

# Greenlee Clarion

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## Hill Climb turns 50

Driving enthusiasts see a twisty mountain road as a challenge, an adventure – how can I get around these corners quicker than I did last time?

But as we all know, the local authorities are not very fond of that notion.

Fifty years ago, in Clifton Arizona, a group of like-minded enthusiasts decided to find a way to challenge themselves by starting the Clifton Hill Climb.

Running on Ward Canyon Road in Clifton, a challenging 2-mile course with 22 turns and almost 600 feet in elevation



**CLIFTON HILL CLIMB**  
SEPTEMBER 2-5

change was laid out and from 1966 to 1983 the hill climb was an annual event on Labor Day weekend.

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### Blue Persuasion

By Victor Navarro

Artists abound in and around Greenlee County. And thanks to businesses such as Country Chic Art Gallery & Crafters Boutique in Duncan, Chase Creek Marketplace, Granny's Attic, Ray's Antiques and the Greenlee County Historical Society Museum and Blue Door Sanctuary in Clifton local and regional artists are on display.

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Visit the [website](#) and the [Facebook](#) page.

**AZ RURAL POLICY FORUM**  
Empowering Arizona's Communities



**AUGUST 10-12 • PINETOP-LAKESIDE**

The Rural Policy Forum connects rural economic development professionals, nonprofits, community leaders, business owners, and other rural stakeholders who are interested in sustaining rural communities.

Its goal will be to hear strategies from national experts as well as learn about success stories from around Arizona that will give rural leaders the tools,

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### Jam Session

Saturday, August 20  
1:00p.m. - 4:00p.m.  
Sts. Philip & James  
Episcopal Church

Parish Hall  
784 Mountain  
Ave  
Morenci



# Reading Nook News

## Free Stuff

By Karen Soohy

The Greenlee County Library System has some free books and magazines for you. When books are removed from the shelves or large donations are received, what happens to them?

First the Greenlee libraries in the public system try to sell them in their used book area. If there are books and magazines left over after they have been available for sale after about a month, they are now being donated to the BOOK NOOKS you can find around the county. The books and magazines will be free for anyone who wishes to give them a new home.

The BOOK NOOK program was started in July in the county and you can find them in the following areas: Country Chic and the Canyonlands Health Center in Duncan; Greenlee County Courthouse Superior Court waiting area, Greenlee County Courthouse Annex Top Floor Hallway near meeting room, Greenlee County Courthouse Annex First Floor in hallway near elevator and also in the office waiting area, Clifton Canyonlands Health Center; Family Medical Care Department waiting area near Pharmacy in Morenci.

Please stop by any location and pick up some reading material and enjoy. New items will be added every month so keep checking the shelves to find something just for you!

### **FREE DATABASE TRAINING FRIDAY, AUGUST 12, 2016**

#### **Clifton Public Library**

10 AM Class One – The Reader

11 AM Class Two – The High School Researcher

#### **Duncan Public Library**

2 PM Class One – The Know-It-All

3 PM Class Two – The Family History Buff

Free database training—call your libraries to sign up.

Duncan 359-2094

Clifton 865-2461

## 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.

## Citizen input, support

As your Mayor, I am working with the members of your Town Council, the Town Manager, the Town’s Administrative Staff and Department Heads to provide you, our residents, with the highest quality of services. I ask for your support and input as to what your vision of the Town of Clifton should be. As a community we face many challenges and with your support, guidance and input, your Town Council can meet those challenges head on. Together we can work to enhance what we have been given from those who have preceded us in the governance of Clifton, and leave a legacy for those who will come after us.

### **Citizen and Council Participation**

The Town Council will consider all proposals taking into account any legitimate propositions or suggestions received during the Town Council’s monthly meeting. These proposals will be made available for public inspection. Approved proposals will be taken under consideration at future Town Council meetings and decisions will be made on which issues that will be considered, pursued and/or implemented.

### **Our Residents**

The residents of Clifton have faithfully been active, interested, and involved in the affairs of our local, county, state, and federal governments since our Town’s incorporation 143 years ago. They continue to follow and insure Clifton’s tradition of en-

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of the Colors of Copper Mural on the Studio Twenty-two Six building another new addition to the culture of art begins on Sunday August 28 and runs on consecutive Sundays for a total of four weeks.

Come tour the Blue Door Sanctuary, host of the art class series beginning August 28 and running through September 18 on Sundays from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Enjoy creative living, fun, excitement, refreshments and light food.

The Blue Persuasion Art Series program is an introduction to acrylic painting; which includes painting preparation, composition, building paintings, and developing a personal vision. At the end of the 4 weeks you will fully embrace your personal creativity! Enroll on the website (linked on page 1) by August 10 for the Early Bird Discount.

## **Hill Climb turns 50**

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The event went away for a few years but kicked off again in 2015 with the Arizona Region SCCA as the sanctioning body, introducing the road to a new batch of drivers.

Now, in 2016, we're celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the Clifton Hill Climb Labor Day weekend, September 2-5.

Friday and Saturday will be practice days and official timed runs will be on Sunday.

Monday will host a special charity event where all of the cars will be handicapped to equalize times

across multiple classes.

Spectators are welcome, with seating areas provided at the start, mid-course and at the finish, with vendors on-site at all three locations for food and beverages.

There will be a shuttle running between the various areas providing an opportunity to see the event from multiple vantage points. Other scheduled activities include a town party on Saturday evening at the American Legion, just following the parade of race cars down Chase Creek Road.

The driver's award banquet will take place on Sunday evening at Tyler's Taste of Texas. Looking forward to a great event this year and many more to come.

## **Crazy 8s Clubs starting in Clifton, Duncan**

Crazy 8s Clubs are starting at the Clifton and Duncan libraries.

Crazy 8s is a new after-school math club designed to get elementary age kids fired up about math. Every week Crazy 8ers build stuff, run and jump, make music, make a mess... all while bonding with friends over math.

Crazy 8s is a collection of novel, action-packed math activities that will appeal to a wide range of kids ages 3-5, not just the future math-contest types. The club will be an after-school program in the libraries.

The goal of Crazy 8s is to show that math is fun and recreational, not compulsory, in order to change our culture and get kids to think of math as play. All clubs meet for about an hour once a week for 8 weeks and is limited to about 12 kids.

The Club is funded by the Bedtime Math Foundation, a private nonprofit organization that has a goal of putting fun and discovery back into learning math.

Parents can contact the Duncan Library at 359-2094 and speak with Barbara Blackburn or call the Clifton Library at 865-2461 and speak with Sabrina Dumas to get more information about starting dates and times and also put your child's name on the list for the Club.

## Rural Policy

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resources and relationships they need to face current challenges.

The event will provide an opportunity for skill-building, networking, building relationships and educating each other about the needs and services in rural Arizona.

Activities include capacity-building sessions, receptions, workshops, and keynote presentations all of which culminate with the Grant maker Roundtables.

Here, grant makers host tables where rural nonprofits have the opportunity to describe their organization's mission and present a project for the host to consider for potential future funding.

### Goals and Outcomes

- Increase the community capacity of rural towns
- Improve regional collaboration between nonprofits and public entities such as businesses
- Build relationships and facilitate networking between rural stakeholders
- Grow rural advocates
- Develop new strategies for building resilient communities.

Among those making presentations will be Joey Iuliano, Javalina Chase, Vice President for Arizona bicycle racing association, Greenlee County.

Keynote speaker will be Don Macke, a Co-Founder and Co-Director of the Center for Rural Entrepreneurship. The Center works throughout the country supporting research, outreach, professional development and policy work related to rural entrepreneurship.

For more information, [visit the website](#).



## The United States and Mexico

# More than just neighbors

By Julio Espinoza

Arizona and Mexico are more than neighbors.

The two are more like a married couple with a complicated interdependent history, and a mutually dependent relationship.

The NAFTA region shares common historical struggles within and against foreign powers and has one of the most symbiotic partnerships in recent history.

Business and political leaders are fully aware of the strategic value of stability and competitiveness in North America.

But how aware is the general public on both sides of the border about the interdependence between the two countries, particularly amidst the noise of the U.S. presidential campaign season?

Mexico has changed significantly and will be an asset for U.S. primacy in the future international system.

U.S. exports to Mexico ex-

ceed combined exports to Great Britain, France, Belgium and the Netherlands. (Source: Realizing the Value of Crossborder Trade with Mexico, Figueroa, Lee and Van Schoik, ASU, 2013).

The U.S. is Mexico's largest source of foreign Direct Investment (FDI) and the keystone for strategizing and implementing foreign and national security decisions.

Both countries are interdependent to an extent that any cycle of economic growth or slowdown will impact both markets.

Any threat to the stability of Mexico would also be a threat to the national security of the U.S., like the potential use of the border by organized crime, terrorist groups or enemy powers challenging the U.S. leadership in the world.

The "U.S. - Mexico marriage" did not happen after the entry into force of NAFTA: NAFTA is

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# Virден celebrates its 100th birthday

## From The Copper Era

VIRDEN, N.M. — The meeting hall at Old Virден Church was packed on the morning of July 25, despite the heat, as current and former residents came together to mark the New Mexico village’s centennial.

More than 500 people registered for the two-day celebration, which got under way Friday evening with dinner and a bonfire.

Saturday morning started with a pancake breakfast, accompanied by watermelon on the church lawn. The celebration then moved indoors to the meeting hall. After Mayor Rulene Jensen welcomed the crowd — Jensen joked that she was a Virден “half-native,” having moved to Virден from Saford, Ariz., 49 years ago with her husband — and a moving rendition of “The Star Spangled Banner” was sung, the main presentation commenced.

“There is lots and lots of history,” presenter Stan Jones told the audience. Jones’ family has been a big part of that history. There were five Joneses among

the 21 men who settled in Virден in 1916 and gave it its present name (before that it was known as Richmond): Willard, the Virден Ward’s first bishop, Frederick Jr., John, Timothy and Thomas.

A slide show paid tribute to those 21 men who, in addition to the Joneses, included Swedish immigrant Peter Wahlen; Virден’s first mayor, John A. Mortensen; brothers Orson and F. F. Merrell; and Brigham Young Whipple, who ran a candy store.

The slide show also featured images down through the years of some of Virден’s championship basketball teams. There were also tributes to the village in story and song.

“It’s a joy to be here,” said speaker Spencer

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## Crime Watch

Greenlee County Crime Watch meetings will be held Tuesday, Aug. 9, in Clifton at Town Hall at noon and in Morenci at R&R Pizza at 5:30 p.m., on Tuesday, Aug. 16 in Duncan at Hilda’s Kitchen at 5:30 p.m. and on Tuesday, Aug. 23 in York at Greenlee County Country Club at 5:30 p.m.

It’s monsoon season so stay out of washes and don’t drive into flooded streets.

If the gates close, news will be posted on the Sheriff’s [Facebook page](#).

## Worthy tidbits

David Tineo to be at **August Chamber Mixer**, Union Hall on Chase Creek Street. The event will be held on Friday August 26 beginning at 5:30 in the Union Hall on Chase Creek. Tineo art will be on display and some pieces will be available for sale.

Cochise County Cooperative Extension Water Wise program is seeking the ideal candidate for a Senior Instructional Specialist position in the Water Wise Community Education program, located in Sierra Vista. Please pass along this job announcement to any interested people. Follow [this link](#) for details and application process.

The Colors of Copper is going to be 4 years old this November. [Click here](#) to learn more.

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# Phoenix is hotbed for self-driving car industry

## From Fortune

A few things you probably know about the Phoenix area: It has a lot of golf courses (more than 200). It's hot (85% of the days per year are sunny). You might also know that it's one of the top five growth markets for tech in the U.S. Intel alone has two factories in the region, and there are 66,000 IT workers—more than in Denver or Austin. It's also home to the Barrett-Jackson collector car auctions, where for decades, Craig Jackson and his team have put some of the

greatest examples of automotive history across the block and on TV.

What probably don't know is that it's not just the car industry's history that's making money there these days—but also its future. The Phoenix region is fast becoming a key center of the burgeoning self-driving car industry.

Google GOOGL -0.59% announced earlier this year that it will make Chandler—one of the 23 cities that comprise the greater Phoenix metro area—the next

hub for testing and developing its expanding fleet self-driving test cars. Google has 55 autonomous vehicles on the road today and recently announced a deal with Fiat-Chrysler for another 100. “We want to learn how sensors react to the dust in the air, and other area quirks—unique vegetation and golf-cart crossings, for example,” says Google spokeswoman Lauren Barriere. “There's a lot of enthusiasm for tech in Chandler and residents are supportive of self-driving cars being on the

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## Worthy tidbits

The September Southern Arizona Luncheon for the Arizona Association for Economic Development will include an update on the **Rio Nuevo project** in Tucson. It will be held Sept. 28 starting at 11:30 at the Arizona Inn, 2200 E. Elm Street, Tucson. For more information, [click here](#).

For the third year running, the National Association of Development Organizations will host a **Photo Contest** to provide a platform for our members to tell the story of their regions through images that capture what makes their communities great places to live, work, and play. The contest is under way and if you have ideas, contact Ákos Kovach at Greenlee County.

The **Graham County Career Fair** will be held Friday, Aug. 19 from 1-4 p.m. at Eastern Arizona College in Thatcher at the Gerald L. Hoopes activity center. For more information, check out the flyer on page 8.

## Can Pokémon help your business?

Seemingly everyone is playing Pokémon GO. If you're not already playing it yourself, you've no doubt heard about it. It's not an exaggeration to say that the new mobile and augmented reality game from Niantic Labs and The Pokémon Company is having an enormous impact on people's daily routines. We as a species of obsessed Pokémon Trainers are trying to be the very best, like no one ever was. And that means 2 a.m. trips to our local PokéStops, unusually long walks with our canine friends and a co-pilot double-fisting smartphones while you're driving to dinner (please don't drive and hunt Pokémon—get someone in the passenger seat).

For those not yet in the know, Pokémon GO uses your phone's GPS and camera to turn the real world into a massive hunting ground for the iconic creatures, but it also transforms local landmarks and businesses into Pokémon Gyms (where trainers go to train their Pokémon and bat-

tle other teams) and PokéStops, which players can physically visit to stock up on free accessories and items like PokéBalls.

If you're a local business owner and haven't yet checked out this game, I'd highly recommend downloading it for free from the

[Click here to read more](#)

## HATHA YOGA

NEW LOCATION  
BLUE DOOR SANCTUARY  
112 PARK AVENUE  
CLIFTON



*Instructor Barbara Ahmann*  
CLASS STARTS AUGUST 23  
Tuesday and Thursday, 5:30 to 6:30 pm  
**Registration Now**  
phone Jennifer at Eastern Arizona College  
865-7209

## Upcoming activities

8/5 10-3, Greenlee County Health Fair, Morenci Club.

8/8 6 p.m., Duncan School Board

8/10-12 8-5 each day, Arizona Rural Policy Forum 2016, Pinetop-Lakeside.

8/11 4 p.m. Duncan Town Council.

8/30 Primary Election Day

9/2-5 50th Clifton Hill Climb.

9/5 Labor Day.

9/7 8-3, Eastern Arizona College, Thatcher, 11th Annual Graham-Greenlee Substance Abuse Awareness Conference. [Register here.](#)

9/15-18 Greenlee County Fair, Fairgrounds at Duncan.

**The Morenci Unified School District #18** - 2016-2017 District Calendar is now available. [Click here](#) or on the calendar at right to access it.

**Credit Union expresses  
interest in locating in Duncan!**  
[Like us here](#) for more info.

## Youth Dove Hunting Clinic is Sept. 2-3

The Arizona Game and Fish Department is offering a free clinic and workshop for youth dove hunting Sept. 2 and 3 in Safford. The event is geared toward youths who are first-time hunters. Game and Fish wildlife managers and local sportsmen will teach hunting and firearm safety, dove ecology and management species identification, how to prepare equipment and clothing for a hunt, where to find doves and how to hunt them, as well as cleaning and cooking doves.

Participants will meet at 6 p.m. Friday, Sept. 2, at Dry Lake Park, 250 E. 2760 W. Dry Lake Road, Safford, after which youth hunters will be able to practice shooting clay pigeons at the trap range, free of charge, shotguns and shells included. Coaches will be available to provide instruction as well as

range safety information and techniques.

The program includes a dove hunt for participants the morning of Saturday, Sept. 3, in the Safford area with an experienced mentor/hunter. Parents are encouraged to accompany their youth hunters. Shotguns and ammunition will be available, but participants may also bring their own.

Participants will need to provide for their own transportation to the hunting area unless prior arrangements are made. The South Eastern Arizona Sportsmen Club will provide lunch after the morning event.

Attendance is free but limited to 20 young hunters ages 9 to 15 with an adult partner. Hunters will be registered by phone or e-mail on a first-come,

[Click here to read more](#)

# Graham County Career Fair

**DATE: Friday, August 19, 2016**  
**TIME: 1:00pm – 4:00pm**  
**LOCATION: Eastern Arizona College**  
**Gherald L. Hoopes Activity Center**  
**Corner of Hwy 70 & College Ave in Thatcher, AZ**

**Special Thanks to the Event Sponsor: EASTERN ARIZONA COLLEGE**

Co-Sponsors Include:

*McMurray Communications*

**BENEFITS OF ATTENDING**

***Meet Hiring Employers***

**Employers will provide general information about career opportunities, collect resumes/pre-screen candidates and/or conduct on-the-spot interviews if you are potentially qualified!**

***Locate Community Resources for Job Search***

**Meet with local organizations that provide assistance with/tools for conducting job search, offer resume help and/or host employment workshops/job skills classes.**

***Research Educational Training Opportunities***

**Explore various educational or vocational certification/degree programs that may help you begin a new career or upgrade your skills needed for advancement.**

This event is intended for adult job seekers age 18+.

We highly recommend that you do not bring children to the career fair to minimize distractions.

We recommend that you:

Dress professionally and bring copies of your resume with you.

(We will not be able to make additional copies at the event for you.)

For additional information or questions, please contact Arizona@Work-Southeastern Arizona:

Graham-1910 W Thatcher Blvd, Safford, AZ 85546

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