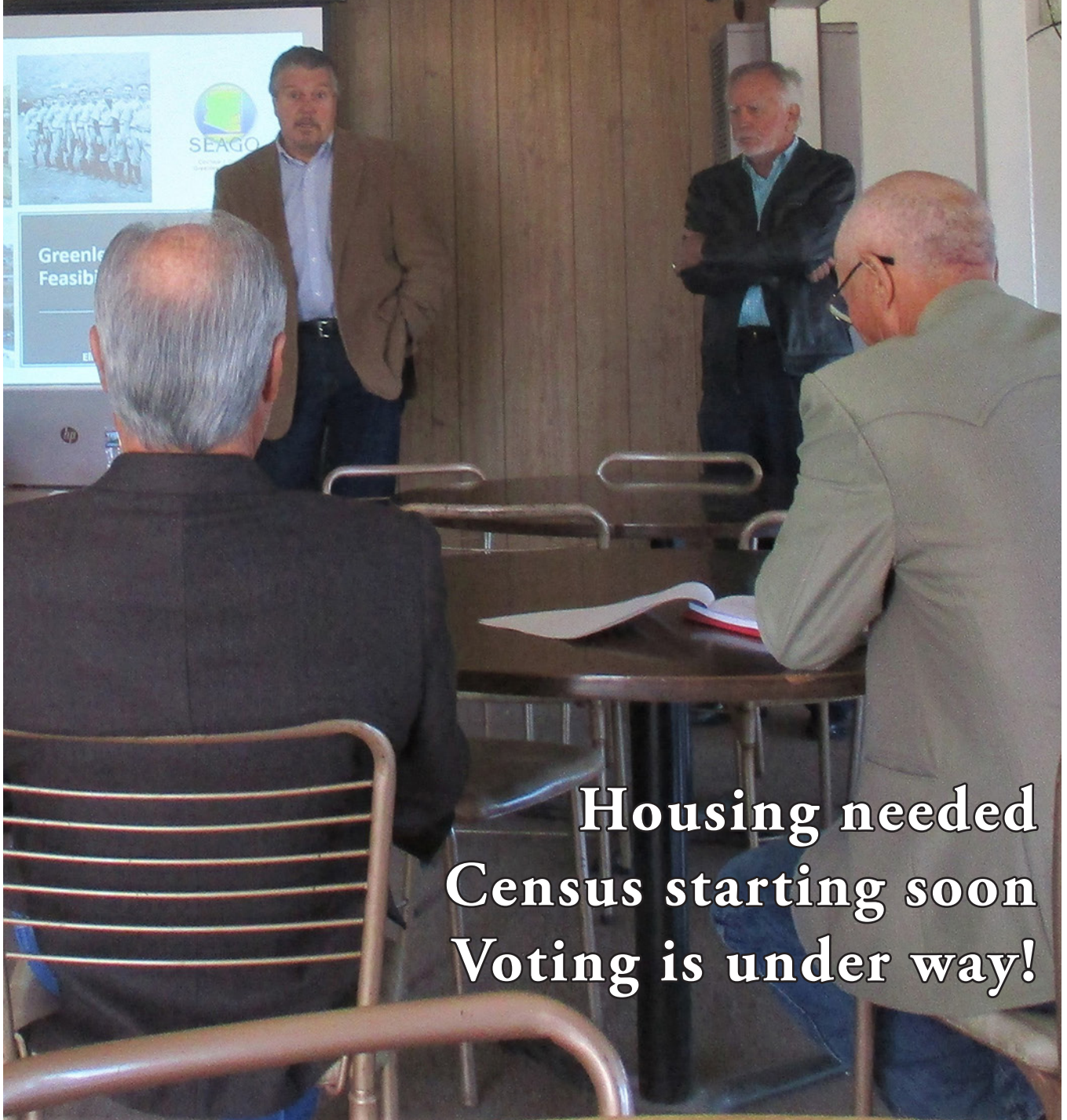


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**Housing needed  
Census starting soon  
Voting is under way!**

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## Greenlee County social media

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

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## April Clarion

Deadline for submitting articles for the April Clarion is March 25. The issue will be published on March 31.

## Be serious; have fun

By Ákos Kovach

Can both be true? Have fun and be serious? Oh yes, and we prove it in this issue of the *Greenlee Clarion*!

Month after month we attempt and give our best to showcase opportunities, events, ways to obtain grants, how to be a successful business person or entrepreneur.

The March 2020 issue continues in those footsteps but we also include a heavy dose of Census 2020 information for reason we will explain in the next few pages.

Big Fun and Big Serious is truly on our horizon here in Greenlee County, and all we ask is for you to write us, call us, FB message us or come by our office. We have something for you – answers. We have something else – support. And best of all expect World Class Customer Service.

Call 928-865-4762; email [akovach@greenlee.az.gov](mailto:akovach@greenlee.az.gov) from Facebook message us from the Greenlee Clarion or Growing Greenlee pages or best of all come see us in person at 253 Fifth Street, Room 208 in the Annex building next to the Historic Courthouse. Plan to have your expectations exceeded!

**What you need to know  
about voting in the  
Presidential Preference election.  
See pages 5 and 6.**

## On the Cover

Presentation of the Housing Feasibility Study demonstrated the needs of Greenlee County. Making the presentation are Larry Catten, on the left, SEAGO Economic Development Coordinator, and Richard Merritt, President and one of the founders of Elliott D. Pollack & Co., which completed the study. The audience included Supervisor David Gomez, left, and Richard Lunt, chairman of the Board of Supervisors. These men, and Supervisor Ron Campbell, give their take on housing needs in this issue. Please turn to page 3.



# Supervisors discuss housing needs

Members of the Greenlee County Board of Supervisors were asked how they interpreted the housing-needs study for the area which was released this month. They also were asked how residents to get involved in contributing to solutions. Here are their comments:

## **Richard Lunt, District 3, chairman**

I feel the Housing Feasibility Study is important for the residents of Greenlee County.

It shows the opportunities and challenges for housing development in Greenlee County. It also brought to attention the most promising places for development in the county. It showed the property in Duncan as the first choice for development, mainly for the amenities that are already there at the property's boundary.

During the public discussion it was brought out that the study gave a lot of attention to the the need for mine-related housing but it did not address the housing demand of people moving here for the quality of life the area has to offer. It was pointed out that perhaps the best way forward would be to build a few homes, sell them, and grow in that manner.

We want growth, but we should want smart growth, something 20 years from now, people will say, "They did it right."

We would like everyone from Greenlee County or elsewhere to consider building a home and living in Greenlee County.

I want to thank United Way for the funding, and SEAGO for this report.

## **Ron Campbell, District 2:**

The release of the Housing Feasibility Study (HFS) is very important to Greenlee County.

This study provided detailed, accurate information that we can use in both our short- and long-range planning for Greenlee County.

The information in this study was not based on emotion, but facts, with data to back it up. This is very important.

We dream of housing developments with hundreds of stick-built homes, with manicured lawns, greenbelts, parks, where families choose to live in Greenlee County, not only for their job, but because

we have quality housing options to offer.

The readers of the *Clarion* can help with this housing shortage by helping to communicate the numerous positive benefits to living in Greenlee County.

They could share about our excellent schools, the amazing year-around weather, the low tax rate (lowest combined in the state), or just the wonderful sense of community.

Also, communicate and reach out to us about land or homes that may be available for sale. Maybe lot splits for an acreage that is under-utilized, or just land being held onto for sentiment or other reasons, but now maybe the time is right to let the property be used again for a new family.

We all play a part, and I believe that this housing study will identify, not the type of housing that we "want" but what we "need."

In conclusion, once again our membership in SEAGO proved to be valuable, as it was SEAGO who acquired the grant from the United Way to make this grant and report possible.

## **David Gomez, District 3**

I appreciated that the Housing Feasibility Study brought to light where our county has shovel-ready locations for housing and additional possible locations, but the subject of water availability is prominently on the table.

If you are interested in owning your own home, reach out! There are home builders ready to help you build your dream home! The same goes for anyone contemplating selling their home or land; let us know! I would like to say thank you to SEAGO for making the grant application through United Way to fund this Housing Feasibility Study.



# The 2020 Census and Confidentiality

*Your responses to the 2020 Census are safe, secure, and protected by federal law. Your answers can only be used to produce statistics—they cannot be used against you in any way. By law, all responses to U.S. Census Bureau household and business surveys are kept completely confidential.*

## Respond to the 2020 Census to shape the future.

Responding to the census helps communities get the funding they need and helps businesses make data-driven decisions that grow the economy. Census data impact our daily lives, informing important decisions about funding for services and infrastructure in your community, including health care, senior centers, jobs, political representation, roads, schools, and businesses. More than \$675 billion in federal funding flows back to states and local communities each year based on census data.



## Your census responses are safe and secure.

The Census Bureau is required by law to protect any personal information we collect and keep it strictly confidential. The Census Bureau can only use your answers to produce statistics. In fact, every Census Bureau employee takes an oath to protect your personal information for life. Your answers cannot be used for law enforcement purposes or to determine your personal eligibility for government benefits.

## By law, your responses cannot be used against you.

By law, your census responses cannot be used against you by any government agency or court in any way—not by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), not by the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), not by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), and not by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). The law requires the Census Bureau to keep your information confidential and use your responses only to produce statistics.



## The law is clear—no personal information can be shared.

Under Title 13 of the U.S. Code, the Census Bureau cannot release any identifiable information about individuals, households, or businesses, even to law enforcement agencies.

The law states that the information collected may only be used for statistical purposes and no other purpose.

To support historical research, Title 44 of the U.S. Code allows the National Archives and Records Administration to release census records only after 72 years.

All Census Bureau staff take a lifetime oath to protect your personal information, and any violation comes with a penalty of up to \$250,000 and/or up to 5 years in prison.

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# GREENLEE COUNTY VOTER GUIDE TO THE PPE ELECTION 2020



## The Presidential Preference Election (PPE)

Did You Know?



The PPE is an election in which voters can choose who they would like to be their presidential candidate in the upcoming General Election

- The Democratic Party is the only party participating in the PPE this year.
- Independents and voters not registered as a member of the Democratic Party are NOT eligible to vote in the PPE Election.

## Important 2020 Dates for PPE Election

### The Presidential Preference Election



### Important Dates:

Early Voting Begins  
**Wednesday, Feb 19th**

**LAST DAY TO:**

Request early  
ballot by mail

**Friday, March 6th**

**LAST DAY TO:**

Vote Early in Person

**Friday, March 13th**

Check out  
[www.Arizona.Vote](http://www.Arizona.Vote)

### What information is on Arizona.Vote?



- Your Voter Registration Information
- Request an Early Ballot
- Verify your early ballot status
- And much more! Go check it out!



# GREENLEE COUNTY VOTER GUIDE TO EARLY VOTING



## EARLY VOTING OPTIONS

### Permanent Early Voting List (PEVL)

Voters on the PEVL will automatically receive an early ballot by mail before any election in which they are eligible to vote. The option to sign up for the PEVL is on the Arizona Voter Registration Form.

### Request an Early Ballot

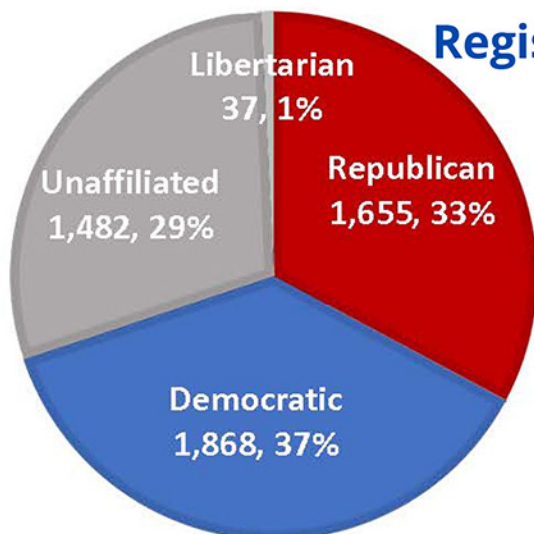
Voters who are not on the PEVL may request an early ballot be mailed to them up to 11 days before an Election. This request can be made online, by phone or in writing.

### Early Vote Center

The Greenlee County Recorder's Office is the sole Early Voting Site for Greenlee County. It is open to ALL eligible Greenlee County voters during Early Vote Period. ID is required.

### Greenlee County Registered Voters: 5,042

57% of Greenlee County Registered Voters are on the Permanent Early Voting List.



Contact the Greenlee County Recorder's Office for any questions regarding Early Voting. **928-865-2632**



## Federal Lands Access grants

The Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP) presents an exciting opportunity for state, county, tribal, and local governments to submit applications for transportation projects accessing Federal Lands in the state of Arizona.

The Programming Decisions Committee (PDC) of the Arizona FLAP is currently soliciting Project Applications to develop a multi-year program of transportation projects (estimated program funding availability of up to \$30 million dollars).

Preliminary engineering, construction, and construction engineering funding will become available after the program selection process has been completed.

Deadline for submittals: April 14, 2020 Link to Project Application: <https://flh.fhwa.dot.gov/programs/flap/az/>

Applicant Information Webinars: • Thursday, January 16th, 2020; 11AM-12PM Mountain Standard Time • Wednesday, February 5th, 2020; 3PM-4PM Mountain Standard Time • Tuesday, March 3rd, 2020; 9AM-10AM Mountain Standard Time

Participation Details: Web Room: <http://fhwa.adobeconnect.com/cflplanning/> (Login under guest field) Call Number: 1-877-336-1839; Passcode: 6359430 NOTE: All webinars cover the same material.

## Snyder retiring

March 1 begins new ownership of Chase Creek Marketplace. Jiek Ficker will retain the name and will carry jewelry, towels, decorative things, pottery, plus the

addition of new items from Ficker's printing business, including new cards, new t-shirts, prints and local Clifton souvenirs.

Some of the current artists will continue to be represented and there will be new artists as well.

Hours are Thursday through Saturday, 10-5.

Susan Snyder has sold both the business, which she opened 15 years ago, and her home in York Valley.

Stop by and wish Susan well as she enters the wonder years of retirement with grandchildren.

## David v. Goliath

Eastern Arizona College Small Business Development Center presents "David v. Goliath Webinar: How to compete with big business."

Your business is constantly challenged by Amazon, Walmart and other huge corporations. So how do you stay ahead of the competition?

Join us for this webinar where you will learn proactive approaches to helping your business succeed in the ever-changing world of business commerce.

This free webinar will take place on Thursday, March 12, 2020, from 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. [Click here to register.](#)

In this course you will learn: Ideas to make your business unique and set you apart from other businesses;

How to successfully navigate and work with discount and big-box stores;

Tips to keep your business top of mind so your customers buy local;

This webinar will provide you with the real tools you need to thrive against retail giants!

For more information about this event, contact the EAC Small Business Development Center at (928) 428-8590 or email: [sbdc@eac.edu](mailto:sbdc@eac.edu). To register online, [go here.](#)

## 191 closures

Motorists traveling US 191 north of Morenci should plan for road closures and weight restrictions on March 10 and 11 for bridge repairs.

The following restrictions are scheduled between the signal at the Freeport-McMoRan gate north of Morenci (near milepost 169) and Stargo (near milepost 171):

US 191 will be closed between 6 p.m. and 10 p.m., Tuesday, March 10.

US 191 will be open with a weight restriction of 30,000 pounds from 10 p.m. on Tuesday, March 10, to 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 11.

US 191 will be closed between 7 p.m. and 11 p.m., Wednesday, March 11.

The restrictions will allow crews to repair an abutment foundation on the bridge.

Drivers traveling between Morenci and Alpine who are unable to wait for the road to reopen each evening will need to take US 191 south from Morenci to Three Way, follow State Route 78 east into New Mexico to US 180, and follow US 180 north to Alpine.

Schedules are subject to change based on weather and other unforeseen factors.

For more information, please call the ADOT Bilingual Project Information Line at 855.712.8530 or go to [azdot.gov/contact](http://azdot.gov/contact) and select Projects from the drop-down menu.

# Survey on VA services

## To the Editor:

Sen. Sinema recently launched an Arizona-wide VA Services Survey in collaboration with Arizona State University. The goal of the survey is to better understand the health care experiences of:

1. Veterans and servicemembers using VA health care
2. Veterans opting not to use VA health care
3. Caregivers and family members who are part of the health care experience of their veterans

The survey will be open until April 30, 2020, it is anonymous, and it should only take about 5 minutes to complete. Our office has engaged with local VA Medical Centers and they are supportive of this initiative. We will share the data with them to help inform where they are doing well and identify opportunities for improvement. All feedback received from this survey will also allow our office and other stakeholders to better work for Arizona veterans and their families. We look forward to working with you on next steps.

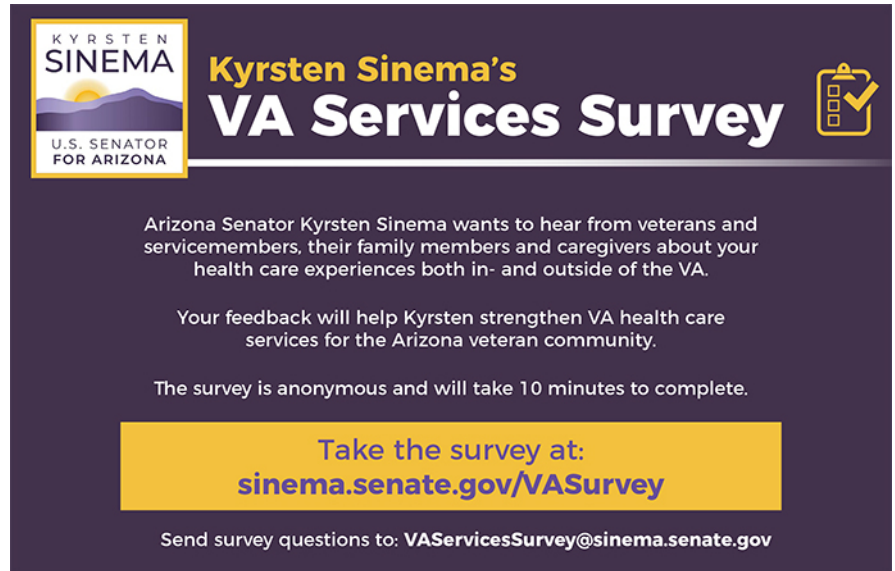
Sen. Sinema would love your  
**Please turn to page 16**

## Hygiene items

The Greenlee County Health Department needs donations of any of the following items: toothbrushes, toothpaste, body wash and soap, shampoo and conditioner, deodorant.

To donate, purchase the items and drop them off at the Health Department, 253 5th St., Clifton.

Help us help local families with basic hygiene.



**KYRSTEN SINEMA**  
U.S. SENATOR FOR ARIZONA

## Kyrsten Sinema's VA Services Survey

Arizona Senator Kyrsten Sinema wants to hear from veterans and servicemembers, their family members and caregivers about your health care experiences both in- and outside of the VA.

Your feedback will help Kyrsten strengthen VA health care services for the Arizona veteran community.

The survey is anonymous and will take 10 minutes to complete.

Take the survey at:  
[sinema.senate.gov/VASurvey](https://sinema.senate.gov/VASurvey)

Send survey questions to: [VAServicesSurvey@sinema.senate.gov](mailto:VAServicesSurvey@sinema.senate.gov)



COME HELP CLEAN OUR WATERWAYS!

## San Francisco River Clean Up

SATURDAY, MARCH 7, 2019

8 A.M. - 12 P.M.

RIVERSIDE PARK, CLIFTON, AZ

*We will meet under the Ramada at Riverside Park at 8AM for check-in and a safety briefing.*

Bring your own re-usable water bottle and we will provide the water. Hats, sunglasses, and closed toed shoes are highly recommended. Gloves, safety vests, and garbage bags will be provided. All volunteers will receive a free lunch.

**RSVP is required for lunch.**

**TO RSVP OR FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT KARA BARRON: (928) 424-3886 OR [KARA@GWPAZ.ORG](mailto:KARA@GWPAZ.ORG)**







## How will the 2020 Census impact Arizona business?

State, local and federal government officials will use 2020 Census statistics to determine how to allocate billions of dollars annually for critical public services, including hospitals, schools and roads. In turn, this will generate opportunities for the business sector.

### Businesses use Arizona census statistics to:

- > Know when to add new jobs
- > Make competitive hiring and pay decisions
- > Decide when and where to open new stores and offices
- > Better meet the needs of their customers

### Take the pledge and help everyone in Arizona be counted.

To ensure everyone is counted, give your employees the time to respond to the census. It's safe and easily completed online, by phone or by mail.

Learn more at  
[azcensus2020.gov](https://azcensus2020.gov)

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# Javelina Chase adventure

Billed as “the toughest mountain bike race in Arizona,” the [Javelina Chase](#) and its various events will be held Saturday, March 28, and Sunday, March 29, in Duncan and Lordsburg.

On Saturday in Duncan will be the Ghost Mine Rumble races and the Kids’ Bike Rodeo and on Sunday in Lordsburg will be the Butterfield/Overland Gravel Fun Ride, a 5K trail run and a half marathon.

The Javelina Chase draws competitive and non-competitive cyclists each year to the historic small towns that straddle the Arizona-New Mexico border. Overseen by a volunteer committee, the Javelina Chase offers cycling and running events for all ages.

Javelina Chase promotes safe cycling in our communities. It encourages the use of highways and trails in our area, and its organizers help welcome the many long-distance cyclists traversing the southern tier every year.

Race proceeds fund scholarships for two local graduating seniors each year.

## Ghost Mine Rumble

All three routes — 20, 40 and 60 miles — take you through some of the most wildly beautiful and challenging terrain in southeastern Arizona and southwestern New Mexico. The trails climb quickly from the Gila River Valley into the stony peaks of the Summit Mountains. The rambling mountain roads follow the old route to Silver City — and possibly the route of the 1540 Coronado Expedition —

passing the sites of historic Apache-settler battles and ruins of mining towns and camps. Mountain bikes are strongly advised!

There is a new “Doublet” team categories to the Ghost Mine Rumble mountain bike races. Riders register as teams of two for the 60-mile course. Doublet races are taking off in South Africa and a few other places overseas, but they are very new to the U.S. mountain bike racing world.

The two teammates must ride the entire course together and must finish together. The team time will be taken on the front wheel of the second rider on the finish line. Four Doublet divisions are offered for 2020: Men, Women, Co-Ed, and Single Speed. The registration fee is \$130/team (early registration).

## Overland Gravel

The Butterfield Overland Gravel Fun Ride in Lordsburg is a family ride and a good recovery ride if you raced on Saturday! All those who raced the day before will ride for free on Sunday. Others can register for \$20 each. Families get 50 percent off for each member.

The ride starts and finishes in the ghost town of Shakespeare, a few miles south of Lordsburg in gold mine country. Shakespeare is a destination in itself, and you’ll get to see the whole town after you enjoy post-ride or -run refreshments.

On Sunday morning, riders will meet up at a start line at Shakespeare Ghost Town on Shakespeare

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Looking for a smooth ride  
on nice paved streets, with all the amenities?  
*This is not your race.*

# JAVELINA CHASE

MARCH 28-29, 2020  
DUNCAN, AZ · LORDSBURG, NM  
MTB RACES · RECOVERY/FUN RIDE · 5K/HALF-MARATHON



## Javelina Chase

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Road off County Road 494, about 2.5 miles south of Lordsburg, NM. The 25-mile route passes the tracks of the historic Butterfield Overland Stagecoach route before overlooking the site of a WWII Japanese prisoner-of-war camp. It descends then into mountain-ringed open range dotted by the playas characteristic of a high desert that doesn't drain into any river.

### Bike Rodeo

All children ages 3 to 13 are invited to participate in the Wildcat Pride PTA's annual event at the Greenlee County Fairgrounds. Registration opens at 8:30 am. Everyone should enter by the gate on Highway 75; no entry will be permitted at the Fairgrounds Road gate to ensure the safety of the children. Parents or guardians must remain at the rodeo to supervise their kids.

The bike rodeo offers a safe, fun course for young riders, along with free bike repairs and helmet giveaways. Local DJs will play music and vendors will sell food and drinks. Loaner bikes will be available. Kids will be able to see the winning mountain bike racers fly across the finish line at the fairgrounds.

### Running events

Start/finish at Shakespeare, New Mexico, on Shakespeare Road off County Road 494, about 2½ miles south of Lordsburg.

There's plenty of free parking and [Shakespeare Ghost Town](#) will be open, including the restrooms.

All ages welcome!



## NM workforce

New Mexico's future depends on a well-skilled work force. Great opportunity for all of our students lies in connecting education to employment.

It's critical that we engage with employers and economic developers, as well as parents, students, and those who serve special populations to ensure we are generating the pools of well-qualified talent your community will need for years to come. Just a few hours of your time can change the future for students, families, and the community.

Monday, March 9, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Silver City Grant County Chamber of Commerce and Grant County Conference Center, 3031 Hwy. 180 East, Silver City.



## Duck Race in April

### From The Copper Era

CLIFTON — The Greenlee Tourism Council and the Gila Watershed Partnership are holding a race to benefit the Upper Gila Watershed.

In April, the groups will be hosting the Great Duck Race. Participants purchase rubber ducks that will be released to float down the San Francisco River. Participants whose ducks cross the finish line first will win prizes, up to a grand prize that includes a river kayak, paddle and safety vest.

“The Greenlee Tourism Council and the Gila Watershed Partnership have partnered to help create recreational opportunities along the San Francisco River as it passes through Clifton,” organizers said about the fund-raiser.

The event is offering one duck for \$10 or three ducks for \$25. It will be held on the weekend of April 24-26 in conjunction with the Clifton Hill Climb.

## Upcoming Activities

3/11 8 a.m., Morenci Motel Bar. Food-handlers permit class. Cost is \$10 except for County Staff and non-profit personnel.

3/11 7-9 p.m., American Legion Post 28, Nu-Blu, resident hosts of TV's Bluegrass Ridge program, two-hour show, public welcome, admission at door is \$10, seating is limited, contact Legion at 928-865-5411 for tickets.

3/14 9-3, Duncan, Strolling the Old West Highway. See flyer on page 16.

**Saturday March 14**  
**9am - 3pm**

3/28-29 Javelina Chase, Duncan / Lordsburg. See page 10 for details.

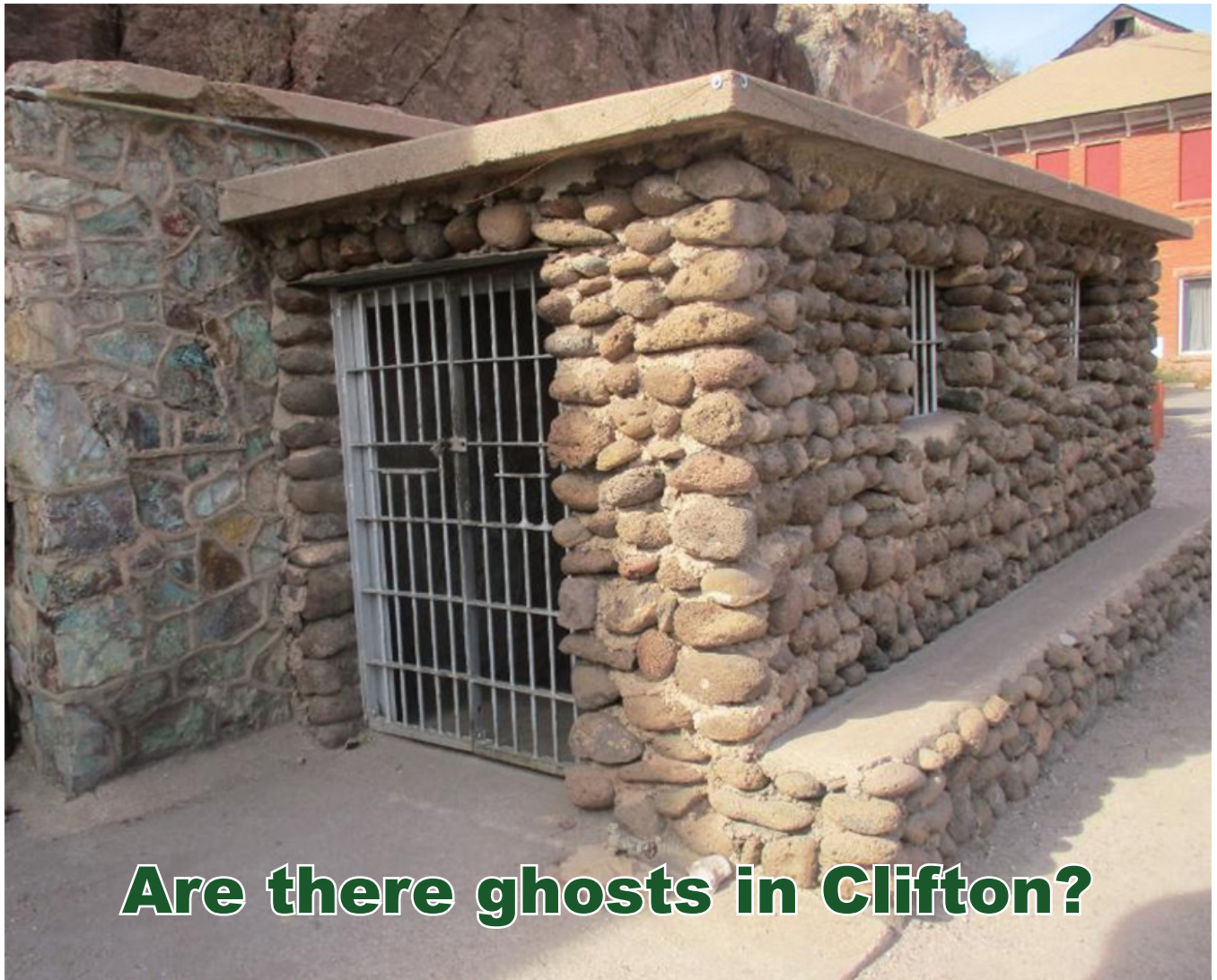


4/8 Ghost Hunters premier. See back page.

4/25-26 Clifton Hill Climb. See page 16.

4/25-26 Great Duck Race. See page 11.

See page 17 for events in Lordsburg.



**Are there ghosts in Clifton?**



# Gov. Ducey's proposed budget

*This summary of the state budget was provided by the Arizona Association For Economic Development and was compiled by Dorn Policy Group, Inc.*

Arizona Governor Doug Ducey released his Executive Budget for Fiscal Year 2021. The Executive Budget retains a structural balance without raising taxes. The Governor's recommendations mark his priorities for the next fiscal year and sets the stage for legislative budget discussions within the coming weeks.

Notable items included in the Executive Budget are as follows:

## **K-12 EDUCATION**

\$608 million total new spending for K-12 public education

\$175 million to provide additional 5% teacher pay raises, fulfilling 20x2020 plan

\$145 million in funding for enrollment growth, inflation, and other technical adjustments

\$136 million to accelerate the restoration of flexible dollars, known as Additional Assistance, two years ahead of schedule

\$108 million in Building Renewal Grants (BRG) — a 35 percent increase over last year's level, with \$35 million in supplemental BRG funding for FY2020

\$59 million for the construction of two new schools as well as seven schools currently under construction

\$44 million for a three-year pilot program, Project Rocket, designed to close the achievement gap for low-income schools

\$38 million to fund additional cops on campus, school counselors, and social workers

\$35 million to expand Results-Based Funding to help high-performing schools expand successful programs to more students

\$6 million to enhance the current square footage calculations for new school construction

## **HIGHER EDUCATION**

\$35 million to support Arizona's workforce and increase competitiveness through a "New Economy" initiative

\$35 million in one-time operational funding for ASU, UofA and NAU

\$11 million to fully restore cuts to STEM & Workforce Programs in Maricopa, Pima and Pinal community college districts

\$10 million for Governor's research and grants matching funding as part of the "New Economy" Initiative

\$6 million to the 10 rural community college districts for flexible operating funding to meet the demand for career and technical education programs

\$4 million to expand the Arizona Advanced Technology Corridor

\$1 million to attract more students to the Arizona Teachers Academy

## **RAINY DAY FUND**

\$25 million into the Rainy Day Fund to further improve Arizona's fiscal resilience

## **INFRASTRUCTURE**

\$59 million to lay conduit and fiber optic cable as well as install smart highway technologies in the following locations:

Interstate 17 between Sunset Point and Flagstaff

Interstate 40 between the Arizona-New Mexico and Arizona-California borders

Interstate 19 between Tucson and Nogales

\$28 million to accelerate expansion of the I-10 between Tucson and Phoenix. The investment fully funds a new six-lane bridge on I-10 across the Gila River

\$10 million to triple funding for Rural Broadband Grants

## **ECONOMY**

\$8 million to develop a Business One-Stop portal that will provide a single online location to help citizens and businesses plan, start, grow, and relocate businesses in Arizona

\$1 million to strengthen and grow Arizona's economy through travel and tourism promotion

## **HEALTH AND WELFARE**

\$14 million to provide incentives for parents to adopt sibling groups and children with significant developmental disabilities

\$11 million for 10 percent pay raises for Department of Child Safety caseworkers

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# Revisiting Opportunity Zones

The *Clarion* has reported before on Opportunity Zones, which provide benefits for investing in areas where it is needed, and which exist around this county, but now an example has been proposed in Bisbee.

In the Bisbee area, it involves taking the recently closed golf course and turning it into a tourism destination. You can [read all about it here](#).

The Bisbee project talks about “deploying tax-efficient capital” into the development.

The U.S. Economic Development Administration has this to say about opportunity zones on its [website](#):

An Opportunity Zone is an economically-distressed community where private investments, under certain conditions, may be eligible for capital gain tax incentives.

Opportunity Zones were created under the 2017 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, signed into law by President Donald J. Trump on December 22, 2017, to stimulate economic development and job creation, by incentivizing long-term investments in low-income neighborhoods.

There are more than 8,760 designated Qualified Opportunity Zones (PDF) located in all 50 States, the District of Columbia, and five United States territories. Investors can defer tax on any prior gains invested in a Qualified Opportunity Fund (QOF) until the earlier of the date on which the investment in a QOF is sold or exchanged or until December 31, 2026.

The Economic Development Administration

(EDA) provides strategic investments through competitive grants that foster job creation and attract private investment to support development in economically distressed areas of the United States.

EDA is encouraging our economic development partners to think of Opportunity Zone investment as a new arrow in their quiver to not only enhance ROI for business interests, but also to encourage the public/private partnerships needed to drive private investment to distressed areas. Steps EDA has taken to prioritize Opportunity Zones, include:

In FY18, EDA issued a Notice of Funding Opportunity that made Opportunity Zones eligible for funding from EDA, through its special needs category, even if the area would not meet EDA’s economic distress criteria.

Greenlee County has published brochures about its offerings, which can be seen here.

## Ask us about some of the top Greenlee County locations for investment:

1. Terra de la Futura
2. Fairgrounds
3. York Valley 50
4. Three Way
5. (Town of Clifton owns Table Top)

## Budget . . .

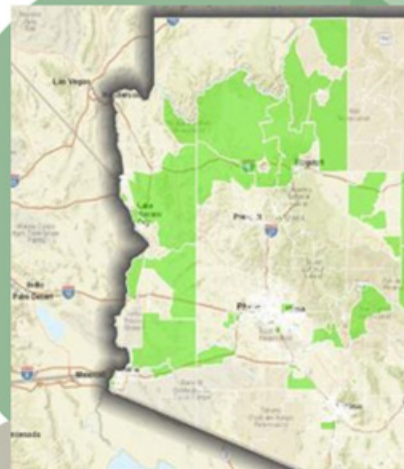
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\$6 million in ongoing funding from the Medical Marijuana Fund to provide critical access to opioid treatment services to uninsured and underinsured Arizonans

\$5 million to double the “Grandmother” stipend for family members who serve as caregivers for children in out-of-home-care, otherwise known as “kinship care”

\$1 million to improve health of newborns by adding two more tests to newborn testing

\$400,000 to establish a Suicide Mortality Review Team to reduce suicide rates and target high-risk populations





# 100th day at Duncan schools

Duncan Elementary Celebrated its 100th day of School on February 19.

The Duncan Elementary School Gym was packed with students during their 100th day of School Assembly.

The students also received a special visit from SEACAP staff dressed up as the Toy Story Characters.

The SEACAP staff brought the kids informa-

tion regarding the importance of the 2020 Census. SEACAP staff dressed as the Toy Story Characters danced to Census Songs.

It was a wonderful opportunity for all the students at Duncan Elementary to learn how an accurate 2020 Census count will help our schools and entire community.





# Hill Climb coming April 24-26



The Clifton Hill Climb, Arizona's longest running hill climb event, will be held April 24-26.

Started in 1966, it has continued to provide a good, exciting, safe, racing challenge year after year.

It is a hill-climb racing event that attracts amateur to semi-pro to professional drivers in exotics, imports, American muscle, hot rods and everything in between to test their skills and their cars.

The organization needs help to get the word out, and needs volunteers, vendors, a drone operator, camera pros and an enthusiastic audience.

For more information and continued updates, visit the organization's [Facebook page](#).

## Survey . . .

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help sharing the survey with your members.

Share via email, social media, or other

We have included some suggested language for social media and email that you are welcome to tailor to fit your audience, and a PDF of our post cards

Distribute physical post cards among your members

Let us know and we will mail them to you

Senator Sinema would also welcome a statement of support for the survey from your organization.

Please reach out to Kelly Mills (Kelly\_Mills@senate.sinema.gov) or Rebecca Crawford (Rebecca\_Crawford@hsgac.senate.gov), both cc'd on this message, with any questions or concerns.

Strolling the  
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WHERE HISTORY STILL LIVES

**Saturday March 14**  
**9am - 3pm**  
OLD WEST HIGHWAY  
DUNCAN, AZ

**Car Show**      **Music**  
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**Famous Birding trail**      **Prizes**  
**Photo booth**      **Corn Hole Tournament**  
**Petting Zoo**      **and more!**



# Watershed forum brings out ideas

## From the Copper Era

THATCHER — With a number of stakeholders that included scientists, conservationists, and politicians, a local forum serves as a place for like-minded individuals with an interest in the Gila Watershed to network and collaborate.

[Recently], the Gila Watershed Partnership hosted its third State of the Upper Gila Watershed Forum.

“The forum has been fantastic,”

## Lordsburg events

*From the Lordsburg Chamber of Commerce:*

We have the Music festival hosted by Sprit of Hidalgo the 6th and 7th.

Then we have our monthly mix and mingle at the bank on the 12th at 5pm.

We will be having a paint party on the 14th, which is always a blast (see flyer at right.)

The 28th and 29th we are having the Javelina Chase. Details are elsewhere in this edition.

Then the 31st we will be having mock interviews at the high school to help prepare high schoolers for the real deal!

GWP member Steve Ahmann told the Copper Era. “They’ve really done a great job this year. I learned a whole lot and took a lot of notes, I thoroughly enjoyed it.”

Working together was more than just an undercurrent for this year’s event. The theme for the 2020 forum was Collaboration Across Boundaries and was designed to bring communities together to discuss restoration and recreation, as the GWP has

been eyeing tourism projects and partnerships in both Graham and Greenlee counties.

Following lunch, guests heard from speakers such as San Carlos Apache Tribe’s Paul Buck, and the GWP’s own Bethany Drahorta.

Buck talked about work being done on a project site on the reservation and challenges faced due to the prevalence of salt ce-  
[click here to read more](#)



*Paint Party*

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THE MORE PAINT YOU GET ON YOU  
THE MORE FUN YOU'LL HAVE  
WEAR CLOTHES YOU CAN GET PAINT ON



# Greenlee County properties for sale

	Address	Parcel	Type	Web-link	Description	Contact Person	Phone	Tax code	Pro's	Con's	Fire District
Clifton	35 Laine Blvd Clifton AZ 85533	20083050A	Residential	<a href="https://www.zillow.com/homedetails/35-Laine-Bldv-Clifton-AZ-85533/7443636_zpid/">https://www.zillow.com/homedetails/35-Laine-Bldv-Clifton-AZ-85533/7443636_zpid/</a>	3 beds, 2 baths, 1,560 sq ft 0.33 acres lot	Brokered by: KeyHole Properties	928-965-8091	0220	Low property tax		Clifton 928-865-4145
	3580 Guthrie Rd Clifton AZ 85533	30028009	Residential	<a href="https://www.zillow.com/homedetails/3580-Guthrie-Rd-Clifton-AZ-85533/7444984_zpid/">https://www.zillow.com/homedetails/3580-Guthrie-Rd-Clifton-AZ-85533/7444984_zpid/</a>	2 bd, 1 ba, 600 sqft	Casa Del Sol Realty	928-428-6363	0200	Low property tax		Clifton 928-865-4145
	720 Merino Dr. Clifton AZ 85533	30042027	Residential	<a href="https://www.zillow.com/homedetails/720-Merino-Dr-Clifton-AZ-85533/48136206_zpid/">https://www.zillow.com/homedetails/720-Merino-Dr-Clifton-AZ-85533/48136206_zpid/</a>	3 bd, 2 ba, 2,048 sqft	Casa Del Sol Realty	928-428-6363	0200	Low property tax		Clifton 928-865-4146
	64 S Calle Del Sol, Clifton AZ 85533	30083014	Residential	<a href="https://www.zillow.com/homedetails/64-S-Calle-Del-Sol-Clifton-AZ-85533/7445280_zpid/">https://www.zillow.com/homedetails/64-S-Calle-Del-Sol-Clifton-AZ-85533/7445280_zpid/</a>	3 bd, 2 ba, 2,652 sqft	Casa Del Sol Realty	928-428-6364	1800	Low property tax		Clifton 928-865-4147
	109 Outer Loop Clifton AZ 85533	20074038	Residential	<a href="https://www.zillow.com/homedetails/109-Outer-Loop-Clifton-AZ-85533/7443475_zpid/">https://www.zillow.com/homedetails/109-Outer-Loop-Clifton-AZ-85533/7443475_zpid/</a>	1 bd1 ba350 sqft	Brokered by Curtis Real Estate, LLC	928-428-5515	1810	Low property tax		Clifton 928-865-4148
	14388 Tule Springs Ranch Rd, Clifton AZ 85533	20022002	Residential	<a href="https://www.zillow.com/homes/14388-Tule-Springs-Ranch-Rd_-Clifton-AZ-85533_rb/2084906111_zpid/">https://www.zillow.com/homes/14388-Tule-Springs-Ranch-Rd_-Clifton-AZ-85533_rb/2084906111_zpid/</a>	3 beds - 2 full baths - 1,152 Sq.Ft.	Advantage Realty Professionals- Lakeside	928-368-2040	4500	Low property tax		Clifton 928-865-4149
	249 Leonard Ave Clifton AZ 85533	20085011G	Residential	<a href="https://www.loopnet.com/listing/249-Leonard-Ave-Clifton-AZ/18030261/">https://www.loopnet.com/listing/249-Leonard-Ave-Clifton-AZ/18030261/</a>	3 bd, 7 ba, 15,267 sqft	LRA Real Estate Group, LLC	480-526-5644	1810	Low property tax		Clifton 928-865-4145
Duncan	E Fairgrounds Rd, Duncan, AZ 85534		Land	<a href="https://www.zillow.com/homedetails/E-Fairgrounds-Rd-Duncan-AZ-85534/2080914305_zpid/">https://www.zillow.com/homedetails/E-Fairgrounds-Rd-Duncan-AZ-85534/2080914305_zpid/</a>	5.64 acres	HomeSmart Lifestyles	480-390-6683		Low property tax		Duncan 928-359-3477
	355 Ocotillo St. Duncan, AZ 85534		Residential	<a href="https://www.zillow.com/homedetails/355-Ocotillo-St-Duncan-AZ-85534/234677874_zpid/">https://www.zillow.com/homedetails/355-Ocotillo-St-Duncan-AZ-85534/234677874_zpid/</a>	2 Beds, 2 Baths, 1,250 sqft		805-215-5888		Low property tax		Duncan 928-359-3477
	105 & 107 Old West Hwy, Duncan,	50028077C	Commercial	<a href="https://www.point2homes.com/US/Commercial-For-Sale/AZ/Duncan/105-107-Old-West-Hwy/86919101.html">https://www.point2homes.com/US/Commercial-For-Sale/AZ/Duncan/105-107-Old-West-Hwy/86919101.html</a>	2 Baths 6,656 Sqft 0.21 ac Lot Size	Casa Del Sol Realty	928-428-6363	0220	Low property tax		Duncan 928-359-3478
	323 NW Old West Highway, Duncan	50025009A	Commercial	<a href="https://www.point2homes.com/US/Commercial-For-Sale/AZ/Duncan/323-NW-Old-West-Highway/72662641.html">https://www.point2homes.com/US/Commercial-For-Sale/AZ/Duncan/323-NW-Old-West-Highway/72662641.html</a>	2 Baths 3,501 Sqft Comm/Ind	Clark Realty Homes and Land		0220	Low property tax	Flood Zone	Duncan 928-359-3479
	17 Lemons Ln. Duncan, AZ 85534	40040008B	Residential	<a href="https://www.zillow.com/homedetails/17-Lemons-Ln-Duncan-AZ-85534/2091663404_zpid/">https://www.zillow.com/homedetails/17-Lemons-Ln-Duncan-AZ-85534/2091663404_zpid/</a>	2 bd, 2 ba, 1,250 sqft		805-215-5888	0200	Low property tax		Duncan 928-359-3480
	814 Country Club Rd, Duncan, AZ 85534	30068017	Residential	<a href="https://www.zillow.com/homedetails/814-Country-Club-Rd-Duncan-AZ-85534/7445215_zpid/">https://www.zillow.com/homedetails/814-Country-Club-Rd-Duncan-AZ-85534/7445215_zpid/</a>	3 beds2 baths1,350 sq ft7,405 sqft lot	Tierra Antigua Realty (Safford)	928-985-1401	0200	Low property tax		Duncan 928-359-3481
	380139 Hwy 75, Duncan, AZ 85534	50010028	Residential	<a href="https://www.zillow.com/homedetails/380139-Hwy-75-Duncan-AZ-85534/2082882194_zpid/">https://www.zillow.com/homedetails/380139-Hwy-75-Duncan-AZ-85534/2082882194_zpid/</a>	3 bd2 ba1,600 sqft	Casa Del Sol Realty	928-428-6364	0230	Low property tax		Duncan 928-359-3482
	Hwy 75 , Duncan, AZ 85534		Land	<a href="https://www.landsofamerica.com/property/13.45-acres-in-Greenlee-County-Arizona/7420668/">https://www.landsofamerica.com/property/13.45-acres-in-Greenlee-County-Arizona/7420668/</a>	4.01 acres	Tierra Antigua Realty (Safford)	928-985-1401		Low property tax		Duncan 928-359-3483
Wilkins Rd Duncan, AZ 85534		Land	<a href="https://www.landsofamerica.com/property/Wilkins-Rd-Duncan-Arizona-85534/6794653/">https://www.landsofamerica.com/property/Wilkins-Rd-Duncan-Arizona-85534/6794653/</a>	0.76 acres lot	PropertyWise Realty, LLC.	928-792-2191		Low property tax		Duncan 928-359-3477	

[Greenlee County 2019 Tax Rates - https://greenlee.az.gov/pdf/2019-Tax-Rates.pdf](https://greenlee.az.gov/pdf/2019-Tax-Rates.pdf)

Every month the *Clarion* will be listing properties for sale in Greenlee County. While this page may give you an idea of what and where they are, if

you click on this link, it will take you to the Growing Greenlee web page, where this chart will be hot-linked, so you can go directly to the property.



A two-hour premier, all about Clifton, is coming April 8 to the A&E network. A local premier event is being planned. Stay tuned to the [Greenlee Clarion Facebook Page](#) for announcements.