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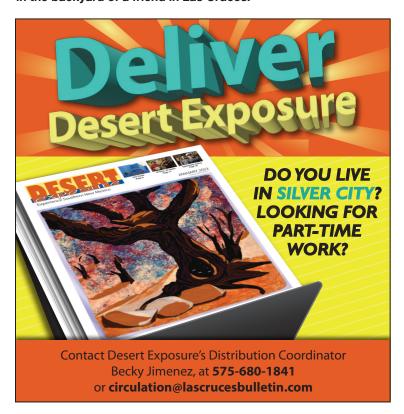
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Bernadette Quarrell of Silver City was able to capture this fellow in the backyard of a friend in Las Cruces.



EDITOR'S NOTEBOOK . ELVAK. ÖSTERREICH

Refreshing

A new wash for Desert Exposure

This is because it's neat, organized, everything is in its place. The products are the ones I love: the scents, the froth on the body wash. The right shampoo and face wash are always there on the window ledge and my Scrunchie awaits. Everything matches the quilt shower curtain my mom made for me forever ago. It makes me happy to step onto the clean shower mat and not listen to music or podcast and not think about the upcoming day or yesterday.

But sometimes things must change - the shower mat has to go, the body wash runs out, the Scrunchie falls apart and the curtain liner gets a bit yellow. Do I duplicate exactly the things that are gone? Nope, I look for new tones, new scents to try, maybe a different texture for the Scrunchie, and it becomes an adventure, an experience,

Adventure, experience, discovery is what we reach for in Desert Exposure too. I love our explorations, our columns and our directions. I love Desert Exposure and the myriad experiences it has brought me, especially the humans who touch my life daily and whose stories resonate through these deserts and mountains. There are so many places to visit and stories to tell, adventures to find in southern New Mexico, all of which have led us to refresh our paper a little by shifting things around to provide you with more of those Adventures.

Whether traveling to Truth or Consequences for a mineral soak, the Gila Wilderness for a horse back jaunt, a wine festival in Tularosa or a lumberjack festival in Cloudcroft, Desert Exposure can lead you there and take you behind the scenes to reveal the back story.

Let me know where you want to go, and I will make sure you hear about it. Do you love history? Relaxation? Romance? Wild places? Shopping? Send me a note and we will explore together.

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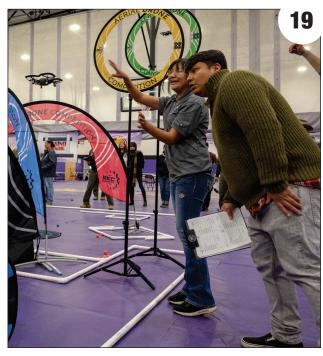


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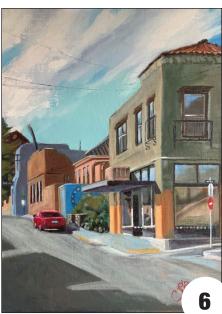


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ABOUT THE COVER:

Otero County artist
Michael Copeland says he
likes to start with the eye
and see what appears. His
characters become their
own stories. "Abstraction
feels like a natural
evolution to eliminating
more boundaries," he said.
Copeland's work can be
found at the Dancing Dog
Gallery in Tularosa, 313
Granado St., Tularosa.



FACES OF DEMING



Lucas Marsh is a life-long Demingite. A graduate of the 2004 class of Deming High School, he has been working at the Marshall Memorial Library since June 2012. Marsh began in the reference and children's section and then became the computer expert. In 2020 he was chosen to be the new director of the library. This position gave Marsh an opportunity to manifest some of his dreams for the library. Most of these concern bringing more children into the library through new programs: E-Book, reading programs and developing an on-going outreach children's/community program. "Marshy" said he enjoys living in Deming because of the family feel and small-town hospitality. "I always see people I know at the library and on the weekends I work at the video/cd section at the Deming Flea Market," Marsh said. (Photo by Stanley Sabre)

Desert #81 Dumbfounder by Dave Thomas

"Desert Dumbfounder" by Dave Thomas is a simple substitution cipher; one letter stands for another. Solution is by trial and error. Solution will appear in next month's **Desert Exposure**.

Send full solution, or just the Secret Words, to nmsrdave@swcp.com, and be recognized!

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Use the answer key below to track your clues, and reveal Secret Words!

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Congrats to #80 solvers: Mike Arms*, Will Adams*, David Pino*, Kaustuv Sengupta*, Claudette Gallegos*, Sue Merrick*, Skip Howard* and Connie Tull*!

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TUMBLEWEEDS . SYLVIA QUINTANILLA

Expanding Gems

Creating bejeweled attractions across the state

ften when traveling, you can stumble upon local gems. New Mexico is home to diverse and unique businesses. Several businesses in Alamogordo and Cloudcroft have branched out to Alto, Albuquerque, Las Cruces, Mesilla and Ruidoso.

Heart of the Desert

Heart of the Desert, Inc. at Eagle Ranch, located 7288 Highway 54/70 in Alamogordo, prides itself on customer service and premium products. These values have been in forefront of the business since from the beginning.

"From day one, we decided we would have a premium product, sold with the best customer service possible," said Marianne Schweers, co-owner of Heart of the Desert. "Those standards have never been compromised."

Marianne and her husband, George Schweers, own and operate Eagle Ranch Pistachio Groves and Heart of the Desert Winery. The farm began in 1974. In 1986, the Schweers built their first store and named it "Heart of the Desert," which is our trademark for the pistachio nuts, Marianne said.

Currently, there are three locations in New Mexico. In 2003, the second retail outlet was opened in the lobby of the Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum, 4100 Dripping Springs Road, in Las Cruces. Marianne said the gift shop they operate includes a lunch counter that caters to the museum.

The third store opened in 2009 on the plaza of historic Old Mesilla, 2350 Calle Principal.

"Soon after that, our daughter and her family opened 'The Cork & Kettle,' their store in Ruidoso. They also sell the complete line of Heart of the Desert products, along with a full selection of gourmet foods," Marianne said.

At the flagship location for Heart of the Desert, located in Alamogordo, is spacious with pistachios, grown on the farm, in different flavors such as red chile, garlic & onion and salted. Towards the back, there is an oil and vinegar barrel wall on tap. Looking for dessert to pair with your wine? There are choc-



Heart of the Desert, Alamogordo. (Photos by Sylvia Quintanilla)

olates, yogurt, brittle and more.

"All stores offer free tastings of all of our products so you can 'try before you buy.' The free tastings of the wines and the olive oil and vinegar products are the most popular," Marianne said.

On the vineyard side, customers can sample up to five wines for free. There are wine flights also available for \$12.95 with your choice of four wines.

The Tuscan-themed patio is popular for special events such as weddings, graduations and retirement parties.

"The Albuquerque Journal

puts 'The Patio' at Heart of the Desert as one of the top 10 locations for weddings in New Mexico," Marianne said.

The patio offers seated areas spaced out with views of the vineyard and space heaters for events in the colder months as well as curtains added for privacy

Old Barrel Tea & Spice Company

From the moment you walk in to Old Barrel Tea & Spice Company, customers are greeted by the friendly atmosphere from the staff and the positive energy

















Old Barrel Tea & Spice Company in Cloudcroft

from the products. Whether you are a tea drinking veteran or a rookie, have the opportunity to enjoy loose leaf tea.

"We are a female run family business and we are passionate about wellness and flavor," marketing team member Hannah Perry said.

In 2015, the first Old Barrel Tea and Spice Shop opened in Ruidoso. Now, there are nine locations in three states. A total of five locations in New Mexico (Red River, Albuquerque, Ruidoso, Cloudcroft and Mesilla), three in Colorado (Boulder, Golden and Durango) and one in Arizona (Flagstaff).

"The matriarch of our family and one of our leading founders, Dana, survived cancer three times and believes that the healing benefits of tea are a part of what got her through and helped her body to fight, heal and remain cancer free to this day," Perry said.

Perry went on to say Dana's story inspires and fuels their love of loose leaf tea.

Part of what makes the shop stand out is the dedication staff have on educating their customers on the history, traditions and uses of their in-house blended teas. Old Barrel Tea shops also fund-raise for local charities in the town they are located in every year. Perry said there are multiple products in which proceeds go to specific organizations like their ChariTEA Tumblers and Bella's Stickers.

Loose leaf tea is sold in three different ways, in one ounce tins or one quart jar or bagged quart. On top of the barrels in the shops, customers are able to smell the loose leaf tea and get a feel for the aroma of each blend.

Samples of tea are available to try. At the Cloudcroft location, 505 Burro Ave., two of the teas prepared for samples were the White Peach and Ginger Orchard Medley and the Pumpkin Pie Chai.

Served cold, the White Peach and Ginger Orchard Medley had a straightforward taste of white peach and the ginger came in spicy at the end. A few benefits of this blend is to get antioxidants, soothes digestive upset and to promote circulation.

As for the Pumpkin Pie Chai, it was creamy and had strong pumpkin notes and very subtle cinnamon. This tea had no caffeine, which makes it ideal to sip to unwind at the end of the night. A few of the benefits for this tea are to support immunity, reduce inflammation and calm the mind and body.

Old Barrel Tea & Spice Company also have kombucha and honey samples. Essential oils, candles, tea accessories like tea

pots, mugs and tumblers are also available.

Noisy Water Winery

Noisy Water Winery is a family of fifth generation farmers. In 2009, they began making wine in Ruidoso. There are five locations in New Mexico: Alto, Ruidoso, Cloudcroft, Albuquerque and Red River. They have won awards both nationally and internationally.

"We are the third largest winery in the state of New Mexico, but we're the number one largest consumer of New Mexico fruit for our wines," Audrey Penn, head of Noisy Water Wine Tourism, said. "Any and all NM fruit that we can get our hands on we will use to make our wine; this includes apples, pomegranates, and of course, green chile. Supporting New Mexico agriculture as a whole is the heart and soul of our mission."

Noisy Water Winery has different events at each location. They all have live music on the week-



2021 Jo Mamma's Bubbly from Noisy Water Winery

ends and theme nights throughout the week. Events during the week include Bring Your Own Board Game on Mondays, Locals Nights on Tuesdays and Wine Down Wednesdays. At the Enchanted Vine by Noisy Water Winery in Alto, they have Spirits Night on Friday that features a special cocktail using New Mexico spirits.

Penn said each location of Noisy Water Winery has its own unique personality and flare. The



Noisy Water Sampler.

Ruidoso location "has a more popping and energetic atmosphere with a delicious food selection, while Enchanted Vine in Alto is a little more wild and free with the occasional herd of wild horses, deer, and other wildlife passing through the property; just to name a few, she said.

In Cloudcroft, Noisy Water Winery is located just a few doors down from Old Barrel Tea and Spice Company. It has a very cozy and quaint vibe with a shopping section that has gourmet olive oil, balsamic vinegar and Pinon coffee. The tasting area has a couple of tables set up by the wooden bar.

With the intimate setting, customers can enjoy Noisy Water wine and order cheese and salsa platters. Customers wanting to get a balanced experience can order the Noisy Water Sampler. Included with the sampler is artisanal cheeses, cured meats, olives, crackers, Besito Caliente sauce, baguette slices and more.

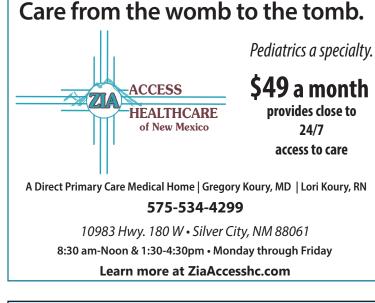
In addition to wine, they also carry Marble Brewery and Uncle Dick's Hard Cider.

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LIP IN ALAMOGORDO . ELVAK. ÖSTERREICH

A Clean, Homey Place

Alamogordo couple, best new Airbnb hosts in state

year ago, Jenn and Dave "Davy" Harriss opened the doors to their house, they had moved out the December before, to the world of Airbnb rentals.

Davy had retired from the military and Jenn too had come to a transition point with her home health job. Together they decided to give it a go rather than selling the home. Now, a year later, Jenn has been named the top new host in New Mexico.

After spending three months

renovating and opening last March, the couple have made a good go with their three-bedroom home on an Alamogordo cul-de-sac.

With Jenn's business acumen and Davy's almost obsessive attention to detail. The house is a pristine space that also feels completely welcoming when the guests walk in.

"We tried to think of everything we could to make it homy and provide everything someone might need from a night stay to a week," Davy said.

Even pets are welcome, with a deposit. There is a pet door installed to the back yard and if you have a pet along, you will find a water and food dish at the ready in the kitchen.

"We redid the tile, paint, locks, lights," he said. "We try really hard to make it comfortable. Even if it doesn't look like it needs it, we mop."

Jenn said many of their guests are visiting for the beauty of

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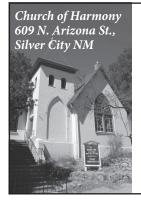
White Sands National Park and other tourist activities. They had a father and son in for a hunting trip and a group of comedians in town for a show. The place stays pretty busy generally.

"We've always wanted to work together doing something," Davy said. "Now we can."

The top new host honor stems from a wider AirBnb report highlighting the top new host in each of the 50 U.S. states. The criteria included becoming a first-listing Airbnb Host in 2022, having the most guest check-ins within that universe and already achieving Superhost status on the platform.

By the end of 2022 Jenn and Davy had logged nearly 100 check-ins, maintained a near-perfect 4.96 rating, and were named Superhost.

Between Jan. 1 and Sept. 30, new hosts in New Mexico with wingle listings earned nearly \$8 million total.



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Jennifer and "Davy" Harriss of Alamogordo are the best new Airbnb hosts in New Mexico for 2022.









BORDER TIES

Cabalgata Binacional Villista

Turning Pancho Villa invasion into friendship celebration

anniversary of the Punitive Expedition in chasing Pancho Villa after his attack on Columbus, New Mexico. It also is the day of the Binational Cavalry Trail Remembrance Ride. Where members from both sides of the border join in peace and unity to honor the casualties of the 1916 raid.

"We are building bridges when others are building walls" said-Norma Gomez, a founding member of the event. "We invite you to come and discover Columbus. Where old Mexico meets New Mexico."

The first Cabalgata Binacional was held in 1999 when riders came together in friendship and hope to spur economic development in the Columbus/Palomas, Chihuahua region.

The Historical Society Museum will be open, and visitors can see many displays and exhibits, or watch a video on the raid. At 10 a.m. Saturday, March 11, Cabalgantes (riders) will lead the parade for the final three

'arch 11 marks the 107th miles of their 15-day ride: destination Columbus.

> All day Saturday in the Village Plaza, sample local vendors' cuisine, watch dancers perform to traditional and authentic Mexican ballet folkloricos, and enjoy the mariachis performance. Other live entertainment will be held throughout the day.

> Visitors can also visit the local museums, hear historians recount the tales of the past, enjoy a documentary film, or watch

the Camp Furlong 2016 re-enactors in downtown Columbus and Pancho Villa State Park.

Pancho Villa State Park and Museum hosts Camp Furlong Days featuring historical talks and slideshows.

For more information call the Columbus Chamber of Commerce, or Pancho Villa State Park at 575-531-2711 or Columbus Historical Society at 575-531-2620.

Special presentation

The Borderland Apache Alliance Elders Council members will be present at Columbus Park to pay tribute and honor Apache Military Veteran, U.S. Marine Corp Veteran Don Miguel Marquez. Marquez is being recognized for 25 years of military service to his country. He has

also ridden in 19 Cabalgata Binacional events.

"We come to the in the spirit of unity and oneness," the council said in a letter.

Saturday morning the elders will also be at the border crossing do the smudging and blessing ceremony of the riders coming in from Mexico.



The town of Columbus welcomes riders arriving from across the Mexican district of Chihuahua to recognize the spirit of friendship between border states. (Photo by Jesse Ochoa)





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The Studio

New space for making, learning, showing off art

imply "The Studio," the Grant County Art Guild (GCAG) has opened a new space in an old building.

"The motto is 'create, educate, exhibit'," said JoAnne Thomas, GCAG president. "In this space you can look from the street and see that there is something wonderful going on. I think it will draw a lot of attention and rachet up the level of our exhibits because its such a beautiful space."

Located in a historic building at 200 W. Market St. in Silver City, The Studio is a reimagining of the space previously called the GCAG Annex, which was located behind the main GCAG gallery at the "Hestor House," at 316 N. Bullard St.

The owners of The Studio building, who live upstairs, "wanted art there," Thomas said. So now they are underwriting the Studio and the guild will manage the space for its members and for special art collaborations.

Thomas said the building used to house a Chinese person why ran a grocery store. The Y Toy grocery store opened in 1936 and operated until the 1980s. When the building was constructed, they used bricks from the old Tyrone train station that had been demolished, she said.

"It's a really nice space," she said. "It is for our classes and workshops and make-andtakes and special art shows."

The guild plans to have more classes and shows than they ever had at the Annex.

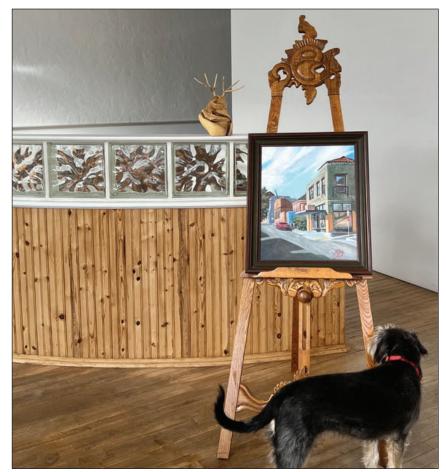
"There will be art in the windows all the time," she said. "With the tall ceilings, all the light, white walls and everything, it will show the art a lot better."

Marsha Banas, the Open Studio facilitator, hosts drop-in open studios twice a month, from noon-3 p.m. every second and fourth Thursday of the month. Thomas said participants should bring a creative project to work on but if they don't have a project with them, they can use the basic art supplies on hand.

"Visitors to Silver City are welcome," she

The Studio will provide a venue not only for guild member shows but also for collaborative efforts with community projects and events. For example, at the Annex during Clay Fest last year (July) they held a show for a Western New Mexico University arts graduate student, and they would like to bring in more activity, Thomas said. Maybe one of the WNMU students could use the space to teach and then do a show of the resulting artwork.

There will be a retrospective show for guild members in the fall, she said. With some overlap between GCAG members and the and textile group they could develop some collaborative events. Visit gcag.org for more information.



Inside The Studio at 200 W. Market St. in Silver City a visitor checks out a painting by Gay Scheibl of the historic building itself. (Courtesy photo)



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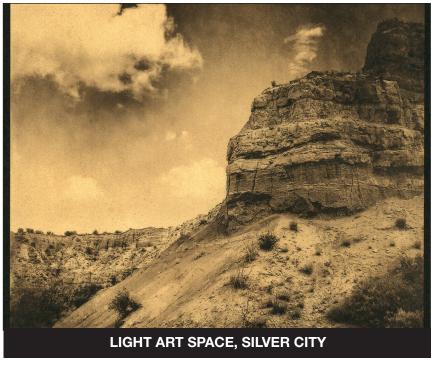




The Pinos Altos Museum & Gift Shop, built in 1866, just north of Silver City. 33 Main St. Pinos Altos, was featured in the article "Personally Connecting with Wild Westerners" by Mike Jackoboice in the "Southern New **Mexico Historical** Review," January 2023. (Photo by Faye Severeo)











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Arts Scene

Upcoming area art happenings

SILVER CITY

• The third annual Grant County photography exhibition features 28 Grant County artists and is titled "Magical Light" is on display March 3-April 1 at Light Art Space, 209 W. Broadway St. in downtown Silver City. A variety of images including Polaroid transfers and gilded images will be on display. Also on display is "Into the Wood(s): From the Functional to the Whimsical" wood work by Art Peterson. The gallery is open 11 a.m.-5p.m., Saturday and 10 a.m.-2 p.m., First Fridays until 7 p.m. and by appointment. Info: www.lightartspace.com.

• The Grant County Art

Guild welcomed painter Hiram Lewis, 3D needle felter and stop action animator Nan Chalet-Noaker, and copper and brass metalsmith Greg "Hands" Collins to the gallery in February. The GCAG Gallery shows the work of over local 35 artists and artisans working in a wide variety of mediums. Lewis's paintings include bold abstracts as well as landscapes and collages. Chalet-Noaker's gallery display showcases whimsical 3-D needle felted people and creatures. These figures star in her stop-action animated shorts. Collins' display includes engraved jewelry as well as copper mirror frames and clocks. All copper used in his work is local. The GCAG Gallery is located at 316 N Bullard Street in Silver City. Hours are from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. seven days a week. In addition to promoting the work of local artists in the gallery, the Guild hosts open studios, classes, art shows and other events. Open Studios are at the GCAG Studio, 200 Market W. Market St., from noon-3 p.m. on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month - bring a creative project or use our basic art supplies. Info: gcag.org.

• Three artists have joined up to provide an art display at the Silver City Public Library.

Diane Cornelius, Thia Utz, and Beatriz Giraldo are the featured artists in the Public Library main room through March. They are all members of the Grant County Art Guild.

Cornelius said, "depicting New Mexico rivers, skies, mountains and creatures is my passion. Using oils, acrylics and watercolor, I attempt to share the beauty of nature with others."

Utz is a local artist who enjoys oil and acrylic painting. She delights in capturing the light, shapes and colors of the natural world. Beatriz Giraldo enjoys painting and haiku inspired by the manifestations of Mother Nature and by her own introspection. Her highest intention is to convey to the viewer/reader the peace she finds through her painting and haiku, to offer a moment of pause and appreciation for the beauty in the world.

DEMING

• March 2023 at the **Deming Art Center** features the Deming High School art students. There will be a time to meet the artists from 1-3 p.m. on Sunday, March 5, at the Deming Art Center, 100 S. Gold St., Deming. The gallery hours are 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Monday – Friday and 10 a.m.-1 p.m. on Saturday. Info: 575-546-3663 and at www.demingarts.org.

TRUTH OR CONSEQUENCES

• "Máscaras - Masked/Unmasked," remains at the Rio Bravo Fine Art Gallery, 110 N. Broadway St., T or C through April 23. In the Máscaras -Masked/Unmasked exhibition, Darlene McElroy and Paul White offer clues that help us uncover essential truths often hidden from view. Using a variety of media - rusted metal parts, found objects, ephemera, and cast objects - McElroy's paintings and assemblages present a largely symbolic narrative. White's multi-colored fused dichroic glass masks have a di-







Doña Ana Arts Council Gallery, Las Cruces.

rect appeal in that they evoke a fantasy world of unbridled luminance, such as one might experience at Mardi Gras or Carnival. Info: www.riobravofineartgallery.com/fineartexhibition.

ALAMOGORDO

• "Student Art Exhibition," is at Otero Artspace, located at 1118 Indiana St. (the corner of 12th Street and Indiana Avenue) in Alamogordo. This exhibit features Otero County youth from kindergarten to 12th grades. A reception will be held 4-6 p.m. Friday, March 3.The exhibit is open from 1-4 p.m. Thursday through Sunday and continues throughout March. Info: www. oteroarts.org or follow Otero Arts on Facebook.

LAS CRUCES

• The Doña Ana Arts Council, celebrates Women's History Month in March with a group exhibit, "Unfinished Business: Women's Power of Persistence." The title of the exhibit reflects a recurring and recognizable trajectory in women's history: one of great strides and recurrent setbacks, making women's work "unfinished."

The exhibit is guest curated by Las Cruces artist **Mary Diesel**. The exhibit features work by a diverse group of 30 women artists of different ages, backgrounds, ethnicities, sexuality, and gender identities and who work in a range of media, including painting, sculpture, photography, video, fiber art, and installation art.

A **First Friday** opening is 5-8 p.m. on March 3, followed y a Second Saturday opening March 11. The Arts Council Gallery, 230 S. Water St. in Las Cruces is open from 9 a.m.- 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. Info: 575-523-6403 or director@daarts.org.

• The Frame and Art Center's featured artist for March is Renee Short. Her abstract style and photography is on display. All art is framed for sale. The Frame and Art Center is located at 1100 S. Main Street, Las Cruces. Open 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday. Info: 575-526-2808.

• The Las Cruces Museum of Art, 491 N. Main St., features a retrospective exhibition at the Museum of Art, "Gaspar Enríquez: Chicano Pride, Chicano Soul." Enríquez is a nationally recognized Chicano artist from El Paso, who uses an airbrush to created hyper-realistic portraits. The exhibit is on view through Sunday, May 6. Enríquez is a self-defined Chicano artist who has been at the forefront of the national Chicano art movement for more than 50 years.

The Museum of Art is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday. Info: 575-541-2137.

• Agave Artists Gallery welcomes new artist Storm Sermay. She's been named Artist of March. Sermay works in black and white and color with her photo-combinations creating an emotional sense of place that does not exist in real life - nature composites. Sermay will hold a discussion about taking traditional photographs and turning them into fantasy landscapes at 2 p.m. on Sunday, March 12. View her work at the Agave Gallery, 2250 Calle De San Albino, which is open from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday to Monday. The gallery is at 2250 Calle De San Albino. Info: 575-339-9870.

• The Tombaugh Gallery features the work of Julia Masaoka. The opening reception is 11 a.m.-1:3- p.m., Sunday, March 5. Masaoka has been doing art for over 40 years. She originally worked as an abstract landscape painter before transitioning to creating mixed-media shrines and assemblages. She primarily works with metal, hardware and iconic images, using objects from scrap yards, thrift stores,

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and the desert. She calls her art "Trashformation" - beauty from trash. The gallery is at 2000 S. Solano Drive. Visit the Tombaugh Gallery at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 2000 S. Solano Drive. Las Cruces. The gallery is open 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Thursday- Sunday. Info: jelicht@ gmail.com.

• The Mesilla Valley Fine Arts Gallery, 2470-A Calle de Guadalupe, across from the historic Fountain Theatre, features two local artists for the month of March: Woody Hoffman and Jane Madrid. Hoffman moved to Las Cruces in 2004, where he took up the hobby of woodturning. Every year Woody attends symposiums to hone his skills, learn new techniques, and improve and update his equipment. Most of the wood he uses is from recycled sources where it was destined for firewood, but special woods and burls are purchased for special pieces. Madrid has been a Las Cruces resident since 1959 and has painted since the age of eight. Her main media of painting is oil and some acrylic.

First American Bank in Mesilla, is well represented by gallery members who rotate the galleries artists' work monthly. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. Info: 575-522-2933, www.mesillavalleyfinearts.com.

• Two exhibitions at the New **Mexico State University Art** Museum help usher in 2023 in collaboration with the Department of Art. They are focused on artists who teach. One, "To-

gether Through as Within," is scheduled through March 11, features the work of staff and faculty within the Department of Art in NMSU's College of Arts and Sciences, where each educator is also an artist. A second exhibition running concurrently is "Ad Infinitum: Artists Against War and Imperialism," scheduled through May 20. The show features war-era posters and artworks from the NMSU Permanent Art Collection in the **Bunny** Conlon Modern and Contemporary Art Gallery. The artwork highlights twentieth-century imperialism and its effects such as militarization, the nuclear arms race, the destruction of human lives and damage to the natural environment. The UAM is at 1390 E. University Avenue. Art museum hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday.

• An exhibit at the **Branigan** Cultural Center, 501 N. Main St., Las Cruces, "Vale la Pena" (It's Worth It), features artwork by Gina Gwen Palacios. She is multi-media artist who draws upon her family history and Mexican American identity to create portraits of herself and her family's lived experiences. The exhibit is up through March 25. The Branigan Cultural Center is open 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Tuesday to Friday and 9 a.m.- 4:30 p.m. Saturday. There is no admission charge. Info: 575-541-2154.

• Carlitta Harvey's artwork is featured in a new exhibit at the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum in Las Cruces. "Rural Life in New **Mexico: Paintings by Carlitta** Harvey" is open in the Museum's Arts Corridor. Growing

OPPORTUNITIES

Writers (in college)

• The university press of Western New Mexico University, Mimbres Press, has extended the deadline for submission to its online student academic journal, The Maverick. The new deadline is March 10.

"The Maverick is specifically geared toward creating both a creative and academic outlet for students of every background," said Heather Frankland, Assistant Professor of English Composition, and faculty liaison for The Maverick. "The incredible diversity of stories, cultures and people throughout New Mexico is precisely why WNMU established a university press and providing an outlet for students to tell their stories and share their research through their chosen medium is incredibly exciting."

Submissions to The Maverick are open to undergraduate students attending any public university in New Mexico and working on completing their first degree. Original works can range from in-class assignments and research projects to extracurricular creative writing and expressions of art. Info: mimbrespress.wnmu.edu/student-submissions/

Musicians

• Calling all musicians: "Love Song for Las Cruces," a contest for local musicians to have their songs featured by Visit Las Cruces. Write and perform an original anthem for Las Cruces for a chance to win \$1,000. Your song will also be featured in Visit Las Cruces' commercials, campaigns and other promotional materials.

"It just felt like a lot of the stock music that was available to us was uninspired and didn't quite articulate the feel of this area," said Christina Ballew, Chief Creative Officer of NMCO Studio. "We know that we have a very talented hub of artists. Let's give our musicians a bit of spotlight too."

The contest is open to all musicians, in or outside the city. Submissions need not be production quality or professionally mastered; the chosen song will then be mastered for commercial use. Musicians are encouraged to record themselves in the writing and production process and share their behind-the-scenes song development using the hashtag #VLClovesong or tagging Visit Las Cruces on Facebook and Instagram. Musicians can submit their MP3 or MP4 and written lyrics online. The contest ends on March 31. For details, rules and how to submit, go to www.NMCOstudio. com/lovesonglc.



Papaya's con Chile, local musicians playing at Plaza de Las Cruces during a fine arts flea market. The Love Song contest is seeking out local talents to submit their song entries for the contest. (Courtesy photo)

up on a farm, Harvey's inspiration and foundation as an artist were cultivated at an early age. She paints farm scenes when she was old enough to buy her own watercolors. There are 23 paintings in the show, which will be on display through April 2. The museum, at 4100 Dripping Springs Road in Las Cruces is open 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Info: 575-522-

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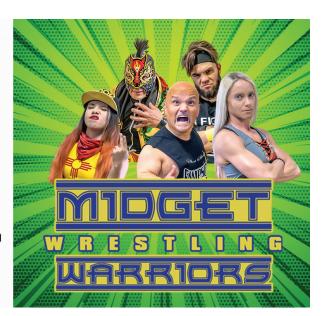


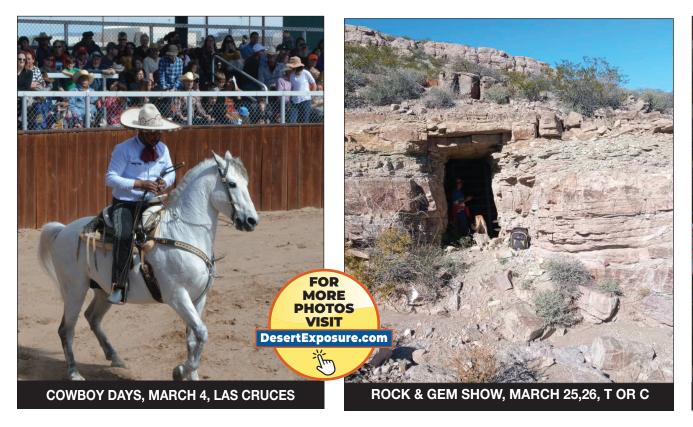


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THURSDAY, MARCH 2 Silver City/Grant County

"Rustlers' Rhapsody" spoof of singing cowboys and white hat good guys — 6:30 p.m. at the Santa Clara Armory. Film series, "How the West was Fun" presented by the Fort Bayard Historic Preservation Society. Cost: free. Info: 575-388-4862.

Truth or Consequences/Sierra County Square Dancing — 1-3:30 p.m. at the New Mexico Old Time Fiddlers Playhouse, 710 Elm St. in T or C. Square dancing and refreshments. Info: 575-313-9971 or 505-804-3842.

FRIDAY, MARCH 3

Silver City/Grant County
Sparrows for beginners and intermediate birders — 6 p.m. at Harlan
Hall, Room 111, Western New Mexico
University. Karen Beckenbach and Bill

Norris discuss characteristics to distinguish one sparrow species from another. Info: www.swnmaudubon.org.

Rhythm of the Dance — 7 p.m. Western New Mexico University Fine Arts Center Theatre. The National Dance Company of Ireland is one of the top three Irish step dance shows in the world. Info: 575-538-6469.

Live music: Gallivant — 8-11 p.m. at Little Toad Creek Brewery and Distillery, 200 N. Bullard St. Silver City. Threepiece, party style, riff-based rock band out of Omaha. Info: 575-956-6144.

Las Cruces/Doña Ana County
"The Brave Little Tailor" — 7 p.m. at
the Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main
St. Downtown Las Cruces. A Children's
Theatre of the Mesilla Valley production.
Cost: 12. Info: 575-571-1413.
"Hookman" — 7:30 p.m. at the ASNMSU Center for the Arts, 1000 E. University Ave. corner of University and Expina.
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Support Groups

MONDAY

Silver City/Grant County

New Hope Al-Anon Family Group — noon
at First United Methodist Church, 314 W.
College Ave. Silver City. IZoom ID: 389 907
739, Password 658776. Info: nmal-anon.
com.

WEDNESDAY

Silver City/Grant County

Arenas Valley Al-Anon Family Group —
6-7 p.m. at the Arenas Valley Church of
Christ, 5 Racetrack Road, Arenas. Info:
nmal-anon.com.

Las Cruces/Mesilla

Meditation and Healing Service — 6 p.m. each Wednesday at Unity of Las Cruces, 575 N. Main St. Through meditation, experience the presence of God. A new service with Rev. Jennifer Kleitz. Info: 575-523-4847.

THURSDAY

Silver City/Grant County
Adult Children of Alcoholic and Dysfunctional Families meeting — 6:30-7:30 p.m. at the Episcopal Church of the Good Shep-

herd, 615 N. Texas St. Info: 575-567-9410.

Las Cruces/Mesilla

Grief Share Program — 2 p.m. Thursdays at Sierra Vista Community Church, 514 N. Telshor Blvd. Info: Robin Rice, 575-536-9535.

SATURDAY

Las Cruces/Mesilla

Epilepsy Support & Education Services — Inc. meetings. 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. second Saturday of every month at Thomas Branigan Memorial Library, 200 E. Picacho Info: 575-636-4500 or EpilepsySupportNM.org. Breast Cancer Support Group — 9:15 a.m. on the fourth Saturday of the month, at Memorial Medical Center Annex meeting room (entrance on the west side of the hospital). Info: Maricela at 505-453-1789.

SUNDAY

Las Cruces/Mesilla

Grief Share Program — 3 p.m. Sundays at Morning Star Church, 2941 Morning Star. Program lasts for 13 weeks. Contact: Cris Fernandez, crisfern@me.com.



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Tournament — 8 a.m. first round tee times start, 9:30 p.m. players party at the Ruidoso Convention Center. Register: discgolfscene. com/tournaments/Lincoln_County_War_3_LCW3_2023.

SATURDAY, MARCH 4 Silver City/Grant County

Sparrows for beginners and intermediate birders — 8-10:30 a.m. at City of Rocks state Park Cienega Trail. Karen Beckenbach and Bill Norris lead a hike along the trail to spot and identify a variety of sparrow species. Info: www.swnmaudubon.org.

Silver City Farmers Market — 9 a.m.-noon. 901 N. Pope St. in Silver City. Info: www.silvercityfarmersmarket.info.

Live music: Music open mic

— 2-4 p.m. at the Tranquil Buzz
Coffee House, 112 W. Yankie St.
Info: 828-542-0216.

Alamogordo/Otero County
Alamogordo Otero County
Farmers Market — 8-10 a.m. in
Alameda Park, 1987 White Sands
Blvd. in Alamogordo. Info: farmers-

marketsnm.org.

Children's hour puppet play: "A

Packrat's Holiday: Thistletoe's

Gift" — 9 a.m.-noon at Otero

Artspace, 1118 Indiana Ave., Alamogordo. Linda Wilson, children's
author, performs the show based
on her book written for ages 3-8.

Info: oteroarts.org.

Book Talk with Jennifer Bohnhoff: "Where Duty Calls" —

11a.m. at Otero Artspace, 1118 Indiana Ave., Alamogordo. Bohnhoff will talk about the history behind her book a middle grade novel set in New Mexico during the civil war. Info: oteroarts.org.

DPOC Ward elections/meetings
— noon-4 p.m. at the Alamogordo Public Library, 920 Oregon,
Alamogordo. Wards 1,4 and 6-10.

Info: dpoc.org or 847-207-2252.

Ruidoso/Lincoln County
Lincoln County War III Disc Golf
Tournament — 8 a.m. tee times
start. Register: discgolfscene.
com/tournaments/Lincoln_County_War_3_LCW3_2023.

Rhythm of the Dance — 7 p.m. at the Spencer Theater for the Performing Arts, 108 Spender Road, Airport Highway 220, Alto. Award winning show enters 22nd year of dance brilliance. Info: 575-336-4800.

Las Cruces/Doña Ana County Farmers and Crafts Market —

8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Plaza de Las Cruces and along Main Street. Info: 575-805-6055.

Cowboy Days festival — 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum, 4100 Dripping Springs Road in Las Cruces. Equestrian performances and activities, tours, pony rides, workshops and much more. Cost: &10 a carload. Info: www.nmfarmandranchmuseum.org.

Rio Grande Planes N' Coffee

9-11 a.m. at the Las Cruces
International Airport, 8990 Zia Blvd.
Las Cruces. Info: 575-541-2471.
Story time at Coas Books — 10:30 a.m., 317 N. Main St. Info: 575-524-8471.

Barnyard Buddies Petting Zoo — 1-4 p.m. at Tractor Supply Co.

parking lot, 1440 W. Picacho Ave., Las Cruces. Cost: \$3. Info: 575-800-9200.

Jordan World Circus — 7 p.m., Doña Ana County Fairgrounds, 12125 Robert Larson Blvd. Las Cruces. Info: jordancircus.com.

"The Brave Little Tailor" — 7 p.m. at the Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main St. Downtown Las Cruces. A Children's Theatre of the Mesilla Valley production. Cost: 12. Info: 575-571-1413.

"Hookman" — 7:30 p.m. at the ASNMSU Center for the Arts, 1000 E. University Ave. corner of University and Espina. Lexi tries to deal with looking for her best friend, a weird roommate, homesickness, and a hook-handed serial killer.

SUNDAY, MARCH 5 Silver City/Grant County

Live music: Paul Barsom of the Web Garden — noon-2 p.m. at the Tranquil Buzz Coffee House, 112 W. Yankie St. Info: 828-542-0216.

Las Cruces/Doña Ana County Pecan Food Fantasy competi-

tion — 8-noon delivery, Las Cruces Convention Center. Multiple prizes and cash awards presented. Info: 575-652-6716.

"Hookman" -2 p.m. at the

ASNMSU Center for the Arts, 1000 E. University Ave. corner of University and Espina. Lexi tries to deal with looking for her best friend, a weird roommate, homesickness and a hook-handed serial killer. Info: 575-646-4515 or theatre. nmsu.edu.

Jordan World Circus — 3 p.m. and 7 p.m., Doña Ana County Fairgrounds, 12125 Robert Larson Blvd. Las Cruces. Info: jordancircus.com.

Ruidoso/Lincoln County
Lincoln County War III Disc Golf
Tournament — 8 a.m. tee times
start, awards follow at the Ruidoso
Convention Center. Register: discgolfscene.com/tournaments/Lincoln_County_War_3_LCW3_2023.

TUESDAY, MARCH 7 Silver City/Grant County

Movie: "Big Hero 6" — 3:30-5:30 p.m. at the Silver City Public Library, 515 W. College Ave. in Silver City. Info: silvercitypubliclibrary.org.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8 Las Cruces/Mesilla

"Milkweeds and Insects" — 7 p.m. at the NMSU Herbarium/Biology Annex (NW corner of Stewart and Williams intersection. A talk by Miranda Kirsten, program manager with the urban integrated pest management program at NMSU, presented by the Native Plant Society of New Mexico, Las Cruces Chapter. In person and on Zoom. Info: Ic@npsnm.org.

Alamogordo/Otero County
Middle Eastern Dance Class -

5:15-6:30 p.m. at Otero Artspace, 1118 Indiana Ave, Alamogordo. Longtime dance teacher Claudia Powell offers this class. Cost: \$5 over 65 and \$8 under 65 donation to Otero Arts. Info: 575-442-3029 or claudia@tularosa.net.

Truth or Consequences/ Sierra County

Sierra Twirlers — 1-3 p.m. at the New Mexico Old Time Fiddlers Playhouse, 710 Elm St. in T or C. Square dancing and refreshments. Info: 575-313-9971 or 505-804-3842.

THURSDAY, MARCH 9 Silver City/Grant County

Live music: Right in the Eye (En plein dans l'oeil) — 7 p.m. Western New Mexico University Light Hall Theater. A live concert designed as a soundtrack to a montage of silent films by George Méliès (1861-1938). Info: 575-538-6469.

"Three Amigos" with Steve Martin, Chevy Chase, Martin Short — 6:30 p.m. at the Santa Clara Armory. Film series, "How the West was Fun" presented by the Fort Bayard Historic Preservation Society. Cost: free. Info: 575-388-4862.

Deming/Luna County RockHound Round Up — 9 a.m.5 p.m. at the Southwestern NM
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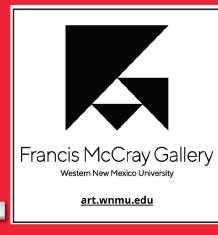
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Square Dancing — 1-3:30 p.m. at the New Mexico Old Time Fiddlers Playhouse, 710 Elm St. in T or C. Square dancing and refreshments. Info: 575-313-9971 or 505-804-3842.

FRIDAY, MARCH 10

Silver City/Grant County

To Rhyme or not to Rhyme: kids
write poetry — 4 p.m. at the Silver
City Public Library, 515 W. College
Ave. in Silver City. Info: silvercitypubliclibrary.org.

Live music: Illusion Band — 8-11 p.m. at Little Toad Creek Brewery and Distillery, 200 N. Bullard St. Silver City. Versatile local group playing a variety including Tejano, country and oldies. Info: 575-956-6144.

Deming/Luna CountyRockHound Round Up — 9 a.m.-5 p.m. at the Southwestern NM
Fair Grounds, 4200 Raymond Reed Blvd., Deming. Includes buyers' market, silent and live auctions, displays, demonstrations and guided field trips. Info: 575-546-2554.

Alamogordo/Otero County "Grease the Musical" — 7

p.m. at the Flickinger Center for Performing Arts, 1110 New York Ave., Alamogordo. Presented by Alamogordo Music Theatre. Info: flickingercenter.com.

Las Cruces/Doña Ana County
"The Brave Little Tailor" — 7 p.m.
at the Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N.
Main St. Downtown Las Cruces.
A Children's Theatre of the Mesilla
Valley production. Cost: 12. Info:

575-571-1413.

SATURDAY, MARCH 11 Silver City/Grant County

Silver City Farmer's Market — 9 a.m.-noon at Pope Street and College Avenue in Silver City. Info: silvercityfarmersmarket.info.

Poetry with Beate Sigriddaughter followed by open mic — 2-4 p.m. at the Tranquil Buzz Coffee House, 112 W. Yankie St. Info: 828-542-0216

Live music: Lottie and the Ohm Wreckers — 8-11 p.m. at Little Toad Creek Brewery and Distillery, 200 N. Bullard St. Silver City. Dance music in a variety of styles including Motown, blues, country and swing. Info: 575-956-6144.

Columbus/Deming/Luna County
Cabalgata Binacional/Fiesta
de Amistad — All day, various
locations in the town of Columbus.
Features a memorial horse ride
from the Mexican port of entry,
includes Ballet Folklorico and mariachi performances, food vendors,
art in the park and more. Info: 575343-0147.

RockHound Round Up — 9 a.m.-5 p.m. at the Southwestern NM Fair Grounds, 4200 Raymond Reed Blvd., Deming. Includes buyers' market, silent and live auctions, displays, demonstrations and guided field trips. Info: 575-546-2554.

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Farmers Market — 8-10 a.m. in Alameda Park, 1987 White Sands Blvd. in Alamogordo. Info: farmers-marketsnm.org.

Oliver Lee Ranch House Tour — 1-4 p.m. at Oliver Lee Memorial State Park, 12 miles south of Alamogordo, 409 Dog Canyon Road. Built in 1893, the house provides

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Truth or Consequences/ Sierra County

Second Saturday Art Hop — 6 p.m. downtown Truth or Consequences. Info: director@tocmainstreet.org.

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"The Brave Little Tailor" — 7 p.m. at the Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main St. Downtown Las Cruces. A Children's Theatre of the Mesilla Valley production. Cost: 12. Info: 575-571-1413.

Ruidoso/Lincoln County Outdoor Expo — 11 a.m.-5 p.m. at the Ruidoso Convention Center, 111 Sierra Blanca Drive, Ruidoso. Info: 575-254-5445.

SUNDAY, MARCH 12 Truth or Consequences/ Sierra County

T or C Story Lab — noon-1 p.m., at El Cortez Theater, 415 Main St. T or C. Info: torcstorylab@gmail.com.

Alamogordo/Otero County "Grease the Musical" — 2

p.m. at the Flickinger Center for Performing Arts, 1110 New York Ave., Alamogordo. Presented by Alamogordo Music Theatre. Info: flickingercenter.com. Las Cruces/Doña Ana County
Photographer discussion — 2
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MONDAY, MARCH 13

Silver City/Grant County
Spring Break Drama Camp — 9
a.m.-3p.m. Oasis Coffee and Tea
House, 714 N. Bullard St. Silver
City. Ages 6-10, goes through
March 17. Register by March 10.
Info: www.silvercitycommunitytheater.com.

Widows Community — 10:30 a.m. sign in at Cross Point Church, 11600 U.S. Highway 180 E. Silver City with speaker Jarad White with NM Environment Dept. talking about food safety inspections. Everybody welcome. Cost: Lunch is \$14. Info: jimccord@yahoo.com.

TUESDAY, MARCH 14

Silver City/Grant County
Silver City Public Library program: Robot building — 4-6 p.m. at the Silver City Public Library, 515 W. College Ave. in Silver City. Info: silvercitypubliclibrary.org.

Las Cruces/Mesilla

Beer and Bards — 7 p.m. on the side patio of the Spotted Dog Brewery, corner of Avenida de Mesilla and University Avenue in Mesilla. Public readings of folk tales from the Six Celtic Nations. Info: 575-520-1916.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15 Silver City/Grant County Silver City Farmers Market — 3-6 p.m. 3025 U.S.-180 in Silver City. Info: www.silvercityfarmersmarket.

Truth or Consequences/
Sierra County

Free Lecture: Music of our Ancestors Butte Lake State Park —
6 p.m. at Elephant Butte Lake State Park, 101 Highway 195, Elephant Butte. Mario Portillo, Harold Dick and Don Hallock perform Mexican and Native American songs and old-time favorites from Sierra County's cultures. Info: 575-744-

Las Cruces/Mesilla
Farmers and Crafts Market —
8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Plaza de
Las Cruces and along Main Street.
Info: 575-805-6055.

THURSDAY, MARCH 16

Silver City/Grant County
Meeting: Possible actions for
public comment on proposed Air
Force expansions over Gila — 9
a.m. Tranquilbuzz Coffee Shop in
Silver City. Hosted by the Southwest New Mexico Audubon society. Info: www.swnmaudubon.org.
"City Slickers" starring Billy
Crystal and Jack Palance — 6:30
p.m. at the Santa Clara Armory.
Film series, "How the West was
Fun" presented by the Fort Bayard
Historic Preservation Society. Cost:
free. Info: 575-388-4862.

Truth or Consequences/ Sierra County

Square Dancing — 1-3:30 p.m. at the New Mexico Old Time Fiddlers

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FRIDAY, MARCH 17 Silver City/Grant County

Game Day — 3:30 p.m. at the Silver City Public Library, 515 W.

College Ave. in Silver City. Info: silvercitypubliclibrary.org.

St. Paddy's Day Party and Pub Crawl with music by the Gila Lobsters — Crawl starts at 4 p.m. and music at 8 p.m. at Little Toad Creek Brewery and Distillery, 200 N. Bullard St. Silver City. Info: 575-

956-6144.

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State Park Astronomy Program

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p.m. at the Flickinger Center for Performing Arts, 1110 New York Ave., Alamogordo. Presented by Alamogordo Music Theatre. Info: flickingercenter.com.

Ruidoso/Lincoln County

Josh Abbot Band — 8-11 p.m. at
the Inn of the Mountain Gods, 287

Carrizo Canyon Road, Mescalero. Platinum-selling recording artist and guitarist. Info: 575-464-7777.

SATURDAY, MARCH 18 Silver City/Grant County

Silver City Farmer's Market — 9 a.m.-noon at Pope Street and College Avenue in Silver City. Info: silvercityfarmersmarket.info.

Music open mic − 2-4 p.m. at the Tranquil Buzz Coffee House, 112

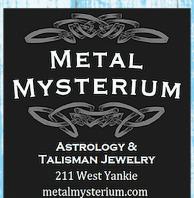
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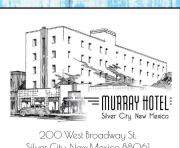
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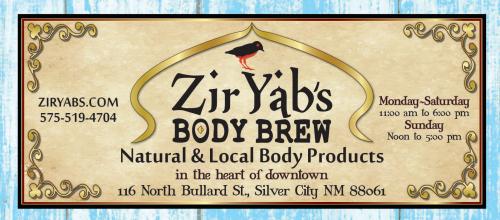




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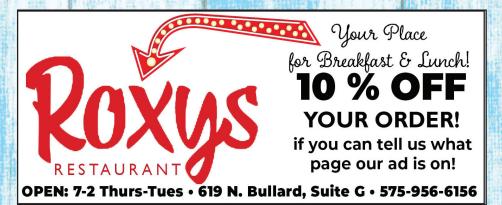
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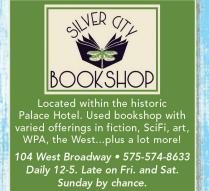
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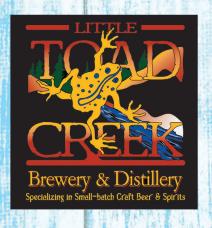
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Alamogordo Otero County Farmers Market — 9:30 a.m., Tractor Supply parking lot, 2920 N. White Sands Blvd. in Alamogordo. Info: farmersmarketsnm.org.

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Farmers Market - 8:30-11 a.m. at Ralph Edwards Park, Riverside at Cedar in T or C. Fresh seasonal produce, baked goods, prepared foods and handmade items. Info: 575-894-9375.

Old Time Fiddlers Dance -7-9p.m. at the New Mexico Old Time Fiddlers Playhouse, 710 Elm St. in T or C. Live music, toe-tapping and refreshments. Info: 575-744-9137.

Ruidoso/Lincoln County Orianthi Live — 6-11 p.m. at the Inn of the Mountain Gods, 287 Carrizo Canyon Road, Mescalero. Platinum-selling recording artist and guitarist. Info: 575-464-7777. Hank & My Honky Tonk Heroes starring Jason Petty -7 p.m. at the Spencer Theater for the Performing Arts, 108 Spender Road, Airport Highway 220, Alto. Info: 575-336-4800.

Las Cruces/Mesilla **Scientist Saturday with Asombro**

- 9 a.m.-noon at the Chihuahuan Desert Nature Park, 56501 N. Jornada Road, Las Cruces. Explore science relative to the desert environment we live in. Info: 575-524-3334.

Weaving for Justice textile sale 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at First Christian Church Atrium, 1809 El Paseo Road, all proceeds go to Maya weaving cooperatives in Chiapas, Mexico. Info: www.weaving-for-jus-

Spring Fish Fry -4-7 p.m. at Good Samaritan Village social center, 3011 Buena Vida Circle, Las Cruces. Includes fish, shrimp, coleslaw, hush puppies, French fries and drinks. Kiwanis Club fundraiser for Las Cruces School kids. Cost: \$10. Info: 575-405-7953...

SUNDAY, MARCH 19 Silver City/Grant County

Live music: Joe Baker - 1-4 p.m. at Little Toad Creek Brewery and Distillery, 200 N. Bullard St. Silver City. 1920s jazz and blues and early country. Info: 575-956-6144. Live music: Mark Carter - noon-2 p.m. at the Tranquil Buzz Coffee House, 112 W. Yankie St. Info: 828-542-0216.

Truth or Consequences/ Sierra County

Art Talk: Wiz Allred — 1-2 p.m. at Rio Bravo Fine Art Gallery, 110 N. Broadway St. T or C. Allred discusses the importance of collecting and producing "regional realism." Info: 575-894-0572.

TUESDAY. MARCH 21 Silver City/Grant County

Movie: "Onward" — 3:30-5:30 p.m. at the Silver City Public Library, 515 W. College Ave. in Silver City. Info: silvercitypubliclibrary.org. Live music: The String Queens 7 p.m. Western New Mexico University Light Hall Theater. President's Chamber Music Series. A string trio bridging the gap between classical, soul and hip-hop. Info: 575-538-6469.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22

Silver City/Grant County Silver City Farmers Market - 3-6 p.m. 3025 U.S.-180 in Silver City. Info: www.silvercityfarmersmarket.

Alamogordo/Otero County Middle Eastern Dance Class -5:15-6:30 p.m. at Otero Artspace, 1118 Indiana Ave, Alamogordo. Longtime dance teacher Claudia Powell offers this class. Cost: \$5 over 65 and \$8 under 65 donation to Otero Arts. Info: 575-442-3029 or claudia@tularosa.net.

Las Cruces/Mesilla Farmers and Crafts Market -

8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Plaza de Las Cruces and along Main Street. Info: 575-805-6055.

THURSDAY, MARCH 23 Silver City/Grant County

"Wagons East" starring John Candy in his final role -6:30p.m. at the Santa Clara Armory. Film series, "How the West was Fun" presented by the Fort Bayard Historic Preservation Society. Cost: free. Info: 575-388-4862.

Live music: Sultans of String -7p.m. Western New Mexico University Fine Arts Theatre. A sonic tapestry of flamenco, Arabic folk, Cuban rhythms and Django-jazz. Info: 575-538-5862.

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Square Dancing - 1-3:30 p.m. at the New Mexico Old Time Fiddlers Playhouse, 710 Elm St. in T or C. Square dancing and refreshments. Info: 575-313-9971 or 505-804-

Las Cruces/Mesilla Cirque Italia Water Circus -7:30p.m. at the Mesilla Valley Mall parking lot under the white and blue big top tent. A pirate, buried treasure circus adventure. Info: silver.cirqueitalia.com.

FRIDAY, MARCH 24 Silver City/Grant County

Create a March Craft -3:30-4:30p.m. at the Silver City Public Library, 515 W. College Ave. in Silver City. Info: silvercitypubliclibrary.org.

Las Cruces/Mesilla

Las Cruces Arts Fair — All day at the Las Cruces Convention Center, 680 E. University Ave., Las Cruces. Info: 575-523-6403.

Cirque Italia Water Circus -7:30p.m. at the Mesilla Valley Mall

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SATURDAY, MARCH 25

Silver City/Grant County **Silver City Farmers Market** - 9 a.m.-12 p.m. 901 N. Pope St. in Silver City. Info: www.silvercityfarmersmarket.info.

Storytelling "Random Acts of Kindness" — 2-4 p.m. at the Tranquil Buzz Coffee House, 112 W. Yankie St. Info: 828-542-0216.

Live music: New Age Love Affair - 8-11 p.m. at Little Toad Creek Brewery and Distillery, 200 N. Bullard St. Silver City. Infection energy and hard-hitting live show. Info: 575-956-6144.

Alamogordo/Otero County **Alamogordo Otero County** Farmers Market — 8-10 a.m. in Alameda Park, 1987 White Sands Blvd. in Alamogordo. Info: farmers-



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Truth or Consequences/ Sierra County

Truth or Consequences Rock & Gem Show - 9 a.m.-5 p.m. at the Sierra County Fairgrounds Barn,

1321 Hyde Ave. in T or C. Info:

Author talk: "The Ballad of Placida Romero" - 9-11 a.m. at the Albert J. Lyon Event Center, 2953 S. Broadway St. in T or C. Bob Roland speaks about his book. A silent auction, appetizers and dessert is included. Cost: \$15. Info: 575-894-6666.

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SUNDAY, MARCH 26 Silver City/Grant County

Live music: Eric, Sue and Dale -

noon-2 p.m. at the Tranquil Buzz 575-740-2972. Coffee House, 112 W. Yankie St. Info: 828-542-0216.

Live music: Famous Raymos 1-4 p.m. at Little Toad Creek Brewery and Distillery, 200 N.

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Truth or Consequences Rock & Gem Show — 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Sierra County Fairgrounds Barn, 1321 Hyde Avenue in T or C. Info: 575-740-2972.

Pop-up Apothecary - 3-7 p.m. at Studio de La Luz, 308 S. Pershing St. #3346, T or C. Local artisans/ vendors selling items from herbal and medicinal oils, salves, teas, soaps and more. Info: 845-807-2265.

TUESDAY, MARCH 28 Silver City/Grant County

Minecraft — 4-6 p.m. at the Silver City Public Library, 515 W. College Ave. in Silver City. Info: silvercitypubliclibrary.org.

Las Cruces/Mesilla **Beer and Bards** - 7 p.m. on the side patio of the Spotted Dog Brewery, corner of Avenida de Mesilla and University Avenue in Mesilla. Public readings of folk tales from the Six Celtic Nations. Info: 575-520-1916.

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Info: 575-805-6055.

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Las Cruces/Mesilla Las Cruces Space Festival —

4-10 p.m. Downtown Las Cruces. Space art show and industry night followed by a movie at the Rio Grande Theatre. Info: Icspacefestival.com/schedule.

FRIDAY, MARCH 31 Silver City/Grant County

Create some candy sushi -3:30-4:30 p.m. at the Silver City Public Library, 515 W. College Ave. in Silver City. Info: silvercitypubliclibrary.org.

Return of the Mischief with DJ Mischievous — 9 p.m.-midnight at Little Toad Creek Brewery and Distillery, 200 N. Bullard St. Silver City. Info: 575-956-6144.

Alamogordo/Otero County Live Music: Mads Tolling and the Mads Men - 7 p.m. at the Flickinger Center for Performing Arts, 1110 New York Ave., Alamogordo. Renowned violinist and his group celebrate the music of the 1960s Mad Men Era. Inof: flickingercenter.

Las Cruces/Mesilla Las Cruces Space Festival -

5-10 p.m. NMSU O'Donnell Hall, 1220 Stewart St. and Challenger Learning Center, 505 S. Main St. NMSU Astronomy Night and missions at the learning center all followed by another movie at the Rio Grande Theatre. Info: Icspacefestival.com/schedule.

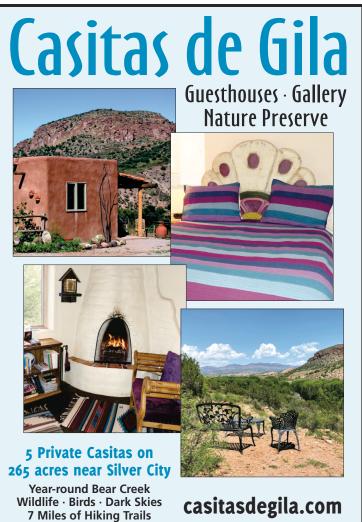
SATURDAY, APRIL 1 Silver City/Grant County

Live music: Stockdale and A.seb - 8 p.m. at Whiskey Creek Zócalo, 11786 U.S. Highway 180 E., Silver City. Stockdale is a hip-hop trio from Germany with roots in New Mexico. A.seb is a singer, guitarist, piano player with emo punk roots and melodic love songs. Cost: \$10. Info: 575-388-1266.

Las Cruces/Mesilla Las Cruces Space Festival -

II:30 a.m. 275 Downtown, Plaza de Mesilla. STEAM Saturday features hands on science, technology, engineering, art and math activities for all ages with a costume competition held at noon. The festival continues at various venues with Challenger Learning Center missions, Big Space Quiz, and MoonGazing on the Plaza. Info: Icspacefestival.com/schedule.





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CHINESE PALACE, 1010 Highway 180 E, 538-9300. Chinese: Monday to Friday L D.

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DON JUAN'S BURRITOS, 418 Silver Heights Blvd., 538-5440. Mexican: B L. EINSTEIN BROS BAGELS, 1000 W. College Ave., 538-6555.

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HIGH DESERT PIES, 315 N. Texas St.

JALISCO CAFÉ, 103 S. Bullard St., 388-2060. Mexican. Monday to Saturday L D Sunday B.

JAVALINA COFFEE HOUSE, 117
Market St., 388-1350. Coffeehouse.
KOUNTRY KITCHEN, 1700 Mountain View Road, 388-4512. Mexican:
Tuesday to Saturday B L D.

LA COCINA RESTAURANT, 201 W.
College Ave., 388-8687. Mexican: L D.
LA FAMILIA MEXICAN RESTAURANT, 503 N. Hudson St., 388-4600.
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LA MEXICANA RESTAURANT, 1105
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PUBLISHER'S NOTEBOOK . RICHARD COLTHARP

SNM's Dirty Little Secret

The nasty truth we all try to avoid

t's Southern New Mexico's dark, dirty secret.

The visitor centers from Alamogordo to Lordsburg, from Las Cruces to Truth or Consequences, avoid this truth and fear its consequences.

Chambers of commerce keep it out of their conversations.

As I write this, on a Wednesday afternoon in Las Cruces, my teeth are full of grit, grime and crunchy bits of sand that were in Deming this morning.

At the same time, Las Cruces topsoil was winding its way to Otero County, at about 75 miles an hour, seeking some unsuspecting teeth in Alamogordo or Tularosa.

Remember the old saying "March comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb?"

That doesn't work here in Southern New Mexico.

In 1975, in a hilarious Saturday

"You become

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for what you've

tamed."

-Antoine de Saint-Exupéry

Night Live sketch, John Belushi gave his take on the old adage. Here's a sample of that Belushi

"Did you know March behaves differently in other countries? In Norway for example, March comes in like a polar bear and goes out like a walrus. Or, take the case of Honduras, where March comes in like a lamb and goes out like a salt marsh harvest mouse. Let's compare this to the Maldive Islands, where March comes in like a wildebeest, and goes out like an ant. A tiny, little ant about this big..."

I'm not sure what animals would best describe the bad windy days in Southern New Mexico, but it would probably involve flying javelinas or bald coyotes.

Once, while hiking outside of Silver City, I saw a raven flying into the wind, flapping its wings furiously, and going nowhere, like an air treadmill. Ravens being ravens, the big black bird seemed (and sounded) as if it were having a grand old time.

Recently, while driving along New Mexico Hwy. 28, I saw a roadrunner run into the wind, stop, and do an instantaneous 180-degree turn so he could run with the wind, which lifted him off the ground a few feet.

Ninety-five percent of the time,

Southern New Mexico's weather is damn near perfect. We like to brag – and rightly so – about not having tornados, hurricanes or earthquakes. We don't get much rain, but when we do, you gotta love our rainbows. We also don't have to deal with six months of snow as people do in Minnesota or North Dakota.

But we keep pretty mum to visitors about our dirty dozen or so windy days from hell. That said, we'll complain all day - and rightly so - to our fellow Southern New Mexicans about the evil winds.

During one of the nasty, windy days when I was living in Alamogordo, every car in town had a thin layer of gypsum because the directional winds sent tons of the white stuff from White Sands National Monument (I don't know if I'll ever get used to calling it White Sands National Park) over the city.

Lots of people in Southern New Mexico own one of those pop-up shade canopies, and tote it to festivals, kids' soccer games, Gus Macker tournaments, picnics or wherever. However, nobody owns one for very long. Inevitably, on one of those occasions, a beautiful calm morning turns into a whirlwind afternoon, mangling canopies in its wake.

When I talk with old friends from Oklahoma, where I grew up, and the talk turns to weather, they'll tell me about the latest tornado, ice storm or flood. And I might complain that it rained mud last month.

"Rained mud?" they'll ask, confused.

We here in Southern New Mexico know the phenomenon

Occasionally, during one of our dirt uprisings, the sky decides to rain sideways for about 17 seconds. As the raindrops fly through the dense dust, they collect just enough soil to soil your car windshield with a spattering of mini mud pies.

If you happen to be reading this outside, and the wind hasn't already whipped your Desert Exposure away, now might be a good time to nail it down to the nearest hunk of wood.

Richard Coltharp is publisher of Desert Exposure and the Las Cruces Bulletin. Years ago, he and his daughter Avalon, while flying a kite in Artesia, watched helplessly as a big wind gust broke the string and sent the kite into the sunset. They gave up and opted for a sand-covered ice cream cone.



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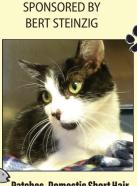
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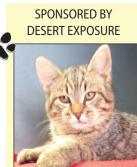
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STEM ADVENTURES

Drone to Drone

Air Force, Mescalero, schools dream together

irmen from the 29th Attack Squadron (an MQ-9 Reaper squadron) at Holloman Air Force Base volunteered to participate as judges and referees in the first Aerial Drone Competition at Mescalero Apache High School, Jan. 21. The event was sanctioned by the Robotics Education and Competition Foundation out of Greenville, Texas, and locally organized by Mescalero Apache School teacher, mentor, and coach, Nate Raynor.

"This competition was an exciting opportunity for our students to hone their piloting and engineering skills," Raynor said. "Being able to put this together has shown me that these events are a true learning experience



The 29th Attack Squadron (an MQ-9 Reaper squadron) has a special relationship with the Mescalero Tribe. In 2009, they collaborated with tribal members to design a new morale patch (see attached image) for the squadron. They asked that the translation of the word "Reaper" be placed on the patch. The closest translation was "Chinde Nagutzunde" meaning "Ghost Warriors" which was adopted as the squadron's mascot. The 29th ATKS chose the Mescalero Apache Tribe's warrior culture to model their squadron after because of their rich history in the area and close proximity to Holloman Air Force Base.

where teamwork, progressive iteration and precision are paramount to success."

Raynor collaborated with Tarek Shrabaitai, the vice president of international programs and developments at the REC Foundation, who attended the competition. Shrabaitai expressed the significance of this event is not to be understated, noting that it will serve as a starting point for expansion of the program worldwide, connecting a wide variety of communities.

"Starting this trend on the Mescalero Apache Reservation is incredibly important," said Native Americans Shrabaiti. are seriously underrepresented in STEM fields and partnering with the Air Force will help us jumpstart state-wide expansion, providing so many students with opportunities they may have thought they didn't have."

"The goal was to bolster ties with the local community, especially since our squadron mascot is the Ghost Warrior," said



The Farmington High School **Robotics Team** poses for a photo after winning the Mescalero **Apache School** first Aerial Drone Competition at Mescalero Apache High School, Jan. 21. The 29th **Attack Squadron** served as judges and referees for this event. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman **Antonio Salfran)**

U.S. Air Force Capt. Alexander Rockwell, 29th Attack Squadron instructor pilot and event coordinator. "The Mescalero Apache tribe has been our local community partner for years now, so any chance we can get to meet members of their tribe is a great opportunity."

With the success of the first

drone competition in the state, the future looks bright for the students and mentors who are looking to get into science, technology, engineering and mathematics-related activities.

For more information regarding STEM-related activities and future aerial drone compe-

titions, you can contact Tarek Shraibati at tarek@roboticseducation.org.





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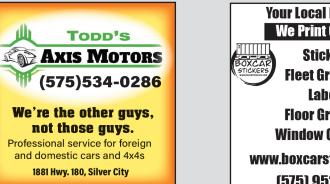
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RAISINGDAD • JIM AND HENRY DUCHENE

Who's Laughing? Everything's fine, until it's not

leanliness is next to godliness.

That's why, once a month, I take a bath whether I need one or not. This past month, however, I had to give myself an additional scrubbing because my very thoughtful wife scheduled our colonoscopies together.

"Couples who colonoscopy together, stay together," she assured me.

If it wasn't for her, I would probably avoid them altogether. Colonoscopies are not my idea of fun, although my younger sister told me she enjoyed hers.

"I don't want to hear about your sex life," I kidded her, but I knew what she meant. It's relaxing to be put under and sleep a worryless slumber. Anyone with kids knows what I mean.

For some, the worst part of a colonoscopy is the day before, when you're preparing for it. There's a gallon of liquid you have to drink to clean yourself out. Digestive Drano. It's usually cloyingly sweet, but this time it tasted like Alka Seltzer without the fizz. My wife and I had to drink an 8-ounce glass every 15 minutes. You don't know how fast 15 minutes can go by until you're waiting to drink something disgusting at the end of it. Fasting is also involved.

"Why am I being punished?" my stomach wondered.

A friend of my wife recently prepared for a colonoscopy. Sometime after drinking the foul concoction, her husband had a diabetic stroke and was taken to the hospital. His mother asked if she was going to cancel her procedure. ... desertexposure.com/stories/raisingdad,34427

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EVERYDAY OBSERVATIONS . ABE VILLARREAL

Old Fashioned Hamburgers

The experience of something reliable

y friend always chuckles when I go to a diner or a whole-in-the-wall, family-owned restaurant and order an Old Fashioned. It's what I call a traditional, classic burger.

You know the kind. Toasted bun, lettuce, tomatoes, onion, and some mayo. Oh, and the best part is a patty that looks like it's been smashed down by the cook with one of those flat metal tools. It's not perfectly shaped, and the edges of the patty are the right kind of crispy.

Not all hometown restaurants serve an Old Fashioned, but they all should. Menus evolve, and so do tastes, but there is always room for the Old Fashioned. It's the kind of meal that isn't pretentious. It knows what it wants to be, and you know it doesn't want to be much other than good tasting and always the same.

In really good restaurants, the kind that have been owned by one family for decades and have employed the same cook for generations, the Old Fashioned is extra special.

They serve it to you in one of those red basket oval-shaped containers. It's cradled next to a pile of hand-cut fries, the kind where they are all slightly shaped differently, and you could tell that they were salted by someone who knows how to work a salt shaker. ... desertexposure.com/stories/everyday-observations,34425

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TALKING HORSES . SCOT THOMSON

The Lessons of 'All Creatures'

Beloved show touches horse lovers

imagine many readers of this paper are also fans of the quality programing on the various PBS stations across our state. If you enjoy a good story with interesting characters, and also happen to love animals, then I suspect the reboot of the classic "All Creatures Great and Small" is near the top of your list. Personally, I didn't think they would be able to match the original, but with great casting, wonderful animals and gorgeous photography the producers have maintained the series with great warmth and the compelling storylines around vet James Heriot.

For the horse lovers among us, one of the early episodes in season three, aired in late January, was focused primarily on the fate of a troubled young race horse and the conflicting human views of what should be done with him. It's a story relevant to the horse's history throughout time.

Whenever I see horses interacting with actors on film, I'm always interested in who managed to make this movie magic with an animal that can be pretty unpredictable. I have some personal experience with this when I appeared on a weekly TV training show back in 2002 with my first horse.

I can tell you things did not always go as planned and it took lots of footage and some good editing to produce what the show's star wanted to demonstrate for the public.

On their website PBS offered an interview with the trainer who prepared the horse and guided the main character, knowing that viewers might like to know a bit more about how this episode was shot. Stunt doubles were used for just two scenes. ...

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