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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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October Clarion

Deadline for submitting articles for the October Clarion is September 25. The issue will be published on October 1.

Join me at the Fair!

By Richard Lunt
Chairman, Board of Supervisors

Who does not like a county fair? This year, we in Greenlee County will celebrate our 100th County Fair. I myself love a county fair.

I became involved with the Greenlee County Fair in the mid-sixties, when I began showing in 4-H: rabbits, chickens, and dairy heifers. Later when in high school, with FFA, I also started showing pigs.

What wonderful memories I have of the fair through the years.

My children began showing and exhibiting. They also had 4-H and FFA projects which they exhibited in the fairs during the years they were growing up in Greenlee County. Whenever possible, they return to Greenlee County with their families. They too have great memories of the fair and want their children to enjoy a small county fair.

Lendsey Basteen, and her staff, have worked extremely hard to make this year's fair an event you will not want to miss.

Come, bring your family, relatives, and friends and "Enjoy the Greenlee County 100th Fair."

What's happening at the Fair?

By Rachel Griffin
Greenlee County Fairgrounds Clerk

Enjoy making ice cream? Do your Dutch oven biscuits deserve a first place prize? Can you decorate cupcakes like none other? Is your pet the prettiest on the planet? Is your corn hole game on point? Have the loudest-make-you-the-proud(est) truck? Are you the most resilient pig handler around? Have mad horseshoe skills? Want to boost your business creatively? Then get on over to the Greenlee County Fair – September 19-22, 2019!

We've got contests GALORE! Before the Fair even BEGINS, we've got contests! Demonstrate your creativity with hay bale art. Hay bales can

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On the Cover

Greenlee County's Blue River makes you believe you've left Arizona. But the county has four more rivers as well that run year-round. Keep reading to learn more about them.



The Black River, in northern Greenlee County. Photo by Kurt and Veronica Gillis.

In Greenlee County, 5 rivers run year-round

By Ákos Kovach

Over hill and down the dales the creeks rivers and streams of Greenlee County are famous for hunting, fishing, wildlife, birding and recreation. With altitudes that exceed 9,000 in the northern part of Greenlee County, the abundance of water creates a unique ecological environment rich with fresh air.

The Blue River is approximately 51 miles long and has its headwaters near Alpine, Az. The stream then runs through the Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest in Arizona. The Blue flows south and eventually delivers water into the San Francisco River, near Clifton. The Blue River varies in altitude from 6,400 to 4,000 feet.

The Black River crosses through Greenlee County on its way to become a tributary of the Salt River. Some 114 miles long this river is mostly in the

White Mountains. This body of water also forms just southwest of Alpine and flows both southwest and then northwest to meet the White River just outside Fort Apache. The merged streams form the Salt River, which ironically is a major tributary of the Gila River which also runs through Greenlee County.

In largely the same area you can find Eagle Creek a 58 mile-long river located about 50 miles northwest of Clifton. It is also a tributary of the Gila River.

The longest river that flows in Greenlee County is the Gila River some 649 miles from its origins in New Mexico on its way to becoming a tributary of the Colorado River.

And one of the best-known rivers is the humble
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Upper Eagle Creek is a beautiful getaway spot. Photo by Kurt and Veronica Gillis.



Here, the San Francisco looks placid, but don't let that fool you! Photo by Ákos Kovach.



The Gila is the largest of Greenlee's rivers. In the rainy season, it gets muddy. Photos by Ákos Kovach.

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San Francisco River some 159 miles in total length. It is known as the largest tributary of the Upper Gila River. The San Francisco headwaters are also near Alpine and flows into New Mexico before changing course and returning to Arizona. The San Francisco River flows through the heart of Clifton and is known for birding, hiking and camping.

So what sets Greenlee apart from the rest of Arizona? Shall we start with our Five Rivers? And yes, each one runs all year long. Often the monsoon season will stir up these precious waters and turn them brown, but mostly these streams run clean and blue. So as we like to say – come for a visit, spend a lifetime!





COME HELP CLEAN OUR WATERWAYS!

San Francisco River Clean Up

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7TH

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. All volunteers will receive a free lunch and 10% off at Chase Creek Marketplace on the day of the event. Bring your own re-usable water bottle and we will provide the water.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT

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Fair . . .

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be dropped off and decorated on Wednesday, Sept. 18 from 8AM – 7PM. This is a fun way to showcase your business, family and love for the County Fair! Melon painting and scare crow contests are listed in the Fair Book under the Arts and Crafts section, as well, if you want let your imagination run wild, but on a smaller scale.

Start your Friday morning out right at the Bashas' Dutch Oven Cook-off followed shortly after with the Richard & Colleen Lunt Homemade Ice Cream Contest and Pollock's Western Outfitters Diaper Derby. That's not all! The Stick Horse Stampede starts the afternoon with a rush, as well as, the DHS Cupcake Wars competition, AZ Truck and Tractor Pull, Ranch Rodeo, Noah's Ark Pet Show, Monat – Hairforce One Greased Pig Contest. Before the big dance we will have family games starting at 5:30, sponsored by: Gila Health Resources, Lackey's Fashion Cleaners, Vista Recycling, Empower U Doterra Oil's Team. Don't miss the Hannah Blake – "Give the Gift of Life" Memorial boot scramble. Remember to wear your favorite hat for a drink token at the gate!

The contests continue on Saturday too! We will start the day with the parade – lineup is at 8AM. Registration for the MHS Class of 2023 Corn Hole Tournament closes at noon with the games at 4:30PM, along with the ABCD Horseshoe Tournament!

We look forward to you enjoying the truck & tractor pull, butterfly exhibit, carnival rides, animal auction, pet show, rodeos, live music, corn hole tournament,

school choir performances, good food, kid games, a hypnotist, shopping, a magician, face painting, stick horse stampede, pancake breakfast, cowboy church service, and more!

100 years, wow! The Greenlee

County Fair has been around for quite some time. Friends have come and gone and activities have changed, but to those that reminisce, pleasant memories are found. This year's celebration won't disappoint. See you soon.

Chamber mixers

Here's a list of Greenlee Chamber mixers for the remainder of the year:

Sept. 18, hosted by Church of New Beginnings in Morenci.

Oct. 23, hosted by Mt. Graham Safe House.

Nov. 20, hosted by Greenlee

County Historical Museum on Chase Creek Street.

Dec. 18, Annual FMI Mixer with Special announcements.

Ask about becoming a Chamber member. See Greenlee County Chamber of Commerce [on Facebook](#) or call the chamber at (928) 965-7943.

EVERY **SECOND SATURDAY** ON CHASE CREEK 11 A.M. - 6 P.M.

Shopping, Dining, Music

BACCA | For questions call 928.292.0487

Time to enter Colors of Copper

From The Copper Era

Deadline Sept. 20

CLIFTON — Copper is the lifeblood of Greenlee and Graham counties, and artists who can find a way to incorporate the commodity into their artwork are encouraged to show at the seventh annual Colors of Copper Fine Arts and Wine Tasting Gala.

The Colors of Copper show will take place Nov. 1-2, at the Galleria Coronado on Chase Creek Street in Clifton.

Artists are not limited to just painting, work can be submitted in: painting, sculpture, ceramics, woods, fabrics, photography and mixed media.

Two-dimensional work can be [click here to read more](#)



Sacred Heart Church, by Tamara McWhinney, from the [Colors of Copper website](#).

2019 Women @ Work Conference

The 2019 Southeastern Arizona Women@Work Conference will be held Oct. 4 in Sierra Vista.

It is sponsored by the Small Business Development Centers of Eastern Arizona College and Cochise College.

Its goal is to bring women from Southeastern Arizona Communities together to inspire them, connect them with like-minded women, and to build relationships amongst the women in their communities.

The event will be held Friday, Oct. 4, from 10-4, with registration and breakfast at 9:15.

It will be held at the Cochise College Sierra Vista Campus, in the Community Room in the Student Union, 901 N. Colombo Ave.

Tickets are \$45.00 per person

and include breakfast, lunch, and access to all events, speakers, workshops, and the exhibitor hall.

For further information, visit the [event website](#).

Organizers say the theme this

year is “The Future of Business” and the goal is to set expectations for what the future has in store and provoke discussion on what that will look like with the hope it will help economic development in Southeastern Arizona.

5 most common HR mistakes

The 5 Most Common HR Mistakes Small Businesses Make is the title of a presentation by the Cochise College SBDC.

The free class will be Sept. 12 from 1-3 p.m. at Cochise College Downtown Center, 2600 E. Wilcox Dr., RM G106, Sierra Vista.

The workshop will cover:

> 5 critical errors in HR that expose your business.

> Compliance to key labor laws.

> Navigating employee benefits.

> Strategies for better managing the employee relationship.

> Employee classification and compensation.

> How to attract and retain the best talent.

Registration is required. Deadline is Sept. 10.

To register, click on the link below.

[Registration](#).

ACF distributes \$14.4 million

The Arizona Community Foundation and its donors said that grant and scholarship distributions for the first quarter of its fiscal year, April 1 through June 30, totaled \$14,442,732.

These monies were awarded from funds of the ACF and its six statewide affiliates in Cochise, Flagstaff, the Gila Valley, Sedona, Yavapai County, and Yuma.

The nearly \$14.5 million in both discretionary and advised grants and scholarships were awarded in five strategic priority areas: Health Innovations, Community Improvement & Development, Environment & Sustainability, Arts & Culture, and Quality Education.

For details, visit the [ACF site](#).

GWP to offer internship

From The Copper Era

SAFFORD — The Gila Watershed Partnership has a paid internship position opening in late October this year.

The GWP and the Arizona Conservation Corp is looking to hire a seasonal restoration field technician for a 24-week term. The internship will begin Oct. 27 and runs through April 3, 2020.

The intern will assist in field activities with the field coordinator and restoration crews in activities such as the removal of salt cedar and other invasive plants, irrigation maintenance and installation, plant deliveries and more.

The official job posting lists the minimum requirements for the position as follows:

- Associate degree in natu-

ral resources or related field, or equivalent experience;

- Strong interpersonal skills and an ability to interact with a wide variety of constituents;

[click here to read more](#)

STEAM Club registration

From The Copper Era

CLIFTON — Starting the first week of September, the Greenlee County Library System will be holding its first Coding and STEAM Club sessions.

The first session for Clifton will be Tuesday, Sept. 3, from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. Duncan's first session will be Friday, Sept. 6, from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.

The classes are designed to appeal to children who love science and building. The program welcomes beginners and is free for any children to join. This program is made possible in part to federal funding.

[click here to read more](#)

[click here to go to the library calendars for 2019 and 2020](#)

AAED events coming up

The Arizona Association for Economic Development has a number of events coming up this fall in the Tucson and Phoenix areas.

The links go to online registration and details on the events.

A meeting in Phoenix Sept. 10 will tell Microsoft's Arizona story. [Registration](#) deadline is Sept. 5.

The [Tucson meeting](#) Sept. 25 will be a dialogue on education and workforce development in Southern Arizona.

The [Phoenix luncheon](#) Oct. 8 has ASU President Michael Crow discussing current projects, priorities and his vision for the future.

The AAEC's [2019 Fall Forum](#), Strengthening Your Economic Toolkit, will be held in Prescott Oct. 23-25.

Agencies learn state of grants

The Arizona Department of Administration's Office of Grants and Federal Resources has sent reports to to 40 state agencies.

Each agency's individualized State of Grants document lists all open projects and programs in eCivis; this allows state agencies to identify any gaps and capture needed updates.

To learn more, [check out](#) this newsletter.

Enjoy flamenco in Tucson

Jewish Family & Children's Services of Southern Arizona (JFCS) is hosting an evening of multicultural music and dance at the historic Fox Tucson Theatre on Sunday, Sept. 8 from 2:30 to 5:30 p.m.

The performance will be Jácome Flamenco's nationally-acclaimed ¡FlaMÉXico! — a unique concert experience that blends Spain's Gypsy and Flamenco distinctive musical and dance style with the rich melodies of Mexico's Mariachi and charro music.

For more information about the event and about Flamenco, or to order tickets, visit the [JFCS website](#) or the [Fox Theatre website](#).

How to sell your business

The EAC Small Business Development Center is presenting a free webinar on Selling or Exiting Your Business.

It will be held online Thursday, Sept. 26 from noon to 1 p.m.

Selling or exiting your business can be a difficult choice. This webinar will help you create a thorough plan to transfer ownership, sell, or close your business.

Learn how to get qualified advice and how to tie up loose ends. It will cover:

- > All the tools you need to sell your business, including a valuation plan;
- > How to plan your exit strategy so that you file all the proper dissolution documents;
- > Your options when transferring ownership and other considerations; and
- > What to do if you need to file for bankruptcy or liquidate.

For more information or to register for this event, contact the EAC Small Business Development Center at (928) 428-8590.

[Click here](#) to register online.

AZGFD seeking volunteers

PHOENIX — In an effort to support and reverse declining monarch butterfly populations, the Arizona Game and Fish Department is seeking volunteers to help plant milkweed this fall and winter at wildlife areas statewide.

Over the last two decades, populations of the iconic monarch butterfly have declined 80 percent throughout its historical range in the Western U.S. To help stem the losses, AZGFD plans to enhance butterfly habitat at

wildlife areas statewide under the Western Monarch Butterfly Conservation Plan.

AZGFD staff and volunteers will plant native milkweed — a critical food source for caterpillars — and other flowering plants that are sources of nectar for adult monarchs. The locations are known as “monarch waystations,” where monarchs receive the necessary food and resources to produce successive generations and sustain their migration from Canada, to North America and into central Mexico.

For details on locations and dates, [visit the agency website](#).

New owner for local railroad

Genesee & Wyoming Inc., owner of the [Arizona Eastern Railway](#), which serves Morenci/Clifton and Globe/Miami, has been acquired by Brookfield Infrastructure, GIC and Brookfield Infrastructure’s institutional partners.

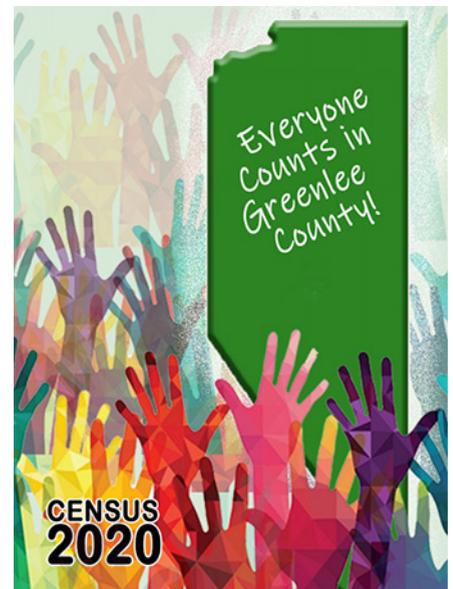
The transaction is valued at about \$8.4 billion including debt. This will result in G&W becoming a privately held company.

G&W owns a portfolio of 120 short line railroads, predominantly in North America, with operations in Europe and Australia. Through its subsidiaries worldwide, the business provides

transportation infrastructure services over more than 26,000 kilometers of track, providing access to its well-diversified customer base.

“We believe this transaction is an excellent outcome for all G&W stakeholders,” said Jack Hellmann, G&W chairman and CEO. “For our current stockholders, the sale price realizes significant value and represents a 39.5% premium to our March 8 share price.

“And for long-term investors who have owned our shares for the past two decades, the sale price represents a return of more than 5,400%.”



Stop by the Census 2020 booth at the upcoming Greenlee County Fair and learn more about why the census is so important.

Southwestern Communities Coalition

Promoting thriving communities, sustainable growth, a strong economy, sound stewardship of natural resources and protection of property rights.

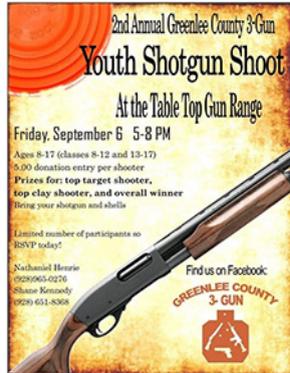
[Learn more and join](#)

Upcoming Activities



9/6 8-10 p.m., American Legion Post 28, Clifton, Extreme Midget Wrestling. [Click here](#) for details.

9/6 5-8 p.m., Table Top Gun Range, 2nd Annual Greenlee County 3Gun Youth Shotgun Shoot for ages 8-17. Go to [Facebook](#) for details.



9/7 8-12 a.m., Riverside Park, Clifton, San Francisco River Clean Up. See page 6 for more info.



9/8 2:30-5:30 p.m., Fox Tucson Theatre, Jácome Flamenco's nationally-acclaimed ¡FlaMÉXico. See page 9 for more info.

9/14 8-4, Fresh Market at the Old Cotton Gin, Duncan, Duncan High School chile roast.

9/14 1 p.m.-midnight, Morenci Club, Un Gran Exito Fiesta. See the Eastern Arizona Heritage [Facebook page](#).

9/14 1 p.m. registration, Mt. Graham Golf Club, City of Safford United Way Corn Hole Tournament, (928) 965-1829 for info.

9/17 4-5:30 p.m., Graham County General Services Building - Assembly Room 921 W. Thatcher Blvd., Safford, ACF of the Gila Valley community celebration.

9/19-22 100th Greenlee County Fair, Fairgrounds, Duncan. Visit the [Facebook page](#) for up-to-date info.



9/27 Celebrating the Salsa Trail for some great Mexican food. The Salsa Trail includes Greenlee County's Gi'Mees, Hilda's and Michelle's.

The Greenlee County Library Systems has scheduled STEAM events for the rest of this school year. For these events, and others sponsored by the libraries at Clifton and Duncan, [click here](#).

For other activities around Greenlee County, check out various articles in this magazine.

Regular events include Farmers Markets in Clifton and Duncan and Every Second Saturday on Chase Creek.

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

Letters to the Editor

Finding the best candidate through social media

Working for Greenlee County is an exciting opportunity for many who chose to embark on a career of public service. From great benefits to an unmatched work environment, a position with the county is a very attractive prospect.

When a county position comes available, how do we share the message to ensure that we are successfully attracting the best candidates available? For the County Attorney's Office, the answer is simple, social media.

With the help of the *Greenlee Clarion*, the Greenlee County Attorney's Office has had success in attracting high level talent to our office when positions became available.

Our most recent hire, Leslie Jarvis, represents a candidate with the highest level of education ever hired into the position of legal secretary. Leslie has proven to be a quick learner and a valuable employee.

So how did we find such a talented candidate? Leslie reports that she found the job posting on social media while considering applying for positions with other employers.

In Greenlee County, news is spread most effectively through social media. Even the traditional media sources, such as the local papers, seem to understand that pushing their articles out through social media is the best way to reach our local audience.

When our office posts positions through the *Greenlee Clarion*, our application rate usually triples from what we get from traditional posting alone. Additionally, the quality of the applicants from the social media post is often better than from the traditional posting methods.

Our office is grateful to the *Clarion* for building and maintaining a solid social media presence in our area that county officials can use for public outreach, information sharing, and, most importantly, to attract talented employees to Greenlee County. Maintaining a social media presence is not a simple task but it is a tremendous tool that county officials can use to ensure they are finding the best applicants for their positions.

Jeremy Ford
Greenlee County Attorney

Finding the all-important detention staff for jail

Law Enforcement is more than just a job — it is an honorable profession as the peace keepers by and for the people.

I appreciate the Office of Sheriff since it is an elected position and relies on the trust of the community to place someone into that important role as a Sheriff.

One of the duties of a Sheriff is to take charge of and keep the county jail within the County. The county jail houses inmates for a variety of reasons and is the initial facility someone experiences when arrested for a crime, while they are still innocent until proven guilty; whether they are held in custody or released by a judge.

The detention staff provides all of the basic rights to care for people while in the county jail. It is also a place where many programs are offered for education, counseling, rehabilitation, religious services, vocational service, and other areas to help inmates succeed and reduce recidivism.

Many county jails experience a high turnover rate for detention staff due mainly to low pay. In Greenlee County particularly it is great that we have a large employer that pays well and propels the economy.

However, it is oftentimes difficult to recruit and attract candidates to positions such as a Detention Officer when there is attractive pay so close. We recently experienced a large vacancy ratio at the Greenlee County Jail and our detention staff have done a great job working together as a team to ensure all of the responsibilities, including courtroom security, are properly covered.

With difficulty in recruiting, I asked Ákos Kovach if he could also share this and within a couple days there were nearly a dozen applicants that came from him posting the job.

Resourcing and networking are important and essential assets, especially in a small community. Now that we have a good applicant pool to test from, we will strive to hire the best candidates to continually provide the high level of service to the citizens of Greenlee County and maintain the Greenlee County Jail.

Tim Sumner
Greenlee County Sheriff

Gila Watershed Partnership activities

Gila Watershed Partnership has some great opportunities for you to get involved over the next couple of months as we all look forward to fall:

Volunteer Events

San Francisco River Clean Up - Saturday, Sept 7th, 8 AM to 12 PM - meet us at the Riverside Park in Clifton at 8 AM for sign up and safety briefing. Dress for a hike and bring a refillable water bottle. Gloves, safety vests, and water will be provided. Lunch will also be provided and Chase Creek marketplace offers 10% off purchases on the day of the event so please RSVP by responding to this email.

Seed Collection trip to Aravaipa Preserve - Sept 23rd through 25th - Spend three days and two nights in beautiful Aravaipa preserve helping us collect seeds for use in our restoration projects. Training is

required and will be provided prior to the trip.

Salsafest - Friday and Saturday, Sept 27th and 28th- help us promote pollinators at our “No Salsa without Pollinators” booth. This is an educational booth and we will arm you with all the knowledge you need to help us with confidence.

Fall Plant Sale - Friday and Saturday, Oct 4th and 5th - we will need help with loading plants, customer service, restocking, set up and breakdown and you get first dibs on plants!

Ongoing Volunteer Opportunities

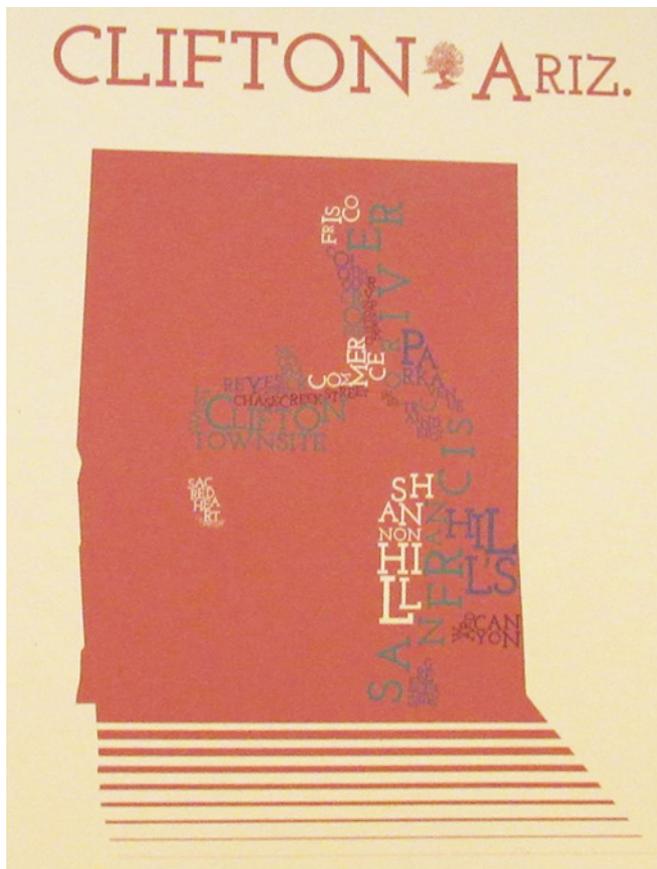
We are in need of regular volunteer help with the following:

Greenhouse/Pollinator garden - Watering, pruning, transplanting, and weeding

Seed Processing - Cleaning, data entry, cataloging, and sorting seed collections

Restoration - planting, invasive species removal and treatment, and irrigation

For information, contact Kara Barron, Science and Outreach Manager, at (928) 424-3886.



Here's a look at Clifton from a different perspective, created by artist Craig Shiffle. This map, and others you will see in the future, were commissioned by Jeik Ficker. What do you think? Leave a comment on our [Facebook page](#).



BUSINESS & INDUSTRY GUARANTEED LOAN PROGRAM **USES OF LENDER FUNDS**

- a. Business start-ups or existing businesses;**
- b. Real estate development, equipment purchases and/or working capital;**
- c. Ground up construction and/or rehabilitation;**
- d. Debt refinance (subject to restrictions).**

PROJECT EXAMPLES

- Purchase and/or development of commercial buildings to include office/warehouse/industrial space by the borrower or investor on fee simple or leasehold property. Infrastructure needs. Can include space to be leased by the borrower;
- Tourist facilities - Motel/hotel "new" construction or purchase or rehabilitation of an existing branded or non-branded business plus FF&E;
- Aeronautical related projects - airplane and/or helicopter purchase for a business activity (tourism, firefighting, emergency response needs etc.);
- C-Store/gas station/restaurant type projects and equipment/machinery;
- Recreation type projects – bowling alley, theaters, entertainment park, RV parks and campgrounds etc.;
- Health care projects to include assisted living facilities, hospice, medical office space, dialysis clinics, behavioral health and/or rehabilitation facilities;
- Local foods development and/or agricultural related projects with a processing function (examples: vegetable processing facility, cooler, vineyard/tasting room/barrel house, market/store/warehouse). Cotton gin or agricultural equipment dealership, plant nurseries and hydroponics related facilities;
- Car Wash - full service and/or self service;
- Manufacturing – concrete block plant, rock quarry, firewood storage/packaging facility;
- Other types of businesses: charter school, welding company, video store, fast food restaurant playground, book store, pet boarding facility, aquarium, rock quarry etc.