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PUBLISHER'S WELCOME LETTER

Do it all, or do nothing at all

There are dozens of really cool things to do in Silver City.

Many of them are active and energetic. You can go bicycling on the roads or in the mountains. You can go hiking all over. If you're a runner, you can challenge yourself against the hills.

You can go to a concert, whether it's a big event like the Blues Festival, or a small, one-person act at a local bar or restaurant.

You can actively sample the wide variety of local food.

You can spend the day walking around visiting the galleries and museums.

Or

You could do nothing.

Silver City, New Mexico, is one of the best places in the world to sit back, relax and do nothing. OK, if you insist, you can read a book you found at one of the local bookstores.

Because of the weather, and the relatively quiet nature of the community, stress tends toward the low side. Almost all the hotels, cabins and lodges in the region have wonderful outside settings where you can just sit and take in the surroundings.

One side effect of the pandemic is many restaurants that didn't already have patios now have them. So, you can sit outside and drink your coffee, or eat your green chile cheeseburger, and do nothing.

If you live here, and are living your life, it's easy to get caught up in your work and your routines and forget that, 'Hey, I could use a little down time for my brain.' Hopefully, this magazine will remind you of the many ways you can break that routine.

If you're visiting, make Silver City a place where you truly unwind. Forget that tightly planned schedule, and stay an extra day in Silver City and Grant County, just so you can do, well, nothing.

Whether you're packing in as much as you can do in your time here, or you're deciding to truly vacate your other life, Life is Good here.

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LIFE IS GOOD

The Colors of Grant County

BY ELVA K. ÖSTERREICH

From the brilliant yellows, blues and oranges at the corner of Yankee and Texas Streets to the layered reds and golds of the hills decorated by mining country to the east and the cool green waters and rich hills to the north and west, Grant County celebrates color. Maybe that is why there are so many art oriented and colorful people there.

Art is so much a part of the community, every summer the youth are invited to create a mural with the help of area artists, you can see these across the city. And even the college, Western New Mexico University, sporting royal purple and golden yellow, brings ¡Fiesta Latina! celebrating the colorful crafts, arts and music of Mexico.

Color can sway thinking, change behavior and cause mood changes. It can irritate, soothe and communicate circumstances. In terms of communication, Grant County and Silver City are masters of colors.

In this edition of Life is Good you can find the relaxing colors of locally brewed beers, the calming tints of meditation and the singing colors of bicycles flashing by and golf discs floating past. The fabric of lives become intertwined in the quilts, fibers and historic buildings of the landscape of Grant County. Then, of course, the place has its own version of the fabulous New Mexico sky from sunset to magnificent storm clouds. It might be time to slip into the day and see what colors you can find there.

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SILVER CITY STATS

SILVER CITY

PEOPLE

Population:
9,578 (2021)

Households:
3,947 (2016-2020)

Veterans:
686 (2016-2020)

Median household income:
\$30,821 (in 2020 dollars, 2016-2020)

Median home value:
\$139,600 (2016-2020)

Source: U.S. Census Bureau Quick Facts

WEATHER

Average high temp:
49.5°F in the coldest month (January) to 85.6°F in the warmest month (June)

Average low temp:
30.2°F in the coldest month (January) to 65.1°F in the warmest month (June)

Average precipitation:
16.6 inches

Average snowfall:
7 inches

<https://www.weather-us.com/en/new-mexico-usa/silver-city-climate#:~:text=The%20warmest%20month%20>

GRANT COUNTY BUSINESS

PEOPLE

Population:
27,889 (2021)

Households:
14,641 (2021)

Veterans:
2,420 (2021)

Median household income:
\$37,453 (In 2020 Dollars, 2016-2020)

Persons below poverty level:
20 percent (2020)

Nonemployer establishments:
1,637 (2019)

Employer establishments:
547 (2020)

GEOGRAPHY

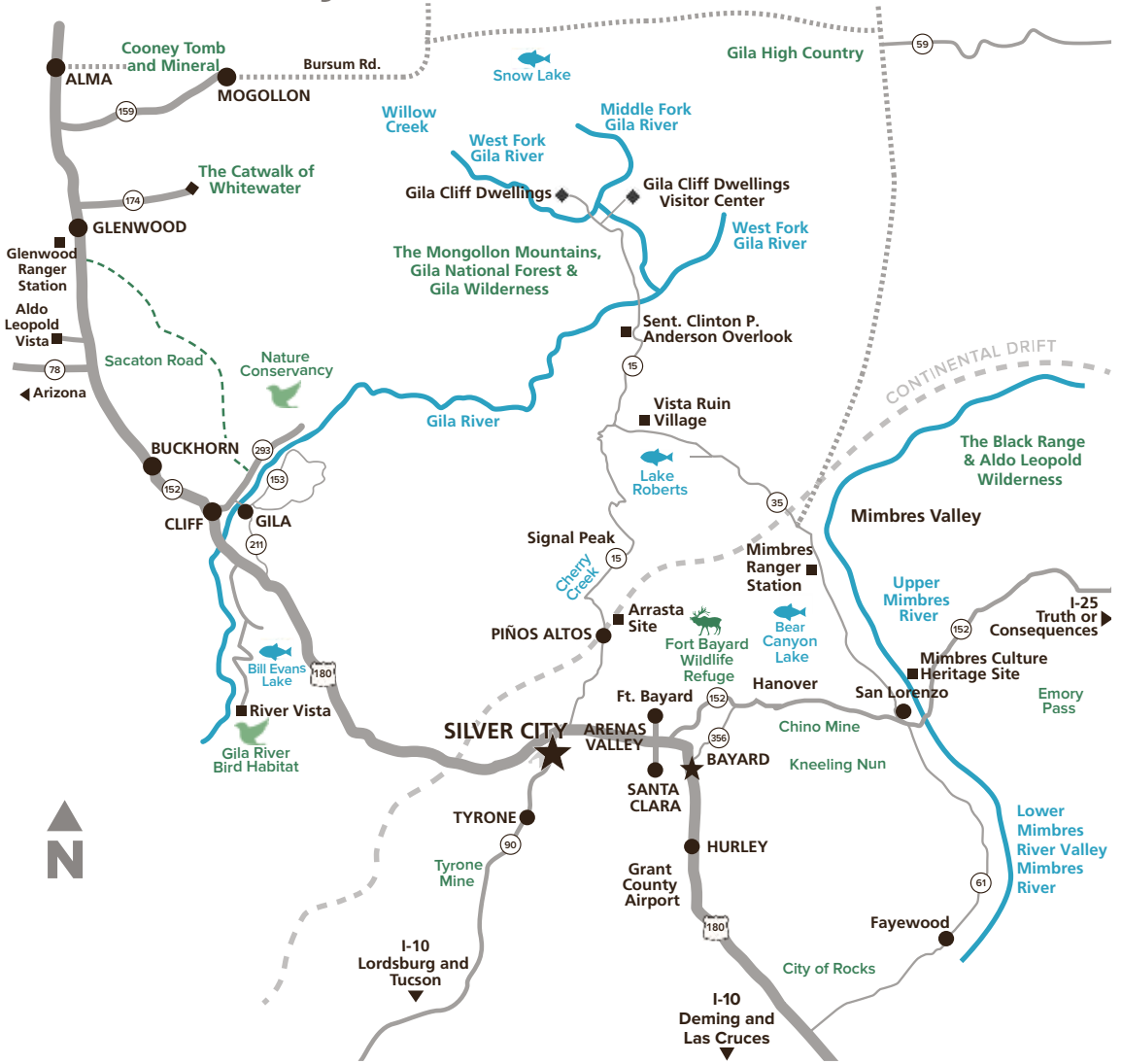
Land area (square miles):
3,961.21 (2020)

Persons per square mile:
7.1 (2020)

Source: <https://www.census.gov/quickfacts/fact/table/grantcountynewmexico/PST045221>

LANDMARKS

Grant County Area





Grant County Airport serving the communities since 1951

BY ELVA K. ÖSTERREICH

Grant County Airport is a county-owned, public-use airport in Grant County serving Silver City and its surroundings. It is located just about 18 miles southeast of the Silver City.

The airport is mostly used for general aviation but is also served by one commercial airline, Advanced Air. Service is subsidized by the Essential Air Service Program that aims to provide air transport to residents of smaller communities into larger airports. Because of its small size, it is considered a non-primary commercial service airport, serving between 2,500 and 10,000 enplanements per year.

The Grant County Airport was dedicated on Nov. 30, 1951, serving the communities of Silver City, Hurley, Lordsburg and Deming, as well as smaller communities in the mining district which includes Arenas Valley, Fort Bayard, Central (now Santa Clara), Bayard, and Santa Rita.


Many various airlines have provided service to the airport over the years since 1951 including Frontier Airlines, Zia Airlines, Airways of New Mexico, Mesa Airlines and more.

A National Fire Equipment System cache is kept nearby for the United States Forest Service and it is not uncommon for firefighting teams to triage at the airport in preparation to fight nearby fires that might arise in the mountainous areas.

Tours of the Gila provides tours of the airport and offer services one way or round trip. Prices range from \$19.99 to \$39.99 plus tax for pickups in Silver City and areas east enroute to the airport. Pickups from more distant locales, like Mimbres are calculated by individual. Call them at 575-574-8444 or 575-574-2696.



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Pocket Park

New Park in Downtown Silver City

BY CHARMEINE WAIT

The New Mexico Resiliency Alliance, in partnership with New Mexico MainStreet and the McCune Charitable Foundation, awarded Silver City MainStreet funds for the Main Street Plaza Pocket Park.

The Pocket Park serves as a safe pedestrian entrance into the Main Street Plaza where the Maker’s Market is held along with various community events. The Park offers benches under an awning with a walkway to

the benches that is accessible for wheelchairs and wayfinding signage. The park features a New Mexico Folk Art mural completed in 2021 by Carlos Callejo.

The Town of Silver City purchased the lot last year and was developed with funds from the New Mexico Resiliency Alliance and Silver City MainStreet.

The streetscape, mural and park are all intended to enhance and encourage use of the Main Street Plaza, a capital outlay project completed in March 2020.

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COMMUNITIES

The Spirits of Silver City

Little Toad offers special place for locals, tourists alike

BY RICHARD COLTHARP

Teresa Dahl-Bredine and David Crosley lived in Silver City as kids and, when they grew up, got married.

David got a degree in teaching, but mostly worked as a mechanic, in the mines and at the golf course. Teresa got a degree in theater, but mostly worked in construction and in bars. They had ideas of success but weren't sure what it would look like or how they would get there.

While the legendary liquid is blamed for as many problems as solutions, this couple found their answer in beer.

"Both David and I wanted to stay in Silver City and make something really cool there," Teresa said.

And now, thanks to beer, they have done that.

Little Toad Creek Brewery came to downtown Silver City just in time for Christmas 2013 and has become the "something really cool" Teresa and David always talked about.

"We always had a passion for the area and the people in Silver City," Teresa said. "And we've sort of accidentally been able to create a cool spot where people can come and hang out, mix together, blend, find common ground, enjoy a good beer and some music. By doing that, we hope we're contributing in some small way to the community."

They are also contributing to the community economically, having added a second location two hours east in Las Cruces, and grown their company to more than 80 employees.

It all began in their garage, with David trying his hand at home brewing.

He found he liked doing it, and people liked his product. That grew to a two-barrel system and in 2012, they opened an inn and tavern in the Gila Wilderness at Lake Roberts, hard by Sapillo Creek. The English translation of Sapillo is, you guessed it, Little Toad.

That remote location is no longer a tavern, but serves as an Airbnb rental.

They got their distiller's license the same time as they



got their brewer’s license, but beer was “definitely a bigger focus” in the early days, Teresa said.

As they started distilling and serving their spirits – whiskey, rum, gin, vodka and agave – they noticed something.

“At our tasting rooms, spirit sales started to outperform beer sales,” Teresa said. “Cocktails are on the rise in popularity, and we’re a location you can get them. We only sell New Mexico products, mostly our own, and people seem to like that as well.”

You can get Little Toad craft cocktails in cans, featuring blends of their spirits and other flavors. There are six varieties now: four different Mixed-Up Mules and two margaritas. The timing on their canned cocktails proved to be valuable.

“When we started distributing our products, we realized the market’s really saturated with craft beer, but there’s room for canned cocktails,” Teresa said. “When we decided to really go for it with the canned cocktails, we just went all in. It was a huge leap of faith, but the category is beginning to blow up, and we believe it’s going to help us expand beyond this little corner of the state.”

It also helped them survive the pandemic. While restaurants and taverns were closed for most of a year, sales at liquor stores went through the roof.

“Getting good distribution was key, and we thought it was a good time to launch our product in liquor stores,”

Teresa said.

So, they’ve solved your thirst issues, and Little Toad can also solve your hunger issues, with great pub food and some surprises, many featuring New Mexico’s delicious native green chile.

When you gather with friends at Little Toad for a bite and a Lucky Toad Lager, a Big Ditch Brown Ale or a Mixed-Up Mule Mojito, you probably won’t think about the years of hard work David and Teresa put into their products, but you’ll definitely be tasting the fruits of their labor.

Little Toad Brewery & Distillery is at 200 N. Bullard St. in historic downtown Silver City, 575-956-6144, or info@littletoadcreek.com. Learn more at littletoadcreek.com.



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Visitor Center Displays Sculptures of SW Artist

BY CHARMEINE WAIT

The Murray Ryan Visitor Center isn't just a place to get information about our area, but also offers a welcoming art experience. Three bronze sculptures by southwest artist Ho Baron have been added to the collection. The sculptures join several other pieces of Baron's work including stone pieces that are available for viewing outside of the Visitor Center.

For more than 50 years, Baron has created surreal narratives in bronze and cast stone sculptures, pen and ink drawings, photographs, and assemblages. Working intuitively, he creates motifs that reflect his unique and personal style of anthropomorphic figures. "We have visitors who come in and recognize Baron's work," David Chapman, manager of the Visitor Center



GRANT COUNTY COMMUNITIES

BAYARD

CITY POPULATION: 2116 (2020 CENSUS)

Located in the foothills of the Gila and Mogollon mountains, Bayard was incorporated in 1938.

CLIFF

CENSUS-DESIGNATED PLACE POPULATION: 284 (2020 CENSUS)

Primarily a farming and ranching community, the post office was established in 1894.

HURLEY

TOWN POPULATION: 1,256 (2020 CENSUS)

As early as 1801, the Chino Mines were the principal source of copper for the mint in Mexico.

PINOS ALTOS

CENSUS-DESIGNATED PLACE POPULATION: 225 (2020 CENSUS)

Spanish for "tall pines," Pinos Altos is located in the Gila National Forest, with several historic places to visit.

SANTA CLARA

VILLAGE POPULATION: 1,637 (2020 CENSUS)

A part of the central mining district that includes Bayard, Hanover and Hurley, Santa Clara was founded in the early 1860s. In the 1960s, residents from nearby Santa Rita removed their homes from the path of the expanding open-pit mining operation of the Kennecott Copper Corp.

SAN LORENZO

CENSUS-DESIGNATED PLACE

POPULATION: 148 (2020 CENSUS)

San Lorenzo is a scenic village located in the Mimbres Valley. The San Lorenzo Canyon Recreation area offers opportunities for hiking and primitive camping.

SILVER CITY

TOWN, COUNTY SEAT

POPULATION: 9,704 (2020 CENSUS)

Silver City, the largest town in Grant County, is a hub of activity. It values and preserves its historical, cultural and natural heritage. Home to a four-year university and historic downtown and cultural district, it is surrounded by the Gila National Forest.

GLENWOOD*

VILLAGE POPULATION: 113 (2020 CENSUS)

Glenwood is a quaint village located in southern Catron County on U.S. Highway 180. Glenwood has motels, restaurants and other services and is the jumping-off place for several Catron County features.

* Glenwood is in Catron County, but connects to Silver City and Grant County for tourism and shopping.



said. “They are excited to see it in Silver City. We also have the wonderful tile murals done by the Youth Mural Program, two large sculptures from NM Arts - Arts in Public places program, a clay installation by artist Joao Galera, and a wonderful mural by Carlos Callejo. We also have shows of local art throughout the year.”

Chapman encourages all residents and visitors to visit www.visitsilvercity.org and go to the calendar and event pages to see what is happening in Silver City and Grant County. The “101 Things to Do” postcard has been updated and is one of the many free items available.

The mission of Silver City MainStreet is “To encourage a vibrant, historic downtown Silver City that is recognized as the heart of our diverse community.” Visit silvercitymainstreet.com to learn more.



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A stroll through Silver City history

“Stories from our Streets – Discover the Town that was Built to Last” is a booklet of history and architecture. Pick one of from the visitor center or from discoversilvercitystories.org and find a guide for the historic buildings along Bullard Street.

This walking tour booklet includes 18 different buildings and plaques in front of the buildings. The website also includes the tour in both print and audio format.

The walk, back and forth along Bullard, is about one mile long.

The idea started with Tom Hester and his class of Western Institute for Lifelong Learning (WILL) students. The volunteers researched the stories about the people and the buildings.

“The buildings were chosen randomly to cover both sides of Bullard St. and guided by trying to tell the story of a



street and the people that occupied the buildings,” Hester said. “All buildings in a place tell stories.

That story consists of an individual narrative for each structure and of an overall narrative.

“We have seen Bullard St. contain the essential parts of the mining industry, be a major commercial center for offices of professionals, give shelter to automobile agencies and groceries and movie theaters. That larger story, the overall narrative, can often be the one that ‘makes sense’ of the present buildings.”



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Grant County libraries

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Gila Valley Library provides 24-hour Wi-Fi access, children's activities and a fascinating weather station that measures wind speed, temperature, humidity, and rainfall. The Gila Valley Library has become a forestry field site for native and naturalized plants with engraved markers listing their names and benefits thanks to the NMNR department and a few volunteers. The library also holds two beautiful youth mural projects, The Riparian Life of The Gila River and Gila Stories.

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SILVER CITY PUBLIC LIBRARY

Silver City Public Library, established in 1992, holds multiple community engaging events throughout the month for all ages. Join them weekly at 10 a.m. on Tuesdays for stories, songs and rhymes during their Babytime. Enjoy fresh air on Wednesdays out on their lawn for a fun Storytime under the trees. Checkout their catalog for books, audiobooks, CD's, DVD's, and more on their website.

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J. Cloyd Miller Library named, after WNMU president during 1952-1962, serves the WNMU community and the lively Grant County community. The Miller library holds a wide variety of printed and electronic versions of books, media and maps. You can also find special collections like the Juan Chacon papers, held in their treasure room. The library is also a partial federal and state government Depository. The Miller Library has access to photocopy machines, microform reader-printers and wireless computer access.

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Glenwood Community Library holds monthly movies nights and book club meetings. With a children activity center and outdoor play area, you can find lots to do for the whole family.

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HOTELS & MOTELS



Murray Hotel

Community members can help in history search

BY LUCY WHITMARSH

Staff at the Murray Hotel in Silver City is working hard to solve some mysteries about the hotel and would like your help. After being closed for many years, hotel rooms and the ballroom at the hotel have been operating since a renovation was completed in 2012. One of the areas of the hotel not yet renovated is the bar. In the bar there is a mural titled “The Branding Room – A Tribute to Grant County Ranchers.” The lower right side of the mural has been lost. We are asking for help locating either a photograph or the sketch used to paint the mural so we can add the missing brands when the mural is restored.

The bar at the Murray Hotel was once a popular place to meet and relax for both the community and visitors. The hotel and bar opened in 1938. We do not know the name of the bar when the hotel first opened, but we know the name was changed to the “Copper Lounge” in July 1949. If anyone remembers what the bar was called prior to becoming the “Copper Lounge” please contact the Murray Hotel. We would very much like to have the information for our documentation of the history of the hotel. The renovated “Copper Lounge” included new fixtures and furniture. Additionally, two large scale photographs were added. One photograph was of the open pit at the Santa Rita Copper Mine and the other of a mountain with cattle grazing. If anyone has seen the photographs or pictures that include the photographs, the documentation would be a wonderful addition to the Murray Hotel archives.

In 1959, the name of the bar was changed to “The

Branding Room.” We do not know if any remodeling was done at that time. If anyone has plans for a bar renovation at the Murray Hotel in 1959, we would like to have copies. Also, if you have any photographs of the “The Branding Room” we would like to make copies so we have a record of how the bar was furnished at the time.

If you do have photographs or other documentation of the interior of the Murray Hotel we may copy, please contact Lucy Whitmarsh, Community Outreach Coordinator, at 575-956-9400 Option 2.



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SILVER CITY FESTIVALS

SPRING

TOUR OF THE GILA

April – The Tour of the Gila, held in April, has attracted competitive cyclists both amateur and professional from around the world. The annual race give opportunities for aspiring cyclists to participate on much of the same course and terrain as the UCI professional men and women. Info: tourofthegila.com

CDTC TRAIL DAYS

April – The Continental Divide Trail Coalition hosts CDTC Trail Days to educate and expose people to the Continental Divide Trail. It is held at the end of April at various locations for entertainment, raffles, seminars, group hikes and gear testing. Info: continentaldividetrail.org.

HURLEY PRIDE FESTIVAL & CAR SHOW

May – Held each year in May, this one-day festival and car show, held at Hurley Park, includes 20 classes of cars, food, vendors, music, raffles, jumping balloons, games and free trolley rides. Info: 575-956-3535.

SILVER CITY BLUES FESTIVAL

May – Hosted by Mimbres Region Arts Council, the festival showcases “local and rising stars” with a series of free performances over Memorial Day Weekend. The festival is held Memorial Day weekend, mostly at Gough Park, off Pope Street in Silver City. Info: www.silvercitybluesfestival.org.

SUMMER

WILD, WILD WEST PRO RODEO

June – The annual PRCA Rodeo features high-flying bull riding, fast riding and roping and much more, all under the cool New Mexico evening skies. Events are held at the Southwest Horseman’s Park, off of US Hwy 180 and Caballero Road just East of Silver City, New Mexico. Info: silvercityprorodeo.com.

¡FIESTA LATINA!

June – Western New Mexico University’s Fiesta Latina! enters its third year, this June, of Latin rhythms and flavors, master artisans from across Mexico and artisanal tequila, all held on the WNMU campus. Artisan Mercado, ongoing music and performances are free to the public throughout the event. Info: fiestalatina.org.

SILVER CITY CLAY FESTIVAL

July – The signature event of the Silver City Arts and Cultural District, the Silver City Clay Festival takes place in July. It’s a weeklong event that celebrates clay in all its forms at a variety of venues. Info: www.clayfestival.com.

HUMMINGBIRD FESTIVAL

July – Hummingbird Festival celebrates the small yet fierce birds in a variety of ways. Literature, art, guest speakers and live entertainment highlight the festival, held in July at the Mimbres Culture Heritage Site. Info: 575-536-3333.



COPPER COUNTRY CRUIZERS CAR SHOW

August – Held annually in August by the car club Copper Country Cruizers, the one-day car show features a hot dog burn, live music, multiple raffles, trophy winner parade and more. Info: www.coppercountrycruizers.com.

ROLLING STONES GEM & MINERAL SHOW

September – Labor Day weekend brings each year the Grant County Rolling Stones Annual Gem and Mineral Show, in which vendors display high-quality gems, minerals and jewelry. The free show got its start in 1983 and now features more than 40 vendors, a silent auction, “Wheel of Fortune” for kids and exhibits Saturday through Monday. For information, visit Rollingstonesgms.blogspot.com.

FALL

CARNITAS MUSICA Y MAS

September – Labor Day Weekend events brings a variety of music types, national acts with Tejano, Mariachi, rock and roll and country music for three days held at Gough Park in Silver City. Info: 575-590-2352.

FORT BAYARD DAYS

September – Typically held in September, Fort Bayard Days exhibits more than 20 living history stations that bring to life the fort’s historic significance. The fort played an integral role in protecting settlers and miners in the 1800s and housed Buffalo soldiers during the Civil War, who fought against Apache warriors. During Fort Bayard Days, volunteers dress in period costume and show attendees what life was like during its heyday. It usually includes a flag ceremony, games for kids, tours, lunch, lectures, dinner and a military ball. Info: fortbayard.org.

GILA RIVER FESTIVAL

September – The annual Gila River Festival, celebrates the bounty of the Gila River and highlights its threats and challenges in late September each year. Put on by the Gila Conservation Coalition, the festival explores the relationship between man, technology, nature and that relationship’s impact on the Gila River watershed.



The event typically offers expert-guided field trips, a Gila River kayak trip, a Gila River bus tour and a puppet parade. Info: www.gilaconservation.org

GRANT COUNTY FAIR

September – The Grant County Fair supports and showcases agriculture and youth education. Ribbons, plaques and trophies are awarded in a wide variety of categories such as livestock, jams and jellies, handicrafts and baked goods. A rodeo, music acts and other attractions are also part of the week-long celebration. The fair is held in Cliff, New Mexico. Info: www.grantcountyfairnm.com

MIMBRES VALLEY HARVEST FESTIVAL & HEALTH FAIR

September – This harvest festival on the last Saturday of September encourages local agriculture through education, showcases locally grown food and handmade products, and promotes tourism to the Mimbres Valley. Children’s activities focus on fitness. Local musicians provide music along with local storytellers telling of the Valley’s heritage past and present. Info: www.mimbresharvestfest.com.

SOUTHWEST FESTIVAL OF THE WRITTEN WORD

October – This festival, dedicated to writers of all proclivities, takes place only once every two years. The festival held Oct. 4-6, 2019, celebrates the power and beauty of the written word embracing the rich diversity of Southwestern cultures. It features writing workshops, readings, lectures and random acts of literature. Info: swordfiesta.org.

RED DOT ART WEEKEND/STUDIO TOUR

September and October – Silver City comes alive with art during Red Dot Art Weekend. The event gives visitors an opportunity to mingle with artists, tour area art studios, attend opening receptions for exhibits and enjoy live music, food specials and entertainment. The annual event is hosted by the Silver City Art Association. www.silvercityart.com.

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SOUTHWEST PRINT FIESTA

October – The Southwest Print Fiesta, Oct. 7-10, 2022, features original fine art prints, letterpress creations, printed wearables and more, for sale by regional artists and print studio collectives. The fiesta also features workshops and hands-on printing experiences. Info: www.southwestprintfiesta.org.

DAY OF THE DEAD

October – Spread out over several days, from Oct. 30 through Nov. 4, Downtown Silver City observes Día de Los Muertos (Day of the Dead) with a parade, music, family crafts, traditional art and food, in addition to paying homage to those who have passed away. Info: silvercitytourism.org.

WINTER**CHOCOLATE FANTASIA**

February – Every year close to Valentine's Day, about a dozen locations in historic Downtown Silver City offer samplings of sweet treats during Chocolate Fantasia, highlighting Grant County's confectioners with recipes to make your mouth water. Visitors can stroll the streets, shop, listen to live music and taste a variety of gourmet chocolate creations. "Chocolate Stop" maps and empty Valentine boxes are provided, and a sampling ticket lets you try 20 pieces of chocolate. For information, visit mimbresarts.org/chocolate-fantasia.





Silver City art scene glows with life

BY MATTEO D'ANTONIO

There is nothing more spectacular than seeing the vibrant culture of Silver City all coming together. To see the artists who make it possible for Silver City to continue its artistic legacy.

Seeing Silver City's boom in its successful galleries and artwork, the question begs to be asked, what is the true potential of the Silver City art scene?

Sue Porter is one of these artists and her answer is crucial for every up and coming artist and art lover.

"The possibility of growth is as big as your imagination," Porter said. She is a former Silver City art gallery owner herself. She is currently working at Aldea Gallery alongside owners Brent and Donna Flenniken.

Porter was born in Mankato, Minnesota, raised in Madison, Wisconsin, and moved to Santa Fe following her love for art. After living in Santa Fe and getting a taste of New Mexico's art scene, she moved to Silver City in 2018 to start the Creative Hands Art Gallery.

"We drove through downtown, walked around, and it just felt like home," she said. "When anybody moves here from anywhere else, the first thing I say to them is welcome home."

Galleries like Aldea, and artists like Porter are giving the community an opportunity to come together. Locals and visitors alike can experience the art that is sparking the growth of the Silver City art scene and the community itself.

"In 10 years from now, Silver City could be huge; there is so much potential here," she said.

The community can benefit from art in many ways, but arguably the most important is coming together.

"We can use art to bring each other together," Porter said, "All art is in the eye of the beholder, and that's what my art is. You are interpreting the art; what do you see?"

Her pieces, "Elements" and "Firetalkers" can be seen at the Aldea gallery.

SILVER CITY ART ASSOCIATION

The Silver City Art Association is a non-profit organization of galleries, studios and independent artists dedicated to creating a rich and vibrant art scene. The organization celebrates and supports diverse visual arts in Silver City and throughout Grant County. Visit silvercityart.com to learn more and see its member artists and galleries.

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Francis McCray Gallery of Contemporary Art was created over 50 years ago as a teaching and research exhibition space for students, of Western New Mexico University. Today, it hosts exhibitions where student, regional, national and international artists share their work and hold an exchange of ideas with students and the community.

Thanks to The Edwina and Charles Milner Women in the Arts Lecture and Exhibit Series, female artists may receive a grant to support them in bringing their artistic talents to the forefront. The Gallery also operates as the repository for the extensive WNMU Permanent Collection.

STUDIOS AND GALLERIES

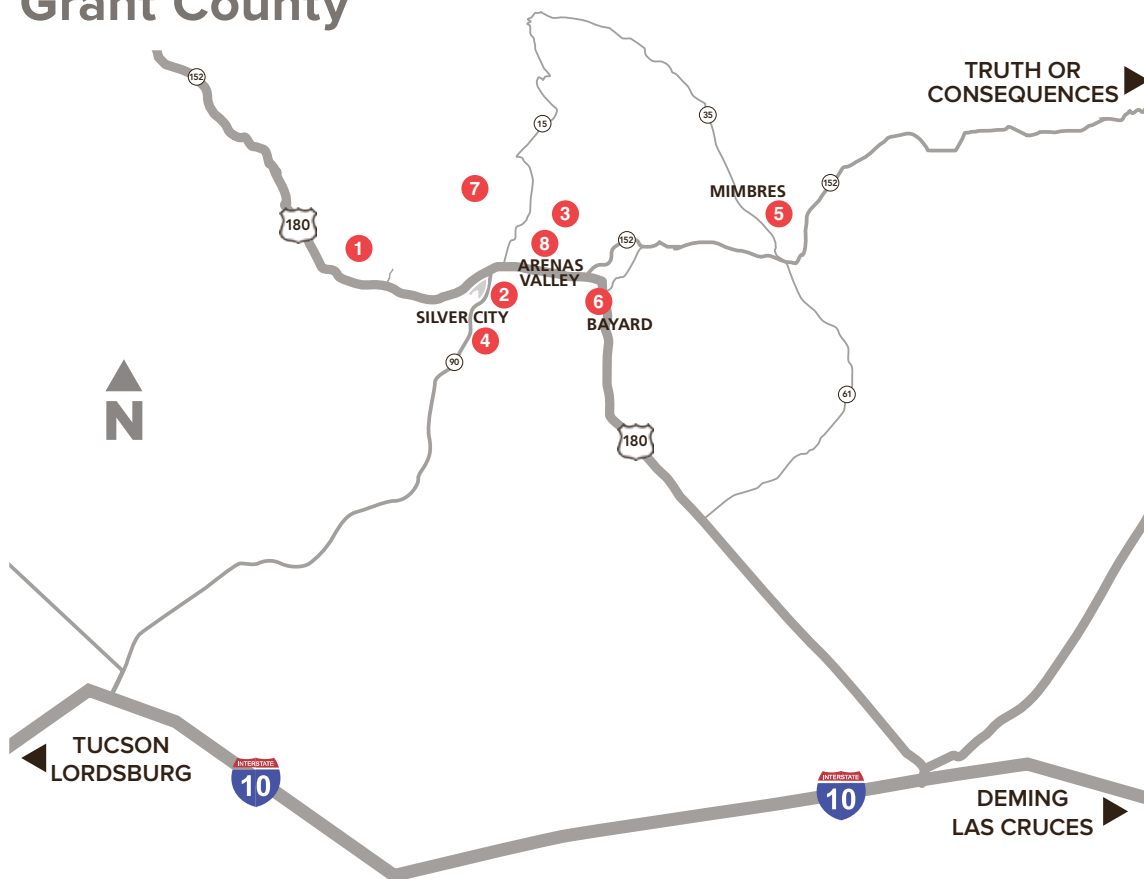
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Fiber Arts glow in Grant County

The Southwest Women's Fiber Arts Collective

BY MIA KALISH

To enter the world of the Southwest Women's Fiber Arts Collective (SWFAC) is to enter a world with boundless horizons. Many have entered the world of "fiber arts," having seen fabulous quilts, extraordinary, knitted garments, and beautiful woven scarves and shawls. But the skills developed and shared by the charming and friendly members of SWFAC go way beyond.

Weavers and knitters will often spin and dye their own yarn. Some will have foraged for the plants and insects to make the different dye colors. Quilters will include knitted, crocheted and woven items in their designs, which can also include fabric painting and beading. Other fiber forms include basketry, felting, and mixed media.

The collective's goal is to encourage a successful cottage fiber industry in the Southwest so that everyone working in



fiber arts gains skills along with financial independence. These goals seem easy enough ...until you see beneath the surface to a world you never imagined. It's a world where in the complex but intriguing network of fiber arts, even the sheep have a job.

In Silver City, many fiber artists make their own materials. The women talk of dyeing their yarns using natural dyes from native plants. They proudly display the results of a multi-stepped process that begins with acquiring the wool and for Colcha and Dine' (Navajo) style rugs, this means Churro sheep.

Colcha is the Northern New Mexico form of embroidery that dates back to the 16th century. Colcha artists follow the traditional method, using Churro wool.

SWFAC member Hosana Eilert owns Wild West Weaving at 211D West Texas St. She specializes in three of the traditional Southwest weaving traditions: Chimayo, Rio Grande and Navajo. She says she "dyes, spins

and weaves in the manner she was taught, honoring the Spanish who settled in Northern New Mexico in the late 16th century."

While Hosana only offers classes in weaving, SWFAC offers classes in all the Fiber Arts, usually taught by members, including but not limited to historical Colcha embroidery; Free Form Crochet and Knitting; Loom Weaving; Yarn Dyeing; and Paper Making. The classes are offered first to members, and then to others.

In 2022, Treasurer Jean Hill has a monthly social event, the "Mental Health and Fiber Day."

"No business is conducted at these gatherings; they are strictly for members to socialize and [have fun doing] show and tell," she said.

Charmeine Wait is the current president of this 501(c)(3) organization and may be reached by email to information@fiberartscollective.org.



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Quilt Guild adapts to hard times

BY MIA KALISH

The Silver City based South West New Mexico Quilt Guild is immersed in the history and culture of Grant County. This group is exploring and expanding upon the ancient fabric arts in different and exciting ways, all the while caring for others in need.

Always with an ear to what's happening, in 2019 the Guild made a tree skirt to adorn the U.S. Capitol Christmas Tree that came from New Mexico's Carson National Forest, 403 miles north. The guild's companion skirt joined the 60-foot blue spruce, the contributions of dozens of the State's quilt guilds, and over 10,000 ornaments hand-made by New Mexicans, and traveled 2,000 miles to their final destination on the West Lawn. The guild's skirt was a celebration of the unique designs found in the pottery of the prehistoric Mimbres culture that flourished in the area until about 900 years ago.

The Guild met with its 80 members until the pandemic forced the shut-down of their meeting place. But with their typical joy of life and the now critical need to help others, the guild rallied to become a collection of smaller groups. Some focused on making masks and quilts for first responders and hospitals; some on types of quilting like the miniatures group; and, others became geographically located, like the Hurley Girlies who meet locally and focus on church-related needs.

One of the efforts of which the guild is particularly proud is the work of the some of its members who also belong to the Southwest Valor Quilters. To date, this group lead by Judith "Jude" Casco has made and donated 229 quilts to "cover Service Members and



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The Guild currently meets at 2045 Memory Lane on the first Tuesday of the month at 9:30 a.m. Expect to enjoy a class taught by one of the members, a show and tell, and "We do do lunch after or during each meeting. Food is very important - gotta keep the energy levels up to SEW!," said Guild President Carol Pickering. Contact her at nmhoosierhoney@gmail.com or at 575-590-1380.

HEALTH

Disc Golf grows in Grant County

BY ELVA K. ÖSTERREICH

For a healthy, inexpensive, recreational activity that provides upper and lower body conditioning, aerobic exercise and mental stimulation, head for the strange chain baskets found in Silver City and at Fort Bayard in Grant County.

“It’s brilliant, super fascinating,” said Martyn Pearson, owner of Gila Hike & Bike in Silver City.

The sport builds concentration skills and can be

played by people of all fitness levels who can start slowly and gradually increase their level of play. Disc golf is played much like golf except, instead of a ball and clubs, players use a flying disc. The sport was formalized in the 1970s and shares with golf the object of completing each hole in the fewest strokes (or, in the case of disc golf, fewest throws).

“When I was younger; I played proper golf, the similarities are remarkable,” Pearson said. “You play this like regular golf. There is a course area to tee off from and a basket to throw towards.”

The Silver City course of nine holes opened in June 2022 and has proved a popular place for family activity and some after-work exercise for the city’s residents. It is located at the Old Hearst Mill Site near 20th and Silver streets, 2100 Newsham St.

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Pearson said his business is hopping with disc golf enthusiasts. He sells various discs and equipment in the store, including a beginner set with a putter, mid-range and driver.

“Beginner sets are great, they get you going with whatever,” he said. “The putter has a thicker edge. The mid-range is perfect for people getting started and the fairway driver is sort of the longest you can throw.”

The discs have numbers on them describing the speed, glide, turn and fade characteristics which rate

aspects of each disc’s flight. Pearson said his children love the game and got started using the mid-range disc.

“As you learn how you throw different disks you learn how different amounts of movement are going to complement your own movement as you throw,” he said. “Some people like to throw with like a backhand throw, some with a forehand and some with a bit of both. There are an amazing amount of videos on line. A lot of people are completely self-taught.”

One of the best draws to the sport and particularly the Grant County courses is the area, surroundings and views.

“All of the courses I’ve seen are places you want to walk around anyway,” Pearson said.

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The Lotus Center

A place to get in touch with self

BY ELVA K. ÖSTERREICH

In a place where the Movement Room is the crown jewel, and the world is about self-actualization, the Lotus Center provides Silver City with a space for taking care of yourself.

Having just completing its seventh year in the building at 211 W. Broadway, the Lotus Center, a non-profit organization, is celebrating its newest step, actual building ownership.

"These are exciting times," said center director Jeff Goin. "We have three sets of classes we offer. There is meditation and yoga. We have 9 or 10 yoga instructors who teach out of here. The other offering we have is what's called ecstatic dance. It is hands down our most popular offering at the Lotus Center."

In addition to the services the Lotus Center offers, the board of directors made the decision to become more than a traditional yoga and meditation center, he said.

"We wanted to make sure we were offering community service," Goin said. "The corner stone is yoga in public schools."

So, the organization dispatches instructors into

public schools as part of their regular PE curriculum. They work in three-week blocks and fund all the expenses. Another aspect of the community service piece is the maintenance of two blogs, "Undoing Racism" and "The Daily Dharma," which can be found at the center's website, lotuscentersc.org.

Goin is the primary meditation leader at Lotus Center which offers both guided and unguided meditation.

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peaceful object and remaining focused on it, becoming increasingly familiar with it," he said. "It can be compassion, love, acceptance, this moment – almost anything can serve as an object of meditation as long as it's what we refer to sometimes as a wholesome object.

"The basic idea is the more familiar we become with something, the easier it is for us to do."

Gratitude is Goin's top personal focus, he said, which he practices by sitting down with some tea and writing out five or six gratitude items in the morning.

"The practice of remembering and generating

gratitude is so powerful and the benefits are almost instantaneous," he said. "I've been meditating for 23 years and haven't encountered anything more powerful than gratitude practice."

Goin said his life's work is to teach regular folks how to meditate.

"I'm interested in serving the people who aren't even sure they know what meditation means, but they have heard of it and heard it can improve their lives," he said. "Here at Lotus Center everybody is welcome no matter their experience or lack thereof."

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Since 2005, in partnership with Western New Mexico University, WILL has assembled the curiosity, life stories and conviviality of a community of people living in southwestern New Mexico. Most, but certainly not all, have lived in lots of different places before landing in New Mexico. For many of us, our families live far away. WILL thus serves social purposes as well as the intellectual pleasures of engaging the brain.

WILL offers courses led by persons rewarded by their love of the topics they're presenting. It holds social events reveling in members' contributions. Dues are deliberately kept low. Scores of people donate their time and talents to keep the organization going, and there is one paid, very essential staff person. Through volunteering, WILL members find connection, stimulation, friendship, and community.

WILL enjoys an essential partnership with Western New Mexico University. The four-year university provides classroom space, large lecture halls as needed, and the resources of the faculty and library. It occupies a small house on the edge of campus for an office, meetings and some course locations.

Activities organized by WILL for its members include a Lunch & Learn series that has continued for 16 years. It also works to connect area hobbyists with groups of likeminded people they call Enthusiast Groups.

- The Book People Enthusiast Group is not a standard book group; participants do not agree to all read the same books. Rather, each member of the group brings one (or more) books he or she has read and presents a brief overview of the book. Lively discussion often ensues from the topics presented in these books. The group meets on the third Sunday of each month from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.

- The Reel Fishing Enthusiast Group is a group of those interested in occasional field trips to nearby fishing spots. You'll need a fishing license and equipment and be healthy enough to do things outdoors. But, if you don't have any equipment at all, the leader of the group can get you started so you can determine if you actually want to fish. No reason to

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The Silver City CBOC is open from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, and closed Saturday, Sunday and federal holidays. For appointments, call the clinic at 575-538-2921. No emergency care is available at this facility. For after-hours assistance, call 1-866-862-7863, or for emergency care, or for emergency care, call 911.

For information about enrollment in the Silver City CBOC, call the Eligibility and enrollment office for the New Mexico Veterans Affairs Health Care System at 505-265-1711, Ext. 2741



go out and buy gear unless you really want to. Call Eric Ockerhausen at 309-657-7001.

- A Meeting of Artistic Minds group is a monthly gathering of artist friends to work on their own projects really, mosaics, jewelry, paper making, bookmaking (artistic, not the other kind), journaling, fiber arts and well, anything. Contact Denise Friedrick at the WILL office at 575-538-6835.

- Toss No Mas cleanup events are held the third Saturday of the month from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. by meeting at the south side of Gough Park. WILL Toss No Mas volunteers are asked to be at the park by 8:45 a.m. so they can register as a team. The program supplies trash bags, gloves and trash pickers to participants. For your safety, wear protective clothing - long sleeves and pants and close-toed shoes, and remember to bring a hat, water bottle and sunscreen.

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Boston Hill Open Space welcomes adventure

BY LUCY WHITMARSH

Boston Hill might seem like an odd name for a 500-acre Open Space Recreation Area located in Silver City. The name Boston Hill is closely tied to the development of the mining camp that quickly grew into the town of Silver City. Eight partners formed the Bullard Mining Company on May 27, 1870, after silver was discovered in the Boston Hill area.

The town site that was surveyed and laid out at the foot of Boston Hill was named Silver City. The New Mexico Territorial Legislature granted a charter of incorporation to the thriving community on Feb. 15, 1878. Mining had brought prosperity to the town that offered many opportunities to anyone brave enough to settle in what was still very much the “Wild West.”

By 1880, one of the prominent mining companies was the Massachusetts and New Mexico Mining Company which was also known as the Boston Company. One of the mines was the Legal Tender, an underground silver mine on the area that became known as Boston Hill and the name stuck. Mining operations continued on Boston Hill into the 1970s. By then the small, mostly open pit mines could not compete economically with larger commercial operations.

In 1999, the Town of Silver City purchased the abandoned mining claims on Boston Hill and designated the area as Silver City’s first Open Space Recreation area. In 2001 the town received a grant to develop a non-motorized trail system on Boston Hill. In addition to the grant funding, thousands of volunteer hours have gone into developing and maintaining an extensive trail system on Boston Hill. With additional grant funding and the hard work of a dedicated group of volunteers, trail improvements have been made, signage, benches and a picnic table have been added to the Boston Hill Open Space Recreation Area.

“Boston Hill offers a great hiking opportunity in the middle of town,” said Brenda Tozier, an avid local hiker. “The trails are peaceful and not overcrowded.”

As with any hiking experience, always carry water and food. If you are not familiar with the area it is best to first try out the trails with someone who is. In the Boston Hill Open Space it is important to watch out for rattlesnakes and sharp drop-offs at the edge of open pit mines.

An interesting hike or mountain bike ride is to the summit of Boston Hill at an elevation of 6,380 feet. The vistas of the surrounding area are spectacular.

“The trails on Boston Hill are one of my favorite features that living in Silver City offers,” said Eric Payne, who works at Gila Hike and Bike in Silver City. “It is fun and right out the back door.”

Gila Hike and Bike staff are very knowledgeable about the trails on Boston Hill and are a wonderful resource if you have questions about hiking or mountain biking on Boston Hill. The store also rents mountain bikes if you don’t own one but are interested in experiencing Boston Hill on a mountain bike.



Bicycle race lives in Grant County

BY ELVA K. ÖSTERREICH

Traditionally about 600 cyclists descend on the Silver City area each year in the spring to compete in the Tour of the Gila at the end of April. The event represents more than 36 years of bicycle racing in Southwest New Mexico.

“The iconic event is the most challenging bicycle road race in the United States, attracting both professional and amateur cyclists,” race director Jack Brennan said.

The Tour of the Gila features two professional races – the UCI Men’s race and the UCI Women’s race – as well as seven categories for amateurs.

Listen Live by Visit Silver City offers live audio and video broadcast during the UCI Women’s and the UCI Men’s Criterium races and will feature interviews, race updates and live announcing. To Listen Live visit the Tour of the Gila website, www.tourofthegila.com, and click on the Listen Live button.

Former (2016) race co-director Michelle Geels said the race spreads tentacles throughout the seasons.

“The effect on Silver City is seen throughout the year as cycling tourist numbers grow – partially due to the awareness that the Tour of the Gila has generated worldwide,” she said.

Cyclists come to Silver City for the race and fall in love

with the area and want to come back. Plus, word of mouth spreads in the cycling community.

Geels also said the lure of the tour goes beyond the state and region.

“Competitors come from all over the U.S. and over 13 different foreign countries,” she said.

In addition to U.S. competitors, since the first competition in 1987, cyclists from Canada, Australia, Israel, Spain, Ireland and Columbia have all crossed the finish line first.

The event includes a citizen’s race, inviting the stars of the future to bring their bicycles, tricycles and sometimes even scooters to take to the streets of historic downtown Silver City.

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For more than 125 years, Western New Mexico University has served the people in its region as a comprehensive, rural, public body. As a Hispanic-serving institution and the state's only public applied liberal arts and sciences university, WNMU is committed to developing cross-cultural opportunities that encourage people to explore new experiences. The WNMU student body represents every segment of southwest New Mexico's diverse population.

WNMU Museum

Known for the NAN Ranch Collection — the most comprehensive collection of scientifically excavated prehistoric Mimbres materials from a single Mimbres site — the museum also houses prehistoric Southwestern pottery and artifacts, historic San Ildefonso Pueblo pottery and Santa Clara Pueblo pottery, local photographs and items from the campus's nearly 130-year history.

WNMU Cultural Affairs

With a critical eye toward what is both popular and culturally elevating, WNMU Cultural Affairs designs programs for a range of audiences and builds campus collections through the state-funded 1 percent for the Arts Program and the generosity of donors. The division joins forces with local galleries, independent artists and events organization to leverage resources from organizations such as New Mexico Arts, Westaf and the National Endowment for the Arts. It also offers programs for veterans. The 2022-2023 WNMU Cultural Affairs events schedule is available at wnmu.edu/culture. The following fall under WNMU Cultural Affairs:

Edwina and Charles Milner Women in the Arts Lecture and Exhibit Series

The series' namesake, Edwina Hawley Milner, has been a steady supporter of arts programming at WNMU. Her support allows WNMU to celebrate talented women artists of all ages and artistic mediums who exhibit their work in the Francis McCray Gallery and share about their experiences with local audiences.

¡Fiesta Latina!

As WNMU's signature event, ¡Fiesta Latina! in June provides an opportunity for border communities to engage with their neighbors to the south. Throughout the three-day family event, participants explore Latin culture, rhythms, flavors and crafts at Old James Stadium on the WNMU campus. The celebration of New Mexico's Latin American heritage, customs and traditions often includes traditional children's activities,



a tequila tasting and a charro show, but its biggest draw is the juried Artisan Mercado featuring the traditional folk art of some 40 artisans from throughout Mexico.

One Million Bones – Silver City

One Million Bones is a large-scale social arts practice combining education, hands-on art making and public installations to raise awareness of genocides and mass atrocities. The project found a permanent home at Bear Mountain Lodge in Silver City in 2017. Over four years, the One Million Bones team collected handcrafted bones for a 2013 installation event on the National Mall. The one million bones collected were crafted by individuals around the world and laid out as a hopeful symbol of our common humanity. Each bone represents a call to action, a story and a voice.

WNMU Expressive Arts

Home of the only competitive university mariachi in New Mexico, WNMU allows students to study toward a music minor, continuing with their creative passion and building their skills while majoring in another field. As an Hispanic-serving institution, WNMU is home to welcoming organizations like Movimiento Estudiantil Chicanx de Aztlán. Here, members of Mariachi Plata de WNMU are encouraged to be themselves while representing their musical tradition as best as possible.

Western Institute For Lifelong Learning

Since 2005, in partnership with WNMU, the Western Institute of Lifelong Learning (known as WILL among locals) has assembled the curiosity, life stories and conviviality of a community of people living in southwestern New Mexico. WILL serves vital social purposes while engaging minds through volunteer-taught courses. Through volunteering, our members find connection, stimulation, friendship and community. Dues are deliberately kept low. Along with supplying a small house on the edge of campus for the WILL office, the university provides classroom space, large lecture halls as needed and the infinite resources of the faculty and library.

The Outpost Gear Rental Shop

The Outpost at WNMU is a gear rental shop that loans out camping equipment, bikes and boats, rock climbing shoes and crash pads and even internal frame youth and adult backpacks. The umbrella WNMU Outdoor Program hosts on-campus wilderness medicine courses that are open to the community, and Mustang Search



and Rescue is a New Mexico State Police field-certified team that actively contributes on missions throughout the region.

Fitness Facilities And Group Classes

Along with an indoor pool for year-round lap swimming, the WNMU fitness center boasts cardio equipment and weights, including kettlebells, battle ropes, resistance bands and slam balls. The center also has basketball and racquetball courts, plus a dance studio for public use. Visit crec.wnmu.edu.

J. Cloyd Miller Library

In the north wing of the Thomas B. McDonald Student Memorial Building, Miller Library serves the WNMU community by providing access to information and by teaching research skills. The library obtains, disseminates and preserves information in a wide variety of print and electronic formats, including books, periodicals, media, maps, microform records and government documents. Special collections, including rare books and archives such as the Juan Chacon papers, are held in the library's Treasure Room. In addition to its online public access catalog, Miller Library provides access to more than 100 research databases. Housing a state-of-the-art computer lab and tech-equipped study rooms, Miller Library also provides access to photocopy machines, microform reader-printers, research computers, WiFi, scanners and equipment for the hearing and sight-impaired.

WNMU events

WNMU homecoming details are available at alumni.wnmu.edu/homecoming.

The university's longest standing tradition, Great Race, is a weeklong celebration in April that culminates in a push-cart competition through mud pits and up steep hills.

Mustang Athletics schedules, news and rosters are available at wnmumustangs.com.

Venues

- 1,000-seat Fine Arts Center Theatre
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- Outdoor spaces include Old James Stadium and the new Regents Square.

WNMU is located at 1000 W. College Ave. in Silver City. Call 1-800-872-9668. The mailing address is P.O. Box 680, Silver City, N.M. 88062. Visit wnmu.edu.

This information was provided by Western New Mexico University Communications Specialist Jennifer Olson.



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Field trip to Grant County yields traditional plant

BY JENNIFER OLSON

Western New Mexico University accommodated young people from the Mescalero Apache Tribe in May as part of a school field trip to harvest agave, or mescal, plants at a local site owned by Freeport McMoRan.

Traditionally a staple food of Mescalero Apache people, agave hearts also have spiritual meaning and are used in a rite of passage known as the sunrise ceremony, which marks Mescalero girls' transformation into women. Preparation for the coming-of-age ceremony begins as much as a year in advance and includes harvesting mescal plants in peak season, the reason behind their visit to campus and the surrounding area.

Ahead of the harvest, the more than three dozen Mescalero Apache youth learned more about the scientific properties of the plant from WNMU botany professor Dr. Bill Norris. They were introduced to university student life with a stay in the residence halls and evening activities, heard from representatives of the Native American Student Association, and got the lay of the land with a campus tour.

"Traditional Apache religion was based on the belief in the supernatural and the power of nature. Nature explained everything in life for the Apache people," according to the tribe's website.

On the day of the harvest, the students and their teachers and mentors used a variety of tools to uproot and strip the leaves from the ripe plants. The young girls, poised to become women, were encouraged

to take part in this process, as they will be the ones tossing the agave hearts into a pit, burying them, roasting them, and ultimately sharing this food with their community when they transition into womanhood.

Carrying on this belief and tapping into the power of nature, the girls will emulate the White Painted Woman, channeling the heroine's virtue and strength, throughout their 12-day rite of passage.

The Mescalero girls and their loved ones gathered over the summer with prayer, songs, dances to express gratitude, renew strength and bring good fortune. In the meantime, WNMU cherishes the honor of participating in the preparation for this ritual with the "Mescalero," the people who eat Mescal.





Heart of the Gila provides environmental knowledge

Hearth of the Gila promotes and organizes several annual environmental events in Southwest New Mexico and has integrated classroom activities in local schools.

Volunteers and members partner with the Gila National Forest, engaging in volunteer river clean-ups, invasive species eradication, and trail maintenance throughout the Gila Wilderness. It also maintains several habitat restoration sites in the Gila River Watershed.

Heart of the Gila collaborates with partners from diverse communities, organizations and agencies, providing biological research, conservation and ecological restoration, environmental education, public lands stewardship and advocacy for wild places.

Navigable Learning is an on-the-river education program. Heart of the Gila is committed to providing on-the-water opportunities for public land employees, politicians and community leaders, whose decisions affect the long-term health and conservation of the river. To that end, the organization has designed and built low-flow, highly stable catarafts that can navigate the Gila River during normal low-flow times of the year. This effort greatly increases the accessibility of the Gila River wilderness.

Heart of the Gila co-sponsors the Children's Water Festival, an educational gathering and provides threatened and endangered species education. They provide monarch butterfly education for local schools and communities and coordinate a citizen science monarch monitoring effort.



The Great Race provides tradition, fun at WNMU

BY ELVA K. ÖSTERREICH

In a tradition where students, faculty, staff and alumni push carts resembling race cars around the Western New Mexico University campus, the operative word has been “fun.”

For 2022, WNMU expanded the yearly April event to invite the community and the rest of New Mexico to celebrate not only the historic race but the freedom to get out and enjoy.

Great Race was founded by Western New Mexico University students in 1967 who sought creative ways of involving the entire region in a festival they conceptualized and organized purely for entertainment.

“The festival is our way of allowing everyone — whether 1967 alumni or incoming WNMU freshmen -- to revel in campus culture and dance to music,” said WNMU President Dr. Joseph Shepard.

“It’s a fun event everyone looks forward to,” said Alexandra Tager, director of WNMU Cultural Affairs. “They push human-powered carts on a course that goes around campus and there is a mud pit that they have to navigate through.

“Our goal is to have people come and see what a great, fun, lively campus we have,” Tager said.

Kacie L. Peterson, director of Foundation and Alumni Development within the Western New Mexico University Foundation and a race organizer, remembers the Great Race from her time in high school in Silver City.



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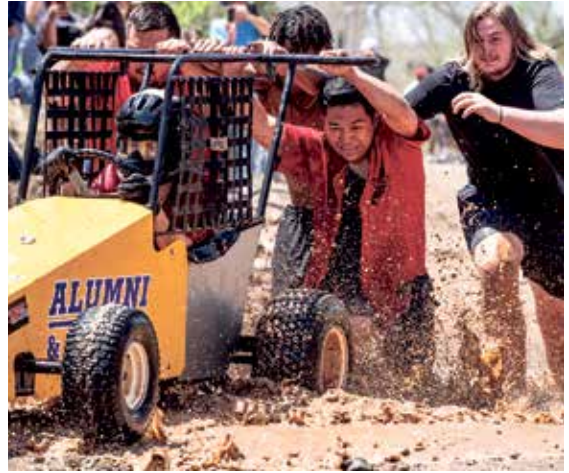


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“I remember pushing (one of the carts),” she said. “My uncle, who was a science teacher, got us all together and we came up and pushed. I remember it being a lot of fun. Hopefully some of that enthusiasm will come back.”

Peterson has gone in depth into some of the original race facts.

“It started because the kids wanted something to do,” she said. “In southern New Mexico, you kind of have to create your own fun if you want to have fun. So, what spurred a lot of it was showboating. It was just this

idea that snowballed into this extravagant event. It was all student based. They did all the work and the faculty served the student needs.”

The students don’t build their own cars like they did historically; the school has several carts that the teams use.

“So, it’s kind of flip-flopped a little bit but the energy and excitement is stirring back up to what it used to be in 1967,” Peterson said. “It’s the longest running tradition on campus. It used to be a big deal. It would be really cool to have that kind of excitement again.”

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A place for pooches and people

BY VIVIAN SAVITT

Silver City canines can boast about their pleasant dog park — a fenced, block-wide expanse of grass situated between West and Virginia Avenues off 12th Street.

Designated Cornali Field by the WNMU administration that was gifted the land “for public access,” the park is maintained by the university with the understanding that dog owners be responsible for collecting and disposing of doggie waste.

Led by WNMU groundskeeper Barbara Miller, the park gets mowed and reseeded. The sprinkler system was recently expanded and upgraded.

Miller, who exercises her own two dogs at the park, said she “communicates really well with the dog park users” who have donated lawn chairs and plastic bags for the space — helping to keep it clean and welcoming. “They see its value,” Miller added, “as a place where both dogs and people can socialize in a safe space.”



Here are some points to remember when using the Dog Park and other exercise venues:

- Keep puppies under 16 weeks old away from other dogs until they have received all their vaccinations, including parvo.
- Be aware that even on cooler days, dogs are susceptible to sunstroke. Don't let your dog get overheated and make sure it has free access to water.
- Keep meals small and avoid exercise for 30 minutes after your dog has eaten.
- Dogs that are stressed or who frequently mingle with other dogs (e.g. at kennels) are susceptible to the highly contagious bacterial infection called kennel cough or bordetella.
- Get a routine annual checkup for your canine pet. Older dogs should see a veterinarian twice a year; middle-aged dogs once a year.



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- ◆ Silver City residents are permitted two dogs or two cats or one of each to each dwelling unit. Dogs and cats must be licensed annually. A residential kennel license is allowed.
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- ◆ Livestock is permitted in rural areas with a permit which can be obtained from the animal control office.
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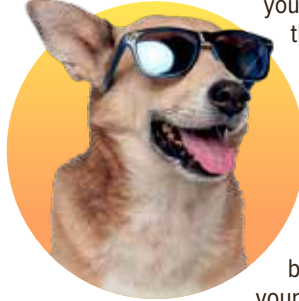
Any open space can have a carpet of nasty thorns that have flown there from our intense spring winds. There are countless cactus stickers that are so tiny they are nearly invisible. If even one of these thorns gets caught between your dog's toes it will be excruciating for them. Vets suggest carrying tweezers or pliers in case you need to remove stickers. Check in-between your dog's toes as well as their pads after any outdoor activity.

Dogs in cars

Dogs should never be left alone in cars on hot days. Cars heat up quickly. If it is 80 degrees outside, the average car heats to 99 degrees in 10 minutes and rises to 114 degrees in 30 minutes. When the outside temp is 85, the inside of a car soars to 104 degrees in 10 minutes and to 119 after 30 minutes. Imagine if it is one

of our common 90- to-100-degree days.

Veterinarians emphatically warn to never leave pets in a car in any outside temp above 60 degrees. If your dog's body temp goes to 104 or higher, they will be in immediate danger of a life-threatening heat stroke.



Leash your dog

If you are hiking one of our woody, desert or river trails, regardless of how close to town (meaning Silver City), or even if you are merely in a friend's backyard, there are many reasons to keep your dog leashed or very close to your side.

Snakes

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Wild animals

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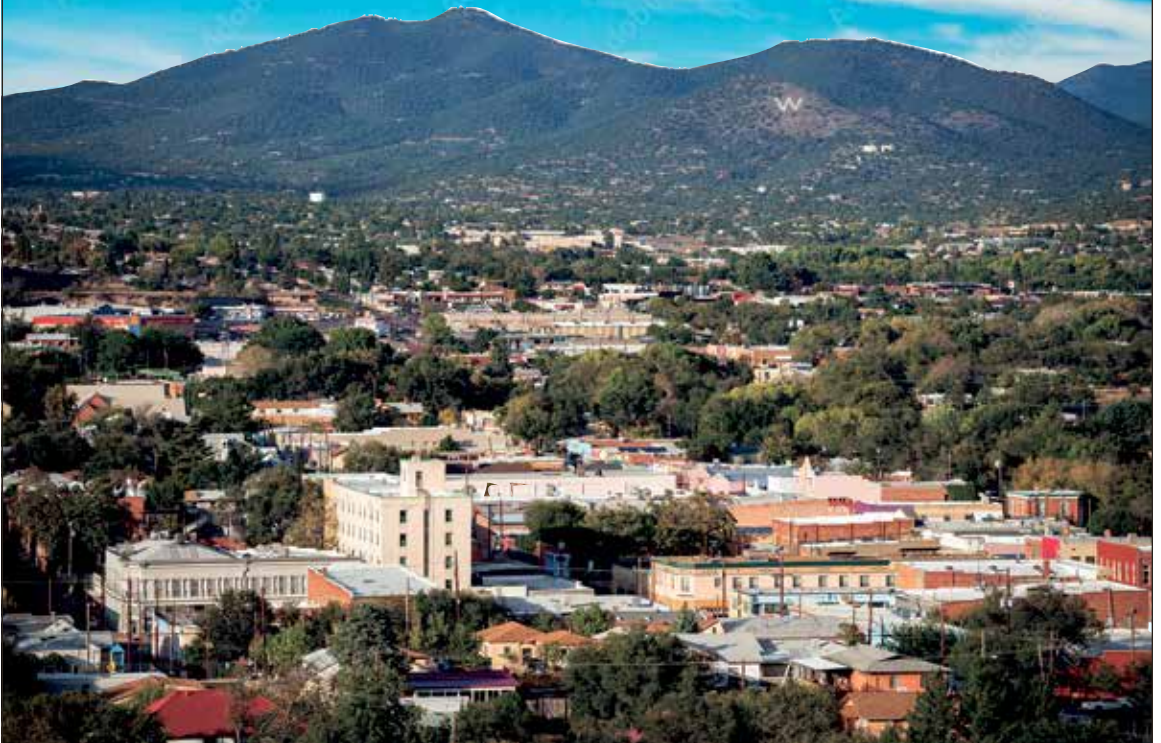


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