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## **What is the future of Highway 191?**

**By Ákos Kovach**

"The public, stakeholders and Greenlee County will be at the table," promised Bill Harmon, Southeast District Engineer for ADOT at the Oct 3, 2017 Greenlee County Board of Supervisors Meeting.

The subject matter was the low traffic count on Highway 191. According to Harmon, "only about 80 cars a day travel between Morenci and Alpine on 191.

"The cost to maintain the highway is \$5,000 per year, per mile.

This brings up the subject of viability."

District 3 Supervisor Richard Lunt pointed out the strategic significance the highway represents. Chairman of the Board David Gomez echoed Supervisor Lunt as did Supervisor Ron Campbell.

"There are outdoorsmen, ranchers and families that rely on that road," Supervisor Lunt said.

"That road is also a National Scenic Byway."

After a flurry of comments  
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## **P&Z + Hazard Abatement = ?**

**By Ákos Kovach**

Good planning promotes high standards for residential, commercial, recreational and overall community development. These elements are essential for economic development to succeed.

The same is true, and perhaps more important, about hazard abatement. An eyesore is just that: a sight you wish nobody would have to see. Trash in a yard, derelict cars and trucks, abandoned property –

### **Economic Development 101**

you know it when you see it.

One argument is "we have a right to do what we want on our own property." True, up to the point where your activity begins to negatively impact the property

value of your neighbors. So this is the saga repeated many times over throughout rural Arizona, and yes, even in our own County.

But on October 30, the Board of Supervisors studied the myriad challenges that must be faced

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# Reading Nook News

## Touring Library website 6

By Karen Soohy

Not sure what books are new at the library?? If you look at the bottom of the Greenlee County Library ([www.greenleelibraries.org](http://www.greenleelibraries.org)) web page you will see images of books at the bottom of the page. These are new additions to the libraries.

If you click on any one of the books, you will be taken to a brief description of the book. To find out if that book is at your favorite Greenlee Public Library, just use the online catalog link at the top to find out!

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Come back next month for more exciting information when we continue the tour.

## Clifton Council Corner

Mayor Felix Callicotte

## Holiday Safety

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

### At Home

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

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

Indoor and outdoor lights should be on an automatic timer.

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

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

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

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

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

### Shopping

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

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

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

When arriving at your intended destination, where do you park? You should park your vehicle

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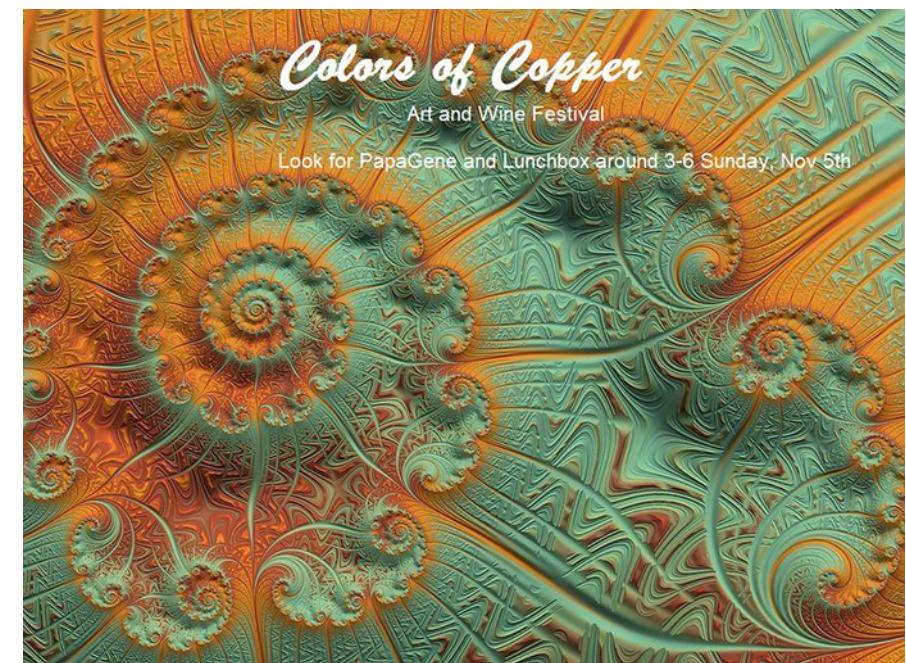
## **By Barbara Ahmann & Kimberly Henderson**

Can you believe it? This is our fifth art competition and wine tasting and it is truly beginning to achieve a founding goal - to create an environment for economic growth on Chase Creek Street. Join us for refreshments, entertainment and wine tasting.

Bring your camera and take photos of yourself surrounded by works of art. You might think that Chase Creek Street is a place time has forgotten, not so! It is alive and vibrant. Come for the art, enjoy the wine.

### **What makes good wine?**

What makes wine good wine? The enjoyment of the taster! That is the first rule. The Colors of Copper is about Art, Wine and Music. All are invited to fill their senses with the enjoyment of this coming weekend, November 4 and 5. Doors will be open from noon until 8 and noon until 6 respectively. The Galleria Coronado is located on Chase Creek in Clifton, Arizona. It's a great time for new tasters to make a pleasant maiden voyage into the world of wine!



The Colors of Copper began in 2013. Pictured are glasses from 2013 and 2014 (same), 2015 which hosted international artists, the 4th C of C in 2016, and this year's model for 2017. The symbol pictured on 2017's glass

***It's a great time for  
new tasters . . .***

is the Alchemy symbol for Copper.

The traditional Cu from the Periodic Chart of the Elements was

considered, but simply wasn't as fetching as the more mysterious and lesser known older symbol with its more artistic representation. (Alchemy is the medieval forerunner of chemistry, based on the supposed transformation of matter.) As copper transforms our community, the world, and the colors associated with it, this symbol seemed fitting for the artistic event.

### **Elgin, Willcox wines**

Elgin's Sonoita Vineyards, and Willcox's Zarparra Vineyards and Aridus Winery will present wines for attendees of this year's Colors of Copper at the Galleria Coronado on Chase Creek in Clifton, Arizona. Please indulge your senses at this festival which grows each year.

We are also bringing back live entertainment such as Gene Roland and Chris (Lunchbox) Albers. Come and enjoy ~ taste great wines, perhaps purchase some art but by all means attend and enjoy.

*Photo credit: Alicia Scudamore.*



# Gila Watershed Partnership

## Many successes; many needs remain

By Philip Ronnerud,  
Greenlee County Engineer  
and Melanie Tluczek,  
GWP Executive Director

After the recent *State of the Watershed* meeting, the impact of a focused view on the Gila River became more apparent than ever.

Rivers are often not considered until they flood, after which they are quickly forgotten. After 25 years, the [Gila Watershed Partnership](#) (GWP) continues to draw attention to Watershed and River Stewardship.

Rivers are studied extensively, but many river ecologists have spent careers gathering valuable information without once implementing their work.

The GWP seeks to put scientific knowledge to practical use to solve pressing problems through public engagement, science-based restoration, and bringing together diverse partners to discuss and resolve common issues.

Some of the most recent GWP achievements are:

- Removal of more than 100 acres of salt cedar and replacement with native vegetation, creating areas of refuge for threatened and endangered species
- In the past year alone, employed 13 at-risk youth for restoration work
- Joined forerunners from Duncan to create several birding trails to draw



tourism to Greenlee County

- Hosted 2 conferences on watershed conservation and water issues in the past year, drawing over 100 people for each event.
- Engaged over 60 community members in river clean-up events in the past year.

As the needs become apparent, so do the GWP programs. Future plans include:

- Improving the efficiency of restoration Gila River floodplain to restore more acres
- Begin a citizen science program to increase the amount of ecological monitoring we can accomplish and engage the community
- Increase community outreach to schools in Graham and Greenlee counties
- Become the premier source of native plant materials for Southeastern Arizona
- Increase employment of local citizens and at-risk youth.

Perhaps more importantly,

the GWP has worked extremely diligently to bring together various segments of the community that use the river. While much remains to be done, these efforts will encourage people to make better informed decisions about use of the river and floodplain.

Many now recognize that the floodplain, once relegated as a worthless dumping ground, as one of the most valuable assets our community can have.

Urban projects such as Scottsdale's Indian Bend Wash, San Antonio's Riverwalk, and Yuma's Crossing have taken what was a liability and made these flood prone areas into fantastic economic engines that generate thousands of job and millions of dollars of revenues.

Now closer to home, the Gila River represents an opportunity to create a rural asset that will bolster the economy, protect residents from flooding, and return a natural setting. The GWP continues to work towards shaping the River into a positive resource.

For more information or to become involved, please contact Melanie at [Melanie@gw-paz.org](mailto:Melanie@gw-paz.org)

## Highway 191 . . .

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supporting the highway's remaining open, Harmon stated he welcomed public input on the subject.

"Call me, write me, email me. I am happy to meet with people and hear out their concerns."

The economic impact of Highway 191 was mentioned several



times. With each comment Harmon reaffirmed that his superiors would be fully informed of the feedback and that he would do his best that nobody feels like they were left out of the discussion.

### Other projects in Greenlee

Harmon also spoke about other projects going on in Greenlee County as well as some that have been completed.

The South Clifton drainage

and sidewalk project is on schedule and an early 2018 timeline is planned for an overlay project on Zorilla Bridge.

Speed tables on Coronado Blvd (also 191) near the Post Office will be the first such placement of speed barriers on a state highway.

Harmon's office is at the ADOT District facility in Safford and he can be reached by calling: 928-432-4919 or by email: BHarmon@azdot.gov.

## Zoning . . .

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within the current ordinances and how to tighten up the language so as to make enforcement clear and precise.

It was decided that more precise language is needed. The ordinances must spell out violations and enforcement, fines, penalties and punitive action.

This is an important step forward in blight mitigation.

Notices to the public will be made at upcoming Planning & Zoning meetings where this matter will be worked on until completed.

## Students get EAC scholarships

### From The Copper Era

THATCHER — Eastern Arizona College's 33rd annual Scholarship Banquet was held earlier this month to recognize the scholastic achievements of 58 EAC students.

The banquet, held at EAC's campus in Thatcher, recognized donors and recipients of nearly 40 scholarships. Many of the scholarships are annually funded by the generous contributions of various organizations and individuals, while others are endowed scholarships funded by the earnings of funds provided by

the gifts of donors.

Logan Jones, of Virden, N.M., son of Stanford and Charlene Jones, received the Max and Clara Curtis Bennett Memorial Scholarship. To improve the future of our communities and country, Max Bennett started this scholarship as a memorial to his wife, Mrs. Clara Curtis Bennett.

Taylor Hollestelle, of Morenci, daughter of James and Maxine Hollestelle, was presented the Dr. Dorine Chancellor Athletic Scholarship. This scholarship assists one women's softball stu-

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# Are you a filmmaker?

From the Willcox Range News

WILLCOX — The Southern Arizona Independent Film Festival is accepting film submittals for the 2018 festival.

The films should be shorts, of no more than 15 minutes. The deadline for entry is Feb. 5, 2018. All films must be able to qualify for a "G" or "PG" rating.

The Southern Arizona Independent Film Festi-

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Films from 1 - 15 minutes

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Deadline for entry is February 5, 2018

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\*All films must meet G or PG film rating. No Attributions or Music Videos please!

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*Get signed up early to receive toys for Christmas. It doesn't matter what your income level is. Just bring a photo ID and ages of your children (birth to 12 years) to Janel at the Greenlee County Health Department, or call 928-865-2601 for more information. Deadline is Nov. 27.*

## Duncan's racing duo

From The Copper Era

DUNCAN — Three generations and counting; the Tiptons have racing in their blood.

Whether it comes to racing or building racecars, Terry and Travis Tipton share a bond for their love of car racing they inherited from Terry's father.

Modified racing is a type of auto racing that involves purpose-built cars that race against each other on an oval track. There are many sanctioning bodies for modified, each specifying different engine sizes and body styles.

"I've been racing for (more than) 33 years, and I have traveled and raced in Arizona, New Mexico, Texas, Arkansas and Oklahoma," Terry said. "I still race and consider myself competitive. I enjoy racing my son, even though he races me harder than anyone else."

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## **Women offering coffee on the Straight told to vacate**

*Editor's note: Angelica Monique Aranda is believed to have fallen asleep after her shift. The 21 year old was carrying her second child and traveling home on a straightaway between the Black Hills and Old West Highway on Highway 191.*

*The tragedy inspired a local Morenci woman to take action and offer her services as a rest stop, a wake-up station. Atisha Russom treks out to the safety spot twice a day and has done so for over a month. She now has over 4,000 followers on her [Facebook page](#).*

*Although the future of the rest stop is in question, efforts are moving forward to preserve this humanitarian gesture.*

### **From The Eastern Arizona Courier**

SAFFORD — The women trying to keep drivers awake on their drive home following a full shift at the Morenci mine are being told they have to leave their post.

Atisha Russom met with Arizona Department of Transportation and Bureau of Land Management officials Thursday and were informed their presence at the U.S. Highway 191 turn off for the Black Hills Back Country Byway constituted a hazard, and they had two weeks to find a new location.

"They told me they want us to find a more permanent place," Russom said. "They're saying that

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*Atisha Russom, left, and Angel Owens at their coffee-rest station on Highway 191. (Courier photo.)*

A promotional graphic for the 1st Annual Coty Denogean Memorial Suicide Awareness Walk. It features a large blue background with a white semi-colon symbol at the top right. Below it, the text reads: "Don't write your ending..", "1st Annual Coty Denogean Memorial Suicide Awareness Walk", "Nov 4<sup>th</sup> 9am", "Morenci High School football field", and "Contact: Ron Campbell (928) 965-0949 or Theresa Campbell (602) 762-0511". To the right of the text is a small portrait photo of a young man.

## **Suicide Awareness Walk is being inaugurated**

**By Ken Showers, Eastern Arizona Courier**

MORENCI — Suicide is a concern that haunts every community, and Morenci residents are looking to shed light on the problem.

On Nov. 4, at the Morenci High School football field, Theresa Campbell will be hosting the first Coty Denogean Memorial Suicide Awareness Walk.

A suicide prevention walk is being held in honor of Coty Denogean, who passed away in 2013.

Named in honor of a young man who died in 2013, the walk is in memory of the people affected by suicide. Each year, more than 41,000 people die from suicide, and the number of victims left in the wake of those deaths are countless.

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**ARIZONA**  
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION  
OF THE GILA VALLEY



*The Duncan Pride Society was winner of the Community Foundation given at a ceremony in October. From left are Dustie Robinette, Pam*

*Lieberenz, Joan Johns Billingsley, Dianne Vandell, Doug Barlow and John Lieberenz.*

## **Business Women of the Year for Greenlee**

For the first time in its Gila Valley Business Women of the Year Awards, the SBDC awarded two such awards – plus \$1,000 check to each. A winner was named from Greenlee County and another for Graham County.

The inaugural winner of the Greenlee County Small Business Woman of the Year was Susan Snyder, owner of Chase Creek Marketplace in Clifton.

The Graham County winner was Jenny Rogers, owner of Safford Dance Academy.

*Photo at top right shows all of the award nominees.*

*Photo at right shows, from left, Charmaine Chidester of the SBDC, Greenlee County award winner Susan Snyder of the Chase Creek Marketplace in Clifton, and EAC Dean of Curriculum Dr. Janice Lawhorn.*



## Upcoming activities

**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** 9-11, Suicide Awareness Walk, MHS football field. More details in article on page 7.

**11/4** 9-5, MHS-CHS fall craft fest.

**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 3.

**11/4** 12-5, Linda Fout Pop-Up art exhibit.

**11/7 & 21** 8-11 a.m., Board of Supervisors meeting, BOS Meeting Room, Clifton Annex

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

**11/15** 5:30-7 p.m., Tourism Council Monthly meeting, Greenlee Country Club.

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

## Halloween Happenings in Willcox for all ages

### From The Willcox Range News

Willcox Against Substance Abuse is “calling all Halloween lovers” to join the fun at Keiller Park, from 6-8:30 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 31.

This year’s event will feature the all-new Super Scary Haunted House, by the Sulphur Springs Valley Electric Cooperative.

“Jose Baltierrez and crew will be waiting with the best haunted house around,” WASA Coordinator Sally White said. “Be prepared to be scared — more surprises than ever.”

Haunted House entry is \$3, with SSVEC donating all proceeds from the Haunted House to WASA. All other amenities are free.

“We are requiring kiddos under 12 to have an adult accompany them,” White said, adding that

there will be “plenty of things going for the younger group, as well.”

That includes the Willcox Elementary School’s “more fun than scary” Haunted Bus, with Halloween characters reading stories and giving out children’s books.

Each half-hour — at 6:30, 7, 7:30, and 8 p.m. — there will be a costume parade and judging; Halloween crafts to make between parades under Keiller Park’s big ramada; coach Cory Downs will be at the basketball courts with Punkin’ Dunkin’ Basketball; and games, activities and trunks with treats throughout the park, furnished by Cochise Credit Union and Maid Rite Feeds.

“We welcome anyone else who would like to join [Click here to read more](#)



## Rock 'N Roll Car Show

The third annual Rock 'N Roll Car Show was very well organized and attracted an impressive array of hot rods, muscle cars, tricked out trucks and a large appreciative audience.



## Duncan utility assistance

Utility assistance in Duncan will be Nov. 14 at Duncan Heights from 9 a.m. till noon.

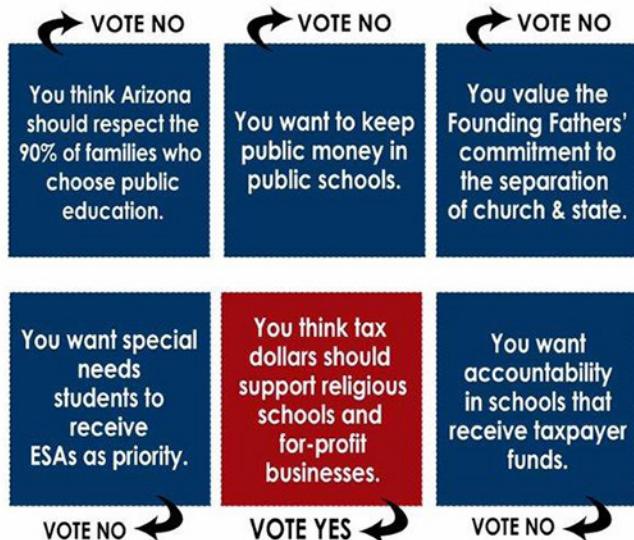
Applicants must bring proof of income for the past 30 days for all household members, Social Security cards for all household members, picture ID for applicant, proof of citizenship, and utility bill from past 30 days. Questions: call (928) 428-2872.

## Clifton utility assistance

Nov. 14 will be the next assistance day for Clifton. Client must call in (928-428-4653) to schedule and appointment.

Certain proofs are required, including those mentioned above, in the Duncan section. Also required at Clifton are: DES printout including AFBH, State (if applicable), and child support printout documentation (if applicable).

*Elizabeth Morales, center, was appointed by unanimous vote as a licensed public fiduciary during the Oct 18 Board of Supervisors meeting. Presiding Superior Court Judge Monica Stauffer presented Morales with her license to practice during the ceremonies.*



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*Remembering Nowhere Man  
and a Whiskey Girl,  
Derrick and Amy Ross.*



McDonald's has offered the Lordsburg-Hidalgo County Chamber of Commerce an opportunity to raise a little money! On Monday, November 6, between 5:00 and 7:00 pm, the company is going to give the Chamber a percentage of their sales.

Everyone who has dinner at McDonald's at that time at the local restaurant will support local business and the Chamber. Whether you want to drive thru and take it home or come in and sit and visit with friends and neighbors, the Chamber will receive a percentage of all sales!

