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March Clarion

Deadline for submitting articles for the March Clarion is February 21. The issue will be published on February 27.

What is the Greenlee Clarion?

The Greenlee Clarion promotes Greenlee County and the surrounding region where we have numerous strategic alliances.

Our purpose is to promote economic development throughout Greenlee County, which includes cooperatively working with our geographic neighbors in New Mexico, Cochise, Graham and Apache Counties.

But that is not all. We are part of the Southeastern Arizona Governments Organization – SEAGO – where we work hand-in-hand with AAA, Health, Transportation and all our sister counties in the SEAGO Region – Santa Cruz, Cochise & Graham Counties.

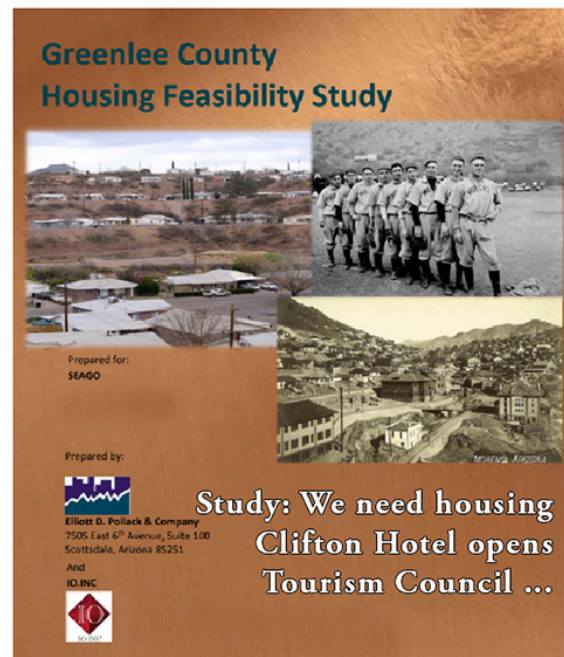
But the Greenlee Clarion is primarily a self-promotional vehicle of Greenlee County, Arizona. We provide local news of value and interest, a listing of upcoming events and we serve as a directory for resource for networking contacts.

Call us anytime 928-865-4762.

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On the Cover

This month the results of the Housing Feasibility study are being released. See page 3.

Housing study will be presented

Greenlee County needs more housing.

Anyone who lives here knows that, but now it's been formalized in a study by Elliott D. Pollack and Co., a highly respected real-estate research and consulting firm.

A presentation of the Greenlee County Housing Feasibility Study will be made Wednesday, Feb. 5, at noon at the Greenlee Golf and Country Club. It is open to the public.

The study was done in concert with Greenlee County, the Towns of Clifton and Duncan, and the Southeastern Arizona Governments Organization (SEAGO).

The study was funded by the United Way of Graham and Greenlee Counties and has been managed by staff from SEAGO.

The study focused on five key areas of analysis:

1) the need for additional owner-occupied and rental housing in the county, 2) the demand for Greenlee County housing, 3) potential locations for housing development in the county, 4) the cost of developing, building, and purchasing housing in the county, and 5) the obstacles to developing housing in the county.

The housing study process began with a series of focus group meetings during the summer of 2018 including county residents, major employers and employees of major employers in the county, housing builders and developers, and town and county elected officials.

After receiving the focus group input, the consultants have collected, reviewed, and analyzed relevant information from various sources to arrive at the sixty-six page comprehensive report.

Some of the conclusions and recommendations in the housing study reflect and substantiate the credibility of long held beliefs of many county residents who understand the Greenlee County housing situation.

While the study information gathered and analyzed by the consultants provides evidence of the need and demand for owner-occupied and rental housing, it also addresses the challenges of developing new housing stock in the county.

Pollack's conclusion's will be presented to all interested Greenlee County residents Wednesday. A light lunch will also be available for those attending the meeting.

In addition to presenting the housing study results, the consultants will respond to questions raised by meeting attendees, and be receptive to and incorporate comments that add value to the study and assist in moving the housing development initiative forward.

If anyone would like a copy of the study prior to the February 5 meeting, please contact Mr. Larry Catten at lcatten@seago.org. Upon request, Mr. Catten will email a copy of the study to the interested party.

Some charts from housing study

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Morenci Inflow/Outflow Job Counts 2015					
Morenci, AZ					
Where Workers Live			Where Residents Are Employed		
Place	Count	Share	Place	Count	Share
All Places	3,026	100.0%	All Places	599	100.0%
Clifton town, AZ	567	18.7%	Morenci CDP, AZ	428	71.5%
Morenci CDP, AZ	428	14.1%	Tucson city, AZ	18	3.0%
Safford city, AZ	303	10.0%	Phoenix city, AZ	14	2.3%
Thatcher town, AZ	87	2.9%	Duncan town, AZ	13	2.2%
Duncan town, AZ	77	2.5%	Safford city, AZ	13	2.2%
Tucson city, AZ	70	2.3%	Clifton town, AZ	8	1.3%
Cactus Flats CDP, AZ	61	2.0%	Thatcher town, AZ	5	0.8%
York CDP, AZ	51	1.7%	Sierra Vista city, AZ	4	0.7%
Lordsburg city, NM	51	1.7%	Tempe city, AZ	4	0.7%
Swift Trail Junction	49	1.6%	Lordsburg city, NM	4	0.7%
All Other Locations	1,282	42.4%	All Other Locations	88	14.7%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau's OnTheMap

Table 17

FMI Employees By Place of Residence							
Zip Code	Community	2011		2014		2017	
		Employees	Percent	Employees	Percent	Employees	Percent
85540	Morenci	943	36.9%	1,150	36.9%	1,169	35.0%
85533	Clifton	349	13.7%	421	13.5%	483	14.5%
85534	Duncan	170	6.7%	205	6.6%	204	6.1%
85546, 85552, 85543	Safford/Thatcher/Pima	619	24.2%	700	22.5%	823	24.7%
All others	All others	472	18.5%	640	20.5%	659	19.7%
Totals		2,553		3,116		3,338	

Source: FMI

Table 23

	Arizona		SEAGO		Greenlee County		Clifton		Duncan		Morenci CDP	
	Estimate	Percent	Estimate	Percent	Estimate	Percent	Estimate	Percent	Estimate	Percent	Estimate	Percent
Total:	2,913,541		96,218		4,424		1,520		398		788	
Built 2014 or later	13,532	0.5%	149	0.2%	26	0.6%	26	1.7%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Built 2010 to 2013	55,493	1.9%	1,715	1.8%	62	1.4%	27	1.8%	0	0.0%	18	2.3%
Built 2000 to 2009	739,622	25.4%	20,356	21.2%	554	12.5%	259	17.0%	49	12.9%	13	1.6%
Built 1990 to 1999	597,236	20.5%	17,244	17.9%	575	13.0%	94	6.2%	38	9.5%	27	3.4%
Built 1980 to 1989	531,164	18.2%	16,133	16.8%	539	12.2%	59	3.9%	65	16.9%	83	10.5%
Built 1970 to 1979	501,138	17.2%	17,636	18.3%	1,130	25.5%	395	26.0%	113	28.4%	256	32.5%
Built 1960 to 1969	215,114	7.4%	7,927	8.2%	583	13.2%	211	13.9%	15	3.8%	288	36.5%
Built 1950 to 1959	165,633	5.7%	5,517	5.7%	299	6.8%	130	8.6%	28	7.0%	65	8.2%
Built 1940 to 1949	46,808	1.6%	2,260	2.3%	89	2.0%	48	3.2%	10	2.5%	0	0.0%
Built 1930 or earlier	47,801	1.6%	7,281	7.6%	567	12.8%	271	17.8%	80	20.1%	38	4.8%

Source: 2012-2016 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

Great Duck Race, Clifton Hill Climb

Tourism Council is busy

On a cold rainy night in January the true believers in the Greenlee County Tourism Council ventured out and made things happen. With not one but two standout guest speakers, Tom Powers (representing the Morenci Lions Club, in his role as an avid volunteer and his elected office as Greenlee School Superintendent) plus Melanie Tluczek, Gila Watershed Partnership (GWP) Executive Director and serial volunteer.

In addition to Tluczek, guests David Bell (editor, Eastern Az Courier), Charmaine Chidester (EAC SBDC), Bobbi Reed (Az@Work) and Graham County Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Vance Bryce - plus our full Board and local members came out despite the rain, applauded our speakers, participated in Q&A, and enjoyed some amazing deserts prepared by our hosts at the Daley Diner.

Powers spoke about the importance of Tourism and how the annual Lions Club Baseball Tourna-

ment attracts teams from out of state on a regular basis. Likewise, the Mt Graham Safe House annual Golf Tournament is also a big draw.

Powers was animated when he spoke about the positive results what these and other events mean to the economy of Greenlee County and philanthropy.

Tluczek was exuberant about the recent successes and accomplishments of the GWP, such as the installation of the third restroom facility installed along the San Francisco River Road serving all the campers and outdoor visitors along the San Francisco River from near the Polly Rosenbaum Bridge all the way north to Polaris Road. The third restroom was completely installed and is serving the public. One benefit is the reduced level of e-coli in the river.

The GWP also provides several River Clean Up Events throughout the year that also help keep the river recreational areas clean and enticing for travelers, campers and guests.

Big events coming

Chair of the Tourism Council, Ákos Kovach, discussed a lot of the projects and activities that the Tourism Council supports such as **the Great Duck Race and Clifton Hill Climb. Both events are now scheduled to happen on the last weekend of April.** Also discussed the 2020 Membership Renewal effort and Membership Drive.

The recently rebuilt Visit Greenlee Website <http://www.visitgreenleecounty.com/> - the updated format is getting a lot of attention.

For more information about the Greenlee County Tourism Council visit their Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/GreenleeCountyArizonaTourism/>.

“We are excited about the coming year and the events the Tourism Council is supporting in conjunction with our strategic partner, the Gila Watershed Partnership, we couldn’t do as much without partners and volunteers so thanks to each and one of you,” said Kovach, “join us on the journey!”



Strolling the
Old West Highway

WHERE HISTORY STILL LIVES

Saturday February 8th
9AM - 3PM

Old West Highway
Duncan, AZ

Shopping Food
Music Prizes
Birding trail Animal petting
Photo booth and more!

Clifton Hotel opens



Greenlee County made economic gains with the grand opening of the Clifton Hotel, Bar and Patio on Saturday, Feb. 1.

Many local residents showed their support on both Saturday and Super Bowl Sunday.

The owners of the Clifton Hotel, Matt & Karen Frey, have hired two full-time and one new part-time employee, further stimulating our healthy economic growth.

In addition to the bar and patio the hotel has two fully remodeled suites now available (and already rented.) To find out more about the Clifton Hotel, go to their website at www.clifton-hotel.com/.

Bar and Patio will be open Wednesday through Sunday from 3 p.m. to 2 a.m. (Happy Hour from 4-6 p.m.)

It's at 163 Park Avenue in Clifton; phone is 928-215-6876.

(Article is by Erica Gonzalez and Ákos Kovach took the photographs.)



Women's Expo: Tracking success

Quantitative vs. qualitative

By Ákos Kovach

In this age of artificial intelligence, algorithms and metric-based logic, we must continue to adapt and rethink how we “do business.”

Greenlee County Economic Development is no different – we must constantly strive to achieve the goals and meet the expectations of our County Board of Supervisors as well as the people we serve – the residents of Greenlee County.

This includes individuals, businesses, groups and organizations that look to the County Economic Development Department for resources, contacts and networking.

A quantitative way of measuring the result of an event or activity is certainly one way to identify if goals were met. Take the Women's Career Expo for example.

We had several goals we hoped to attain as we made the plans that finally resulted in the Second Annual Women's Career Expo.

We listened to the feedback from last years attendees, our guests and speakers. We tracked what seemed to work well and how to improve upon the success of the First Women's Career Expo.

Our 6 goals:

Goal 1. To Educate and give women the skills to enter or re-enter the workforce as well career advancement

Goal 2. Provide Information on how to network and opportunities to do so

Goal 3. Provide a Job Fair environment to connect prospective employees with hiring entities

Goal 4. Provide information on homebuyer education and home improvements

Goal 5. Provide information on opportunities in Rural/Colonia areas

Goal 6. Provide Healthcare resources information including Medicare Information
(See accompanying pdf for results)

We also published Surveys online to track quantitatively how exhibitors, speakers and attendees rated the event.

Our ongoing goal is to be effective and to deliver the support and services that serve our community best.

Second Annual Women's Career Expo

Goals and Results

Goal 1. To Educate and give women the skills to enter or re-enter the workforce as well career advancement

Organizations on site with hiring opportunities

• 10 Vendors with career opportunities • January 18th event

1. AZ@Work 2. Bankers Life 3. Bashas 4. Canyonlands Healthcare 5. Census 2020
6. Dollar General 7. Freeport McMoran 8. Gila Health Resources 9. State of Arizona
Correctional Facility 10. Arizona Department of Environmental Quality

• There is ongoing Impact

• Projected Hiring Fair partner AZ@Work - March 28, 2020, location TBD

• Ongoing via the Growing Greenlee website and the monthly Greenlee County Clarion

New business opportunities

• United States Department of Agriculture provided information on funding opportunities.

• January 18th

• Tierra del Sol Housing Corporation provided information on resources

• Ongoing via the Growing

• ADEQ presented on Brownsfield opportunity – turn contamination & blight into new commercial business location – **NOTE**

Greenlee website and the **this falls directly in line with recent BOS concept #1.**

monthly Greenlee County Clarion

• The Fashion Show met the demonstrated interest in knowing what type of business casual wear is appropriate, where such clothing can be purchased and who to contact

Guest Speakers • Rose Garcia, Executive Director of Tierra del Sol Housing Corporation -

[Click here to see entire results.](#)

Brownfields grants

EPA Region 9 has grants available to assess areas that may be eligible for assistance in cleanup.

According to the Arizona DEQ, Gila County IDA did this a few years ago for properties in Hayden, and received a number of grants.

To learn more about Targeted Brownfields Assessment (TBA) Application, [go here.](#)

EPA provides contractor assistance to research historic property uses, conduct environmental sampling, identify cleanup options, and estimate associated cleanup costs at brownfield properties.

Eligible applicants can access up to \$100,000 worth of technical assistance for eligible properties. All questions in this application must be answered to receive consideration for assistance.

Privately owned properties can be assessed under this program as long as they are sponsored by an eligible applicant. EPA accepts applications on a rolling basis.

EPA prioritizes sites in underserved areas that are ready for redevelopment.

Grants available for rural business development

The USDA is [now accepting applications](#) for Rural Business Development Grants.

What does this program do?

RBDG is a competitive grant designed to support targeted technical assistance, training and other activities leading to the development or expansion of small and emerging private businesses in rural areas that have fewer than 50 employees and less than \$1 million in gross revenues. Programmatic activities are separated into enterprise or opportunity type grant activities.

Rural public entities including, but not limited to:

- Towns
- Communities
- State agencies
- Authorities
- Nonprofit Corporations
- Institutions of Higher Education
- Federally recognized Tribes
- Rural Cooperatives

RBDG funds must be directed for projects benefiting rural areas or towns outside the urbanized periphery of any city with a population of 50,000 or more.

How much funding is available?

There is no maximum grant amount for enterprise or opportunity type grants; however, smaller requests are given higher priority. Generally, grants range from \$10,000 up to \$500,000. There is no cost sharing requirement. Total opportunity type grant funding is limited statutorily to up to 10% of the total RBDG annual funding.

How may funds be used?

Enterprise-type grant funds must be used on projects to benefit small and emerging businesses in rural areas as specified in the grant application. Uses may include:

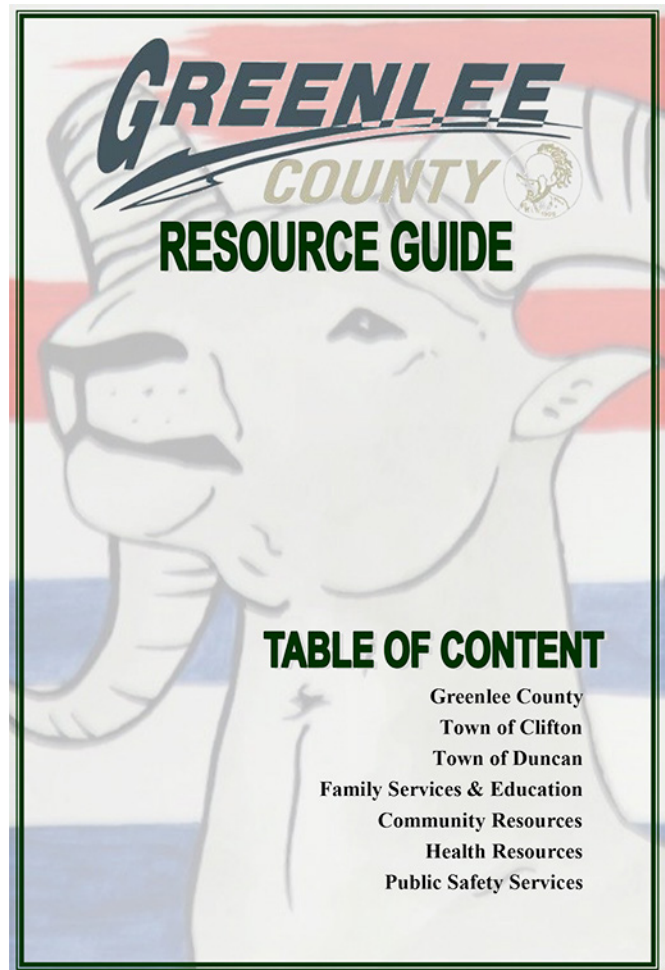
- Training and technical assistance, such as project planning, business counseling/training, market research, feasibility studies, professional/technical reports, or product/service improvements
- Acquisition or development of land, easements, or rights of way; construction, conversion, renovation, of buildings, plants, machinery, equipment, access streets and roads, parking areas, utilities

New Resource Guide for Greenlee is available

A new Resource Guide covering Greenlee County, its communities and the various services commonly needed is now available.

As can be seen from the cover below, it lists a wide variety of services and their phone numbers.

[Click here](#) to get to a downloadable PDF of the guide, set up to print on a single sheet of paper, back and front, to provide a handy four-page booklet with all of this information.



The Arizona We Want

The third work group on The Arizona We Want will be held Friday, Feb. 21, from 11-2 at the Innovation Center inside of the Haymore Plaza, 500 E. Bartow Drive, Suite M14, Sierra Vista.

Contact 520-458-6948 with questions.

The agenda includes a recap of priorities: jobs, broadband and how communities can work together. There will be discussions of asset mapping and action planning.

How to become an entrepreneur

By Ákos Kovach

What are the first important steps to becoming a successful entrepreneur? How do I become an entrepreneur?

The fact is entrepreneurs are often defined as being national assets. They are. We revere them for their willingness to take risks. They are self-motivated and face challenges head-on. Entrepreneurs are people who change the way we think, how we live and sometimes where we work.

But some of this you already know, so let's dig deeper into how to turn your passion your idea, what you love to do into a business or a business opportunity.

As we learned at the Women's Career Expo from Jaclyn Bible, having *passion* for something is not enough. To succeed you need a written plan; the one in your head is just a dream – to make it real, write it down.

Tough questions

Is your business idea viable? Can you earn a living doing whatever you are thinking about?

This is tough, but be real – list your strengths – personal and business strengths. Anything that is NOT on this list is most likely something you will



need to hire or network to accomplish.

This brings us to budgeting. How much money will you need? Because once you write down your business idea and create your business plan the next step is to have a budget. What will it cost you to build a test item, mass produce it? Packaging? Advertise it? How much to ship your product?

Don't stop here, all of these steps can be simplified by speaking to your resource group. Did you know you had a Resource Group? Oh yes, yes you do – and they have names, and good reputations and a track record of success. Like your local Small Business Development Center, Az@Work offices, Chamber of Commerce and many others.

Be smart, reach out. For support call 928-865-4762, we can help you get started.

Everyone has a story: What's yours?

By Ákos Kovach

Tell us your story

Or tell us someone's story you want memorialized. Whose story should be written?

All one has to do is jump online and see how



much interest there is in history, ancestry records or the chronicling of where we live.

How many know the birthplace of Geronimo is right here in Greenlee County? Who knows the story about beaver trappers who came here due to the abundance of the critters in all the flowing rivers of Greenlee County?

And what about the early indigenous people? The trail blazed by Coronado? The first settlers? Or what about the Army commands or the mining history that spellbind us to this day?

As the old saying goes “the more we know about our past, the better we can affect our future.”

If you have stories that should be highlighted, great send us your suggestions – this is an interactive process.

The more feedback we get the more we can delve into this subject in the future.

When a small town loses its only bank

Editor's note: This article was brought to our attention by Duncan Council member Deborah Mendelsohn.

**By Kevin Wack in
American Banker**

DUNCAN, Ariz. — If you squint into the desert sunlight, you can still read the faded letters on the white sign atop the former bank branch overlooking the Gila River.

National Bank of Arizona, the last in a series of out-of-town banks to operate a branch in this small, geographically isolated community, closed its doors in July 2016. Today the beige-colored building is vacant, except for an ATM operated by another company, which charges \$2.75 for a cash withdrawal.

Posted on the glass front door is a notice that invites visitors to patronize the bank's branch in Safford, Ariz. The trouble is, that location is 40 miles away. "We apologize for any inconvenience," the notice reads.

The local branch's closing has been a major blow to residents of Duncan, which is near the New Mexico border and was once a popular stop along the road connecting Phoenix and El Paso, Texas. Local business owners no longer have a place to deposit cash each night, nor anywhere nearby to apply for a loan. Many senior citizens, especially those uncomfortable with digital banking, have felt an outsize impact.

Richard Lunt's take

The absence of a bank branch in Duncan also makes it harder to attract new residents, said Richard Lunt, chairman of the Green-



On Duncan's Main Street, a sign atop a modest building memorializes the Bank of Duncan, which closed in 1926.

lee County Board of Supervisors, whose family has lived in the area for more than 100 years.

"Of course this is happening all over rural America — you see it all whittling away," Lunt said. "I guess they call it progress."

Becoming more common

The total number of U.S. bank branches declined only twice between 1934 and 2009, but it has now fallen for six consecutive years, according to data from the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. The 78,014 branches that were open in 2018 represented a 6.6% decrease from 2012.

The trend — driven by the rapid adoption of online and mobile banking — creates more of a challenge for residents of rural communities than it does for city dwellers. In 2017, only one in five people in metropolitan areas relied on bank tellers as their primary method of accessing their bank accounts, while the same

was true for one in three people outside of metro areas, according to FDIC survey data.

How much closing means

The town of Duncan's experience illustrates how much the closing of the sole local bank branch can mean in a rural community, even to residents who were not particularly pleased with their branch before it was shut down. It also shows the creative ways that people adapt in banking deserts. And it foretells a worrisome future for many other small rural communities.

The economic implications are enough of a concern that the Federal Reserve has been studying what happens in areas where residents no longer have access to a local branch. The dynamics also are likely to influence efforts to revise the Community Reinvestment Act, which is meant to spur bank lending in low- and moder-

[Click here to read more](#)

Greenlee needs Census workers!

The Census Bureau is hiring up to 500,000 temporary, part-time census takers for the 2020 Census in communities across the country.

Census results are used to determine your representation in Congress, and they help inform how billions of dollars are distributed for hospitals, schools, roads, and more. Help ensure that everyone in your community is counted in the 2020 Census.

Anyone age 18 and older, such as recent high school graduates, college students, veterans, retirees, military spouses, seasonal workers, and people who are bilingual are highly encouraged to apply. People who already have jobs and want to earn extra income evenings and weekends are also encouraged to apply.

The pay rate in Greenlee County is \$16 per hour, plus work-related mileage and expenses.

[Start your application](#)

The 2020 Census is more than a population count. **It's an opportunity to shape the future of your community.** Through your social media channels, your voice can make a difference. [Share this](#) on social media or forward it to a friend.

As of the first week of February, **only 65.3% of the workers needed in Greenlee County have been hired.** The Census Bureau makes every effort to hire locally so census takers are familiar with the neighborhoods they are assigned to work.

What the job requires

There are several types of jobs available, but the most needed is the census taker.

Census takers will interview household residents and update address lists. Applicants who are hired will attend paid training before beginning work.

Prior to the census, census takers used maps and address lists to determine if the addresses are correct. Next, they will visit households that haven't responded to the census, speaking with residents and using electronic devices (such as smartphones and tablets, issued by the Census Bureau) to collect census data.

Bilingual applicants are needed and are encouraged to apply.

Hours: Schedules are flexible and dependent on the area. Many of the positions require availability

The logo for the 2020 United States Census, featuring the text "United States Census 2020" in white on a blue rectangular background.

to work in the evenings and on weekends.

Location: Work is done in the field.

Hiring Timeline: Most job offers will be made between January and April 2020. Paid training will be conducted between March and mid-May. From May through July, census takers will help collect responses from households that have not yet responded to the census.

To learn about other positions that may be available, [visit this site](#).

Job Qualifications

To be eligible for a 2020 Census job, you must:

Be at least 18 years old.

Have a valid Social Security number.

Be a U.S. citizen.*

Have a valid email address.

Complete an application and answer assessment questions. (Some application questions are available in Spanish. However, an English proficiency test may also be required.)

Be able to speak, read, and write in English, if applying in the 50 states or Washington, D.C. (Bilingual applicants are needed and are encouraged to apply.)

Be registered with the Selective Service System or have a qualifying exemption, if you are a male born after December 31, 1959.

Undergo fingerprinting and pass a criminal background check and a review of criminal records performed by the Census Bureau.

Commit to completing training.

Be available to work flexible hours, which can include days, evenings, and weekends.

Most jobs require employees to:

Have a valid driver's license and access to a vehicle, unless public transportation is readily available.

Have access to a computer with internet and an email account (to complete training).

If you are a veteran who served on active duty in the U.S. armed forces, you may be eligible for veterans' preference.

Volunteers. The need is here

By Ákos Kovach

The backbone of many not-for-profit groups is one word: Volunteers.

How many times have you seen people picking up trash along our riverbeds, or staffing registration booths at various events? These are volunteers' people who voluntarily offers their support for a service project or public undertaking willingly and without pay.

What is your passion? A clean ecosystem? The Gila Watershed Partnership routinely coordinates clean-up efforts along the San Francisco River. Love animals? Volunteer at the Shelter. Love history? Be a docent at the Greenlee Museum.

If you, your children, parents, grandparents, neighbors or friends have an urge to 'help out' call

BE THE CHANGE
VOLUNTEER & MAKE THE DIFFERENCE



us! 928-865-4762 We will connect you with local groups that constantly need help with day-to-day activities, special events and other forms of support.

Greenlee County is also looking into Volunteer Training Opportunities – learn how to be a really effective volunteer, how to perform duties as assigned!

Upcoming Activities

2/8 Strolling the Old West Highway, 9-3, Old West Highway, Duncan, shopping, music, food, prizes, more.

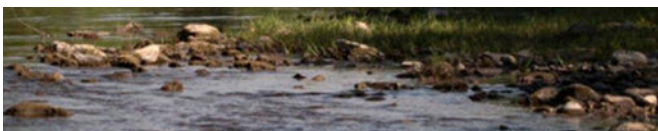


2/15 Hidalgo County annual awards banquet, Lordsburg Elks Lodge, info at Lordsburg Chamber.

2/21-22 Upper Gila Watershed annual forum, Eastern Arizona College, 928-424-3886.



3/7 San Francisco River Cleanup, 8-noon, Riverside Park, Clifton.



4/25-26 Clifton Hill Climb.

4/25-26 Great Duck Race.

UPPER GILA WATERSHED ANNUAL FORUM

"COLLABORATION ACROSS BOUNDARIES"

FRIDAY-SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21-22, 2020

EASTERN ARIZONA COLLEGE

GERALD L. HOOPES JR. ACTIVITIES CENTER

QUESTIONS: JULIE@GWPAZ.ORG OR (928) 424-3886

Everyone counts.

The census counts every person living in the U.S. once, only once, and in the right place.



Opportunities in home rehab

By Erica Gonzalez

Housing is headed in the right direction for Greenlee County. Recently, house on Second Street in Clifton was purchase by home builder Tim Williams.

Williams transformed the home and added a new loft second floor. Before he could put up the for sale sign a couple approached him and agreed to buy the home.

And no wonder, the home looks wonderful and is a truly a great addition to the South Clifton neighborhood. The new owners are just so excited to be moving into a beautiful home so close to work (Morenci Mine).

When Williams acquired the uninhabited property his goal was to turn it into a community anchor. He succeeded. Rehab and resell of properties like this one



such provides jobs in the local community and helps stabilize neighborhoods.

Williams plans to buy the next door home and do his magic

again. Along with other renovations in the area, there are two new customer built homes currently under construction in Duncan.



Pat Cunningham, owner of The Ol Mans Garage, has been in business in Clifton since April 2018. He is an ASE Certified Master Technician, with over 35 years of experience. He specializes in suspension and electrical work. To schedule an appointment, he can be contacted at 928-432-1276.



Among the numerous highlights of the recent Greenlee County Women's Career Expo was the DJ who made the announcements and played musical back round for the Fashion Show. Jenna Chavez was just fantastic! Her services include sound systems and support for meetings, events and other sorts of get-togethers. We love supporting local businesses – call 928-965-6459.