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Freeport's Olmsted to address Chamber

By Ákos Kovach

For 25 months in a row, a determined cadre of business professionals has worked diligently to create something very special: a monthly unification meeting that moves from one part of the county to another, all over Greenlee County.

These Chamber Mixers have become well known for the news they impart, the high quality of members, guests and speakers, as well as the excellent door prizes, food, refreshments and drawings.

To recognize and reward many in the county that have worked so hard to help in this and many other county-wide efforts, a series of awards will be presented the evening of Feb. 17, which also happens to fall just after Valentine's Day, so the theme is "We love our Chamber."

The keynote speaker is bound to draw attention all by himself: Josh Olmsted, Senior Vice President of Freeport McMoRan's North America Copper Mining

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And the 2016 Greenlee Chamber Award Winners are:

1. Small Business of the year — employees of 100 people or less — [Tyler's Taste of Texas](#), Roy Tyler.
2. Rookie of the Year — in business less than a year — [Black Hills Catering](#), Suzanne Menges.
3. People's Choice — [Rock-A-Buy Rocks and Gifts](#) — Doug Barlow.
4. Community Champion (recognizes a business that has made an in-depth, long-term contribution to the community over the years) — [Freeport McMoRan, Inc.](#), Stacey Koon.
5. Non-Profit of the Year — [SEACUS](#), Royce Hunt.

Airport Fly-in joins Javelina Chase

By Philip Ronnerud

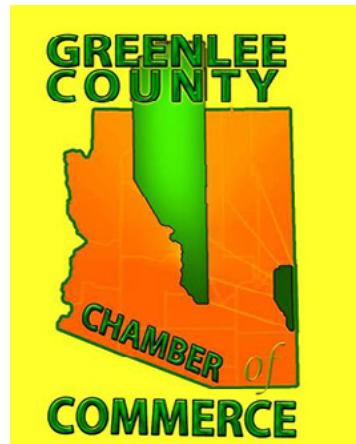
On April 24th the Greenlee County Airport will host an open house and a fly in. As part of the planned events, the Javelina Chase will hold 6 bicycle races at the airport.

The public is invited to attend with activities scheduled during the morning. Aircraft owners are invited to fly in and participate in the Javelina Chase Weekend. Both fixed wing and

rotor craft (helicopters) have been invited to display. Radio-controlled model owners have also been invited.

The Greenlee County Airport is located about 1 mile northeast of 3 Way along State Route 78. The County paved the runway in 1957 and has made additional improvements making this General Avia-

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Reading Nook News

Reference library

By Karen Soohy

Free E-books on a variety of topics are available to Greenlee County library patrons through a database known as Gale Virtual Reference Library. The link to free databases can be found on the library webpage (www.greenleelibraries.org).

Once you have clicked on the GVRL link, choose from the subjects of Art, Biography, Business, Education, Environment, General Reference, History, Information and Publishing, Law, Library Science, Literature, Medicine, Multicultural Studies, Nation and World, Religion, Science, Social Science and Technology and then choose a book from within that subject. You can also search by topic from the search box on the page.

When a book cover appears, simply roll your mouse over the cover shown to get a description of the e-book. You can also use the View All link to browse every book in the category.

If the book description is of interest, click on the cover to get to the Table of Contents. From this page you can click on chapters, access bibliography information, see illustrations and go to the book's alphabetical index.

The site allows you to save, print and download sections (called articles) from the book. You can read the book online but cannot download or print an entire book at one time. There is also a Listen Button which will actually read the article to you.

If a citation is needed, the site offers a Citation Tools link with a variety of formats available. Emailing the article to yourself or someone else is also possible. Articles can also be translated into another language if needed.

While you are visiting the Greenlee Library webpage, take a look at the online catalogs found there for the Clifton and Duncan libraries.

Click on the Clifton or Duncan links on the page and find the ONLINE CATALOG link. Do a search for your book or author before coming to the library by using the online library's catalog.

Library Quote: "What can I say? Librarians rule!"

~ Regis Philbin, American Media Personality

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.

Community Pride

As we head into the spring months in Clifton, we will see firsthand why where we live is much more than just a town, a dot on the map, or a collection of buildings, but rather a community of people. People will remark that they cannot believe this environment still exists today.

Clifton has been far more than a town, an address line or stop on the highway. Clifton is a collection of people who truly care for one another, who believe what makes a place worth living in are the people. Most all of us can recount a story of a random act of kindness that has happened; in fact some of us have committed these acts. We know about the neighbors who watch out for us, the business owners whose level of service seems to be extinct elsewhere or the area schools that are truly invested in seeing our children succeed. We know the high level of togetherness that is Clifton.

While we grab our lawn chair, head out to the porch or lawn, take time to wave at your neighbors and enjoy the company of others like us. Remember that Clifton is unique; we continue to be a collection of people who are strongly connected, dedicated to a lifestyle that most towns can only dream about. While growth continues, this growth will only add to our exceptional and unique Arizona town and that will improve our resume. Clifton is a group of interacting people, united, living in close proximity. Clifton truly meets the definition of community.

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Steve Ahmann shows the new Greenlee County Birding logo at the January meeting of the Gila Watershed Partnership. The image was revealed amid last week's Wings Over Willcox Festival, an event that draws hundreds of tourists to southeastern Arizona. Ken Showers Photo/Copper Era

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Operations.

The event will also showcase the County's new paperless voting equipment, which will be on display.

Another feature of the evening belongs to the Javelina Chase Cycling Event, which this year includes an Airport Fly-in and Criterion Timed Race at the airport. John Lieberenz will present the high-

lights to be offered during the extended two day format.

An open invitation is reproduced on this page, but RSVPs are essential in order to prepare an adequate number of steaks or chicken breasts (your choice) Please see details along with the invitation. RSVP by email, phone or on the [Chamber's Facebook page](#).

To RSVP by email: akovach@co.greenlee.az.us by phone 928-865-2072 x 202.



At the January Chamber mixer, there were 94 in attendance. The past three have average more than 90.

Javelina Chase set for April 23, 24



The Javelina Chase Cycling Event, USA Cycling sanctioned races and fondo rides, will be held at the Greenlee County Fairgrounds at Duncan April 23 and 24, 2016

Proceeds from the event will go to the Mt. Graham Safe House.

There will be road races, individual and team time trials, criterium and fondo rides.

Family fun events include a 5K fun run, kids' bicycle rodeo and St. Jude's bike-a-thon.

For more information, visit the Javelina Chase website or [Facebook page](#). To register, go to the site [ArizonaReg.com](#).

Clifton student wins Alger scholarship

By Ken Showers, Eastern Arizona Courier

MORENCI — Integrity, self-reliance, and determination are three words that can be used to describe Morenci High school student Kayla Brashears.

Those were among the many qualities used to determine recipients of the 2016 Horatio Alger National Scholarship and helped Brashears win the award.

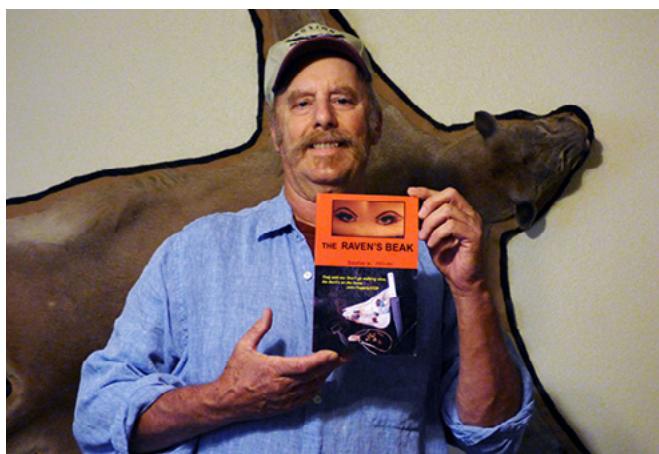
The student, who hails from Clifton, is among 32 other recipients for the award — \$22,000 toward completion of a bachelor's degree. That isn't all that winners have to look forward to, however.

Recipients also receive an all-expense paid trip to a National Scholars Conference in Washington, D.C., and have full access to services provided by the Horatio Alger Association, including internships, school counseling and other grant opportunities.

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'The Raven's Beak' chronicles author's life in region



DUNCAN — Local Duncan author Dexter K. Oliver has spent four decades chronicling the American Southwest and northwest Mexico. This has been done in more than 250 magazine and newspaper articles, as well as a collection of eight books he wrote and produced.

His latest, finished in 2015, is an action/suspense novel called "The Raven's Beak." The others include two nonfiction books with photographs, a collection of short stories and four other novels. All of them were recently housed for perpetuity in the University of Arizona Library's Special Collection

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BLM recruiting for seasonal fire jobs

SAFFORD — The Bureau of Land Management Gila District is currently recruiting applicants for seasonal employment during the 2016 fire season.

To serve on a fire crew, persons must be at least 18 years of age, have a strong work ethic, be able to pass a pack test and maintain good physical fitness.

Applicants must also be available to travel out of state for extended periods of time and be willing to contribute in a structured team environment.

Applications will be accepted through March 1, 2016. Applicants will be notified in April regarding their selection for one of the 20 available positions. Recruits will

receive classroom and field training that will enable them to safely and effectively tackle wildfire suppression.

While most fire duties will be in southeastern Arizona, some assignments may be out of state and last 14 consecutive days plus travel time.

Emergency firefighters are hired on as-needed basis and are only paid during fire and/or work assignments. The pay rate for seasonal positions is \$17 per hour.

To apply contact Clyde England or Kress Sanders at the Gila District fire office located at the BLM Safford Field Office, 711 S. 14th Ave. in Safford or by calling 928-348-4400.



Tourism Council hosts social media workshop

From the Eastern Arizona Courier

CLIFTON — Vine it, Tweet it, Instagram it or Facebook it, the Greenlee County Tourism Council wants the rest of the world to know what the area has to offer.

The Tourism Council hosted a social media workshop last week, leaving attendees with the request to use the hashtag, #exposure, when promoting the area.

More than 30 people took part in the council's fourth workshop with Local First Arizona, an organization that serves local businesses and helps build stronger communities.



[Click here to download presentation slides](#)

Guest speakers Karalea Cox and Kimber Lanning led the eager group in understanding how to better use social media to its full potential. Lanning discussed the importance of using the tools in platforms like Facebook to help events and businesses grow.

"The key is to never think, 'I don't have an image to go with this,'" she said, demonstrating how to use Google image search to find an image to fit the content being posted.

She also illustrated the importance of a positive message being reinforced by chosen images.

The workshop touched on many other key aspects of social media as Lanning introduced the uses of hashtags and event pages.

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Five-year transportation plan

By Kevin Adams
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Largely attributed to the improved federal funding outlook, it appears that the next ADOT construction plan update will be the most expansive in recent history.

While unmet needs will continue to be staggeringly high and current year's revenues will get us back to roughly 2006 levels, this expansion is substantially better than just a few years ago when hundreds of millions in already programmed projects had to be removed from the plan due to declining funds.

Based on the new revenue lev-

els, it appears that ADOT will have the funding capacity and recommend addressing much of the maintenance underinvestment that has resulted in deteriorating bridge and pavement conditions statewide.

Despite already investing the bulk of Greater Arizona's highway funding share into maintenance, with the exception of the interstates, we have experienced a growing deterioration of our highway pavement conditions. Rather than continuing that decline, ADOT management estimates that there will be adequate additional funding over the next five years to address 30% of the

pavement currently in fair or poor condition. In addition to tackling much of the maintenance backlog, there appears to be adequate funding to accelerate several new construction projects, moving several from planning to actual programming in the new plan.

More details will emerge as the Board holds three public hearings; March 18th in Oro Valley, April 15th in Phoenix, and May 20th in Flagstaff, to discuss the five-year program and take public input prior to its scheduled adoption at the June 17th Board meeting in Holbrook.

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Grant deadline is extended

Cenpatico Integrated Care has extended the deadline to apply for a Community Reinvestment Grant. Organizations now have until Feb. 15, 2016 to submit a request for a Community Reinvestment Grant. The previous deadline was Jan. 29.

As the Regional Behavioral Health Authority for eight southern Arizona counties, Cenpatico-IC reinvests in organizations dedicated to improving the lives of residents in Cenpatico-IC communities.

To qualify for a grant, the organization submitting an application must be in a county served by Cenpatico-IC and be a governmental entity or nonprofit.

To learn more, visit Community Reinvestment on the [Cenpatico Integrated Care website](#).

For questions or assistance, please contact Michael Johnson a (520) 809-6459. Recipients will be announced in June.



Upcoming activities

2/4 (and every Thursday) 9-3, Clifton Train Depot Vendors

2/9 6:30-7:30 pm, GFWC Women's Club of Duncan Meeting

2/10, 9-1, Free parenting workshop, Clifton Public Library, for info or to register, contact Sabrina at (928) 865-2461

2/10 7-9 pm, Fandango, David Player Center for the Arts.

2/13 5-7 pm, Treat your sweetheart to a Spaghetti Dinner for Valentines at the GFWC Women's Club of Duncan! Choice of Spaghetti or Lasagna, all the Fixings and Desert (while supplies last).

2/17 5:30-7:30 pm, Greenlee Chamber annual awards and membership dinner, Greenlee County Golf Course, York. (See page 1 article.)

2/19 1-2 pm, free Alzheimer's presentation, Know the 10 Signs, Clifton Public Library.

2/20 9:30-3, Duncan Family Discovery Day. Everyone is invited to free classes on genealogy and ancestry. Call Ruth at (928) 687-2014 or Shellie at (928) 359-2280.

2/20 7 am-2 pm, Birding and hiking event, Duncan, starts at Simpson Hotel.

2/20 4-6 pm, bird count workshop, Simpson Hotel.

2/20 10 am-noon, Greenlee County Cattle Growers Association, Menges Ranch.

2/23 10 am-noon, SEACAP Utility Assistance Program, Duncan Heights.

2/23 1-2:30 pm, Greenlee County Substance Abuse Coalition, Morenci Cup and Cone.

2/24 5:30-7 pm, Pride Society, Duncan Senior Center.

3/1 1:30-3 pm, Graham and Greenlee Serving Veterans, American Legion Post #28 in Clifton.

3/1 6:30-8 pm, Greenlee County Search and Rescue, Greenlee Country Club.

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3/2 7-9 pm, Mexican Brass, David Player Center for the Arts.

4/9-10 Spring Rampage, Greenlee County Fairgrounds.

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

Cochise cowboy poetry, music Feb. 5-7

From the Willcox Range News

Grab your cowboy hat and boots and saddle up for the Cochise Cowboy Poetry and Music Gathering February 5 through 7! To get you in that Western spirit, the Arizona Folklore Preserve will be open for a special event on Friday, February 5.

Starting at 10 a.m., the show will feature local musician Jon Messenger, music duo Miss Devon and the Outlaw, award-winning singer/songwriter

Jean Prescott, and Tumbleweed Rob and the Southwest Junction. Individual performances will last about an hour, and there will be a lunch break at 12:15 p.m.

The performers for this special event are top-notch....we're sure you'll agree.

Jon Messenger has been playing at gatherings, festivals, churches, parties, dinners, etc., etc., for a

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The Board of Directors of the Greenlee County Chamber of Commerce includes, from left, Emily Muteb, Laura Dorrell, Susan Snyder, Phil Ronnerud, Ákos Kovach and Ian McGaughey. Not pictured are Charles Billingsly and John Basteen.