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Greenlee County Fairgrounds

Serving proudly for nearly a century

by Ákos Kovach

Among the numerous wonders and attractions in Greenlee County thousands of visitors choose the excellent facility known as the Greenlee County Fairgrounds to visit for fun and frolic.



our Junior Rodeo Series; and pro rodeo events that culminate during our County Fair September 17-20. The Fairgrounds is home to Mud Races, carnivals and outdoor music and dancing – on August

8, the Yarbrough Band, 2014 AMA winners, will

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Located just north of the Town of Duncan, access to the Fairgrounds is easy. From I-10 near Lordsburg exit at NM 90 and head northwest. Coming from Phoenix, or points in-between, take US 70 also known as the Old West Highway. Driving in from Tucson? I-10 just past Willcox, north on SR 191 until it junctions with Old West Highway then east to Duncan.

All roads lead to Duncan? Well yes, these do. And once in Duncan keep your eyes open for landmarks like the Duncan High School electronic billboard coming in from Safford, the railroad tracks are on your left, next a handful of buildings and voila you are at the intersection of Main Street (State Highway 75) and Old West Highway. Town & Country Supply is on the corner, turn left – go north.

Coming in from New Mexico as you enter Duncan from the east you cross the railroad tracks, pass through commercial and residential areas and stay alert for the Bakery sign, Hilda's and then Town & Country all on your left.

The intersection of SR 75 is on your right – go north – over the bridge and through the woods to the Fairgrounds you will go. For the traveling equestrian public the Fairgrounds offers dozens of stables and an exercise arena; rodeo followers will enjoy



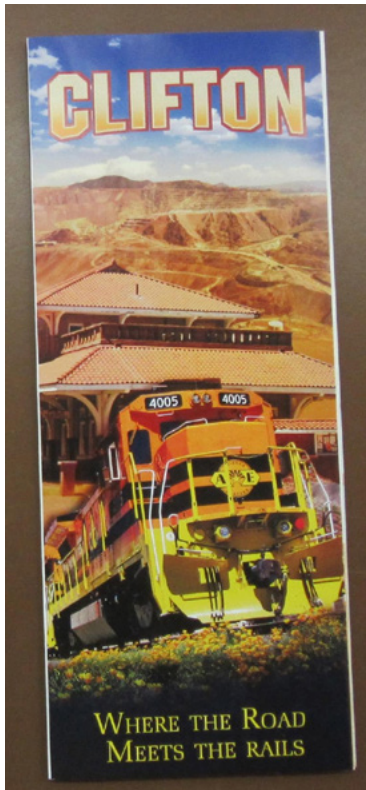
Greenlee County Deputy Jon Mennen is flanked by Undersheriff Pat Sexton (l) and Sheriff Larry Avilla. Currently on light duty after being shot in the line of duty, Deputy Mennen was wearing a safety vest which proved life-saving. The company Point Blank presented Mennen with the newest, lightest vest they manufacture in thanksgiving for what a company rep described as a 'save'. Congratulations all around.

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Clifton Tourism in Action

by Jeanette West

The Business Association of Chase Creek AZ (BACCA) unveiled a new Clifton Tourism brochure and presented the finished product to the Clifton Town Council. These brochures, donated to the Town of Clifton, will be sent to all 65 Arizona Office of Tourism (AOT) Visitor Centers throughout the State.



Ray and Jeanette West, Directors of BACCA, created and designed the brochure to promote tourism for both the Clifton and Morenci area. BACCA promotes tourism, businesses, environmental and historical preservation. This new brochure serves as a vivid illustration of the many sights to see and visit while in the area.

These new brochures will also be on display at the Clifton AOT Visitor Center located in the Historic Clifton Train

Depot, an iconic symbol of Clifton. The brochures will also be on display for distribution at a variety of local businesses throughout Clifton and Morenci.

The AOT recently bestowed State certification on the Town of Clifton Visitor Center after a rigorous inspection. The Clifton Visitor Center features over a hundred brochures covering all the regions in the state, Northern, Western; Southern, Central (including the Phoenix metro area), and of course the Eastern range of Arizona. The Clifton Visitor Center is staffed by an all-volunteer cadre of supportive local residents. Jeanette West serves as the Manager along with volunteers Rowena Nelson, Laura Washington, Becky Scott, Esther Jackson and Joe Pena.

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Reading Nook News

by Karen Soohy

If you are interested in authors and their works or literary information, the database, Literature Resource Center, is the perfect source of information.

The FREE database made available through the Arizona State Library, and the Greenlee County Library System has a link to this database. On the Greenlee Library site (www.greenleelibraries.org)



click on the Statewide Database link on the left side to access the Literature Resource Center.

Full-text articles from scholarly journals and literary magazines are combined with critical essays, work and topic overviews, full-text works, biographies, and more to provide a wealth of information on authors, their works, and literary movements in this database.

In the basic search you can set different things to look up. There is a choice of looking up the author's name directly. That will bring up anything in the database linked to the author such as articles in journals and magazines about the person and overviews, full text works, biographies and other pertinent information about them.

If you are interested in more general information you can look at authors from different countries, different genders, ethnicity, occupation, genre, theme and literary movements. You can also search by birthdate or date of death and by a broader category of century.

The Literature Resource Center is easy to use and contains a wealth of information for research, term papers, master's thesis material, or just general knowledge of authors and literature.

The Greenlee Library System website also offers many links to free legal help. While your librarians can help you find materials about your legal questions, they are limited by law in what they are allowed to do for you. They are not allowed to give you their opinions about your legal situation but they can point you to information that may help. You can find those links in the center column about half way down the page.

Library Quote: "A library could show you everything if you knew where to look."

Pat Conroy, My Reading Life

Duncan waterline work half completed

by Philip Ronnerud
Greenlee County Engineer

The installation of the new Duncan waterline along Fairgrounds Road is more than 50% complete (as of Friday April 24)! The installation crew has encountered normal problems but is forging ahead diligently nonetheless.

The Town of Duncan received a grant from the Freeport Community Foundation to purchase the materials. Duncan has partnered with Greenlee County Public Works to install the much-needed pipeline using supervised prisoner labor. The

County added two storage tanks to the system to provide more water.

Then one of existing wells tested for high nitrate levels and the other periodically is pumping gypsum, although not at levels above water standards. To reduce water use, the county rented porta-potties during events. For quite some time both the County and the Town of Duncan have looked at several options to supply additional water. A third well was drilled. Unfortunately, the water from the well tested too high in minerals for potable water use. The latest attempt at solving the challenge is this installation

of the new water line which will be connected to the Fairground system and also supply adequate fire protection flow for the new County Annex, another major project being planned to enhance the Fairgrounds area.

Installation of the water line comes under the preview of the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ). To get a permit, we were required to develop plans and a detailed report to as-



County is providing the engineering, trenching, and backfilling. With all these 'moving parts,' work has been a little slower than anticipated.

In recent months the water supply has been limited at the County Fairgrounds. As demand has increased, such as the installation of grass on the ball field used by the Little League, the County planned and drilled a second well to supplement the water supply in the 1990's. Over the past 20 years, the County has made the system work. Often, we have had insufficient water supply that needed to be augmented for larger events at the fairgrounds. As one would expect, problems always seemed to arise just before or during a major event.

In addition, due to the extreme drought, both of our two wells were pushed to their water quality limits. By stretching our financial resources, the

ensure the health and safety of the public. The engineering, which was delayed by about 7 weeks, but we have been issued an ADEQ permit.

Fairgrounds Road is closed except for local traffic for safety reasons. Besides assuring worker and motorist safety, anytime the ground is disturbed we have to work around existing gas, sewer, and communication lines. Interestingly Packer Wash provides more challenges as the water line must be below the 'scour level'. The 80-year-old wooden bridge over Packer Wash presents other concerns. Because of ground water conditions, an exposed installation is now being considered.

The new water line will provide needed water quantity and quality for the Fairground while increasing Duncan's water service area. An announcement on the completion date will be made soon.

Colors of Copper going international

by Walter Mares
Eastern Arizona Courier

Parlez-vous Francais?

Art lovers may want to brush up on their French, to welcome upward of 15 French artists who will be in attendance at Greenlee County's annual art and wine show.

"With this development of French artists participating, we are so excited," said organizer Jeanette West, of the Business Association of Chase Creek Arizona. "It's really growing and we're excited it's developed so much. We're proud to bring something like this to Clifton and Greenlee County."

The festival is also getting a new name, thanks to the French visitors — Colors of Copper Internationale.

West said the Business Association of Chase Creek Arizona worked with an international organization based in Tucson to bring in the artists from



France.

"With the addition of French artists, this should be a very, very exciting festival," she said.

The juried competition also involves all accepted

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Upcoming activities

5/2. Rodeo event at Greenlee County Fairgrounds.

5/2. The annual Cinco de Mayo celebration staged by St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church in Safford will take place Saturday. It kicks off at 10 a.m. with the parade down Main Street. At St. Rose of Lima, the fiesta will continue throughout the day.

5/16. 3rd annual Graham and Greenlee County Mental Health Awareness 5K will be held at the EAC Discovery Park Campus. To register, call (928) 428-4550.

5/23 & 24. There will be one more weekend for the Willcox Junior Rodeo on May 23 and 24 at Quail Park.

5/27. Chamber mixer at Gila Health Resources, 5:30 p.m. in the courtyard. The June mixer will be June 30 at Cup'n Cone (an Easter Seals enterprise.)

Update on Clifton Splash park opening

by Walter Mares
Eastern Arizona Courier

Clifton town officials announced the town's new splash park will not open as scheduled May 2.

Town Manager John Schempf said the construction contractor has not able to obtain the cement necessary to complete the project. In the interim, the existing shower and changing building will be renovated.

"The interior is really not in very good shape and needs quite a bit of work," Schempf said.

The Freeport McMoRan Inc. Community Investment Foundation approved a pair of grants for the project — \$104,000 in 2013 and another \$55,000 in 2014.

In March, it was announced the Greenlee Spring Rampage was being postponed while waterline work was completed on Fairgrounds Road in Duncan. A new date for the Rampage has not yet been announced.

While the opening of the splash park — a park with water features children may run under or spray at one another — is on hold, another event planned

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First Legacy Workshop coming up in May

Our first ACFGV Legacy Workshop will be held May 6 in Safford.

Ed Knight, an experienced estate-planning attorney with years of experience helping clients become philanthropists, will be presenting two sessions on “legacy giving” to help turn friends of non-profit organizations into major donors.

The sessions are for non-profit boards and for professional advisors and will be held Wednesday, May 6, at the General Services Conference Room, 921 W. Thatcher Blvd., Safford.



It is being sponsored by the Arizona Community Foundation of the Gila Valley. It will run from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Lunch will be served.

The morning session is Legacy Giving 101 and it is suggested that the non-profit invites its entire board, since those folks are passionate about the organization and that is where the seeds of legacy should be planted.

The afternoon session is open to everyone, but is more for professional advisors and for them, it is CFP approved.

If you are planning to attend the session, please RSVP online to gilavalleygives.eventbrite.com.

Healthy Living Workshops being planned

Please register and express your interest now so classes can be scheduled.

Do you have diabetes, heart disease, COPD, arthritis, high blood pressure, fibromyalgia, chronic pain, other ongoing health conditions, or know of anyone who does?

The Healthy Living Workshop can teach you the skills you need to manage your condition and get your life back!

Each workshop is 1½ hours long and will continue for six weeks.

The workshop is free of charge for participants. It is supported by the Greenlee County Health Department and The Arizona Living Well Institute (AzLWI).

The workshops will be held at the Greenlee County Health Department, but time and date will be determined by the registrants.

That is why it's necessary to *register and express your interest now*. Call Coreena Martinez at (928) 865-2601 or email her at cmartinez@co.greenlee.az.us.

Morenci Lions Club baseball tourney

Tom Powers, Morenci Lions Club member

Ok, here is a riddle for you.

What do you get when 10 excellent High School baseball teams play in 18 games over three days aided by 25 Lions Club member cooking 2000 hamburgers and 214 dozen burros using supplies donated by a caring community minded family with condiments prepared by a High School Home Economics class mixed with 17 great high school student concession volunteers aided by about 20 community volunteers added to 950 students from one great School District playing on two excellent fields maintained by the neatest maintenance staff after being helped with ordering supplies by the fantastic cafeteria staff mixed with fans from towns and cities from St. Johns to Willcox to Phoenix reading one amazing program developed by a super historian and writer from our hometown printed by a super group of young folks watching 9 super volunteer

certified umpires call strikes, balls, and outs mixed with the Corporate sponsor that helps with umpire housing aided by a super fireworks show provided by a great volunteer Fire Department added to three beautiful Arizona days and one super community that continues to support a great effort?

Answer, The Morenci Lions Club 37th Annual High School Baseball Tournament.

Editor's note: This Baseball Tournament is an amazing testament of grit, determination and consistency by just a small group of dedicated Lion's Club members. This sort of Sports Tourism is truly the backbone of what it takes to make Greenlee county a 'destination' and not just a placeholder on a map. As a member of the Greenlee County Chamber of Commerce and as the Economic Development Coordinator we express gratitude to all of the Morenci Lion's Club members for hosting this three day extravaganza.

Tourism push is joint effort

by Manuel C. Coppola, Nogales International

April 21, 2015

Sunday morning I found myself at the Santa Cruz Nature and Heritage Festival moderating a panel discussion about tourism in Santa Cruz County, a topic which seems to have gathered some momentum of late.

The City of Nogales recently published a long-incoming pocket-sized tourist guide with a web component and partnered with other area organizations to market our community at a statewide scale.

The Nogales Santa Cruz County Chamber of

Local First continues

by Deborah Mendelsohn

The second Local First Arizona Workshop was held April 25 and two more are planned later this year, Aug. 29 and Oct. 24.

The workshop was led by both Karalea Cox and Kimber Lanning. The focus was on the organizations and groups already working in one fashion or another with visitors, how well they are fulfilling their potential and what they need to be more effective – from the community’s point of view. These are features of the “capacity building” that Karalea talked about in the first workshop.

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Commerce tirelessly works on a shoestring budget to promote all of the beauty and cultural nuances that make our part of the state unique. In their own communities, the chambers in Tubac, Sonoita and Patagonia do a remarkable job.

But as the panel concluded, the message that Santa Cruz County is a true tourism destination, has to come from each and every one of us, from the person at the hotel lobby and the U.S. Customs and Border Protection officer at the port to the guy or gal on the street who is asked for directions by a visitor.

Janice Johnson, who attended the discussion, said, “We can be our worst enemy,” when we use derogatory references regarding our community with the tag, “Only in Nogales.”

But Kirk Lok, the owner of the Quality Inn Americana Hotel, which hosted the event, encouraged turning that around and using the “Only in Nogales” as a slogan to point out the unique aspects. You know, those quirky things like the pickups piled sky-high headed for resale in Mexico; the neighborhood kids chatting it up in “Spanglish,” sharing box

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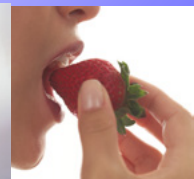
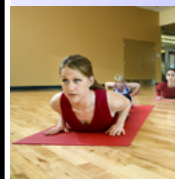


Friday August 7th, 2015

Morenci Club

10:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

Exhibits * Information * Food Vendors



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To the editor

County fair was great part of growing up here

I love Greenlee County. I was born here, and though I moved around quite a bit, I've always called this home. In 2006, my husband and I decided to move home and raise a family.

One of my favorite parts of growing up here was the excitement over the county fair each year. My Grandpa, Jiggs Wagley, would ride a horse in the parade or drive one of the Search and Rescue vehicles.

I would ride with him or wave like a crazy person from the street as he went by. I want to see every group in our county in the parade again. I remember when the Morenci marching band would come to the parade and blow us away. I would love for my kids to see that!

He would also put his plum jelly or something else he had made in the exhibits. I remember how neat it was to walk through the exhibit building and see so many exciting things. Art, canned goods, quilts, clothes, and so much more. It was fun to look at the names on the exhibits and realize that you knew the person that had made that.

So come on Greenlee residents, let's get excited to be part of the fair again! I want my kids and all the youth in our area to be inspired by something. Maybe it's something made from metal or wood. Maybe it's a painting or an amazing photograph taken at just the right second. It could be anything, or it could be nothing if people don't participate anymore.

Shiloh Patton



At the top of the page is a letter to the editor. Above is a "photo to the editor." This is Trevor Ford's view of a hidden, quiet spot along the river that

very few ever see. For more such submitted photos, please visit the [Greenlee Clarion's blog](#).



With a wet winter and spring, Greenlee County is showing its vibrant colors.

Martha Roybal retiring

by Phil Ronnerud

As I watch, the sun begins a bright, beautiful new day. How privileged we are! Time has passed with its memories. This fact is more piquant as I reflect on the past 25 years that Martha Roybal and I work at the County.



People visited, deadlines met, questions answered, and needs fulfilled.

As the future unfolds, Martha's faithful, consistent service will be missed.

Her cheerful disposition was a high point for many. We now face new opportunities. Martha will be able to spend more time with family enjoying the fruits of her labor.

I wish her the best as she a new future.

Photo shows Martha, left, with Kay Gale.

May Festival 2015

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