

# Greenlee Clarion



## 3 fine resorts, tucked away in Greenlee County

by Ákos Kovach



Perhaps you heard one or more of the following places in northern Greenlee County, but even if you are a local resident when was the last time you stopped and took a look? Places like Painted Bluff, Granville, Sardine Saddle, H.L. Saddle Trailhead, Greys Peak, Lower Eagle Creek or Upper Eagle Creek.

A little further along the Coronado Trail you find a [place called Honeymoon Camp Ground, Juan Miller Camp Ground, in the nearby valley is Blue River, Pine Flat and Forest Road 515. On higher ground see Rose Peak, Hot Air Trail #15, Rose Peak Saddle, Robinson Mesa, the Hagen Trailhead, Strayhorse, (and nearby Strayhorse Helipad and Strayhorse Park Service, Ranger work center)

But wait, there's more: a very busy place is Stray Horse Campground (spelled as two separate words), enjoy Blue Vista, also experience Mogollon Rim hiking and horseback trails, Reno Lookout, mystic Black River, KP

Cienega. Want something special? How about cross country skiing areas, Steeple Mesa, Foote Creek Trail or Hannagan Meadow. Want to stay in a nice place? There is Hannagan Meadow Lodge, Josh Ranch RV Camp and cabins, Buffalo Crossing and the Sprucedale Guest Ranch. Not far away is Forest Road 26 and some amazing executive cabins, plus the Campbell Blue Wash, Red Hill, Tutt Circle Trail, Blue Crossing, (and Blue Crossing Campgrounds). Down in the Valley is the community of Blue River (established around 1891), Greenlee County Road 67004, Pueblo Park, the one room school in Blue, Az, the Blue Library (a cabin), Upper Blue (and Upper Blue campground) and these are just for starters.

Get out of your cars and trucks and experience Greenlee County, just a short drive north of Morenci. Beautiful vistas, amazing overlooks and hidden treasures of natural wonder. Slip over to FaceBook or the Growing Greenlee website and see some of the amazing sights you will find on the Historic Coronado Trail as it winds and switchbacks northward into the forests and meadows of the high country (over 9,000 feet in elevation). For more information call 928-865-2072 X 202.

Please visit [www.growinggreenlee.org](http://www.growinggreenlee.org) and follow us on Facebook.

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### Sprucedale Ranch

All of a sudden you are told that you have to purchase flood insurance. Maybe it is a new mortgage lender, or your mortgage was bought by another bank. There can be several reasons why you may be asked to purchase flood insurance.

For example, if your property was mapped in a Special Flood Hazard Zone and the mortgage company is Federally Insured then the mortgage company gets fined if flood insurance is not in place. Mapping is the key and it does not matter where your home is located. If your home is mapped in a Special Flood Hazard Zone, then you may need flood insurance.

Many people are not aware that all communities in Arizona have been mapped and participate in the National Flood Insur-

## Floodplain matters By Phil Ronnerud, Greenlee County Engineer

ance Program. Therefore everyone in Arizona can purchase flood insurance, but most do not need such coverage.

Flood insurance rates are based on the height above the level of the 1% chance of a flood. This 100-year level is called a 100-year flood. Statistically such a storm has a 1% chance of occurring in any given year. But yes, you can

have several '100-year flood' events in a short period of time. Most mapped floodplains in unincorporated Greenlee County do not have flood elevations, but we can help.

Contact the County Engineer office for further suggestions or contact information. Reach us here: 928-865-4762.

## *From the U of A Cooperative Extension : Mark Apel* **Statewide Solar Facilities Suitability – New Online Map!**

In calendar year 2013, the University of Arizona Cooperative Extension completed an analysis of suitability for siting solar facilities for every county and community in the state. During 2014 we converted the data and now those results can be viewed online in a new interactive 2015 map: <http://reoa.uagist.com> When this project was first introduced we were only able to provide interested parties with the GIS shapefiles for their own use upon request. With the new interactive online map, anyone with an internet connection can now view the results at high resolution whether they have GIS expertise or not.

We hope this will be one more resource in the toolbox when considering solar energy facilities in your communities. To view the online map please visit: [http://uagis.maps.arcgis.com/apps/OnePane/basicviewer/index.html?ap-pid=d7a47e14d5ab4507b7010915df523780\\_A](http://uagis.maps.arcgis.com/apps/OnePane/basicviewer/index.html?ap-pid=d7a47e14d5ab4507b7010915df523780_A) project overview and static maps for all regions in Arizona can be found at: <http://rurallandscapes.extension.arizona.edu/content/renewable-energy-opportunity-analysis> For more information, contact Mark Apel [mapel@cals.arizona.edu](mailto:mapel@cals.arizona.edu) or call (520) 458-8278, ext. 2181



Photo of snow in Morenci Mine  
 by Ron Campbell

## **Mares Bluff Veterans Memorial** by Steve Guzzo



On behalf of Mares Bluff Veterans Memorial Association I would like to thank everyone for making it possible to keep the Memorial alive. It is through your generous contributions support and membership that we have been able to serve our community, pay tribute and honor our veterans who served our country and its principles enabling us to enjoy our freedom. As President I am looking forward to new developments and events in 2015 and serving your needs and that of the memorial.

Your concerns comments and suggestions are greatly appreciated and will be addressed at our meetings.

Please feel free to e-mail me at : [sroosterg@hotmail.com](mailto:sroosterg@hotmail.com) or call me: 928-965-9701 or 928-865-1098. Please leave message and I will get back to you as soon as possible.

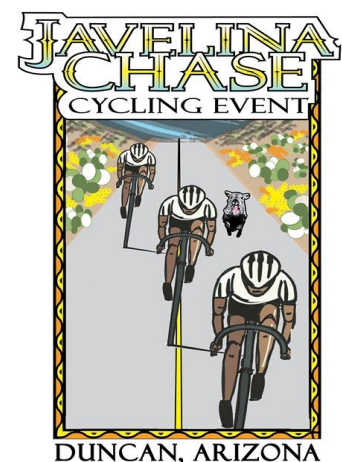
Once again thank you best wishes for a Happy Prosperous New Year. God Bless You and God Bless America.

### **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

The Greenlee County Library webpage (<http://www.greenleelibraries.org/>) has a lot of information for the public to use. The site offers links to post-secondary school information that are campus oriented or on-line programs. If you as a student or parent need some information, please visit that part of our site. Greenlee County Library System also has free database searches available to the public. To get to the databases provided by the AZ State Library, go to the County Library Website and click on the Statewide Database link on the left.



Above: Blue Community Public Library open Tues and Saturday 10-2

The first database located there is [Academic OneFile](#). This is a database of reviewed, full-text articles from a variety of sources. [Academic OneFile](#) has extensive coverage of topics including the sciences, technology, medicine, social sciences, arts, theology, literature plus many more. If you are a college or high school student looking for primary source materials for research topics, this is your source. Or if you are just interested in a topic with expert opinions, this is the database to use. On the homepage of [Academic OneFile](#) you can search by subjects or key words. There is also a tab to let you see the subject list that you can explore or you can browse by publications if you know which professional journal, magazine, book, news media or multimedia you want to use. There is also an advanced search feature that allows you to really narrow your search.

If you want to save your searches, you can create a free account in Academic OneFile. Once you find what you are looking for in the database, you can download the article (some full articles may not be available but ask your library for help with that), a summary in PDF form or the MP3 format for multimedia. The database will also give you all the citation materials necessary for bibliography work.

There is also a YouTube video to walk you through using the Academic OneFile search (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Cin9CLXA4UQ>) and it is quite informative and easy to follow. The next article will explore [Biography in Context](#). Don't forget that while all these databases can be accessed from any home computer with just your library card number, there is one reason to come to the library....Ancestry.com is available free but only one in-house library computers. Stop by and learn more about your family soon. Library Quote: "Reading should not be presented to children as a chore, a duty. It should be offered as a gift." ~Kate DiCamillo, children's author.



## Health in Arizona Policy Initiative (HAPI) by Justine Miranda

Health in Arizona Policy Initiative is a program funded through the Arizona Department of Health Services, focusing on innovative solutions to improving the health and well-being of communities within Arizona. This program in Greenlee will target five different areas including:

- Community Nutrition · School Health · School Nutrition · Worksite Wellness and
- Children with Special Healthcare needs

Each topic will be approached with different solutions such as: healthy options on restaurant menus, community gardens, school lunch revisions, school health advisory committees, worksite wellness trainings, Special Olympics, and many other great improvements set in place. Through collaboration with in the community we will put Greenlee County back on the map as a healthy county! For more details please contact us at: 928-865-2601 x 169



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WHY THEY CALL IT : BLUE RIVER



We are online:

[www.growinggreenlee.org](http://www.growinggreenlee.org)

Future issues will focus more closely on small business expansion opportunities throughout the County.

There are amazing tourism sites—worth the time to set aside a weekend or vacation to absorb.

Along the Coronado Trail there are over a dozen picnic sites and an equal number of camp grounds.

The forest service has strategically placed public restroom facilities along the circuitous route beyond Morenci into the truly high country of northern Greenlee County.

Visit [www.growinggreenlee.org](http://www.growinggreenlee.org)



Open for business — call 928 – 339– 4370 or 928-428-2225 for reservations , restaurant information, etc.

## Recap of 2014 Greenlee County Mud Drag Series, by Ron Pearson

The Greenlee County Mud Drag Series finished during the 2014 Greenlee County Fair. This was a four race series that started out in February leading up to a the Greenlee County Spring Rampage, then we held our July Night Race at finally the finale at the Greenlee County Fair. We run six classes of vehicles starting with Open Extreme, Open Tractor, Super Modified, Modified, Stock and Dirt bike/ATV. The variety of vehicles is endless. We have open dragster rails, Tall tractor tires, homemade vehicles, dirt bikes, jeeps, trucks, and so on. We average 82 vehicles per event. Thanks to our great entries and supporters we are able to gather sponsorship money from vendors and businesses. 100% of the donated monies go to the competitors. \$20,000 dollars was collected and given out for the 2014 series winners.

We will start the 2015 Greenlee County Mud Drag Series again this February. Hope to see you all at lone or all of this years' series as we have earned a good reputation throughout the state as putting on a Top flight event.

For sponsorship or other information please contact: **Ron Pearson, Greenlee County Public Works Manager (928) 687-2001 or [rpearson@co.greenlee.az.us](mailto:rpearson@co.greenlee.az.us)**



Some exciting scenes from 2014, lots of vehicular variety.

Bikes, Jeeps, Tractors, custom and more...



The 2015 season promises to be exceptional, join us in the fun ~

## GREENLEE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### JANUARY

**JAN 8, 15, 22 & 29 @ 10 AM—4:30 @ MORENCI COMMUNITY CENTER-  
GREENLEE FARMERS MARKET**

**JAN 21 @ 6:0 PM @ DUNCAN HIGH CAFETERIA, GREENLEE COUNTY CHAMBER  
OF COMMERCE AND GREENLEE COUNTY TOURISM COUNCIL LEADERSHIP  
MEETING**





*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:**

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Website: [www.seazworkforce.org](http://www.seazworkforce.org) FACEBOOK: [www.facebook.com/AWCGG](http://www.facebook.com/AWCGG)**

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# *Copper Mining Today* begins publication in 2015

A new publication covering the copper-mining industry, and focused on the American West. Titled *Copper Mining Today*, the quarterly magazine is published and edited by Gary Dillard, long-time editor of the now-defunct PAY DIRT, which for more than 70 years was representative of the mining industry in Arizona and the West.

The new publication, based in Bisbee – as was its predecessor – will be a news and feature publication, aimed at a general, rather than technical, audience that includes readers at all levels of the industry and also those who have an interest in the field. It will be published both online and in print. It will be advertiser supported.

“America’s copper industry is bigger, stronger and more innovative than ever,” Dillard said. “It also faces issues, local, national and global, that require its supporters to be intimately knowledgeable about the state of affairs impacting copper. The magazine’s primary goal is to make that possible at all levels.”

*Copper Mining Today* will be published quarterly, in the month following release of companies’ quarterly reports, so as to provide up-to-date information. The premier edition, exclusively online, will be published March 1, 2015.

The magazine will be accompanied by a website, [www.CopperMiningToday.com](http://www.CopperMiningToday.com) ), which will offer more timely news articles via a newsletter and social media feeds. Between now and the first publication, that website also will provide more details about the publication and about advertising opportunities.

“*Copper Mining Today* is for everyone who has an interest in copper mining and processing,” Dillard said. “We are hopeful to get the same support from the industry and suppliers that *PAY DIRT* long was blessed with. And we intend to give back to the industry the same kind of support that our predecessor gave throughout its history.” Contact Dillard: [gdillard@cableone.net](mailto:gdillard@cableone.net)

