

# Greenlee Clarion



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## Ready for the Fair!

The Greenlee County Fair, set for Sept. 15-18, offers everything from pie tasting to a stick horse



rodeo, from mud drags to pro rodeo exhibits.

And, of course, all the usual carnival rides and livestock exhibits and the other stuff that you've come to expect.

There will be Jr. Rodeo finals and a Jr. Livestock show, as well as the auctions. And barbecue.

The theme of this year's Greenlee County Fair is "Home of the Brave."

To get more information as the Fair draws closer, visit the [web-site](#) or subscribe to the Facebook page for [Greenlee County Fair & Racing](#).

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## Clifton Hill Climb this weekend!

The 50th year of the Clifton Hill Climb will be held Labor Day weekend in Greenlee County, with events starting Friday night, practice runs all day Saturday and timed events all day Sunday.

The run up Ward Canyon is 1.9 miles, with 22 corners and an elevation gain of 586 feet.

Friday evening will see the announcement of the Hill Climb Queen at 7 p.m. at Tyler's Taste of Texas.

Saturday will see practice runs between 8 and 4:30, with a parade of cars on Chase Creek at 6 p.m.

A community dinner will follow at the American Legion.

On race day, the timed runs start at 8 a.m. and will be completed at 4:30 p.m. There will be an awards banquet, also at Tyler's, at 6 p.m.

Admission and parking for all events is free and bleachers (with shade) and food and cold drinks are available at strategic points along the course.

A free shuttle also is provided for spectators.

For more details about the Hill Climb, visit the [website here](#) or the [Facebook page here](#).

### Blue Persuasion

Come tour the Blue Door Sanctuary, host of the art class series that started Aug. 28 and runs through Sept. 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.

For more information, check out the [Facebook page](#).

# Reading Nook News

## Global Issues in Context

By Karen Soohy

We live in a global economy. Decisions made in other parts of the world affect the United States in various ways just as our decisions affect others. The database that addresses many of these issues is called Global Issues in Context.

The databases that are provided free to all library patrons is provided by the Arizona State Library and your local library.

To find the database links simply go to the Greenlee County Libraries website ([www.greenleelibraries.org](http://www.greenleelibraries.org)) and click on the State Database link on the left column.

Global Issues in Context has over 200 topics that you can search. Some of the topics include: Airline Security, Adoption, Weather, Global Warming, Flooding, Food Safety, Nuclear issues, Energy issues, Environmental issues, Obesity, Alcohol Abuse, AIDS/HIV, Oil Spills, Online Identity Management, and many more.

You can simply click on a topic to see the articles and information available or you can do your own search using the Advanced Search Engine.

There is an interactive World Map that you can search individual countries by topic also. You can save and bookmark articles of interest to you so you can go back to them when you like.

If you are an educator there is also a curriculum section to get ideas and information on how to use these global topics in the classroom.

If you enjoy reading blogs, there is also a blog section where many topics are discussed from an individual point of view.

There are also current event videos and links to world news that are updated daily.

While you are on the library website, check out the link to Seasoned Times.

While this website is set up for Senior Citizens, there is a lot of valuable information on it for people of all ages.

The materials found there are updated monthly.

**Library Quote:** *“Whatever the cost of our libraries, the price is cheap compared to that of an ignorant nation.”* ~Walter Cronkite

## 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.

## Trash cans, revisited

We all have them, and we can't escape them: The black trash containers that create a less-than-welcome blot on your home and town's landscape. There's just no getting around it — you can't make them pretty.

Clifton residents could find themselves being fined for putting their garbage cans out too early or leaving them out too long. Town officials continue to receive complaints about containers left on the town's sidewalks and streets.

During the Nov. 15, 2012 council meeting it was approved by the Town Council to change the ordinance from a criminal offense to a civil offense. This ordinance change was to charge the violator(s) as a civil offense and designed to add a measure of safety for the town's residents who would no longer need to dodge trash containers while walking on the town's sidewalks or driving on the town's streets.

When a complaint concerning a trash container is received, the homeowner or business will first be contacted by the town's code enforcement officer and if no action is taken, a letter will be sent educating them about the ordinance provisions with a request for voluntary compliance.

Those who ignore notifications and fail to remove their trash containers from town sidewalks and streets can be cited and fined. As outlined in Ordinance 03-2012, convictions for violations could carry an incarceration of 6 months in jail and/or a fine of \$2,500.

This is not meant to catch those who are a few

[Click here to read more](#)



**Helping Consumers  
Understand Health Insurance**

September 16, 2016

A day-long seminar on how to educate consumers on the basics of health insurance and connect them to the coverage they need will be held Sept. 16 in Tucson.

The seminar will help promoters, community health workers, benefits navigators or counselors, social workers, faith-based community resources specialists and others who connect with low and moderate income consumers. The seminar will also benefit first-time assisters, navigators and other enrollment staff.

Seating is limited. Register by Sept. 7, 2016 to reserve a space.

The training will run from 9-4 at the Desert Diamond Casino & Conference Center, 1100 W. Pima Mine Rd, Sahuarita. Cost is \$15.

Participants can [register online](#).

## Cooking matters

Gila Health Resources is running a guided grocery store tour teaching skills for buying healthy foods on a budget.

During the hour tour, you'll practice skills like:

- buying fruits and vegetables on a budget
- comparing unit prices to find bargains
- reading and comparing food labels
- identifying whole grains
- and sticking to your budget!

The tour will be held at Basha's in Morenci, starting in the produce section, and will be led by a registered dietician and nutritionist.

The hour-long tours will take place Sept. 8 at 10 a.m., Oct. 6 at 6 p.m., Nov. 3 at 10 a.m. and Dec. 8 at 6 p.m.

Participants will receive a free book full of tasty recipes and simple tips on buying healthy, low-cost foods and a free reusable grocery bag.

To sign up, go to the Morenci Community Center or call 928-865-6598 for more information.

Walmart is the national sponsor for this event.

## Lifestyle management

Gila Health Resources is sponsoring a Lifestyle Management Program at the Morenci Community Center this fall.

This program is not a fad diet, but instead promotes positive and realistic lifestyle changes that can be adopted and continued well after the program completion.

Weekly classes meet every Tuesday from 6-7 p.m. between Sept. 13 and Nov. 29. Cost is \$30.

It is open to anyone 18 years or older. Limited spaces available so call 865-6598 or sign up at the Morenci Community Center today.

## Substance abuse awareness

The 11th Annual Graham-Greenlee Substance Abuse Awareness Conference will be held Sept. 7 from 8-3 at the Gerald Hoopes Activity Center at Eastern Arizona College in Thatcher.

Registration cost is \$25, which includes lunch.

For more information, contact [grahamsubstance-coalition@gmail.com](mailto:grahamsubstance-coalition@gmail.com).

## Free walking club

Take the first steps to improving your health by joining the Morenci Walking Club. Led by Gila Health Resources' Registered Dietitian/Nutritionist, weekly local walks will include discussion on varying health and wellness topics.

The walks will be every Wednesday, starting Sept. 14, from 12:15 to 12:45 p.m. Meet in front of the Morenci Community Center.

For information, call (928) 865-6598.

## Diabetes empowerment

Gila Health Resources will be holding classes to help residents live healthier lives with diabetes. To sign up, call Delia Smeaton at (928) 865-7551.

- Find out how diabetes affects your body
- Make sense of your blood sugar numbers
- Meet others in the community who also have diabetes
- Have fun learning in a small group through games, activities, and supportive conversations
- Take charge of your life by learning how to control your diabetes.

Classes will be held Thursdays, from 1-3 p.m. at Gila Health Resources from Sept. 22 through Oct. 27.

# Chamber mixer features ‘meet the artist’



*Artist and muralist David Tineo was the featured speaker at the August chamber mixer at Union Hall. Here he discusses the labor strike of 1983 as he stands in front of the strike mural at the Union Hall.*

“Meet the Artist Night” for the August mixer was a major success as once again over 80 guests enjoyed great food, refreshments and a tour of the Union Hall Art Museum (complete with extra works by artist and muralist David Tineo).

Tineo was the featured guest and he moved around through the audience greeting people, signing autographs and sharing his hopes for the future of the art community in Greenlee County.

The Mixer was held inside the Union Hall at 284 Chase Creek Street in Clifton — home to the world-famous 40-foot Strike Mural that depicts events from the Mining Strike back in the early ‘80s. Tineo shared stories and answered questions.

The event was co-organized by Dr. L. Jeff Gaskin and Susan Snyder of Chase Creek Marketplace. Refreshments were provided by Tyler’s Taste of Texas and Frank and Lydia Gonzales.

## Sales tax help

A class in dealing with the new Arizona Transaction Privilege Tax Form for contractors is being conducted by the Small Business Development Center at Cochise College in Sierra Vista on Sept. 21 from 9-noon.

The new form went into effect July 1. In the class, you will learn how to factor taxes, where to list deductions and how to calculate the correct amount.

Bring a calculator to class.

Cost is \$50 per person. Instructor is Vicky Johnson. Seating is limited. Deadline to register is Sept. 16. To register, call Rachel at (520) 515-5478.

## Honoring Hispanics in business

The Tucson Hispanic Chamber of Commerce will hold a gala Oct. 22 honoring top Hispanic business men and women in southern Arizona.

The 2016 Hispanic Business Man of the Year is Oscar Lizardi of the Rusing, Lopez & Lizardi Law Firm.

The 2016 Hispanic Business Woman of the Year is Agnes Ronstadt Poore of Casa de la Luz Hospice.

Also being honored as 2016 Legacy Award Winner is Dr. Richard Carmona of Tucson, former U.S. Surgeon General.

The 2016 Mexican Public Servant of the Year is Jaime Paz Y Puente, former Mexican Consul of Nogales.

The 2016 Arizona Public Servant of the Year is Danny Ortega, former Mayor of Douglas.

The event will be held at the Casino del Sol resort.

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

## Finding grants

*One of the best grant finding tools I’ve ever used – GrantFinder saves you time and delivers great results. ~Ákos*

GrantFinder subscribers now can get custom email alerts sent directly to their in-boxes.

There is no limit to how many custom alerts you can create. Choose multiple categories, then pick whether you are searching for Federal, State or Foundation funding opportunities. Geographical region is also an option!

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

# Melvin Jones Fellow

Thomas Powers of Duncan has become a Melvin Jones Fellow because of his support for the Lions Club International Foundation.

Fellowship contributions help to bring medication to prevent river blindness or teach children to avoid drugs through Lions Quest.

Each Melvin Jones Fellowship contribution can restore the sight of 167 individuals or provide Lions Quest to 67 youths.

Most funding for LCIF work is provided through contributions like this one, the organization says. LCIF is working to continue and expand its programs through support like this.



Thomas Powers  
DUNCAN, AZ

Dear Melvin Jones Fellow:

On behalf of Lions Clubs International Foundation, congratulations on becoming a Melvin Jones Fellow.

The Melvin Jones Fellowship is named for Melvin Jones, the founder of Lions Clubs International. It is largely due to the growth of the fellowship program that LCIF has been able to meet humanitarian needs in communities around the world.

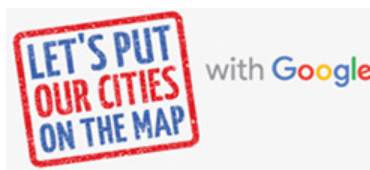
Fellowship contributions help to bring medication to prevent river blindness to people like 67-year-old Hilario and her family or teach children like 12-year-old Stefan to avoid drugs through Lions Quest. Each Melvin Jones Fellowship contribution can restore the sight of 167 individuals or provide Lions Quest to 67 youth. LCIF is able to continue and expand programs through the generous support of Fellows such as yourself. You should take great pride in knowing you will impact so many lives, both in your immediate community as well as across the globe.

As a Melvin Jones Fellow, your name has been added to our listing of all individuals in the program. During your next visit to International Headquarters, I invite you to visit the LCIF Room to see your name on this extensive list.

Wear your Melvin Jones Fellowship lapel pin with pride. It represents your dedication to humanitarian service to the highest degree. Thank you for your continued dedication and support to LCIF.

Together in Service,

Joe Preston  
Chairperson, Board of Trustees



**Is your business easy to find on the internet?**

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Help people in our local area find you by getting your business on Google Search and Maps. Join us for a free workshop to help you get started.

**Let's Put Our Cities on the Map** with Google will be held on Thursday, Sept. 29, from 6-8 p.m., at the EAC Wayne M. McGrath High Tech Center (HTC), Room #116. There is no cost.

**Let's Put Our Cities on the Map** is a program that empowers communities to support their local businesses and encourage them to get on the map.

Help more customers connect with your business on the web...it's free and easy to get started. We hope you'll join us to learn more.

Contact the EAC SBDC at (928) 428-8590.

# Rural Policy Forum was valuable

*This is an open letter to Kimber Lanning of Local First Arizona and the Arizona Rural Development Council:*

Hi, Kimber,

The 2016 Arizona Rural Policy Forum held in Pinetop-Lakeside was the best, most useful and locally beneficial Arizona Rural Policy Forum I've attended since 2007.

You know it is truly worthy of note that so many of the speakers that addressed the general session and breakout sessions came from truly rural areas, from the fields of Kansas to the backroads of Nebraska. Iowa was there and so was Douglas, Arizona.

It was an outstanding demon-

stration of how working together, shouldering the burden with others, makes such a positive difference.

As one thoroughly satisfied and grateful attendee, all I can say is we can hardly wait to see what we will learn next year.

Some argue such events just take up time and resources – this is simply untrue. When an attendee goes to the sessions, listens to the presenters and takes time to speak one-on-one with guest speakers and other attendees you can't help but add new tools to your economic development toolbox.

None of us knows everything. Nor can we 'keep up' on macro level new trends, evolving best

practices and changes in our own microcosm without a boost such as the Arizona Rural Policy Forum and Local First Arizona brought to our back yard.

With sincere thanks,

Ákos Kovach, Economic Development Coordinator, Greenlee County

PS, I plan to include this letter in the next issue of the *Greenlee Clarion*.

Ákos Kovach  
Economic Development Coordinator

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## Entrepreneurship for veterans

Boots to Business: Reboot is coming back to Sierra Vista! This free two-day entrepreneurial education program is offered to all honorably discharged veterans and their spouses by the U.S. Small Business Administration in partnership with the Institute for Veterans and Military Families at Syracuse University (IVMF).

The program will be held Sept. 26 and 27 at the Cochise College Downtown Center in Sierra Vista, 2600 E. Wilcox Dr.

Boots to Business Reboot is a two step training program that provides participants an overview of business ownership as a career vocation, an outline and knowledge on the components of a business plan, a practical exercise in opportunity recognition, and an introduction to available public and private sector resources.

Step one is the Introduction to Entrepreneurship course to Veterans of all eras, Servicemembers (including members of the National Guard and Reserves) and their spouses. This course is instructed by SBA and its partners who are skilled business advisers.

Step two is an eight-week online Foundations of Entrepreneurship course instructed by a consortium of professors and practitioners led by the Institute for Veterans and Military Families at Syracuse University.

The course will run from 8:30-4:30 both days. For information, contact Jim Pipper at 602-745-7230 or james.pipper@sba.gov.

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## Mental health first aid

Adult Mental Health First Aid training is being offered at the corporate office of Cenpatico in Tucson.

Anyone interested in registering should contact Amy Friedman at 866-495-6738, ext. 84424.

The trainings are scheduled for Sept. 14, from 8-5.

Mental Health First Aid is a public education program that introduces participants to risk factors and warning signs of mental illnesses, builds understanding of their impact, and overviews common supports.

This 8-hour course uses role-playing and simulations to demonstrate how to offer initial help in a mental health crisis and connect persons to the appropriate professional, peer, social, and self-help care.

## Upcoming activities

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.](#)

9/8 4 p.m. Duncan Town Council meets.

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.

## Flood plains: Who needs them?

**By Philip Ronnerud, Greenlee County Engineer**

Flood plains are waste of land! So let's remove all the vegetation, straighten the river, dike it, and reclaim all that valuable land. Plant a crop. The next thing that inevitably happens is a large flow, commonly called a flood.

If the crop is still there after the water recedes, it is ruined and so are chances of next year's crop. The water washed away all that work. The top soil is gone. You are left with rocks. The property might still remain, but it is worthless - or is it?

From a planning standpoint, what is the best use of the land? History dictates floods will recur and this cycle cannot be stopped. Even dams for flood control can actually cause larger water flows than undisturbed watersheds.

The larger the flow the more land is inundated. Therefore, why spend more resources on the land than needed? Why not fence and graze it? Well, livestock will get mired in the mud and getting them out is hard.

If we manage the land to partner with the natural process we would be much better off. What about mud left behind after a flood? Mud may be limited if all the top soil were not removed during the flood. Further, if native plants were not removed perhaps

they would help hold the soil. Any fields could be built to lessen the speed of water flow across the property.

Developing features that slow water flow over the property, slow flow erodes soil slower than faster water flow. Consequently, sediment will be deposited. Some work may be needed to bring the field into cultivation again but the soil is available.

Still the water needs to get downstream quicker and all the trees and weeds hold the flow. Some progress might occur if selected grazing occurs. But timing is critical. Since pruning often simulates growth, let cattle and goats do the pruning. At the proper time the introduction of livestock provides a valuable service.

The bottom line? Let the natural processes do the work to reclaim the land. Flood plains have many valuable uses. Let us not fight the natural process. Let's be smart, spend less, and have more return on our investment of time and resources.





## Gila Valley Small Business Woman of the Year Awards

The 4th annual Gila Valley Small Business Woman of the Year awards is now soliciting nominations (due by Sept. 23.)

October is “National Women’s Small Business Month,” and these awards will be announced at a reception held Oct. 27.

You can nominate any local woman small business owner you think deserves to win this award.

Rules and details are available by [clicking here](#).

## Economic development for southeastern Arizona

SouthEastern Arizona Governments Organization, SEAGO, has released its Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy, or CEDS, for the four-county region for 2016-2020.

The 84-page document details the resources of Santa Cruz, Cochise, Graham and Greenlee counties and discusses strengths and weakness for future development and looks at work currently under way.

The CEDS is a tool for developers interested in the region and an illuminating read for the general public that wants to know more about their communities.

For example, did you know that Greenlee County has only 5% of the population of the four-county

region? You’ll find that on page 28.

To read the CEDS, [click here](#).

## Culture of Health

The RWJF Culture of Health Prize honors communities that are making great strides in their journey toward better health by creating powerful partnerships and deep commitments to make change — change that will enable all in our diverse society to lead healthier lives now and for generations to come.

Up to 10 winning communities will each receive a \$25,000 cash prize and have their success stories celebrated and shared broadly to inspire locally-driven change across the nation.

[Here’s how to apply](#).

Each of us has the superhero potential necessary to building a Culture of Health. Is your community harnessing those superhero qualities into powerful partnerships for better health? If the answer is yes, apply now. Previous Prize winning communities were selected for their creative strategies and innovative cross-sector collaborations that ultimately helped residents lead healthier lives.

## Girl Scout project

Hello, we are Nikki Bennette and Lailah Arteche and we are from Girl Scout Troop 1573 in Morenci. We think that trees are important. They give us oxygen and get rid of carbon dioxide, plus they make everything look nicer.

These are the reasons why we have decided as a Troop to plant trees in Greenlee County and make the world a better place by donating some of our cookie profits each year.

[Click here to read more](#)



*Lailah, left, and Nikki, right.*