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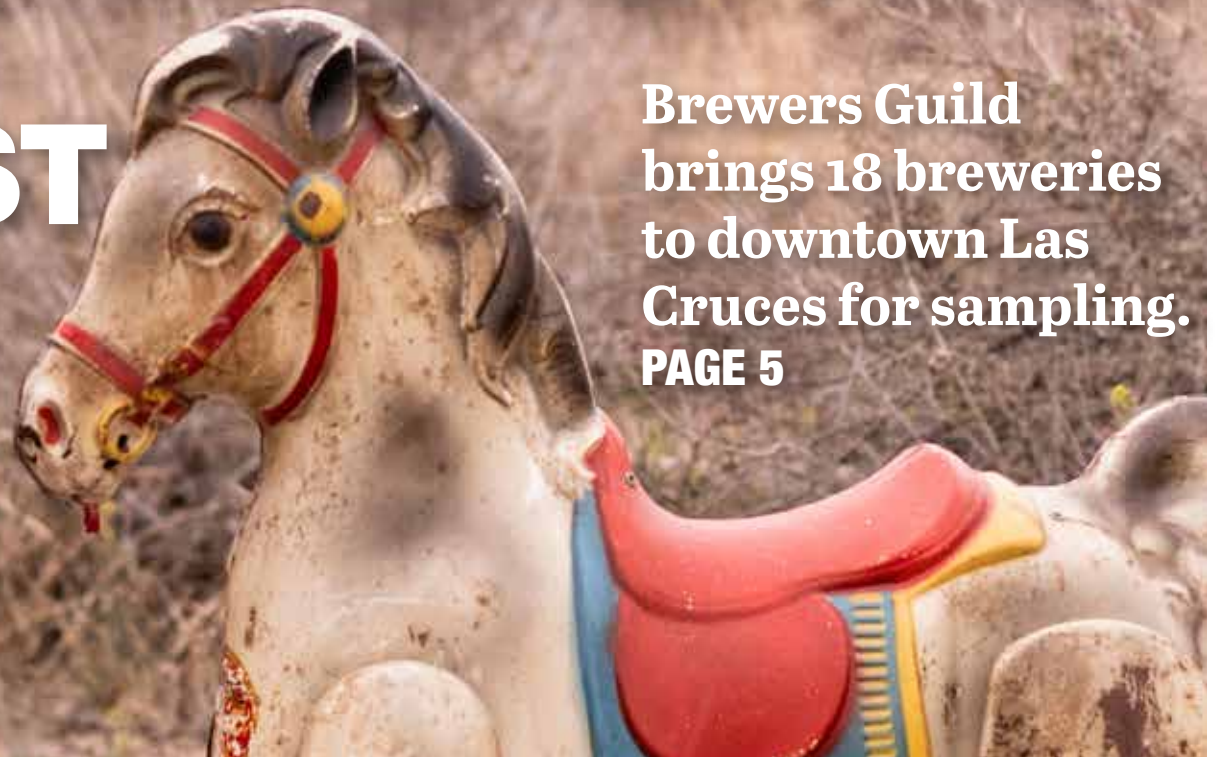
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Putting the Past Behind Us

Welcoming what might be coming next

Almost 25 years ago I signed up with a new company called Netflix. I think I was paying a little over \$4 a month and getting as many movies on disk in the mail as fast as I could watch and return them. As I have always loved film, that was a lot.

In college, I went to so many movies (at the \$1 theater) my step-father dubbed me “entertainment-monger.” I suppose I am still that way. But times change and streaming is now the thing. Netflix was certainly at the forefront of that medium too, for just over \$7, I could get most of the movies in their catalog on my home screen. The phrase “Netflix and Chill”

was born, many other entities jumped on that streaming bandwagon looking for a share of my pocketbook.

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I must add that to my change list, let go of Netflix, rearrange the shed, shift the look of

Desert Exposure. I guess you noticed, we have a new printer and a new shape. It's another change, and I find I love the new look, it actually gives me more freedom with design and space to share with you. Happy to have you, my loyal readers, marching with me onward into the future.

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PHOTO OF THE MONTH

“Springtime at Spring Canyon State Park near Deming” by Kathleen “Leeny” Forbes.

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Photographer Brian Hilsmeier encountered this antique hourse, called MOBO, from his aunt's childhood in her storage shed in Deming and was inspired to explore its photographic potential. The toy, originally from England is about 75 years old.



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Brock Marlatt pours an All Dogs Go to Hefen at Icebox Brewing Co., Downtown Boneyard Cantina location.



All Dogs Go to Hefen at Icebox Brewing Co., Downtown Boneyard Cantina location.



Baggy, English Amber Ale, from Public House 28.



Left to right, Yorkie Pale Ale and Bier de Chien at Spotted Dog Brewery in Mesilla.

FOOD + DRINK

Blazin' Brewfest Returns

Las Cruces celebrates beer in New Mexico

Story and photos by Sylvia Quintanilla

After a three-year hiatus, 18 New Mexico breweries ignite Downtown Las Cruces as the Blazin' Brewfest returns on June 3.

With admission, guests receive a commemorative pint glass and can sample craft beer from the around the state. The feeling of community from not only the breweries, but from the beer drinkers was palpable in the previous seven years of the Brewfest.

"In 2023 we are finally getting back to a sense of normal because of the pandemic. What a better reason than to come to togeth-

er over the mutual love of craft New Mexican beer? I would really like to get people involved and excited about beer," said New Mexico Brewers Guild (NMBG) Executive Director Ebbie Edmonston.

Breweries from all over the state will be at the festival, but priority was given to Las Cruces breweries with a lottery to determine the remaining spots. Edmonston said with this festival and future events, the NMBG wants to highlight breweries of the hosting city and give them the opportunity to shine.

Likewise, visiting breweries that attend give guests a way to sample beer they may

not be able to get traditionally in Las Cruces. Edmonston said four breweries will be coming to this Brewfest for the first time: Ex Novo, Unhinged Brewing, Downshift Brewing Co. and Public House 28 Brewery.

Eddie Gutierrez and his wife Shelby co-own Downshift Brewing Co. in Ruidoso. They opened in 2022 and in just over a year, opened two other taprooms in Alto and Albuquerque. Eddie said they focus on the good in life and celebrate the things that make it great. A mindset applied across the board to the atmosphere, beer and food they create.

Downshift Brewing will have a nitro beer

on draft with their Irish Dry Stout to bring something different to the brewfest.

"You only get so many beers to drink in life, you might as well make them as good as you can," Eddie said.

Susan and Jerry Grandle opened Spotted Dog Brewery in 2014 in Mesilla. Jerry was a home brewer for 15 years and his passion for craft beer has created a friendly neighborhood feel to the brewery. Having been

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involved in Blazin' Brewfeests in the past, Susan said getting back into festival mode is what she is looking forward to and seeing people and letting them taste their beer. Spotted Dog will have a pale ale on tap among other favorites for the brewfest.

Icebox Brewing Company just celebrated its fourth anniversary in 2023. With three locations in Las Cruces and one in Hatch, the brewery has created a unique experience at each taproom.

Since the Brewfest is in June, Brian Weidauer, co-founder and general manager, said Icebox Brewing will serve beers that will be refreshing like their Mexican Lager, a new Strawberry Watermelon Shandy (that will raise money for the Community Foundation of Southern NM) and their All Dogs Go to Hefen.

Public House 28 has been open for about 18 months, but has quickly become a destination in Anthony, N.M. The

If You Go:

What: Blazin' Brewfest 2023 **When:** June 3, 2023, 5-9 p.m.

Where: Plaza de Las Cruces **Cost:** \$30

Info:
nmbbeer.org and social media pages, Facebook, Instagram and Twitter for full list of breweries attending, updates and announcements.

brewery is on a half-acre outdoor garden.

"We believe that we have one of the coolest spots to hang out with family and pets in all of the great state of New Mexico. Our space is truly demonstrating why this is The Land of Enchantment," said owner John Bruker.

This will be PH28's first Brewfest and Bruker is looking forward to the experience, sharing beer with a beer loving community and hanging out with the Enchanting New Mexico brewing community.

ART IN THE GARDENS

After a three-year interval, Art in the Garden, a Picacho Hills-based art event, will return on May 7, 2023. Each appointed home hosts two to three artists in their garden. The event is free and open from 11 am to 4 pm. There will be a welcome booth behind the Santa Fe Restaurant on Picacho Hills Road, Las Cruces, where patrons can pick up maps to guide them through the event.



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Blessing the fields, trees and water at the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum the procession of about 275 people make the stop for the first communion girls to toss rose petals into the acequia as the water is released into the fields during the 2022 event.

FOOD + DRINK

Blessing of the Fields

Growing season welcomed with water

By Craig Massey

The New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum in Las Cruces celebrates an old tradition with the annual Blessing of the Fields procession on Friday, May 12.

At 10 a.m., the colorful procession around the museum grounds begins with the blessing the animals, plants, and acequia. Visitors who participate in the procession from 10 to 11 a.m. will not be charged admission.

The event begins with the Prayer of the Four Directions, led by Patrick Narvaez, and Cacique of Corporacion de los Indigenes de Nuestra Senora de Guadalupe de Tortugas and Tortugas Pueblo.

Leading the procession will be Most Reverend Peter Baldacchino, Bishop of the Las Cruces Diocese. Students from Las Cruces Catholic Schools will be among the participants.

The bulto carried during the procession was created by Las Cruces artist Virginia Maria Romero.

The Museum holds a plant sale as part of the festivities. Vegetables, flowers and desert plants grown in the Museum's greenhouse are featured in the sale.

This marks the 23rd year the museum has held this program, which focuses on a long and rich history. San Ysidro, the patron saint of farmers, lived from 1070 to 1130. He worked in the fields for a wealthy landowner and was known for his devotion to God, his humility, and his generosity to those less fortunate.

The story of San Ysidro has been passed down through the generations and still inspires many farmers and their families in the Mesilla Valley. For many years, workers in San Miguel would make a pilgrimage each May, stopping at all the villages along the valley.

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About Music, People

Chris Sanders offers music camps, new CD

Story by Mike Cook
Photos by Elva K. Österreich

"It's about music and it's about people," area singer/songwriter/musician Chris Sanders said about the Desert Night Acoustic Music Camps coming up in May, August and October.

The camps' 10th anniversary in 2023 is also completing a circle for Sanders, who wrote about her wish to create music and build relationships in an essay she wrote for a philosophy 101 class she took in Minnesota more than 50 years ago.

"What sets our camps apart

are the faculty, the Black Range Lodge and the people," said Sanders, who is coordinating the camps.

The meals and hospitality at the lodge, its isolation Kingston, west of Silver City and its history – one of its lodge walls was part of Pretty Sam's Casino in 1881 when Kingston was a silver-mining boom town.

"What we do is impossible without our partnership with the lodge," Sanders said.

Attendees at the camps have come from throughout New Mexico and Texas, and from as far away as Colorado, California, Arkansas, Maryland, Min-

nesota and even Canada, she said. And some of them have been there since the very first camp in 2013.

Sanders also has a new CD, "When the Day Comes." She wrote all the songs on the album, including two in collaboration with Steve Smith – his poetry and her melody and chords creating "the height of wonderful collaboration," Sanders said.

Smith was "important and essential to this project," Sanders said. The CD features "his most exquisite playing ever."

Sanders and Smith, from Las Cruces, and Anne Luna of



The Black Range Lodge in Kingston.



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The Music Room at the Black Range Lodge in Kingston.

Fort Sumner, comprise the nationally acclaimed bluegrass group Hard Road Trio.

“We love to play with each other, and we love playing for other people,” Sanders said.

More than 80 percent of the music they perform they also write. The trio has toured across the country and has recorded three albums and two music videos: “Whiskey in a Glass” and “Mamma Spin Me Round.”

Other musicians featured on the CD include King Ibu, who flew in from Las Vegas, Nevada to provide drums, vocals and guitar; master musician Derrick Lee of Las Cruces on drums; Luna; El Paso bass player Brun Avitia; violinist Amalia Zeitlin; and the Bumpettes (Bree Gordon,

Andrea Miologos and Kim Johnson).

All the songs on the CD were recorded in Smith’s studio in Las Cruces, with Smith engineering the album, Sanders said. It was mixed and mastered by Rick Delellis. The photo of Sanders on the CD cover was taken in her backyard by Sterling Trantham, and her new brand (she even has a tattoo!) was created by her son, Curtis Sanders.

“It’s all about the partnerships,” Sanders said. “Live music, theatre and dance remind us that we’re human in a way that nothing else does,” she said. “In this very divisive, very troubling time, it’s good to be reminded of our human nobility.”

Visit <https://hardroadtrio.com/when-the-day-comes>.

Acoustic Music Camps

Desert Night Acoustic Music Camps celebrates its 10th anniversary in 2023 with these camps:

• **Song Camp:** Friday-Sunday, May 5-7. A songwriting retreat and focus on vocals. The camp will be “an exploration of songwriting, fellowship and turning life experience into music,” said coordinator Chris Sanders. “It is the skills and the environment that help people turn their lives into music – the care and feeding of our creative selves,” she said.

• **Summer Camp:** Wednesday-Sunday, Aug. 16-20. Guitar and songwriting instruction, “with some fiddle on the side.” The faculty includes master guitarist and fiddler Robert Bowlin and award-winning singer/songwriter Wil Maring, along with Sanders, Steve Smith and Buddy Winston.

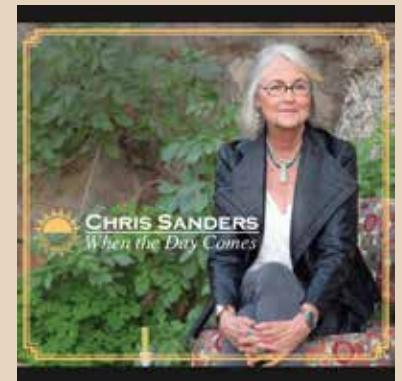
• **Music Camp:** Friday-Sunday, Oct. 6-8. Featuring Sanders, Smith and fellow Hard Road Trio member Anne Luna, along with Santa Fe singer/songwriter Tom Adler. The camp is “instruction, jamming and a great band scramble,” Sanders said, and is an acoustic music celebration the weekend prior to Indigenous Peoples’ Day.

• **Southwest Mandolin Camp:** Thursday-Sunday, Oct. 26-29. Steve Smith heads an “all mandolin, all the time” camp with faculty Tim May, Jordan Ramsey, Marla Fibish, Isaac Eicher, K.C. Groves and Nate Lee.

All camps are at the historic Black Range Lodge in Kingston, New Mexico, in partnership with lodge owners Catherine Wanek and Gary Harvell.

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The festival features five performing acts:

- **Famous Raymos**, 11 a.m., a group active since 1903 when the founder got

swindled on a fake silver mine and decided to try his hand at honest labor. When that didn't work Raymos took to drink and playing music on the side of the road.

- **Dirty Red & the Soul Shakers**, 1 p.m., from Oklahoma, with a lone weeping guitar, blues harmonica and soul-filled vocals.

- **Blues Dawg**, 3 p.m., High-energy electric blues. Founded in Los Angeles

in 1998, now hanging out in southwest New Mexico playing rockin' blues and classic rock.

- **Tyron Benoit Band**, 5 p.m., from New Orleans, is a band as diverse as Cajun culture with a dash of Zydeco, a pinch of rock, and a sprinkle of Americana.

- **Ghost Town Blues Band**, 7 p.m., from Tennessee, a band that captivates its audience with cigar box gui-

tars, electric push brooms, and a hip-hop trombone player.

The 2023 Blues Festival will have something for everyone, according to a press release – out of state and local performers, unique vendors from Silver City's very own Makers Market, beer gardens provided by Little Toad Creek Brewery & Distillery and Q's Bistro, and food/beverage vendors.

"The goal of the festival is to bring amazing entertainment to Silver City while supporting the local economy," the release said. "While the Blues Festival is fun and exciting, there are many businesses that neighbor Gough Park that will still be open for business."

Once the Blues Festival closes for the evening, more entertainment and music continues in downtown Silver City.

For more information on the 2023 Silver City Blues Festival, visit www.silvercitybluesfestival.org, call 575-538-2505 or email frontdesk@mimbresarts.com.

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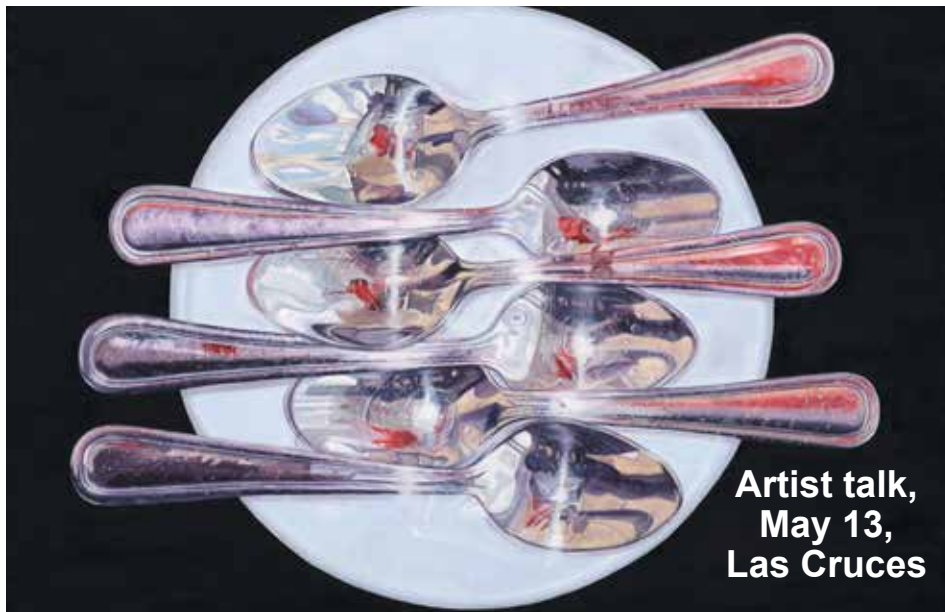
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May 6, Silver City

EVENTS

What's Happening

Upcoming events you won't want to miss in May

TUESDAY, MAY 2

Grant County

Movie: "Tangled"

3:30-5:30 p.m. at the Silver City Public Library, 515 W. College Ave. in Silver City.

silvercitypubliclibrary.org.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 3

Grant County

Wednesday Farmers Market

9 a.m.-noon at Old Valley Market, 412 Highway 211 at the corner of Clark Road, in Gila

silvercityfarmersmarket.info

Sierra County

Square Dancing

1-3 p.m. at the New Mexico Old Time Fiddlers Playhouse, 710 Elm St. in T or C. Square dancing and refreshments

575-313-9971 or 505-804-3842

Doña Ana County

Farmers and Crafts Market

8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. at Plaza de Las Cruces and along Downtown Main Street.

575-805-6055

Your Brain on Art

Meditate on art

11:30-noon at the Doña Ana Arts Council, 230 S. Water St. Las Cruces

575-523-6403

THURSDAY, MAY 4

Grant County

Film: "Journey Down the Gila"

7:30 p.m. at the Silco Theater, Downtown Silver City

www.heartofthegila.org

FRIDAY, MAY 5

Grant County

Draw using toys as models, ages 6-12

3:30-4 p.m. at the Silver City Public Library, 515 W. College Ave. in Silver City.

silvercitypubliclibrary.org.

Western New Mexico University commencement

6 p.m. at Ben Altamirano Field on WNMU campus, live stream available

wnmu.edu

Live music: Illusion Band Tehano, country and oldies

8 p.m. at Little Toad Creek Brewery and Distillery, 200 N. Bullard St., Silver City

828-542-0216

Sierra County

Truth or Consequences Fiesta

10 a.m.-10 p.m. Downtown Truth or Consequences

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Otero County**Launch Pad Lecture**

9 a.m. at the Museum of Space History, 3198 State Route 2001, Alamogordo
www.nmspacemuseum.org

**“The Lion King Jr.”
 Presented by Children’s
 Music Theater of
 Alamogordo**

7 p.m. at the Flickinger Center for Performing Arts, 1110 New York Ave. Alamogordo
flickingercenter.com

Doña Ana County**Cafecito y Arte con Cheli:
 Art talk**

11 a.m.-noon at the Doña Ana Arts Council, 230 S. Water St. Las Cruces
 575-523-6403

**“Whole Lotta Lotte: The
 Art of Laurie Churchill”**

5-8 p.m. at Camelot Studio, 2008 Camelot Drive, Las Cruces
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“Godspell”

7:30 p.m. at ASMSU Center for the Arts, 1000 E. University Ave, Las Cruces
 575-646-4515

SATURDAY, MAY 6**Grant County
 Silver City Farmers
 Market**

9 a.m.-noon. 901 N. Pope St. in Silver City.
www.silvercityfarmers-market.info

Give Grandly

9 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Maker’s Market in downtown Silver City
 575-434-7190

**Live music: The Gila
 Lobsters
 Outlaw country and
 classic rock**

8 p.m. at Little Toad Creek Brewery and Distillery, 200 N. Bullard St., Silver City
 828-542-0216

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. Zoom 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 Race-track 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 Shepherd, 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 Drive. Program lasts for 13 weeks. Contact: Cris Fernandez, crisfern@me.com.

Tuesday, May 2**Col. Larry
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**Sierra County****Truth or Consequences
 Fiesta**

10 a.m.-10 p.m. Downtown Truth or Consequences
annualtorcfiesta.com

Country Music Night

6 p.m. at the Truth or Consequences Civic Center, 400 W. 4th St.

Otero County

**Alamogordo Otero
 County Farmers Market**
 8-10 a.m. in Alameda Park, 1987 White Sands Blvd. in Alamogordo
farmersmarketsnm.org.

**Otero Veterans Art
 Showcase writer’s
 workshop**

8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at Otero Artspace, 1118 Indiana Ave. in Alamogordo
oteroarts.org

New York Avenue Crazy Days

10 p.m., 800 and 900 blocks of N. New York Ave. in Alamogordo
2ndlifemediaalamogordo.town.news

“The Lion King Jr.” Presented by Children’s Music Theater of Alamogordo

7 p.m. at the Flickinger Center for Performing Arts, 1110 New York Ave. Alamogordo
flickingercenter.com

Lincoln County Cinco de Mayo Midtown Celebration

noon-4:30 p.m. Country Club Lot, Midtown, Ruidoso
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Doña Ana County Farmers and Crafts Market

8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. at Plaza de Las Cruces and along Downtown Main Street.
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Alma de Arte exhibit opening reception

noon-3 p.m. at the Doña Ana Arts Council, 230 S. Water St. Las Cruces
 575-523-6403

“Whole Lotta Lotte: The Art of Laurie Churchill”

2-6 p.m. at Camelot Studio, 2008 Camelot Drive, Las Cruces
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“Godspell”

7:30 p.m. at ASMSU Center

for th Arts, 1000 E. University Ave, Las Cruces
 575-646-4515

Classics 4 Tchaikovsky with the Las Cruces Symphony Orchestra

7:30 p.m. at Atkinson Hall, 1075 N. Horseshoe St. Las Cruces
lascrucessymphony.com

SUNDAY, MAY 7 Sierra County**Truth or Consequences Fiesta**

10 a.m. Parade starts Downtown Truth or Consequences
annualtorcfiesta.com

Black Cat Poetry Reading

1 p.m. at Ingo’s Art Café, 422 Broadway St., T or C.
 360-628-4499

Otero County “The Lion King Jr.”

Presented by Children’s

Music Theater of Alamogordo

2 p.m. at the Flickinger Center for Performing Arts, 1110 New York Ave. Alamogordo
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Doña Ana County Art in the Garden in Picacho Hills

11 a.m.-4 p.m. in various locations, map located

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Classics 4

Tchaikovsky with the Las Cruces

Symphony Orchestra

3-5 p.m. at Atkinson Hall, 1075 N. Horse-
 shoe St. Las Cruces
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MONDAY, MAY 8

Grant County

National Tourism Week, Hors d'oeuvres Dessert Auction

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 School
coolcloudcroft.com

Lincoln County

“Cats” the musical

7 p.m. at the Spencer Theater for the
 Performing Arts, 108 Spencer Road, Airport
 Highway 220, Alto
www.spencertheater.com

TUESDAY, MAY 9

Grant County

Build Robots, ages 6 and up

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

Lincoln County

“Cats” the musical

7 p.m. at the Spencer Theater for the
 Performing Arts, 108 Spencer Road, Airport
 Highway 220, Alto
www.spencertheater.com

Doña Ana County

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 read-
 ings of folk tales from the Six Celtic Nations.
 575-520-1916

WEDNESDAY, MAY 10

Grant County

Wednesday Farmers Market

9 a.m.-noon at Old Valley Market, 412
 Highway 211 at the corner of Clark Road,
 in Gila
silvercityfarmersmarket.info

Silco Theater 100th Anniversary

Gala Celebration variety show

7 p.m. at the Silco Theater, 575-956-6198
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Doña Ana County

Farmers and Crafts Market

8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. at Plaza de Las Cruces and
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Your Brain on Art

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11:30-noon at the Doña Ana Arts Council,
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Sierra County

Square Dancing

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



THURSDAY, MAY 11

Grant County

In Search of Justice series Movie: “Amistad”

6:30-9 p.m. at The Armory, 11990 U.S. 180,
 Santa Clara
historicfortbayard.org

Otero County

New York Avenue Crazy Days

10 p.m., 800 and 900 blocks of N. New York
 Ave. in Alamogordo
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Sierra County

Square Dancing

1-3:30 p.m. at the New Mexico Old Time
 Fiddlers Playhouse, 710 Elm St. in T or C
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FRIDAY, MAY 12

Grant County

Author talk on math and pirates, ages 6-12

noon-3:30 p.m. at the Silver City Public

Library, 515 W. College Ave. in Silver City
silvercitypubliclibrary.org

Hi Lo Silvers Spring Concert

7 p.m. at at First United Methodist Church,
 314 W. College Ave. in Silver City
 575-388-8771

Sierra County

Author talk: Craig Springer

“America’s Bountiful Waters

3 p.m. at the Hillsboro Community Center,
 316 Elinora St. in Hillsboro
craigspringer.com

Otero County

“The Lion King Jr.”

Presented by Children’s Music Theater of Alamogordo

7 p.m. at the Flickinger Center for Perform-
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Doña Ana County

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Cafecito y Arte con Cheli: Art talk

11 a.m.-noon at the Doña Ana Arts Council, 230 S. Water St. Las Cruces
 575-523-6403

SATURDAY, MAY 13

Grant County

Silver City Farmers Market

9 a.m.-noon. 901 N. Pope St. in Silver City

www.silvercityfarmersmarket.info

Live music: Brea Burns with Katie Mae - Classic Honky Tonk music

8 p.m. at Little Toad Creek Brewery and Distillery, 200 N. Bullard St., Silver City

828-542-0216

Lincoln County

The Texas Tenors

7 p.m. at the Spencer Theater for the Performing Arts, 108 Spencer Road, Airport Highway 220, Alto

www.spencertheater.com

Otero County

Alamogordo Otero

County Farmers Market

8-10 a.m. in Alameda Park, 1987 White Sands Blvd. in Alamogordo

farmersmarketsnm.org

Succulent Bar and Artisan Market

10 a.m.-5 p.m. at Blush Beauty Bar, 306 E. 10th St. Alamogordo

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Mother's Day Craft Fair

10 a.m.-4 p.m. at White Sands Mall
 575-434-3990

Downtown Vintage Carnaval

10 p.m., 800 and 900 blocks of N. New York Ave. in Alamogordo

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"The Lion King Jr."

Presented by Children's Music Theater of Alamogordo

7 p.m. at the Flickinger Center for Performing Arts, 1110 New York Ave. Alamogordo

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Sierra County

Second Saturday Art Hop

6 p.m. downtown Truth or Consequences

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Doña Ana County

Farmers and Crafts Market

8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. at Plaza de Las Cruces and along Downtown Main Street

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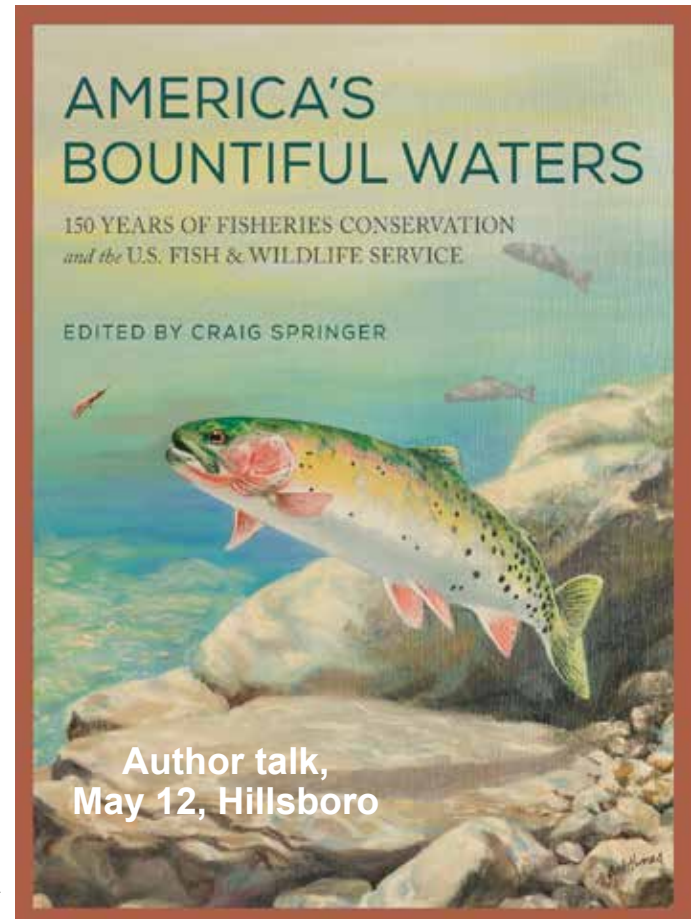
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MONDAY, MAY 15
Grant County
Opinions and Facts:
Media's Influence on
Community with Javier
Marrufo

11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at at the Silco Theater, Silver City
www.silvercitymuseum.org

Doña Ana County
Author Talk: Dr. Elaine
Hampton
Author of "The Allure of
the Border: Fifter Years
of Investigations, Friend-
ships and Wonder"

1:30-3 p.m. at the Branigan Library, 220 E. Picacho Ave., Las Cruces
 575-649-8786

TUESDAY, MAY 16
Grant County
Movie: "Turning Red"
 3:30-5:30 p.m. at the Silver City Public Library, 515 W. College Ave. in Silver City
silvercitypubliclibrary.org

WEDNESDAY, MAY 17
Grant County
Wednesday Farmers
Market
 9 a.m.-noon at Old Valley Market, 412 Highway 211, corner of Clark Road, Gila
silvercityfarmersmarket.info

Sierra County
Square Dancing
 1-3 p.m. at the New Mexico Old Time Fiddlers Play-

house, 710 Elm St. in T or C. Square dancing and refreshments
 575-313-9971 or 505-804-3842

Doña Ana County
Farmers and Crafts
Market
 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. at Plaza de Las Cruces and along Downtown Main Street
 575-805-6055

Your Brain on Art
Meditate on art
 11:30-noon at the Doña Ana Arts Council, 230 S. Water St. Las Cruces
 575-523-6403

Carlos Melendrez lecture
and book signing
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Grant County**In Search of Justice series Movie: "To Kill a Mockingbird"**6:30-9 p.m. at The Armory, 11990 U.S. 180, Santa Clara
historicfortbayard.org

FRIDAY, MAY 19

Grant County**Dancing at Gough Park with Baile Encanto**4 p.m. at the Silver City Public Library, 515 W. College Ave. in Silver City
silvercitypubliclibrary.org**Live music: The March Divide****Solo acoustic with upbeat original and classic**8 p.m. at Little Toad Creek Brewery and Distillery, 200 N. Bullard St., Silver City
828-542-0216**Luna County****State Park Astronomy Program**8 p.m. at Rockhound State Park
575-536-2800**Otero County****Otero Veterans Art****Showcase: "Ghost Town" the musical**
Written by veteran Nathan Young7 p.m. at Otero Artspace, 1118 Indiana Ave. in Alamogordo
oteroarts.org**Doña Ana County****Ukefest Concert**7 p.m. at the Doña Ana Community College East Mesa campus auditorium
lascrucesukefest.com**EVENTS***continued on page 18*

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State Park Astronomy Program

8 p.m. at City of Rocks State Park
575-536-2800

Return of the Mischief with DJ Mischievous

9 p.m. at Little Toad Creek Brewery and Distillery, 200 N. Bullard St., Silver City
828-542-0216

Otero County

Alamogordo Otero County

Farmers Market

8-10 a.m. in Alameda Park, 1987 White Sands Blvd. in Alamogordo
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Otero Veterans Art Showcase writer's workshop

8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at Otero Artspace, 1118 Indiana Ave. in Alamogordo
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Doña Ana County

Farmers and Crafts Market

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Las Cruces Gun Show

9 a.m.-6 p.m. at the Las Cruces Convention Center, 690 E. University Ave., Las Cruces
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Sierra Middle School Exhibit reception

noon-3 p.m. at the Doña Ana Arts

Council, 230 S. Water St. Las Cruces
575-523-6403

SUNDAY, MAY 21

Grant County

Armed Forces Day Celebration and concert

First Armored Division Band from Fort Bliss

1 p.m. at Bataan Memorial Park, 33 Fort Bayard Road, Santa Clara
575-538-5862

Otero County

Otero Veterans Art Showcase: Musical performances and readings

noon at Otero Artspace, 1118 Indiana Ave. in Alamogordo
oteroarts.org

Otero Veterans Art Showcase: Pop-up exhibition of veterans' art

1-7 p.m. at Otero Artspace, 1118 Indiana Ave. in Alamogordo
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TUESDAY, MAY 23

Grant County

Minecraft, ages 8-plus

4-6 p.m. at the Silver City Public Library, 515 W. College Ave. in Silver City
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Otero County

Mitch McVicker in Cloudcroft

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9 a.m.-noon at Old Valley Market, 412 Highway 211 at the corner of Clark Road, in Gila
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Doña Ana County**Farmers and Crafts Market**

8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. at Plaza de Las Cruces and along Downtown Main Street.
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5-7 p.m. at the Doña Ana Arts Council, 230 S. Water St. Las Cruces
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THURSDAY, MAY 25**Grant County****In Search of Justice series****Movie: "12 Angry Men"**

6:30-9 p.m. at The Armory, 11990 U.S. 180, Santa Clara
historicfortbayard.org

FRIDAY, MAY 26**Grant County****Pokemon Tournament****Ages 8-plus, bring your own deck**

3:30 p.m. at the Silver City Public Library, 515 W. College Ave. in Silver City
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**Artrageous,
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Calling All Voices: The Freedom of Being (Open Mic)

6-8 p.m. at the Doña Ana Arts

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"Don Quixote" ballet

7 p.m. at ASMSU Center for the Arts, 1000 E. University Ave, Las Cruces
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SATURDAY, MAY 27

Grant County

Silver City Farmers Market

9 a.m.-12 p.m., 901 N. Pope St. in Silver City.
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Silver City Blues Fest

11 a.m.-8:30 p.m. at Gough Park in Silver City
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Live music: Metropolis Man Blues Fest continues after the park

9 p.m. at Little Toad Creek Brewery and Distillery, 200 N. Bullard St., Silver City
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Otero County

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Metropolis Man, May 27, Silver City

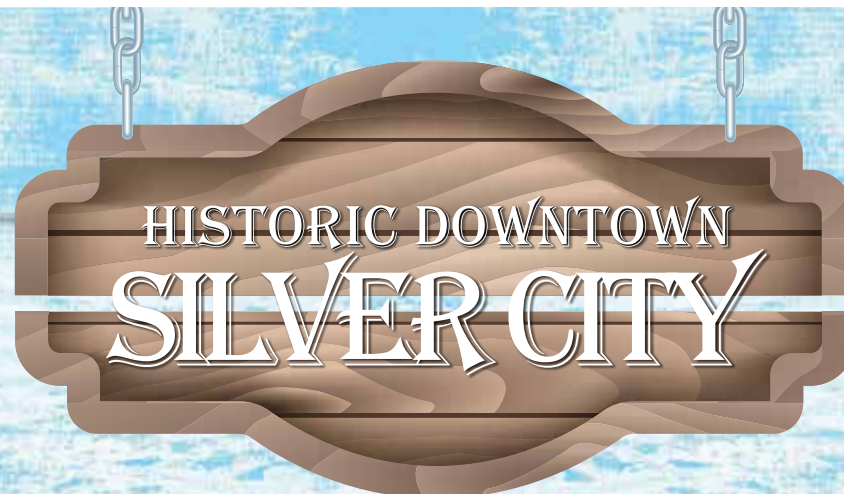
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New Mexico Wine Festival

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nmwine.com/nm-winefestival-lascruces-2023/

"Don Quixote" ballet

7 p.m. at ASMSU Center for the Arts, 1000 E. University Ave, Las Cruces
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SUNDAY, MAY 28**Grant County****Live music: Blues Brunch**

11 a.m.-1 p.m. at Little Toad Creek Brewery and Distillery, 200 N. Bullard St., Silver City
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Otero County**May Fair**

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Doña Ana County**New Mexico Wine Festival**

noon-6 p.m. at the Southern New Mexico State Fair Grounds, 12125 Robert Larson Blvd., Las Cruces
nmwine.com/nm-winefestival-lascruces-2023/

MONDAY, MAY 29**Doña Ana County****New Mexico Wine Festival**

noon-6 p.m. at the Southern New Mexico

State Fair Grounds, 12125 Robert Larson Blvd., Las Cruces
nmwine.com/nm-winefestival-lascruces-2023/

WEDNESDAY, MAY 31**Otero County****Free kids movie at Aviator 10: "LEGO Batman"**

1 p.m., 3651 Mesa Village Drive, Alamogordo
575-437-9301

Grant County**Wednesday Farmers Market**

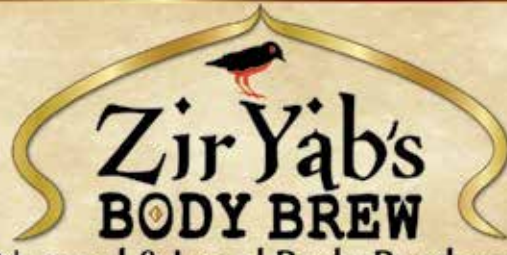
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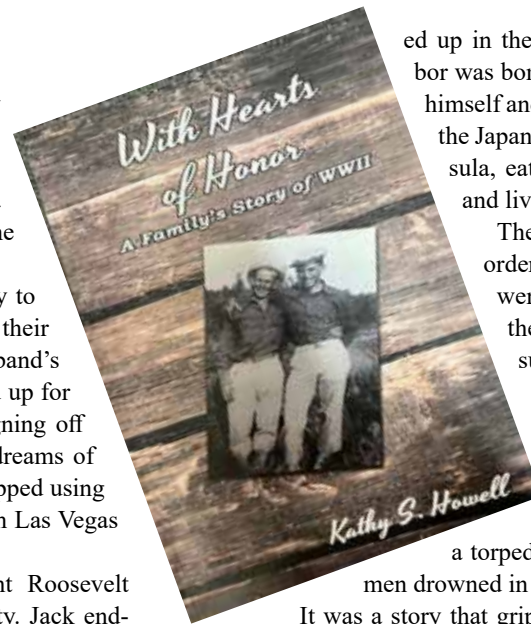
Book reflects Grant County families facing World War II

By Elva K. Österreich

Kathy Howell embarked on a journey because of a photo. At the edge of her consciousness, at the home of her husband, Jack, she absorbed the image of a photo that she passed numerous times until, one day she asked about it.

Two young men stand with huge grins, ready to face the world, ready to take on a journey of their own. One of them, it turned out, was her husband's uncle, Jack Daniel Sprunk. This boy had signed up for the National Guard, talked his parents into signing off for him even though he was just 16. He had dreams of working with horses and, although they had stopped using horses to get around in wars, they promised him Las Vegas and the rodeo. It was 1941.

There was a war happening and President Roosevelt promptly put the National Guard on active duty. Jack end-



ed up in the Philippines, Pearl Harbor was bombed, and the boy found himself and his companions fleeing the Japanese on the Bataan Peninsula, eating lizards and red rice and living in fear.

The American boys were ordered to surrender and were marched back along the length of Bataan. Jack survived that infamous “death march.” After 2 ½ years in captivity, he was put on a “Hellship” and died, before he was 21, when a torpedo hit the ship and 1,800 men drowned in that melee.

It was a story that gripped Kathy, mesmerized

her and fascinated her. She started asking questions, looking at the war, the people, the families affected.

I just started studying World War II and I thought ‘wow we’ve got quite a jewel of a story in our family,’ Kathy said. “It made me realize the resilience families have when their loved ones are overseas,

how those people had to just give up their kids. It just must have been so hard for them.”

The seed began in her mind for a book. Now, after years of rumination and study “With Hearts of Honor: A Family’s Story of WWII” is out and on the shelves. It is a work of “reimagined history,” a novel. Kathy took all she learned and created a story about families of the Grant County mining district facing war and loss, loosely based on Jack’s story.

Framed through the eyes of young Gwen MacKenzie who becomes a reporter sent across the world for stories, the book explores aspects of World War II, how it happened and many of the issues families faced at the time.

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oines of World War II,” Kathy said. “Especially the brave folk of Grant County. Included are their courageous families who waited behind patiently, suffered silently, and made innumerable sacrifices.”

This is the story of children who grew up too fast and takes the reader from the Philippines to London, North Africa, Paris and beyond. The reader is transported back to the 1940’s through adventure, romance and tragedy thorough the hearts and minds of the time.

“With Hearts of Honor: A Family’s Story of WWII” can be ordered at virtualbookworm.com – click “all books;” click “filter by” and scroll down to Bataan or visit barnesandnoble.com and search by title.

Jack Sprunk is on the right of this detail of a 1941 photo of the 200th Coast Artillery training at Fort Bliss. The whole photo is replicated as a mural at Bataan Park in Grant County.



Armed Forces Day Celebration

Sunday May 21, the Grant County Community Concert Association, Western New Mexico University, and the American Legion Post 18 host a celebration for Armed Forces Day in Bataan Memorial Park in Santa Clara, Grant County. The event starts at 1 p.m. with presentations from the Fort Bayard Historic Preservation Society on the history of Fort Bayard and from Friends of Bataan Park about the soldiers from Grant County and New Mexico who were taken prisoners during World War II and held captive as part of the Bataan Death March.

The event is to honor active military personnel, Gold Star Families, veterans and all the veterans service organizations in Grant County. Following

the presentations, the 1st Armored Division Band from Ft. Bliss will perform a concert entitled “As Time Goes By” starting at 2 p.m.

The 1st Armored Division Band is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year. “Old Ironsides” traces its heritage from 1943, when it was activated in the early days of World War II. To this band, however, music was often a sideline as division bands were used as infantry units during World War II. Most of the band’s time was not spent in rehearsing and performing, but in guarding supplies or headquarters installations.

Armed Forces Day was created in August 1949 by Defense Sec. Louis Johnson to celebrate the unification of the Armed Forces under the Defense Dept and to replace the separate Army, Navy, Marine and Air Force days. It was established as a national holiday in 1962 by President John F. Kennedy.



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- May 19Ghost Town, an original musical, 7pm
- May 211pm - 6pm, Veteran Art Exhibition opens
- 1:30 -5pm, Writers reading, musical performances and open mic
- 5-6pm, Veteran Barry Moffit performs his award winning composition “Soldier Girl” and other patriotic music
- 6pm, Drum Circle (bring your own drum or use those provided)
- May 22-232-6pm, Veterans Art Exhibitions continues



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ADVENTURE

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VisitWidget to allow for easier vacation planning

By Jamie Dickerman

Those looking to explore Deming, New Mexico, and plan their perfect visit can now do so on the new Visit Deming website. With the implementation of VisitWidget — an interactive way to map out a visit, complete with activities, eateries, and more — visitors can create customized itineraries, tailored to their interests and must-see stops.

“We’re thrilled to make it even easier for our visitors to get the most out of our city,” said Azucena Vargas, Community Services Director for the City of Deming. “Whether you’re a rockhouser, a history buff, an outdoor enthusiast, or a wine connoisseur, you’ll find your perfect getaway in Deming. Through our new website, you’ll be able to add in stops for every member of the family, plan how long it will take you to

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BUSINESS

Lemonade Day

Entrepreneur children spread out

By Elva K. Österreich

year title, Troyer said.

For more information and related events visit lemonadeday.org/deming-luna/story. Also find Lemonade Day Luna on Facebook for additional information.

Lemonade Day is an experiential program teaching youth how to start, own and operate their very own business — a lemonade stand. Each year, in participating cities, youth can experience entrepreneurship by setting up their business during their city’s community-wide Lemonade Day.

The Deming-Luna Chamber of Commerce has taken the lead in Luna County. From 9 a.m.-3 p.m., May 13 the town will be ready, and the community can go out and buy lemonade, said Chamber Executive Director Debbie Troyer.

The foremost objective of Lemonade Day is to empower youth to take ownership of their lives and become productive members of society — the business leaders, social advocates, volunteers and forward-thinking citizens of tomorrow.

Troyer said there will be prizes for best lemonade stand and best tasting lemonade. Winners go on to compete nationally in Houston and can earn the entrepreneur of the



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AREA ARCHITECTURE

Old Home Gets New Love

Couple renovates 120-year-old house in Mesilla

Photos and story by Mike Cook

Joe and Elaine Foster sold their 4,200-square-foot house in Talavera area of Las Cruces last fall and bought a 900-square-foot home in Mesilla which they have spent the last nine months renovating.

Built about 1900, it was originally part of the house next door, Joe Foster said. It was separated into its own property and has had three additions, all with different floors and ceilings.

Joe and Elaine have lived there since they bought it, and the renovations are almost complete, as Joe has almost single-handedly converted an historic Mesilla home into a modern, comfortable living space while preserving its original

look and feel as much as possible.

Joe tore out and replaced the kitchen, added a colorful tin-look ceiling in the dining room and rebuilt the fireplace, using river rock and clay pots. He removed the sheetrock ceilings throughout the house to expose the antique beams.

Joe took the floors “down to the dirt” in a couple of rooms, pouring cement foundations and preserving original wood floors. He replaced a dilapidated window in the dining room with French doors and installed a new bedroom window. Hardwood and granite kitchen cabinets were handmade by a cabinet maker in Chihuahua, Mexico, from Joe’s design. He even made the mesquite tables and the cutting


board that hangs on the kitchen wall.

Joe discovered wood trim around the tops of the walls when the ceiling came out, and kept that, using the trough it created to hide wiring for track lighting. He added old cedar beams rescued from a nearby yard and from C & D Southwest Lumber to maintain the house’s authentic look, which includes exposed adobe walls.

Some of the lumber comes from Oregon and was cut from trees that had died of fungus. The cedar kept the fungus from penetrating deep into the wood, but it still created a stylish pattern.

The bedroom set was handmade in Sunland Park by the same fur-






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niture maker who supplied the home's antique doors and front gate. Most of the furniture and art Joe and Elaine have added to the house is antique or authentic to the décor. The kitchen contains a high-tech stove and microwave – “We wanted this place to be a cook's delight,” Joe said – but you won't find a television or a clock in the house.

Joe and Elaine have lived in the house since they bought it.

As renovations to the house and prop-

erty near completion, “We're ecstatic,” Joe said. “It's livable now.”

The key has been patience, he said, “not being rushed, taking your time and trying to be artistic.”

Elaine continues her psychology practice at her nearby office and is an adjunct professor at New Mexico State University. Joe retired five years ago after a career as a rocket scientist at White Sands Missile Range, developing missile systems for special forces, includ-

ing the United States Navy Seals and U.S. Army Rangers. Much of the work Foster did was top secret, he said.

Joe is the author of “The BiniSphere,” a techno thriller, and he and Elaine co-wrote “I Wish I Knew This Before My Divorce: Ending the Battle Between Holding On and Letting Go” and “In Movement There Is Peace: Stumbling Along the Way to the Spirit,” about their backpacking trip down the Camino de Santiago in Spain.



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Arts Scene

Upcoming area art happenings

By Elva K. Österreich

OPPORTUNITIES Artists/Photographers

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Call for ceramic artwork for a **CLAY Festival** exhibition representative of "GRACE: Expression Through CLAY." All types of ceramic work are welcome. The exhibition will be juried anonymously. Exhibition dates are July 1-30 and the deadline to submit is May 31. Submit at: artist.callforentry.org/festivals_unique_info.php?ID=11486

Call for photographic work for an exhibition of "The Still(ed) Life: Celebrating Handmade Photographic Art." In what often seems like an increasingly chaotic and fast-moving world, finding the beauty in stillness seems ever more meaningful. In this call, we celebrate the creation of the handmade print, using historic/alternative photographic printing techniques. All 2-D and 3-D handmade art is acceptable. Straight digital prints

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SILVER CITY

■ **The Silver City Art Association First Friday Gallery Walk** is from 5-7 p.m., May 5. During First Friday walks, SCAA downtown galleries stay open until 7 p.m. to hold receptions, and feature art demonstrations or other special activities. For a map showing SCAA downtown gallery locations, or to find out more about SCAA galleries, studios, and independent artists, see silvercityart.com.

■ "Spring Celebration" features work by the Light Art Space Artists: **Joel Armstrong, Joe Huebner, Karen Hymer, Kathleen Koopman, Rhonda Munzinger, Art Peterson, Susan Porter, Eric Renner, Nancy Spencer, Carmen Ruiz and Juan Velasco**. The show runs through May 28. Light Art Space is open 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday and 10 a.m.-2 p.m., First Fridays until 7 p.m. and by appointment, 209 W. Broadway St. Info: www.lightartspace.com.

■ **The Grant County Art Guild** has doubled its First Fridays offerings with an art demonstration at their downtown **Silver City gallery**, and an art show at the downtown Studio. The gallery will be open until 7 p.m. on May 5, with light refreshments and a painting demonstration by Gay Scheibl. **The Studio** will also be open until

7 p.m. 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.

MAGDALENA

■ **Art Magdalen Gallery & Studio Tour** is from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, May 6 and 7. The tour features 15 locations around the **Village of Magdalena**, and over 50 participating artists and artisans working in a broad range of media. The afternoon includes gallery exhibitions, open studios, an artisan market and demonstrations in printmaking, bookbinding, watercolor painting, weaving and blacksmithing. All daytime events are free and the art is for sale. Also on Saturday **The Magdalena Chamber of Commerce** hosts a fundraiser **Pancake Breakfast** from 8:30-10:30 a.m. (\$8) and **Warehouse 1-10 Gallery** features an evening performance by jazz guitarist and composer James Emery at 7 p.m. (\$15). Seating is limited, reservations are recommended at 575-517-0669. For a complete list of studios, artists and galleries visit www.artmagdalena.com.



"Walrus Head" by Mark Morden

DEMING

■ The annual **Luna County Fine Arts & Crafts Show** will be presented as is the May 2023 exhibit at the **Deming Art Center**. Featured are local artists and crafters from Luna County. It showcases many different mediums including painting, sculpture, fiber arts, jewelry and more. The exhibit will be up from May 2-30. There will be a time to meet the artists from 1-2 p.m. on Sunday, May 7. Deming Art Center is at 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

■ **The Border Artists** have a group exhibition at the **Rio Bravo Fine Art Gallery**. The opening reception will be on the Second Saturday Art Hop, from 6-9 p.m. April 8, 110 N. Broadway St. in T or C. The show will be up until May 28. The Border Artists were conceived in late 1990 as a way of increasing visibility and recognition for the work of a group of fine artists in southern New Mexico. They were later organized as a non-profit artists' association in 1995. The members are residents of southern New Mexico and El Paso, Texas. Membership is by invitation. The 20

members work in various media: painting, sculpture, fiber art, clay, and jewelry. Their exhibitions are often fundraisers for other local not for profit groups, and they award annual artistic scholarships for high school and university students. Info: www.riobravofineartgallery.com.

ALAMOGORDO

■ **Otero Arts** received an “**Arts and The Military 2023 Mini Grant**” from New Mexico Arts for \$2,000 to underwrite activities to celebrate “**Otero Arts Veterans Art Showcase**” on Armed Forces Day, the weekend of May 20. While some members of Otero Arts are military veterans or related to veterans, there are many other active duty military who are sharing their talent at the Veterans Art Showcase. On Saturday, May 6, **Rochelle Williams** and **Lori Arella** are hosting a writers’ workshop beginning at 8:30 a.m. and ending at 12:30 p.m. At 7 p.m. Friday May 19 the musical “**Ghost Town**,” written and staged by veteran Na-

than Young, will be performed. The cast is comprised of local talent some of whom are Veterans. On Sunday May 21, a **Pop Up Art Exhibition of Veterans Art** will be on display from 1-7 p.m. Coinciding with the art show will be musical performances, readings and an open MIC beginning at noon. The art exhibit continues from 3-6 p.m., May 22 – 23. The All Veterans Art Showcase events take place at **Otero Artspace** located at 1118 Indiana Ave. in Alamogordo. Info: oteroarts.org.

■ Starting May 5 **Otero Arts** also features paintings by **Maria Aragon** at the **Artspace** with an opening reception from 5-7 p.m. The Artspace is located at 1118 Indiana Ave., Alamogordo. The exhibition continues through May with the gallery open from 1-4 p.m. Thursdays through Sundays. Aragon’s love of mythology and symbolism infuses her work with images from Hellenistic depictions of Apollo and Asian influence of the Buddha. The exhibit also includes landscapes and abstract pieces. Ac-

ording to Aragon, “It’s all about beauty, playing with color and symbolism.” Info: oteroarts.org.

TULAROSA

■ **Paul Vesey**, featured artist at the **Dancing Dog Gallery** has worked as a professional artist for more than 40 years. He has enjoyed working in a variety of mediums including wood, canvas, clay, metal and semi-precious stones. The gallery is in Tularosa at 313 Granado St. and can be found at: dancing-dog-art

LAS CRUCES

■ The **Tombaugh Gallery** welcomes artist **Mark Morden**, with an opening reception on May 7, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. In addition to architecture in college, Morden studied pastel painting and drawing. Morden is a portrait artist who paints portraits of both architectural works and people. The exhibit continues through June, 2. The Tombaugh Gallery is open 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday - Saturday and 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Sunday and located

inside the Unitarian Universalist Church at 2000 S. Solano Drive in Las Cruces.

■ **The Branigan Cultural Center** newest exhibition, “**Trinity**,” features artwork by **Sarah Nguyen**. Trinity addresses political, cultural, and scientific events by questioning our past and the choices we have made through her piece **Break into Blossom**. This exhibit is on view from May 5 through July 1, 2023. Opening reception will take place 5-7 p.m. on May 5. Nguyen’s work as a mixed media artists revolves around storytelling and reexamining our own actions. The museum is open 1-4:30 p.m. Tuesday to Friday and 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Saturdays and located at 501 N. Main St. in Las Cruces. Info: 575-541-2154.

■ **Gallery 925** is celebrating **International Print Day** in May by inviting local printmakers to show their hand pulled prints in the **Third Annual Printmaking Show**. Among the artists exhibiting their works are: **Diane Alire, Diana Ayres, Chris Bardey, Nancy Frost Begin, Francisco**

Delgado, Manuel Guerra, Karen Hernandez, Raul Monarez, Louis Ocepek, SABA, Noel Sandino, Penny Scribner, Gabriele Teich, Gummi Thordarson, Roy van der Aa, Isaac Varela, Diane Vera, Shane Wiggs, Corinne Whitmill, Adriana Zavala and Naida Zucker with a variety of printmaking processes including photogravure, etching, woodcut, gel printing, linocut and screen printing. Gallery 925 will be participating in live printmaking demos and studio tours from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. on Saturday, May 6. An opening reception is 1-8 p.m. at the gallery during first Friday, May 5. First Friday features free trolley rides from 5-8 p.m. between all open Mesquite district galleries. The work is up through May 28. The gallery is open 1-5 p.m. Fridays and 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. Gallery 925 is located in the **Mesquite Historical District** near the corner of

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■ **A photo exhibit captures the world of hummingbirds at the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum** in Las Cruces. “Grace in Motion” which features photography by **Nirmal Khandan**. The exhibit features 36 portraits of hummingbird species common to the region interacting with local flora. The show is free but regular museum admission is required to see the rest of the museum. The show will be on display through July 30 in the **Arts Corridor** at the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum, 4100 Dripping Springs Road in Las Cruces. Info: www.nmfarmandranchmuseum.org.

■ **Agave Gallery** artist of the May is **Paul Maxwell**. He crafts his fine art paintings in his Southern New Mexico studios in Las Cruces and Alto. He focuses on landscapes and local subjects of the southwest. From 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, May 13, Maxwell offers

a painting demonstration of pet portraits at Agave Artist Gallery. He will demonstrate his technique using water-soluble oils on a small 11 x 14” canvas. Attendees can watch, ask questions or try making a portrait of their own. To participate, bring supplies: canvas, easel, paints, brushes, etc. View his work at the 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 Mesilla Valley Fine Arts Gallery**, 2470-A Calle de Guadalupe, across from the historic Fountain Theatre hosts the My Masterpiece game. On Saturday, May 27, the gallery will be holding its **Spring Event**, which includes a free drawing class for adults given by **Frank Rimbach**, one of the resident artists and an art professor at El Paso Community College. Art supplies and light refreshments will be provided. **My Masterpiece**, a popular game for the past 20 years will be held during May. Each of more than 20 Gallery members has created a piece of art inspired by a famous artist. Each of their

art pieces is associated with a clue. Match the clue and the artwork to the famous artist. The gallery also features two local artists for the month of May: **John Glass** and **Rich Spellenberg**. Glass is a watercolorist and Spellenberg works with wood. 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.mesilla-valleyfinearts.com.

■ **New Mexico State University Art Museum** has the “Ad Infinitum: Artists Against War and Imperialism,” running 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.



“Sentinel Rocks” by Solomon Stone

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A 3-part celebration

By Alice Wyatt

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Solomon Stone’s exhibition, “Dancing Colors - A Celebration in Three Parts,” employs a vivid palette of

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Everyday Observations

Understanding what patriotism means

By Abe Villarreal

On a trip to Washington, D.C., recently, I was reminded of what it feels like to be patriotic. It's something most of us say that we are, but it can be difficult to explain the emotions it brings up when we are feeling it.

The feeling is powerful when you are standing and staring up at Mr. Abraham Lincoln. The president who helped us keep us together. No easy feat during any generation. We are individualists more and more. To the president's left and right are words carved into limestone. Big words, but only a few words.

When the country needed him the most, he said only what needed to be said. There it is memorialized for generations. I read the Gettysburg address and some of his other immortal thoughts, and I felt patriotic. We were blessed to have him.

Many of the memorials in the nation's capital include steps, many steps. Somehow it makes

sense to have to walk up to these giants of history. Lincoln, Jefferson, Martin Luther King, Jr. They walked their steps and left their marks in history.

Most of us don't walk too many steps anymore. We want to make a difference in the snap of a finger. Take a picture of what we did and then tell the world we did it. We are a different generation.

I had a different sense of patriotism as I experienced other memorials. The long wall of names with the fallen heroes of the Vietnam War gives you a certain feeling. Gratitude and appreciation, but also sadness and even some questions.

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RaisingDad
I Like The Dark

By Jim and Henry Duchene

Well, my father had been sick for several days.

We warned him, but he didn't listen (The Sky Is Black! 1-23).

He continued on his walks. In the cold. In the wet. It didn't matter. We asked him not to. It mattered less. We told him not to, but he knows better. He always knows better. He was determined to walk his illness away. He thinks walking will help him live forever, but it just might be the death of him.

I was sitting in the den. All the lights were off. The drapes were closed. I like the dark. I guess that makes me Team Edward.

Google it.

I swear, my father must have a Chinese spy balloon somewhere inside our house, because he'll stay in his little in-law house at the front of our property until one of us, mainly me, enters the kitchen. Then, seconds later, he'll stroll right in. My theory is he is constantly monitoring us via an Apple AirTag he secretly acquired on the geriatric black market. As soon as he knows we're moving around, he gets moving as well. Out of his house and into ours.

I was drinking a cup of hot chocolate.

Why not my usual gourmet coffee, you ask?

You sure do ask a lot of questions, my friend.

Well – sometimes life is more than the status quo, but, I'll admit, I dump a heaping teaspoon of instant coffee to my cocoa to add a little kick.

"Why don't you just have coffee?" my beautiful, but bossy, wife will ask me.

"Because I don't want coffee," I'll explain. How can she have lived with me for so long and not understand?

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Talking Horses
The Power of Play

By Scott Thomson

Like most people when they're first introduced to horses, my early years were mostly about how much fun it was riding out on the trails, chatting with other riders and seeing some beautiful scenery. Riding school horses and well-broke ranch horses, usually surrounded by their equine buddies, meant there was not a whole lot to worry about so you could relax and enjoy the

ride.

Even when I started taking more serious lessons and studying the concepts of natural horsemanship, the focus was primarily on how to get the horse to do the things we wanted to do during our time with them. The one thing you almost never heard was what does the horse think about all this. It seemed this was an activity where the bottom line was about how much fun can a person have with a horse, as if the horse wasn't really part of the equation.

When I bought my first horse, it was pretty clear I had my hands full with this particular animal. Our first ride after the check had cleared lasted about a mile before he started bucking and spinning. Not being skilled enough at the time to know how to handle this, I managed to get off without injury, but even walking back to the barn from the safety of the ground proved to be challenging.

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ened mood in each piece. His professional background in painting and advanced photography are equally evident in this colorful triptych of subjects, including Unique Rock Forms, a Magnificent Tree and Rose Portraits, each printed in vivid metallic ink on 20" x 36" archival canvases.

In 2018, 50 years after receiving a dual degree in painting and advanced photography from the San Francisco Art Institute, Stone completed a graduate level digital photography course at Western New Mexico University in Silver City, NM. Abandoning his beloved Nikon cameras, he embraced emerging technology and embarked on a new photographic journey.

With a Samsung cellphone and a photo editing app, Roses become pools of lava, barren sandstone blooms with psychedelic lichen, and a black solar flare halos an enormous lapis monolith.

Rock Formations, a Red Cedar Tree, and Portraits of Roses represent three locations

that are close to the artist's home and heart. Rock Formations captures the massive stone structures scattered in the high desert landscape of the City of Rocks State Park in southern New Mexico. Stone's backyard in Silver City, NM is home to the sprawling Red Cedar that looms over his kitchen window. The luscious Red, Yellow and Green Roses, posing so patiently for their portraits, fill the flowerbeds at his home on the Rio Grande in Truth or Consequences.

Since relocating to New Mexico in 2010, Stone quickly became a respected contributor to the local art scene in Truth or Consequences, NM. A well-received solo exhibition at the Rio Bravo Fine Arts Gallery took place in December 2018 through January 2019.

The artist is a member and frequent exhibitor at Grapes Gallery, 407 Main Street in downtown Truth or Consequences, where pieces from "Dancing Colors - A Celebration in Three Parts" are on display.

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