



CHRONICLES

THE MISSION OF THE GREENLEE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY SHALL BE: TO COLLECT, PRESERVE, INTERPRET AND DISSEMINATE RELEVANT AND HISTORICALLY SIGNIFICANT MATERIALS PERTAINING TO GREENLEE COUNTY AND ARIZONA AND TO DEVELOP AND MAINTAIN ETHICAL, EFFECTIVE AND EFFICIENT PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS IN CARRYING OUT THESE ENDEAVORS FOR THE BENEFIT OF PRESENT AND FUTURE GENERATIONS.

Santa and Mrs. Claus Visit the Museum

Once again the Greenlee County Historical Society joined the festivities of the 21st Annual Festival of Lights sponsored by the Town of Clifton. The event is held throughout historic Chase Creek Street and we delight in the ability to showcase our gift shop and exhibits during the event. We had numerous visitors stop by to browse around. The staff was most excited at one couple in particular, when **Santa & Mrs. Claus** popped in to say hello!



2017 Scholarship Recipients



The Greenlee County Historical Society presented \$400 scholarships to each of the two well deserving Seniors from Greenlee County. The Duncan High School recipient was **Jonathan Bejarano** and the Morenci High School recipient was **Francisco Gonzales**. Congratulations to both of them!

Funds for these scholarships are generated from the gift shop.

From Board President Tammie McWhinney

Dear Members:

It's already winter headed into spring. Your GCHS Board has plans for the future as well as accomplishing many projects in the past six months.

A heartfelt thank you to the following volunteers who have gone above and beyond in keeping our museum going:

- **Laura Washington** and **Victoria Harriman** for the work done so far in organizing artifacts and documents in order to commence documenting these valuable historical treasures into our new computer system.
- **Daphenne Wilkes** and the **Cowbell's** for taking care of the "rock" ranch house display.
- **Joe Fout** for his endless work making room for new exhibits, most recently setting up a display donated to the museum by the local **BPOE Elks Lodge** showcasing their Memorial Plaque.
- **Bernabe Morales** for all his efforts in keeping the museum facility in tip-top shape.

Their time and efforts are very much appreciated!

We have had many visitors over the spring and summer months. Most notable included group visits from interns who worked for **Freeport McMoRan Copper & Gold** during the summer months; Ms. Chavez's 8th Grade History Class from Fairbanks Middle School and an alumni group who called themselves "Morenci girls of 1961." We welcomed various family reunions, scout organizations and home-schooled groups.

Membership renewal notices will be mailed out in early April, since our membership cycle changed to cover the period of May 1 through April 30th. Members play an important role in supporting the museum. Your dues and extra monetary gifts help us keep our mission alive.

Freeport McMoRan employees may consider supporting the museum by participating in the companies Matching Gifts Program or enrolling in **The Valley of the Sun United Way Program**.

All these generous donations and memberships are vital to the continued operation of the museum of which we are grateful. Your continued support helps keep the doors open.

I encourage you to stop by and visit and stroll through our gift shop.

REMEMBER, IN ORDER TO PREPARE FOR THE FUTURE, WE NEED TO KNOW OUR HISTORY.

Did You Know?

From 1938 to 1940, Duncan High School won the boy's state basketball championship. In 1938 they beat Florence 24-23. In the 1939 game, Duncan won 25-17, with future editor of the *Copper Era* **Al Fenn** playing for Benson. The 1940 game was a 31-29 thriller over Tucson High, with All-State player **Gene O'Dell** making the winning basket at the buzzer. Since then, no other school in Arizona has won the boy's championship three years in a row.



Christmas Time

Christmas time in Duncan, Clifton, Morenci and Metcalf has always been a great time of year. This ad from the December 3, 1913 *Copper Era* for the Clifton Drug Store shows the variety of items available for gifts. Many of the stores stocked their shelves with a variety of items. Some items were even brought in

A LARGE HOLIDAY LINE OF SPECIALS

WE CARRY

FOR HER
A large box of delicious
CHRISTOPHER'S CANDY
SHE KNOWS THE QUALITY
Place your order now or leave your card for Christmas
delivery — We'll do the rest.

SAVE THIS COUPON—BRING IT IN
Good for one chance on
Miniature Electric Trolley Car Outfit
Name _____ P. O. Box _____
Address _____
You do not have to purchase anything, just clip and hand this in.

FREE! FREE! FREE!!!
THE ELECTRIC TROLLEY CAR is our window. Run on
batteries or railroad lighting current. A chance with every 5th cent
purchase or coupon published weekly. To be shown for Dec. 26th.

TOYS
Of every description.
Bring the children in—They are welcome.

FOR HIM
We carry
Safety Razors
(All standard makes.)
Electric Flash Lights
Military Brush Sets
Meerscham Pipes

MAIL ORDERS
Deserve prompt and careful attention. If
you cannot call let us mail your order.

PLACE YOUR ORDER NOW FOR XMAS DELIVERY CUT FLOWERS, BOUQUETS, CANDY, BEAUTIFUL DRINK SETS, ETC.

CLIFTON DRUG STORE
Chase Creek **RIKER & ROBBINS (The Live Druggists)** Phone 15

from out of state or even out of country, especially for the holiday season. In the early days of Clifton, a Christmas tree was set up in the park on the Eastside. The fountain area next to the Morenci Club was adorned by a Christmas tree in that city, with many generations of children enjoying a visit from Santa Claus. The highlight was receiving

a stocking filled with fruit and candy. Hobbs Hotel (today named Simpson Hotel) in Duncan hosted a grand ball every Christmas night for many years. In Metcalf, a dance was held with music provided by an orchestra from Clifton.

Gift Shop News & Notes

We hope you have all been able to visit the gift shop since exciting changes have taken place. New items include beautiful kitchen towels with the museum name and various pictures of a muck truck, train engine, and even a roadrunner, to name a few. We have fantastic, whimsical socks; you just have to stop in to see them. We still have the best selection of books — from histories of the area to places to visit. Cookbooks, too! Sales from the gift shop support two scholarships given each year, and various expenses of the building. We greatly appreciate the patronage of our wonderful members and the public.

The gift shop has gotten interested in Fair Trade Products this year. We have ordered beautiful gourds--we have boxes and birdhouses, and the cutest birds you can hang in a window! Fair trade means the company we buy from pays the village artisans a fair price for their goods. No middlemen to cheat them, and the money they make helps them to have a better standard of living.

For the kids we have little finger puppets that are knitted by the children in Peru! Stop in to see us for your gift-giving needs. Remember, sales from the gift shop pay for cleaning, special events, and scholarships we give out each year.



MUSEUM & GIFT SHOP HOURS

Thursday, Friday and Saturday
12:00pm - 4:00pm

And by appointment:

Telephone: (928) 865-3115

Email: greenleecountyhs74@gmail.com

Facebook: Greenlee County Historical Society

Or any Board of Directors Member

299 Chase Creek
Clifton, AZ 85533

“The way I see it” by an eight year old little girl who was born blind:

How she saved our father from getting a fine for not having lights on an oversized load of timber. He was parking his truck on the side of the road. The old tailing dam where the school building is now.

When a deputy came by, wrote him a ticket. Court day, my mother tried to defend him as best she could.

We were all there, my two brothers and I. Our little blind sister kept waving her little hand. The Judge noticed and asked her if she wanted to say something. She said, “Judge, the way I see it, our father was trying to park his truck out of the way.”

The Judge said real load, court dismissed!

Frank “Pancho” Gonzales

GCHS Hosts Chamber Mixer

The GCHS hosted the Greenlee County Chamber of Commerce Mixer on September 27th at the museum on Chase Creek.

Some 50 guests and members took a walk through history as they entered the museum. They were treated to light refreshments along the way and enjoyed the new look of the museum gift shop managed by Linda Fout. A new DVD, *"The Morenci Southern Railway Five Loops to Morenci"* was enjoyed by all attending. The DVD, created by **Don Lunt** and **MarlaKaye Skinner**, shows different views of the railroad loops completed in 1901. The loops consisted of four wooden trestles and one 400' tunnel for transporting the essentials to Morenci from Guthrie and transporting the copper anodes out. A passenger car was also included. Goods for the Detroit Copper Company Store were also transported from Guthrie.

The evening concluded with drawings for items from various businesses.



A tribute to dedicated lifetime members of the Greenlee County Historical Society.

Pete Castaneda
Ida Ortega Baltz
Dave Tracy

It takes a minute to find a special person, an hour to appreciate them, and a day to love them, but it takes an entire lifetime to forget them.
 ~ Author unknown

Eighth Grade Students Visit Museum



Volunteer Opportunities

We are grateful to have devoted volunteers at GCHS! Some have really made the museum a life's work. But, we always appreciate more help. Even a few hours here and there. We are in need of volunteers to keep our doors open to visitors on a regular basis. Contact us at greenleecountyhs74@gmail.com if you're interested.



For additional photos of
Old Morenci and Metcalf visit
Arizona Memory Project
Collection Directory
<http://azmemory.lib.az.us>

Help Us Preserve Our Greenlee County Heritage By Becoming A Member

Your membership affirms our place as an important cultural entity in Greenlee County and helps us fulfill our mission.

The Historical Society and Museum offer a great deal to the community and to visitors of our region. We invite you to take the opportunity to renew your annual membership or become a new member and help us continue to grow and serve our community.

All members receive our newsletter and receive a 10% discount from gift shop purchases.

**JOIN OR
RENEW
TODAY**

Memberships and donations are tax deductible.

Your membership fee helps us to:

- ▶ Maintain and operate the Greenlee County Historical Society Museum
- ▶ Provide programs to school groups, local visitors and tourists
- ▶ Properly and safely archive artifacts for the future.

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES:

Individual - \$12.00

Family - \$18.00

Membership renewal notices will be mailed out April 1, 2018.

Thank you for your continued support!