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What's in store for Greenlee?

By Ákos Kovach

Great word choice in the headline because the most recent store opening, NAPA on Coronado Boulevard in Clifton, was seen as yet another example of the mini boom being experienced during this recent phase of expansion and redevelopment.

The fact new homes are being built, businesses are investing in our community, we have new jobs, fun places to shop and, best of all, we are keeping our spend-

ing money local which helps sales tax collections.

But clearly the last big missing piece is to attract a large hotelier to construct a new hotel/motel facility complete with meeting space. This is the next big focal point on the Economic Development target board. And now, especially with all the recent good news and new money in the area, the likelihood of new overnight accommodations is shining brighter and brighter.

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Football back in Duncan

By Ákos Kovach

Fifty-five of Arizona's top high school football players, their families and coaches will converging on Duncan June 9-11 for the annual Class 1-A State Football All-Star Game. Duncan High

School's Packer Field will be the host facility for this 2016 All-Star Game Classic.

Eldon Merrell, Coach and Duncan Schools Superintendent is very happy to welcome this event
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Reading Nook News

Power Search

By Karen Soohy

Any research can be done easily using the database called Power Search. This service is part of the database package provided by the State Library System to the Greenlee County Libraries.

The database link is found on the Greenlee County Library website at www.greenleelibraries.org under Statewide Databases. When you click on the link, you only need to input your library card number to access the free materials.

Searching can be done by keyword, subject, publication title and entire document. You can ask for results that will provide text documents, peer-reviewed publications or documents with images. The site offers quick start searching with popular articles being featured as well as popular searches.

This site also provides citation sources and offers language choices. The searches cover thousands of articles from magazines, newspapers, journals and books, as well as videos, images and podcast content. Searches can be saved if an account is created and items can be bookmarked once found.

The research that can be found using Power Search is an excellent source for middle school, high school and college students.

New rules on overtime

New rules on overtime work go into effect this Dec. 1. The new rules:

- Raise the salary threshold indicating eligibility from \$455/week to \$913 (\$47,476 per year), ensuring protections to 4.2 million workers.
- Automatically update the salary threshold every three years, based on wage growth over time, increasing predictability.
- Strengthen overtime protections for salaried workers already entitled to overtime.
- Provide greater clarity for workers and employers.

The final rule will become effective on December 1, 2016, giving employers more than six months to prepare.

The final rule does not make any changes to the duties test for executive, administrative and professional employees.

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

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.

Town Council mission

The mission of your Clifton Town Council is to protect the quality of life for all Clifton residents, preserve our town’s heritage, community services and promote transparent and responsive city government through organized support. Our goal is to guarantee these values by our residents having a seat at policy and budget formulation.

Fireworks prohibited

Clifton salutes patriotism and honors our nation’s history, however, the use of illegal fireworks — any device that explodes, rises in the air or moves about the ground or any fireworks device that pose a serious fire hazard and disturb the peace within the town limits — are strictly prohibited in the Town of Clifton.

The Clifton Town Council reminds residents the following are all illegal types of fireworks and are prohibited: Skyrockets, Bottle Rockets, Roman Candles, Mortars, Cherry Bombs, and Firecrackers of any type.

In response to any complaint concerning illegal fireworks use, the Clifton Police Department will increase its enforcement efforts against any person who lights up illegal fireworks during the 2016 Independence Day holiday.

The Town of Clifton recognizes that it is important to remember our nation’s history and to celebrate this historic occasion, but please celebrate safely!

[Click here to read more](#)



Morenci, c. 1909, from the Library of Congress collection.

Greenlee County history highlighted

Greenlee County Library System received Library Services and Technology grants in 2014 and 2015 to create a website highlighting the history of the county. The project has been supported by a number of groups within the county and in southeastern Arizona. Narratives were written by Dexter Oliver, a local author, to highlight Blue, Clifton, Duncan and Morenci, and the history of our area.

The new webpage is located at www.greenlee-countyhistory.org. The page is a work in progress with new material still being collected, scanned and added.

Historical photos have been collected from a number of organizations within the county and now appear on the site. Photographs are still needed for the project.

Greenlee County Librarian Karen Soohy wants the residents of Greenlee County to know that “this project will be ongoing. I am sure that there are lots of other photographs and other materials still out in the community.

“If anyone would like to share them with the library system’s new page we want to include them. Photos and documents are so important to preserve. We can scan them to help in that preservation.”

If any residents have photos that will fit into the photo albums on the page, please get in touch with the libraries in Duncan, Clifton or Blue. Contact information is on the Greenlee County Libraries webpage which has a link on the top of the history page.

The site also is set up to be an aggregator site for any links dealing with history of the area. Lots of time has been spent exploring what is already out on the web about the county and links have been

listed to take viewers to those sites without having to search again.

In browsing the internet, if residents find a page that should be included on the history site, let the librarians know.

Soohy said, “This has been an informative process for me. Greenlee County has such rich history of mining, ranching, farming and western culture that I felt it had to be highlighted more than it was and this grant gave us the opportunity to do that.

This project fits so well with the economic development and tourism plans for the county. Hopefully this website can help promote our area by letting visitors know more about the county and get them interested in visiting us.”



Clifton, c. 1909, from the Library of Congress.

Arizona and Mexico

Geography is Destiny

By Julio Espinoza and
Doug Bruhnke

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.

Regional leaders in the know 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?

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

Mexico No. 2 destination of U.S. goods

Consul General of Mexico in Phoenix, Roberto Rodríguez, referring to statistics of the U.S. Census Bureau highlights that “while much attention is given to the rising volume of U.S. imports from México over the past decade, what is often overlooked is the fact that México has emerged as the second destination in the world for U.S. exports.

“In 2015, U.S. companies exported \$236 billion in goods to México, more than a five-time increase since the implementation of NAFTA in 1994. As a measure of the significance of our bilateral trade, the United States exports more goods to México than to Brazil, India, Japan and the United Kingdom combined, with six million U.S. jobs relying on our bilateral trade.” (Source: Consul General Rodriguez with data retrieved from the U.S. Census Bureau, www.census.gov, March 2016).

U.S. exports to Mexico also exceed combined exports to Great Britain, France, Belgium and the



Netherlands. (Source: Realizing the Value of Cross-border 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

[click here to read more](#)



June, 29th
11am - 4pm

Choose Health® Community Conference

The Choose Health® Department from Cenpatico Integrated Care invites you to our first Choose Health® Conference! The conference will include presentations on health and wellness topics from all eight dimensions of SAMSHA's Wellness model.

Cenpatico Integrated Care Wetmore Office
333 E. Wetmore Road, Tucson, AZ 85705

Pima room 5th floor - Register [here](#)

A  Event 

Birding open for business in Greenlee

From the Eastern Arizona
Courier

CLIFTON — Birding has come home to roost in Greenlee County, and it couldn't have happened on a finer day.

Saturday, May 14, saw the dedication of 10 nature and birding trails in Greenlee County, coinciding with international Migratory Bird Day.

Representatives from all over the county — including the Board of Supervisors, Town of Clifton officials, FMI and the Gila Watershed Project — were in attendance for the dedication.

Project coordinator Steve Ahmann talked about the importance that birding can have on a local economy and the journey in realizing birding trails in Greenlee County.

“I’m a plant guy that’s had to learn everything he



Clifton Mayor Felix Callicotte, flanked by members of the town council and the Greenlee County Board of Supervisors, assists Steve Ahmann in cutting the ribbon on one of Clifton's birding trails.

could about birds in the last three years.” Ahmann says of himself. “I have a long way to go, but I’ve certainly gained a great appreciation of them.”

Teachers learn new skills

By Tom Powers

Greenlee County School Superintendent

Well school is out, so all the teachers can enjoy all that free time.

Oh, wait; some of that precious time just got volunteered away. The week of June 6 there will be 234 Greenlee and Graham teachers volunteering to learn many new and different ways to teach stu-

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HEALTH FAIR
MORENCI CLUB
AUGUST 5 - 10AM-3PM**

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HealthFair



EAC again is Best Value School

THATCHER — For the third year in a row, Eastern Arizona College has been named a Best Value School by University Research & Review LLC.

In announcing its choice, that organization said, “Eastern Arizona College stands out for reasons other than its cost to attend. The school focuses on degrees — and certificate programs — that actually lead to jobs.”

It also noted the college’s “progressive approach to the needs of its target population.”

“We are pleased to have been awarded the designation ‘Best Value School’ in America for 2016, making this the third year in a row we have qualified for this prestigious honor,” said EAC President Mark Bryce, who announced the award at the May 4 meeting of the Graham County Community College District Governing Board.

Studio 226 opens on Chase Creek

From The Copper Era

CLIFTON — There’s a new business that’s hot and happening, and it’s open now on Chase Creek.

Studio 226, which takes its name from its address, had its ribbon-cutting last week and is promising to be a popular attraction for residents.

The building itself is a mix of character, blending the charm of its old Chase Creek architecture with a modern, industrial look

that makes it perfect for its purpose. It’s the result of the hard-work of two women, one working to make her dream a reality.

Stylist Jennifer Rivera has wanted to bring a taste of that big city style back to Clifton ever since she began nine years ago.

“My mom gave me the opportunity to open up the shop, and I couldn’t turn it down. Especially with my family being from here, to be back is . . . it means every-

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Labor Day Hill Climb turning 50

The 2016 Clifton Hill Climb first organizational meeting was held at Clifton Town Hall. Registration for this Labor Day Classic weekend event is open at <http://www.azscca.com/events/index.cfm>.

If you are interested in competing in the hill climb and you are not currently a SCCA member and/or you do not have a SCCA race car with a current log book – download the Updated 2016 AZSCCA Driver and Vehicle Checklist. Complete this form and you’ll be ready to get yourself and your car through tech inspection prior to the event.



CLIFTON HILL CLIMB
SEPTEMBER 2-5

Upcoming activities

6/4 11:30-4, Gila Summer Youth Festival, Firth Park, Safford.

Time

6/4&5 5 p.m. to 5 a.m., Relay for Life, Willcox High School.

6/7 8 a.m.-noon, Greenlee County Board of Supervisors meeting, BOS meeting room.

6/8 10 a.m.-noon, Greenlee Tourism Council, Clifton Public Library.

6/9 Div. VI All Star football game, Duncan. See front page article for details.

6/10 10-4, **6/11** 10-3, Lemons & Lemonade, Main Street, Safford, benefit for Mt. Graham Hospice. [Click here to learn more.](#)

6/13-17 1-4 p.m., Summer Drama Camp, ages 6-18, Willcox Historic Theatre, 134 N. Railroad Ave., Willcox. [Click here to learn more.](#)

6/14 7-10 p.m., Willcox Historic Theatre, 134 N. Railroad Ave., Willcox, \$5, Leonardo Da Vinci, the Genius in Milan. [Click here to learn more.](#)

6/16 6-8 p.m., Start Up Smart, Taking the right steps to start your own business, free class sponsored by the EAC Small Business Development Center. Held at EAC Wayne M. McGrath High Tech Center, Room 124. www.eac.edu/sbdc.

6/23 7-10 p.m., Willcox Historic Theatre, 134 N. Railroad Ave., Willcox, \$5, Marriage of Figaro. [Click here to learn more.](#)

6/29 11-4, Choose Health Community Conference, see poster on page 4 for details and to register.

7/16 5 p.m., Greenlee County Mud Races, at the Fairgrounds. See page 9.

7/23 O'Malley Day Poker Run, sponsored by American Legion Post 28, Clifton, proceeds to Mares Bluff Scholarship Fund.

8/5 10-3, Greenlee County Health Fair, Morenci Club. See poster on page 5.

9/2-5 50th Clifton Hill Climb. See article on page 6.



Morenci sends off class of winners

From The Copper Era

MORENCI — It's been a long road for the 2016 Morenci High School graduates, but the journey is just beginning.

Students are honored at graduations every year, but it's the mark of a truly special class when nearly all the students stand to be recognized for scholarships and achievements.

Morenci High School was recognized for being an A-plus school by the Arizona Educational Foundation earlier this year and it was never more appar-

ent than Friday night.

David Ogas addressed his fellow graduates and delivered the kind of speech that's impossible to top. Heartfelt and earnest, he talked about the future and potential of his class.

"I really believe I'm standing with the people who could become the president of the United States," he told the crowd. "Tell Hillary and Donald to get out of the way. And if you're going to go be a miner? Go and be the best miner you can be!"

[Click here to read more and see more photos](#)

Another successful graduation in Duncan

From The Copper Era

DUNCAN — Another school year has come and gone, and the town of Duncan turned out to honor its 2016 high school graduates Friday evening.

Students Reyna Cerna and Colton Darnell identified themselves as members of "That Class," a term as endearing as it is accusatory, but, they said, they've grown into it in a good way.

The 20 graduating seniors presented themselves before a packed high school gymnasium full of family and friends who had come to honor their accomplishment.

Following a slide show presentation full of pictures and memories, Superintendent Eldon Merrell presented various honors and scholarships to the students before turning the time over to valedictorian Makenna Merrell, who shared stories about her fellow graduates. It was not a class of strangers, but 20 friends who'd come to know each other over the years and had the experiences to back up that friendship.

[Click here to read more and see more photos](#)



2016 valedictorian Makenna Merrell.



Plant Club has good year

From The Copper Era

DUNCAN — The Plant Club, comprised of fourth- grade students at Duncan Elementary School, successfully completed several projects throughout the school year.

Although fall planting had to be postponed while plans were made to move the garden beds to a new location, students did not wait idly. A new bench was installed in the outdoor classroom area, and a

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Start Up Smart

Start Up Smart: Taking the right steps to start your own business, is a free class being offered by the EAC SBDC June 16 from 6-8 p.m. at the Wayne M. McGrath High Tech Center, Room 124. (That’s west of the library on Church Street in Thatcher.)

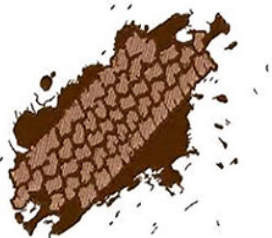
For more information on the EAC SBDC, visit the website at www.eac.edu/sbdc.

Mud races returning

Greenlee County Mud Races are coming back July 16. All races are held at the Greenlee County Fairgrounds in Duncan.

Registration will start at 3 p.m. with races starting at 5 p.m.

Just want to get the word out early that the Mud Races are on their way back – the popular evening races really bring out a big audience, so come out and enjoy some great family fun.



Kidz Cooking Club in Clifton, Duncan

From The Copper Era

CLIFTON — Those looking for fun for children this summer need to get to the local library.

The all-new Kidz Cooking Club will take place at the Clifton and Duncan public libraries for children 6-12 years old.

Classes are limited to 12 children in each session, and registration is now open.

Participants will learn how to make and eat nutritious food — including favorite “bread in a bag” — as well as play games.

There is no charge to participate, and children do not have to be present for all the classes.

At the Clifton Public Library, Kidz Cooking Club will take place Tuesdays from 1-2 p.m. on May 31, June 14 and 28, and July 12 and 26. Call 865-2461 or 359-2261 to register a child for part of or all the sessions.

At the Duncan Public Library, Kidz Cooking Club will take place Thursdays from 1-2 p.m. on May 26, June 9 and 23, and July 7 and 21. Call 359-2094 or 359-2261 to enroll a child.

35 tips for entrepreneurs

The work required to build a small business can sometimes seem overwhelming, but don’t get discouraged. You’re not the first person to feel this way, and you won’t be the last. Every entrepreneur goes through this, and each experience adds to the collective knowledge we share.

What does this knowledge look like? Check out

[Click here to read more](#)

Water innovation prize

The Water Innovation Challenge will award a \$250,000 prize to a collaborative team in an Arizona community that develops the most innovative and inventive market-based, technological or entrepreneurial solution to advance the sustainability of its water future.

Solutions must be scalable to address an Arizona town/city, county, tribe, or region’s needs, and, if successful, should also be replicable in other Arizona communities. Community collaborations are required, and new, pilot and shovel-ready projects will be accepted.

For details and registration, [click here](#).



SAFFORD, AZ DES Early Childhood Professional Training June 6 - 17

60-hour Training includes following dates:
June 6,7,8,9,10 and
June 13,14,15,16 & 17

Monday - Friday, 8am to 3pm
The University of Arizona Extension, Upstairs
2100 S. Bowie Ave., Solomon, AZ 85551

Begin a career in child care

Learn more about the growing, rewarding field of early childhood education through Yavapai College's no-cost Child Care Professional Training seminars!

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- Preschools
- Head Start programs
- Self-employed family child care providers

Child Care Professional Training is a **no-cost** 60-hour course funded by the Department of Economic Security (DES)/Child Care Administration. Yavapai College and DES designed this course for anyone interested in working with young children.

During the course, you'll learn about:

- Child development
- Appropriate learning environments
- Child-care licensing
- Early reading and math activities
- Nutrition and menu planning for growing brains
- First aid and CPR

Earn certificate for **60 hours** of training and college credit available!

For questions or to register, call toll free:
1-866-219-1021 (se habla español)
or email: CCPT@yc.edu

