

Greenlee Clarion



“What have you done for me lately?”

by Ákos Kovach

Humanitarian support services

Greenlee County Health Department

Nutrition Center, Senior Citizens bus, home care

W.I.C. ~ health check, disease prevention

928-865-2061 CALL TO FIND OUT MORE

all the pomp and circumstance, locally elected officials begin to look closely at additional help, support and service to the community at large.

In the January issue of the *Greenlee Clarion* we ran an article penned by Justine Miranda from the Greenlee County Health Department about HAPI (Health in Arizona Policy Initiative). HAPI is a series of programs that focus on matters such as good nutrition, worksite wellness and community gardens.

Some programs are funded through state coffers but increasingly more and more programs are funded by the County leadership in order to enhance the quality of life for those living in Greenlee County. In the next few issues the *Greenlee Clarion* we will examine the difference between mandates and altruism; state funded initiatives and locally sponsored and locally funded enterprises.

In the movie *The Wizard of Oz*, we became enamored with the great and powerful Oz working his special magic from behind the curtain – from behind the scenes. IN real-life Greenlee County we have a number of quiet and dedicated professionals who serve over and above the call of duty, above the job description and provide far more than their paychecks could ever cover. Stay tuned.

Back in the ‘big hair’ days of the 80’s a set of lyrics (*What have you done for me lately?*) were made popular by Janet Jackson, loosely based on relationship advice, but factually accurate regarding taking persons, places or the things you cherish for granted.

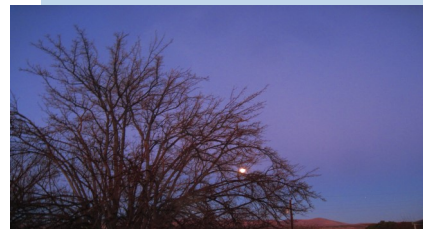
The public sector often ‘takes the heat’ for annoying potholes, planning and zoning changes, speed limits that are too fast or too slow, and often they field complaints on subjects that stem from other agencies such as the federal, state or local level.

So for entertainment, clarification, and edification we will review the difference between mandates and altruism. Mandates are requirements. The law mandates certain services, like police and fire protection, road maintenance and the like. But after you filter through

Who is Generation Z, are they ready to overtake Millennials?

Inside this issue:

Scholarship entry time	2
Clifton Library news	2
Javelina Chase Bike	2
Reading Nook	3
Photo gallery	3
Contact us, find us online	4
USDA \$ for farmers & ranchers	5
CAREER FAIR ~!	6



Something happened on the way to reality ~ Generation Z , young people born since 1995 fit into a new, strong and vibrant age group labeled “Gen Z”. They are fiercely loyal, quick to research and mature to the point of being precocious.

These are exactly the young people we need now more than ever to prepare for leadership roles, we need them involved in groups like the Chamber of Commerce, the Tourism Council and in local and county government activities.

We know they like to have fun, but wisely do their homework

first. They know what Kickstarter, Indie go-go, Shark Tank, Networking, Kabbage, Facebook, Instagram and Twitter can do for them.

So this is a shout out and call out to you, we know some of you are “Leo’s” (Junior Lion’s Club achievers)

while others are in 4H, sports and other leadership positions. We are planning a “Gen Z leadership meet and greet” – please follow us on Facebook for time, date and place...

It only gets better from here~

Entries for NACo Scholarships now open

High-school seniors whose parents, grandparents or legal guardians actively contribute to a 457(b) plan offered through the NACo Deferred Compensation Program are eligible to apply for a college scholarship of \$2,500. Four \$2,500 scholarships will be awarded in Spring 2015, a per-scholarship increase of \$500 for a total of \$10,000 in honor of the scholarship program's 10th year in existence.

The NACo/Nationwide Scholarship Essay Contest is an educational opportunity for high-school students about to transition into a new stage of their lives, according to Lisa Cole, Senior Director of the NACo Financial Services. "Over the years, we've seen entries that display impressive think-

ing from young people who may be a half-century away from that time in their lives. Often, their submissions offer a list of actions and strategies that show creativity, attention to detail and a focus on the future. In our 10th year, we are pleased to be able to increase the amount of each scholarship to \$2,500 to help these seniors advance to their next phase of education."

Cole encourages parents, grandparents or legal guardians to begin talking to their eligible high school seniors about applying right away. Starting January 5, the application can be completed online at www.nrsforu.com/scholarship. Eligibility requirements:

Graduating high school seniors who are legal U.S. residents are eligible to apply. Applicant's parent, grandparent or legal guardian must be enrolled in and actively contribute to a 457(b) plan offered through the NACo Deferred Compensation Program.

Applicants must enroll in a full-time undergraduate course of study no later than the Fall term of the 2013-2014 school year at an accredited two- or four-year college. Immediate family members of NACo employees, or members of the NACo Defined Contribution and Retirement Advisory Committee, or its governing board of directors, or staff of individual States Enroll online at www.nrsforu.com/scholarship between January 5 and March 8, 2015.

Clifton Public Library - by Margaret Ronnerud

Did you know?

The Clifton Public Library is located on the corner of 5th & Turner - call 928-865-2461

The library has:

~ 9 computers

~ fax and copy services

~ Children's Story time on Wednesday mornings @ 10:30

~ Audio books and DVD's

~ a public meeting room

~ offers GED pre-testing

And please mark your calendar for:

The Grand opening of our Seed Library on Feb. 13th @ 1p.m.

Biggest cycling event of the year in Greenlee County

DATE: MARCH 28, 2015

LOCATION: Greenlee County Fairgrounds

1248 Fairgrounds Road

Duncan, AZ

Registration and information: <http://www.javelinachase.com/>



Reading Nook News by Karen Soohy, Greenlee County Librarian

3 locations to serve you:
Blue, Duncan, Clifton

Business Insights Essentials

Greenlee County Library System



There are several databases provided free of charge to library users. If you go to the Greenlee County Library page (<http://www.greenleelibraries.org/greenlee>) and click on the State Database page (on the left column) you can find all types of information.

The Database that will be highlighted in this article is called *Business Insights: Essentials*. If you are looking for information on any company, this database is an invaluable tool. You can search not only by specific company name but also by product, industry and keywords. Information you can find include financial and investment reports, market share reports, historical backgrounds, articles and periodicals. SWOT (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats) reports are also available.

You can create your own charts with the statistical data generated from your information. The site also offers a glossary with thousands of business terms. You can print articles as well as save your searches on the site as well. So if you are an investor, business student, someone looking for product and brand information, a graduate looking for employment opportunities or a business owner looking for ideas and opportunities, check out *Business Insights: Essentials*.

Remember that all the databases are free to use at home or on any internet connected device. You just need a library card bar code to start your search. If you don't have a library card, stop by the Duncan, Clifton or Blue library to get your FREE card. Also if you want to find out more about your family history, stop by any library and use one of their computers to access www.ancestry.com and research for FREE.

Another link you will find on the Greenlee County Library page is FREE homework help at <http://www.tutor.com>. To use this free service just enter your ZIP code in the box. There is free live tutoring help from 2 p.m. to midnight. Once you create a FREE account you have access to resume help, assignment storage space and online assessments. The Skills Center is open 24 hours for information and help with study resources at all grade levels, test prep for high school and college, and career information for graduates. There is also a mobile app that you can now download for free. If you are a teacher or parent, please encourage your students to use this free service if they need extra help in school. Your local public libraries offer so much, and the bonus is - FREE! Come in for a visit or explore the webpage now!

Library Quote: *"A library outranks any other one thing a community can do to benefit its people. It is a never failing spring in the desert."* Andrew Carnegie



To Grow Greenlee we need you !

Are you ready to be a participant?

We are looking for eager, enthusiastic people to be active in Chamber of Commerce activities, Tourism Council events and a host of fun activities like the Javelina Chase.

Sometimes we just need a happy face to greet, other times we need people to make phone calls or show support at a vendor booth.

Interested? Please email akovach@co.greenlee.az.us or call 928-865-2072 ask for A.K.



Greenlee County Economic Development

253 Fifth Street Clifton, Arizona 85533

928-865-2072 extension 202

Email: akovach@co.greenlee.az.us

Find us online

www.growinggreenlee.org

www.co.greenlee.az.us

www.tucsonnewsnow.com/category/294917/discover-arizona-greenlee-county

Welcome to Clifton and Greenlee County Ramona's Fashion

Clothes for men, women and children ~ on Coronado Boulevard close to PJ's



\$18 million available for training beginning farmers and ranchers

from the Willcox Range News

The US Department of Agriculture announced more than \$18 million in funding available to support training, mentoring, and development of beginning farmers and ranchers through the Beginning Farmer and Rancher Development Program.

We helped create and advocate for this program in the 2002 Farm Bill. It was finally funded in the 2008 Farm Bill.

The need was clear then and remains so today. A number of beginning farmers and ranchers don't have direct roots to agriculture. While they yearn for the honest, hard work you find in farming or ranching, they need help learning the ropes.

The Beginning Farmer and Rancher Development Program awards grants to organizations implementing programs to train beginning farmers and ranchers. Funding includes support for workshops, farmer-to-farmer mentoring, and technical assistance.

Since the program was first funded and put on the ground in 2009, 145 awards have been made. That's more than \$71 million dedicated to giving the next generation of farmers and ranchers the know-how to succeed.

A focus on projects for veteran beginning farmers and ranchers has been added this time. It joins previous set-asides for socially-disadvantaged, limited-resource, or farmworkers who want a start in agriculture.

Organizations experienced in serving beginning farmers and ranchers must submit their applications by March 13, 2015. If you are a beginning farmer or rancher looking to find training and mentoring opportunities, call us at 402-687-2100 or send an email to tracib@cfra.org. We'll point you in the right direction.

Established in 1973, the Center for Rural Affairs is a private, non-profit organization working to strengthen small businesses, family farms and ranches, and rural communities through action oriented programs addressing social, economic, and environmental issues.

GREENLEE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FEBRUARY

FEB 5, 12, 19 & 26 @ 10 AM—4:30 @ MORENCI COMMUNITY CENTER- FARMERS MARKET

FEB 23—GREENLEE COUNTY CHAMBER MIXER - COUNTRY CHIC IN DUNCAN 5:30

FEB 26 @ 10:0 AM TO 1 PM GREENLEE COUNTY CAREER FAIR THROUGH

ARIZONA WORKFORCE CONNECTION— LOCATION SACRED HEART PARISH CENTER, CLIFTON



Job seekers-save this date and plan to attend!

Greenlee County Career Fair

***WHEN: Thursday, February 26, 2015
10:00am – 1:00pm***

***WHERE: Sacred Heart Parish Hall
Next to Kempton Chevrolet-540 N Coronado Blvd, Clifton, AZ***

Special Thanks to Co-Sponsors

*DES Employment Services
DES Veterans Program
Growing Greenlee
McMurray Communications
Sacred Heart Parish*

BENEFITS OF ATTENDING

Meet Hiring Employers

Employers will provide general information about career opportunities, collect resumes/pre-screen candidates and/or conduct on-the-spot interviews if you are potentially qualified!

Locate Community Resources for Job Search

Meet with local organizations that provide assistance with/tools for conducting job search, offer resume help and/or host employment workshops/job skills classes.

Research Educational Training Opportunities

Explore various educational or vocational certification/degree programs that may help you begin a new career or upgrade your skills needed for advancement.

This event is intended for adult job seekers age 18+.

We highly recommend that you do not bring children to the career fair to minimize distractions.

We recommend that you:

*Dress professionally and bring copies of your resume with you.
(We will not be able to make additional copies at the event for you.)*

For additional information or questions, please contact Arizona Workforce Connection:

**Graham One Stop-1910 W Thatcher Blvd, Safford, AZ 85546 Phone (928) 432-6932
Greenlee One Stop-300 N Coronado Blvd, Clifton, AZ 85533 Phone (928) 865-4003
Website: www.seazworkforce.org FACEBOOK: www.facebook.com/AWCGG**

*Equal Opportunity Employer/Program
Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities.*