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Greenlee County Fair will razzle, dazzle

By Ákos Kovach

From the top of the gigantic Arizona Color Monster Truck, to the depths of the wet and wild Mud Drag Pits the 2015 version of the Greenlee County Fair will hold your attention, keep you fed and entertain you well beyond the price to enter.

The fun begins Wednesday the 16th as the roadies begin putting together the carnival rides and exhib-

Officer Jon Mennen, Greenlee County Sheriff's Deputy, and Officer Jason Mingura, Clifton Police Officer, will be the Grand Marshals for the 2015 Greenlee County Fair. In light of the events that took place, these young officers are deserving of our gratitude in their service to the residents of Greenlee County.

itors show up, sign in and set up. Some of the early food and product vendors will be set up. Remember the Duncan Little League and 4H will be serving up [Click here to read more](#)



So much to see, so much to do

By Ákos Kovach

As we rapidly close in on the end of summer and the first days of a new school year there is no shortage of family-friendly fun on the calendar here in Greenlee County. August is packed with everything from frivolity to serious competition.

Take for example the pairing of a sleek 1,200 lb race horse and a rider one tenth the size, place them on a clover leaf track in a well primed arena and you have barrel racing at its best. Or examine the time

and effort each rodeo royalty contestant puts into preparing for royalty competition.

If music and or dancing is your thing, then the Fairgrounds Ramada near the grandstands will be the place to be over the next couple of months as popular groups such as the Yarbrough Band, Crossroads, a mariachi band and local talent like Skylee Shae will be on hand to provide entertainment beginning August 8th all the way through to the 97th

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Date set for Hill Climb return

By Walter Mares, Eastern Arizona Courier

Gentlemen, start your engines, because the Clifton Hill Climb's return has an official date.

The Hill Climb will take place Sept. 5-7, with the actual race taking place Sept. 6.

Jim Malone, committee member of the Sports Car Club of America-Southern Arizona Chapter — the group sponsoring the race — said the number of entries will be limited to 60.

"I had a call from a fellow who said he has a '55 Chevy or Ford, and he said he'd really like to run it in the Hill Climb. "I told him that wouldn't be possible unless it has all the safety equipment required by the SCCA. After I explained to him what that involves, he sounded real disappointed and hung up.

"You'd be surprised how much interest there is in the Clifton Hill Climb," he continued. "There are very few hill climbs anywhere in the United States these days, and this is really sparking some strong interest."

Malone and SCCA-Southern Arizona Chapter business manager Tammy Nancolas met June 29

with Clifton and Greenlee County officials for an update on the event.

"All we have left to do is work out some details and everything is pretty much ready to go," Malone said.

The big hang-up, prior to the June 29 meeting, was parking. Town and county officials said parking and staging areas will be provided to participants in the event.

"Parking space has been one of our biggest concerns. Now that that's taken care of, that's a big relief," Malone said. "We only have some mostly minor details to deal with."

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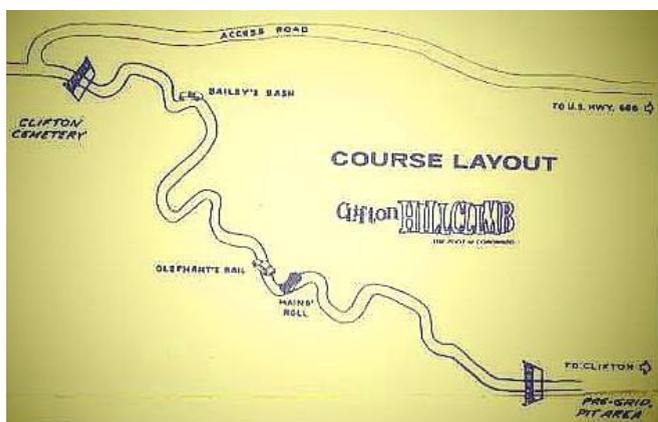
Grants for rural infrastructure

The Arizona Commerce Authority (ACA) has announced the opening of the 2016 Rural Economic Development Grant (REDG) – Round 1. Proposals are due Friday, September 11, 2015 at 4:00 p.m. Arizona Time.

The REDG grant is designed to help rural Arizona communities develop infrastructure that strengthens their capacity and competitiveness for economic growth, and thereby ultimately improves economic conditions and the quality of life in rural Arizona.

The REDG program provides grants to partially fund qualifying rural infrastructure projects that will generate private sector job creation (or retention) and capital investment, particularly in base industries.

Interested parties may request a copy of the Round 1 RFP by sending an email to: carmellaa@azcommerce.com.



Click on the map!

Reading Nook News

By Karen Soohy

School is starting soon. That means homework and reports to be written and projects to be created. If your child needs help with any science related project, go the GALE Database called Science in Context. You can find this informative database by going to the Greenlee County Library Page (www.greenleelibraries.org) and clicking on the Statewide Database link on the left side of the webpage.

Science in Context is a database filled with information from earth science and life science, to space, technology, mathematics and science history and biographies. It provides topic overviews, experiments, biographies, latest scientific developments, in articles from magazines, academic journals, newspapers, reference sources, links to quality web-sites, and multimedia.

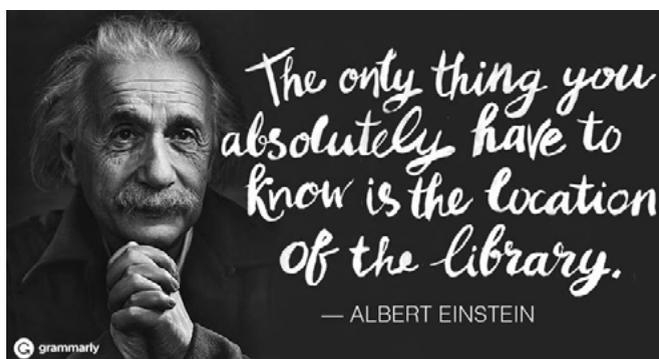
Areas of science covered include Biology, General Science, Chemistry, Health and Medicine, Earth and Environmental Science, Biographies of Scientists, Physics and Astronomy, Math, Engineering and Technology.

As you look at topics in any of these areas, you will be taken to a page where there are even more links to that topic from a number of different sources, all of which are researched and easy to use for citation purposes.

You can browse maps, multimedia, topics list, current events, and curriculum standards. This is a great site for public and private school students, home schooled students, college students as well as a wonderful resource for science teachers.

So as school begins, keep this valuable resource in mind throughout the year. If your child needs homework help, don't forget about the *Tutor.com* link on the Library page for free homework help 24/7!

[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.

Clifton's New Recreational Amenities

Submitted by Barbara Ahmann

The town's investment in recreational amenities, intended to improve our residents' physical health and sense of well-being, has also enhanced the aesthetic of our environment, become a source of community pride, revitalized the neighborhood and spurred economic growth; altogether this will contribute to the sustainability of our community.



On Saturday June 20th more than 200 people attended the daylong opening celebration of Clifton's new Splash Pad. There was tremendous community support for the celebration. The ceremony began with the Women's Auxiliary Unit 28 leading everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag. Morenci Holy Cross Life Team coached the smaller children in water play with buckets and water guns; they also decorated the kids with face

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There are pros and cons to status of highway funding

By Kevin Adam

Rural Transportation Advocacy
Council

There has been considerable activity regarding federal transportation authorization and funding as we approach the current July 31st authorization expiration and a projected Highway Trust Fund insolvency later in the summer.

Last week, the House passed a five-month extension which would push current authorization out to December 18th and infuse the Trust Fund with an additional \$8.1 billion which is expected to be adequate to cover existing spending levels through the end of the calendar year.

The Senate will take a procedural vote on Tuesday allowing an expedited process to consider a multi-year transportation bill by the end of the week. Leadership has indicated that they are seeking passage of a six-year bill and Senate Finance Committee Chairman Orrin Hatch has indicated that he has already identified five-year's worth of funding for such a bill.

Reaching a consensus on the funding sources is still likely to be a challenge. Although, relatively speaking, there appears to be significantly more momentum within Congress to fund a long-term bill than has been evident at any other time over the last decade.

Due to the looming month-long August recess, Congress is running out of time to act prior to the July 31st deadline. While much of the Senate work on a long-term bill has already been completed and much more could occur by the end of the week, chances are that another short-term extension will still be needed.

Even if the Senate were to pass a long-term bill by the deadline, it is unlikely that both Chambers could work out their differences in time. If another short-term extension occurs, hopefully the momentum and work over recent weeks will set up the completion of a longer-term bill after August.

On June 24th, the Senate Environment and Public Works (E&PW) Committee completed their portion of the bill which provides most of the struc-



ture for the federal highway programs. Attached (on our website) is an overview of rural Arizona's reauthorization priorities and how the E&PW Committee bill, known as the DRIVE Act, would address those issues.

There are many positives such as a net funding increase for a six-year period and an expansion of the national freight program. On the negative, the bill proposes to lock in the existing funding proportions allocated to each state rather than making formulaic adjustments based on such factors as population and lane mile changes in each state.

Such formulaic adjustments have not occurred since 2009 and this bill would lock in those proportions — which do not even take into account the 2010 census — thru 2021! Updating the state distributions based on current demographics and relevant data is the right thing to do and should be a priority for all high growth states.

Still time to register for Rural Policy Forum

There's still time to register for the Rural Policy Forum, which will be held Aug. 5-6 in Clarkdale.

Sponsored by the Arizona Rural Development Council, the event will include topics such as "Perceptions, Myths and Realities of the Main Street Four Point Approach and Downtown Revitalization" and "Making Space for Civil Discourse in Your Community."

The Opening Vision Session is titled "The State of Rural Arizona, Exciting Advances and New Opportunities."

Other topics are "Expanding Business with Mexico," "Understanding the Legislative Process," "Exceptional Events that Drive Tourism," "The Transfer of Wealth and How it Will Impact Rural Towns," and "Education: Rural Successes from Around the State."

To register, or get more information, visit the website: <http://azrdc.org/2015-rural-policy-forum/>.

Home Ownership Fair Aug. 15 at Fairgrounds

Those attending the Home Ownership Fair at the Greenlee County Fairgrounds Aug. 15 will receive information on the new Copper Creek subdivision in Duncan.

The fair will take place from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Refreshments will be served (the Duncan PTA bake sale.)

This is the first new home development in the area for 35 years.

The Copper Creek development will be giving away a choice of one of several options with the purchase of a new home to the first 10 homebuyers to complete a pre-qualification application (delivered at closing):

Washer and dryer set; Chest freezer; or 42-inch flat-screen TV.

Bay Equity Home Loans, based in Safford, also will be at the fair to provide for pre-qualification and to show off the floorplan layouts.

For more information about the development, visit the website at coppercreekaz.com.

Where is Greenlee County?

This question is often asked, and frankly our elected representatives offer a quick answer on where we are located on the map (see map) the easiest ways to get here, the most scenic ways to get here, how to fly in, ride in, or hike into Greenlee County.

To make it even easier the County has generated a simple handout that illustrates some of the wonders visitors guests and tourists find upon arrival. Please [follow this link](#) to open a cascade of photos, each taken in Greenlee County, where the “rails meet the road,” the mine is deep, the rivers flow and serenity surrounds you.

Greenlee County Showmanship Clinic Saturday, August 15, 2015



Join us for a day of fun as we teach you about your livestock projects, and help you prepare for Fair! Each participant will receive a complimentary gift by registering (RSVP) before August 7, 2015. The clinic is free of charge to enrolled members of Greenlee County 4-H, and \$10 for all other participants. If you would like to bring your own animal(s) from home to work with, please feel free to do so. If not, there will be one (1) demonstration/practice animal available for participants to share. Please contact the Greenlee County Extension Office at (928) 359-2261 if you have any questions.

Clinic Held at the Greenlee
County Fairground
Livestock Barn in Duncan

RSVP or return entries to:
Greenlee County Extension Office
1684 Fairgrounds Road
Duncan, AZ 85534
Call: (928) 359-2261

Yarbrough Band here Aug. 8

The Yarbrough Band will be performing Aug. 8, from 7-11 p.m. at the Greenlee County Fairgrounds.

Early tickets are only \$10 per couple or \$7 for singles, compared with \$15 and \$10 at the gate. [For online ticketing, go here.](#)

The Las Cruces-based band has as its goal keeping the tradition of Classic Country *dance* music alive in the Southwest, and there will be opportunity for dancing at the Greenlee event.

Greenlee Rodeo Royalty leadership is staffing the bar concession stand during the performance while the Duncan FFA and Duncan Little League are the food concessionaires.

Letters to the editor

At the end of the day, it's all about jobs

Economic development is a word we hear a lot. Everything we do here at the Arizona Small Business Association has an impact on economic development for Arizona, directly or indirectly.

Economic Development is about creating new business opportunities and thus creating jobs. It shapes what we do on a daily basis.

It's no secret that Arizona has had a tough road to recovery. The recession took a huge financial toll that created a more cautious type of investor and business owner.

While many states are exceeding Arizona in the recovery, the sustained, gradual climb back to economic relevance we once enjoyed is creating a much more stable economy from which to build.

That is why it is so important for the Arizona Small Business Association to be at the forefront in economic development initiatives that will help create new opportunities for all businesses in Arizona. By having a seat at the economic development table means the needs of the business community will always take precedence.

Most recently, ASBA has taken a lead role in exporting. If you haven't done it yet, it's time to look at customers outside your neighbor, your city and even outside the country. Exporting goods or ser-



vices has been largely overlooked by most businesses.

ASBA is part of an initiative to create pathways to help businesses understand the opportunities by exporting their product or service. By eliminating some the barriers and the unknowns, we will be able to introduce many businesses to new markets and thus vastly increasing their customer base.

ASBA was also instrumental getting the new equity crowdfunding law passed in Arizona. Raising capital has always been the biggest challenge for small business.

We typically resort to using retirement funds, 2nd mortgages, credit cards, and friends and family to help fund our business. In most cases, it is not enough. Equity Crowdfunding is different than typical Kick Starter crowdfunding in that you are actually selling shares of the business in return for an investment.

Previously, this option required SEC compliance which is complicated and expensive and reserved for companies seeking millions of dollars. This law takes those barriers away.

The army of small businesses that are part of ASBA recognize there is strength in numbers. Our advocacy efforts on reducing taxation and regulation in Arizona and at the federal level, creating pathways to sell products and services abroad and creating alternative ways to raise much needed capital are the kinds of efforts that bring prosperity to businesses in Arizona.

It's exactly what the Arizona Small Business Association should be doing for businesses because at the end of the day, everything we do is all about jobs.

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Upcoming activities

8/1 Southwest Barrel Racing Assoc., Fairgrounds arena, starts at 6 p.m.

8/4 Greenlee County Rodeo Royalty competition at Fairgrounds. Horsemanship competition starts at 6:30 p.m. in the arena.

8/6 Volleyball exhibition, Duncan Lady Kats vs. Police Officers, 5 p.m. at DHS; fundraiser for Police League.

8/8 Yarbrough Band, 2014 ACA winners, show starts at 7 p.m., Bandstand, Fairgrounds. Also dancing, food.

8/15 CBL — New Home Ownership Fair, Building C at Fairgrounds, 10-1. Everyone is invited. (See article on page 5 of this newsletter)

8/15 4H event in the Jockey Building and Livestock barn, 8-5.

8/22 Southwest Barrel Racing Assoc., Fairgrounds arena, starts at 6 p.m.

8/28 SEAGO Executive Board meeting, Historic Clifton Train Depot, hosted by Town of Clifton, 10 a.m.

8/29 Greenlee Junior Rodeo series, starts at 5 p.m., Fairgrounds.

9/5 Southwest Barrel Racing Assoc., Fairgrounds arena, starts at 6 p.m.

9/5-7 Clifton Hill Climb, a sanctioned Sports Car Club of America timed race. The “track” is the route up Ward Canyon from Clifton toward Verde Lee. (See article on page 2)

9/17-20 Greenlee County Fair, carnival Monster Truck rides and Mud Drag finals, **9/19**, Jr. Rodeo finals; **9/18** pro rodeo, Junior livestock judging and auction. (See article on page 1.)

10/17 Southwest Barrel Racing Assoc., Fairgrounds arena, starts at 6 p.m.

11/7-8 Colors of Copper Internationale, Art, Wine & Hops; art from France and Mexico also will be on display and for sale. Entries from Arizona, nearby states and Mexico City. Galleria Coronado on Historic Chase Creek, Clifton, noon-6 both days. Contact Jeanette West at (928) 292-0487 for information.

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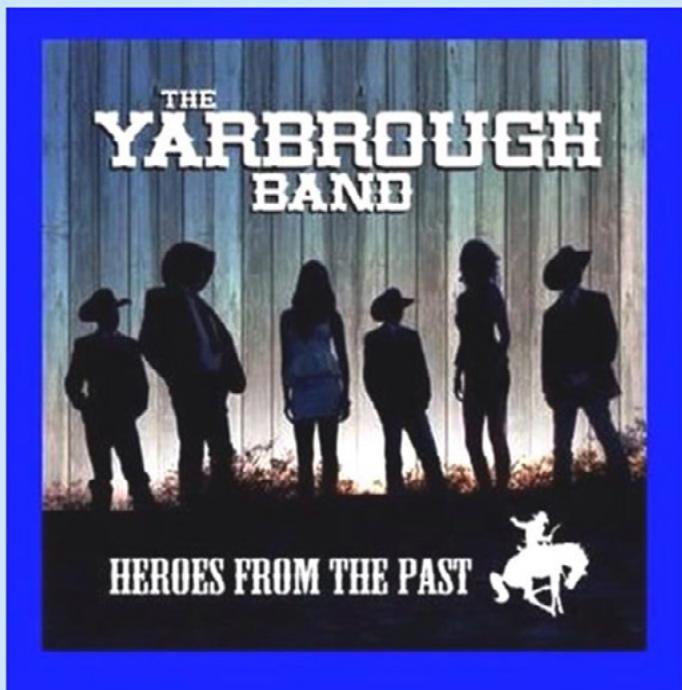
12/5 Festival of Lights, Clifton; Christmas parade along Chase Creek.

The Yarbrough Band

One big night, one big show

Saturday August 8, 2015 7pm to 11pm

At the Greenlee County Fairgrounds



Food and bar concessions by Greenlee Rodeo Royalty, Duncan FFA, and Duncan Little League Fund Raisers

Purchase discounted advance tickets online:

\$10 per couple or \$7 for singles

<http://www.eventbrite.com/e/yarbrough-band-tickets-17261642036>

At the gate \$15 per couple,
\$10 singles

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OF TALENT BROUGHT TO
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1248 Fairgrounds Road, Duncan, Az

Call 928-359-2032 for questions

