

# The Greenlee Clarion

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## **Greenlee County Social media**

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**Greenlee County** 

**Greenlee County Tourism** 

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## **July Clarion**

Deadline for submitting articles for the July Clarion is June 26. The issue will be published on July 2.

# Synergy and partnership

## By Ákos Kovach

Working together in a cooperative and collaborative manner is easier said than done. Even when all the participants are in synch, agreeing to things like goals, process and timing, other factors creep into the picture.

Probably the No. 1 reason good deals crash and burn is lack of communication. For whatever reason, someone along the way wants to control the flow of information. They will endlessly discuss who needs to know rather than let's get this done.

Today as we publish this issue of the Greenlee Clarion we find ourselves in the enviable position of seeing multiple investors and developers at the table. These private parties are performing due diligence, making plans and preparing for projects that require precision, perfect timing and plentiful profit potential.

Truly, little has changed in terms of what our goals and aspirations are for the County: more housing, diversification of jobs and increased retail, including a new hotel.

While we anxiously await the results of the Housing Feasibility Study and Target Industry Analysis, some work has already begun. Surveyors are performing accurate lot-line studies, appraisers are enjoying more sales to report for comparative analysis, and more properties are becoming available for sale.

These are the seedlings any city, town or county appreciates. The seeds of synergy, up-to-date information and new partnerships are all game-changers. How these alliances strengthen, whether the

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#### On the Cover

Greenlee County played host to U.S. Rep. Tom O'Halleran on May 30. The congressman, who represents the largest district in Arizona, met with constituents in Clifton and Duncan and answered questions from a diverse audience. O'Halleran is shown talking at the center of the photo. At the right is Richard Lunt, chairman of the Board of Supervisors.

# O'Halleran hears Greenlee hot topics

#### From The Eastern Arizona Courier

CLIFTON — When it comes to "health care for all," U.S. Rep. Tom O'Halleran, D-Ariz., won't vote in the affirmative until someone can explain how the program will be funded.

That was one of his messages during a town hall in Clifton last Thursday.

"We have 30 million people without health care, and we have a gap when it comes to poverty. We have to find a way to close that gap and provide choice, but I'm not on the bill because they can't tell me how much it will cost or what it will cost into the future," he said.

O'Halleran said mental health care and substance abuse treatment must also be part of the discussion when it comes to health care, as well as how to get more physicians working in the rural parts of the country.

One of the ways to expand health-care options, he said, is making broadband available throughout the country — not just in major metropolitan areas

Click here to read more

## Recorded by Akos Kovach

Rep. O'Halleran comments in Duncan:

[In response to a question about needing a border wall...] Please understand, not everything you see on tv or read online tells the full story.... My goal is to preserve the rights and protections guaranteed to all; this means rural voters are just as important as urban voters.

"There are a lot of members of Congress who want true immigration reform, not just quick fixes.

I regularly meet with a group of 10 Democrats and 10 Republicans; we work together to find solutions that will resonate with everyone on the floor.

The water rights issues that are affecting ranchers and farmers like Mr. Kaylor and Mrs. Tyler need further review and must include all the voices that deserve to be heard.

I will send my field team here to Greenlee County for further research, I'll have them stay here for as long as it takes to gather the facts we have not yet seen in Washington.



Richard Lunt, left, chairman of the Greenlee County Board of Supervisors, discusses numerous local issues of importance with Rep. Tom O'Halleran during his visit to the county May 30. (Photo by Ákos Kovach.)

## Recorded by Akos Kovach

Rep. O'Halleran comments in Clifton: One day is not enough, and we will be back. Your hospitality has been great.

Anyone in my district who has a problem with any federal agency should avail themselves of the resources we offer. We stand ready to help.

When told about the struggles the Town of Clifton has encountered with the USDA regarding the failed wastewater treatment plant and possible solutions, O'Halleran stated that he would appreciate seeing the paper trail, the facts so (as a member of one of the USDA subcommittees) he *can pinpoint a solution and stop the foot dragging*.

Housing also falls under the USDA Rural program. I will make sure my team gets boots on the ground to see what can be done to alleviate this problem.

## **Growing our County requires teamwork**

## By David Gomez District 1 Supervisor

The recent event named Growing Greenlee III (GGIII) which was the third forum of its' kind revealed that there are higher goals to set and attain. We now have an even clearer line of sight on what we as a County should focus on for the next few years. Plans for GG IV are already underway, due mostly in response to the questions and suggestions brought to GGIII.

We are addressing the topics and issues most often mentioned which are water, housing (temporary, single and multi-family), expanded retail, including a new hotel and public private partnerships.

Those people who reside outside the town limits of Clifton and Duncan have much to digest and evaluate because they have major impacts on the decisions made by the Board of Supervisors. Such as, adopting building codes, enforcing health/safety codes, streamlining the permitting process and other similar topics which are on the horizon.

I thank you for the trust and confidence you have placed in me and my fellow board members. We have a process for whatever it may be to listen to both sides of the matter and debate action to the best possible and positive solution. We read every page provided and calculate all the numbers. Although, as we all know the process of governance is only as good as the participation.

Recently, our US Representative to Congress, Tom O'Halleran, spent an entire day visiting Greenlee County. He met with elected officials, ranchers, farmers, business owners and many others at three stops in Duncan. He listed to all the concerns, took notes and pledged support.

In Clifton, he visited shop owners and shoppers along Chase Creek Street. He sat down and engaged with more elected officials, more townspeople and other interested parties before he took on a tour of the Morenci Mine. He capped the long day off with a Town Hall meeting held at Clifton Town Hall. All the gatherings were well attended. The Congressman went away with a solid sense of the issues and challenges we all face.

He addressed them and replied with the commitment and assistance to help. He plans to return to observe how these issues and challenges are progressing. This is one way to move closer to the goal line as a team for the goals set by the voters and the people you elect. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or suggestions.... dgomez@greenlee.az.gov

# **Making movies in Arizona**

The Inaugural Arizona Film Expo at TenWest, hosted by Caribou Moving Pictures and Arizona Film Expo, will be held in Tucson Oct. 15.

Those interested in participating are encouraged to contact the organizers, and the best way seems to be through the <u>Facebook event page</u>.

Vendors, actors, producers, directors, agencies, production companies, equipment rental companies, makeup artists, hair stylists, special effects, artists, advertising agencies of AZ, this is an all-hands-on-deck event for our chance to come together to change the dialogue from "There's no reason to make movies in Arizona." to "We're here and we're making movies; come work with us!"

In 1912, actor/director Romaine Fielding arrived in Prescott and set up the western branch of the Lubin Film Company and shot nine movies that year, before moving to Tucson. The following year, Augustus Thomas filmed Arizona (the first of three movies with this title) in Arizona.

Since then, over 5,000 films and television shows

have been made in our state. As the only state to serve as a significant satellite for film production for more than 50 years, Arizona was colloquially known as "Hollywood's Back Lot" and enjoyed a heyday of production, from westerns to science fiction, documentaries to cooking shows, tourism to local access programs.

The Arizona film industry flourished. Robert Shelton claimed that Old Tucson Studios was the second biggest tourism draw besides the Grand Canyon, with the likes of John Wayne, Ben Johnson and Gary Clarke frequently being seen there.

From 2006 to 2010, Arizona offered tax incentives to the film industry and over \$110 million was brought in to the state during that time.

In 2010, the tax incentives went away. And so did the film industry. Since that time, only \$11 million in film industry revenue has come our way.

The reason for the creation of the Arizona Film Expo is to remind the world that we're still here and we're still making movies.

## Micro-loan fund now available; apply online

One of the most enjoyable aspects of publishing the *Greenlee Clarion* magazine is when we get to share good news and new resources with you.

The GRAHAM & GREEN-LEE COUNTY MICRO-LOAN FUND is just that: a new resource for Greenlee County residents. What is a micro loan? A small start—up or business loan under \$25,000.

"Capital is like oxygen for small businesses, and small businesses in rural communities have recently had a challenging time getting the capital they need to grow and expand their businesses," said Kimber Lanning, Exec-

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collaboration continues at the current pace is unknown. But right now these factors are looking very good.

Add to the mix a recent all day visit by our US Representative, Tom O'Halleran, and his pledge to support the County with any federal agency matter and that is also a very important component to the recipe. The recipe for Growing Greenlee.

As always we invite ideas, suggestions and alternate solutions. We encourage your participation and invite you to take part in upcoming Board meetings, public hearings, etc. that will affect the speed and manner we grow. Here's to Greenlee County, her future and her destiny.

utive Director of Local First Arizona Foundation.

"We identified a gap in the market because we found that larger banks are increasingly shying away from smaller loan amounts because that's not what is best for their bottom line."

Find out more here <a href="https://www.localfirstazfoundation.org/az-microloans">https://www.localfirstazfoundation.org/az-microloans</a>

And more good news: You can apply online!





# **TALENT SHOW**

BEFORE THE FIREWORKS THURSDAY JULY, 4TH 2019

contact Katrina 575-518-8237 for details

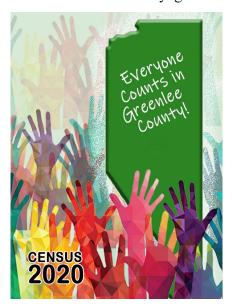


# **Greenlee County Census 2020 update**

By Ákos Kovach

Although the official kickoff to encouraging each and every resident of Greenlee County to participate in the upcoming census we felt it necessary to address some early concerns.

And because the 2020 census will determine how more than \$675 billion in federal funding will be shared to schools, on transportation and health care, the stakes are very high. Some states and districts may gain or



## **Pest ID workshop**

From The Eastern Arizona Courier
DUNCAN — This month, the
Greenlee County Cooperative
Extension is hosting the Diagnosing and Identifying Plant Damage
Workshop for the Master Gardener Program.

The class begins June 15 at the extension office in Duncan at 10 a.m.

Participants will learn how to spot the signs of everything from disease to pests affecting their greenery.

"Have you ever observed plant click here to read more

lose U.S. congressional seats.

Undercounting will certainly affect state shared revenues and diminish power associated with a higher population count for the next decade.

## **Count may be short**

According to the Urban Institute: "Nationwide, the decennial census could fail to count anywhere from 900,000 to 4 million people, with blacks, Hispanics and children younger than 5 most vulnerable to being overlooked, according to recent estimates."

An accurate count of those who live in Greenlee County means the difference between our county being able to sustain current levels of service to the public and meeting increased demand by increases in the population expected over the next decade.

We share all this simply to encourage you to participate in the census. Your survey can be taken online, via mail or on your phone. If you have questions or concerns seek answers don't guess. The next decade of funding depends on an accurate count.

## Hey, Kids!

We want YOU to come to

## KIDZ COOKING CLUB

at the Clifton Public Library



## THIS SUMMER!

Youth ages 6-12 are invited to join us!

June 11 & 25; July 9 & 23

Participants must be registered to attend!

Classes are FREE!

**Space** is limited

so come by the Library to sign up soon! (928) 865-2461

AZ HEALTH ZONE



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## Verde Lee fire exercise in cooporation

## By Ákos Kovach

During the Memorial Day weekend holiday, most people were out and about, enjoying the weather, at a sporting event, shopping or enjoying similar activities.

But in the Verde Lee neighborhood outside Clifton, firefighters marshalled their troops to save homes, and they succeeded.

Clifton, Duncan, Virden and Morenci Fire units converged on the isolated neighborhood and began saving lives and saving homes.

It was truly a large-scale operation where disparate units — Sheriff's Office, Greenlee Public Works, Clifton Police Department, Greenlee Ambulance, and all of the fire departments in this area — worked together as one to prevent further damage, minimize danger and in the end they each earned a huge **thank you** from the community.

Out in the country nobody likes to see black smoke on the horizon, it always means trouble. And on Saturday, May 25 that black smoke led to a house fire in Verde Lee, the home was consumed. The heat from that blaze melted a nearby neighbor's garage and four-wheeler.

For a short time the fire spread into the native grasses, trees and weeds. But fortune was also with these first responders, the wind was rather light, so by pouring water on neighboring homes, structures and vegetation what could have been a major disaster was averted.

Perhaps today would be a good day to thank those fire departments, just call them and say thanks. You say "well, it was their job," and we say, "but they performed so admirably!"

Thank you to each neighbor, every law enforcement officer, all members of the four fire departments that came to rescue this neighborhood.

And they couldn't have accomplished that without the water truck from Greenlee County Public Works. The Greenlee County Ambulance EMTs were ready to provide aid and in the best spirit of cooperation no lives were lost.

Thank you one and all!



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## Welcome to CORRE CAMINOS!

CORRE CAMINOS offers high quality, cost-effective bus transportation to the residents and visitors in Silver City, Deming, Columbus and Lordsburg, New Mexico and surrounding areas.

## https://correcaminosnm.com/





## **Nation needs minerals**

## From the National Mining Association

Technologies are advancing and changing more quickly today than at any other point in history. From the way we communicate on a daily basis to the way we conduct business, none of today's modern technologies would be possible without mining. Minerals and metals that are found here in the U.S. – \$6.2 trillion worth of resources – are the backbone of technologies used in healthcare, consumer electronics, defense and manufacturing.

Without minerals like copper and titanium, electric vehicles would not exist. Our cell phones require 90mg of silver and 36mg of gold, two minerals that can be mined in the U.S. Every modern-day technology relies on minerals.

To allow continued technological innovations, we need an efficient mine permitting process that will help industries access mineral resources in a timeframe that reflects the current pace of change. Currently, it can take anywhere from seven to 10 years to obtain a permit to begin a mining project, forcing key sectors to become increasingly reliant on foreign producers for minerals we can produce domestically. This dependence on foreign materials puts critical supply chains at risk.

### Recognizing need for changes

Some in Congress recognize the need to make a change. Senate Energy and Natural Resources Chairman Lisa Murkowski (R-Alaska), along with Sen. Joe Manchin (D-WV), reintroduced a bill to support increased domestic mining. In the House, Rep. Mark Amodei (R-Nev.) introduced the "National Strategic and Critical Minerals Production Act," a proposal that would create efficiencies in our outdated mine permitting systems.

Furthermore, American voters are in support of reforms such as these, with sixty-three percent saying that the U.S. should be doing more to encourage the use of domestically-mined minerals and decrease reliance on foreign-imported minerals in a recent poll.

While we are encouraged by Sen. Murkowski, Sen. Manchin, and Rep. Amodei's work, we need your help. Call on decisionmakers to support these bills so that the U.S. is able to drive innovation and compete in the global marketplace.

To learn more about modern mining's contributions to our world, check out our <u>blog</u>.

## **Greenlee County employment opportunity**

# ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR ASSISTANT

#### NATURE OF WORK

Under the general supervision of the Economic Development Coordinator (EDC), perform a variety of responsible and confidential economic development and administrative duties, and provide general information and assistance to the public.

#### TYPICAL DUTIES

Provide direct administrative support to the EDC. Assist in preparing items for Economic Development meetings; participate in assembling Economic Development agenda packets and draft minutes of Economic Development meetings. Organize participation in regional and national trade shows. Prepare trade show displays, set up, break down trade show displays, and staff's trade show booths. Develop marketing materials to promote specific economic development aspects for Greenlee County. Create graphic presentations and brochures for potential new businesses, business attraction, and to the Board of Supervisors. This may include public speaking for certain presentations. Participate in traditional business retention and expansion efforts. Assist in maintenance of the Economic Development (Growing Greenlee) website as well as assisting with the ongoing publication of the Greenlee Clarion.

Interface with prospects, commercial real estate brokers, and developers to assist the EDC. Maintain up-to-date list and working knowledge of local residential, industrial, office and retail real estate sites for sale or lease.

Conduct research to gather data on Greenlee County, Clifton and Duncan statistics or demographics for internal and external use. Assist in researching and compiling data for special projects. Perform other duties as assigned.

## **OUALIFICATIONS**

Education, Training, and Experience: High School Diploma or GED, Bachelor's Degree in Public Administration, Business Administration or related field is preferred. Comparable experience is acceptable. At least one year of experience in economic development, city planning, public relations/marketing, or a combination of these fields. Any equivalent combination of education and work experience for this job may be considered. Municipal or other public work experience is preferred.

Desirable Knowledge, Abilities, Skills: Communicate clearly and concisely, both orally and in writing; bilingual is a plus. Have knowledge of modern office procedures, methods, and computer equipment including facsimile machines, photocopiers, adding machines, Microsoft programs, and Adobe Acrobat. Ability to work independently in the absence of supervision, and perform responsible administrative support work involving the use of independent judgment and personal initiative. Establish and maintain cooperative-working relationships with those contacted in the course of work including County, Town, State officials, management staff, employees, and the general public.

Practices and procedures involved in organizing various types of records and information. Typing and transcribing a variety of correspondence and notes of meetings. Maintain confidential data and information for County Administrator, Board of Supervisors, and internal use.

For details regarding the application process, visit the <u>Greenlee County website</u>.

# Seeking cathedral-styled barn ASAP!

#### To the Editor:

I am in need of assistance in helping a filmmaker find a location for an upcoming documentary:

An old, weathered, CATHEDRAL-STYLED barn set in a wide, remote/empty, arid landscape. The landscape must be empty/abandoned-looking for drone filming purposes.

(\*I have attached a photo for reference)

If you are aware of such a location within your area please reply.

This will be a full-length music documentary project seeking to film in AZ at the desired location for 1 day, 6/11/19, with a crew of 25 and a cast of 2.

Furthermore, if you are aware of any exciting, exotic film-friendly locations/venues in your area we ask that either you submit them, or have the



owner/manager submit them to the Arizona Location Library to help prospective filmmakers.

Thank you in advance for your help!

Christina

filmassociate2@AZcommerce.com

## **Greenlee County employment opportunity**

CLASS CODE: NON-EXEMPT PLANNER

#### NATURE OF WORK

Under the supervision of the County Engineer (Planning Director), performs planning duties associated with county planning and zoning, floodplain administration, contract administration and other related duties.

#### TYPICAL DUTIES

Assists the County Engineer in the day-to-day operation of the office including assisting county citizens and developers with answering questions regarding re-zoning, associated restrictions, procedures for submitting development review plans, rezoning, variances, review of construction site plans, conduct field investigations, research, background, historical data for new construction and modifications to be submitted to the Planning and Zoning Commission. The Planner participates in gathering data relating to land use for code revision purposes, performs professional and technical planning assignments including compiling, checking, and reviewing information as well as developing reports for submission to the Planning and Zoning Commission and the Board of Supervisors. The Planner will conduct field checks for zoning violations and follow through with notifications to owners/renters. The Planner will also prepare permits.

### **QUALIFICATIONS**

Education, Training, and Experience: Any combination of education, training, and experience equivalent to an Associates of Arts degree from an accredited college or university.

Desirable Knowledge, Abilities, and Skills: BS preferred. Knowledge of the practices, principles, and procedures of planning as it relates to zoning and current planning, knowledge of zoning and other development codes, map reading, understanding legal descriptions. Skill in conducting research, evaluating site plans, office management. Ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with co-workers, other agencies, and the general public. Ability to communicate well orally and in writing. Considerable skill in operation of computer programs including ArcGIS, Adobe, and Microsoft/Corel software.

#### SPECIAL QUALIFICATIONS

Valid Arizona driver's license.

For details regarding the application process, visit the <u>Greenlee County website</u>.

# A five-year calendar for events

## By Ákos Kovach

Once upon a time there was a County in Southeastern Arizona. A County known for dramatic mountain views, tall pine forests, deep snow in the winter, great outdoor recreation, high-wage career positions and several big-tent events worthy of note.

In fact we have so many excellent activities and public gatherings they sometimes overlap. And let us define something further, Greenlee County is part of a wonderful region comprised of neighbors to our east and south in Mule Creek, Virden and Lordsburg, New Mexico. Further to our south-southwest we work oh so well with San Simon, Bowie and Willcox, often drawing guests from there to our various meetings and offerings.

But the highest number of out-of-county guests and visitors we receive are from our neighbors to the west in Graham County. Over a period of time an effort was made to share big event schedules (like annual county fairs) which resulted in the five year calendar you will see below.

We ask and encourage your organization, your non-profit, your church, girls scout troop, cub scout pack, etc. to share what you have coming up with us so we can publish the results and avoid booking too many events on the same day or same weekend. We look forward to hearing from you!

# **Greenlee County Fair** (3rd Thurs-Sun in September):

9/19-9/22/2019, 9/17-9/20/2020, 9/16-9/19/2021,

9/15-9/18/2022,

9/14-9/17/2023,

9/19-9/22/2024

## **Salsa Fest** (4th Fri/Sat in September):

9/27-9/28/2019,

9/25-9/26/2020, 9/24-9/25/2021,

9/23-9/24/2022,

9/23-9/24/2022, 9/22-9/23/2023,

9/27-9/28/2024

# **Morenci FMI Company Picnic** (1st Saturday in October):

10/5/2019,

10/3/2020,

10/2/2021,

10/1/2022,

9/30/2023,

10/5/2024

## **Graham County Fair** (1st FULL weekend in October):

10/10-10/13/2019,

10/8-10/11/2020,

10/7-10/10/2021,

10/6-10/9/2022,

10/5-10/8/2023,

10/10-10/13/2024

#### **MHS/CHS Reunion**

Last weekend of every July

## Some upcoming events

### 2019 June:

Wednesday June 19 Neon Movie Night – Morenci Community Center – Outdoor pool -

Saturday 22 – Glo Ball Golf Tournament, Greenlee Golf Course, York, 3 to 9 pm

## **2019 July:**

Thursday July 4 – all day 9 am – 8:30 Morenci – games, live music, fireworks

Monday -July 15, Back to Hogwarts Party 4 to 6 pm Morenci Library

Tuesday – July 16, Bingo for Books – Family Night – 5 to 6:45 pm Morenci Library

## **2019 August:**

Friday 30 – Cornhole tournament – 6 -8 pm Wildkitten Field, Morenci





Morenci Wildcat Pride was on display as 16 MHS Students walked across the stage at Eastern Arizona College and received their Associate Degrees – two weeks before they were to graduate from MHS. For the past few years Morenci High School has had a number of seniors receive their Associate Degree prior to graduating from Morenci High School through their award winning Distance Learning Initiative. This year was no different with several graduates graduating with honors. This program

was awarded the Golden Bell Award earlier in the year by the Arizona School Board Association at their annual conference. The graduates, from left, are Ruben Valle Ramirez, Jesse Manuz, Tyra Ethelbah, Anthony Chanez, Isabella Ciriello (Front), Marilyn Nuamah (Front), Rachel Barnett (Back), John Olmsted (Back), Jeannie Young (Front), Ryan Williams, Gabriel Baca, Madison Delgado (Front), Camrie McBride, Nathan Wright, Donovan Aughenbaugh, Luke Berube



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## **Upcoming activities**

6/5 and every Wednesday 10-4, Clifton Train Depot, Clifton Farmers Market.

6/8 11 a.m.-6 p.m., Stroll the Street on Chase Creek

6/11 11:30-1, Greenlee Golf Course, York Valley, Greenlee Tourism Council.

6/11 & 25, July 9 & 23, Clifton Library, Kidz Cooking Club. See poster on page 6.

6/13 2-4 p.m., Clifton Town Council, Clifton Town Hall.

6/13 5-7 p.m., Duncan Town Council, Duncan Town Hall.

6/15 1-4 p.m., Jam Session, A Frame Church in Morenci, everyone welcome.

6/18 8-11 a.m., Greenlee Board of Supervisors, Clifton Annex, BOS Conference Room.

6/19 Neon Movie Night – Morenci Community Center – Outdoor pool.

6/22 Glo Ball Golf Tournament, Greenlee Golf Course, York, 3 to 9 pm

7/4 Before the fireworks, Duncan Independence Day Talent Show. Contact Katrina for details at 575.518.8237.

For more calendar items, click here.

Read through this magazine for other announcements.

See Morenci School District calendar at its website.



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