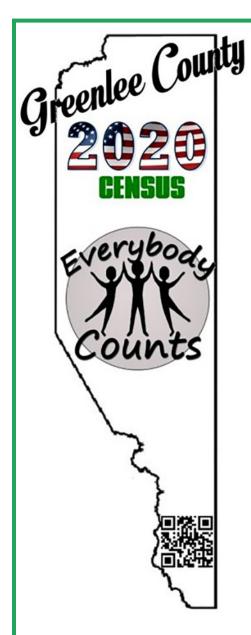
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COVID assistance Census under way Call ahead for orders!

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Greenlee County social media

To keep track of activities going on in Greenlee County, you will want to follow our pages on Facebook and other social media. Follow, like, comment and add to the conversation.

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Greenlee County

Greenlee County Tourism

Greenlee County Natural Wonders

Other social media

GreenleeAz2020 (Instagram)

<u>GrowingGreenlee</u> (Twitter)

May Clarion

Deadline for submitting articles for the May Clarion is April 24. The issue will be published on April 30.

The new 3 Cs

By Ákos Kovach

Census 2020, COVID 19 & Call ahead, yes these are the headlines, the stories that are captivating us during this period of shelter-in-place. But to grow we must learn, we need to read – experience and take action (both preventive and defensive).

That said, where are we today? What is affecting us individually most directly? There are as many difference answers as there are people. And, thankfully we have a growing number of positive stories, positive actions being taken by everyone from cashiers to congresswomen.

On the plus side there are many things you can do, safely and from the haven of your own home. Take the Census. For yourself, for your family and for your neighbors. If nothing else points out the value of planning and preparation it is the outbreak of COVID 19. Who was ready? Who prepared? The results are easy enough to track by the numbers.

Greenlee County epidemiologist Matt Bolinger performed his own deep research, sought out and separated facts from hyperbole. After his research Bolinger readily determined that without immediate preventive action a spike in COVID 19 cases was inevitable, just as with all flu types, only COVID had the markings of a virulent prognosis. Bolinger sounded the alarm and helped put in place preventive measures throughout county government, made strong suggestions for public safety precautions and began public daily notification with up-to-date results.

One result? Greenlee County is the only County

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Support local businesses and eateries, but call ahead.

On the Cover

Three topics dominate this issue: the Census, COVID (constantly changing details); and which businesses and restaurants are open.

Upcoming Activities

3/23-4/17 GWP is running a virtual plant sale, for native, pollinator-friendly and drought-tolerant plants. Click here to learn how to order and pick up.

4/1 It's Census Day. This issue (and past issues) contain lots of info about Census. <u>Click here</u> to discover why this day is important.

4/7 and 21 Board of Supervisors. Live streamed. See page 13 for info on how to watch.

4/8 Ghost Hunters premier. See details on page 5.

4/25-26 Clifton Hill Climb. Delayed.

4/25-26 Great Duck Race. Delayed.

For our friends in the Land of Enchantment

Ongoing In an effort to help local families offset burdens created by COVID, the Lordsburg Elks have joined with JJCS and Ramona's Cafe to offer a free meal to 600 students in the Lordsburg School District. Call or text 575-639-2484 for details.

4/28 Free board training. Sponsored by Lords-

HEALTH TIP

When getting fueled up at any gas station
Put on protective gloves (like what food handlers wear)

BEFORE YOU GRAB THE PUMP HANDLE

AFTER YOU FINISH GETTING YOUR FUEL

DISCARD THE PROTECTIVE GLOVES IN A TRASH RECEPTACLE

burg Economic Advancement Project and NM Mainstreet, 1-3:30 p.m., James H. Baxter Civic Center, 313 E. 4th St. Any member of any board can attend. RSVP by April 24 to 575-542-9864.

NM COVID information

The state of New Mexico has set up a website to keep its residents informed during the COVID crisis on various subjects, including health and economics. Go here for details.

Spay, neuter certificates

Animal Control has spay and neuter certificates available for your pets. If you are interested, make an appointment with Desert Cross Veterinary Hospital at 928-348-0026, when call Animal Control at 928-865-2720.



Census has begun Make sure you count!

The Census Bureau has suspended 2020 Census field operations for two additional weeks, to April 15. This date is subject to change.

For most readers, however, that doesn't matter, since all they need to complete their Census count already is in their hands and all they need to do is fill it out and mail it back in. Or visit 2020census. **gov** on the web or call 844-330-2020.

The Bureau reported March 21 that the initial response rates for every state, county and city across the nation showed 16.7% of households have already responded.

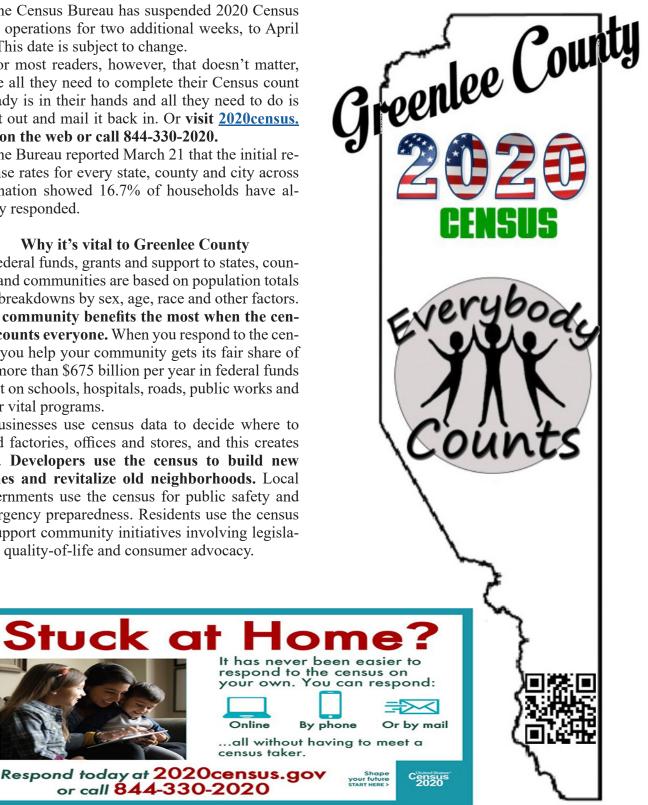
Why it's vital to Greenlee County

Federal funds, grants and support to states, counties and communities are based on population totals and breakdowns by sex, age, race and other factors.

A community benefits the most when the census counts everyone. When you respond to the census, you help your community gets its fair share of the more than \$675 billion per year in federal funds spent on schools, hospitals, roads, public works and other vital programs.

Businesses use census data to decide where to build factories, offices and stores, and this creates jobs. Developers use the census to build new homes and revitalize old neighborhoods. Local governments use the census for public safety and emergency preparedness. Residents use the census to support community initiatives involving legislation, quality-of-life and consumer advocacy.

Stuck at H



Gov. Ducey's COVID strategies

Gov. Doug Ducey has announced additional mitigation strategies to combat the spread of COVID-19 in Arizona.

"We remain focused in the state of Arizona on proactively limiting the spread of COVID-19," said Governor Ducey. "These latest actions are based on the facts and on data, and come after careful consultation with public health experts from every county in Arizona, our hospitals, local elected officials, and private sector partners. They reflect guidance from the CDC and the latest recommendations from our Department of Health Services, while going even further to bolster our efforts with additional manpower and resources. This is an all-in effort. We are determined to take all necessary precautions to address this outbreak and will continue to act with urgency to protect public health."

These executive actions include:

Go here to read this in Spanish.

Go here to read the executive orders.

Ensuring food access

Governor Ducey is activating the National Guard to assist grocery stores and food banks with re-stocking shelves in the face of heightened demand.

Arizona grocery stores are facing unprecedented demand, and this assistance will help ensure the continuation of food supply.

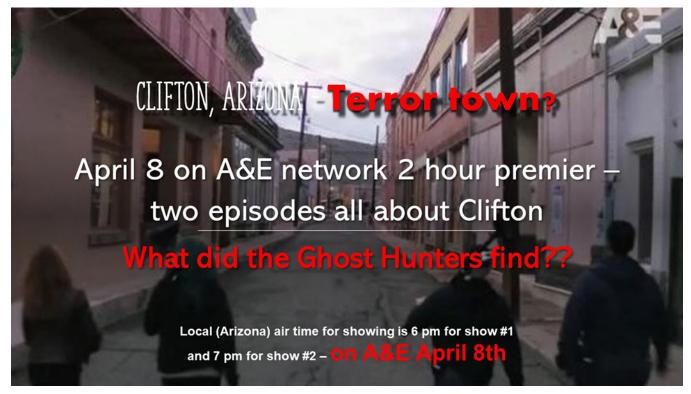
Food banks are also struggling with adequate volunteer levels to serve those in need.

Increasing hospital capacity

An Executive Order that halts all elective surgeries in the state of Arizona to free up medical recontinued on page 12

What did Ghost Hunters find here?

There won't be a local screening, since all mass meetings have been cancelled. But there will be a "Facebook live" discussion on April 8 at 8 p.m., immediately after the two-hour premier, which starts at 6 p.m. This discussion will run live on the <u>Greenlee Clarion Facebook page</u>, so join in and tell us what you think!



New 3 Cs . . .

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in Arizona that didn't have a confirmed case until March 31. Well done Matt and the team of professionals with whom you work that have helped pool resources and work together towards one goal – to smooth out the growth curve of the virus instead of allowing it to spike.

So please, heed the advice take precautions. And on that note: Please Take the Census 2020 survey. It is safe, it helps provide much needed funding for emergencies like this one as well as an extensive list of funds for services such as Early Childhood Care, school lunch programs, distance learning, telemedicine and much more. Taking the Census is easy, call it in 844-330-2020, go online at https://my2020census. gov/ or mail back your survey if you received one in your mailbox, but please do it today.

And finally, Call ahead – yes call ahead to your favorite restaurant or eatery. Support them, order meals-to-go. The same with small shops and stores, call ahead. Buy ahead, pick up your order at the curb. Greenlee County Economic development has created the first of several lists, the first two – places to eat, and the businesses in Greenlee County. Both are reproduced in this issue of the Clarion. (See pages 6 and 7.) Call ahead, support these businesses.

There you have it: the new 3 C's. Be well and know we continue to work for you and support our community.



COVID 19 statistics by County

Apache: 11 Greenlee: 1 Pinal: 36
Cochise: 3 La Paz: 2 Navajo: 49
Coconino: 41 Maricopa 399 Santa Cruz: 2
Gila: 1 Mohave: 5 Yavapai: 11
Graham: 2 Pima: 102 Yuma: 4

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COVID-19 RECOMMENDATIONS











AZHEALTH.GOV/COVID19



Support these Greenlee County businesses and eateries but call ahead

CREENLEE COUNTY

American Legion (928) 865-5411 51 Frisco Ave, Clifton AZ

<u>Clifton Hotel (928) 215-6876</u> 163 Park Ave., Clifton AZ

Daley Diner (928) 215-9316 700 S. Coronado Blvd., Clifton AZ

El Corralito (928) 865-5291 414 N. Coronado Blvd., Clifton AZ

Gi'Mees Restaurant (928) 687-1517 314 Church Ln, Duncan AZ

GloryAnn's Catering & Food Truck (520) 289-9110

Golden City Chinese Restaurant (928) 865-5941 Highway 191 Morenci

Greenlee Golf & Country Club (928) 687- 1099 510 Country Club Rd.

Hannagan Meadow Lodge (928) 339-4370 23150 U.S. 191, Alpine AZ

Hilda's Market (928) 359-1771 105 Old West Hwy, Duncan AZ

<u>Humble Pie (928) 359-9866</u> 117 Main St., Duncan AZ

Miners Diner and Bar (928) 865-3900 106 Plaza Lp, Morenci AZ

Michelle's Bar & Grill (928)865-9050 4500 Hwy 191 Morenci AZ

Morenci Lanes (928) 865-4343 Shopping Ctr, Morenci AZ

Morenci Motel Bar & Grill (928) 865-4111 261 Burro Alley, Morenci AZ

PJ's Café (928) 865-3328 307 S. Coronado Blvd., Clifton AZ

Ranch House Restaurant (982) 359-2643 206 SE Old West Hwy, Duncan

R & R Pizza Express (928) 865-2200 Highway 191, Morenci AZ

Sammich Shop (307) 899-5294 21 Ward Canyon, near Canyonlands

Starbucks (928) 865-6598 438 Plaza Dr, Morenci AZ

Taqueria SARAP (520) 270-0048 701 N. Coronado Blvd., Clifton AZ—(Drive thru window)

Call ahead, let these businesses know you care, most offer curbside pickup

GREENLEE COUNTY

BUSINESSES

Ace Hardware (928) 865-4121 172 Plaza Drive #56, Morenci, AZ

Bashas (928) 865-1820 172 Plaza, Morenci, AZ

Books, Toys & more by Jeanette (928) 929-0487 292 Chase Creek Clifton AZ

Chapparral Motel & Convenience Store (928) 359-2771 506 High St., Duncan

Chase Creek Marketplace (928) 865-1251 215 Chase Creek Street, Clifton AZ

Circle K (928) 865-3441 N. Coronado Blvd, Clifton AZ

Conoco (928) 865-3975 135 Mountain Vw, Morenci AZ

Coronado Beauty Shop (928) 865-5561 150 N Coronado Blvd, Clifton AZ

<u>Country Chic Art Gallery & Crafters Boutique (928) 359-1955</u> 205 Old West Hwy, Duncan AZ

Dollar General (928) 985-1396 540 Chase Creek St, Clifton AZ

Family Dollar (928) 439-4550 355 N Coronado Blvd, Clifton AZ

Family Dollar (928) 439-4556 379726 Arizona 75, Duncan AZ

Germaine's Emporum (928) 359-2621 419 SE Old West Hwy, Duncan AZ

Greenlee Historical Museum (928) 865-3115 299 Chase Crk, Clifton AZ

H & S Western Wear (928) 865-0646 Morenci Plaza

Haralson Tire (928) 865-8473 167462 N US Highway 191, Morenci, AZ 85540

<u>Headframe Apothecary - Chase Creek Boarding House (928) 322-3871</u> 225 Chase Creek, Clifton, AZ

Hilda's Market (928) 359-1771 105 SE Old West Hwy, Duncan AZ 85534

Kempton's Chevrolet Buick Ltd (928) 865-2350 540 N Coronado Blvd, Clifton AZ

Napa Auto Parts (928) 865-3333 253 S Coronado Blvd, Clifton AZ

Ray's Vintage Market (928) 292-0070 291 Chase Creek Street, Clifton AZ

Rock-A-Buy Rock Shop (928) 215-1641 809 SE Old West Hwy, Duncan AZ

Rose's Market (928) 215-9858 (505) 818- 3946 (Drive thru window)

253 S. Coronado Blvd, Clifton AZ

Studio 226 (928) 865-0226 226 Chase Creek St, Clifton AZ

Sexton's Store (928) 687-1331 396164 State highway 75, York Valley AZ

Three-Way Store & (928) 865-0226 226 Chase Creek St, Clifton, AZ

Town & Country Supply (928) 359-0400 101 US Highway 70, Duncan AZ

Call ahead, let these businesses know you care, most offer curbside help

Arizona Together shows COVID resources

Gov. Ducey has announced the launch of Arizona Together, an initiative connecting individuals and businesses to resources, raising money for community organizations and providing information on volunteer opportunities.

ArizonaTogether.org, serves as the centralized location for Arizonans to find help or provide support during the COVID-19 outbreak. (The illustration at right, which is **not** hotlinked, shows the types of resources available.)

AZ relief fund

As part of the COVID 19 response initiative, Gov. Ducey established the AZ Coronavirus Relief Fund to provide financial support to organizations working to mitigate the impacts of COVID-19. The Arizona Cardinals, led by Chairman & President Michael Bidwill, provided a generous founding contribution of \$1 million followed by a \$150,000 donation from Arizona Cardinals Wide Receiver DeAndre Hopkins.

Aid for business

The \$2 trillion stimulus package was signed into law on Friday to support the economy and provide relief to those impacted by the coronavirus crisis. The package will provide checks directly to many Americans, and make hundreds of billions of dollars available to companies, including an estimated \$5.6 billion available for small business aid in Arizona. The U.S. Chamber created a comprehensive guide with everything you need to know about how to apply for relief under the CARES Act.

- Apply for Unemployment **Benefits** Apply for AHCCCS Health Insurance/KidsCare Additional Financial Assistance **Programs** Resources for Seniors Childcare Assistance Tribal Nations and Communities
 - Find a Food Bank Meals for Children Free Groceries & Delivery for Women, Infants & Children Find Healthcare Community Resources Disability Community Resources Find Employment

Mental Health, Wellbeing & **Emergency Services**

- Managing Anxiety & Stress
- Cancer Patients & Survivors
- Domestic Violence Help

- Immediate Openings Employment for Tourism
- & Hospitality Workers
- Arizona@Work

Help for Homeowners & Renters

- AZ Department of Housing
- Rental & Housing Support by County
- Fannie Mae
- Freddie Mac

Help with Internet Services

- Cox Communications
- CenturyLink
- Altice (Suddenlink)
- CableONE (Sparklight)
- Charter
- Comcast
- EveryoneOn Internet
- Frontier Communications
- Mediacom

Help with Utilities

- Utility Assistance
- Programs
- APS
- SRP TEP
- SWG

Help with Wireless Services

- AT&T
- Sprint
- T-Mobile
- Verizon

The Greenlee County Health Department needs donations of any of the following items:

> **Toothbrushes** Toothpaste Shampoo & Conditioner Body Wash or Soap Deodorant

To donate purchase the items and drop them off at the Health Dept. Help us help local families in our community with basic hygiene items.

Contact: Nicole Verdugo, Greenlee County Health Dept. 253 5th Street Clifton 928-865-2601 Ext. 174 email: nverdugo@greenlee.az.gov



Shaylee Richards presents a United Way Grant check in the amount of \$15,000 to Akos Kovach Greenlee County Economic Development Coordinator with a photo-worthy memento of the grant award. Thank you Graham Greenlee United Way!

Funds are dedicated to the ongoing Census 2020 activities which have now been extended, but need everyone's help in getting a complete count. Call it in by phone: 844-330-2020, it's fast, secure, and convenient.



Can you say you have been counted?



Contact us (928-865-4762) and let us know which design you want on your shirt and specify size. There is no cost; just complete the Census.

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sources and maintain the capacity for hospitals and providers to continue offering vital services.

This will help keep critical personal protective equipment (PPE) available for the fight against COVID-19.

Updated guidance and flexibility for restaurants, bars and other businesses:

An Executive Order that requires restaurants in Arizona counties with confirmed COVID-19 cases to provide dine-out options only, and that all bars in those counties close. This also applies to movie theaters and gyms.

This builds on the previous guidance from the Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS) to ensure one consistent policy across jurisdictions. It is effective close of business Friday, March 20.

To assist in mitigating the financial consequences of restaurant closures, the Executive Order also allows restaurants to deliver alcoholic beverages with the purchase of food.

Additionally, the Governor's directive allows manufacturers, wholesalers and retailers to buy back unopened products from restaurants, bars and clubs.

Waiving ADOT requirements for seniors and commercial drivers

An Executive Order to delay expiration dates on Arizona driver licenses ensuring residents over the age of 65 do not need to visit Motor Vehicle Division offices to renew their driver licenses during the public health emergency.

This protects seniors and vul-

nerable Arizonans from community spread and supports efforts to social distance.

The policy applies to commercial vehicle drivers — ensuring that drivers stay on the road not in-line at MVDs.

Actions Arizona Has Taken To Date

On January 27, 2020, the state activated the Health Emergency Operations Center to track suspected and confirmed cases of COVID-19 at the local, national and global level.

On March 2, 2020,

Arizona became one of the first states in the nation to be certified by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) to test for COVID-19.

On March 4, 2020, Arizona received \$500,000 in federal funding to support COVID-19 Response, providing immediate access to resources for a limited number of states and local jurisdictions impacted by the outbreak.

On March 9, 2020, Governor Ducey met with CEOs and executives of facilities that provide services to the elderly, such as nursing homes, as well as senior care advocates to discuss the latest COVID-19 guidance from the CDC and to hear from local health care leaders serving vulnerable populations.

On March 11, 2020, Gover-



nor Ducey issued a Declaration of Emergency and an Executive Order to provide health officials and administrators with tools and guidance necessary to combat the continued spread of COVID-19 and to reduce financial burdens on Arizonans by lowering health-care costs associated with the virus (more information provided below).

On March 11, 2020, Arizona received over \$12.4 million from the CDC to support the public health response to the COVID-19 outbreak. Key funding priorities will include surveillance and investigation activities, laboratory testing, infection control supply procurement and distribution, and risk communication.

On March 12, 2020, Governor Ducey signed legislation to **continued on page 13**

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appropriate \$55 million to Arizona's Public Health Emergency Fund to support the state's continued efforts to combat the spread of COVID-19.

On March 12, 2020, Governor Ducey and Superintendent of Public Instruction Kathy Hoffman held a conference call with more than 400 district, charter and private school administrators to brief superintendents, school leaders and educational organizations on the state's latest efforts to respond to the global COVID-19 outbreak, and take their questions.

On March 15, 2020, Governor Ducey and Superintendent Hoffman announced a statewide closure of Arizona schools from Monday, March 16, 2020 through Friday, March 27, 2020 to bring certainty and consistency in schools across Arizona.

On March 16, 2020, Governor Ducey met with representatives from private-sector testing labs to discuss efforts underway to expand public lab testing capacity for COVID-19.

On March 17, 2020, Governor Ducey met with hospital Chief Medical Officers in Phoenix to discuss their efforts to address COVID-19. That same day, he met with hospital leaders in Southern Arizona to discuss the latest information on COVID-19 and hear from them.

On March 17, 2020, ADHS issued new guidance related to dining establishments, child care providers, nursing homes, and additional social distancing

measures. The guidance, which reflects recent recommendations from the CDC, recommends canceling or postponing gatherings of 10 or more people.

On March 18, 2020, Governor Ducey and Kristine FireThunder, Director of the Governor's Office of Tribal Relations, held a conference call with Arizona's Tribal Leaders to discuss emergency declarations being issued in line with the state declaration of emergency, as well as ongoing steps being taken to comply with recently released guidance from ADHS and CDC.

On March 19, Governor Ducey met with county and local health officials from across Arizona to build on the state's efforts to address COVID-19.

ADHS is conducting regular briefings, webinars, and providing guidance to community stakeholders including, school administrators, healthcare providers, government officials and business leaders.

Coping with COVID

The Arizona Commerce Authority is hosting the first webinar in a five-part series designed to help Arizona business owners navigate the financial, operational and technical impacts of COVID-19. The session will be from 9 - 11 a.m. on Wednesday, April 1 and will feature banking, real estate and labor law experts. Please register to join the webinar.

Business resources

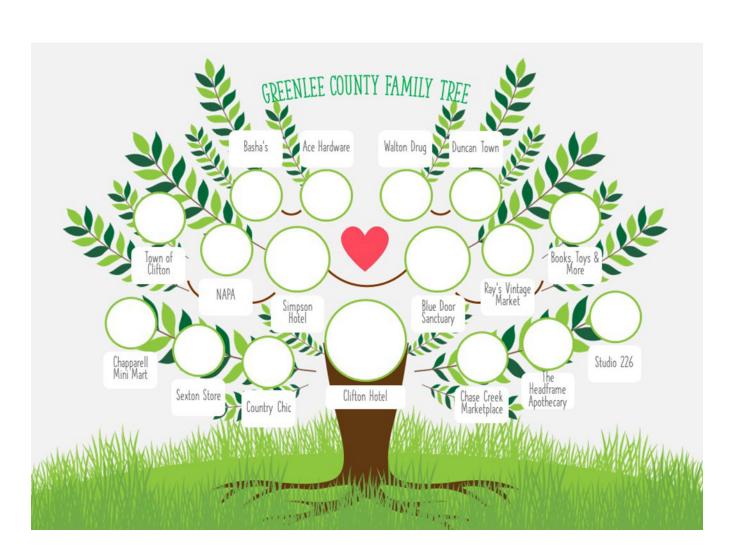
The Arizona Commerce Authority has gathered resources to support businesses and employees as they help combat the spread of COVID-19. <u>This site</u> will be updated regularly as new information becomes available.



Meetings will continue to be broadcast online. Download <u>Zoom</u> (free) to watch. Meetings are currently set for April 7 and April 21. Check the <u>Greenlee County Facebook page</u> for details.

How to help our "family"

- > Social media sharing
- > Like other businesses and share their posts.
 - > Let's learn how to better connect on social media.
 - > Reply to our posts so that we know how to promote you.
 - > See the list of our Facebook pages on page 2 of each issue.





Ending this edition on a positive notes: Here are snapshots of a new spec home going up in Greenlee County!



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