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**Women's Career Expo
Christmas in Greenlee
Last-minute shopping**



**Merry Christmas
from Greenlee County**

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January Clarion

Deadline for submitting articles for the December Clarion is December 30. The issue will be published on January 7.

'Tis the Season

Festivals, celebrations, parties – but mostly grateful to you, our readers

May we never forget to use these two important words: Thank you!

We thank you for your feedback. We appreciate your calls, texts, emails and posts to Social Media and our blog pages. But most of all the support you provide to encourage us to keep publishing, to help us promote this amazing County and to persevere even when there is nothing ahead but obstacles – thank you. Sometimes the folks we count on the most do not speak up, but then – out of seemingly nowhere – the strength, love and support from total strangers, friends and neighbors sustain us. Thank you.

This month's Greenlee Clarion is in two parts. The first is more traditional, with important news about our county and about economic development.

The second part focuses on another part of the economy, and that is shopping. It includes photos of many local businesses to give you ideas about where you can do your lost-minute shopping.

So from all of us to all of you –

Merry Christmas,
Feliz Navidad,
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Ákos Kovach

On the Cover

Rose Garcia is the Executive Director of Tierra del Sol Housing Corporation in Las Cruces. She will be a keynote speaker at the Women's Career Expo here Jan. 18.

2nd Women's Career Expo coming

The Second Annual Women's Career Expo is coming to Greenlee County Jan. 18. You started reading about it in the Clarion last month; this month we'll start looking at the speakers.

As with last year, it will be held on a Saturday to offer working moms, young ladies still in school, and other professional women a chance to participate.

It will be held Saturday, January 18, 2020 from 9-1 at 550 N. Coronado Blvd. the Bingo Hall).

This event is designed to encourage women to come together and feel inspired, uplifted and empowered.

The event is devoted to personal growth by offering networking opportunities for connections personally and professionally. We will cover many topics such as business opportunities, healthy living, landing a job while at the Expo, access to capital for entrepreneurs and much more.

We will present you with introductions to orga-

nizations who want to help you build a stronger community. We will have information on resources available and around our amazing community plus businesses on site ready to hire you!

If you are returning to work, looking for work, want information to start or grow your own business, or simply want to get out and network, this is the event for you.

Do not miss out on this opportunity. Attendees who register by Jan. 9 will enjoy a light lunch, lots of door prizes, women's outdoor apparel and lots more. The event will start on time, and end on time – but we also have some special break-out sessions that will be available after the close of the event for those who wish to go one-on-one with speakers or special reasons.

For more information please contact Erica Gonzalez, Greenlee County Economic Development Coordinator Assistant at 928-865-4762 or by e-mail at egonzalez@greenlee.az.gov.

Speaker Rose Garcia

Rose Garcia is the Executive Director of [Tierra del Sol Housing Corporation Las Cruces](#), N.M. Through her visionary leadership over the course of 39 years, she has collaboratively grown the Tierra del Sol mutual self-help housing services program that has been in operation for 46 years.

Rose, who is pictured on this month's magazine cover, feels fortunate to be identified with the organization that was inspired by local farm worker residents and has become as an exemplary regional and national organization to provide residents who earn low and moderate income with affordable housing, rural infrastructure and community economic development.

She is recognized locally with the community base as well as nationally in being a strong advocate leader and of change in affordable rural housing and economic development.

Rose has dedicated her professional life to the service of others. Her tireless work has advanced the economic and social living conditions of the working poor in rural America and in particular the farm workers and the elderly living in Southwest colonias.

Rose's work has focused on the development af-

fordable single-family homes, multifamily rental-housing, preserving older owner-occupied homes and fostering small businesses in the colonias along the New Mexico, Texas, and the Mexican border corridor.

She has devoted hard work and continues as a voice to advocate for the needs of the community at the local, state, regional and national levels.

Rose's advocacy work advanced the volunteer advisory boards and committees. In 1980, she was a founding member of the Board of Directors for the National Rural Housing Coalition in Washington, D.C., that does legislative information and advocacy.

In 1995, she was a founding member of the Rural Low-Income Support Corporation (LISC) and was dubbed as one of the founding mothers. Additionally, through her national advocacy for rural America, she helped found the initial National Rural Alliance of the Neighborhood Reinvestment Corporation, also known NeighborWorks America.

She is proud to have been one of the leaders founding National Association for Latino Community Asset Builders. Numerous significant posts

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Greenlee County Economic Development
Presents:
**2nd Annual
Women's Career Expo**

JANUARY 18, 2020

9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

Registration Opens at 8:30 a.m.

550 N. Coronado Blvd., Clifton, AZ 85533

 Guest Speakers 




Diana A. Bustamante, Ph.D. Executive Director,
Colonias Development Council
Probate Judge, Doña Ana County




Rose Garcia, Executive Director
Tierra Del Sol Housing Corporation




Jaclyn Bible, Business Analyst
Cochise College Small Business
Development Center


 Small Business Information


 Door Prizes (Must be Present to win)


 Light Meal ***Register by
January 8, 2020***

 Interview Techniques


 Resume Building

 Employers on site ready to hire

 Fashion Show

 Vendor Exhibits

 And Much More...

 Register for our break-out sessions (They will start at 1:15 p.m.): USDA Residential, commercial loan programs , Getting ready for homeownership, Special Opportunities in a Rural Setting, Follow your passion, Understanding Medicare-Healthcare, ADEQ Environmental Issues that affect the community, but are also opportunities.

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Register online using eventbrite link or QR Code

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/greenlee-county-second-annual-womens-career-expo-tickets-81789977023>

leadership
dedication motivation discipline
excellence drive heart
passion



Rose Garcia . . .

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include serving as the Federal Home Loan Bank of Dallas as Vice Chairperson for the first original Affordable Housing Program Advisory Board; the Border Fair Housing and Equity Advisory Board for West Texas and Southern New Mexico; appointed by Congressman Silvestre Reyes to serve as Federal Reserve Bank Community Commission representing TX-New Mexico and the BBVA Compass Bank Advisory Committee.

At the state level she served on the New Mexico Mortgage Finance Authority Advisory Council for Affordable Housing. Rose was recently appointed by New Mexico Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham to serve on the New Mexico Construction Industries Commission. She has served many numerous local volunteer committees.

While Rose has lived an active life in community service, she gives credit to the Tierra del Sol board leaders, the mentors and many staff. Rose treasures her personal relation of the Garcia family which is her sons Richard and Aaron, seven grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

Rose sums up her diverse community work as has not been just a job “it has been a way of life that she has been extremely fortunate to serve.”

Come back next month for more on the event.

San Carlos Tribe rejects pipeline compromise

From The Eastern Arizona Courier

SAN CARLOS — In a letter dated Nov. 1, San Carlos Apache Tribal Chairman Terry Rambler said a proposal to use the Emery Pipeline to move Gila River water onto the reservation “would be a win for the GVID (Gila Valley Irrigation District) and a loss for the tribe.”

Rambler addressed the letter to the three mayors in Graham County — Safford’s Jason Kouts, Thatcher’s Bob Rivera and Pima’s C.B. Fletcher.

At issue are rights to water in the Gila River, and the Gila Valley Irrigation District-constructed Emery Pipeline to deliver water to the San Carlos Apache Reservation.

However, while Rambler said the proposal appears “well intended,” it does not adhere to the Globe Equity No. 59 Decree, which details Gila

[click here to read more](#)



St. Cloud’s Dan Eyde examines zeolites at the company’s property at Bowie.

Zeolite mines thriving south of Safford

From The Eastern Arizona Courier

BOWIE — About 12 miles north of Bowie, 25 miles southeast of Safford, mines are producing an industrial mineral that, among an array of uses, has helped clean up after nuclear power plant meltdowns.

The St. Cloud Mining Company, based in Winston, N.M., operates three zeolite pits — the Cholla, Grace and State Lands pits — in the Bowie mining district. In addition to these and its main site in Winston, the company operates zeolite mines near Rome, Ore., and Ash Meadows in Nevada and California.

Natural zeolite — zeolites are also produced industrially — is formed by chemical reactions when volcanic ash falls into a lake. Zeolites act as “molecular sieves,” filtering out such contaminants as ammonia and carbon dioxide at natural gas refineries.

The Bowie pits produce a type of zeolite known as chabazite and are the world’s only operating high-purity deposit of that mineral, which can be used to remove radioactive waste. Chabazite from the Bowie area was used in cleanups at Three Mile Island and Japan’s Fukushima nuclear power plant. Following the latter’s meltdown, sandbags of the zeolite were dropped into seawater near the plant to adsorb radioactive cesium.

[click here to read more](#)

Supervisors on NACo committees

Though Greenlee County may be small, it carries some weight at the National Association of Counties, or NACo, the organization that represents this government level nationally.

All three supervisors sit on important committees within the organization.

Ron Campbell is on the Agriculture and Rural Affairs Policy Steering Committee.

Chairman Richard Lunt is on the Public Lands Policy Steering Committee, where he has served for 9 years. He also was on The Agriculture and Rural Affairs for 1 year and the Public Lands Platform Rewrite Committee for 1 year.

And David Gomez is on the Economic Development Policy Steering Committee.

Campbell recently shared a letter telling of his appointment to the National Agriculture and Rural Affairs Policy Steering Committee for 2020.

He has served on this steering committee for 5 years and spent 2 years on the Public Lands Steering Committee that Chairman Lunt is currently serving on.

“This is quite the honor as the state of Arizona is limited to 2-3 representatives for each steering committee and Greenlee County Supervisors have been appointed to 3 different steering committees that represent Greenlee County very well,” Campbell said.

Mary Ann Borgeson, President of NACo, told Campbell that “a great deal of NACo’s strength is in our committees and your active participation reflects and reinforces that strength.”



Supervisor Ron Campbell in Washington.



United States Department
of Veterans Affairs



Federal Procurement Matchmaking Event

Early Registration is now open

**2020 VA Procurement Opportunities.
One-on-One Matchmaking Sessions
with VA Contracting Officers.**

**Wednesday, January 29, 2020
1:30 PM - 5:00 PM**

Pima Community College Downtown Campus - Amethyst Room
1255 N Stone Ave, Tucson, Arizona 85705

[click here to register](#)

A festive poster for a "Winter Wonderland" event. The background is blue with white snowflakes. The title "Winter WONDERLAND" is written in a mix of cursive and bold, block letters. The event is scheduled for December 18, 5 PM to 8 PM, at the Special Events Center. It is a multi-agency event for fun for kids of all ages. The poster lists activities like game booths, food, door prizes, music, arts & crafts, and a visit with Santa, Mrs. Claus, and elves. It is hosted by the Lordsburg Elks Lodge & City of Lordsburg.

**Winter
WONDERLAND**

MULTI-AGENCY EVENT **DECEMBER 18** **FUN FOR KIDS OF ALL AGES!**
5 PM TO 8 PM
SPECIAL EVENTS CENTER

For booth space, contact Glenda Greene at 575-639-2484
or Jacob Ornelas at the SEC at 575-519-8800

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MRS. CLAUS, ELVES & OTHERS!

Hosted by the Lordsburg Elks Lodge & City of Lordsburg

Great Duck Races benefit Frisco Float and Trail

What is the Frisco Float & Trail?

The Frisco Float & Trail is a vision for enhancing the recreational and healthy use of the San Francisco River near Clifton by creating clean, safe spaces for activities such as kayaking, tubing, wading, fishing, birding, and family picnics.

It is also a partnership, including the Greenlee County Tourism Council, Gila Watershed Partnership, and representatives from Clifton, Morenci and rural Greenlee County as well.

You can help make it a reality!

The first plastic duck river race; a.k.a “The Great Duck Race”, will happen on in Clifton between the 3 historic bridges along the San Francisco River. All funds will go toward planning and permitting to create a recreational space along the San Francisco River as it flows through Clifton.

How does The Great Duck Race work?

You purchase a duck (\$10) or two (\$20) or three (\$25), and are given a number for each duck. Once all 2,000 ducks are sold, a date will be set for the race.

The day of the race, the numbered ducks will be released into the San Francisco River at the northernmost bridge and will “race” to the southernmost bridge, about a mile. The first duck to cross the finish line will earn its owner the grand prize...a kayak complete with safety vest and paddle!

Ducks can be purchased by [clicking here](#). For more information [click here](#), or call 480-745-0637 or 928-865-4762.



The Merry Elfing Christmas Project

Elf cheer for children! Free and Fun!

December 2nd thru December 20th

CLIFTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

Each day a gift bag will be set out for a child to find at the library.

They can keep it or Elf it Forward to another child.

The gifts are sponsored by the Greenlee County Library System

PLEASE POST A PICTURE TO OUR FACEBOOK PAGE AND LET US KNOW YOU FOUND IT!

<https://www.facebook.com/greenleelibrariesarizona>



GILA WATERSHED PARTNERSHIP ANNUAL UPDATE & VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DINNER

Join us to celebrate our accomplishments of 2019, see what's in store for 2020, and honor our volunteers! All are welcome!

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2019

5:30 - 7:30 PM

EAC DISCOVERY PARK, CIRCLE D RANCH HOUSE
1651 W Discovery Park Blvd | Safford, AZ 85546

RSVP required for dinner. RSVP to Julie Davis:
(928) 424-3886 or julie@gwpaz.org



Start you own business

Event: Start Up Smart: Taking the right steps to start your own business.

When: Thursday, January 23, 2020 @ 6-8PM

Event details:

Are you thinking about starting a business, or have you just recently started your own business?

Eastern Arizona College Small Business Development Center presents "Start Up Smart: Taking the right steps to start your own business". This event is free to the public, and will take place on Thursday, January 23, 2020, from 6-8PM, at the EAC Academic Programs Building, Room #111.

This class will cover all the basics to help entrepreneurs maximize their success. Learn the top 8 reason why businesses fail and how to overcome them. We will also discuss the resources available to help small businesses start, grow and prosper.

Charmaine Chidester, Business Counselor of the EAC Small Business Development Center will present the following: What to think about ahead of time, why businesses fail and how to avoid it, how you can increase your chances of survival, basics of starting a business, resources and more!

For more information about this event, contact the EAC Small Business Development Center at (928) 428-8590 or email: sbdc@eac.edu.



The Clifton Police Department is proud to present our

2nd Annual

Giving



Community

Tree

This effort is coordinated by Sandra Vaughn of the Clifton Police Department and the goal is to help the children of the community that have been chosen by our officers and deputies. We're asking that if you can help please take a paper ornament off the tree. Buy a gift suitable for the child's age / gender and turn the gift with the tag ^(for approval or unapproved) into the Clifton Police Department at 520 N Coronado Blvd ^(by Family Dollar) by December 18th this way they can be delivered to a very special child on Christmas. We'd like to thank everyone for anything that they can give. and Happy Holidays!



Charity Chicks first ever Christmas bazaar ,

December 13th from 9-6 at the Sacred Heart parish hall in Clifton .

We have over 40 vendors , People will be selling fudge, suckers, cakepops , macaroons, caramel apples ,cookies ,cupcakes, crafts, ornaments, t-shirts, hair bows, soap ,stocking stuffers, Jewelry , oils, epoxy tumblers, homemade cards, home decor, candles, scentsy, Antique glassware, walking sticks, Usbourne books, stockings, Younique makeup, Tupperware, Oragami owl , Happy Cocoa, and the real houseplants of Morenci

The Sacred Heart Parish fundraisers will also be cooking lunch

We will have crafts for the kids, a selfie station , and a hot cocoa bar, plus we will have letters to Santa for your kids to fill out or they can bring their own and drop off in santas mail box. Santa may even make an appearance . We will also be drawing for the raffle at 5 . Hope to see you there .

Ntl Miners Day recognizes contributions

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The National Mining Association (NMA) recognized National Miners Day with new polling that highlights the importance of mining to everyday life.

National Miners day, Dec. 6, was established to acknowledge the contributions and sacrifices of our nation’s miners.

“National Miners Day provides an opportunity to thank our nation’s miners, who contribute to nearly every aspect of American life,” said Rich Nolan, NMA president and CEO.

“In many ways miners are the

unsung heroes of our economy, supplying the raw materials that are necessary for everything from smart phones to F-35s, electricity to the infrastructure that carries it to your home.

“As technologies advance, our need for the products of mining increases and our miners continue to deliver. Surprisingly, most people don’t know just how much they depend on mining – and the hard work of America’s miners.”

When asked about the importance of mining to their lives, just three in 10 Americans identified mining as important to their

daily lives, according to polling conducted by Morning Consult for NMA Nov. 22-24. But when reminded of all the industries and technologies that rely on the products of mining, that number rises to 72 percent.

Sixty-five percent of voters went on to say that they are supportive of policies that encourage domestic mining and the use of America’s natural resources.

The national poll was conducted with 2,195 registered voters, and includes a margin of error of +/- 2 percent.

Miners keep economic engine running

From Minerals Make Life

It goes without question: America needs its minerals miners. Their efforts produce the materials that are the cornerstones of our economy, enabling the products, technologies and infrastructure that underpin our modern life. At more than 400 mining operations across the U.S., miners drive our economic engine.

[Watch our video](#) to find out more about how minerals make today’s modern technologies possible.

Last year alone, U.S. minerals mining operations produced raw materials valued at an estimated \$82.2 billion. These materials were processed to produce aluminum, copper and steel—all of which are vital to the defense, health, tech and manufacturing industries – that were worth \$766 billion.

U.S. industries used these materials to contribute approximately \$3.02 trillion to our economy, comprising roughly 14 percent of

the country’s total GDP.

In addition to providing these essential resources, the mining industry makes significant contributions to the U.S., state and local economies through taxes and employment.

In 2017, mining contributed an estimated \$17 billion in federal, state and local taxes. This figure doesn’t include more than \$42 billion from additional indirect and induced taxes.

Further, the minerals mining industry supports more than 1.1

million jobs, more than 400,000 of which are direct mining jobs. These jobs are key economic drivers for states with rich natural resources.

Take into consideration that a metal-mining job earns an average of \$94,000 a year, nearly 50 percent more than the average household income in the U.S. These high-paying jobs provide substantial economic support to the communities they call home.

The industry is not just in [click here to read more](#)



Who will get Census questionnaire first?

The U.S. Census Bureau has released the [Mail Contact Strategies Viewer](#) showing how the country will be asked to respond to the 2020 Census. Nearly every household will be invited to respond online, by phone or by mail to the census starting in mid-March 2020.

Most areas—about three of every four households—will receive an invitation to respond online (or by phone), while the other households will receive a paper questionnaire along with an invitation to respond online.

Regardless of which invitation they receive, all households that have not yet responded will receive a paper questionnaire by mid-April. This map also shows which households will receive English/Spanish bilingual invitations and questionnaires.

The interactive map illustrates the contact strategy to inform the public and partners of the Census Bureau’s plan to count everyone by geographic location for the 2020 Census. A decade of research and testing has determined the best way to invite everyone to respond to the 2020 Census.

Most households will first receive a letter asking them to complete the census questionnaire online with information about how to respond online or by phone in English plus 12 non-English languages. Areas less likely to respond online, approximately 21.8% of households, will receive a paper questionnaire along with the invitation to respond online or over the phone.

Areas assigned to receive a paper questionnaire first have a low self-response rate to the Census Bureau’s ongoing American Community Survey (ACS), and have either low internet response rates, high population over age 65, or low rate of internet subscriptions.

In addition, the 2020 Census supports language needs across the country. All households will receive information about how to respond in 12 non-English

languages online and by phone, and about 9.3% of households (or 13 million) will receive English/Spanish bilingual invitations.

These areas were designated where 20% or more of households in a census tract (areas with about 4,000 households) need Spanish language assistance — defined as households that have at least one person age 15 or older who speaks Spanish and doesn’t speak English “very well” (based on ACS data). Most states (40 out of 50) plus the District of Columbia have at least some areas assigned to receive English/Spanish invitations.

These areas may also receive bilingual paper questionnaires in the first invitation if they are part of an area determined to be less likely to respond online. Regardless of which invitation they received, all households that received bilingual invitations and have not yet responded will receive a bilingual paper questionnaire by mid-April.

The map released today focuses solely on the 95% of households who will receive their census invitation and/or questionnaire in the mail.

It does not show the almost five percent of the nation’s households that will receive their questionnaire when a census taker drops it off at their home nor does it reflect the less than one percent that will be counted in person instead of invited to respond on their own. These special areas can instead be viewed in the Type of Enumeration Area (TEA) Viewer.

[Click here](#) to go to the nomination site.



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Freeport CIF grants for Greenlee

Clifton (December 11)—Freeport-McMoRan is pleased to announce the Freeport-McMoRan Foundation will award grants to four local projects through the Greenlee County Community Investment Fund.

Recipient organizations will receive their monetary awards and be recognized by members of the Community Investment Committee at an awards ceremony held during the Greenlee County Chamber of Commerce Mixer December 11 at the Blue Door Sanctuary.

“Working in collaboration with a range of committed community partners, we’re continuing to focus on empowering citizens through opportunities to acquire a broad range of skills, education and leadership to foster community resilience and transformation that leads to sustainability,” said Tracy Bame, President, Freeport-McMoRan Foundation.

“Vocational skills and educational attainment lead to healthier, higher standards of living and transfer beyond mining into other areas of the economy, while broader leadership abilities support resilience and self-governance that enable communities to thrive post-mining.”

A committee comprised of local community leaders representing diverse organizations as well as two Freeport-McMoRan representatives governs the Fund.

The community leaders were selected by members of the Greenlee County Community Partnership Panel, a stakeholder engagement process established by Freeport-McMoRan in

2011 to foster open and ongoing

dialogue with the community and allow the company and the community to work together to develop thoughtful solutions that address community needs.

Soon after, Community Investment Funds were established to give community leaders the opportunity to direct funds from the Freeport-McMoRan Foundation to address local priority issues.

Since its establishment in 2011, the Greenlee CIF has invested \$2.5 million. The funds have gone to programs and projects that help foster sustainability and reduce dependency on any single industry by supporting initiatives that benefit community priority areas identified by CPP members.

Proposals include those in the priority areas of education, environment, community and economic development as well as health and wellness.

2019 grant recipients

Greenlee County Noxious Weeds Control Program – \$26,000

This grant will be used to provide

technical training and equipment to landowners in an effort to combat noxious weeds that decrease land value, forage and habitat for domestic and wild animals and negatively impact the watershed – ultimately addressing the economic and environmental hardship the weeds could create if not controlled.

Southeastern Arizona Community Unique Services (SEACUS) Greenlee County Meals on Wheels – \$23,000

Funding will increase the number of homebound seniors served by Meals on Wheels by 60 percent. In addition to providing a healthy meal, Meals on Wheels providers check on the safety of residents and provide social interaction, allowing them to remain in their home and community.

Clifton Beautification Abatement Program – \$115,000

Funding will accelerate the revitalization of underutilized properties and develop aging or blighted areas in the Town of

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At the recent Greenlee County Chamber mixer, the check for the Greenlee County FMI CIF grant changed hands. From left are Marlena Thornberry, Austin Adams, Robert Pollock, Aaron Draper, Kim McReynolds, Cecilia Jernigan, Tom Lovett, and Tom Powers.

Is Medicare puzzling you, too?

The beginning of a series

Let's break this down: Medicare comes in three parts.

Part A is hospital care.

Part B is medical coverage – like doctor visits.

and Part D is your prescription coverage.

Simple right? We wish it were so!

Freeport . . .

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Clifton. Focused growth and revitalization activities will stimulate new economic activity, enhance sales tax generation, and support healthy growth and employment opportunities.

Duncan High School (DHS)
Welding Lab – TBD*

This investment will be used to update the Duncan High School welding lab so that students can develop their welding skills on modern and relevant equipment. Career and technical training in high school prepares students for the workforce.

Those enrolled in the DHS welding program gain the skills needed to enter the GIFT Welding program offered through Eastern Arizona College.

*DHS and Freeport-McMoran Morenci are collaborating to ensure all project infrastructure and safety considerations are met. The final investment amount will be determined once all relevant upgrades are identified.

For more information about Freeport-McMoran community investments and programs, please contact Angie Harmon at aharmon@fmi.com or visit FreeportInMyCommunity.com.

Your Part A coverage costs nothing monthly but has a large deductible that must be paid if you have any stay in the hospital, it also resets every 60 days.

Your Part B coverage has a fee that is taken out of your social security check prior to receiving it every month and is based on your previous 2 years income. The Part B fee starts at \$144.60 per month for 2020. Then your Part B coverage has a deductible of \$195 per year and an 80/20 split (20% being your portion with no maximum cap). No cap is a hard pill to swallow, wouldn't you say? (pardon the pun)

But qualified, highly trained help is available. As an example Bankers Life offers simple and reasonably priced supplement plans that assist in covering your "20% portion".

Want a simple solution? Part A, is automatic and free! Part B, we can help you get signed up so you avoid that trip to the social security office and pay a penalty fee for the rest of your life.

Bankers Life can add an affordable supplement plan that can fit your budget (and in many cases less expensive than your coverage through work) which then benefits you so you only have to pay the \$197 deductible per year

(all other fees are covered by the supplement).

Part D, is customized to each client based on their RX (prescription) needs and reviewed yearly with your customer service agent. If you are turning 65 within the next 6 months or are already 65+ please you are encouraged to reach out for a plan or review of your current coverage.

*An area that's not covered by any major medical or Medicare that Bankers Life does specialize in is post hospital care (Short Term & Long-Term Care Options available). Statistics show that 70% of folks over the age of 65 will need some sort of care, either in the home or in a facility but this area is not a covered benefit and the number one cause of bankruptcy in retirees. Let Bankers Life protect you and all that you've worked so hard to earn!

We serve Greenlee County and are here to help you put all the puzzle pieces together for your personal needs! Bankers Life Agents:

Nadine Kaakouche – 480-516-6812 Cell

Kyle Ruiter – 515-851-1587 Cell

Christmas bird count

PHOENIX — Enjoy a wild-life-viewing experience and help wildlife conservation at the same time by volunteering to help out in one or more Christmas Bird Count (CBC) events.

The count program is a winter bird population survey that has been coordinated annually by the

National Audubon Society for over a century.

For each county, volunteers will go afield for one calendar day between Dec. 14 and Jan. 5 to record every bird species and every individual bird sighted.

To learn more about the count, [click here](#).

Synthetic IDs – a cautionary tale

By Ákos Kovach

This article is intended to keep the reader aware of how to protect themselves from soulless scoundrels taking aim to harm everyone from children to senior citizens – they will do damage to your economic viability unless you remain alert.

Scene 1 - A hacker obtains the social security number you secured for your newborn child. From that point forward a 'new person' exists in cyber world. The hacker can sell the social number or use it to create credit card accounts. Loans, and number of accounts from grocery stores to big box stores. Add a little ponzi to the mix and in the blink of an eye hundreds of thousands of dollars of debt can be charged leaving in its wake a destroyed credit history for a child not even out of diapers.

Moral of the story? Guard your records, protect your banking information, stop using pin numbers (how do I stop using a pin when all you have is a debit card? Virtually all credit card machines allow you to skip the pin by using the card as a credit card, ask the cashier – how do I make this a credit card for your machine? Some places it is the red button, others use the yellow button but the option is YOURS.

Scene 2 - So stop these problems before they get

Lions to the rescue

By Ákos Kovach

Morenci Lions Club has been giving a helping hand to local indigent families for over 20 years.

This year they will serve 30 families and some 68 kids. Each child will receive 3 presents, while those who are 14 years or older get gift cards. Each family is provided a full Christmas Dinner with all the fixins.

On top of that each family is given 4 food boxes.

The Lions Club is assisted by Nicole Verdugo from the Greenlee County Health Dept. This amazing team wraps up all the gifts – and even though they don't know family names – just ages and gender everything is made to be as personalized as possible. The on Dec 23rd the food and gifts and delivered all over York, Duncan & Clifton.

Kudos' to the Morenci Lions Club and all their members for this very special giving event.

you. Guard your social security number, if you give it to anyone make sure you know their name, who they work for – hospital – mortgage broker – be sure you know who you are dealing with.

Highly under cyber-attack these days are senior citizens. Loving trusting souls who have worked their entire lives as honest, dependable people and in a moment of illness or confusion they give up confidential information to culprits with no conscience.

On your own, find out how to establish a credit freeze on your credit profile. It means just like it sounds, you can place a freeze on your credit unless you specifically authorize your credit to be accessed.

If you think you have been scammed into revealing confidential information please call 911, report the incident and provide as many details as you can.



EVERY
**SECOND
SATURDAY**
ON CHASE CREEK



Shopping, Dining, Music

BACCA | For questions call 928.292.0487

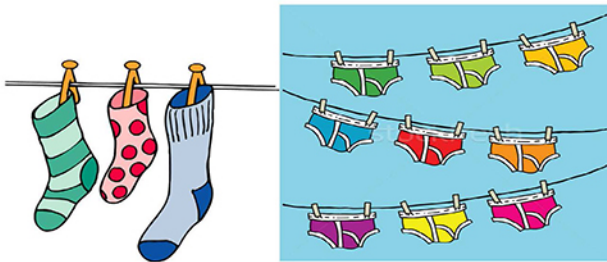


METCALF Elementary
 &
 Greenlee County Health Department's
Annual New Underwear
and New Sock Drive!

Please only donate new items, sizes 2T-through adult sizes, for both boys and girls who are in need in our community.

Please turn in all donations by December 13th, 2019.

Items can be dropped off at Metcalf or the Greenlee County Health Dept. 253 Fifth Street, Clifton.



Life After Loss

A GRIEF AND BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

DECEMBER 9
JANUARY 13
10:00 AM

KNOWING THE STAGES OF GRIEF & HOW TO SUPPORT THE GRIEVING



10:00 am

Each person is an individual and needs a ready ear

Are you ready to help others?

Call 928-228-3935 for details

No cost

Clifton Public Library
 588 Turner Ave
 Clifton, AZ

The ROARING 20's Annual Dinner

Join us for a night of Fun and Entertainment!

Sat., February 22nd
5:00 - 9:00 P.M.
 at the Morenci Club

Reception, dinner, dancing, silent auctions, 50/50 raffle, casino games, live music performed by members of the Morenci High School Band, and a performance by the dance team of Missy Marrell.

There can be formal, vintage, retro, fabulous, swanky, and fun!

Tickets can be ordered online at GreenleeChamber.com or by calling (928) 965-7943

You will be provided with a "Speakeasy Password" for entry.

\$40 Advanced Purchase
\$45 At the Door
\$400 Corporate Table of 8



TOWN OF DUNCAN'S 14TH ANNUAL SMALL TOWN CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

"ROCKIN' AROUND THE CHRISTMAS TREE"

Join our community as we begin our festivities of the most joyous season.

December 14, 2019

Games, Vendors, and Music Starting at noon to 4pm

Parade line up 4:30pm on East Ave by The Ranch House

Parade starts at 6pm

Pre-register entry forms before Saturday December 14, 2019. Entry forms located at the Town Hall. Town Hall phone # 928-359-2791

DUNCAN CENTENNIAL PARK

207 SE Old West Hwy
 Duncan, AZ 85534



Thanks to modern flow monitoring a catastrophic flooding, notice and alert can be generated hours ahead of a serious flood danger. So while most of the year, year in and year out, the rivers rise and fall depending on mountain rains and snow melt, if there is a threat, the public is alerted well in advance. In the meantime, fishing is great! (Photo by Ákos Kovach.)



Trip down Memory Lane

By Ákos Kovach

Song requests are welcomed by the guitar pickin', tambourine playin' group of singers that gather at the Fresh Market in Duncan every so often. They plan to get together again on Saturday Dec 14 ahead of the Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree Celebration in Duncan.

Everyone is welcome to join in the signing, bring an instrument and enjoy the tunes from a wide variety of music interests. The Fresh Market is open

Fridays and Saturdays from 10 am until 5 pm – serving a unique smorgasbord of fresh produce, baked goods, fresh from the water seafood, and pizza's! Call (602) 363-6519.

The Fresh Market at the Old Cotton Gin – just a short drive up Virden Road in Duncan.

Bisbee in running for \$\$\$

From The Herald/Review

The eclectic, historic mining town of Bisbee has made it on many Top 10 lists and now it is on one which could bring a \$500,000 makeover and be the focus of the Small Business Revolution (SBR), an online show sponsored by the Deluxe Corporation.

Deluxe is a company which has grown far beyond its original purpose of providing checks for businesses and personal bank accounts. It now includes marketing, design and promotional products, with a focus on small business.

SBR is a way for small towns and their under-

[click here to read more](#)

Christmas shopping opportunities



H&S Western Wear, Morenci.



Chase Creek Marketplace, Clifton.



Circle K, Clifton.



Basha's, Morenci.



Merle's Auto Supply, Morenci

Free for all Ages

MORENCI, ARIZONA
COMMUNITY SERVICES

Morenci Club
5:30-7:30 p.m.

Movie Night in the Club

December 18

Bring a chair and blanket and come enjoy our family-friendly movie inside the club. In the spirit of the holidays, we'll be showing the movie Elf! Starbucks will be selling hot cocoa, and the Recreation team will be serving popcorn.

For more information please contact the Community Center at 928-865-6598



Country Chic, Duncan.



Hilda's Kitchen & Meat Market, Duncan.



Town & Country Supply, Duncan.



Gila Health/Walton Pharmacy, Morenci.

*If you're wondering
how a business can
help you at Christmas,
think "gift certificates."*



At Greenlee County Courthouse, Clifton.



Gi'mee's, Duncan.



Coronado Beauty Shop, Clifton.



NAPA Auto Parts, Clifton.



Dollar General, Clifton.



Conoco, Morenci.



Granny's Attic, Clifton.





Blessed & Obsessed Boutique, Clifton.



Morenci Motel & Restaurant, Morenci.



Miner's Diner, Morenci.



PJ's Restaurant, Clifton.



Ace Hardware, Morenci.



Historical Museum / Gift Shop, Clifton.





Nabor Barber Shop, Clifton.



Daley Diner, Clifton.



Rock-a-Buy Rock Shop, Duncan.



CELEBRATE THE SEASON

Join us* for a sacred night of traditional, multi-faith Christmas music

Congregational Christmas hymns and special musical numbers performed by members of our community.

Sunday, December 15th at 6pm
105 Fairgrounds Road, Duncan AZ

A graphic illustration of a nativity scene. It shows silhouettes of a manger with baby Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, surrounded by animals. In the background, there are silhouettes of mountains and a starry night sky with a prominent star.