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And Greenlee County was in the House

By Ákos Kovach

One might be daunted entering a facility that boasts 1,600,000 square feet of space – a mere 813,607 square feet devoted to exhibitor space which came in mighty handy for Greenlee County as we stormed the halls with our flyers, maps, business cards and QR codes.

By teaming up with Site Location Partnership, Greenlee County had front row seats to meet and speak with a huge number of decision makers, CEO's, CFO's, relocation specialists and many others in our quest to Grow Greenlee. Board of Supervisors Chairman David Gomez played a major role

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Stacey Koon, general manager of administration at Morenci for Freeport-McMoRan, was featured speaker.

Chamber's awards dinner dazzled

By Ákos Kovach

When your audience doesn't want to leave after an event is over, it means something was done "right." Such was the case after the Feb. 17 Chamber Awards Dinner.

The guest list looked like the Who's Who among the active and involved members of our Greenlee/Graham neighborhood.

([Click here](#) to see a partial list of dignitaries, elected officials, candidates and guests who attended).

The host site, Chamber member Greenlee Golf and Country Club, was super prepared with a fresh

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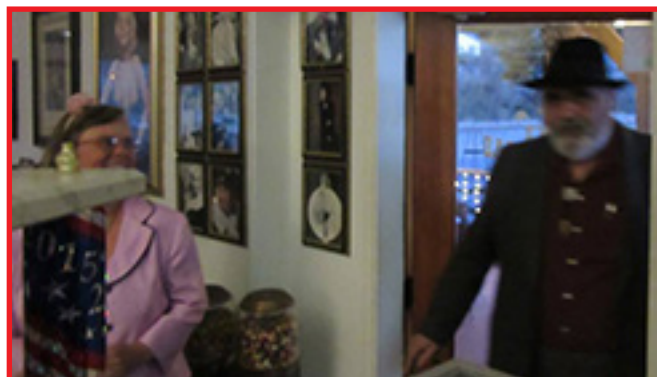


Greenlee County representatives were in California last month to talk with decision makers who are looking for new sites for opportunity.

Economic activities in March

While the Anaheim convention provided opportunities to tell the Greenlee County story to the world, there was economic activity coming to fruition at home, as well.

Flip on over to page 8 to see all the openings, ribbon cuttings, etc. going on locally in the next month. This is a happening county!



How do you keep a secret from a reporter? See page 6.

Reading Nook News

National Geographic for kids

By Karen Soohy

Does your child enjoy nature videos? Do they like to read about animals and people? Would they enjoy having access to National Geographic for Kids magazine free? Do they ever need wonderful pictures for any of their reports?

If the answer is “yes” to any of those questions, there is a fantastic data base available FREE on the Greenlee County Library website that provides all of those.

Simply go to the website (www.greenleelibraries.org) and click on the Statewide Database link. Scroll to find the National Geographic for Kids button and enter your library card number to access all the free resources this data base can provide.

The home page offers suggested videos, books, photographs and magazines. By clicking on the search box you can type in any topic to find materials or you can use the Topic and Magazine links near the top. To see the full list of videos, photos, magazines and books, simply click on the MORE button.

There are over 120 videos created by National Geographic just for children. More than 300 books published by the company are free for children to read on line. Recent magazine articles from this publisher give children access to approximately 1,500 topics and professional photographers offer almost 700 beautiful pictures.

The books and magazine articles can be read by the child, or the site is set up to read to them. The photographs also have an audio explanation of what the photo is about and where it was taken. The videos are created with children in mind and are creative and fun to watch.

All the materials also provide citation materials if they are used in presentations or reports. The database also has a language selection in case you want to change from English.

This great resource is free to any library card holder. If you don't have a card, just stop by the Blue, Clifton or Duncan Public Libraries and get yours today.

The Greenlee County History page is constantly being updated with new material. Click the link

[click here to read more](#)

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.

[click here to read more](#)

Events commemorate Hal Empie's birthday



On March 26, the 107th birthday of acclaimed Western artist and cartoonist Hal Empie, the late artist's daughter Ann Empie Groves and the Duncan PRIDE Society will present two special events in Duncan.

Both will take place at the Duncan High School Cafeteria, where Hal Empie's 6 x30 foot historic mural, "Greenlee," is on permanent display.

From 2 to 5 p.m. that Friday, Ms. Empie Groves, owner of The Hal Empie Gallery and The Artist's Daughter Shop in Tubac, Arizona, will offer written evaluations of original Hal Empie works, for a contribution of \$25 per item.

All proceeds will be donated to Duncan PRIDE Society. An art appraisal is normally \$175-\$200, so this is a rare chance to learn the market value of any Empie original.

At 6 p.m., Ann Empie Groves will talk about Hal Empie's legendary stature as a Western artist, and about his days as the pharmacist in Duncan, where he and his wife Louise raised their family.

In his Duncan years, Empie sketched and painted many local residents in the Duncan and Virden, New Mexico, area, in between helping his pharmacy customers.

The public is invited to bring Empie postcards and other memorabilia to show. There will be light refreshments. There is no charge for the talk, but donations to Duncan PRIDE Society will be gratefully accepted.

For the occasion, the Hal Empie Gallery in Tubac has donated a 28 x 34 inch, autographed, limited edition print, including frame, for raffle after the evening talk.

"Late for Church" depicts a cowboy on horseback, galloping hard across the desert. The print has a \$600 value. Raffle tickets are \$5 each, or \$20 for five tickets. They may be purchased in advance at Rock-A-Buy Rocks & Gifts or at Country Chic in Duncan, or at the Duncan High School Cafeteria during the evaluations or the evening talk.


The drawing will be done at 7 p.m. The winner-

must be present to claim the prize. All proceeds from the raffle will go to the Duncan PRIDE Society.

The Duncan PRIDE Society, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization founded in 2001, works with government, community leaders, and area residents to preserve and enhance the town's image and historic assets. Its most recent projects include the Sandra Day O'Connor Walkway, and the professional conservation of the historic Hal Empie mural, "Greenlee," one of the largest stretched-canvas murals in the United States.

All donations to Duncan PRIDE Society are tax-deductible.





HAL ^{Empie} EMPIE

107th birthday celebration

Saturday March 26th

"Late for Church"

28" x 34" including frame. \$600 value. YOU could win this autographed, limited edition print, donated by The Hal Empie Gallery in Tubac. Buy raffle tickets for just \$5 each.

At Duncan High School Cafeteria, the permanent home of "Greenlee," the historic 6 x 30 ft. mural by Hal Empie.

2 to 5 p.m. Evaluations: bring your Hal Empie painting for a written evaluation by Empie's daughter Ann Empie Groves, owner of The Hal Empie Gallery and The Artist's Daughter Shop in Tubac, Arizona. \$25 charge per item goes to Duncan PRIDE Society. An appraisal is normally \$175-\$200, so this is a rare chance to learn the value of your Empie original.

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7 p.m. Raffle drawing for "Late for Church."

Buy your \$5 raffle tickets in advance in Duncan at Rock-A-Buy Rocks and Gifts or at Country Chic. Or buy them at the Duncan High School cafeteria on March 26th. Either way you must be present at the drawing to win!

100% of proceeds will benefit Duncan PRIDE Society

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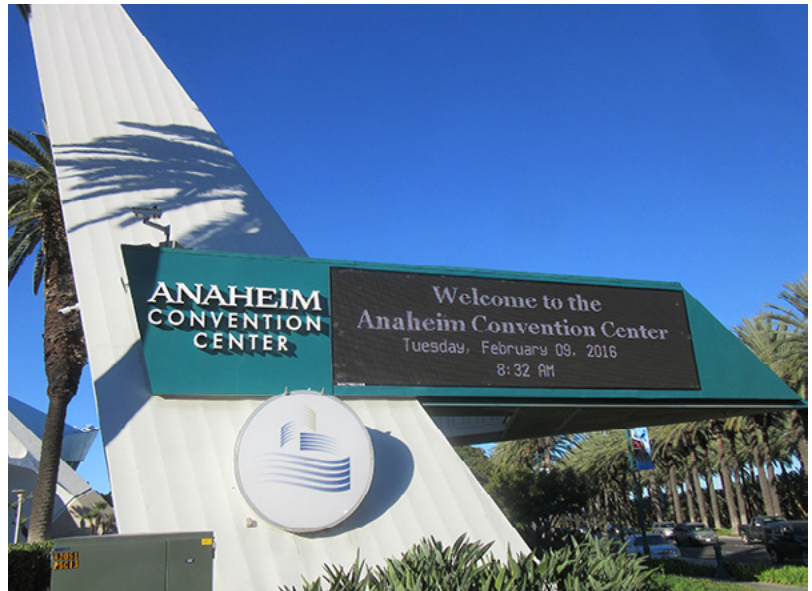
in keeping the name of Greenlee County at the front of people’s mind as we hiked 5 or more miles each day through the vast array of businesses, industries and companies that could be a ‘fit’ for Greenlee County.

This year there was a huge number of vendor booths, 2,229, and an equally boggling number of attendees, 49,264 paid viewers.

To get a sense for the enormity of this event click here for pictures and videos. And as large as the Anaheim Convention Center already is, they are adding an additional 200,000 square feet to be ready for business by 2017.

Among the candidates for possible site visits to Greenlee County were a number of high tech vendors eager to come and meet staff at America’s largest Copper Mine, which just happens to be a big part of Greenlee County, and generates billions of dollars of revenue each year.

Yes, little ol’ Greenlee County – outreach the old fashioned way, one handshake at a time.



A new way to build better jobs: start local

By Mary Catherine Bitter
From The Aspen Institute blog

Most cities follow the traditional model of economic development — the idea that using subsidies and other incentives to attract big businesses will provide a wealth of jobs. While some hail this as an effective solution, panelists at a recent discussion hosted by the Aspen Institute Economic Opportunities Program argued that the traditional approach perpetuates systemic economic inequalities, such as those concerning the racial wage gap, insufficient savings, and job insecurity.

City leaders such as Richmond, Virginia, Mayor Dwight C. Jones, are looking to develop long-term solutions with alternatives to the traditional model of economic growth. During the panel, Jones described Richmond as “a tale of two cities,” noting the coexistence between its thriving community

and poverty rate of 25 percent.

One alternative to the traditional model of economic development is community wealth building. Compared to traditional economic development, which starts by trying to attract businesses from outside the community, “Community wealth building is about [starting] instead with local assets,” explained panelist Marjorie Kelly, executive vice president and senior fellow with the Democracy Collaborative. “What is it that you have to work with?” Using this strategy, cities and regions identify local resources — such as local government, businesses, and nonprofit institutions like hospitals and universities — and develop them into sources of good jobs that provide people with livable wages and stable income.

[Click here to read more and watch the video](#)

Cenpatico revises community resource guide

Cenpatico Integrated Care has revised its Resource Guide for the Communities of Greenlee and Graham counties. This guide contains information on a variety of services and programs offered by agencies in the counties to assist and serve the growing populations.

The guide was created by Cenpatico’s Susan Richards at the request of members of the Community Network Team and Cenpatico Community Advisory Council. It was created in November 2014 and revised Jan. 29, 2016.

Cenpatico points out that the guide is a living document, and encourages agencies to continue to provide current information on their work and on resources and information that are not included. The “Organization Spotlight” form is available to assist in submitting or updating agency and program information.

The guide can be accessed online [at this site](#).

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Mares send-off: “highlight of my career”

By Ákos Kovach

Have you ever tried keeping a secret among 100 people? Well it just happened in Greenlee County, and it wasn't easy.

The “secret” was a surprise celebration of the career of Walter Mares, the storied journalist who rolled into Clifton one day in 1983 just as a 500-year flood event hit the small valley community.

Instead of hightailing it out of town, Mares stayed, despite the fact he was brand new, he started writing down notes, asking questions and taking photos that

would prove to be the foundation of his long career in Greenlee County.

There was a mining strike going on, a mine shut down – families torn apart – strikers, police and business people tried hard to find their way, and there was a man who did just that.

One article at a time. One interview at a time. And photos to illustrate the process, good and bad.

There was boom, there was bust and through it all was the steady journalist's hand penning memories, using word pictures

and memorializing the day-to-day history that would be emblazoned on the front pages of the *Copper Era*, issue after issue, year after year.

The look of utter surprise as Walter and his wife Susan Breen were welcomed by loud cheers and “hoorah's” was priceless.

The host facility, Tyler's Taste of Texas, was brimming with well-wishers, friends and family of the honoree. Some spoke lovingly, others made fun, but everyone came for one reason – to pay tribute to a newspaperman – fadora, press pass and all.

My first hero wore an apron

By Ákos Kovach

My first hero was only 5' 2”.

Although I began reading comic books at an early age, and watched Superman on TV, I never really thought about everyday heroes until I became a Cub Scout. That was when I realized my Den Leader was a hero.

My Den Leader studied hard to learn the rules, to understand the meaning behind earning patches and worked overtime to make each and every den meeting

memorable.

We got our hands dirty a lot; we cleaned up yards and vacant lots – picked up trash along the street in front of our grade school, and had a lot of fun doing it.

We washed our hands a lot, too, as we learned how to prepare fresh produce for a salad; how to use cookbooks to bake treats for ourselves, how to start a proper campfire, and how to make certain it was extinguished.

We hiked a lot, found arrow heads, wheat pennies and collected soda bottles to turn in at the grocery store for spending money. We built airplanes, kites and little cars for the pinewood derby. We climbed trees in the park, hiked along the Missouri River and learned about wild animals that lived in the area.

Then one day our den leader was walking to church and a trio of dogs chased her and bit her on both legs several times.

She was injured badly and had to spend a night in the hospital, but the next day she was ready for our Bear scout training.

She never wanted us boys to be afraid of critters, so instead of focusing on the bites she suffered; she spoke about first aid, keeping calm during an emergency and how to stay safe if confronted by animals, unsavory adults or bullies.

This was long before “stranger danger” campaigns ever came about. But by using her experience our den leader encouraged us to run if we could, or yell for adults to come and help if we were in danger or feared violence.

We all earned a bunch of badges and awards, we rolled through tiger, wolf, bear and Webelos faster than our companion dens in our pack; not so we could gloat but because we were ready, we had been prepared. And it was my honor to be a member of a den led by mother, my first hero.



Upcoming activities

3/2 9-4, Grant Writing Workshop, Eastern Arizona College, South Campus, Room #4.

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

3/4 10-3:30, 17th Annual Forum on Nonprofit Effectiveness, Tucson Convention Center.

3/9 9-noon, Annual Meeting of Greenlee Tourism Council, TBA.

3/15 10-noon, Greenlee Board of Supervisors, BOS board room.

3/22 1-2:30 pm, Greenlee County Substance Abuse Coalition, Morenci Cup and Cone.

3/23 10-2, Grant Writing Workshop, Clifton Public Library.

3/26 2-7 pm, Hal Empie 107th Birthday celebration, Duncan High School Cafeteria, see article on page 3 of this newsletter for details.

4/2 8-noon, Mt. Graham Safe House Benefit Golf Tournament, Greenlee Golf & Country Club

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

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

Canadians good for SE Arizona economy

By Larry Catten, SEAGO ED planner

At a forum held last April in Benson, it was estimated Arizona would attract more than 1 million Canadian tourists in 2015, bringing \$1 billion to the state's economy. It's likely a substantial amount of that windfall is benefiting the SEAGO region.

A similar forum was held January 22nd to acquaint the local real estate community with the enormous potential for selling residential property to Canadians visiting Cochise County during the winter season.

The forum, sponsored by the Southeast Arizona Association of Realtors (SAAR), the Southeastern Arizona Economic Development Group (SAEDG), and the Southeastern Arizona Governments Organization (SEAGO) was led Mr. R. Glenn Williamson,

Director of the Canada Arizona Business Council and Canadian Honorary Consul to Arizona. Mr. Williamson presented a compelling case that the economic relationship between Canada and the U.S. is very strong, and his remarks focused on three major topics: |

- The enormous economic impact that 1 million Canadian visitors to Arizona has with respect to tourism, business investment, and residential property acquisition
- Strong evidence that Canadians are a growing market for residential properties in Arizona
- Strategies for marketing real estate and real estate agent services to Canadian visitors

Mr. Williamson noted that even though the Cana-

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Upcoming economic activities around Greenlee

On March 1, just to kick things off right, Empire Caterpillar hosted a Ribbon Cutting and Open House to show off some of the 12 brand new apartments they built on Hill Street and on Coronado Boulevard in South Clifton.

Empire company officials, Freeport McMoRan officials, Town of Clifton leaders as well as a special contingent of Greenlee County elected officials and leaders will attend the special 1 p.m. event along with Greenlee Chamber members.

Studio Twenty-two Six is on Historic Chase Creek Street, a new three-station 21st century salon, opening during March 2016, located inside the former Blimpie Building.

The south exterior wall of that building soon will boast the addition of the Colors of Copper Clifton Mural

NAPA, located on Coronado Boulevard, is open-

ing its doors to the public in March, plus the owners fashioned an exclusive apartment suitable for executives, with private entrance and parking.

The NAPA store will be a great addition to South Clifton.

Margo's Kitchen is expanding into the suite next door. The Coronado Boulevard favorite for excellent Mexican cuisine is adding a new bakery to go along with the restaurant. The remodeling is expected to be completed during March.

Dollar General, the new \$2.2 million store, is about to start construction on the covered culvert that will bring in traffic from Coronado Boulevard (Highway 191) into the new parking lot.

Egress will take consumers onto Historic Chase Creek, which should be a boon for businesses located further south and east. The Open House will take place in April.

EPA Releases tool for small town ED

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Office of Sustainable Communities has released Framework for Creating a Smart Growth Economic Development Strategy: A Tool for Small Cities and Towns. It is a step-by-step guide to building a place-based economic development strategy.

It is intended for small and mid-sized cities, particularly those that have limited population growth, areas of disinvestment, and/or a struggling economy. The tool begins with an overview of key concepts for a smart growth economic development strategy, then covers the five steps for preparing one.

Staff from municipal governments and regional economic development organizations, nonprofit organizations seeking to help revitalize communities, and other stakeholders could use this tool to help guide their work.

It presents a framework for information to gather, issues to consider, and potential approaches to explore. Every community and place is different, and communities can modify and refine this tool based on local conditions. [Click here](#) for more information and to download the publication.

Freeport contractors to flood into Greenlee

In the mining industry, keeping a full-time, 24/7/365 schedule is very important.

But every so often, parts need to be replaced, and maintenance that can only occur when certain equipment is offline must take place.

Such is the case this week when several hundred contractors will converge on Greenlee County looking to park RVs, campers, trucks and also places to eat, shop and in many cases where to lay their weary heads after a long shift.

So to you Air B&B folks, Chase Creek hostel locations, and motel operators, it is going to be hectic for a about a week. Let's give everyone world-class customer service so they will want to come back.

The Clifton Visitor Center at the Clifton Train Depot is a great resource for information, direction, maps, brochures, etc.

Together this can be a nice positive bump in business and commerce.

Chamber . . .

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look, special seating arrangements, huge steaks, great chicken breasts and fabulous service. Chamber members greeted each other, made new faces feel welcome and found out we that had a 'hidden gem' as a Master of Ceremonies. Rev. Sandy Chilise, Vicar at Sts. Philip & James Episcopal Church in Morenci amused, charmed and enchanted the audience with her wit, sincerity and professionalism.

The community also enjoyed really getting to know the General Manager of Administration at Freeport McMoRan's Morenci Mine, Stacey Koon. Her personal story was compelling and truly helped blend her into the fabric of this community we call home.

Next came the indomitable Laura Dorrell, who introduced each awardee like welcoming a family member home. The winners were elated. The five carefully identified award categories were: Small Business of the Year; Rookie Business of the Year; People's Choice (open to any business); Community Champion; and Non-Profit of the Year.



Emily Muteb, right, presents special appreciation plaque to Laura Dorrell.



Laura Dorrell, left, presents award to Stacey Koon of Freeport McMoRan as Community Champion; in the background are Sandy Chilise and Emily Muteb.



Shay Saucedo, representing Sen. John McCain, is at left; master of ceremonies Sandy Chilise is at right.



Joyce and Roy Tyler, of Tyler's Taste of Texas, were honored as Small Business of the Year.



Suzanne Menges of Black Hills Catering was honored as Rookie of the Year, having been in business less than a year



Doug Barlow of Rock-a-Buy Rocks And Gifts, was honored with the People's Choice Award at the Chamber meeting.

The audience often howled with laughter and applauded loudly as each awardee was given special recognition. Dorrell was superb as she introduced each recipient, described why they were being recognized and some of things each awardee did to earn the award. To see a list of the Award winners, please follow this link to the Greenlee Clarion Blog pages.

Another standout at the event was Emily Muteb who presented special appreciation plaques both Dorrell and outgoing Chamber Chair Philip Ronnerud for their dedication and service to the Chamber Community.

The evening ended on the usual 'high note' as Dorrell and Muteb were joined by Pam Lieberenz during the door prize portion of the evening. Nana's Kitchen, Black Hills Catering & Tyler's Taste of Texas all brought door prizes for the festivities in addition to the local shopping spree for prizes at local businesses throughout the County such as Country Chic, Rock-A-Buy Rocks and Gifts, The Marketplace on Chase Creek and the Greenlee Historical Society Museum Gift Shop. We are looking forward to a fabulous year ahead for the Greenlee Chamber, stay tuned.

