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Greenlee County, 2015 in review

By Ákos Kovach

I've never been a big fan of "looking back;" it is far better to look ahead and make a new way. However, because 2015 was such a successful and productive year — setting records and accomplishing things that have not happened in Greenlee for over 30 years, I was advised to take a moment and share some highlights:

In January the *Greenlee Clarion* got a foothold in the mind's eye of our readers and subscribers

ers jumped on board to get their monthly installment of "all things Greenlee."

By February we were collaborating with the Arizona Workforce Connection on a Job Fair while also expanding the services and resources posted on the [Growing Greenlee](#) website.

By March Greenlee kicked off television promotion of our county via video ads in concert with the towns of Clifton and Duncan.

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Discovering the pristine, picturesque

By Ákos Kovach

On any given weekend, Greenlee County plays host to guests, visitors, tourists and the curious. Some ride motorcycles, others recumbent bicycles.

They come in Porsches, Corvettes, MG's and vintage vehicles. Others use travel trailers, motorhomes and converted buses. But they all share one thing in common, knowing that witnessing firsthand what Greenlee County has to offer is worth **continued on page 7**



Reading Nook News

Kids Infobits

By Karen Soohy

Are you trying to help your younger children find information that is easy for them to comprehend? Kindergarten through grade 5 students can find information in an easy to understand format for their homework assignments or just for their own curiosity in a database found free at your local public library.

The Statewide Database system in use at the Greenlee County Libraries has a special database just for children called Kids Infobits. The easy to use page has information divided into the general categories of Animals, Music and Movies, People, Plants, Sports, Technology, Arts, Geography, Health, Literature, Science and Social Studies.

Children can search by typing in a keyword in the search box or by clicking on the general category and choosing from a list of topics there. The materials found in this database are all elementary age appropriate from books, magazines, news, and images and are also identified as Basic, Intermediate or Advanced depending upon the level of the student doing the search.

Items that are found can be saved to a folder so your child can go back and look at the material later. Citations are also provided if a formal biography is required for your child's work.

This database is set up to be easy to use and very engaging for younger children. Take your children on a tour of this resource. You just need a library card to access the FREE material there. Simply go to the Greenlee County Library website (www.greenleelibraries.org) and click on the StateWide Database link on the left side to find the Kids Infobits button.

While on the library website, take a look at Tutor.com and the other Homework Helper links on the right side of the page. Great resources such as Homework Helper, Find Out, Khan Academy, 50 States, Pics For Learning and Quizlet are all free.

Library Quote: *"Children read to learn — even when they are reading fantasy, nonsense, light verse, comics or the copy on cereal packets, they are expanding their minds all the time, enlarging their vocabulary, making discoveries: it is all new to them."*
~~Author Joan Aiken

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 lights up the night with 19th annual holiday event

By Ian McGaughey
Clifton Town Manager

The 2015 Clifton Festival of Lights was a big success, with many attendees calling the 19th annual event the best yet. The day kicked off with a car show at the American Legion, followed by opening ceremonies at noon. Local heroes Jason Mingura of the Clifton Police Department and Jon Mennen of the Greenlee County Sheriff Department were designated as Grand Marshals, giving the event its theme of "My Super Hero Christmas."

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This float, by Michelle's Bar & Grill, was Best of Parade and Facebook Favorite.



No 'Hill Street Blues' in Clifton. In fact quite the contrary is true both on Hill Street and on famous Coronado Boulevard in Clifton. The 12 new Empire apartments are nearing completion. Photos were taken on Jan. 3.



Railroad has long served Ariz. mines

By William Ascarza For the Arizona Daily Star

The Arizona Eastern Railroad has a long tradition of serving Arizona's mining and agricultural community.

It was incorporated in 1904 by the Southern Pacific in response to the arrival of Frank Murphy's Phoenix & Eastern Railroad at Florence Junction.

But its inception dates back to 1885 when one of its earliest components, a rail line from Maricopa to Phoenix, was instituted.

During the 1880s, transportation was the greatest concern among the 3,000 residents of Phoenix, the future capital of Arizona.

Mule transportation proved inefficient due to the quicksand encountered along the Gila River. There



Epes Randolph

was also the foresight of sustaining and developing of mining, cattle and farming interests in the Salt River Valley and south-eastern Arizona.

Among attempts to resolve these matters were the efforts of N.K. Masten and associates, who organized the Maricopa and Phoenix Railroad Co. — engineered by H.R. Patrick — in 1886, whose line connected Phoenix with the Southern Pacific Railroad Co. at Maricopa.

Epes Randolph, president of the Arizona Eastern Railroad and Southern Pacific line in Mexico, a major force in the expansion of the Arizona Eastern and other railroads in Arizona, hired surveyors to study the potential of building a low-grade rail line across Southern Arizona.

[Click here to read more](#)



Santa (Robert Pollock) cradles a sleeping Diamond Vozza, 3, of Clifton, at the Clifton Volunteer Fire Department/American Legion-Fire Dept. kids' party, which was held on Christmas Eve at Al Fernandez Park.

Greenlee County Master Gardener Program

Presents

Pruning for Fruit Production

Saturday, January 9th

10:00am to 2:00pm

at 159 Cart St. in York Valley

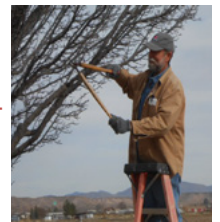
(the home of Buzz Pilgrim From Highway 75, turn east on Fairway Dr., left on Cart street Look for the big fish mailbox)

(bring a sack lunch and your pruning tools to sharpen and adjust)

Proper pruning is an essential part of fruit production.

Join us and learn, hands on:

- Proper tool selection, adjustment and sharpening.
- When is the best time to prune.
- Pruning for tree health and fruit production.
- Which part of the tree produces the fruit.
- The difference between pruning apples, plums, peaches and so-on.



This will be part a series of monthly Master Gardener classes, take all classes for \$150, which includes the Arizona Master Gardener Manual or you can take individual classes for a single class fee, this class will be \$10.

For further information on this & Master Gardener Classes contact

Bill Cook, office - 928-359-2261 cell - 928-254-8734 or email

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Weather Disclaimer

The weather forecast looks wet, so if trees are wet the session will have to be rescheduled as pruning wet trees spreads disease.

Online scholarship application

The Arizona Community Foundation invites high school seniors and current college students throughout Arizona to apply for more than 90 scholarship awards. With the completion of just one online application, students are automatically matched with all of the awards for which they qualify. High school seniors, current college students, or graduate level students attending schools anywhere in the U.S. can apply. Scholarships are available for two-year and four-year colleges and universities as well as technical and vocational schools.

Each award has its own deadline, with some closing as early as February and some as late as May.

Through its family of scholarship funds, the Arizona Community Foundation is Arizona's largest private provider of college scholarships.

To learn more and begin the general application online, visit www.azfoundation.org/scholarships.

Shark Tank Invitational

Calling all big ideas!

Please join the Small Business Development Center for its 2016 Cochise College Shark Tank Invitational!

Cochise College Shark Tank Invitational is a free event to come and learn about what it is doing.

The program is looking for people that have a big idea and are ready to launch.

Training on developing your pitch or big idea will consist of 5 training sessions. At the conclusion of the training, a select few will move on to



A child looks eye-to-eye with Clifton American Legion Post 28's Joe Apodaca as he gives the little one a candy-filled stocking on Christmas Eve at Al Fernandez Park in Clifton. His parents are all smiles as is, at far left, Greenlee County sheriff and Legionnaire Larry Avila. This year the Clifton Volunteer Fire Department and the Legion worked together to make possible the annual event, which included firefighters bringing Santa Claus to town. He was part of the festivities at the park. (Photo by Walt Mares, Legion Post 28.)

Cochise College's 1st Shark Tank in July 2016.

Cost for the entire program is \$199.00 per idea. Registration is limited. It will be 1st come, 1st served.

To learn more about this series, ask your questions, and to register for it, please join us on Thursday, 1/14/16, from 5:30pm-6:30pm in the Community Room on the Sierra Vista campus of Cochise College.

Seating is limited and you must register to attend our invitational. Deadline to register is Jan. 11. To register, contact Rachel Norton at Cochise College SBDC, 520-515-5478, nortonr@cochise.edu.

Basic business accounting

This class will help you to understand why you have to keep records and how they can help you to run your business. It will explain the most common accounting terms and how they affect your business, as well as Profit and Loss and Balance Sheet reports.

This workshop will be Jan. 27 from 9 a.m. to noon in Room on the Sierra Vista campus of Cochise College. Cost is \$30.00 per person.

Call Rachel Norton at 520-515-5478 to register.

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Festival . . .

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It was a gorgeous autumn day, with sunshine pouring over historic Chase Creek Street. There were vendors of food, gifts, art and more who were kept busy throughout the day by the crowds of people, with many vendors reporting how well they did.

Children played games and enjoyed the numerous inflatable bounce-around attractions while regular raffles and prizes kept adults in a winning spirit. The grand prize raffle of a \$500 cash wreath was won by Irene Ramos.

After the sun set, Chase Creek Street was lit up by the Festival of Lights parade complete with entries from businesses, organizations and families.



The Town of Clifton's float, above, won the prize for Best Use of Theme, "My Super Hero Christmas." Morenci Pride Band won in the Best Music category.

The parade winners were:

Best of Parade:

Michelle's Bar & Grill

Best Music:

Morenci Pride Band

Best Use of Lights:

Clifton Fire Department

Best Group Participation:

Gila Health Resources

Best Use of Theme:

Town of Clifton

Most Unique:

Bright Horizons

Judge's Choice:

The Pollock Family

Facebook Favorite:

Michelle's Bar & Grill

\$300 Cash Prize Courtesy of David Riley and The Clifton Armory:

Boy Scouts

Many thanks to everyone who volunteered to help make the 19th Annual Festival of Lights a terrific success.





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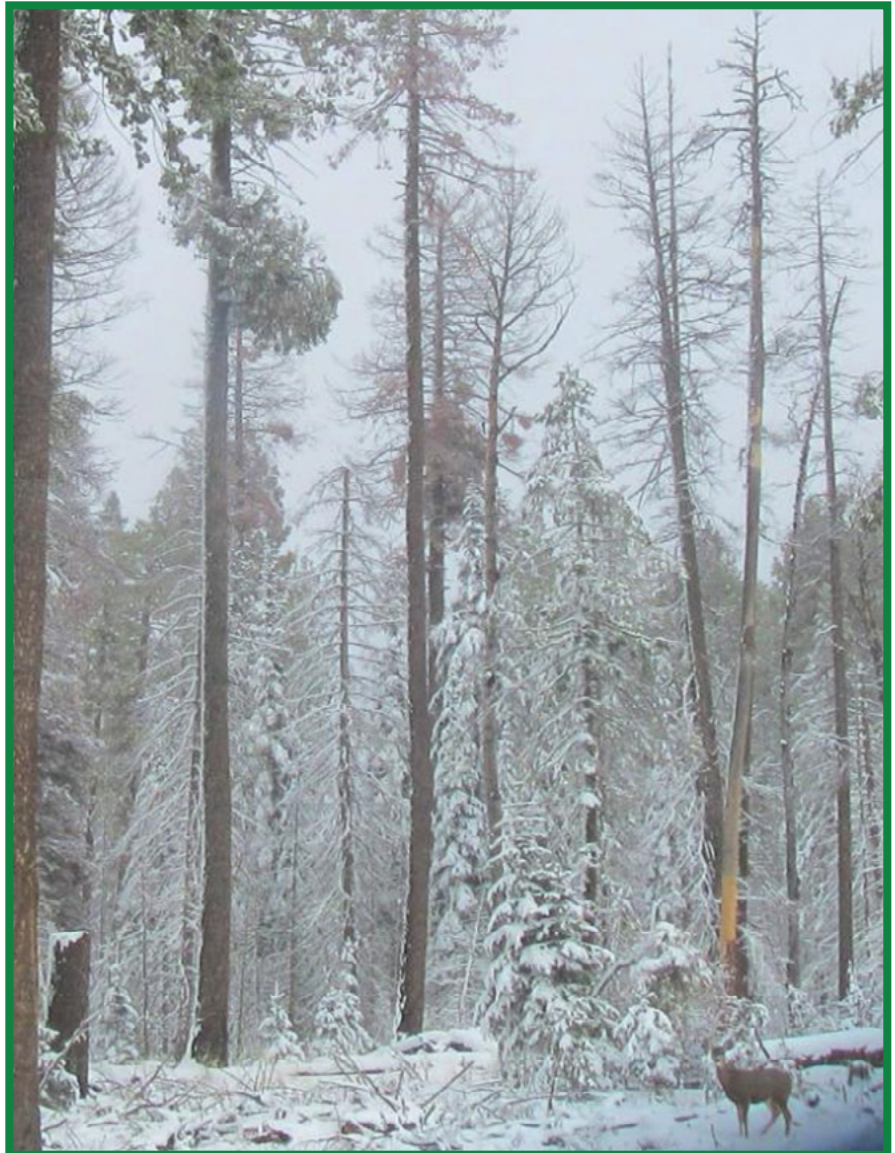
ery minute it takes to reach our remote wonderland.

The ranks of those who think Greenlee County 'is too far away' are shrinking, and with sports tourism increasing once again new faces and new generations of families are learning about the 'secret county of Arizona'.

Another reason tourism in Greenlee County is increasing is actually the result of several factors: increased publicity in the metro television market of Tucson; Valley TeleCom television coverage of sports; high profile placement in magazines such as Sunset, Dorado and Gateway magazines; local and regional coverage in the Eastern Arizona Courier and Copper Era; radio spots on Kat Kountry Radio; plus the advent of the Greenlee Clarion and numerous social media outlets, mostly on Facebook and Twitter.

Another reason Greenlee is now 'on the map' is thanks to the combined efforts of the Greenlee

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Upcoming activities

1/7 and every Thursday 9-3 Clifton Train Depot Vendors.

1/7 5 p.m. The Clifton Community Gardeners meets the first Thursday of the month at the Clifton Train Depot.

1/13 9-11 am, Tourism Council meets at Country Chic, Duncan.

1/13, 11 am-3 pm, CPES job fair in Safford at the Graham One Stop.

1/13 7-9 pm, Jim Curry/John Denver performance, Safford High Center for the Arts.

1/13 7-9 pm, Gila Watershed Partnership, General Services Building, Safford.

1/14 9-11 am, Cenpatico's Peer and Family Advisory Council Meeting, Wellness Connections, 1717 Thatcher Blvd., Safford.

1/14 10 am-noon, Deambuilder kickoff, Morenci Recreation Center.

1/14 5:30 pm, Duncan Town Council meeting at Duncan Town Hall.

1/14 7-9 pm, Clifton Town Council meeting at Clifton Town Hall.

1/19 8:30-11:30 am, Greenlee County Board of Supervisors meeting, BOS meeting room, Clifton.

1/19 10-noon, SEACAP, Duncan Heights Apartments.

1/22 10 am-2 pm, Social Media Workshop, BOS meeting room, Clifton.

1/23 8-4, is GO/STEM day, 7th and 8th grade girls only, Graham and Greenlee County, EAC Discovery Park Campus.

1/26 11:30 am-1 pm, Cenpatico's Greenlee County Community Advisory Council Meeting Cup N Cone, Morenci.

1/26 1-2:30 pm, Greenlee County Substance Abuse, Cup N Cone, Morenci.

1/26 5:30-7 pm, Pride Society, Duncan Senior Center.

Upcoming activities, continued

1/26 6:30 pm, the GOP meets the last Tuesday of each month at Tyler's in Clifton.

1/27 5:30-7:30 pm, Chamber Mixer host by United Way, Clifton Train Depot.

2/2 1:30-3 pm, Graham and Greenlee Serving Veterans, American Legion Post #32, Safford.

2/2 6:30-8 pm, Greenlee County Search and Rescue, Greenlee Country Club.

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

Special election May 17

Greenlee County will be holding a special election May 17, 2016, says Berta Manuz, Greenlee County Recorder.

Voter registration deadline for the special election will be April 18.

Early voting will begin on April 20. The last day to vote at the Recorder's office is May 13, at 5 p.m.

Emergency voting *only* will take place on May 16.

Counting the homeless

Balance of State Continuum of Care (coordinated by the Arizona Department of Housing) will be conducting the 2016 unsheltered (persons who are homeless) point in time count on January 27, 28, and 29th.

The information collected through this count is used to plan services for persons who are homeless in all counties in Arizona except Maricopa and Pima. Information is also provided to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and can impact the resources available to the counties to help persons who are homeless.

If you are interested in volunteering for this effort in your community, please call Candee Stanton at 602-881-6606 for more information.

Family history discovery

Discover and share your heritage at the 2nd Annual Family History Discovery Day, Saturday, Feb-

ruary 20, 2016 at the Duncan LDS Church from 9am-3pm.

This free event is for everyone ages 12 and up. Pre-register online at www.lds.org/familydiscoveryday Or duncanfamilyhistoryfair@gmail.com or at the door Feb 20 beginning at 8:30 a.m.

Family History is fun, informative, and habit forming. There will be more than 15 classes to encourage and teach the discovery and preservation of our past. Choose from - Beginning Family History; Recording Family Stories; Genealogy Wikis; Digitizing Family Photos; Indexing; and many more!

The group will have displays from the area's rich and varied long-time families and organizations in the Exhibit Hall. Enjoy viewing the artifacts, books, family albums, antiques, and other heritage treasures honoring our past.

Business Tips

Kimberly Termain, Workforce Connection

Know your vision/mission.

Market to your strengths.

Share your accomplishments.

Identify areas of opportunity and tackle them!

Be timely with solutions to show your adaptability.

Be innovative to attract new interest.

Engagement matters!

Build awareness by participating in relevant community activities/investing in appropriate causes.

Encourage loyalty to your brand through worthwhile service involvement.

Tourism Council workshop focuses on social media

The Greenlee Council Tourism Council will be holding a workshop on Friday, Jan. 22, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Board Room in the County Courthouse in Clifton to discuss the use of social media. This will be the fourth workshop put on by this group.

At an earlier workshop in November, the group identified several needs of local event planners and organizers, including the need to learn how to use social media to effectively promote activities, according to organizer Suzanne Menges.

The GCTC needs an RSVP from those attending to ensure there are adequate materials and food (since lunch is provided.) Email to greenleecouncil@gmail.com.

And participants need to fill out a short, confidential survey, which gives planners an indication of the social media participants already are using and other information. That survey can be found by [going here](#).

Here are some of the questions that the survey asks, to give readers an idea of the opportunities available through social media marketing

13. Please indicate any other social media platforms that you are using for your business or event.

- Twitter
- Instagram
- Snap Chat
- Youtube
- Google+
- LinkedIn
- Pinterest
- Vine



- Flickr
- Tumblr
- None
- Other (please specify)

15. What information or training about Social Media would you find most valuable?

Choosing the right Social Media platform for your business or event

- How to develop and manage a webpage
- How to develop and manage a Facebook page
- How to increase my Social Media reach and exposure
- How to post events that would reach a wider audience
- All of the above

16. How would you describe your social media skills?

- Non-existent - Have never used social media
- Novice – I have a personal Facebook page, but rarely use it
- Proficient - I maintain a web page and/or Facebook but don't use other platforms
- Highly Proficient – I use multiple social media platforms
- Expert – I could train others on how to use social media

