



## Two events you don't want to miss

### Clifton Hill Climb

Ladies and gentlemen, start your engines!

On Friday, September 4th the Sports Car Club of America (SCCA) will open registration inside Tyler's Taste of Texas in Clifton, Arizona beginning at 3 p.m.

This is the time all drivers and workers sign their insurance waivers, pay their fee to race, get time trial permits or complete any paperwork necessary.

Registration will run until 7:30 PM.

After registration, the drivers take their cars/

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### Come one come all to the biggest county event of the year!

The 97th annual version of the Greenlee County Fair literally has food, fun and festivities for all ages. Whether you like music, carnival rides, rodeos or mud drag races you can expect first class entertainment on all four days of this year's Fair. See here for a [complete schedule of events](#) and visit our [Facebook page](#).



# Greenlee County is affordable . . . and beautiful

By Walter Mares, Eastern Arizona Courier

When it comes to affordable housing markets, Greenlee County is tops in Arizona. That's according to [SmartAsset.com](http://SmartAsset.com), a blog that provides financial information and tips.

"This is one more reason I say, 'Grateful to live in Greenlee,'" said Clifton business owner Susan Snyder.

Greenlee was the only Arizona county in the top 100 of affordable places to live in the United States, this despite having the smallest population of Arizona's 15 counties and the second-smallest land mass.

The SmartAsset information compared all counties and county-equivalents nationwide — 3,143 in all — and rated the areas based on median income and average home sale closing costs, as well as aver-



By Christopher Ingraham, Washington Post

*Greenlee County ranks 103 out of 3,111 counties nationwide.*

. . . in the late 1990s the federal government devised a measure of the best and worst places to live in America, from the standpoint of scenery and climate. The "natural amenities index" is intended as "a measure of the physical characteristics of a county area that enhance the location as a place to live."

The index combines "six measures of climate, topography, and water area that reflect environmental qualities most people prefer." Those qualities, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, include mild, sunny winters, temperate summers, low humidity, topographic variation, and access to a body of water.

These "natural aspects of attractiveness," as the USDA describes them, are intended to be constant

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## Puerto Peñasco destined for major transformation

By Lea Márquez Peterson

President/CEO, Tucson Hispanic Chamber

If there is one word to describe our recent Trade Mission Trip to Puerto Peñasco, it's "opportunity". They are on the precipice of many changes over the next several years.

The city is known by many as a sleepy beach town, and it was obvious that it had been hard hit during the 2008 economic recession. Real estate, construction, and tourism dollars dropped dramatically.

Thankfully, the information our delegation heard during our trip spoke of optimism and possibility. The National chamber (Canacanaco) announced recently that tourism from the U.S. to Mexico is recovering and has risen by 11% nationally.

This trend can also be confirmed in Puerto Peñasco, whose mayor-elect, Ernesto "Kiko" Munro, was quick to mention that tourism was up 22% year to date in 2015.

The Cruise Home Port will be a huge boon to the "Arizona beach town." Our delegation, comprised of 20 from Arizona, asked many questions and learned that 2/3 of the foundation of the Home Port has been completed — almost 750 meters.

Diana Nieves, Marketing Manager of the Home Port, and Luis Castro Galán, the Captain of Puerto Peñasco,

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# Reading Nook News

## Student Resources in Context

By Karen Soohy

Students and teachers will find another valuable tool on the Statewide Database page at the Greenlee County Library website ([www.greenleelibraries.org](http://www.greenleelibraries.org)). A database called Student Resources in Context provides searchable, current, and well-organized materials for a variety of educational topics.

A **Browse Topic** list has all the main topics listed alphabetically or users can search by categories including Biography, Geography, History, Science and Health, Sports, Business and Economics, Government, Literature and Arts, Social Issues, and World Cultures and Religions.

Users can also search by typing in the search box or using the advanced search feature.

There are also Featured Topics, Featured Videos and Featured News near the top of the page that change each day. Also included are links to maps showing how topics and data can be viewed demographically.

National and state curriculum standards are listed on the site for educators and home school reference. Searches can be bookmarked and stored in folders for easy access at a later date.

This information is invaluable to teachers who would like to find more information on their subject area to present to the classes they teach. Student will be able to easily find material that is pertinent to their assignments or research papers using this site.

School is in session and [Tutor.com](http://Tutor.com) is a free homework help service provided by your public libraries. The link is on the library website. There are also a number of other free homework resources linked on the right column of the page. Check them out to find resources you can use this year!

**Library Quote:** “Outside of a dog, a book is a man’s best friend. Inside of a dog, it’s too dark to read.”

~~ Groucho Marx  
(comedian and actor)



## Clifton Council Corner

Mayor Felix Callicotte

*The “Clifton Council Corner” is a place designed to keep the people in the Town of Clifton informed and up to date on current affairs. We will address concerns in the community; discuss future projects, and present ideas for improvement. We appreciate your responses to this column and are pleased by the many who have commented on their thoughts and issues. We cannot resolve an issue if we are unaware of it. We are continually looking for ways to help the Town of Clifton run more efficiently and this column will hopefully help you become involved.*

### Clifton Town Council Commitment

Your Town Council’s ongoing commitment is to reach out to the citizens of Clifton. We often receive inquiries from residents that are commonly asked “why don’t ‘you’ blankety-blank?”

The “you” typically refers to Town Council or the Town of Clifton. The Town Council is the representative body that has been elected to represent you and our community at large. We do this by listening to Clifton’s residents, researching trends, and formulating policies and ordinances that will improve the Town making it both business and resident friendly.

The input from residents and other sources ranging from Town Manager contacts, phone calls, letters, email, and voiced comments taking into account any legitimate propositions or suggestions received.

From there the ideas/concerns move to the Town Manager as to the viability of the idea or the validity of concern who advises the Council on his recommendation(s) formulating solutions where appropriate.

Recommended proposals will be taken under consideration at monthly Town Council meetings and decisions will be made on which issues that will be pursued and/or implemented. All Town Council meetings are open to the public with the goal of serving the will of the people. So consider attending a meeting, both the Town and you will reap the benefits!

### School Is Back In Session

Clifton’s Chief of Police Omar Negrete wants to remind everyone our children are strapping on their book bags and heading back to school.

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## Clifton a safe place to live

According to FBI statistics (gather by local law enforcement), Clifton is the 8th-safest place to live in Arizona. The town had 11 violent crimes and 42 property crimes reported in 2013, making the crime rate 15 per 1000 residents. See the other safe towns by [clicking here](#).

## Interested in crowdsourcing?

The Cochise College Small Business Development Center will be presenting a session on crowdsourcing, with Andrew Abernathy, on Tuesday, Sept. 8, from 9-noon at the Sierra Vista campus, room 702.

Cost to attend is \$45 per person.

You've heard of crowdsourcing, but now learn how to take advantage of our networked society and be a part of this new marketplace. The most popular uses of crowdsourcing are for software development, fundraising, virtual assistance on projects, limited manufacturing and volunteerism.

Mobilize the power of the Internet to meet business, education, or non-profit goals.

Contact the Cochise College Center for Lifelong Learning at 520-515-5492 to learn more.

## Excelling at Excel Basics

Susan Hart will be teaching a three-part Excel course at the Cochise College SBDC in September and October.

Take your Microsoft Excel skills to a new level with this three-part course. Each part includes a professionally developed textbook containing case studies, hands-on practices and student exercises.

For more information or to register, call the phone number in the article above this one.

## Get Fair wristbands now!

You can get advance-sale wristbands for the Greenlee County Fair now.

Cost is \$18.

Wristbands get you full access for the entire run of the 97th annual county fair.

They will be on sale through Sept. 15.

Wristbands are available at Cup 'n Cone, Greenlee County Board of Supervisors office, 3-way, The Outpost, Fairgrounds Office and the offices of the Town of Duncan.

To see an updated list of fair activities, [click here](#), and be sure you "like" the Greenlee County Fair & Racing Facebook page for any last-minute items regarding the fair.

## Mark calendar for Colors of Copper

Now in its third year the Colors of Copper has gone Internationale. Mark your calendars now for this important celebration of art, talents and visitors from France & Mexico for this one-of-a-kind Art, Hops & Vines Event.

To be held in the Galleria Coronado on Historic Chase Creek, the street will be closed off to accommodate expansion of music, vendors, food, refreshments and amusement. November 7 & 8, 2015.

## Basic business class at Cochise College

Have you ever wondered what business accounting is all about? Or, do you have a company that processes your bookkeeping for you and you don't understand how to read the reports they give you?

The Small Business Development Center at Cochise College will present "Basic Business Accounting" on Wednesday Sept. 23, from 9 to noon at the Sierra Vista campus, 901 N. Colombo Ave., Room 702.

This class will help you to understand why we have to keep records and how they can help you to run your business. We will explain the most common accounting terms and how they affect your business. We will also go over Profit and Loss (P&L) and Balance Sheet reports and how to use them to make decisions for your business.

Cost is \$30 and includes take-home materials. Registration deadline is Sept. 18. [Register online](#).

## Economic gains in Arizona picking up, bank study says

From Wells Fargo Economics Group

Economic gains in Arizona are picking up, although the state is still working to recover the huge losses endured during the recession. Employment growth has picked up to a 2.4 percent year-over-year pace.

As a result, the unemployment rate has come down to just 5.8 percent, much lower than the 6.9 percent rate seen a year earlier. The rapid decline in the unemployment rate comes despite rising labor force participation.

The share of adults in the state that are officially a part of the labor force (meaning that they are either employed or actively looking for a job) has increased nearly a full percentage point over the past year.

Across the United States by contrast, that same share has held constant over the same period.

Employment growth in the state has been broad based across major industry groups with the small exception of manufacturing, where activity has become much more capital intensive. In addition, a diverse mix of companies has recently expanded or announced plans to expand in Arizona.

Some of the more prominent expansions to the state have been made in financial services, tech services, distribution centers and customer support facilities. The former two should add relatively high-paying jobs to the state, which are likely to have sizable spillover effects.

However, the latter two typically pay below average wages, which indicates that the broader effect of those job gains is likely to be more muted.

### Manufacturing growth amid payroll declines

The factory sector in Arizona is a relatively small one, but several important developments have appeared recently. The first is that manufacturing employment is now lower than a year ago despite seemingly strong gains throughout much of the recovery.

The biggest weakness was seen in computer & electronic products manufacturing. That subindustry

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## National Bank to hold grant workshop

National Bank of Arizona is sponsoring the NBAZ Charities Grant Workshop in Phoenix on Sept. 29.

In collaboration with Arizona Community Foundation, the workshop will outline the objectives of NBAZ Charities and define its criteria for providing grants to nonprofit organizations in Arizona.

Attendees will meet the NBAZ Charities executive committee and the employee advisory group. Presenters include Deborah Bateman, Vice Chairman, National Bank of Arizona; Pamela Keefe, Vice President, Nonprofit Banking; and Kristen Nelson, Philanthropic Advisor, Arizona Community Foundation.

[Click here to register.](#)



## Remembering 9/11 with service

The 4th annual National Day of Service and Remembrance will be held at Veteran's Hospital, 3601 S. 6th Ave., Tucson on Sept. 11 beginning at 7 a.m.

All national Service Members and community volunteers are welcome. The goal will be to adorn the Veteran's Hospital fence with flags commemorating each life lost on Sept. 11, 2001.

Flags go up at 7 a.m. and will be taken down at 4 p.m.

For more information, contact Melissa Hernandez, program coordinator, at (520) 305-2482.

## Substance abuse conference set

The 10th annual Substance Abuse Awareness Conference will be held Sept. 22 at the Eastern Arizona College Activities Center from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Keynote speaker will be Douglas Coleman, Special Agent in Charge for the Drug Enforcement Agency.

Luncheon speaker will be David Gowan Sr., Arizona Speaker of the House.

Cost is \$25, which includes lunch.

For more information and to register, visit the website at [gcsac.com/events/](http://gcsac.com/events/).



# Letters to the editor

## Selective Service seeks board members

Due to some recent retirements and relocations, Selective Service is seeking local board members in Greenlee County.

A Selective Service Local Board is a group of five citizen volunteers whose mission, upon a draft, will be to decide who among the registrants in their community will receive deferments, postponements, or exemption from military service based on the individual registrant's circumstances and beliefs.

Local Board members are appointed by the Director of Selective Service in the name of the President, on recommendations made by their respective state governors or an equivalent public official. If you are interest in serving as a Local Board member, you may apply online for an application.

Some requirements to be a board member are that they be:

- U.S. citizen;
- at least 18 years old;
- not a retired or active member of the Armed Forces or any Reserve component;
- live in the area in which the board has jurisdiction; and
- be willing to spend enough time at the position.

The Board Member program is one of the primary components of the Selective Service System. Over 11,000 volunteers are currently trained in Selective Service regulations and procedures so that if

a draft is reinstated, they will be able to fulfill their obligations fairly and equitably. Board members undergo an initial 8-hour training session and then participate in annual training in which they review sample cases similar to real-life situations.

### During a Draft

Registrants with low lottery numbers will be ordered to report for a physical, mental, and moral evaluation at a Military Entrance Processing Station to determine whether they are fit for military service.

Once s/he is notified of the results of the evaluation, a registrant will be given 10 days to file a claim for exemption, postponement, or deferment. At that time, board members will begin reviewing and deciding the outcome of the individual registrant's case. They may personally interview the registrant and persons who know him to gain a better understanding of his situation. One may appeal a Local Board's decision to a Selective Service District Appeal Board.

For more information or to apply, [visit here](#).

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## Oct. 1 important credit card deadline

If your business accepts debit or credit cards (and yes, this includes all of you taking mobile payments through Square, Intuit or other devices), things are about to change. As of Oct. 1, your credit card processing equipment must be EMV compliant; or your business could be liable for fraudulent charges.

Over \$12 billion in debit and credit card fraud took place last year in the United States alone. EMV, which stands for Europay, MasterCard and Visa, has successfully reduced fraudulent charges in Europe for years but is just now crossing over the water to benefit American consumers.

Everyone who owns a debit or credit card will be receiving a new card by Oct. 1 (if they haven't already) that includes a chip on the front of the card. This new technology requires business to have an EMV compliant card reading device.

For more help, contact Charmaine Chidester, SBDC business counselor, at (928) 428-8590.

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## Upcoming activities

**9/5-7** Clifton Hill Climb, a sanctioned Sports Car Club of America timed race. The “track” is the route up Ward Canyon from Clifton toward Verde Lee. (See article on page 1)

**9/9** Gila Watershed Partnership 7 p.m. at the General Services Bldg in Safford in the main assembly room.

**9/17-20** Greenlee County Fair, carnival Monster Truck rides and Mud Drag finals, **9/19**, Jr. Rodeo finals; **9/18** pro rodeo, Junior livestock judging and auction. (See article on page 1.)

### Greenlee County Fair, Day By Day

**9/17** Greenlee County Fair, Jr. Livestock weigh in 8-noon; Open and small stock animal entries 8-4:30; exhibits open 9-9; carnival 11-11; Jr. Livestock show @ 6 p.m.

**9/18** Greenlee County Fair, exhibits open 9-9; rabbit showmanship judging @ 9; dummy roping @ 10; poultry judging @ 10; carnival 11-11; greased pig contest @ 11; poultry showmanship @ 1; pet show @ 2; stick horse rodeo @ 3; rodeo royalty crowning @ 5:30; Jr. Rodeo finals @ 6; dance 8-11.

**9/19** Greenlee County Fair, parade @ 8; Slack/Pro Rodeo @ 8; exhibits 9-9; gymnastics show @ 9:30; mud drag finals @ 10; small stock auction @ 10; carnival 11-11; BBQ 12-2:30; Jr. Livestock auction @ 3; Jr. Rodeo awards @ 6; PRIDE Soc. Pioneer Award @ 6:30; Pro Rodeo @ 7; Skylee Shae 7:30-8; dance 9-12.

**9/20** 20 Greenlee County Fair, exhibits 9-2; Cowboy Church@9;Horse show Tourney@10; team roping 10:30; carnival 11-3; Livestock/small animal release@12; mariachi band@12; hot dog eating contest@12; family fun games@1; exhibits released@2; exhibit bldg. closes @3

**9/29** P.R.I.D.E. Meeting 5 p.m. Duncan Sr. Citizens Building.

**11/7-8** Colors of Copper Internationale, Art, Wine & Hops; art from France and Mexico also will be on display and for sale. Entries from Arizona, nearby states and Mexico City. Galleria Coronado on Historic Chase Creek, Clifton, noon-6 both days. Contact Jeanette West at (928) 292-0487 for information.

**12/5** Festival of Lights, Clifton; Christmas parade along Chase Creek.

# Morenci, Safford not to be hurt by cuts, Freeport says

Freeport-McMoRan Inc. on Aug. 27 announced significant cuts to spending and production to reduce its costs in a difficult metals market, but the company at Morenci told local officials that day that the cuts wouldn't impact the operations at Morenci and Safford, which already are lower-cost mines.

Freeport said it would enact:

- ▶ 25% reduction (\$700 million) in estimated 2016 capital expenditures in Mining
- ▶ Projected consolidated 2016 capital expenditures for Mining and Oil & Gas estimated at \$4.0 billion, down 29% from the estimates provided in July.
- ▶ Reduction in copper sales of 150 million pounds, in each of the years 2016 and 2017.
- ▶ 20% reduction in estimated 2016 unit site production and delivery costs compared to the estimate for 2015.
- ▶ Moves that will enhance the outlook for free cash flow.

These moves by Freeport, of course, are in response to the continually declining price for copper on the world market.

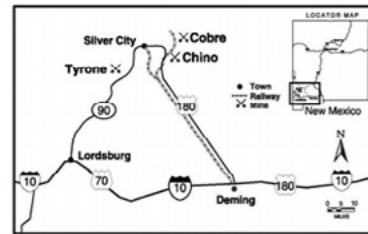
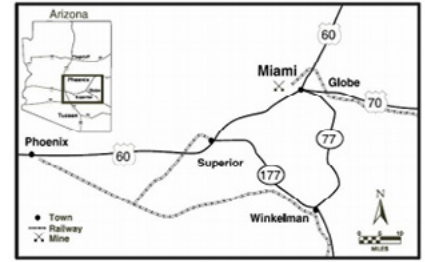
The following day, Asarco LLC said it planned an indefinite shutdown of its Hayden concentrator as

well as a reduction in its stripping for leaching at its Ray mine. This would cut 211 hourly jobs and cut production by 67 million pounds per year of copper output, or 17% of the company's total.

Freeport said its strategy has been, since 2013, to complete three major growth projects — including the Morenci expansion — and on its long-term development plans in Indonesia.

It completed the Morenci expansion project, as well as one at Tenke Fungurume (copper and cobalt) in Africa. These two are providing “significant cash flows despite recent declines in copper prices,” the company said.

[For more on this story, click here](#)



## Trying times ahead for economic development

By Randy Heiss

Executive Director, SEAGO

Even in the best of times it can be difficult to produce measurable results in the economic development business. What I've been reading in the news recently suggests economic conditions over the next few years may produce an even more challenging environment than we've experienced during our so-called 'recovery' from the Great Recession:

Recent data indicates the global economy is headed for more trouble. The revised GDP figure for the first quarter showed the U.S. economy contracting by nearly 1%; due to soft consumer demand, U.S. productivity fell for two consecutive quarters for the first time since 2006; and factory orders declined for the sixth consecutive month.

According to *The Wall Street Journal* (July 9, 2015), in its report on the world economic outlook, the International Monetary Fund downgraded its growth forecast for 2015 by 2/10 of a percentage point to 3.3%. That's down from last year's pace of

3.4% and the slowest since the global economy contracted in 2009.

As part of a cost-saving plan, the Army recently announced it would be cutting its active-duty force from 490,000 soldiers to 450,000 over the next two years. The Army's civilian workforce would be cut by about 17,000 over the same period.

And if policy makers in our Nation's capitol cannot avert a new round of sequestration, the Army says it will have to reduce forces even further, to 420,000 soldiers.

Fort Huachuca will reportedly experience a reduction of about 114 soldiers from its active duty population. While the cut will impact less than 5 percent of the active duty personnel on post, the impact it will have on Fort Huachuca's civilian employees remains unclear.

Having already lost between 3,000 and 4,500 active-duty military, civilians, students, and contractors since 2009, this presents another layer of eco-

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