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Rampage, Javelina Chase this month

The Greenlee County Fairgrounds in Duncan will be “the place to be” this coming Friday & Saturday April 8 & 9. This Springtime activity has been revamped and expanded in many ways this year with special thanks to the vendors who have signed on to help make this a Big Family Fun Event:

Duncan Woman’s Club, Linda Durr County Assessor, St Philips & St. James Church, Doterra EmpowerU Team, Country Chic, Catalina Treats, Greenlee County Health Department, Greenlee County Cooperative Extension, Solar Cooking/72 Hr Kits, Pam-

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DOLLAR GENERAL®

opens in Clifton

By Ákos Kovach

As any economic developer will tell you, growing a community — literally changing the landscape — is a highly charged topic of both angst and discussion.

On one hand we find ourselves defending the principles of historic preservation, while on the other hand seeking ways to fill gaps in products, services and re-

tail business.

The gleaming storefront, the shiny floors and fully stocked shelves of the new Dollar General are a testimony to Big Corporation meets the needs of a welcoming community.

New jobs, new sales tax revenues, new products, new building, new access from Coronado Boulevard to Chase Creek, all of these factors underscore that

Greenlee is Growing.

The new Dollar General store, which came with a \$2.2 million pricetag, had its “soft” opening at the end of March, and is now fully open for business.

The irrefutable fact is this: Even low copper prices did NOT hold Greenlee County back from growing. Come visit Greenlee County and enjoy the ride!

Reading Nook News

Biography in context

By Karen Soohy

When you go to the Greenlee County Library website (www.greenleelibraries.org) and click the State Wide Database link on the left side you will step into a world of data that is current, accurate and very useful. Remember this is available on anyone with a home computer and a library card. This article will talk about the Biography In Context button on the page.

Biography In Context is an up-to-date source of people from historically prominent people to present-day newsmakers. It is continually updated and includes written materials such as magazine, newspaper and journal articles as well as primary sources, videos, audio files and images.

This database will offer students doing research a high level source of information and is also a great source for those people who want to expand their knowledge of newsworthy people.

The categories that are searchable include biographies of writers, notable women, artists, musicians, philanthropists, scientists, politicians and many more. The site itself is very easy to search and use. There are even FREE LESSON PLANS on the site for teachers.

Don't forget to stop by your library to use Ancestry.com, which is free on the computers in the library building.

The Greenlee County Library System also offers a FREE ON-LINE service called ZINIO. This application lets you download FREE magazines to your computer, laptop, e-reader or smartphone. You can read them any time once they are downloaded. You can also print out articles if you are connected to a printer. This service is provided by the Arizona State Library to all public libraries in Arizona and again all you need is a library card to use the service. Your card will get you access to download the application and then you can create your own login and password for continued use.

[Click here to read more](#)

Library Quote: "The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go."

Dr. Seuss, I Can Read With My Eyes Shut!

Clifton Council Corner

Mayor Felix Callicotte

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

Clifton Fire Department

The Clifton Volunteer Fire Department is state of the art agency and is overseen by Chief Peter Ortega with his team of 21 volunteers. These volunteers conduct business and train at least once a month. They respond to all local calls and assist other fire departments all across southern Greenlee County when called on.

Volunteer firefighters are the kind of people who would show up to help even if there was not a fire department, but they also see the value of building their organization.

They are willing to drop their own work to help a neighbor or friend the second their pager goes off, and are willing to put in the hours of training so that they can provide the best help possible to their neighbors.

In communities such as Clifton, when an accident or fire happens, it affects everyone. Neighbors are not casual acquaintances who are seen going to work and coming home, but people who live in our community. They are the people we live next to and are our friends.

It is nearly impossible to be emotionally removed from situations that occur. It is not like a movie, where the fireman helps a troubled stranger. Instead, it is likely the call they receive will be an emergency affecting someone they know. It is easy to overlook how personal the struggle is for the volunteer firefighter.

Volunteer firefighters are connected to each person's life through friends or family.

[Click here to read more](#)



Action in the Javelina Chase in 2015.

Javelina Chase coming April 23-24

We welcome the South West Collegiate Cycling Conference (SWCCC) Regional Championships.

Come join us for Road Races, Individual and Team Time Trials, Criterion and Fondo Rides.

Family Fun Events include a 5K Fun Run, Kids' Bicycle Rodeo and St. Jude's Bike-a-thon.

The Javelina Chase event has grown from a small local event with 24 local participants in 2014 to the awesome regional race coming this April 23-24.

The Javelina Chase is hosting Road Races, TTT/ITT, and a criterium. The race will feature our first true "Javelina Chase" during this event.

This will be open to all long-distance Gran Fondo participants. The "Javelina" (a local rider) will be clearly marked and carry a tail.

The first Fondo rider to grab the tail and bring it back to the Fairgrounds will forever be memorialized with a plaque stating, "I CAUGHT THE JAVELINA – 2016."

To view a PRINTABLE pdf map of the mileage and elevation for the 25/50 mile route, click [HERE](#)

To view a PRINTABLE pdf map of the mileage and elevation for the 75 mile route, click [HERE](#)

For details and registration information, go to: www.javelinachase.com/.

Airport Fly-In coincides with Chase

By Philip Ronnerud

A full day of events is planned for Sunday, April 24 at the Greenlee County Airport Fly-In. Continued development and use of the airport is essential for attracting business to the County. The Airport is located about a mile east of the 3 Way intersection on SR 78.

The Experimental Aircraft Association in Graham County has been invited to fly in aircraft and display them. Any aircrafts owners will be allowed to fly-in and participate in the Javelina Chase Bicycle Race events.

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The "timed runs" are more commonly known as Time Trials. Two sets will be run--individual time trials (ITT) and team time trials (TTT)

Invitations have been sent to Radio Controlled Aircraft and Drones owners. We expect several interesting demonstrations throughout the day.

Food vendors will be on site.



Evaluating value of local, regional food systems

The U.S. Department of Agriculture and Colorado State University have released a new resource, *The Economics of Local Food Systems: A Toolkit to Guide Community Discussions, Assessments and Choices*, that will help communities and businesses evaluate the economic benefits of investing in local food systems.

The Local Food System Toolkit was developed by the Agricultural Marketing Service to help communities reliably evaluate the economic impact of investing in local and regional food systems.

It provides detailed guidance in seven modules to measure and assess the expected economic impacts of local food investments.

Using real-world projects, experiences, and applied research, it provides grounded, credible, and useable assessment methods.

The Local Food System Toolkit can be used by policy makers, community leaders, private businesses, or foundations to offer specific estimates that will help them decide whether to invest in initiatives that increase local food activity.

[Click here](#) to access the toolkit.

Young birders camp coming up in June

The Friends of the Frisco provided [this link](#) to the 2nd Annual Young Birders Camp brochure.

This is a fantastic weekend experience in June, in Cave Creek in the Chiricahuas, for young people interested in birds and in the outdoors.

Please share with anyone you know who has kids interested in wildlife.

Mental Health 5K May 14

The 4th Annual Graham & Greenlee County Mental Health Awareness 5K and the SEABHS 40th anniversary celebration will be held Saturday, May 14, at EAC Discovery Park Campus, 1651 W. Discovery Park Blvd, Safford.

Registration starts at 7 a.m. and the run starts at 8 a.m.

The day will include a community picnic, with music and food.

Registration fee is \$15 if done early or \$20 on day of event. It includes the tee-shirt.

Register at www.eventcow.org or in person at SEABHS.

Contractor estimating workshop

A Contractor's Estimating Workshop Series will be put on by the Cochise College SBDC at its Sierra Vista campus, starting April 23, from 9-noon.

The workshop is for all general contractors, even those who sub out all of their work.

The hands-on 3-part workshop series will help a contractor to determine how to get the job at a price that will allow more profit. It continues over the following two weekends.

For info, call Rachel Norton at (520) 515-5478.

**Get Ready For The
3rd annual
Veterans Resource Fair**

HOSTED BY: **GRAHAM & GREENLEE SERVING VETERANS**

U. S. Military Service Veterans & Family Members

You are invited to the **2016 Resource Fair** at the
National Guard Armory
3825 S. U.S. Hwy 191 Safford, AZ

May 20, 2016 From 9:00am to 2:00pm

Do you ever wonder who to contact for information on what services you may need or qualify for? Well this is the place for you! We have over 30 providers here to serve you!

Kids Corner & Pamper Services Available!!

There's even a job fair on site!!

Come out and join us and see what's happening!!

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Southern AZ VA
VET Center
AZ State Services
Health Information
Health Services
Health Testing
Social Security
Legal Aide
Family Services
Mental Health
Veterinary Services
Educational Providers
& Information
State & Local
Representatives

Just to name a few!!



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Provider Chair Samantha Bivens
520-318-6666
Samantha.Bivens2@redcross.org

Food & Fun & Something for Everyone!!!

Measuring Visitor Center effectiveness

**Jeanette West, Manager
The Clifton Visitor Center**

How do we measure the Effectiveness of an Organization like the Clifton Visitor Center?

- How many people you greet in a month
- How many pamphlets you hand out
- How many volunteers or staff you have
- How large is your advertising budget

All these things many seem important but really are they? A tourist Visitor Center is only as effective as the relationships built with other Centers in other communities.

The 21st Century tourist is not wanting for information; Google, Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, Email, texting not to mention that annoying little voice coming from somewhere under the dash, telling you to turn left in 1000 feet. This is more information than most people care about.

What the 21st Century tourist wants is some clarification about where things are or how best to get there; some simplification, some understanding, some human interaction which delivers way more than mere facts.

This can only be accomplished by knowing your neighbor and their unique assets. By engaging the visitor in a communication process that not only answers their question but by doing so forms a bond, sells you, your community, your neighbors and the entire geographic area.

With our partners throughout Arizona and New Mexico we are continuing to form not a information

Have Fun!
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Keep us in mind.

Sheriff reports progress on Duncan crime watch

From The Copper Era

DUNCAN — When his meetings with the public are empty, Greenlee County Sheriff Larry Avila takes that as a good sign.

He said he knows, from his experience, if something is wrong, “People show up and let you know.”

Avila reported to the Duncan Town Council about the area Crime Watch program during the council’s monthly meeting.

During his sheriff’s report, he talked about the distribution of pamphlets at the community Crime Watch meetings, and a program that’s recently been launched where the Sheriff’s Office provides welfare check phone calls to the disabled and elderly.

If the resident fails to respond, a deputy is sent to the person’s residence to perform a welfare check to make sure citizens are safe and healthy.

[Click here to read more](#)

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Two new restrooms are opened

By Philip Ronnerud

The Town of Clifton, Greenlee County, and the Gila Watershed Partnership have worked very hard over the last 8 years and as a result of these labors have recently opened two new restrooms.

The Clifton site is just north of the Polly Rosenbaum Bridge in Clifton, the County site is near the end of the San Francisco River Road.

These restrooms address a need that was shown by water sampling in the San Francisco River. The Town restroom site work was donated by the Town of Clifton and completed by its Public Works Staff in December 2015; the County provided engineering and other support at no costs, and the Gila Watershed partnership awarded a grant to pay for materials.

The Town will maintain both restrooms using equipment provided by the grant. The County designed the End of the Road Restroom site and the Partnership, after awarding a grant, managed multiple contracts to install the

restroom and to do the site work. The End of the Road restroom was being used even before the site work was completed. The Grantor, the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality has been extremely pleased with the outcome of group's efforts.

These restrooms are available to anyone. We expect that the heaviest use will be during long weekends when recreation is heaviest. Maintenance efforts will match use.

During the study phase more than 400 vehicles were counted along the river. The Friends of the San Francisco River was born of the efforts to address the contamination in the area which has also led to several clean up days.

The Board of Supervisors and Clifton Council will continue to work to make the San Francisco River a better, safer place to enjoy and to remove the River from the impaired listing. Additional work remains to reduce contamination and every opportunity will be explored to obtain funding for work.

Celebrating Families April 30

The "Celebrating Families" event, sponsored by the Graham/Greenlee Child Abuse Prevention Council and the Graham County Substance Abuse Coalition, will be held April 30, from 10-2, at the Home Depot parking lot in Safford.

Opening ceremonies starts at 10 a.m. The keynote speaker will be Judge Michael Peterson.

Also held during the event will be graduation of students from the "I Matter" program.

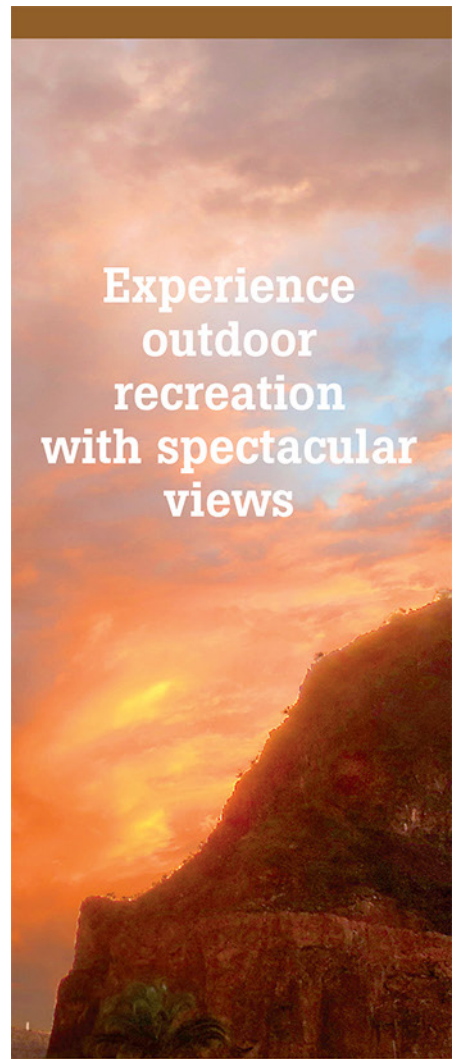
There will be resources, food,

games, entertainment for the family, plus a car-seat check station and a drunk driving obstacle course.

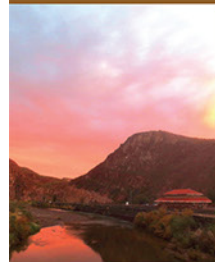
Come and "Dump the Drugs" and learn how to protect the children of local communities.

Anyone who wants to be a vendor for this event should contact Kathy Grimes at (928) 348-1751 or Christy Maltos at (928) 651-0145.

Vendors are responsible for table, chairs, and canopy and must be set up by 9 a.m.



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Upcoming activities

4/9-10 Spring Rampage, Greenlee County Fairgrounds. See article on page 1.

4/12 5:30-7 p.m., Greenlee County Community Crime Watch program. R&R Pizza in Morenci.

4/12 10-noon, SEACAP, Duncan Utility Assistance Program, Duncan Heights.

4/23-24 Javelina Chase Race/5K / Fly-in / Criterium, Fairgrounds, highways, airport.

4/29 Youth Leadership Day, Grand Canyon University, Antelope Gymnasium. Mobilizes high school students from across the state to plan youth-led initiatives in their communities in order to help solve the greatest challenges facing teens in Arizona.

Southwest can be major econ engine

By Julio Espinoza

During the past year the trend for a new Arizona-Sonora partnership has been set in motion by many players on both sides of the border including state and local governments, the private sector, academics, interests groups and advocates.

The days when Phoenix and Hermosillo were not collaborating are gone, and we see both Arizonans and Sonorans engaging actively in trade, investment, cooperation and political dialog. There is a new understanding on both sides of the border, but

Horse racing returns to rural Arizona counties

It's official ... horse racing is returning to Arizona Rural Counties! Negotiations were finalized between the Arizona Counties Race Tracks at Safford, Sonoita and Douglas, Arizona, and the El Moro Foundation to host the 2016 El Moro de Cumpas horse race festival.

Trials are scheduled to take place April 23-24, 2016 in Safford, Arizona, then on to Sonoita, Arizona on May 7-8, 2016, with finals taking place at Douglas, Arizona on May 21-22, 2016. The El Moro de Cumpas 2016 horse race series will be Ar-

[Click here to read more](#)

why is it so important to keep this momentum going? How can we foster the current mutual understanding and progress?

After Governor Ducey and Governor Pavlovich took office, they made clear that the Arizona-Sonora relationship was a priority for their administrations, and over the last year there have been very symbolic moments of trust at the capitol level and at the city hall level as well.

While the press has extensively covered the state level dialog and initiatives, this article will stress business and the city (metro) leadership in keeping

[Click here to read more](#)

QuickBooks class

Learn how to use QuickBooks for all your business needs...in just three nights!

The classes will be held April 26-29, from 5:30-9 p.m. each day, at the EAC South Campus, Room 5.

Cost is \$149. The class is taught by Petrea Kunz, Enrolled Agent, Advanced Certified Pro Advisor for QuickBooks & Owner of "You Can Relax Tax & Accounting Services."

For more information about this event or any other events, contact the EAC Small Business Development Center at (928) 428-8590.

Arizona economy strong

Arizona's economy is strong and growing, says Sandra Watson, president and CEO of the Arizona Commerce Authority.

Preliminary data released by the U.S. Census Bureau notes that Arizona's 2015 exports were \$22.56 billion, representing our state's largest export year in recorded history.

Fortune 500 company Freeport McMoRan, headquartered in Arizona, accounted for more than 6% of Arizona exports during 2015. Below, you will find an infographic with additional data. You may also [read the story](#) in the *Phoenix Business Journal* here.

Also in 2015, Arizona's economy activity overall was stronger than the national average. A new study from BMO Capital Markets indicate that Arizona's economy will outperform the nation once 2015 final results are in. The study also forecasts the same performance this year and in 2017. You may read the full *Arizona Republic* article [here](#).

Finally, the most recent Career City Index Rank-

ings from Robert Half places Phoenix among the best cities nationwide to live and work, ranking #1 in quality of life, and top 10 for cost of living. The full report is [available here](#).

2015 WAS ARIZONA'S LARGEST EXPORT YEAR IN RECORDED HISTORY

Arizona's 2015 exports were

\$22.56 BILLION*

MAKING ARIZONA THE 4TH FASTEST GROWING EXPORT STATE IN THE U.S.



Arizona is one of

ONLY 9 STATES

that has had a

TRADE SURPLUS

in at least 7 of the last 8 years

TOP EXPORT DESTINATIONS AND GOODS

MEXICO



Arizona exported **\$9.16 BILLION** to Mexico in 2015
40.62% of total Arizona exports



\$2.5B
METAL ORES



\$2.39B
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY



\$642M
AEROSPACE ENGINES AND PARTS



\$545M
PLASTICS



\$417M
VEHICLES AND PARTS

CANADA



Arizona exported **\$2.21 BILLION** to Canada in 2015
9.82% of total Arizona exports



\$612M
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY



\$436M
AEROSPACE ENGINES AND PARTS



\$232M
AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS



\$132M
VEHICLES AND PARTS



\$132M
AIRCRAFT, SPACECRAFT AND PARTS

Grant fund window open

The Graham County Community Investment Fund application window is currently open through May 1 and entities are invited to join in one of the online Grant Guidance Sessions to get an overview of the application guidelines and process timeframe.

Please feel free to send this information along to other groups that may be eligible and interested in applying as all applicants MUST attend a Guidance Session in order to be eligible to receive funding.

The session is geared toward organizations that are eligible to apply for funding from the Freeport-McMoRan Foundation. This includes:

- Organizations with a current and valid 501c3 designation from the IRS (state-level recognition does not qualify, only federally recognized designations)
- Schools and school districts with a current and valid NCES number
- Government & municipal entities
- Universities and colleges

The application for this year's Community Investment Fund continues to be available in online format through CyberGrants. The application deadline is 11:59 PM on May 1.

For more information, [click here](#).

*http://www.census.gov/foreign-trade/index.html

GUNS OF THE OLD WEST

and Paraphernalia and More

A Fireside Lecture at The Simpson Hotel

Friday Evening
April 8, 2016
7 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Following the Junior Rodeo at The Rampage

116 Main Street, Duncan

Suggested donation to Duncan PRIDE Society is \$5



All are welcome. Please join us.

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