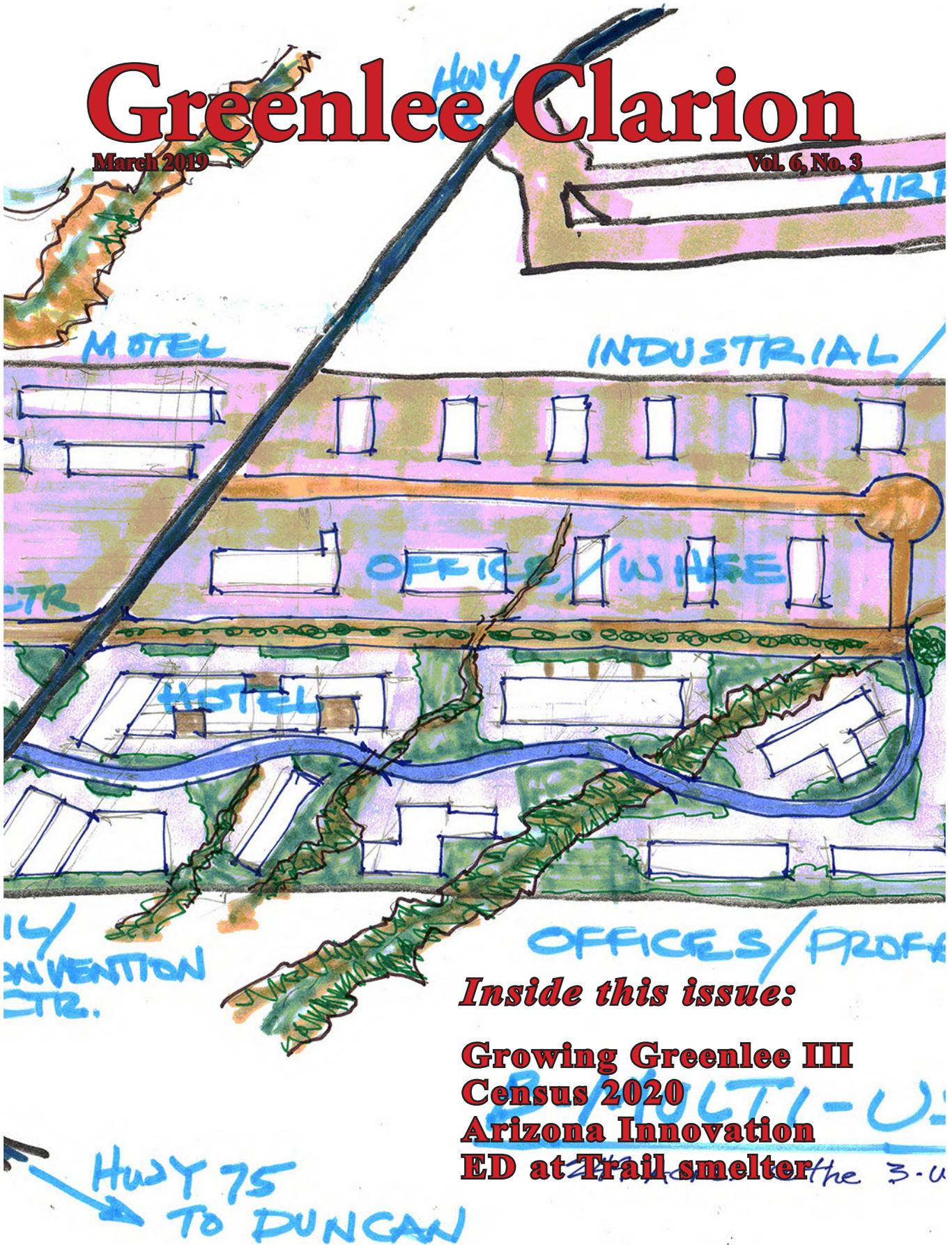


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## Greenlee County Social media

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

Facebook pages:

[Greenlee Clarion](#)

[Growing Greenlee](#)

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## April Clarion

Deadline for submitting articles for the April Clarion is March 28. The issue will be published on April 4.

## Audience participation

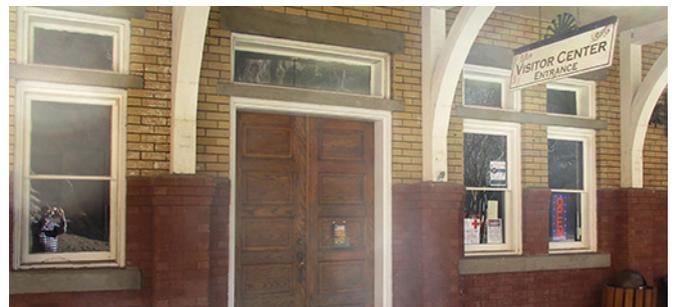
Publications like to get readers involved. They figure that if the audience participates in something that is fun, they will be more apt to then fill out surveys and such that have heavier meanings.

The Greenlee Clarion is no different. For several months, we have asked readers to find spelling errors (which has been difficult on editors who must knowingly allow them into print.)

This month, we're going to ask you to find the difference in a pair of photos. Find as many as you can, though we know there are at least six. Perhaps we missed spotting some.

When you've discovered them, send an email to the address that's immediately to the left of this sentence and let us know.

There will be prizes!



These photos were shot, for readers who might not be as familiar with our community, at the old train station in Clifton, which is one of our most interesting architectural structures.

The winner of the misspelled word contest from last month is Joyce Williamson, senior property manager at York Valley Homes. Photo coming soon and will be posted on Clarion Facebook page.

# Growing Greenlee III

## A change is coming

By Ákos Kovach

Resilience, perseverance and determination.

Many famous athletes, politicians and business leaders have expounded on the topic of “never give up.”

Likely you have a favorite inspirational quote that motivates you to keep going even when a door is slammed in your face.

Resilience, perseverance and determination. These are essential attributes in economic devel-

opment; in fact these same three traits are indispensable while working on maintaining our collective “small town charm.”

Believe it or not – you can change – grow and still be that quaint little blimp on the map. One thing is certain – If you are not growing, you are dying. Enter: Transportation, Tourism & Opportunity Zones.

### 2019 low-hanging fruit

In the year 2019 what is our low-hanging fruit? Where can we leverage existing success into something bigger and better?

On March 22, we plan to answer those questions and many others!

Starting with an impressive array of speakers, professionals

and leaders – Growing Greenlee III sets the stage for the steps we can take between now and the 2020 Census to not only grow our community but also retain the “small town charm” that truly exists deep down at the ‘core’ of Greenlee County.

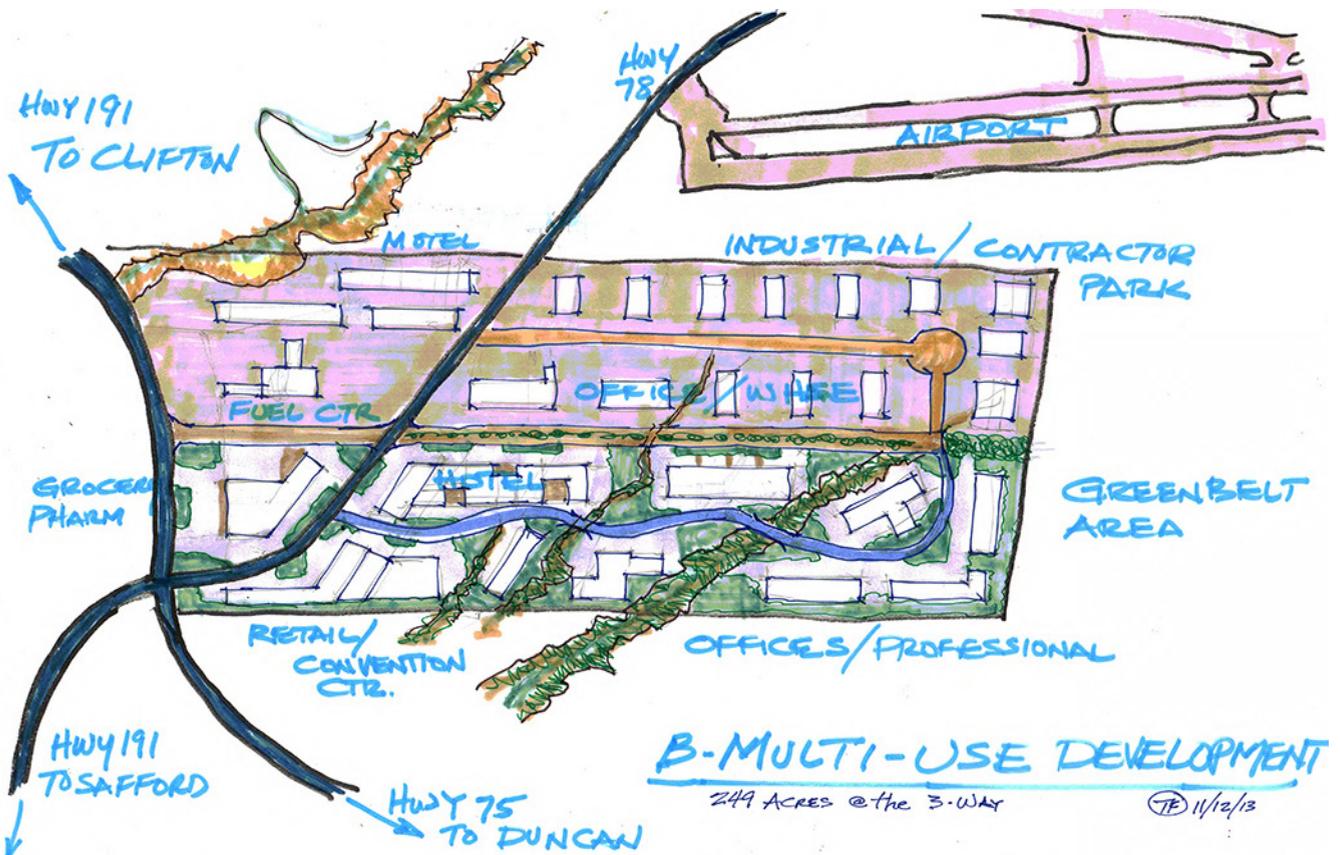
The Builders, Contractors and Construction Industry Professionals Forum starts early, 8 a.m., in Breakout Room #3. All Realtors®, Loan Officers, Title Company Closers, Home and Construction Insurance agents, developers and investors are invited.

At 9.a.m. a solid group of interested ministers, priests and church leaders from all denominations in Greenlee County will

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### On the cover

The cover of the March 2019 issue of our magazine is a section of this schematic, which shows potential development at the Greenlee County Airport at Three-Way.



# Change is coming . . .

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meet in Breakout Room #5. The goal is to see if there is sufficient enthusiasm and support to create a Greenlee County Ministerial Alliance.

## History of Growing Greenlee

The plenary session will kick off at 10 a.m. where the County will showcase all three members of the Board of Supervisors. County Administrator Kay Gale will co-present with Supervisor David Gomez on the history of Growing Greenlee and goals that have been met with others on the horizon.

## [Keep up with GGIII plans](#)

Clifton Vice Mayor Barbara Ahmann will welcome all the

speakers and guests to take a tour of Clifton and enjoy the scenery, shops, museum and natural wonders.

The program will include an exciting keynote speaker who is expected to resonate with all attendees.

We will also hear from our strategic partners such as the SBDC, Graham County Chamber, Lordsburg Chamber and others.

The working lunch will be accompanied by an opportunity to network in addition to time set aside after adjournment.

We welcome questions. We encourage the notion that “each one – bring one.”

Just please let us know how many will be in your party by March 18.

# Grants to create rural businesses

The U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, is accepting applications for grants to support rural businesses and help create jobs.

The Rural Business Development Grant (RBDG) is a competitive grant designed to aid local governments, nonprofit organizations and federally-recognized Native American Tribes in providing targeted technical assistance, training and other activities leading to the development or expansion of small and emerging private businesses in rural areas. There are no direct grants to individuals or businesses.

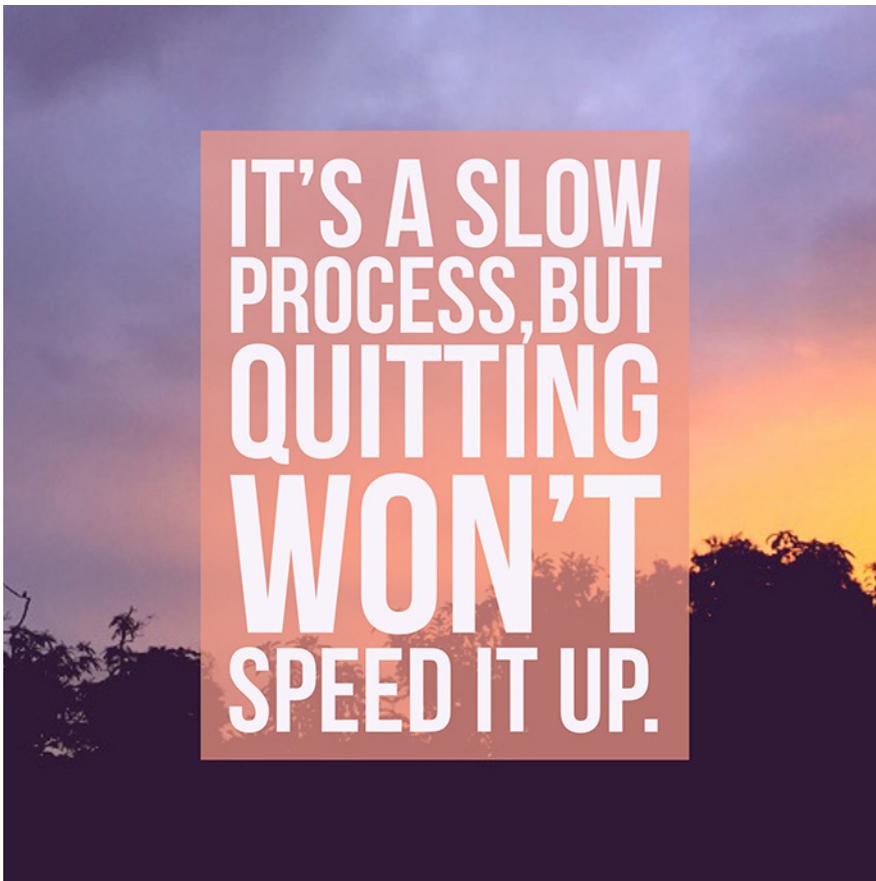
For questions or technical assistance in completing the application, please contact Don Irby, Rural Development Coordinator at (928) 759-9301, extension, 106 or at [don.irby@az.usda.gov](mailto:don.irby@az.usda.gov). Complete RBDG applications for projects must be received no later than March 29 by 4:30 p.m.

For additional information and the program regulation, please visit the RBDG program website at: <http://www.rd.usda.gov/files/fact-sheet/RD-FactSheet-RBS-RBDG.pdf>

## Blood Drive

The American Red Cross will be holding a blood drive March 19, from noon to 5:30 at the American Legion Post 28, Main Hall, 51 Frisco Ave., Clifton.

If you would like to make an appointment or need more information, call Leslie Ray at 928.432.1457 or log onto the [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) website and use the sponsor code moreniclifton.



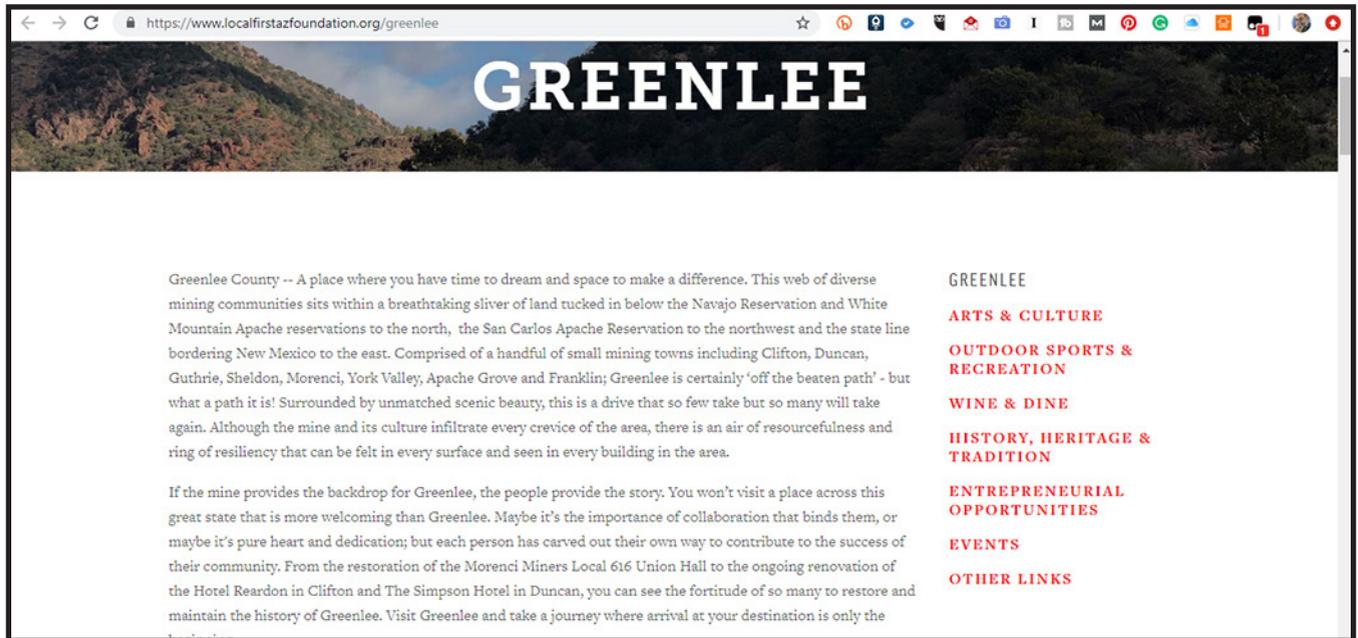
# New Greenlee website at Local First

The Local First Arizona First Foundation has created a [new website for Greenlee County](https://www.localfirstazfoundation.org/greenlee) that highlights the region's attributes and serves as a community profile.

It includes sections on outdoor recreation, arts

and culture, dining, history, and — of course — entrepreneurial opportunities.

The profile also can be used to find links to other websites and social media pertinent to Greenlee County.



## Hiring Fair set March 22

Arizona @ Work will be having its Spring 2019 Hiring Fair on Friday, March 22, from 10 am - 2 pm at the Cochise College Downtown Center in Sierra Vista.

Are you an employer looking to hire employees? It's not too late to sign up to have a table at the event. Contact Eric Grisham to get the Employer Registration Form, fill it out, and email it back to him at [egrisham@cpic-cas.org](mailto:egrisham@cpic-cas.org).

If you have any questions or concerns please contact Eric Grisham with Arizona @ Work at 520-236-2844 or [egrisham@cpic-cas.org](mailto:egrisham@cpic-cas.org).

## Possible new event(s)

What would you think of a Greenlee County marathon? Would it be a true marathon of 26.2 miles? How about running it on the back country bi-way?

On a similar note, how about a serious bike challenge from Morenci to Hannagan Meadow?

Greenlee County is known for outdoor activities. Either or both of these would fit in well, but would need champions.

# How smelter town seeks development

Written by Darcy Nybo

Posted in SOAR Magazine

Metal Tech Alley — a new, game-changing economic development marketing strategy — has brought jobs, new residents and a new way of doing business in Trail, British Columbia, Canada.

This city saw a boom in the 1960s and by 1966, some 11,600 people lived there. It was the place to get a well-paid job in metal and mining at what is now known as Teck Metals.

However, like many other small, rural, resource-based communities, technology improvements over the years led to streamlined processes and a reduction in jobs.

But today, with a population of just over 7,700 people, Trail is on the cusp of another boom, and this time it's in technology, with a heaping helping of metal.

Located on both sides of the



Columbia River in the West Kootenay region of BC, Metal Tech Alley is a regional approach to workforce and business attraction. It includes over 80 companies that are part of the Metal Tech Alley strategy — and many are growing.

Terry Van Horn, the executive director of the Lower Columbia Initiatives Corporation (LCIC), is thrilled at how well the strat-

egy has been embraced and how much it has grown since its inception a mere two years ago.

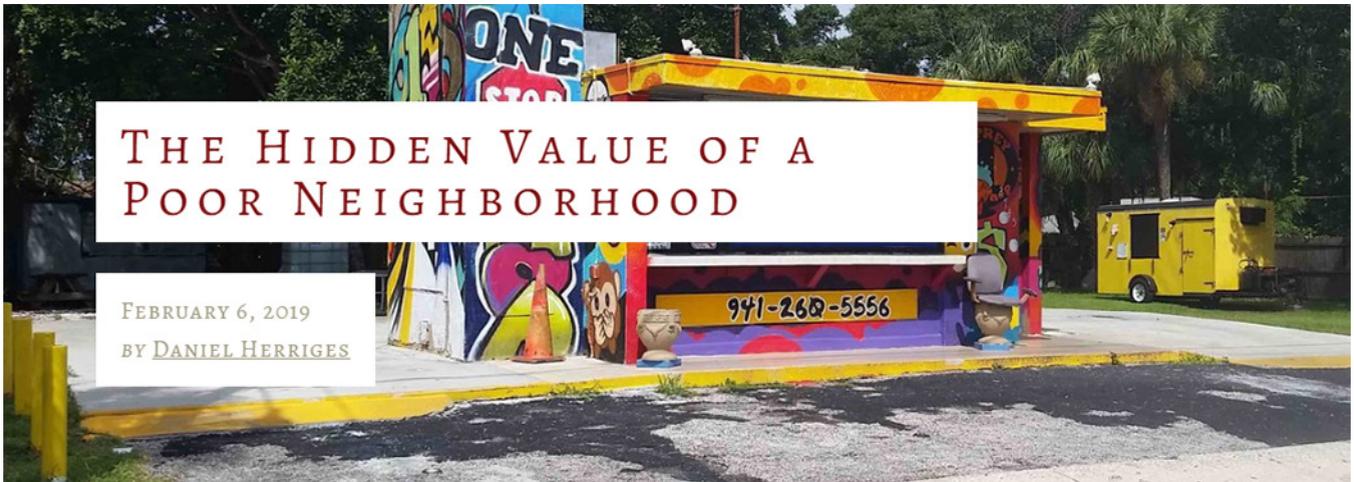
While many communities might aim to draw attention away from a smelter in the middle of town, LCIC took a different approach, deciding to use this key economic driver and all the technology advances to create a different story.

[Click here to read more](#)



Last month, we ran this photo to see if you could identify all these folks. In case you missed a couple, here they are: Front row, from left, Thaylia Nez, Jamie Medina, Yvonne Pearson, Kay Gale, David Gomez

and Bianca Figueroa (far right). In the back row, also from left, are Rene Ontiveros, Ron Campbell, Richard Lunt and Nicole Estrada-Lopez.



## THE HIDDEN VALUE OF A POOR NEIGHBORHOOD

FEBRUARY 6, 2019

BY DANIEL HERRIGES

### From Strong Towns

The real value in your city likely isn't where you think it is. Specifically, it isn't all concentrated where the bulk of your city's well-to-do people live.

I've written about the fallacy of believing that wherever residents make a lot of money and live in nice houses, local government is going to have no trouble funding the promises it's made. The reality is quite different: if that private wealth is paired with extravagant, debt-financed public infrastructure, is spread thin on the landscape, and is producing endlessly growing maintenance obligations, a lot of places that appear to be doing great are ac-

tually on the road to insolvency.

This article deals with the flip side of that story. Places that don't appear to be doing anywhere close to fine might have a rosier future than you think— if our cities get their priorities straight and put the wealth that these poor neighborhoods generate back into their streets.”

### **Best designed neighborhoods**

Our grand suburban experiment (which is a symptom of our infatuation with the shiny and new) means that we as a nation have left some of our poorest people behind in some of our best-designed neighborhoods.

These places often have no

shortage of problems stemming from poverty — deteriorating buildings; vacant spaces due to lack of demand; the vicious cycle of decline and neglect. But they have advantages, too, and those advantages show up when you run the numbers.

When Strong Towns and geanalytics firm Urban3 visited Lafayette, LA, we were able to produce a detailed quantitative analysis showing that poor neighborhoods were in many cases subsidizing affluent ones. By this we mean that those neighborhoods were delivering more net revenue to the local government, after subtracting the costs of the [click here to read more](#)

## Arizona Innovation Challenge starts

The Arizona Commerce Authority (ACA) has begun accepting applications for the Spring 2019 Arizona Innovation Challenge. The business plan competition is one of the nation's largest and helps early-stage technology companies scale their innovations.

The ACA will award as many 10 technology ventures up to \$150,000 each in non-dilutive capital. The competition has also expanded to prepare awardees

for success through participation in Venture Ready, the ACA's program that connects early-stage companies with mentors who are high-level executives or serial entrepreneurs.

“Arizona has established a reputation as a hub for innovation and entrepreneurship, and the Arizona Commerce Authority remains committed to building the ecosystem in our state,” said Sandra Watson, President & CEO of

the Arizona Commerce Authority.

“That's why we've expanded the program to assist more early-stage Arizona companies, as well as provide valuable mentorship that will prepare them to commercialize their technologies and scale their success.”

Venture Ready helps startups refine their business plans, improve go-to-market execution strategies and increase invest-

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## Innovation . . .

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tor readiness. Awardees partner with an Entrepreneur-in-Residence who provides one-on-one coaching through five mandatory panels focused on key business objectives designed to commercialize innovations. The competition requires awardees to complete the five panels and bring their technologies to market in Arizona within the subsequent 12 months of the award.

Companies that meet the eligibility requirements complete three application rounds, during which they receive constructive feedback generated from the rigorous online evaluation and scoring process.

Participants will also have an opportunity to receive a consultation to discuss their business plans and other potential resources. Companies that move on to the final round are required to do a live pitch to a panel of judges.

Applications will be accepted through Friday, March 22, 2019, at 3 p.m. MST. Download the application and submission guidelines, as well as find information about upcoming workshops, at [azcommerce.com](http://azcommerce.com).

## Broadband grant

USDA has extended the deadlines for ReConnect Rural Broadband Program to give potential applicants enough time to access technical assistance from USDA staff and its partners. The first application deadline will be pushed back to May 31, 2019 or later. As one part of their technical assistance, USDA is hosting a [webinar with general information](#) about the ReConnect program and guidance for potential applicants.

## State fuel tax bill advances

HB2536 passed the House Transportation Committee on Feb. 27 on a unanimous vote and is scheduled to be heard in the House Ways and Means Committee this upcoming Wednesday.

The bill, sponsored by Representative Noel Campbell, would increase fuel taxes by 25-cents, now phased in over a five year period, and enact comparable taxes and fees for other vehicle fuel types.

After the fifth year, inflation adjustments would occur annually. The revenue would be deposited and distributed through the existing HURF allocation process with roughly **half the funding directed to local street systems** and the other half to the interstates, highways and freeways.

Some of what is being considered in this measure and others now being considered by the Legislature:

- ▶ Repeals the \$32 highway safety fee enacted last year to eliminate the HURF transfers to Highway Patrol;

- ▶ **In FY20-21, reallocates \$18 million in HURF revenues to counties under 250,000 and municipalities under 7,500;**

- ▶ Classifies texting while driving as a non-moving civil traffic violation, provides exceptions and sets penalties;

- ▶ Doubles the transportation sales tax level that counties can take to their voters from one-half to one cent, Maricopa County excepted. The tax rate cannot exceed one cent when combined with county road taxes;

- ▶ Creates an authority responsible for constructing, financing, maintaining, improving, operat-

ing and promoting border transportation and trade facilities;

- ▶ Classifies driving while participating in an activity that willfully distracts the driver from safely operating the vehicle as a class 2 misdemeanor;

- ▶ Increases the maximum overall gross weight of a vehicle combination for large combination excess size and weight special permits from 23,500 lbs to 29,000 lbs;

- ▶ Prohibits cellphone use while driving unless the device is voice-operated and hands-free, provides exceptions, and sets penalties;

- ▶ In FY19-20, appropriates \$200,000 from the State General Fund to ADOT to post signs every 50 miles on rural highways instructing persons driving below the normal speed of traffic to operate in the right lane;

- ▶ Authorizes law enforcement to cite seat belt violations regardless of whether they believe that another motor vehicle law violation has occurred;

- ▶ Eliminates the vehicle license tax exemptions for alternative-fuel vehicles;

- ▶ Prohibits highways and roads that were publicly funded or maintained from converting to tolling;

- ▶ Repeals the ADOT authority for axle fees to be assessed to foreign-registered commercial vehicles entering Arizona from Mexico. If assessed, the fee revenues would fund border infrastructure and law enforcement.

(The bill sponsor committed that the bill would not move further past the Committee without an agreement among the stakeholders.)

# The Census and its data

*This information was provided by the Census Bureau:*

If you are a business owner that wants to increase your market share, the Data Dissemination Branch assists by providing access to censuses, surveys and estimates data.

Our goal is to make the Census Data available to all. We do this by offering the following:

- ▶ Presentations - Informative

## Drug ed grants

Applications for the Arizona Parents Commission on Drug Education and Prevention Grant (RFGA #: PC-DSG-19-070119-00) are now being accepted. More than \$3.9 million will be awarded to programs throughout Arizona that increase and enhance parental involvement, and increase education about the serious risks and public health problems caused by the abuse of alcohol and controlled substances.

The grant, with a maximum annual award of \$200,000 per grantee, is renewable for a combined term of three years.

The grant application will close at 5 p.m. (MT) on March, 19, 2019. The Governor's Office of Youth, Faith and Family invites grant applications from Arizona entities that include Non-Profit 501(c)(3) Organizations; School Districts and Institutions of Higher Education; Local, County or State Governments; Arizona Tribal Nations, Tribal Coalitions and Tribal Communities; and any partnership with those groups.

Access to solicitation documents requires a free eCivis account.

session demonstrating how to locate and use Census data. We are available to be the primary presenter or participate in a session at an existing conference.

▶ Data Workshops - Training in a hands-on computer lab setting or by virtual web at the comfort of your own computer. Workshops teach you how to access Census data, and use the various tools available. Answers to specific data inquiries - We provide the data you need and will show you how to obtain it by yourself.

A non-profit organization

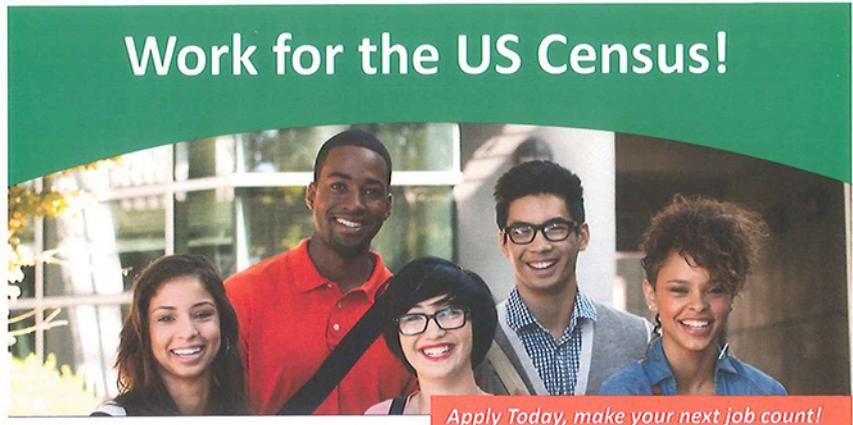
wanting to develop appropriate programs in your community.

A local government planning for the future development of your county, city or town.

A community leader needing to know the makeup of your community .

A school official planning for the future of your students.

Our services are available at no cost, and our trainings are customized to fit your needs. If your organization could benefit from our service, please contact us at 1-844-ASK-DATA.



## Apply Online! 2020 Census Jobs

The 2020 Census is interviewing now for field positions starting soon. Watch for openings now! The 2020 Census has a wide variety of positions open needing various levels of experience, training and education from field agents to management professionals from full time to flexible part time and temporary positions. Make your next job count!

For more information about our field positions please visit us at:

[2020census.gov/jobs](https://2020census.gov/jobs)

Clerk • Lister  
Office Operations Supervisor  
Census Field Supervisor  
Recruiting Assistant  
Enumerator • Census Taker



## Upcoming activities

**3/6 and every other Wednesday**, 10-4, Clifton Farmer's Market, Clifton Train Depot.

**3/6** 5-8 p.m., Morenci Motel Bar & Grill. (21 and older). Looking for a place to show your Irish pride? Look no further than here for drinks, food, games, and a whole lot of green.

**3/8 and 3/19** 8-11 a.m., Greenlee Board of Supervisors, Clifton Annex, BOS Conference Room.

**3/12** 11:30-1, Greenlee Tourism Council, Greenlee Golf Course, York Valley.

**3/14** 2-4 p.m., Clifton Town Council, Clifton Town Hall.

**3/14** 5-7 p.m., Duncan Town Council, Duncan Town Hall.

**3/16** 1-4 p.m., Jam Session, A Frame Church in Morenci - everyone welcome.

**3/22** 10-2 Growing Greenlee Summit III, The Community Center, 550 N. Coronado Blvd.

For more calendar items, [click here](#).

Read through this magazine for other announcements.

See Morenci School District calendar at [its website](#).

## Copper's critical role in energy

The electric vehicle revolution is impacting various sectors of the U.S. economy – including mining. A recent Reuters article reported that demand for electric vehicles has led to \$1.1 billion in investments in U.S. copper deposits.

Known for its electrical conductivity and high flexibility, copper has become an essential component of electric vehicles.

According to the U.S. Geological Survey, our nation is blessed with the world's fifth-largest copper reserves.

U.S. investment in copper is growing due to other alternative energy-related projects, as well. While about 183 lbs. of copper goes into an electric vehicle, 3.5 tons of the metal is used in a single wind turbine, according to a piece from Mining.com.

Copper is also key to solar power – an energy

source that is expected to expand rapidly in the next 10 years.

As the demand for electric vehicles and other energy forms increases, the need for domestic supplies of minerals like copper will skyrocket. To ensure that we are able to keep up with the electric vehicle revolution, it's imperative that mine permitting reform becomes a top priority for our decision-makers.

Due to redundancies within our mine permitting, it can take anywhere from seven to 10 years to obtain a mine permit in the U.S. today.

Through simple, commonsense reforms, the U.S. can fortify itself as a global leader in innovation, supplying the mineral resources that power the production of alternative energies like electric vehi-

[Click here to read more](#)

## Letter to the Editor

# Opportunity zones, rural spotlight

We would like to bring a couple new items to your attention: a brochure on Rural Opportunity Zones, a new Rural Spotlight, ACA Newsletter, and the Census 2020.

### Opportunity Zones

We have put together a brochure specifically on rural Opportunity Zones. The brochure dives into 5 ways rural economic developers can prepare for Opportunity Fund investments.

Included are best practices and recommendations that can help economic developers get prepared when an opportunity comes.

### Rural Spotlight

We have uploaded a new video to our [Rural Spotlight YouTube channel](#). The Town of Superior will be highlighted in our upcoming ACA Newsletter.

We would like to thank Mayor Mila Besich for showcasing the town's major employers, new projects and outdoor recreation.

### ACA Newsletter

The rural team here at the ACA is trying to bring more exposure to rural Arizona. We dedicate a section to rural Arizona in our newsletter and would like include to get any news releases or articles that highlight economic development and business events happening in your community or region. We really want to showcase what is happening in rural Arizona. If you have any content you would like included in our newsletter, please send it to me

for it to be included in our monthly Newsletter.

If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to me or please refer me to someone who can share that content.

### Census 2020

There are a couple of rural job opportunities with the US Census Bureau. These are temporary

jobs in support of Census 2020. For more information on these opportunities, visit the US Census Bureau website. Feel free to share this with anyone who could be interested.

*Armando Esparza*  
*Rural Business Development*  
*Manager*  
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*The framed photo hanging behind Leslie Ray, visitor center director in Clifton, was donated by Nick Muñoz of Los Lunas, NM. The title of artwork is Elpuente. Muñoz is a former Morenci resident.*

# COMEDY NIGHT

Life's better full of laughs, so enjoy a night out at the Morenci Club. One free drink with the purchase of your ticket.

**Date:** April 6  
**Time:** 7 – 9 p.m.  
**Ages:** 21 years and up  
**Cost:** \$25 per ticket  
**Location:** Morenci Club

# Tune in to new bald-eagle egg

Following a rollercoaster start, the next generation of bald eagles on Lake Pleasant could very well be on the way after a second egg was firmly laid in the nest.

The egg, which was laid around 4:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 24, came one day after a first egg was eaten by a pair of opportunistic ravens that swooped into the nest while the unassuming bald eagle parents were away.

Each event was watched in real-time by thousands streaming video of the nest on the Arizona Game and Fish Department's bald eagle nest camera.

"While this scenario occurs daily in nature, the department's live-streaming camera allows us to bring this unfiltered nesting process to everyone with an internet connection," said Jeff Meyers, AZGFD watchable wildlife program coordinator. "Viewers are repeatedly drawn into the daily drama of survival, tuning in to watch the eagles eat, fend off intruders — such as egg-eating ravens and a rival bald eagle — and finding time to take turns incubating the egg. All the while, viewers are learning about Arizona's bald eagles and other native wildlife."

## [Watch the webcams](#)

While the department is hopeful the nest will produce young, biologists aren't as optimistic based on activity they've seen so far.

The eggs are the first for this new bald eagle pair, after the previous male was bested by another bird early into the breeding season. The new male still has much



to learn about his role in caring for and protecting vulnerable eggs.

"Egg laying is an important milestone, but the female can't care for the egg alone," said Kenneth "Tuk" Jacobson, AZGFD raptor management coordinator. "The male needs to provide relief and take his turn incubating the egg; bring food for the female; ward off potential intruders; and ensure there is a constant presence on the nest. Unfortunately, he hasn't quite learned that and the nest is often left unoccupied for multiple stretches of the day."

Still, records show the bald eagle population at Lake Pleasant has grown since 1993 and 28 birds have since survived to take their first flight, known as fledging. In this nest, two eggs were laid with the previous male in early January 2018 and each hatched the following month. The two young successfully fledged in late April.

The Arizona Game and Fish Department Lake Pleasant bald eagle live-streaming camera is funded through Heritage and Pittman Robertson funds, and public

donations. Those wishing to support the Watchable Wildlife program can click the "donate now" button after selecting which live camera feed to view at [www.azgfd.gov/livecams](http://www.azgfd.gov/livecams).

## **Support the project**

To support the department's effort to conserve and protect Arizona's more than 800 native wildlife species, the public can purchase a Conservation Membership package at [www.azwildlifehero.com](http://www.azwildlifehero.com) and clicking on "support us" and "become a member." Different membership levels come with special perks, from a beautiful set of wildlife notecards to an annual subscription to Arizona Wildlife Views Magazine.

The bald eagle cam is the fourth wildlife camera offered by the department, which also provides seasonal views of wintering sandhill cranes in southeastern Arizona, a bat roost at Cluff Ranch Wildlife Area and an underwater pupfish cam. All the live streams can be viewed at [www.azgfd.gov/livecams](http://www.azgfd.gov/livecams).

# Flood insurance mapping

By Philip Ronnerud  
Greenlee County Engineer

Over the past 5 years, Greenlee County has been updating the County's National Flood Insurance Rate Maps. York Valley and Apache Grove Valley have been completed. On the third segment of the Gila River between Bitter Creek and Sands Wash, the County has provided notices to all 90 property owners that will be affected.

This update will more accurately show the 1% flood flow (100-year). The existing maps were done in 1970s using poor base information. The maps are used to determine flood insurance needs. The new maps will more actually show the areas affected by the 100-year flow.

Almost 50 years of additional data have been used to generate the flow. Flows are determined by data analysis. The flow in 1970 was about 38,000 cubic feet per second. Base maps were 1960s 15 minutes USGS maps with contour intervals greater at 20 feet. Two foot contour interval survey data is now available and the flow now is about 48,000 cubic feet per second. One cubic foot per second is 449 gallons per minute. Each person in the United States uses about 105 gallons per day.

Each minute the water used daily by 48,000 families of four flows down the river at 48,000 cubic

feet per second!

Flood insurance is required for a property in an A Zone when a mortgage is held by a Federally Insured Financial Agency. Flood insurance can be forced placed. The cost of insurance is directly related to the height of the floor above the water surface elevation of 1% flow. The lower the finish floor, the higher the premium. Flood insurance premiums can be more expensive than mortgage payments.

FEMA allows a property owner to petition if property are shown in the A Zone but out of A Zone or are above the 1% flood elevation. An elevation certificate can be completed by a Registered Civil Engineer or Land Survey. Depending upon their determination, FEMA may issue a Letter of Map Amendment.

The County's has an administrative duty to enforce the National Flood Insurance Regulations. This process occurs with the permitting of a new structure. All structures which are built, even replacement and new additions to existing structures, are subject Greenlee County Flood Ordinance. More information can be obtained by contacted the County Engineer at (928) 865 4762. A pre-application conference is higher recommended before any new structure is built.

# Greenlee County spelling bee

By Tom Powers

The Greenlee County spelling bee was held Feb. 12 at the Duncan Elementary School.

This was so much fun for everyone! Both Duncan and Morenci Schools sent 10 kids per district. Only contestants who has not yet passed the 8th grade were eligible.

Each student was asked to approach the microphone and provide their name, grade and school.

The first two rounds of the competition were practice rounds, thus no student was eliminated in these rounds. The students were then given the challenge words that did count.

This year we went a total of six rounds until Kryzzia Cortez was named the winner. Isabella Campbell finished second. Isabella missed the word cummerbund, Kryzzia correctly spelled discipline and sumo to win the championship.

Kryzzia will represent Greenlee County in Phoe-

nix at ASU (will be on Channel 8) on Saturday March 28, at the statewide Spelling Bee.

Many thanks to all the teachers, students, and staff for another great event for our kids!





## Absolute Threshold

*This information on Absolute Threshold was provided by the local band.*

In an uncertain time, on this world where humanity seems on edge. One will seek their own space, their own reality to forget it all...and Absolute Threshold will guide the way.

When five local individuals, Mat Subia, David Conger, Ramon Montano, Jimmy Armstrong and Chris Montano, united as brothers in 2009 to create music that was meaningful to each member, we pushed ourselves to improve and define our music so we could share it with the world.

Our music expands the current realm of which we live in by drawing you in with intricate notes and scales built upon base and drums that will get you moving all while telling you stories of past, present and future paths you have or will be experiencing. We carry a message of hope and perseverance for each predicament you encounter. What you can see, is not all that exists.....embrace it.

Gigs:

Opened for Powerman 5000 at Hollywood, CA

at the world famous Whisky A Go Go. (Picture above.)

CD release show. Rockbar, Scottsdale.

Multiple Marquee theater performances.

Multiple Az state fair performances.

Other cities: Las Vegas, Kingman, Tucson, Prescott, Safford.

Creating and filming a [music video](#) for Horizon at the Casa Grande domes was an amazing experience. We have new lifelong friends who are excellent at what they do.

We now regularly chat with Drew Moore who played our final demon in the video. Drew works regularly on movies and TV series and such a positive person it was an honor to work with him. Lots of people put tons of time and effort into making the music video. We were truly humbled.

I wish we had a generator! You find one cheap let me know!

It's been so long that we have played in our home town that we wanted to bring our new material here first.



Greenlee County has a [new website](#). Take a look!



**MOVIE IN THE PARK**

Enjoy a movie under the stars. Bring your favorite blankets and chairs.

**Incredibles 2**

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Wednesday, March 20

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Movie starts at dark

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All ages

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Free

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DeGrazia Park



**SUMMER KICK-OFF MOVIE IN THE PARK**

Nothing says summer like an evening in the park. Enjoy some games, snacks, and, of course, a summer feel-good film. Bring a lawn chair and blanket.

**Ralph Breaks the Internet**

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Friday, May 31

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6 p.m. - movie End  
(movie starts at dusk)

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All ages

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Free

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DeGrazia Park

**SPECIAL EVENTS**

**EASTER NEON BINGO NIGHT**

**B**ingo lights up in this fun twist on the classic game. You'll also have a chance to win a ham for your family dinner!



**Date:**  
Tuesday, April 16

**Ages:**  
All ages

**Time:**  
6 - 8 p.m.

**Cost:**  
\$5 per person

**Location:**  
Morenci Club

**Registration:**  
Until tickets sell out; limit 6 tickets per household

**Apprenticeship**

Valley View Homes is about 60 days from being ready to hire. Are you the right candidates?

Contact Walter Johnson ([walter@yorkvalley-homes.com](mailto:walter@yorkvalley-homes.com)) or call York Valley Homes at (928) 687-1541.



Where do we go from here?