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June Clarion

Deadline for submitting articles for the June Clarion is May 29. The issue will be published on June 4.

What developers and site selectors want to know

And what they learn when they come to Greenlee County

By Ákos Kovach

Employers, developers and investors have a lot in common. They all want their children to have access to great schools. Greenlee County, check ✓

Most want low property tax rates and inexpensive utility rates – once again ✓

Greenlee County has the lowest property taxes in Arizona, and across the board low utility rates for electricity, natural gas, telecom, WIFI, water and waste water.

The big kahuna is where to locate, where to build or is there an existing structure they can repurpose. In a parallel article (Building Community, page 8) in this month's issue of the Clarion there is a discussion of land ownership here in Greenlee County.

We have lots of total land, 1,838 square miles of land, but only 110 square miles is privately held and about half of that is owned by mining interests. So what do we do with the 3% remaining available land? A lot! We farm, ranch and grow build our community from the inside.

But once we get an investor to place boots on our ground they see dilapidated and abandoned homes and businesses, (many the result of absentee owners but also people who live here), they see junk stacked up in yards along our highways and then they weigh the benefits versus the deficits.

These visitors also find out how responsive and supportive the two town governments and County

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On the Cover

By any definition, Mares Bluff Veterans Memorial is a place for healing, a setting of solitude as well as venue to remember those who gave all. Memorial plaques honoring WWI, WWII, Korea, Viet Nam and all the battles and actions since are recollected here. As we approach the Memorial Day weekend later this month – stop and thank a veteran or a service member currently serving our great nation.

Stroll the street on Chase Creek

By Jeanette West

The Business Association of Chase Creek AZ invites you to "Stroll the Street on Chase Creek" Saturday May 11 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Stroll through the historic district and shop the many local home-based businesses.

Enjoy the additional vendors and food booths spread throughout the Historical District. There will be music by PapaGene and Friends and you are welcome to bring your instrument of pleasure and join in.

It's a true street party in the making, as Chase Creek will be closed from Palicio Loop to the Greenlee County Historical Museum.

Local businesses participating in the event include the Nabor's Barber Shop, Holistic Patient Wellness Group, Granny's Attic, Chase Creek Marketplace, Studio Twenty-Two Six, The Headframe Apothecary, Ray's Vintage Market, Books Toys & More by Jeanette and the Greenlee County Historical Museum. Stop by the Union Hall and see the Dave Ti-



neo mural.

The event will be held on the second Saturday of every month (May 11, June 8, July 13) and as the weather warms in the summer months, the times will adjust to later in the day, with movie night, a street dance and other activities in the plans.

Vendors are welcome to set up their tables/booths in the Historic District free of charge. Electric-

ity is limited so plan accordingly. If you are interested in setting up a table please contact Monica Aguilar at Studio Twenty-Two Six 928-865-0226 or Theresa Greenwell at The Headframe Apothecary 928-322-3871. Visit our Facebook page @ Business Association of Chase Creek AZ or our Website www.visitcliftonaz.com for information and updates.



Water and recreation in Arizona

By Joey Kahn
Audubon.org

Arizona's waterways, enjoyed by more than 1.5 million residents each year, contribute \$13.5 billion to the state's economy and support 114,000 jobs, according to a new report released by Audubon Arizona.

The study was completed with guidance from business, civic, governmental, outdoor recreation, conservation and tourism representatives and conducted by economics research firm Southwick Associates.

Water-based outdoor recreation as an industry ranks above mining and golf in terms of total economic output to the state.

**See page 5 for details
regarding Greenlee**

The industry contributes \$7.1 billion to Arizona's GDP, provides \$4.5 billion in household income and generates \$1.8 billion in tax revenues.

"The rivers, lakes and streams of Arizona are an economic pow-

erhouse for our state—these results prove that," said Audubon Arizona's Policy Manager, Haley Paul. "The fate of birds and people are deeply connected. Our waterways need to be protected, not only for the vital bird, fish and wildlife habitat they provide, but also to sustain Arizona's economy today and into the future."

Expenditures across waterway recreation can include fuel, food, admission fees, guides, lodging, equipment purchases, supplies, permits, apparel accessories and other related expenses.

Measuring the participation in water-based outdoor recreation and its associated spending is a way to evaluate the economic activity generated from having water in rivers, lakes, reservoirs and streams. Without water, much of the economic activity would be lost.

"Arizona's iconic rivers—the Colorado, the San Pedro, the



Greenlee County is all about outdoor recreation, both for residents and visitors. The river symbol dominates the tourism logo.

Verde and others—bring in visitors from all over the world who seek the one-of-a-kind recreational opportunities they provide," said Colleen Floyd, Director of Research for the Arizona Office of Tourism. "This creates significant tourism revenue for our communities and an economic incentive to preserve our waterways."

The report will serve as a resource for local and state officials to better understand the economic contributions of waterways in their area and how they support their communities.

"We have always known that the Verde River is the economic backbone of the Verde Valley," said Clarkdale Mayor Doug Von Gausig. "Now we can quantify that the waterways of Yavapai County contribute \$1 billion in economic output and support 9,400 jobs and that protecting

[click here to read more](#)



THE ECONOMIC IMPACT OF RIVERS, LAKES, AND STREAMS IN ARIZONA



**\$13.5
Billion**

dollars generated
annually from
recreation on
or along rivers,
lakes, and streams



**114,000
Jobs**

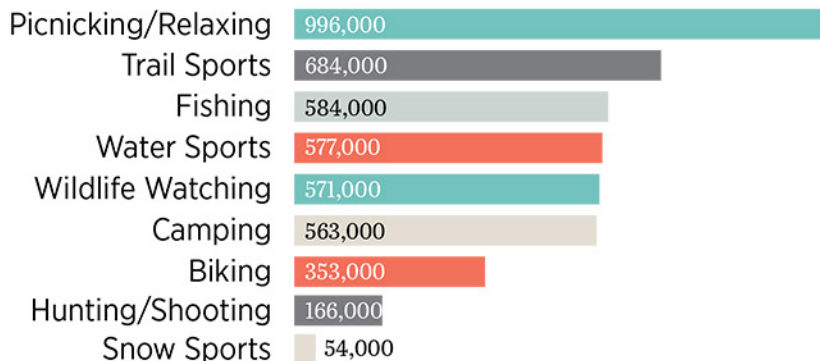
in Arizona are
supported by
outdoor recreation
on waterways.



1.5 Million

residents participate in outdoor
recreational activities on or
along waterways in Arizona.

PARTICIPATION IN OUTDOOR RECREATION



GREENLEE COUNTY



**\$49
Million**

dollars generated annually
from recreation on or along
rivers, lakes, and streams.



420 Jobs

in the state are supported
by outdoor recreation along
Greenlee County's waterways.

29,000

Arizona residents
participate in outdoor
recreation on or along
waterways in Greenlee
County.



19,000
enjoy picnicking or
relaxing



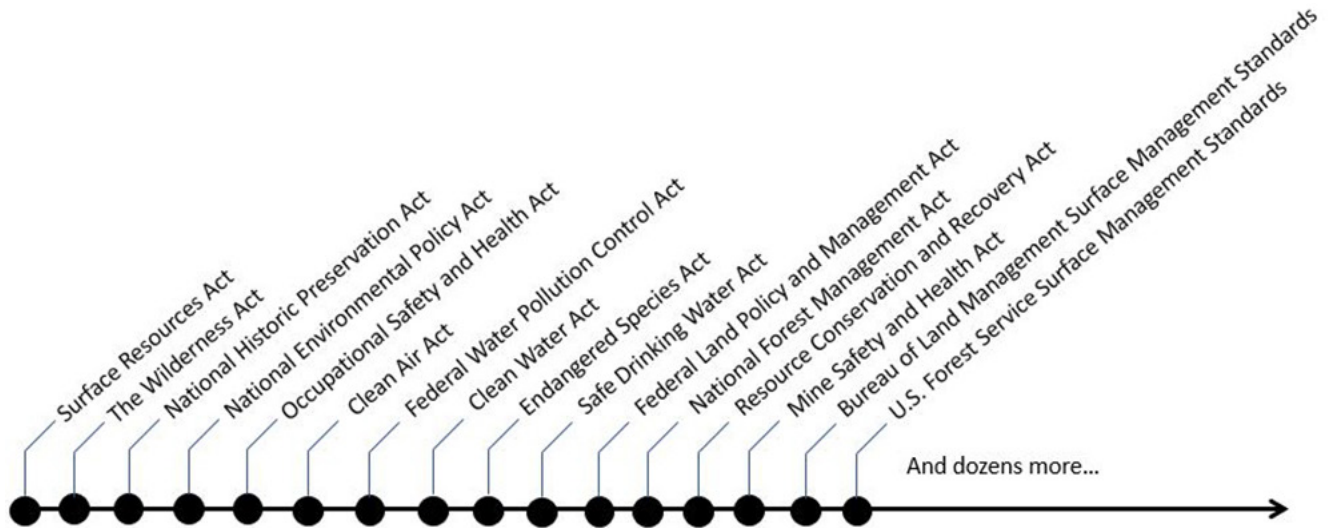
13,000
enjoy camping



7,800
enjoy water sports

audubon.org/westernwater

Duplicative regs hurt U.S. mining



**By Hal Quinn, president and CEO
National Mining Association**

The strength and future health of the U.S. economy depends on mining, which provides the materials for nearly every industry and consumer product. A comprehensive network of state and federal laws govern the mining industry, making it one of the most heavily-regulated industries in the world.

The Mining Law of 1872 – which governs prospecting and mining for minerals like gold, copper, silver and lithium – led the U.S. to become a global leader in minerals mining, and helped advance innovations in energy, healthcare, manufacturing and defense technology.

It is not an environmental statute in itself – it is complemented by exhaustive modern federal and state environmental, ecological and reclamation laws and regulations to ensure that operations fully protect public health and safety, the environment, and wildlife.

Some seeking changes, unwisely

Some in Congress, unwisely, would like to change that and are planning to propose significant changes to the General Mining Law. Changes are unnecessary and would only duplicate existing environmental laws or place additional burdens on the industry that would harm its global competitiveness.

Modern environmental laws thoroughly protect the environment and cover all aspects of mining. Given the applicability of the National Environmental Protection Act, Endangered Species Act,

Clean Water Act, Clean Air Act, National Historic Preservation Act and other statutes, including environmental standards in the text of the General Mining Law would provide no additional environmental benefit.

Legacy mining issues are not due to the General Mining Law's lack of environmental provisions, but to the relatively brief history of environmental laws and regulations that govern all modern industrial activities, including mining.

Proposals currently being discussed contemplate a punitive 12.5 percent royalty tax, while mining's contributions to the U.S. economy are already substantial.

The U.S. mining industry already pays between 40 to 50 percent of earnings in federal, state and local royalties, taxes, and other fees to benefit the communities in which it works and the U.S. federal, state and local governments.

In addition to those formal costs, significant up-front exploratory and long-term project investments required to explore for, extract and refine hardrock minerals make it unlike other extractive industries in the heavy burden companies carry before any production begins.

As a result, U.S. mining is able to feed the domestic supply chain with the raw materials needed for U.S. manufacturing, national defense, consumer goods, infrastructure and more.

Given mining's significant investments in America, we need our policymakers to take a stand for the U.S. by supporting the vital industry of mining today!

Importance of domestic mining

From the National Mining Association

According to the U.S. Geological Survey's annual Mineral Commodity Summaries report, our nation still relies on foreign imports for most of the minerals needed for our national defense and economy.

The 2019 report shows the U.S. is 100 percent import reliant for 18 minerals, 14 of which have been deemed "critical" by the Secretaries of Defense and the Interior.

In total, the U.S. is more than 50 percent import reliant for 29 of the 35 minerals designated as "critical." Despite a domestic abundance of many of these minerals and metals, our reliance on foreign sources continues.

Huge contribution

The report also showed that industries that use minerals and metals as raw materials contributed \$3.02 trillion to the U.S. GDP in 2018. This statistic exemplifies the importance of minerals and metals that are the foundation of supply chains in nearly all sectors of our economy.

In addition to enabling U.S. competitiveness, strong U.S. mining policy bolsters state and local economies. Take Alaska for example, where the cumulative value of mineral production in 2018 was \$3.4 billion dollars.

The state produces gold, lead and zinc – each of which contribute to our GDP in multiple ways – and is our country's top silver-producing state.

Silver is required to manufacture electronics, medical technologies and military-grade aircraft. Production of this high-demand material generates economic activity in the state and brings hundreds of jobs to local communities.

In Nevada, copper, gold and silver are produced in large quantities and the cumulative value of mineral production in 2018 was \$7.88 billion dollars. The mining industry supports any state and local economies across vital industries. In fact, for every job created in the mining industry, two more are created elsewhere in the economy.

[See state infographics here.](#)

As evidenced by this year's Minerals Commodity Summaries report, it's critical that our mine per-



mitting process is reformed to ensure stable supply chains and timely access to key minerals. It currently takes anywhere from seven to 10 years to obtain a mine permit in the U.S. If we want to both decrease our import reliance and support our economy, Congress must fix this broken system.

To learn more about the risks and challenges created by our outdated and inefficient mine permitting process, check out our [latest infographic](#).

**In the past
20 years
our import
dependence
has doubled**

Playgrounds and Community Building

By Ákos Kovach

In a Google search you will see roughly 403,000,000 articles and pages show up that refer to “Building Community.”

But what does Building Community mean locally? Here is one point of view: Greenlee County is a neighborhood with common interests and disparate interests at the same time.

Mostly we find county-wide agreement upon the need for additional housing. We agree we have an abundance of outdoor wonders few can match. With only 6% of our total land mass in the hands of the private sector development growth is difficult and challenging.

The biggest land owner? The US Forest Service, with 64% of our county under their name. The balance is held 15% by the State Land Trust and another 15% by the US Bureau of Land Management.

But let’s get back to building community in our neighborhood – where did we start, and how do we reach our goals?

Growing Greenlee

Formally we started in 2012 with the Growing Greenlee Strategy. And since then many goals have indeed been met, except for the two biggest question marks – housing (which is accompanied by more retail/commercial outlets) and a Hotel with a community event center.

And there is momentum in the Duncan area to raise funds and build just such a community event center on some recently donated land.

Our Sheriff has even begun work on a concept to raise funds



– a raffle potentially to be named: ‘I shocked the Sheriff’ – the ‘winner’ of the raffle will earn the ‘prize’ to taser the sheriff at the 100th Annual Greenlee County Fair.

What are the needs?

But what of the hotel and community event center? The need has been documented many times over, the Hotel Feasibility Study pointed out great potential locations and yet approximately 1,600 plus commuters drive away from Greenlee County every day for lack of housing or a place to spend the night.

Additionally, hundreds of motorcyclists, dozens of car clubs and many others simply pass through our scenic wonderland because there is no ‘room at the inn.’

During the week it is a well-known fact that almost all available motel space is rented up by contractors, sales people and others doing business with the mine.

But these are merely challenges, and solutions are not far behind. And with wonderful exam-

ples of community building going on – such as the new playground equipment installed by the Town of Clifton at the Clifton RV Park, the new County park planned for York Valley, and upgrades coming for Loma Linda Park outdoor recreation gets a lot of attention.

Thankfully we have an active Greenlee County Tourism Council eager to support events and activities that bolster tourism to Greenlee County.

But here comes the “ask” – we need you. What is missing from the equation so far? More public involvement in the form of volunteerism. Uncle Greenlee reminds us all: “We need you!” Your feedback and ideas are always welcome.

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Safe House tournament was best ever

From the Copper Era

YORK — This weekend, the Greenlee County Country Club once again played host to the annual Mt. Graham Safe House Benefit Golf Tournament.

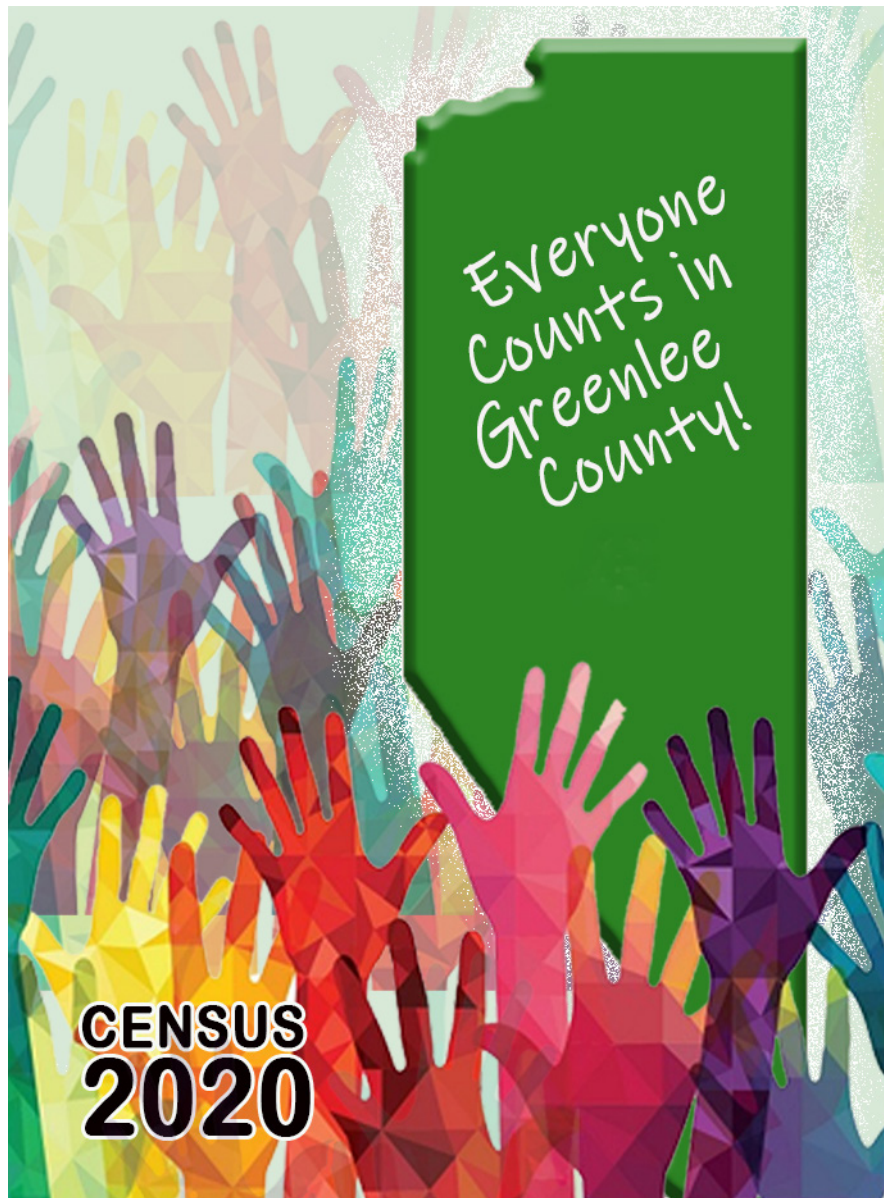
Tee-off began at 9 a.m. and saw a record number of golfers turn out to participate in the charity game, which is the Safe House's biggest fund-raiser for the year in Greenlee County.

"This has been the best tournament yet," Mt. Graham Safe House Executive Director Jeanette Aston told the Copper Era. "This year, we had a total of 18 plus one teams — that's 73 golfers. We're breaking our records."

Aston said funds gathered this year will go to general operation costs for the Safe House, and she hopes that some can be put toward programs that help recovering victims get the support they need to get back on their feet.

It's estimated there may be as many as 10 million victims of domestic violence in the United States every year, with as few as 960,000 to 3 million incidents actually being reported to law en-

[Click here to read more](#)



In Greenlee County our goal is to engage, educate, and ultimately count our increasingly diverse and growing population, one household, one RV one residence at a time. Why is an accurate census important? Everything from road maintenance to educating our children is on the line. Help everyone, learn the facts, take part in Census 2020.

Humanity Served with a Smile fundraiser

From The Copper Era

CLIFTON — Humanity Served with a Smile is coming to the community's aid once again as it seeks to organize a food-raiser raffle.

The local charitable organization has taken up the call to help assist in filling local food banks

that have become strained under increased demand.

"The idea is to get businesses or organizations to donate toward the purchase of a large ticket item that will generate a lot of interest," organizer Tish Russom said. "We have spoken with each of the food banks in Graham and

Greenlee counties: Carmen at St. Vincent de Paul's, Stacy at Our Neighbors Pantry and list with the food bank in Clifton. There is a food bank in Duncan (that) we continue to work on getting in touch with them."

Currently, Humanity Served [click here to read more](#)



Watershed rededicates greenhouse

By Philip Ronnerud

On Friday and Saturday, April 19 and 20, the Gila Watershed Project celebrated a rededication and expansion of its greenhouse at Discovery Park. The concurrent sale of native plants was successful.

The greenhouse which is located at Discovery Park in Safford was founded about 6 years ago to provide native plants for restoration projects within the Upper Gila River.

The most successful restorations use plantings that come from seeds or materials found within the Watershed.

The facility was built using several grants and is a joint partnership between the Bureau of Land Management, the Eastern Arizona College, and the Watershed Project.

Recently, the Watershed received a generous grant from the Freeport Community Development to expand the facility.

Currently, the greenhouse houses plants for projects. During these operations, staff noted that many of the native plants would be great for landscaping homes.

By starting additional plants, the Partnership can offer specialty plants to the public or other businesses. The sales help fund and expand the operation. In addition, the Partnership is developing markets outside of the area to help run the greenhouse.

Weekly on the Thursday mornings, the greenhouse welcomes volunteers to come help. The Partnership is a nonprofit organization that is focused on improving the watershed through good stewardship and education.

In the future, a fall plant is being planned. Sales of native plants may become a periodic event in the future.

Water presentation set

From the Copper Era

DUNCAN — The history of Arizona is the story of its water, and this week, Greenlee County residents have an opportunity to become more familiar with that history.

The Gila Watershed Partnership is teaming up with the Friends of the Frisco and the Simpson Hotel to present “Water in Arizona: Past, Present, Future” at the Greenlee County Annex in Duncan.

“Water is Arizona’s most precious resource, yet few people know where their water comes from, who provides it, how the quality is assured or how secure future water supplies are for the state’s 7 million residents,” the event advertised. “Join us on a bird’s-eye view of the past, present and future of water in Arizona.”

[click here to read more](#)

Distribution of produce returns

From The Copper Era

MORENCI — Produce on Wheels Without Waste is returning to Greenlee County this weekend.

Food distribution for the Borderlands produce distribution program will be on the east side of Ace Hardware in the Morenci Plaza on May 4, running from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. for prepaid customers; others can pick up their produce from 11 a.m. to noon.

The program allows people to obtain up to 70 pounds of fruits and vegetables for a donation of \$12 cash.

[click here to read more](#)

Free summer movies for kids

From The Copper Era

MORENCI — After the children are out of school for the summer, do they say they're bored with nothing to do?

Send them to watch a free movie courtesy of Allen Theatres-Morenci.

Beginning at the end of May and running every Tuesday until August, the Morenci Theater will host one free showing of a children's movie at 9 a.m. The event is for all ages, and seating will be first-come, first served.

If successful, organizers are hoping to be able to do even more next year for children in the community.

The first movie will be "Peter Rabbit" on May 28, followed on each Tuesday by a new movie. Other films include: "Teen Titans Go to the Movies," "The House

[click here to read more](#)



Local Girl Scout Troop 562, led by Ruth Johnson, recently did a toy drive for the Phoenix Children's Hospital. Shown above, from left, are Chevelle DePorto and Veronica Johnson. Below is a bronze certificate for Lara Hammer and Morgan Bellamy, who were part of a fundraising for appliances and other enhancements for the Duncan senior center. The bronze award is the highest award a junior Girl Scout can receive. With its enhancements, the Duncan senior center and was able to serve its first annual community Christmas lunch.



Upcoming activities

5/7 and 21 8-11 a.m., Clifton Annex, Board of Supervisors meeting.

5/8 and each other Wednesday 10-4, Clifton Farmer's Market, Clifton Train Depot.

5/9 2-4 p.m., Clifton Town Council, Clifton Town Hall.

5/9 5-7 p.m. Duncan Town Council, Duncan Town Hall.

5/11 10 a.m., Chase Creek Historic Business District, inauguration of Chase Creek's Second Saturday. Browse the shops, eat the food, enjoy the music.

5/14 11:30-1, Greenlee Tourism Council, Greenlee Golf Course, York Valley.

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

Read through this magazine for other announcements.

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

Drive results with Google ads

The SBDC at Eastern Arizona College will present a free webinar on the basics of advertising online with Google ads.

It will be presented as a Google livestream event on May 8 from 9-10 a.m.

[Register here](#) and the SBDC will send you the link on the day of the event to watch the livestream!

Small businesses are the growth engine of our economy, creating 2 out of 3 net new jobs. And

businesses that are online grow 40 percent faster than those that aren't. The SBDC says it can help small businesses connect with more customers by teaching them to use Google Ads.

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

USDA seeks apps for Technical Assistance Grants

The USDA is accepting applications for grants to help socially disadvantaged groups develop business and strategic plans in rural areas.

Eligible applicants include cooperatives, groups of cooperatives and cooperative development centers. The grants are intended to help disadvantaged groups develop the capacity to implement plans and undertake projects to improve economic and social conditions.

Grants must be used to provide technical assistance to socially disadvantaged groups in rural ar-

reas. Examples of technical assistance include feasibility studies, business plans, strategic planning and leadership training.

Note that the cooperative or center can be located in any area, but the groups assisted must be located in an eligible rural area.

Electronic applications must be submitted to grants.gov by June 3 at midnight. Paper applications must be postmarked and mailed, shipped or sent overnight no later than June 7.

Site selectors . . .

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government can be. They find out we have a handful of good places to eat, cheerful service and amazing small town shopping starting at Country Chic and Rock-A-Buy in Duncan and landing in Clifton on Chase Creek Street (don't miss their super-duper Second Saturday event coming up May 11th). But wait, there's more!

To a person each investor remarks so favorably about the beauty, wildlife, rock hounding, birding and other outdoor recreation opportunities – they fall in love with our tall pines and palm trees.

But many decide not to invest due to blight. Bottom line, blight is strangling development and investment. What can you do? Ask your neighbor to haul off their trash. Call the County about health and safety hazards that need to be cleaned up.

If you live inside town limits – attend a council meeting and ask what steps are being taken.

Will this rock the boat? Probably, but the outcome can be life changing. As always your feedback and suggestions are appreciated.

Spring Fling coming

From The Copper Era

CLIFTON – Spring is in the air this weekend for the Clifton High School-Morenci High School Alumni Association.

On Saturday, May 4, the MHS-CHS Alumni Association will host its Spring Fling Arts, Crafts and Vendor Fair in North Clifton at the RV Park.

Organizers for the event have promised fun, food and shopping opportunities for visitors. The fun begins at 9 a.m. and runs until 4 p.m.

This marks the second year the association has held a spring event, pairing with the group's fall festival held in November.

"It's really important for any Clifton and Morenci alumni to

think about donating to our scholarship fund. We want to take the funds and invest them for the future of Morenci kids.

"We get the funds for those scholarships from donors. Think about giving a legacy gift so your legacy will go through to the future of Morenci and Clifton," association member Bette Antonson said at last year's inaugural Spring Festival.

Some of the vendors participating in the Spring Fling include Ted's BBQ & Bakery, Younique, Greenlee County Historical Society, the Greenlee County Tourism Society and more.

For more information, visit <http://www.mhs-chsalumniassociation.com/index.html>.

Distracted Driving law

By Kevin Adam

HB2318 was signed into law by the Governor on April 22nd with an emergency clause giving the law an immediate effective date. The legislation prohibits the use of cellphones and other electronic devices while driving unless embedded in the vehicle

allowing for hands-free use. Exceptions such as while parked or stopped are provided. Law enforcement may issue warnings until 2021 after which penalties will be initiated including fines ranging from \$75 to \$250 and severer penalties for violation causing serious injury or death. ADOT is required to post road signs and include knowledge of the new law in license testing. Violations while driving a commercial vehicle temporarily disqualifies the driver from a commercial driver's license. Also, local laws that differ from the legislation may remain in effect until 2021 after which all must be consistent with the state law. This was the thirteenth year that legislation banning handheld cellphone use has been pursued. Arizona was one of only three states not to ban such activity



A new business is coming to Clifton, to the former Tyler's Taste of Texas building.

Duncan honors FFA students

From The Copper Era

DUNCAN — There are few things that can bring most of the community together in one place at any time, and the annual FFA Banquet is one of the favorites.

Last weekend, the Crotts Gymnasium at the Duncan Elementary School was filled with families, supporters and members of the Duncan Chapter of the Future Farmers of America.

Officers introduced themselves

and explained the purpose of their offices before Hanna Hilton offered an invocation. Following dinner, chapter President Michael McGrath gave his address, and the group welcomed officers from the Arizona FFA Association, including Esther Lopez.

“Thank you for allowing us to join in the festivities. It was so amazing hearing all of the successes of the Duncan FFA chapter and heartwarming to see the com-

munity come together to celebrate. Congratulations to the new 2019-20 chapter officer team,” they wrote following the banquet.

The banquet provides an opportunity for the students to receive recognition for their efforts in animal production and agriculture during the year, as well as academic prowess. The proficiency awards are presented by sponsors who offer support for FFA mem-

[click here to read more](#)

Color Run promotes wellness

From The Copper Era

DUNCAN — This year, the School Health Advisory Committee and KATS came together to hold the Color Run Festival at Duncan Elementary School.

Equal parts fun and run, the festival invited families out to enjoy an evening with entertainment. Building walls were

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Duncan Pride seeking volunteers

DUNCAN — A local volunteer organization is in desperate need of new blood in order to keep providing its services to the town.

The Duncan P.R.I.D.E. (Preservation, Restoration in Duncan's Enhancement) Society was formed in 2001 with the goal of preserving and restoring the town of Duncan to keep it the beautiful community that its members loved.

Among the things the society has accomplished is the resto-

ration of Hal Empie's "Greenlee" painting, creation of Spezia Square park and installation of the town's streetlights.

Eighteen years later, its membership has shrunk by a third, and its remaining members are struggling to keep the effort alive. Duncan Pride Society member Dexter Oliver issued a letter informing the public that people will need to step up if they want to see those efforts maintained.

“Some have moved, some have died, and others had to re-

tire from active roles due to disabilities. Recruitment at county fairs and other local get-togethers have failed dismally,” he wrote.

“A few might sign on but never show up. Having drivers wave and smile while observing P.R.I.D.E members picking up trash means they approve of the job; they just don't have the time or inclination to do it themselves.

“If the residents of lower Greenlee County want to continue seeing those street lamps burn-

[click here to read more](#)

Letter . . .

Hwy 70 detour

US 70 Route Detour Study Team,

Thanks to those of you who responded to me with dates for scheduling US 70 Route Detour Study “operations protocols” interviews.

You should have received a calendar invite to schedule a conference call. During your scheduled interview, we will be reviewing the following:

- US 70 Route Detour Study Current and Future Conditions Map Packet ;
- US 70 Route Detour Study Operations Questionnaire;
- Current and Future Conditions Working Paper Delivery to TAC – Week of May 20th;
- Current and Future Conditions Working Paper TAC Meeting Scheduling

If you have not done so, please respond with your availability, meeting to occur last week of May or first week in June. The purpose of the interviews will be to gain a thorough understanding of current agency-specific operations practices that occur during closures of I-10 that require re-routing of traffic onto US 70 between Safford and the New Mexico state line.

All key discussion takeaways will be documented in the Current and Future Conditions and Evaluation Criteria Report for discussion at our next TAC meeting. Please let me know if you would like to discuss.

Justin Feek
Arizona Planning Manager
justin.feek@wsp.com



Don Carlos (though locals may know him better as Clayton from the Simpson Hotel in Duncan), will have a solo show at the Central School Project in Bisbee this month. His work is heavily influenced by the Latin American artistic and religious traditions of the region, but also draws on his experiences living in Egypt and the Sudan, New York City and the Pacific Northwest. Much of his work is environmental installations. The themes of his work vary from the political to the moral to the “petrified dreamscapes” of Gao Xingjian’s Soul Mountain. His show at the Central School Project in Bisbee opens May 11, with a reception from 6-9 p.m. The show runs through June 2.

Win some swag!

Hey, Greenlee County residents and friends.

You need to get over to the [Greenlee Clarion Facebook page](#) right now and like it so you can learn about/be eligible to win some great local swag.

The first contest will be starting tomorrow, May 2: Write a 100-word (or less) essay on what Cinco de Mayo means to you. Yes, you might have to do some research to find out what it even is, but that’s good for you. Winning is even better.

We’ll have two other contests this month, one for Mother’s Day and another for Memorial Day. Details will be forthcoming for those who are signed up.

By the way, if we reach 1,000 “likes” on that Facebook page by month-end, the swag will get even better.

Don’t just sit there. [Click here](#) and show us some love!

