linda Landfill: Lloyd Waters, Robin Rainbolt, David Soohy.

Sands Wash Transfer Station: Shanna Dungan.



NADO officers include Arizonan

The National Association of Development Organizations has elected new officers for 2017-18:

Doug Elliott of Iowa is President;

Scott Koons of Florida is First Vice President;

Kevin Byrd of Virginia is Second Vice President;

Misty Casto of Ohio is Treasurer;

Chris Fetzner, who is Executive Director, Northern Arizona Council of Governments in Flagstaff, is Secretary; and

Lynne Keller Forbes is Immediate Past President.

Free ebooks for kids in Greenlee County

Open eBooks is a free app for phones and tablets that was created by the New York Public Library, First Book, Baker and Taylor Publishers and other corporations that wanted to make ebooks available to qualifying libraries, schools, head starts, and programs for children with disabilities.

The Arizona State Library, Archives and Public Records became involved with this program over the past year by piloting it in four libraries around the state.

Greenlee County Library System has now joined this program and has partnered with Morenci Unified School District, Duncan Unified School District and Duncan Head Start to make this free app available to all students.

Even though downloading the app is free, each student must be assigned a code and PIN to use the app. The schools had to qualify for the program by meeting certain criteria.

Karen Soohy, Greenlee County Librarian, stated that “Reading improves your focus and imagination. While many of us are avid ‘book-in-hand’ readers, there is a lot to be said about using ebooks, too.

“We have lots of children using technology for games and need to stress that reading is another form of entertainment. This app has some amazing books available to children at all reading levels. Even parents who enjoy reading the Young Adult level books can find a lot of great choices on the app.”

The Greenlee County Public Libraries offer a downloadable ebook program to all patrons

called Overdrive. This is set up for more adult level books and there is a “wait” time if you want books that are popular. The greatest advantage of using the Open e-Book app for the children is that there is no “wait” list. They can get the popular books from the list immediately.

The app can be downloaded on six different devices and children can check out up to ten different titles at a time.

The books stay on the device for 7 weeks and then they simply disappear or they can be returned with the click of a button when done.

Internet or Wifi is needed to download the app and download the books but once the books are on the device, you can read them any time without Internet connection.

Home school students and parents in the county who may be interested in this program just need to stop by the Clifton or Duncan Public Libraries and the staff will be glad to give them the information needed to use the app.

GED at library

Did you know about the GED program offered through the Clifton Library?

Roughly 20 people completed their tests and now have a GED. There are approximately 128 GED test registrations so that means lots of folks still in progress on their GED’s, many of whom only need to complete one or two more sections to graduate.

Contact Sabrina Dumas at 928-865-2461 or visit the Library in person: 588 Turner Avenue, Clifton.



Fall Festival

By Lendsey Basteen

The Fall Festival will be on October 28, 2017 at the Fairgrounds!

There will be children’s games from 5 pm-7 pm, a Jack-o-lantern contest, silent auction of baked goods (to help students raising money to attend Sea Camp in San Diego).

Goat Roping starts at 5 p.m., put on by the Greenlee Jr Rodeo in the livestock barn.

Elisa Roberts with the PTA will be in charge of flyers and advertisement. Lendsey Basteen is facilitating the usage of the Fairgrounds and helping Felicia Smith (Knowledge Bowl advisor) with the decorating, collection of candy and game organization.

Event organizers are looking for candy donations and anyone who would like to help volunteer running a game. Please call Lendsey Basteen if you have any questions. 928-358-2032.

Ghost Town fun

The town of Steins, N.M. is hosting its 13th Ghost Town Family Fun Day on Oct. 13, a Friday.

It is a fund-raiser for “We Care You Make it There,” to help spread awareness of the concern for our fellow miners after they get off work. We want everyone to be able to do thier jobs and return safely to their families.

For details, including a map, visit the event’s [Facebook page](#).

Business woman

The 5th Annual Gila Valley Small Business Woman of the Year Awards, an event to celebrate women business owners in Graham & Greenlee Counties, is coming up Oct. 26.

How does it work?

Nominate any local woman small business owner you think deserves to win this award (please nominate only one individual per form).

Nominations will be reviewed by an appointed committee and one winner will be selected.

At a reception held on Thursday, Oct. 26, all nominees who attend will be recognized and receive a gift. One of these nominees will be recognized as our Grand Prize Winner and receive \$1,000!

The awards ceremony/reception will be from 6:30-7:30 pm at the Eastern Arizona College, Gherald L. Hoopes Jr. Activities Center.

[Go here](#) to check out the rules and make a nomination.

Morenci Lions activity log

The Morenci Lions Club would like to take this opportunity to report to the community on the numerous activities of the past year.

As part of our program of service we participated in the following:

The MHS-CHS Alumni Association Scholarship fund raiser

Clifton Light Parade

Five different Morenci Community Center activities

Provided Christmas for fourteen less fortunate families, including 47 kids

Fifteen
under 40

Nominate
Graham/Greenlee counties
next great leaders

Visit the [Eastern Arizona Courier website](#) to make your nominations.

Gave out eighteen new bicycles

Assisted 7 elderly residents

Gathered over 5,000 cans of food with the help from the Morenci Early Learning Center, Metcalf Elementary, and the Fairbanks Middle School.

Foods were distributed to the Christmas families and several other community associations.

Purchased 57 pairs of new glasses for Greenlee County residents.

Hosted several fund raisers for community members in need.

Donated 13 scholarships to Greenlee County graduates.

Sponsored the Morenci Leos Club which is High School student service organization, in turn the Leos participate in additional community activities.

Hosted the Arizona Lions tour for youth from other countries on their travels around the state.

Organized and sponsored the 39th Annual Morenci Lions Club High School Baseball Tournament that supported nine baseball teams.

And were proud to have hosted the Mt. Graham Safehouse Golf Tournament that has become the

Safehouse's largest single fund raiser of the year.

Sponsored Softball Tournament fund raiser to help with medical expenses for Erik Chavez.

The Club will participate in the Clifton Light Festival and is planning for the 40th Morenci Lions Club High School Baseball Tournament in April of 2018.

By the way this November the Morenci Lions Club will celebrate 70 years of Service to Greenlee County. We are grateful and appreciate the support from the Greenlee County community and look forward to many important events in the near future.

Game & Fish grants

The Arizona Game & Fish Dept. says the deadline for grant requests is Oct 27.

This is a terrific opportunity for non-profit groups, towns and similar organizations. Matching funds are not required but that matching funds do improve your score to be funded.

Target areas for grants are: Environmental Education, Outdoor Education, Schoolyard Habitat, Urban Wildlife and Public Access

For details, [visit the website](#).